A YOUNG POLKS STORY.

THE FOLE-AMETICENTY EVEHANT-

the make halkers.

Once good Likes there lived a kins and a offern who had no less than twenty-six children, skignis and twenty buys. To save the trouble of inventing names them by the letters of the alphabet-Y, and the both were B, C, D, F, G, H, and so on. Pr these names they were was so like Rthat they were often mistaken for each other. J. too, was very slim and elegant for a box, and if you did not look at his dress, you might too has present him to be his suffer I. field W were easily distinguished from the rest, because they were much fatter. I's velce was very like V's, but same way, when B and P had a cold in their heads, you could not have told which was spinking.

They were all very good shildren exabout presently. There never was a family so kind to each other. When H lost bimself, as he often did, the rest all ran to find blan. When R got into a scrape, as he semetimes did, his brother and sisters would come and beg that they might be punished instead of him, especially W, who was his chief crony, and used to do some of his hard exer. silver spoons and forks and mugs, given beloved by all the nation. rows so as to make up such words as that day-flour and eggs and milk and love, beauty, hope, joy, jam, wisdom, and lemon-peel and the children began to so forth. They did not care to have clap their hands when they saw it, all they wished there had been two P's dignified, and pretended not to care.

Dist Bt erocked Z, who, being the spennest, had been specied, and had grown up selfish and ill-tempered. From the "Nurse, dear, I have eaten enough: "I must do him some dainty dish for supper," said she. "Let one see! "Nurse, dear, I have eaten enough: What is he fond of?" selfish and ill-tempered. From the discontented with every thing, though he was petted by every body, and had not nearly so much to do as the rest. He wanted to be grown up and have plent of money, as his papa had, and e able to est as much bread and honey as he pleased, like his mamma. was angry because he was crooked and ugly, and because he could not play at spelling so well as his sister E, who was the most active of all in these games, and the greatest favorite with every body. He made himself very unhappy by thinking that he was the brother, B, who would become king in have taken a lesson from his sister Y. the next above him in age, who was always very happy, and whose little Grecian note was poked into every thing merry and fively which went on ; indeed, she was such a romp that people somet mes said she was more like a boy than a girl. But no-poor Z took no pleasure except in being miserable, and itea. he waste but the brothers and was ters be used they were not so miserable the only place on the Cardon world

highness for pocket-money. Most of they all went into the garden to play. peaces in the explagationsk to buy a could begin any thing. properties the mange and to see and them to Latine blan at I febr. " E was go-The other seconds start want the fire had been been

I the rest were out of the wayfor

It was less may of language for larger parties beautiful again. tract to get though out of the way "

was retailed at

reager to make the corresponshed had pro- any shild shudder even to book at!

the sixpense of the country to see that as she could to tell ber brothers and were rung for joy over the whole it was a good one. "That's right - sisters what had happened. But when kingdom: how soldiers and policemen Mexico, but the native greasers know that's right, may dear; you shall be the she got to the palace, they were no who had taken part in the search were nothing about its use. king yet. You have only to mix this where to be seen. She searched out-treated to beef and beer in the kitchen for so many, the parents simply called meal with some of their food, and your of-doors, up stairs, down of the palace; how it was ordered that the Heraki 100 tickets to be distributed brothers and sisters will all turn into stairs, in the garden, in the shrubbers, in honor of the event the school-boys among the poor. Each of these will be thus the series were A. I. I. C. I and blackbirds, and never trouble you say in the school-room, in the nursery, but and school-girls throughout the land received at his store in payment of one thore." With that she brought out a all in vain. The maid, who was in the should from that day have three months' prescription. small bag of rye meal, and filled Z's garden hanging up clothes, helped her extra holidays every year; and how known all over the kingdam, though B | Peeket with it, and be ran back to the to look, and when they could see notipalace as fast as his long legs would ing of any of the children, they begin without any further misfortune, and He had a large pair of shoes, after the

places dine to late as 2 belock often, than they had been. Then they went which should properly be called the about him, which he could easily do, as eating bread and honey; but when she Magazine. the cook had gone out to the poulty- heard what had happened, she hastened their faces were quite different. In the yard for a moment to fetch an egg or to the king, who was employed in his fore she came back Z emptied the rye- and at once counted out several bags of meal out of his pocket into it, and stole half crowns, which he ordered to be cept 12, when we are going to talk away without being so a. And when effered by public proclamation to any the gadding, she little knew what mis- safe and sound. All the police of the chief she was helping to do.

