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A little bird sat on a twig of a tree, A swinging and singing as glad as could be, And shaking his tail and smoothing his

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And as he had finished his gay little song He flew down in the street and went hop-

ping along. This way and that way with both little feet, While his sharp little eyes looked for some hing to eat.

A little boy said to him : "Little bird, stop, And tell me the reason you go with a hop, Why don't you walk, as boys do and men,

One foot at a time, like a dove or a hen? Then the little bird went with a hop.hop,

hep, And he laughed and he laughed as he never would stop; And he said: "Little boy, there are some birds that talk, And some birds that hop and some birds

that walk. 'Use your eyes, little boy; watch closely and see What little birds hop, both feet just like me,

And what little birds walk like the duck and the hen.

And when you know that you'll know

Every bird that can scratch in the dirt Every bird that can wade in the water

Every bird that has claws to catch prey with can walk: One foot at a time-that is why they can

But most little birds who can sing you a song Are so small that their legs are not very

strong To scratch with, or wade with, or catch things--that's why They hop with both feet.* Little boy,

*The exceptions to this rule gre rare, The rule is generally correct and so simple as easily to be remembered. -L. J. BATES IN WIDE AWAKE.

POVERTY AND PATRIOTISM

Duly Discussed by One Who is Both Poor and Patriotic.

Atlanta Constitution, There is an old man writing in the Counry Gentlman and he goes back to 1843 and says we had just such a winter as this one-freeze and snows and floods until-May, and a schereling drought all sumfew nubbins and poor people suff red and | finish their wo k. The smith also who cattle died from starvation, and he warns us to prepare for the wor t. Thats all very heat of the furnace welle the noise of the well, and I am glad to pergeive that the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears Corn is crawling up to a dol'ar a bushell thing that be miketh. All these trust in and hay is \$1.50 and meat is on the rise their hards and are wise in their work and storm of hailstones, the least of which was and we've got hardly any seed in the without them the city cannot be inhabited ground and the harvest will be late, but but they shall not set on the judge's seat still there is no use in borrowing troubl . nor be found where parables are spowen." May be it wont come A few years ago I regord that must be the reason why s the people in Kansas and Missouri thought they were rained, for the grasshoppers came along and cat up their growing grops and dident leave a green thing upon-the face of the earth, but the farmers plawed there aint and so I think they had better up and planted sgain and the season hit draw straws for the seats and let the halthe 'ate grop just right and they had an abundant harvest. There is a power of awtile. They can find time to go a fishing e'asticity about hum in nature. Its astonishing how readily we accommodate ourselves to circumstances. If we prosper and make money we spend it according, and it we have bat luck we haul in and pinch body has got a book baited with something ou selves, and scuffl: thorough without and there's always a passel of simpletons suffering to extremity. Most of our wants | ready to bite at a werm whether there is a ere fanciful and imaginary anyhow. The late war taught us a lesson about that, and you can't scare the old people who went through it very much. The soldiers had an awful time, but it was a little awfuller on the poor families who stayed at tome and had to feed and clothe a passel of helpless children. There aint much fun in ding without shoes, and hats, and flour, and meat, and sugar, and boiling down salt out of smoke-house dirt and making coff e out of sweet potatoes and rye, and sweetning it with sorgum. I remember when corn was a nundred dollars a bushel and cotton cards without handles or back was a hundred dollars a pair, and there wase it but one milk gow in our county, and bought her for four thousand dollars, for there was a baby on hand and no milk where it ought to be, and the little thing had liked to have perished to death, in the name of the Lord. Those were hard times, sure enough, and when I think of 'em it seems like a sin for anybody to grumble or complain about anything now. Good health and peace is all I ask for the bulance of my sublamary life, and if we can teach our children the same philosophy, it's schooling enough to keep 'em contented and happy. But still when I read about them fellers up you ler abusing our people for their patriotism, and calling it treason, it sorter demoralizes my bumanity, and I

