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MERRY RAIN.

Sprinkle, sprinkle, come the rain, Tapping on the window-pane; Trickling, cooing, Gurgling, pouring, Tiny rills To the dripping window-sill...

The Good-For-Nothing.

"Yes, I think I may say without boasting that this is the model school of the State, and Clarence Tracy is its model scholar." Mr. Pigeon, as he spoke, glanced at a slight, tall boy, at the head of the class.

certainly seemed as if nature preferred a vacuum. One day John's mother called on Mr. Nagle. She was a little anxious woman, dressed in deep mourning. "Can you do nothing with the boy?" she said, with tears coming to her eyes.

London Hospitals. The population of the city in the latter end of the reign of Edward VI. and the beginning of that of Elizabeth numbered, perhaps, 100,000, and we learn, from a note in Manningham's diary, that there were of these no fewer than 80,000 dependent, more or less, upon charitable relief.

When St. Bartholomew's hospital received its charter in the time of Henry VIII. its endowment amounted to only £666 per annum—half of this sum being bestowed by the king from confiscated ecclesiastical property, the other half derived from endowments of landed property given by the corporation of the city of London.

With every further growth of population in the city of London the advance in value of the hospital endowments not only kept pace, but was further augmented by legacies and charitable donations, till, in the year 1750, we find the expenditure of the royal hospitals amounted to the sum of £10,000 per annum.

Statistics show that the annual consumption of eggs in the United States is about 10,000,000 barrels. The poultry marketed or consumed in 1877, is estimated at 680,000,000 pounds, of the value of \$68,000,000.

According to a recent return, there are 24,552 Swiss citizens sojourning in the German Empire, of whom 10,522 are of the female sex.

At a time when materials for salad-making are somewhat scarce, it may not be amiss to direct attention to the dandelion for this purpose. It may be found in abundance in almost every part of the country, and, therefore, easily obtainable in excellent condition from November to March.

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