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# Daisy.

Darling little Daisy, Scarcely three years old ; Eyes like dancing subcams, Hair of ruddy gold, Glittering in the sunshine, Sombre in the shade, Full of lights and shadows, Like the little maid.

Silken fringe low hanging Almost to her eyes ; We don't care if Daisy Doesn't look so wise : Wisdom comes with sorre w, Watered oft with tears ; Let the wisdom linger, Darling, many years.

Thy sweet ringing laughter, Free from care and pain, Far outvalues knowledge That wise books contain. Laugh on, little maiden, Charter with the brooks : Frotic with the sunbeams ; Never mind the books.

Now and then a teardrop, Quickly died away; Daisy is too happy For the tears to stay, Playing in the arden Through the sunny hours, All her pretty secrets Whispering to the flowers

All about the robin, With the scarlet breast, Why he sings so sweetly, Where he hides his nest ; How the pretty glow worm Shows his they light, "So the little birdles Won't be 'fraid at night." Telling of the meadow Where the daisies grow : "Once I was a daisy Just like them, you know ; But I couldn't play much, 'Cause I had no fest, Till one day mamma ; icked me, 'Cause I was so sweet.' - Waverly.

## AMUSING STORY OF A TEACHER.

At the age of sixteen, before we had our 'roundabours,' we contracted to keep school' in district No. 5, for twelve dollars per month and 'boardinground.' We knew very well the little red schoolhouse, standing at the exact center of the district, on the borders of the mighty swamp, the farm-houses scattered about the hills, and we also knew the nursance of that particular fellows who emerged into 'tail coats,' morrow they'll try to put you out. Take pew-thinking, no doubt, that she was and who would hardly relish the dissipline of a boy pedagogue in a rounda bout. After the first flush of clation at our election, the reflection came back, like a return wave of ice water, that, in all human probability, ere our seventeenth birthday should dawn, we should be seen vanishing, head foremost, out of the schoolhouse window into a big snow drift, propelled by class No. 1 of big boys. In our anxiety we applied to Aunt Anna, the general otacle of the household. Aunt Anna was a stalwart maiden of sixty summers, gigantic in proportions, but every inch a hely in her dear old heart. She had nursed half the children in town through measles, momps and chicken-pox, and was the mainstay in all family emergencies. There were sly rumors that the occasionat attack of 'fi-Igers,' which overcame the good old lady at night, had some relation to a mysterious black bottle which she always carried in her work-bag; but Aunt Auns, plus he fidgets, was worth a regiment of ordinary feminines for the home-made uses of country life. Well, now, you are really going to keep school in district No. 5,' said Auut Anna, smoothing down her big checked apron, and raising her spectacles for a good long look at the incipient pedagogue seated at the opposite corner of

#### this panacea against rebellion, we opened school the Monday after Thanksgiving,

It was a rough-looking set up on the high seats-that row of villainous looking fellows, any of they big enough to throw me over into the big swamp' with one hand!

Happily our first boarding-place was the home of two of the 'great gals.' Never did we 'lay ourselves out' to gain the good graces of the lovely sex during that first week of boarding round. We rode on the front of the sled with the tallest girl; we played checkers with the second; got all snared up in a 'cat's cradle' with the pretty visiting cousins; and put in a word of explanation for the ently the prayer was concluded, and the hard sums of all, in the long evenings at

home. The first crisis came at the beginning of the second week, when a big lout 'sauced' the new schoolmaster. Somehow, it crushed us, and for a minute the schoolroom swam round, and the idea of seizing our fur cap and making tor home

flited across our vision. Just then the patter of a light footstep was heard down the long slope of the narrow aisle leading up to the seat of the 'ten great gals.' The tallest glided down, ostensibly to ask the explanation of a hard sum, but, oursears .-

'Don't be cast down, we girls will shame that seat of boys into good man- and with one hand made an unmistakable ners before another week goes by.'