catch myself wishing soms great trouble

WHY SOME BIRDS HOP AND OTHERS satisfied with abusing as at home, but they apartment be occupied in the imperial palrig up their hyperrucal shows and bring ace he crossed a hall where were assembled 'em down here and insult us before our faces and make our people pay to see it. Here's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin" a craising wround apon wheels with a big ould houn' dag a following along, and they picture slavery as an awful brotality, and are trying to teach our children a lie and make 'em believe their fathers were unfeeling monsters in the shape of men, and there's fools exough living to patronize such a thing and pay the impudent standerers for the privilege of being slandered and tusulted. Them show fellers are bad eggs, and I'm glad the people of Griffia throwed bad egge at 'em. It did me good all over when I read about it. They've got sense and indignation, and if ever I move anywhere it will be to Griffi . If slavery had have been all that Mrs. Stowe wrote about it, it would been a mazing im indence for them to say "lets take the looking glass down south and let em look in and see themselves and make em pay for it," but what kind of unblushing affrontery is it when they mould the mirror in a twist and show us something that looks like the devil incarnate and say its us and make us pay to see it Where is Newt Tumin? Where is John Branson? Where is General Toombs? Is there nobody to rise up and use language and say something appropriate? Hurrah for Griffien? 3 cheers for Griffin. When sie wants any more eggs let her draw on me and I'll make the bens spile em for a We had one good warm sunny day last

week, and me an I my little boy went a fishing. I have to go sometimes to humor the children just like fond purents go with 'em to the circus. Fishing is a good thing for a min when he is tired or has the blues, It gives him a chance to ruminate and ponder upon life and trouble and his own shortcomings, and it keeps him amused and entertained, whether he cateries any hing or not. I don't believe in laziness, but I do think it's good for a man to have leisure occasionally-time to think. The good book says "the wisdom of a learned man cometh by opportunity of leisure." How can be get wisdom that holdeth the plow. He giveth his mind to make furrows and is dilligent to give the kind fodder. And so with the carpenter and workmaster, and mer, and the larmers made nothing but a they who gut and grave seals and watch to sitteth by the anvil and fighteth with the which no mortal eye save his own ever many young men will not go to farming or mechanical employment. They want to sit on the judges seat. That's all very well if there was seats enough for em all, but ance ry standing or waiking after the plow when the ground is too wet to plow and if there is any gum in em it will work out, A man can watch the cark and think too. Fishing is just like human life, Most every hook in it or not. Tout's comm n-very common, but ever and anon theres some fellers going around with a seine or a dreg net who are not atisfied unless they gobble up things by wholesale-like these corporations and speculators and syndicates. That aint toting fair and they shant fish io my creek if I can help it.

Yours.

A GOOD LESSON FOR OUR YOUNG MEN

The semi-communistic idea prevailing among a certain class of our young men who are for putting everybody out of position who wears spectacles and everybody in who can see without spectacles is fairly put to rebuke by a striking is cid-ut in the life of the late Cz ir of Russia. We tell the story as we find it and sincerely commend it to our young men who start out in life with the maxim, "The young men should

"Some of the stories of the boyhood of Alexander II are new and most of them have been repeated till they seem old in deed. But in the light of recent circum stances even these assume a fresh interest.

"The Emperor Nicholas subjected his children to the same stern discipline to which his army officers had to submit. According to the usage of the empire the onog Alexander when yet a child duly entered the army in one of the lower grades. would overtake 'em for a little while, just When fourteen years old he was appointed to let 'em feel what suffering and trouble an officer in the Guards. A few days after is. The everlasting vagabonds are not this promotion as he was going to the

several high dignituries. At the approach of the Prince they rose and saluted him.

"This mark of respect on the part of these old military men proved very flattering to the young officer, so much so indeed that wishing again to enjoy the bomage he took occasion to cross the ball several times again, but the generals having saluted him one paid him no further attention. This neglect did not suit the imperial and imperious youth, who went and complained of it to his father. The Empiror, taking him by the hand e nduc ed him again to the hall where the generals

were will conversing. "My son,' said he in their pres nce, 'I am really pained to see that you so little comprehend the duties that your epaulettes impose upon you towards your superiors in to men whose hairs are bleached during the long years they have served the State. Do you not know that these men whose homage you seek are the very ones to whom you should render homage? For it is to these that your father owes his throne and his life; and it is to their filelity, zeal and loyal services that you must look to aid you to sustaining with glory the throne you expect to occupy. Bow, then, to those noble old generals, and consider every mark of respect you show to them as an honor to yourself. What you have done proves to me that you are yet too young to wear the epaulettes you have donned; I take them back. Do not ask for them again until you prove by your conduct that you are fit to wear them honorably.' So saying, the Emperor detached the epaciettes from his son's shoulders, warning him not to forget the lesson."

Let him not boost who puts his armor on but him who puts it off with hocor to him elf and a life of usefulness to his coun-

THE MAN WHO BOASTS.