closes for him. If C and K, who did not to each of the princes and princesses good, nor happy either, and that was that the pudding would soon be dis- be did not take some food.

time he was able to think, he had been may I take my pudding to some poor. At that moment one of the pages

said Dame Etcetera, giving her a kiss. ack in time for tea.

So Y got her little straw hat, ornathat she was a princess, and slipped out of the palace, leaving her brothers and sisters to the enjoyment of their

Z, who sat playing with his spoon and young at and by envying his eldest looking as if nothing was good enough for him. Nurse Etcetera, who little good time after their father. He should suspected the truth, thought he was only in one of his usual tantrums, and princesses. spoke sharply to him.

to whimper.

Z cried and sniked; but that was no as himself. Then a dreadful thought brought up to do as they were bid, and had gone put in a boat, but there wasn't came lose his mind. If he could but he knew he should have to eat his pudget rid of all thegest, he would be lefted ding sconer or interm. However, he me with a well-mot matter, a if any all belong to him when his father died. harm happened to him as well as his Now it must be known that each of brothers and sisters, he could go to his the princes and princesses had air friendthe witch and have it set right. pense a week given to his or her royal So he finished his plate of pudding, and fantry, two of cavalry, and twenty can-

birthdays, but Z was very greedy, and ing to say, but the words changed in generally went at ones to spend his sit. her mouth fato "I fly;" and to the asperson at a sweet shop near the palace, tonishment of all the brothers and elesept of so egly old woman which had been except Z, they found that their source was really a very whelest and their arms wings, their months bills, coworful witch, who bated all the men and their feet claws. In one milente and romen in the world, and especially more, where a crowd of merry children the children, to whom it was her great, had been running about, you could see on decrease to sell a sort of poisoped anthing but a flock of lour and twenty

care two opposes of berief-engar for . I was not assembly them. As soon as three pair-peace. So be need to do in he felt himself changed into a bird, he are some for former without the file of the court shrinked, the sick, and making her how much be on- as his new wings could carry him, (a) lords stared and grasped the hills of the house of the witch. But when he their ewords. "Would got really like to get rid of approad there he found andores here a started up is amazement, asking each there what the might mean, great again enchance, which flow at him other what this might mean. Only litwith the night horrible servance, and at " skewlda's I tarked here was to class Z defended or and seators, and best over the pie, of up the apper part of his head, be a sing, and have whatever i pleased, himself as well as he could, and when crying bitterly the of them were fired, they few away, and confinery thing -the most extraordinary

Y's better and amatement to hear her witches . soon as lessons give a dreadful screech, and then the Now, imagine the delight of energy enough to show.

"Ugh! ugh!" she characted, ringing another moment, but ran home as fast and lemonade; how the her time, for the children at tashionable more able to find her young charge inal inventors of "Spelling Bees," two to put into the pudding. She had favorite occupation of counting his left the pot boiling on the fire, and be- money. He too was greatly alarmed. kingdom were sent for to aid in the Ding, dong! ding, dong! went the starch, and before the evening every dinner-bell, and all the royal children body within ten miles of the palace was came flocking into the nursery, where talking of this dreadful thing that had their old nurse, Dame Etcetera, had happened, and doing his best to find the already laid the table, and set out the young princes and princesses, who were

