











Selected Miscellany.

PATIENT WITH THE LIVING.

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone Beyond earth's weary labor, When shall be our need of grace From comrade or from neighbor, Passed all the strife, the toil, the care, And done with all the sighing, What tender ruth shall we have gained, Alas, by simply dying!

A LITTLE GENTLEMAN.

It was a hot, dusty day that I first saw the little gentleman I am going to tell you about. To us who were being borne cityward in the swiftly flying express train, it seemed as if there was not a breath of air stirring. All the windows were wide open, yet no cool and refreshing breeze came in to make our journey more endurable.

end of the car, and the tired mother lay back in the seat and closed her eyes. Freddy had wakened by the dozen, and his self-constituted guardian attended to them patiently. By and by there were signs of a lull in the demands on his attention, and with ready tact he proposed to tell stories if the other would listen, and Freddy allowed himself to be coaxed into a reclining attitude. Then the story telling began, and before the first story was ended Freddy was asleep.

observation, counterbalance the impressions which a perpetual contact with suffering must make upon every man of feeling. Those of us who look on idly fall into despair. We arraign God before our petty human tribunals. We ask why this should be, with groans and shrieks of indignation which perhaps show our own esteem of ourselves more than our pity for others. We ask whether the life is worth living which involves so much pain. But it is very rarely that the physician has time for such inquiries. He is too busy circumventing disease, facing every new outbreak, shifting his position as an enemy shifts in his protean multiplicity of aspects.

A boy used to crush the flowers to get their color, and to paint the white side of his father's cottage in the Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineers gaped at as wonderful. He was the great artist Titian. An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings of his pots and brushes, easel and stool, and said: "That boy will beat me one day." So he did; for he was Michael Angelo.

member that he did not take twenty. Now, sir, how do you recollect it was not twenty?" "Why, then, I'll tell you," and, turning to the judge, the witness said: "You will remember, your honor, we were at dinner together, and afterward, coming down stairs, I said to you, 'I have had eighteen tumblers of whisky,' and you said: 'Then I have beaten you, for I've had twenty!'"

Popular Science. WANTED fresh water is a distressing element of a English inventor, Mr. Lion, recently produced an apparatus to provide means for water from salt, in an open the transfer of muscular power wooden disc, which is revolved rubs against a steel tube, by friction, which heat is the tube, the steam from which into portable water. By an application of the same principle ple effect" on the sugar plant given up in condensation salt water, and the fresh water thereby doubled. By a contr apparatus attached to the thwart in an ordinary row can produce about a pint of hour, by turning the crank.

WINTER MIDNIGHT.

Speak to us out of midnight's heart, Thou who forever sleepest art! The thoughts of Night are still and deep; She doth thy holiest secrets keep.

A BABY QUEEN.

On the 25th of November, 1885, the great royal palace of the Prado, in Madrid, the capital of Spain, was a scene of mourning. Early in the morning of that day Alfonso the Twelfth, king of Spain, died.

THE TEENS.

What do you think is the most important time of life? Boys will probably answer, When we go to business or to college. Girls will say, When we go out into society, or get married. But I think it is when you are going into your teens.

SAMPLES OF IRISH FUN.

Wit has not died out in Ireland. Judge Keogh, who by the way, was hated of all men in Ireland, was one day adjudicating in a case, the point of which had reference to a document that the defense endeavored to show had been signed when the prosecutor was drunk. Under cross-examination the following dialogue took place in court:

THE GOOD DOCTOR.

A good doctor is like a general in the face of an enemy; a want of watchfulness at one point of his operations may ruin all. He has to have his eyes everywhere, and an unflinching attention. He has to be prompt and swift, seeing in a moment every new advance, divining, even the advances as yet only conceived, the plans before they are laid. All this activity of the brain, this looking before and after, this keen tension of thought and

ACCORDING to an official by the Japanese government 553 earthquakes during the six months preceding December 31, 1885, averaging one earthquake every six hours. This must, however, be a capital and the surrounding earthquakes of great violence; for Prof. Milne was an average of an earthquake every six months. The official statistics, however, possibly be correct, returns of local officials all try, in which case only the caused loss of life or damage would be included. If the correct, we should have an average of one earthquake per week, which would be a very violent that it caused injury sufficiently serious to a tion of the local authorities judgment to require a report government.

BRAINS IN TERTIARY TIME on the size of the brain of Prof. Marsh, of Yale College, forward the remarkable fact for life during past ages the particular group of animals size of their brain as compared their contemporaries of the Brains won then, as now, animals crushed out of existence found to be relatively smaller those outliving them.

A REMARKABLE INSTRUMENT the flints of the chalk formation found one which emits sound when struck with an sandier tells of a distinguished cian, H. Bandre, who is a of these musical stones, and succeeded in making a unique them. In this instrument pended by wires above a sound stones of the piano number ing the two chromatic octaves lected with much patient load of more than thirty years be no relation between the and their tones.

COLD WAVES and their p T. A. Woodruff, are found of low, and to precede an sure. Within our territory ways appear first at Hele it is concluded that "they in the vast regions of ice Arctic Circle, far to the tions." It is possible that British northwest territory this conclusion; for in cold waves are most frequent the polar regions th The waves are found to ways: 10, directly eastward Lakes and across New B felt south of the Ohio Va erly, covering the entire progress; 30, southerly, f Dakota to Texas, thence States, and finally northw States, such waves be at St. Louis and Shreveport St. Paul and Chicago. waves belonging to the t the first six months of the was 23, 47, and 19. The appears more frequently combined. Fifty per cent peared simultaneously at ena. They generally rest sixteen hours after their ens, the distance being 8 24 to 33 hours, distance 1 ton 24 to 40 hours, distance ville, the same; Buffalo, tance 1,750 miles; Wash hours, distance 1,958 mi in the prediction of the that embarrasses the pred ter tracks, for the form A special description is waves of March 18, 188