The man who boasts is twin born to a ligr, for neither of them can tell the truth, except by accident, and yet it must be very comfortable to feel that what you do is always the very best thing that can be done by any one, and that you know just a little more than tany living man. We are acquilited with a tender-hearted gentleman whose experiences were alway-exceptional. and who has seen thous nds of things it was the clearest day that had been seen for a full century, and when he traveled over he St. Gothard he went through a bigger than a ben's egg, and the guidwho was three-score years and ten, and had been ever the pass more than 2 000 times. declared that he had never in his life witnessed such a spectacle before. The old gentleman crossed the ocean in the greatest hurricane on record, and saw more icebergs than the oldest sea Captain in the service His children were all geniuses, and he found a governess for them who proved the most learned and accomplished woman in

One day the poor man was stricken with paralysis, and we feared that his happy bousifulness was over; but after six weekwe met him on the street and he told u. that he had been visited by eighteen doctors, who all declared that that particular kind of paralysis had never before made its appearance. So he lives on in the cheerful belief that he has the best of everything, and ever time we see him we covy him. Our toothache is of the grindin sort, while his makes him feel as though he had a music-box in his mouth. When our leg is broken it is only an ugly frac ture, but his is a compound tracture of a competed fracture. We send for a doctor to cure our ills, and he proves to be only an ordinary M. D. but when he se ks a physician be finds a man who has taken every known degree in every known science, and who cures the worst cases ever heard of. When our triend dies he will probably come back through some m dimm just to tell us that his death was the most wonderfu death in the world, and that he found, when he got up vander, that they had saved a choice little corner for him where he expects to be more comfortable than anybody who ever entered the colestial regions. If all this is mere boasting and lying, then boasting and lying are no longer gross faults but very comfortable

" How hear iful it is, Mary, to think of about the oak." Wouldn't maple be more appropriate than oak, Theodore ?" queried Mary, with a ely twinkle in her eyes." You know what they get from the maple,"-Boston Transcript.

The monthly output of the Soddy mines averages 175,000 bushels per month.

MEN AND WOMEN.

The Distribution of the Sexes in Different Sections of the Country.

In popular tradition it has for a long time been held that there was an army of spinisters 40,000 strong in the good old commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that they all yearn d for husbands and obtained none. Popular tradition in this case is nearly correct. The stern figures of the census show that the exact number of sup rabundent females in the Bay State is 66,062. Further contemplation of the causus tables reveals other facts concerning the relative number of males and females of the hum in kind--facts which are striking in their way.

The total number of males in the country is 25 620 584. The females number 888, 298 less. This it is sad to record-or rank, and that you are lacking in respect | behalf of those who think, with Thomas O way, "Oh, woman! lovely woman nature byth made thee to temper man; we had been brutes without you"-or it is pleasent to record on behalf of those who think, with the same Otway, that woman is "distructive, deceitful woman" that there is a decrease in percentage under the census of 1870 of 1,282 on the 100, 000. Pennsylvania, it may be remarked. contains 2 136 635 males and 9.516 more femules which is an increase of 163 on 100 000 over the census of 1870.

Taking the actions of the country it is seen that in ev ry New England State except Vermont the females outnumber the miles, and the excess of the latter in the Green Mountain State is only 1 390. In the Middle States the females outnumber the males, except in Deleware. In the Southern States the same preponderance of females over males is also seen, except in West Virginia, Florida, Texas and Mississippi. It is noticeable that in the Discrict of Columbia there are 10,000 more females than males; but this is doubtless due to the fact that the treasury department is in Wa hington. When the West is reached the proportions change. In every Western State the males are far in excess of the females. For instance, in Ohio they outnumber the females by 30,-091; in Indiana by 43,090; in Kansas by 77,484; in Nevada by 21,761, and so on.

From this statement of the preponderange of the sexes in the sections it will be seen that the females are in exc ss to the older and more firmly settled portions of looked up in. When he went up the Rigi the country, while the further west the relations are a most the oreater will the max mum in those States and Territories where settlement is most recent and the hardships of life greatest. The South presents the best example of the normal state of the sexes. It has comparatively speaking few or no manufactories, immigraion or emigration, and there the sexes are more nearly equal, the females being slightly in excess. In some of the Southern States, however, the increase of male population since the last cersus is noticeable and it is in the sections which have attracted settlers and capital that it is most so Another point to note is the increase of emales in some of the Western States-ar incr ase of over three per cent, in Arizona six and a half in California sixteen in Mon tana, five in Kansas and four in Dakota thus showing that they are becoming quieted down into a settled life-a married life, so to speak .- Philadelphia Press.

BLACK AS NIGHT.

