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The Brook. I looked in the brook and saw a face; I thought, but a child was it! I saw a face and willows in that place, and they clustered in the brook as the brook ran by.

HIS SURPRISE PARTY.

The village of Meredith was seven miles from the Darrington homestead, and it was quite an event in the lives of the Darrington women when they could manage to secure a horse to take them so long a distance.

Willing to come? They've been treated unkindly enough by father. "Oh, I think so," returned Rob. "I'll manage that."

I'm interested in the writin' on that paper," he said after he had read the invitation. Then Uncle John examined the paper, but to sooner had he glanced at the words than he burst into such a fit of laughter that he was unable to speak for several seconds.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

A boy's mother. My mother she's so good to me. If I was sick as good would be I wouldn't be afraid of the stee- Can't any boy be glad to have her?

A LITTLE RAT

A young rat once lived in a mill with many other rats. He was too lazy to do anything. When the old rat saw him if he would like to come out with them at night he would say, "I don't know."

AN ARSENIC MINE.

Method of Obtaining the Deadly Drug.

Its Production is Not Unhealthy to the Miners.

Many points of interest are brought out in a description in a technical journal of the way in which arsenic is obtained from one of the most famous mines in England, the Devon Great Consols.

Parables

Oh, tell me not of distant lands Where art and nature blend And weave their spells with worlded hands To teach a wandering soul.

HUMOROUS.

A vest calls his best girl Parsley because, to say, she is simply scotch-ly. When the hands of a clock are arranged they stop doing time. It is quite different with a man.