

The two boys lived in California and had come with their mother to

out, and they made a hearty meal. And what a merry time they had

is cut in pieces from eight to forty. The author calculates that an instrueight inches in length. Hickory is ment can be made which would show

Billing and cooing is a very favorworth \$18 per cord piled in the cel- a change of temperature at the junc- ite amusement with young couples. tion of 7-100000000 of a degree of The wife brings in the bills and the

visit among a host of uncles and aunts and cousins.

They were now at Uncle Ben's pleasant home.

A little trip into the city, thirty miles away, had been arranged, to spend the day with some boy cousius, but at the very last moment a letter had come, saying that one of the cousins had taken the measles, so it was quickly decided that Fred and Archie could not go.

They must spend the day alone, with Frisk, the Scotch terrier. for Hiram, the man, and Maria Ann. the kitchen-girl, had already driven in the spring wagon for a day out.

Aunt Harriet hurried and made ready some things for the boys to eat before they said goodby.

The barns were searched for eggs, the rabbits fed, the birds' nests peeped into, and toward noon the boys sat on the piazza wondering wondering what next to do.

"Wouldn't 'a' cared if I had caught the measles !" growled Fred.

"Measles aren't nice, though," said Archie, you get hot and headachey and can't eat good things." "He, I know I could !" declared

Fred.

"Johnny said you'd think so, but you just can't, no matter how you try. And your eyes hurt, and you feel so awfully bad you wouldn't get up to look if a dozen circus processions came by. And then folks send you oranges and bananas and things, a.d folks coax you to eat, and it's no use."

"I wonder," said Fred, gloomily, "why they take just that kind of a time to tease boys to eat. No one ever teases us to eat."

"Mean, isn't it? No, we don't want ting in the seat. suything"-

Archie raised his voice to speak to a man who was quietly walking toward them, with a small valise in his hand.

"Stop !" said Fred, in a lower tone. "He doesn't look like the folks you speak so to. He's old, you see."

"Yes, and nice-looking. The folks are all gone away, sir," said Archie, politely, as the stranger came nearer.

"We can't buy anything to-day, per that you would not like to hear Pine brings the same price, There the best thing to be done is to get working up," making a swinging intimate friend was Ben Butler who but perhaps you'll sit and rest. your mother and your sweetheart read are about 128 cubic feet of wood in his money ready for him." see saw, and contriving other sports | was also a great fiction writer. (Mamma always says that to agents aloud at the breakfast table before a an ordinary stick of pine timb and peddlers, even when they bother with it. After tiring of it, they Homer's writings and Homer's mised assemblage. You may find it A couple of visitors from a rural Aew York Sun. hcr," he added in a whisper to Fred.) picked some berries which they strung Essays Virgil the Aneid and parahard to live up strictly to this rule. district in the House gallery were "Thank you !" said the old man, on grasses for mamma and Aunt dise lost-some people say that these It is a good one, nevertheless, and trying to pick out their member on Heiress-"I am afraid it is not for remembrance of it will often send to the floor, "I can't distinguish him," taking one of the piazza chairs, and Harriet. poems were not written by Homer looking at the two bright faces with They had almost forgotten their but by another man of the same me that you come so often, but for its proper place in the waste basket said one after a bopeless visual obvisitor, when at sunset they returned name. my money." Ardent Woer-You an unpleasant paragraph, a sugges servation. "Of course not," was the a very pleasant smile. "Have you got books!" asked to the house. Archie ran in, and Girls are very stuck up and digne- are cruel to say so. How can I get tive joke or a disgusting new item.- honest reply, "He can't even distin-Archie, glad of anything which might came out again with a face of sur- fied in theer maner and behaveyour. your money without getting you?" William H. Hill in the Writer. guish himself."

when the pe idler suggested that they hal better wash the dishes, and how strangely he seemed to know just where the pantry and the cellar were.

After dinner the three went out for for a walk in the grove. "If we only had a swing, now !" exclaimed Archie.

"Yes," said Fred, discontentedly, Uncle Ben promised us one, but he's always so busy And when I asked him this morning if we couldn't

make one ourselves, he said no, it wouldn't be safe unless some older person attended to it." "Do you think I'm old enough?"

asked the visitor. "Yes," said Archie with a laugh,

'But I don't know where to find a rope, and I don't know the best place to put a swing."

"Let us go and look in the toolhouse.

And that surprising peddler led the way to it, and found there a rope strong enough to suit him. Then he sawed a board for a seat, making suitable notches in it, after which they went again to the grove.

"That is a fine limb for a swing," he said looking up. "I made one

there long ago." "Then you have been here before:"

asked Archie. "Yes," he said.

"And do you know Aunt Harriet?" "I've met her," said the old gentleman, with the same kind of a smile

which had puzzled them once or twitch before, He allowed Archie to climb the

tree, but watched carefully the tying of the knots.

"Now we must try it." he said, fit-

Fred was about to spring into it, but before he had time the pedler himself was there. Archie gave him a vigorous push; and with shouts of

glee they swung him to and fro, Frisk meanwhile showing every manifestation of delight and approval, until

the old man motioned them to stop. "What a jolly peddler he is !" exclaimed Archie, looking after him as

They enjoyed their swing hugely, reserved in circumstances. His most

English as She is Taught. lar. Five vessels, with a combined Is the name of the funniest book capacity of 1,275 tons are constantly ever printed. It consists of "genu- employed brrnging pine from Vircollecting was done by Caroline B.

Le Row, and the publishing by Cassell & Co., New York.

