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But He Was a Knightly Little Gentleman All the Time.
It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the corner of Thirty-fourth street and Third avenue, a delivery wagon, loaded down with evening papers and driven by a galloping horse, dashed up to the sidewalk and stopped. A moment it was surrounded with a shouting, struggling crowd of newsboys, as thick as a swarm of bees around a sugar barrel.

Every one of the youngsters tried to get his papers on the instant, for the sooner he got them the more he could sell, and every moment's delay meant the loss of so many pennies.
Passers by stopped and looked on, amused at the struggles of the boys, who were reaching over each other's heads and shoulders to get at the men who sat on the sidewalk of the wagon scooping in nickels and handing out piles of papers as fast as they could. The street was full of boys who had got their papers and were scampering off, shouting as they ran, "Extra Telegram!" "Evening Sun!" "News!" (which is newsboy for Evening News).

A blind man, with cautious steps, and came outstretched before him, came through Thirty-fourth street and passed on the Third avenue curbstone. He evidently wanted to cross the street, but feared to undertake it alone, for horse cars, trucks, beer wagons and other dangers of the highway were passing in a constant procession. The blind man stood there, his pale, thin face partially turned, with that patient, straining, listening expression that is so pathetic in the blind.

At that moment a newsboy dashed diagonally across the avenue in the direction of the news wagon. He was a bright eye, wide awake little fellow, and one of his rosy cheeks was almost hidden by a mass of black hair. He hadn't bought his papers yet near as was behind time. He had nearly reached the wagon when he happened to look back and saw the waiting blind man.
Without a moment's hesitation, and sacrificing his chance to get his papers, he instantly started back. He reached the blind man's side, took him by the arm, said cheerily, "Come along, pop," and had steered him safely across the avenue in a jiffy. Then he ran over to the wagon and bought his "Telleg," after nearly all the other boys had received theirs.

Utterly unconscious of having done anything in the least degree remarkable, this little gentleman in rags was hurrying away with his bundle of papers to make up for lost time when I hailed him. I bought two copies of every newspaper he had, gave him a quarter and told him to keep the change.
"What fur?" he demanded, in surprise, and looking at me suspiciously.
"For helping that blind man."
"Who?" he inquired, with a puzzled air. The youngster had actually almost forgotten it. "Oh, that duffer! Oh, that's nawthin. S'pose I'd take money for dat!"
And his lip curled contemptuously, and I felt I had done a mean thing and had insulted a gentleman as I meekly permitted him to count seventeen pennies change into my hand.

But he was only a newsboy, and a ragged and dirty one at that.—New York Herald.

Better Than Bloody Battles.
General Wheatcroft Nelson says: "My experience in the English army as well as in America, convinces me that nothing so purifies the blood or adds to the health, vigor and life as Acker's English Blood Elixir." This great remedy is sold under a positive guarantee by T. C. Smith & Co.

Job achieved a well deserved reputation for patience, but job never had to wait for Mrs. Job while she put on a pair of thirty-two button gloves.
Is Consumption Incurable?
Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, of Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with abscess of lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced an incurable consumptive. Begun taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."
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City Maiden—Certainly. You wait here until I get there, and then walk past the house. I will be at the window.
Good Minister—"Yes, children we all love besetting sins. So have I like the rest. Now, what do you suppose is my besetting sin?"
Bright Boy—"Talkin'."

The fact that good health, strong muscles and sound nerves are attainable should encourage every invalid to an earnest endeavor in the right direction. Remember all disease owes its origin, more or less, to a lack of iron in the blood. Iron in the blood means health, strength and vigor. Analyze the blood of an invalid and little, or no iron will be found. Healthy men's blood is full of iron. The best method of supplying this lack of iron is by using Brown's Iron Bitters, a sure cure for dyspepsia, general debility, weakness and all wasting diseases.
"Is it your man who delivers all the papers at my house?" asked a wholesale clothing salesman of the collector, to whom he was paying a newspaper bill yesterday.
"Yes, sir; I believe so," was the response.
"Well, then, I wish you would find out why in— the man doesn't deliver my Christian Indicator on time, will you?"
The collector said that the matter would be attended to forthwith.

Miss Knickerbocker (of New York, dining in Boston, adapts her conversation to her environment)—"Do you consider the region of the American Indian a pure theme, Mr. Twombly?" Mr. Twombly—"Oh, I say, come off, I beg your pardon. I mean you are under a slight misapprehension. I am from Chicago."
I cannot sing the old songs,
As I have been requested.
When last I tried to warble them
The Mayor had me arrested.
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Mrs. Kentuck (to husband packing a trunk): "Did you put in any toilet articles, Henry?"
Mr. K.: "Oh, yes; I wouldn't forget them."
Mrs. K.: "What have you got?"
Mr. K.: "Two bottles of whiskey and a corkscrew. I reckon that's plenty, ain't it?"
He was taking her home after the theatre and a little supper at Delmonico's.
"Darling," said he suddenly, as he gazed dreamily at the silvery disk overhead, "why am I like the moon?"
"I ain't because you're full, is it?" she asked, as she edged away from him.
"No," said he sadly, "it's because I'm on my last quarter."