A light broke in: we were gaining the

affections of the 'ten great gals.' So things drifted for six weeks, when dawned the judgment day. We had gone to board with a good, motherly woman, who loved us as her own son. A big fire in the parlor greeted our arrival, and a supper fit for the parson himself. After tea our hostess appeared in her best black silk, in her band a mighty oak 'ruler,' and sat down before us with the herself or straighten her limbs. The air of a Minerva, saying,-

'Now matters have come to a point in your school; you have been trying to scientifically rendered, and when the govern that crowd of rascally boys by next praver was made she merely inlove, but that has come to an end. To- clined herself upon the back of the tront this ruler, and don't come home to-mor-

row night unless you have used it up

#### Higa Heels.

Recently a modest young gentleman attended the morning service in a tashionable church, and was kindly shown into a luxuriously cushioned pew, and had hardly settled bimself, and taking observation of his neighbors, before a beautiful young lady entered, and, with

a graceful wave of the hand preventing our friend from rising to give her his place, sunk into a seat near the end. When a hymn was given out she skillfully found the page, and with a sweet smile that set his heart a thumping, handed Ler neighbor the book.

The minister raised his hands in prayer, and the fair girl knelt, and in this posture perplexed our triend which most to admire her beauty or devoutness. Prescongregation resumed their seats. Our riend respectfully raised his eyes from my heart suddenly beat serenely on. I the tair form he had been so earnestly

scanning, lest when she looked up she should detect him staring at her. After a couple of seconds he darted a furtive glance at his charmer, and was astonished to see her still on her knees. Lie looked closely and saw that she was much affected, trembling in violent agitation, no doubt, from the eloquent power

of the preacher. Deeply sympathizing, he watched her closely. Her motions become move violent; reaching behind her, she would convulsively grasp her clothing, and strain, as it were, to rend the brilliant fabric of her dress. The sight was exas we leaned over the slate, with a dime tremely painful to behclu, but still he ness in the eves, we heard a whisper in gazed, like one entranced with wonder and astonishment.

After a minute the lady raised her face, heretofore concealed in the cushion, beckon to our friend. He quickly moved along the pew, toward her, and inclined his ear, as she evidently wished to say something.

"Please help me, sir," she whispered, 'my dress is caught and I can't get no." A brief examination showed the cause of the difficulty. The fair girl wore fasitionable high-heeled boots, kneeling upon both knees, these heels, of coarse, were aimed out at right angles, and in this position the highest hoop of her skirt caught over them and thus new rendered it impossible for her to raise more she struggled the tighter she was bound, so she was constrained to call for help. This was immediately, if not

#### Getting Used to it by Degrees.

# "Uncle Remus" in His Den.

BY FANNIE MAY WITT.

"At five and a half o'clock." Five and half was the hoar when "Uncle Remus" the Constitution, Joe Harris- would receive, me; and as I climbed the sixty stairs towards his sky loft sanctum, my heart was beating a tattoo against the boddice of my very prettiest lilac lawn, and my toolish head in a whirt, for had-k not worshipped him atar for such a great while?

A pause at the sanctum (Lord save the mark!) door, the top of a very red head, a pile of exchanges, then-a very small, very ugly little man, blushing all over his treckled face, while a small nervous hand gave mine an embarrassed shake! I don't know but what there were tears of genuine disappointment in my eyes as know I looked at him reproachfully. Did genius ever before seek such an unpromising guest? Instead of the brillian flow of conversation I had expected, there was absolutely nothing except frequent and paintul pauses in which I sat winking back tears of disappointment for my discrowned hero, or spasmodic qu ries, spasmodically answered Uppolished, anobbrasive, reticent to a degree is this man who has made a nation laugh, and who, with one stroke of his facile pen can make a nation weep. Perhaps he did not think it necessary to advance any ideas to the disappointed looking bit of femininity' wich the pag nose; certain.it was that he did not, and when I arose to leave I felt that I had nucle a fool of myself, and "Uncle Remus" a fool of himself! But Joe Harris is atraid of ladies-perhaps if I had been a man it would have been dit-

terent-1 hope so, He did not ask me to call again, as he ave my hand a limp, parting shake; and I am sure I had rather worship him at a safe distance hereafter.