Sydney Dayre in Companion.

genuine; none of them have been way.

beer and other liquids. in the Bible.

We should avoid extremes-like these benches are set oval iron maof those wasps and bees. There are a good many donkeys of a treadle.

in theological gardens. Some of the best fossils are found in theological cabinets. They had a strawberry vestibule. Parallel lincs are lines that can never meet until they run together.

isn't crooked. with a hole in the middle.

the number of the feet. The product is the result.

Climate lasts all the time and weather only a few days.

"A balance of power" making the poker stand up straight on your hand.

"Eating cares" troubles because you are sired of eating.

hand because he spoils you.

executed and after he was beheaded be held it up exclaiming, Behold the head of a traitor !

When a Gladiator was killed he tors wanted him to live they held up

ine answers, to examination ques- ginia to the factory. These vessels tions in our public schools." The make twenty tripe each during the vear. The oak is grown in this State and Connecticut, and the hemiock comes Mark Twain in April Century from the lumber districts of New

says of it "A darling literary curi- York State. Hemlock is brought to osity. The collection is made by a this city in strips about four feet teacher and all the examples in it are long and one and one-half inches square. The strips are put into a tampered with or doctored in any machine run by steam, which, at one revolution of sixteen saws, cuts them

Demagogue-a vessel containing into pieces three inches in length. These pieces are then dumped into a Republican-a sinner mentioned big wooden hopper around the edges of which are arranged benches. Into

chines operated by steam by means

Men are paid at the rate of 25 cents a bundred bundles for forming the wood into bundles and tying it with tarred rope. The machine presses the pieces of wood so closely together that the rope often cuts into A Horace Uncle line is a line that the wood. Six hundred bundles a day is considered a fair day's work A circle is a round straight line for a man, although an exceptionally quick workman has been known to

To find the number of square feet put 800 bundles together. Over one in a room, you multiply the room by of the machines hangs this legend :

> We work for cash, And not for fun; And want our pay When the work is done.

Upon a nail hangs a dilapidated tin pail, which hides this warning : This can is not to be lent outside of this shop. The can is never rusty

The wood in the bundles sold in the grocery stores containing pieces

nine inches in length 18 cut with : buzz saw and fed into a machine which carries the sawed pieces under a knife like the letter X. This knife cuts as much wood in fifteen minutes

as a darkey could chop in a day. From May till October very little business is done at the factory. The sale of oak wood has failen off greatly during the past few years.

heat. Mr. Boys also showed a motor husband coos over them. which consisted of a cross, the center

being antimony and the arms bis-

ends of which are joined by a ring of copper. When the spark from a blown out match is held near this arrangement, it rotates rapidly. If the spark is held on the right hand side of the north pole, the motor revolves indifferently in either direction.

therefore, an electro-magnetic motor which goes having neither sliding pose upon that man. nor liquid contacts."-Nature.

## Angels Seen in Tennessee.

The following from a Tennesse aper takes the cake :

On last Sunday evening, about sundown, on the Sterling Johnson place, two and a half miles southeast of Milan, six angels were seen Wood, a widow. It seems that Mrs. Wood was very low with sickness, and several ladies were present attending to the wants of the sick when a noise in the yard attracted their attention. Upon looking out of the window they saw an angel, and in a moment more it was joined by five others. They were there only a few minutes and took their flight, flying straight up until lost to view. They, with the exception of wings, with clear cut and finely formed features, and were clothed in garments trouble to bring it up." of pure spotless white, while a halo

of heavenly light encircled their head. The above was told to us for the truth and is vouched for by the ladies who were in attendance upon Mrs. Wood. Be that as it may, it caused considerable excitement in that neighborhood.

## A Rule Worth Observing.

he went back to the house. Never print anything in a news-Cut oak wood is worth \$14.50 a cord.

The broiled chicken on the bill of fare at the summer hotel is too often muth. To the ends of the acms are like the same fowl when it emerges soldered four copper wires, the three from the shell-"Just out."

> Rev. Dr. Torsey states that he can. marry a couple in eighty seconds, and it is awful to think so much. damage dan be done in such a brief time.

There is a man in Indiana wlo the spark is held on the left-hand takes thirty-two newspapers, and you side, the motor stops." "We have, might as well try to ride a whirlwind on a side saddle as to attempt to im-

> A statistician claims there is one divorce to every four and a half marriages. It is the half marriage that accounts for the divorce every time. The half married are wholly miserable.

If you see a bald-headed man with hand uplifted in an expectant pose he is not about to take the oath of office, nor setting for his picture. He to fly down into the yard of Mrs. is just waiting to smash that fly when he lights rgain.

> The foreign Anarchists and Socialists in this country who are howling that American liberty is a fraud should have their attention called to the fact that owing to the "steamship war" the fare to Europe is only \$15.

"Hi: you dropped a brick up there!" shouted a pedestrian on whose shoulder one of those articles had fallen from a three story scaffold. were in the form and shape of man, "All right," cheerfully responded the bricklayer; "you needo't take the

> "How many gallons of beer do. you supply to your customers: per week, landlord?" "About eighty gallons, sir." "I could suggest a method of increasing the quantity by at least twenty gallons-fill the glasses of your guests to the brim."

"In case of an accident, doctora broken leg for instance-what is best to be done while waiting for the physician?"

"Well," said the doctor. "I think

inside. "Spoilers hand," your father's

The unfortunate Charles First was

held up his finger and if the specta-

their thumbs. Shakespeare was a fiction and al legorical writer. His father married a lady of means but they became