But imagine the grief of all in the palalways agree, began to fight, their by their fairy godmothers. Their din- ace! The queen bitterly reproached brothers always tried to separate them, her was plain, though good; the king herself for eating too much bread and And when U cried, as she was fond of did not like his children to grow up too heney, and not looking after her childoing, her sisters did all they could to fend of eating. First, they had roast dren enough; and the king vowed that comfort her. They were always either mutton, with potatoes and cabbage, and he would give half his treasures to see at their lessons or playing together, and any one who didn't clear up his plate, his sons and daughters come back safe their favorite game was spelling. It fat and all, was not allowed to have any and sound. As for little Y, she did was very pretty to see them running into pudding. It was a capital pudding nothing but cry all the evening. She was allowed to come down to dinner, and without having her hair curled, too; indeed, her mother, after what had any other playmates, but sometimes except the biggest ones, who were too happened, would not let her only remaining child out of sight for a single among them, for then they would have Each of them was helped in order- moment. But none of the royal family been able to spell happy, which was first the young princesses, beginning cared to eat, and dinner was sent down what they all felt from morning till with the eldest, then the princes -an' entasted, to the great sorrow of the before long the clastering of spoons up cook, who thought her royal master and downshe long nursery table told could not bear up against his trouble if

came into the kitchen carrying a cage full of blackbirds. He had seen a flock "That's a kind-hearted little diarry of them twittering at the window of the palace nursery, and had caught them Run off with you and be sure to be by putting salt on their tails, little thinking who they were.

"The very thing!" cried the cook. mented with pheasant's feathers to show "His majesty likes nothing better than a blackbird pie. Polly, put the kettle on, and fetch me out the rolling-pin."

Then she proceeded to make the blackbirds-four-and-twenty there were And they did enjoy it all but sulky of them exactly-into a pie, paying no attention to the way in which they scratched and hopped about and looked up to her face, trying to let her know that they were the young princes and

In the meanwhile messages were ar-"Come, eat your pudding, your Roy- riving every five ininutes at the palace, cabs, letters, telegrams, couriers, but "I don't like it," said Z, beginning none brought good news. The royal children were nowhere to be found, and "If you don't eat it at once, it shall it was supposed that they had all gone be set aside and given you for your to slide and faller into the water. Many persons, however, did not believe this, as it was the height of summer and there good. The royal family had been was noice. Some juggested that they a boat within twenty miles of the palace. Then, again, it was mentioned as likely that they had been eaten up by a wild beast, though wild beasts were not known in that country, except att he Zoological Gardens. Four regiments of innons were sent out at once to scour the to be seen the part their to. Now what shall we play at \$1 said, woods, and nobody in the palace would no be seen the part their to. Now was very import, and slever go to bed dutif something was known for certain of the fate of the poor princes and princesses.

pertraordinary thing happened a li-

Four-and-twenty blackbirds popped the rather liked Z, because he did not and scraping as if to ask one another their heads out of the dish, and began to sing so beautifully and tenderly that whereupon the other two fiel. At this all present would have been delighted The king and queen

And now was seen a still more extrathing that ever happened in that coun-Now this confection was no other than try. As fast as Y's tears fall on each "Mag I men. I'll give you my strangeness may thing, and never was grateful for and thanking Y for having set them free the communication.

next Sameda sound where am king, I any thing. Without a word of thanks, from this terrible enchantment. It was she seized the plate from Y's hands and Y who had done it, for the tears of love " Eigh! ugh! -a nice duchess I should began to gobbie up its contents. But and pity are far more powerful than the make! But bring the sixpence, and we before she had quite finished, what was strongest arts of the most wicked marks that not one woman in a home

The little princess did not wat per, and had cake and honey in cottages. bells too feel frightened, and fetched the lived happily all the rest of their days. style of snow-shoes, which enabled him When he got back it was not yet din- nurse, but old Dame Etcetera was in It is supposed that they were the original to keep affoat and not lose his balance. I went into the kitchen, and looked to tell the queen. She was in the parler game of Spelling Blackbirds .- Enclish

The Queen's Home at Balmoral.