One of America's fluest humorists, poets, novelists, paragraphists, and yet awkward, ugly, and seedy looking! My host was way down to nowhere,

as I shot down the sixty stairs, gladder to get away than 1 was to go.

#### **Opening the Car Window.**

Maybe a man feels happy and prond and flattered and envied and blessed among men when he sees a pretty girl trying to raise a window on a railway car, and he jumps up and gets in ahead of the other boys and savs, 'Allow me?, Oh, so courieously, and she says, 'Oh, if you please; I would be so glad,' and the other male passengers turn green with envy, and he leans over the back of the seat and tackles the window in a know-



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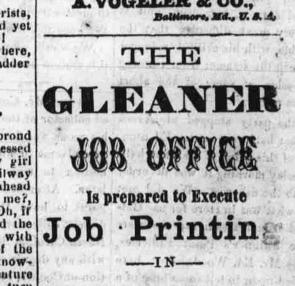
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the fire place. 'Yes, Aunt Anna, I have promised to keep that school, but, between you and me, I am dreadfully afraid to tackle that crowd of boys. You know what a bad set they are, and one of them has already given out that there will be no board wanted in district No. 5 alter the first week.'

"That's a serious, matter. Now let's see if we can't think of something to help you. Now you see that I don't know anything about book-larnin'. No doubt you can cipher that back seat of boys into the middle of next week. But they can fling you over the root of the schoolhouse in a jiff, , it they have a mind to. dear old Aunt Anna prophetess of love. I know every family in the district. I've nursed in every house, and taken the measure of every youngster that will come to that school. There's one thing in your favor. There'll be ten great gals in school, and most of 'em are good girls, too. Now some are a head taller than you, and two or three of 'em are right handsome, too, They can twist that crowd of great, bashful boys round their little fingers, if they want to. Now mind what I tel you; do you go right to work and gain the affections of them ten

while you keep the school.' That sounded well; and, armed with tical Farmer.

over the head and shoulders of somebody.'

There was no appeal from that. A greater than the whole class of 'great gals' had spoken, and we felt in our sonts that fate was standing at the schoolhouse door.

Were we endowed with the epic rage of a Homer or a Pope, we might possibly depict the scenes of the following day. How the ugliest loafer, in a trock coat,

kicked in the door at recess; how, when the trembling young master asked, . Who did that?' the big boor lifted his thumb to his nose, and executed that significant gyration with the little tinger which would make a savage of St. John himsell; how, fired with the courage of despair, and a vision of our farmhouse Minerya, we seized the big oak ruler, rushed up the inclined plane, upsetting several small children on the way, plunged at the throat of the insolent scoundrel, tore off the collar of his trockcoal, snaked him down the area before the fire place, and beat him over the head and shoulders till he roared for mercy; how, at intervals, he cast a

giance up at his accomplices, and took in the situation-the 'ten great gals' had spiked the gans of all but this wretch, who slunk and begged under our hands; now we wound up with an eloquent address, and give the whipped ruffian his bat, with instructions to go home; how his

sensible father took, off what remained of his dilapidated frock-coat, and trouneed him till he yelled again, and sent nim to school the following day with a com. pilment to the placky young master-ail this might be sung in heroic verse.

But, if the truth were known, it was not we, but the 'ten great gals,' that did the business. They had so demoralized the attacking columns by the magic of their charms, that only one had the heart to dety the little master, and he dared not lift his hand when the day of battle came. And from that day we crowned Gain the affections of the 'ten great gals' in your schoolroom, and 'all things shall work topether for good,'

A singularly interesting case was lately reterred to by the Brooklyn Ragle. It was told by Mr. W. A. Davenport, connected with the house of Messrs. Butler, Pitken & Co., 476 Broadway, New York, and concerned the marvelous cure of Mr. Ezra D. Clarkson, near Newark, N. J., of a terrible case of rheumatism, which other remedies had failed even to atteviate. He was on his way to a hospital when Mr. Davenport met him and great gals, and they'll manage the boys juduced him to try St. Jacobs Oil, with the result named.-Cleveland (O.) Prac-

Somewhere about here, writes a South-

ern correspondent, lives a farmer of arged him in vain to sign the pledge. "Why, you see," he would say, "I'll sign it after a while, but I don't like to

break right off at once-it sin't wholesome. The best way is to get used to a thing by degrees, you know.

