THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY NIGHT.

On Sundays, as the daylight dies,
And the shades creep soft
Mothers to the cosset skies
Raise the dusky-eyed boys to walk.
Our thoughts go back long years ago,
And children's voices softly blow,
As in the Sunday twilight low
Their song together some sweet hymn.

On Sundays, as the sunlight fled
Into the twilight cities across,
When skies were paling overhead
And the day grew to a close,
The children of our home would raise
Their voices in a hymn of praise
And as I drowsed I seem to hear
The sweet, swelling music and clear.

We used to sing, I with the rest—
Till the twilight passed away,
Each had the sound to lend the lay,
And we knew more all about it
And when we hear the chimes in the sky,
There from that hole old Sunday time
While to our memory the years return
Of long ago comes back again.
—Florence Wilson in New York Ledger.

Heat and Hair of Infants.

The heads of infants should not be washed in brandy, whisky, spirituous lotions or other stimulating washes. They do not good, cause pain, and may so irritate the tender scalp as to cause disease.

For cleansing the head, soap and water, or water with a little borax for it, do all that is needed. After washing the scalp a soft hair brush should be used. This will remove any dirt or dandruff, and will not irritate the skin as a comb would be likely to do.

The hair of both boys and girls should be kept short till 8 or 9 years of age. This will conduce to cleanliness, prevent a good deal of trouble in combing and washing, will have no backs for the abominable creepers to which children are exposed, and by keeping the head cool will render children less liable to the inflammatory affections of the brain, to which they are eminently predisposed at their time of life. Thus managed, the hair will be smooth and glossy, and accumulations on the scalp will be prevented.

The custom of putting caps on infants having been abolished by all well informed people, it is hardly necessary to say that the practice should be abandoned by all, as the head is warm enough without the cap, it very likely to be too warm with it, and in this way causing the brain affections to which children are so prone.—Hall's Journal of Health.

The Life for a Singer.

"What is the best food for a singer?" is a question very often asked of me, and of all professional singers. I reply, "The plainest food is by far the best." Good, plain, but nourishing food, for that is the best for health, and to be well in health is to be well in voice, and good health is absolutely necessary for good singing. Some few things should be entirely avoided, such as nuts, for instance, which affect the throat as well as the digestion. To lead a regular life is also absolutely essential, and young—and indeed all—artists, if they wish to excel, must live for their art alone, and must give up a great many "pleasures" but if they do so it should do, enables the artists to become great, then they will have their reward for all sacrifices.

To be artists they should live as artists—go whenever possible to hear and to see fine singing and fine acting; endeavor to see fine pictures, fine statues, read classic books and cultivate the acquaintance of great men and great historical characters; to live, in fact, in an atmosphere of art and of intellect, which will help them far more than at first they may be disposed to think of their own artistic career.—Mme. Albani-Gye in Ladies' Home Journal.

An Automatic Paper Sealer.

An automatic machine, which forms, fills, weighs and seals packages, is being introduced into houses where large quantities of fine cut tobacco, soda, starch, etc., are put up. The operations of the machine are uniform and novel in every particular, and yet quite simple. The machine consists of a series of forming blocks, revolving turtles, folders, gummers and feeders, all working in harmony, so that the packages are being smoothly and continuously produced. The forming blocks successively size the paper, which invariably allows and is wrapped around them, folded and gummed in the end. The paper works its way gummed into receptacles, filled, folded on top and sealed. The manifold saving in labor thus effected would seem to warrant the claim of the inventor that if the machine is worked to its full capacity it will pay for itself in 25 working days.—New York Telegram.

Holmes's Early Plays.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the playwright, says: "In my early days I used to be comfortable in bringing tears of mine to managers. One manager I remember of never reading my plays, so I took a rock on him. One day I gave him a roll of blank paper tied with red ribbon. He received the roll politely and told me to call in two weeks. I called as he had suggested, and he said he had read the play, but that unfortunately it wouldn't do. Then I slowly unrolled the blank paper before his eyes, held it up to him and enjoyed the comedy situation."—New York Herald.

A Gigantic Skull with Eighty Teeth.

Fortunat, the Scotch giant of the time of Empress II, measured not two inches less than 11 feet 6 inches. Chevalier Story, in his account of the voyage to the peaks of Teneriffe, says that in opening one of the sepulchral caverns they found a human skull which contained four feet in circumference, and which was provided with eighty teeth.—St. Louis Republic.

"The Great American Cross Fiend," as James B. Gould, of South Manchester, Conn., is sometimes called, on account of his remarkable knowledge of swordsmanship, that he has acquired, has an extensive gross garden of his own, and has become an expert in his branch of botany that he can distinguish by sight, smell or taste any of the grasses he is familiar with.

One of the builders of the Central Pacific railroad states that he was compelled to do a great deal of blasting through a part of the country where rain had never been known to fall in considerable quantities, and where it has never rained since. But during the period of the blasting—nearly a year—it rained every day.

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Lying Versus Stealing.

There is a half truth in the reply of the child to the following incident, which is quite impressive: Ion a lie, frankly acknowledged, is no sin; but a "thing taken back" is in the course of anything that has been stolen.

She came to her mother with the question, "Which is worse, to tell a lie or to steal?"

The mother, taken by surprise, replied that both were so bad that she couldn't tell which was the worse.

"Well," said the little one, "I've been thinking about it, and I think it is worse to lie than to steal. If you steal a thing you can take it back, unless you've eaten it, and then you can pay for it. But," and there was a look of awe in the little face, "a lie is forever."—Youth's Companion

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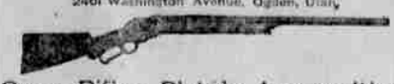

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