Inside the castle (Balmoral) as well as outside, every thing is in the most perfect order, and displays the possession of great taste and skill on the part of those who designed and carried out the arrangements. The balf-room is the most conspicuous apartment, and is profusely adorned with Tartan ornaments, and hangings, and deer-heads, and oll armor of various descriptions. The library is well supplied with all the standard literature, bound in the richest style. Like the rest of the royal apartments, the floor is covered with carpets in Tartan patterns, and the effect is very pretty. The dining-room is not large, and is furnished with tables and chairs of good solid oak. The drawing-toom and sitting-rooms were just as the Queen had left them a few hours before. What appeared so -trange was the plain manner in which the woodwork in all the rooms was finished. Pine, simply varnished, and looking as clean and fresh as if it had left the hards of the painter and joiner but yesterday, was made into doors and windows, and the halls and corridors were papered and varnished. The bedrooms and sitting-rooms for the ladies and furnished in the same natural wood, and with beech and birch highly polished. One can see by a glance at the royal apartments that the chief object Prayer in 324 languages from the Imevery octasion, when she has the management under her own control, the Queen snows strong common sense, and a desire to make every thing contribute to the happiness of all concerned .- St. John's Telegraph.

The Language of Rings.

In the case of a gentleman wishing to marry-literally "in the market" with his heart-he wears a plain gold ring upon his first finger of the left (or heart's) hand. When success attends his suit and he is actually engaged, the ring passes to the second finger. After marriage it passes to the third tinger. If, however, the wearer desires to tell the fair ones that he not only is not "in the market," but that he does not design to marry at all, he wears the signet upon his little finger, and the ladies may understand that he is out of their reach. With the fair sex the "laws of the ring" are: A plain or chased gold ring on the little finger of the right hand implies "not engaged," or, in plainer words, "ready for proposals, scaled or otherwise." When engaged the ring passes to the first finger of the left hand. When married the third finger receives it. If the fair one proposes to defy all slege to her heart she places the rings on her first and fourth finger, one on each, like two charms to keep away the tempter. It is somewhat singular that this disposition of rings is rare. - Rochester Union.

Carrying His Head in His Nand.

following reminiscence of Lima: "One wound had soon healed, but he was left At length, in spite of his grief, the day when dining with the French Conking began to feel rather hungry, and sul the Man with the Silver Head' was supper was ordered. Among other announced. He was a Frenchman, would answer: "How is Duhamet? Insion that a person bitten by a dog will things, the blackbird pie was put on owning a small property near the city. Poor fellow, he was killed at Buseaval. die of hydrophobia, should the animal the table, and the Lord High Chamber. While taking a walk some months ago What you see is only a machine made go mad afterward. Many people of lain took a knife and fork, and set to be heard cries of agony, and, hastening to resemble him. But it is hadly made, nervous temperament have actually died work cutting it open to the sound of in the direction from which they came, slow music, as was the custom at all surprised three brigands, one of whom the royal banquets. And now a most had a traveler shead between his kness, Frenchman killed one of the villains, moment, and while stlending to the if they had not been so much alarmed, dying traveler, Peruvian gendarmes appeared, one of whom, thinking the Frenchman a murder r, with a power ful horizontal blow of his sword out the top part of his head clean off, laying the brain bara. The Frenchman, after laytie I recognised the votees of her broth. Ing an hour anconscious, revised, plakwalked home in the broiling wan and had a sliver plate made in lien of the original scalp, which had skrunk too

HERE AND THERE.