"Very well, old man," his helpmate would rejown ; see now if you don't fall into a hole one of these days, where you can't take care of yourself and nobody will be near to help you out."

Sure enough, as if to verify the prophecy, as he returned home drunk one day, he fell into a shallow well, and after a deal of useless scrawbling he shouted for the light of his eyes to come and help him out, "Didn't I tell you so ?" said she, good

soul, showing her cap fill over the edge of the parapet; "you have got into a hele at last, and it's only lucky I'm in hearing, or you might have drowned. Well," she continued after a pause, letting down the bucket "take hold."

And up he came at every turn of the windlass, until the old lady's grasp slipping from the hundle, down he went to the lottom again. This, occuring more than once, made the temporary occupant of the well suspicious.

"Look here," he screamed, in a fury at the last splash, "you're doing that on purpose !"

"Well, now, I am," responded his old up at once. "Do you not remember telling me that it is always best to get used to a thing by degrees? I'm afraid if I bring you right up so sudden you wouldn't find it wholesome."

The old fellow could not help chacling at the application of his own principle, and protested he would sign the pledge on the instant, if she would lift him fairly out. This she did, and packed him off to sign the pledge wat as he Was.

#### Good manners is the greatest charm

person can possess. Everybody should cultivate this accomplishment, especially young peop'e. Good manners is something money cannot buy; there is only one way to obtain them; that is by constant practice. It has been said, by some good mothers to her children: "Always use good manuers at home, and when you are among strangers you need not te alarmed, for it will be pefrectly natural to you to be police and raspect-ful." This is true; the earnest way to do anything right is to get into the habit of doing it right. There are but few attainments of more consequence than goo ! mauners and politeness in a boy or girl. They render those who possess them favorites with their triends and relatives and prepossess strangers toand yet it costs nothing.

ing way with one hand, if peradventure he may toss it airily with a simple turn of the wrist, but it kind of holds on, and such social habit that his coming home he takes hold with both hands, but it drunk was no unusual thing. His wife | sort of dosen't let go to any alarming extent, and then he pounds it with his fist, but it only seems to settle 'a 'leetle' closer into place, and then he comes around and she gets out of the seat to give him a fair chance, and he grapples that window and bows up his back and tugs and pulls and sweats, grunts and strains, and his hat falts off, and his suspender buttons fetch loose, and his vest buckle parts and his face gets red and his feet slip and people laugh, and irreverent young men in remote seats grunt and groan every time he lifts and cry out, Now then, altogether,' as it in mockery, and he bursts his collar button at the forward button, and the pretty young ady yexed at having been made so conspicuous says in her miest manner, "On, never mind, thank you. It dosen't make any difference,' and then camely goes away and sits down in another seat, and that wearied man gathers himself together and reads a book up side down-oh, dosen't he teel good, just? Maybe he isn't happy, but if you think he isn't don't be tool enough to extend any of your sympathy. He dosen't want it.-

#### The Lad and the Yan.

Hawkeye.

tion, and minces foreign tongues that he doos not understand at school, will be a weak cromo in character all his life; the boy who cheats his teacher into thinking him devout at church will be the man who will make religion a trade, and woman tranquilly, while winding him bring Christianity into comtempt; and the boy who wins the highest average by stealing his examination paper will figure some day as a tricky politician. The lad who, whether rich or poor, dull or clever, looks you straight into the eyes and keeps his answer inside of the truth, already counts friends who will last all his life, and holds a capital which will bring him in a surer interest than money.

Then get to the bottom of things, You see how it is already as to that. It was the student who was grounded in the grammar that took the Latin prize; it was that slow, steady drulige who practised firing every day last winter, that bagged the most game in the mountains; it is the clerk who studies the specialty of the house in off hours who is to be promoted. Your brilliant, happy-goucky, hit or-miss fellow usually turns out of dead-weight of the family by torty-five. Don't take anything for granted; get to the bottom of things. Neither be a sham yourself, nor be fooled by shams,

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