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WHAT IS LOVE?
A Pleasant Poem Recited as a Heart Mystery Subject.
Love is the essence of every existing thing, the root of life! the compass for death.
It is the creative spark, the vital force of the universe. There is power to achieve to the mere utterance of the word love. I think God said: "I love the earth," and lo! the earth sprang into being. Love is the natural element of all things. The illimitable oceans of space are composed of the waters of Love. Without love is most widely and warmly is most in harmony with the universe. Love is the key to success. To love your work is to excel in it. To love observantly and nobly any worthy object or aim is to eventually obtain and attain it.
Love is at once an ecstasy and an agony. It is the bridge whereon we are compelled to walk continually to and fro, between heaven and hell, but ever back to heaven.
When the bridge breaks or its timbers rot away, then we are precipitated into hell, and unable to find the door to heaven again, for the only way to go is over the bridge of Love. He who loves greatly loves feebly. All strong emotions proceed from and derive their strength from Love. If Love goes his own force there is nothing left for Hate. It is only when Love grows indolent and sleeps that Hate is enabled to steal his garments of strength and sally forth to do evil. But even then he has not his elder and divine brother's power; for he was sired by man, and Love was fathered by God.
God espoused nothing and said, "I love," and Love was born to rule the universe. Afterward nothing conceived and bore by man a misshapen creature, called Hate, but at one glance from the divine eyes of his newly born brother he falls vanquished at the feet of Love.
To love is to become wise with the wisdom of ages, yet to become as a little child in humility and subjection.
To love enables us to lead an army into the jaws of death, and to serve as a mental at the feet of one so loved.
To love is to know happiness but not contentment, rapture but not peace, exhilaration but not satisfaction, for contentment means inertia, peace means stagnation, and satisfaction means satiety, and these three cannot exist where love is. Love and action are co-existent, and there is no repose where love is, but there is rest even in its restlessness, ecstasy in its misery, hope in its fear, joy in its sorrow, and sweet in its bitter.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Once a Week.

Pat's Prompt Reply.
Echo was a mountain nymph in the old poetic days, but modern realism has changed her into an Irishman. At least the guests of a Georgia colonel must have concluded so. Col. Ogeelie has a very remarkable echo on his place a few miles from this city; one, in fact, which would clearly repeat whole sentences.
The gentlemen to whom this assertion was made were interested, but incredulous, and arranged to accompany Col. Ogeelie home the next afternoon to test the wonderful echo. The colonel found, on getting home, that in the heat of the discussion he had claimed more than the facts justified. Determined not to be beaten, he called on his Irish laborer.
"Pat," says he, "some gentlemen are coming home with me to-morrow afternoon to hear the echo. Now, I want you to go across the river before time for me to arrive, so you can answer back whatever we may call out yesterday."
"You name for me to play ikker, sorr?" asked Pat, grinning.
"That's it exactly," said the colonel. "Now do you thoroughly understand that you are to answer back exactly what we say?"
"Oh, yas, sorr; yo can depend on me entirely."
Next afternoon the colonel took his friends to the river bank, and all were ready for the experiment.
Making a speaking trumpet of his hands, the colonel roared:
"Are you there?"
Back came the echo with startling distinctness:
"Yis, sorr; O've been here since four av the clock."—Savannah News.

A Costly Wager.
At the New York assizes in March, 1812, a trial came on in which Rev. B. Gilbert was plaintiff and Sir Mark Bykes, baronet, defendant. It appeared that the baronet, at his own table during a dinner party, in the course of a conversation respecting the hazard to which the life of Bonaparte was exposed, had offered, upon the receipt of 100 guineas, to pay 1 guinea a day as long as he (Bonaparte) should remain alive. Mr. Gilbert suddenly took up the offer, but finding that the sense of the company was against making a serious matter of a bet proposed at a moment of conviviality, he said: "If you will submit Sir Mark, to ask it as a favor, you may be off." This the baronet refused to do. The 100 guineas were sent by Mr. Gilbert, of which Sir Mark acknowledged the receipt, and he had continued paying the guinea a day for nearly three years. At length he decided further payment, and this action was for recovery of the sum still due upon the contract.—Chambers' Journal.

A Busy Clergyman.
Mr. Spurgeon, the well known London preacher, has a beautiful residence at Beulah, Upper Norwood, with extensive grounds and handsome conservatories. His correspondence averages 500 letters a day, and he employs three secretaries to answer the communications which come to him from all parts of the world. The enormous revenues of the Metropolitan Tabernacle are entirely devoted to the various philanthropic movements in which the renowned gentleman is interested, as the ample income derived from his books and sermons is more than sufficient for his utmost needs.—Philadelphia Times.

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