A PHILADELPHIA fashion-writer 18dred has a neck and shoulders first

were ever, I got his pocket money, and see her suddenly charged into a great body; how the king and oppose where it Time best summer botel business this an down to the old woman's shop, ugly bird, which it was enough to make their children a thousand times; howeiver is done at Long Branch. The all the royal family sat up to sup. Lashionables who gather at Newport live

GREAT quantities of soap are made from the soap weed that grows in New A NEW YORK druggist has sent to

A YOUNG Canadiaz has recently

THE completion of the Inter-Colonial Railroad, in the Dominion of Canada, to Riviere du Loup, marks another important point in Canadian progress. interest of the Government in it represents an investment of nearly \$20,-

Eight hundred Idelanders attived at Quebec on the 23d and proceeded to the colony set apart in Manitoba for an Icelandic settlement. Four hundred more Icelanders are also on their way, which will make the population of the Icelandic settlements in the Northwest about 2,000 souls

A WRITER on club life, in the Galaxy. says that for from forty to seventy-five dollars per annum a young man is furnished the year round with luxurious rooms, gas, fire, daily papers, magazines, books, and admirable attendance. Glubs originated in London, and fare rapidly becoming a thorough American institution.

JEREMIAH WHALEY, aged 92 years, who lives at Narragansett Pier, R. I., had never seen a train of railroad cars until a few days ago, when he saw the locomotive used in laying the track on the new Narragansett Pier Railroad. What makes this case more remarkable is that he lives within a few miles of the Stonington Railroad.

THE exhibition of newspapers and manuscripts soon to be opened at and gentlemen in waiting were finished Prague, will contain much of interests Seven thousand articles have already been contributed, many of them rare and curious. Among them is a Lord's aimed at is domestic comfort rather perial Academy of St. Petersburg. than an attempt at show. Here, as on There is also a very valuable collection of autographs.

> WHEN a Delaware Indian woman's house near Cana River, Indian Territory, was surrounded by the late flood, she tied two children to her body and from her housetop mounted a tree. When out of reach of the water she tied her babes to the limbs and saved them. while her neighbors who swam failed to reach the shore, and were of course

IT appears that some agents of Servia went to seek Garibaldi, without whom no insurrection seems to be complete. They found the Cincinnatus of Caprera making his hay. The hero expressed his regret that his rheumatism would not permit him to fight against Turkish despotism by the side of Prince Milano, but he promised to send to them in Bosnia all of his former followers that he could find unoccupied.

MR. FORSYTH said in Parliament in a recent debate that the present law of marriage in Scotland was a crying scandal. At present if a man and woman in Scotland, perhaps half tipsy, said before a witness, "This is my wife," "This is my husband," it was a lawful marriage. There was a well known story of the eldest son of a Scotch peer, who having quarreled with his father, went into a house of bad repute in Edinburgh, and acknowledged a woman there as his wife. This was held to be a good marriage, and he was tied to the woman for life.

A FRENCH soldier named Henri Duhamel has just died at the hospital of Bicetze, who was wounded in the head Count Paul de Gabriac publishes the at Buzenval in the war of 1870. His quite insane, and fancied himself dead. When people naked after his health he never spoke of himself as "I" or "me," but always as "that thing." He was

Electionecring in Georgia.

The Augusta (Gas) Chronicle prints the following Hon. Augustus R. Wright, of Rome, who is spoken of as a probable independent candidate for Soverner of Georgia, is a patron of the fine arts. A young lady of that place having painted a portrait of Judge Weight, "simply as a pastime," he wrote her a note, (which, with her reply, is published,) excing that though considered the nose a little too small he would give her \$50 for the painting A puriosovericar, woman writes to said help her to a husband. The fair to world allowed as wielest in herbelf the old which, where Y had seen, and, of the birds their business artist wheely scooping the cash and de company of six ladies and six guestle " Now, what will pur give me if I not pitying her we taked appearance, had back to them married people and offered her the pudding which she was and twenty princes and princes are princes and princes and princes and princes are princes and princes and princes are princes and princes and princes are princ "Com you and follow you any carrying. The old woman sever refused flowing round their father and mother out of the engagement?" We give up and so long as a woman remains tade. for on one occasion until 2 a block in pendent ane had better continue single. the merning.

Business Hours in England and America.

