

Selected Miscellany.

"READY FOR EITHER."

Say, art thou ready now to bear The heavy yoke of toil and care...

A BOY'S SISTER.

BY F. B. STANFORD.

When Tom Winslow was thirteen years old, and went away to boarding-school the first time, he was full of trouble...

"I'm afraid my sister will send word to my father," he said to the three other boys when they were making their plans after the night school closed.

Tom and three other pupils had planned to camp out in the woods as soon as the winter vacation began. It was an undertaking that was talked of many weeks, and worried Ruth a good deal.

steps then, and begged him not to remain away more than a day or two. "It's so dangerous, Tom, you know, to stay in those woods at night," she pleaded...

sisted on clinging to his hand and going on. It was her bright eyes that caught sight of the motionless figure lying at the side of the road, half covered with snow...

was cool. With him it was always (as you English say) 'a word and a blow, and the blow first.' He had fought so many duels that the soldiers used to call him 'Sudden Death,' and to say that the best way to end war would be for him to challenge the enemy's whole army, man by man...

PREACHING TO THE DOGS.

The following is told of the famous African missionary, Robert Moffat: One evening he halted at a farm which showed signs of belonging to a man of wealth and importance, who had many slaves...

THE BLESSING OF SONG.

"What a friend we have in Jesus"— Sang a little child, one day; And a weary woman listened To the darling's happy lay.

All her life seemed dark and gloomy, And her heart was sad with care; Sweetly rang out baby's treble— "All our sins and griefs to bear."

She was pointing out the Saviour Who could carry every woe; And the one who sadly listened Needed that dear Helper so!

Sin and grief were heavy burdens For a fainting soul to bear; But the baby singing, bade her "Take it to the Lord in prayer."

With a simple, trusting spirit, Weak and worn, she turned to God, Asking Christ to take her burden, As he was the sinner's Lord.

Jesus was the only refuge, He could take her sin and care, And he blessed the weary woman When she came to him in prayer.

And the happy child, still singing, Little knew she had a part In God's wondrous work of bringing Peace unto a troubled heart.

—Christian Observer.

THE COOLEST MAN IN THE FRENCH ARMY.

"The coolest man I ever knew was old Victor de St. Hilaire, the colonel of an infantry regiment that saw some service in Algeria," said Colonel Henri Dubois...

pitied than are her victims, for no matter what her merits, she is always friendless in the world; feared, but never loved.—Youth's Companion.

WHAT DEACON SMITHERS DID WITH HIS MONEY.

Deacon Smithers was always an old man, that is, ever since I first met him, more than twenty five years ago. He never had any children, and his wife died before I formed his acquaintance...

But there was one person whom the old Deacon seemed not to be able to scare off, that was Elder Jonas Simpson, the President of New Town Academy. He told his friends that as Deacon Smithers had no kin nearer than some well-to-do fifth cousins he was going to induce him to leave his money to start the endowment for the Academy...

"Servants! What do you mean?" "I mean the Hottentots, of whom I see so many on your farm." "Hottentots! Do you mean that then? Let me go to the mountains and call the baboons, if you want a congregation of that sort. Or, stop, I have it. My sons, call the dogs that lie in front of the door—they will do."

UNBURLY TONGUES.

A gentleman who had been living in Europe for a long time, on his return was present at one of President Arthur's receptions, and recognized an old acquaintance in one of the most beautiful women in the room.

SLANDER.

What is slander? It is the spreading of statements calculated to damage an individual, for the mere gratification of personal spite or envy. Slanderers often pretend to do their dirty work in the interest of truth and righteousness...

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GLUCOSE, or "grape sugar," is a regular commercial production made from starch (potato or corn), and is extensively used in the manufacture of beer, in confectionery and syrup. It has been used to a small extent, but with indifferent success, as an adulterant of "cane sugar," or saccharose—the sugar of commerce, whether made from cane, beets, or maple sap.

THE enormous accumulations of blast furnace slag make every application of it worthy of note. C. A. Wilkos and W. Millar have obtained an English patent for a flooring and paving produced by its use.

SALT LAKES.—In the Murghab Valley, Afghanistan, are two lakes of solid salt, which Captain Yate has ridden over and described. One, from which the Tekke-Turkomsans, of Merv, get their supplies of salt, is in a valley about six miles square, which is surrounded by a steep, almost precipitous descent, impassable for baggage-animals except by a single road.

CHEAP SODIUM.—The manufacture of cheap sodium by an electrolytic process has been announced in France. An engineer of Lyons, M. Lossier, states that he will soon be in a position to sell sodium in large quantities at a price of about 25 centimes per kilo, not much over a penny a pound.

SLANDER.—Is it the spreading of calculated damage to an individual, the mere gratification of personal envy, or the interest of truth and righteousness? They are "actuated by a public interest," and so, with their tongues of hell, they administer the brimstone of slander to the sickly cant of those who are the beneficiaries of their influence.

able. It is, therefore, essentially a raw material of high value, for which many applications have yet to be discovered.—Scientific American.

EYES OF THE SOUL AND BODY.

I may know, and I may know convincingly, that Jesus Christ is my Saviour, "whom having not seen I love; in whom, though now I see him not, yet believing, I rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." If this is not true, then Christian consciousness is a delusion, and Christian history is the record of the weakest credulity.

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