Boys' and Girls' Column.

[This column is reserved on each Tuesday for the contributions of Boys and Girls.]

A Letter to Santa Claus.

'Twas little Nellie wrote the Saint,
So that he'd surely know
About the baby boy that came
Just one short week ago.

"You've never seen him, Santa Claus,
And might not understand
The meaning of this tiny sock
No bigger than my hand.

About the thing to fill it with
I don't know what to say;
He can't eat candy, fruit or nuts,
And don't know how to play.

And yet he must have something nice,
He's such a darling boy,
His hand is very, very small,
He couldn't hold a toy.

Suppose you fill it up with gold
That dear Mamma can use
To buy him pretty baby things—
She'll best know what to choose.

I know you didn't think to find
This sock so thin and fine,
So if you've not enough for both
Don't put so much in mine.

And now, dear Santa, I don't know
Of any more to tell.
Accept a Christmas greeting from
Your loving little Nell,"

HANS GOEBEL.

Toronto, Dec. 11.

Reading.

The first and best step to be taken in "teaching a bright, four-year-old girl how to read," is wait until she is eight years of age. This is the best beginning that can possibly be made, No matter how bright and intelligent the child may be she, has not lived long enough in this world to be able to learn one lesson which is essential to the successful student. She is far too young to be put into school at regular study. The important thing for the beginner to master is, how to study. This cannot be taught at early age. It should not be, even if it was possible. During the first ten years of a child's life the whole attention should be devoted to obtaining an experimental knowledge of the external world. In doing this a sound body should be produced. The muscles should have solidity and strength. The whole system should then be ready for the beginning of work. The mind will also be trained in the practical matters of life. The child will understand from experiments the common phenomena of the everyday life of ordinary people. In a word, body and mind will be moral. The advantages of this plan are, that a stronger body will be obtained and the mind will be sufficiently mature to comprehend the tasks set before it. At eight or ten a child may be taught *how to study*. Unless this is done the education will be gained only at infinite labor and endless uncertainty. Two things must be learned by the child if it is to study successfuly. The first is to devote its whole attention to the subject before it. In other words, study with all his might. The second is to know when the lesson is learned. These are the first things which the beginner should learn and they are not or should not be taught to the very young child. Speaking from experiance with children who have learned their letters at ten I give the following advice. Put away the alphabet blocks. Never tell the name of a letter. Discourage all attention to books. Be satisfied with cultivating the senses. Make sure that the child uses them to the best advantage and has full possession of all its faculties. Cultivate the body first, cultivation of the mind will follow in due course of time. Keep books away from the little one until it has learned the use of its eyes and is able to see small objects as well as large. It will not then be likely to have eye troubles and certainly will not be as liable to fall a prey to near-sightedness as those who early began to use the printed page. In conclusion I beg the "Wife of a Physician" to spare the baby, and defer the reading lessons until she is eight or ten years old. At twenty the girl will be in advance of those of her companions who began at four.

I PRACTICE AS I PREACH.

Overheard.

"How is the baby?"

"Doing finely, his summer in the country did him good."

"Is he talking yet?"

"A few words only, but he manages to make himself understood, especially about anything he fancies he must do, he has a head for mischief and a will of his own."

"Well, be careful not to rouse his opposition, avoid a conflict with him whenever it is possible.

"We try to direct his attention to something else when he wants his own way and can not judiciously have it.

"The old-fashioned teaching was to stir up the child's spirit and then break it, but I hope we are coming to understand child nature. A better way is to appeal to the generous, affectionate, and self-respecting impulses.'

"Sometimes a conflict seems inevitable. Our baby the other night made up his mind not to be undressed, his mother fussed with him for some time without accomplishing her purpose. I went into the bedroom then, took the boy on my knee and held him firmly, not more than three minutes, he stopped yelling and before his mother finished undressing him he was in a good humor, offering no objections to being placed in his crib."

"Paternal authority is a very valuable assistant to a mother if it is rightly used."

"The mother is with the little ones all the time and breaks her word to them so often that they cease to regard her commands as of importance."

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Kensington	12 05	7 05
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Miscouche	10 15	
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	P. M.	
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Morell		4 43
St Peters		5 12
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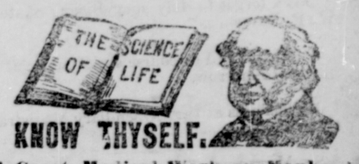

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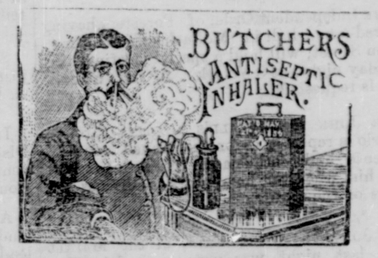

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