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| Peek's Experience with a Ooal Stove. <br> We never had a coal stove around the hoose until last Saturday. Have always burned pine slabs and pieces of our neighbor's fence. The fence all got vurned, and the neighbor said the wouldn't bay a pew one. So we went down to Jones' and got a coal stove. It is called the "Radiant Hone," and any man that says we didn't have a radiant home at our house for ahout four hours last Saturday night, is a republican and a villian. Yon see we didn't know anythang about co: 1 stoves. We filled the Radiant Home about half full of pine fencr, and when the stuff got well going we filled the artesian well on top with coal. It simmered and sputtered about five or ten minates and all we.it out, and we put on an overcoat and a pair of buckskia mit. tens and went out to snpper. We remarked in the consse of the frugal meal, that Jo.ies was a "frand" for reconmending such a confounded re frigerator to a man to get warm by After supper we took a piece of ice and rabbed our hands warm, and went in where the stove was, resolved to make it traw and burn if it took all the pine fence in the First Wand. Our better half threw a quill over her and shiveringly remarked that she never knew what comfort was uatil she got a coal stove. Stung ly the sarcasm of her remark, we turnel every dingus in the stove, that was moveable, or looked like it had anything to do with the draft, and pretty soon the Rallant Home began to heave up heat. It was not long before she sputcered like a new Silsby steamer. Talk aloout yon het!. In ten minates that room bath than Has is heter a Turkish mans iec hoase. The perspiration fairly fried out of a tin water cooler in the next room. We opened the door and the snow began to melt ns far up vine street as Hascomb's house, and people all around the neighborhood put on their linen clothes. And we couldn't stop the confonided thing | The Leisure Time of Boys. <br> We would suggest, to many parcuts who are perplexed with the difficulty of finding the wheremithal to amuse and interest their boys, to give their lads every oppertunity of acquiring a mechaniteal zrade. The indnstry and ingenuity of a boy of average ability, says the Scientific American, may ea sily be made to furnish him with a never-failing source of amusement of the best order. The boy who ean produee oi make something, alrealy be- gins to feel that he is soneboily in the world, that acheivenent of a result is not a reward reserred for grown people only. Aind the ellucation of mind, ear, and hand, wbich this use of tools and meechanical apuliances furrishes. is of a great and real value, beyond the good resulting from the occupation of leisure time. Having nothing to do, is as great a snare to the young as ${ }^{6}$ it is to the full grown: and no greater benefits can be conferred on youths than to teach them to consert time now wasted, and oftew worse than wastel, into means of pleasant recreation and mental improvement. The boy whose time ant mind are now $x$ enpied with marbles and kithes, may be a Watt, a Morsc, or a Bessemer, in embryo; and th is sertianiny an casy sings into a channel which shall foll soope to their facultics. To must boys the use of mechanical tools is the most f. scinating of alf occupations. As logic and mathematics have a value beyond aceuracy in argument ant the correct solations of problems, in that they teach men the fabit of using their reflecting pasers systematically, so carpentry, turuing and other arts, are of high importance. These oeenparions teach boys to think, to proceel from intial causes to results, and not only to understand the nature and duty of the mechanical powers, but to observe their effects ; and to acquire knowletge by actual experiment, whieh is the best way of learning anyleave an impress on the minh ant nemors which is glight compared u | GHASTLY GRTNS. <br> A Wisconsin minister was dismissel from an orthodox pulpit becauselie built a fire under a leulky horse. <br> The old lady who said of one of her hotus lold pets, "She's such a feelin' cat" did not, puir-per-trate the pun purr-puss-ly. <br> An elitor at a dinner table, being asked if he would take some pualling, replied, in a fit of abstraction, "Owipg to a crowd of other matter, we are unable to find room for it. <br> At a hotel talle one boarder remark ed to his neighbor. "This mast he luealuy phace for ehickens," "Whyt" asked the other. "Beouse 1 never see any dead ones liereabouts." <br> "Cast iron sinks," is written ppon the sign of a city plumber. "Well, who the (his) said it didn't?" chuckled an inebriatel man after reading th over three times. <br> When your pocket brok gets empty and everyboly knows it, you čan put all your frends in $\hat{\text { in }}$, and it won't "bulge out" worth a cent. <br> A Prunkard meeto hosgor, Who !resents pititully his claim to charity. dying with hunger!" 'Humph! "re torts the druakarl; thunger! "lat's nothing-of no conseqnence! lut the thirst, you see, the thirst-that is sompthirs? <br> A man in Iowa died recently, who jears without paying for it. Vpon the dav of his burial the kiul-heartel. forgiving ellitor calleel to see hinn duster and a couple of palm leaf hats in his cotin. He was prepring hinn for a warmer climate The head of the family is alout to cat an apple, Nother-"say, father, give us a piece." Danghter-"O, father, I want a piece." Neice-"Won' yon please give me a piece, tho ?" Fa- ther (disgusted)- "Here the rest of you take the apple and give me a <br> One of Disracli's sulmirecrs, in speak(ion ought to give him cretlit for what he has aecomplishel, as, he is a aclf-made man." "1 know he is, Wrect Mr. Bright, "and lee eulures hit $\qquad$ lady of her aunt wother day, "Dirty |
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