There are few facts in the business life

or America which strike an Englishman

sepan luggibly than the absorbing character of each man's pursuits and the everity of the labor to which he subrest tom self. In London the tradesmore can scarcely be said to have commeneed the business of the day before I am, the only exceptions being those who minister to the early breakfast wants of the community. The merchant is rarely at his office before 10 in the morning, and the clerks and moreturies in the Government establishments are not at their posts much before 11 a. m. The amount of work accomplished by the two last named classes is interrupted by a frequent gossip, the permal of a newspaper, and a prolonged lunch. and nearly all quit their desks for the day at 4 p. m. The American employee, on the other hand, is often at his office at 8 a. mi., many tradesmen open their office at 6 or 7 a. m., and during a long day the attention to duty is incessant, The road is 687 unles in length, and the liquels, Perhaps there is too much ozly broken by hair an hour allotted to week done on one side and too little on

> My personal experience of the public offices is not great, but I accepted a position in the India Other for a few months during the tenancy of the Secretaryship of the Duke of Argyl, and this is how the work is done:

> the other. In America we press into

the 24 hours as much severe labor as

the human frame can bear; in England

men do as little as they possibly can.

On entering upon my ductes I inquired at what hour I might be expected to be present. The Assistant Secretary turned to the senior assistant clerk of the department, and asked him what hour he usually came. If a Oh, " he replied, "about 10 an easy 10 eay halfpast 10." "Good," I rejoined. "I will be here at half-past 10." The next day I was at my post; Not a soul had arrived. There is an office for the messengers, as they are called, in each corridor, of which there are six in the India Office. I asked the head messenger, an old man of 60, when the clerks might be expected.' Sir," he answered, "they rarely come before 11 o'clock, and often later." Sure enough, it was a quarter past 11 before they began to drop into To change their coats, arrange their papers and interchange mutual civilities occupied the time until noon. Then the work began .- Galaxy for August.

Wonderful Career of a Cripple.

English papers give interesting particuiars of the success which has marked the life of Mr. Walter Wren, who has come prominently into public notice by the great success which has attended his pupils in their competition for the India civil-service. His prosperity is the more remarkable as he has long been a hopeless cripple. Recently, while canvassing Chelsea for an election to Parliament, Mr. Wren in the course of a speech which he made mentioned that his condition was due to a kick which he received from a bully at school for whom he was fagging. He did not, however, mention all the facts. Soon after he received the blow it was found that he was most seriously injured, and his prospects seemed utterly. blighted. He refused, however, to admit that he was beaten in the battle of life, and rejected an offer of £2 a week which was made to him. He determined to proceed to the University and become a "coach" if he succeeded as well as he hoped to do. At Cambridge he acquitted himself with great credit, and since he left the banks of the Cam for the banks of the Thames he has become the most successful "crammer" of the day. He is wheeled from room to room; and although he can walk a little his favorite position is to lie horizontally on a couch. He married very well and has a family of six or seven children, and besides a very good house in London he has an estate in Berkshire. -Baston Journal.

Dog Bites.

Mr. Macdonald, in Land and Water says: I beg to invoke the powerful aid of your columns to dispel the silly deand they ought to make another." He of this fear alone, while a lamentable amount of ignorance on the subject is still allowed to grow up. When a dog while another cut his ears off and a sometimes insensible for days together, bites he is instantly suspected of madthird stabbed him. The understand and would show no feeling whatever, ness, although not one in a thousand of though pinched and blistered severely, the offenders is rabid; consequently, numbers of our canine friends are cruelly sacrificed in mere panic. More over, hundreds of other superstitions fellow creatures once bitten, live in a horrible enginees, believing that they must die of the dreadful manady. Now the bite of a sound dog is no more fatal thus the scratch of a child. Parther more, a competent authority states that, even when rabid dogs bits, only one case our of committee is followed by hydrophobla

Personauma at night han believed a standard ammement in Clark County. Ky Ladies participate in the sport. A