About seven miles west of Foxburg on the Blue Jay peninsular, is a place called Balltown, and among other developments going on in this vincinity is a well that produces black oil. This oil is so black that even the glimmer of the brightest light cannot be sen through a bottle ontaining a sample of it. It bears a perfect resemblance, in fact, to the substance known as coal-tar and emits a cowerful odor precisely like that of spirits of tar, The strike is certainly an extraordinary one, and so far us we can learn nothing like it bus ever before ben known in the history of the oil trade. No other well in or near the vicinity has anything approaching to it. The oil seems to be found in the slate at a depth of about 270 feet, and what is the more singular is that, although the drill passes through the same kind of slate and at the same depth in adjacent wells, go such yield has come from any other except the one in question.

Just as soon as a country editor finds himself the possessor of about five dollars, you elinging about me as the ivy clings he feels so jubilant that he selects a quire of nic. clean paper and sharpens up three lington Hawkeye. pengils to write a double-leaded leader on "Solid Prosperity"-Kansas City Times.

" I'm atraid that bed is not long enough for you,' said a landlord to a seven-loot guest. " Never mind," he replied, " I'll add two more feet to it when I get iu."

RELIGIOUS NEWS

From Sunday's Raleigh Observer. The American Sunday School Union will be 37 years old on the 12th of May, and will hold anniversary in Chicago.

Dr Charles F. Deems is to deliver a lecture in Wilmington, on the 21st of April, under the auspices of the Wilmington Library Association.

The ministers of various denominations contend in the Christian Union that church attendance and church work have not declined in America.

With sunset Wednesday evening commenced the Jewish feast of the Passover, more particularly noticed in these columns a day or two since.

The question of the authorized issue of the revised New Testament cannot be set tled until after the meeting of the convocation of Canterbury next month.

There is a converted Chinaman in North Carolina, who is to be seat back as a missionary to his people. The Durhom Methodist Sunday School has given \$101 for this purpose.

Mr. George I. Seney, the New York banker, has raised his donation to Empry College, Georgia, to \$50,000. He has also given \$50,000 to Weslevan Female College. Macon, Georgia.

Some 80 000 acres of land-between Joppa and Jerusalem, having been secured from the Turkish government, a colony is being fo med for the persecuted Jews of the continent. Already a goodly number of families have established themselves upon the

Bishop Simpson has been requested to preach the opening sermon before the Ecumonical Methodist Conference in London, in September, on "Christain Union." The programme, as agreed upon, covers

The Baptist church in Asheville, N. C., has invited the Bapti t Sunday School Board to hold its convention there during the approaching summer. The invitation his been accepted, and the committees appointed by the two boards are arranging a programme.

The Methodists of Carv are preparing to build a church in that place. Heretofore the academy chapel has been used for services. They have the lumber for the new church sawed and some of it already delivered. They hope to have the church far enough advanced to hold the District Conference in it in July.

The next Anglican Church Congress will have an extended programme to fulfill. Twenty-two subjects have been named, among which are the following : " Connection between Church and State; Its Advantages and Disadvantages." "The Extent to which Departure should be Allowed by Variation and Omission from the Usual Form of Service." " Fuleration of Variation in kitual," "The Revised Version of the New Testament,"

There are, it appears, in the United States no less than fifteen distinct Methodist denominations, of which the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal South Churches are by far the largest, Of the fifteen churches, eight are Episcopal and seven Presbyterian and Independent. The total of communicants is 2,521,600, which is estimated to represent a Methodist population of 14,085,400, or more than twice the Roman Catholic popula-

At the Shaw University, the Baptist colored school at Rileigh, a medical department is to be opened next November. The dormitory for the same, a four story brick edifice, which will accommodate about 75 students is fer advanced towards completion, and is noticeable as a fine building. The principal edifice will be begun this month. The site for the building, an acre of land contiguous to the grounds of the University, was granted by a vote of the Legisla ure of the State.

There are 271,461 negroes in Kentucky. There are over 200,000 Germans in

An abundant fruit crop is anticipated in southern and western Texas.

A three-horned sheep is the attraction in Washington county, Ky. Floral fair of South Carolina to be

held in Charleston May 4, 5 and 9, Very innocent man, old man Mildboy le, A friend found him at his desk the other

day, absorbed in perplexing study. " I am writing my will," the old man said, " and I want to fix it somehow so that the lawvers can get some of the property,"-Bur-

The female plaintiff in a Western divorce suit was asked upon taking the stand and prior to being sworn, if she believed in a future life. "I used to," she answered, " but since I was married I've had all the nonscose taken out of me,"