THEIR NICKNAMES.

Some children that I know possess
Of nicknames half a score;
One is "Theo"—"Teddy"—"Ted,"
Though christened ——.

The next is scarcely called aright
By any haps or chances—
'Tis "Fanny"—"Frankie"—"Frank" and "Fan,"
Though her real name is ——.

Then "Larry"—"Laurie"—"Lanty" comes
(Though he always writes it——);
And his sister twin whom most address
As "Flo" or "Floy" for ——.

The last is "Lizzie"—"Betty"—"Bess,"
"Bettina"—and "Elspeth"—
"Betsy" — "List" — "Beth"—"Bet"—"Lib,"
And she's ——.

BABY LOCOMOTIVE.

Built and Put in Operation by Two New England Boys.

Edwin H. Warren and Ernest C. Warren are two Montvale (Mass.) boys, aged respectively 17 and 15. They are students at the Woburn high school from which they will probably be graduated two years hence. Unlike most boys of their years, they care little for baseball and less for the mad scrimmage of the football field. Their home is on rising ground near the railway station and their newest toy is a locomotive which they, with the aid of their father, Mr. Herbert A. Warren, constructed and placed in operation on a 120-foot track. The locomotive weighs about a ton and a half, and were such engines animals that developed like cows this one might very aptly be called a yearling.

It is an out-and-out locomotive from headlight to cab. The wheels on the bogie track once did duty as pulleys in a mill. They are 22 inches in diameter. The drivers once were pulleys, but they are larger, measuring 30 inches. There is no connecting rod, but in its stead a belt is compelled to impart power to the drivers from the force induced by the twin cylinders under the forepart of the boiler. The boiler is three feet long and two feet bore. It was originally intended for a heating apparatus and the three feet of the fire box makes the iron part of the locomotive about six feet in length.

Recently the engineers and firemen on the Boston & Maine road were amazed one day to see a saucy duplicate in miniature of the big moguls of the regular rail. The little engine tooted salute after salute as the local and express trains rolled passed the Warren home, and engineers and firemen waved responses from the cab windows. The engine was a success and from the morning that it was first run out of the little eight by twelve house built to shelter it there has never been a time that it has refused to answer to the requests of the throttle and the reverse lever.

Our Boys Should Remember,

That piety is not priggishness.

That bigness is not greatness.

That it requires pluck to be patient.

That it takes more than muscle to make a man.

That selfishness is the most unmanly thing in the world.

That consideration for mother and sisters does more to mark a gentleman than the kind of neckties he wears.

That the only whole man is the holy man.

That to follow the crowd is a confession of weakness.

That street corners are a poor college.

That one real friend is worth a score of mere acquaintances.

That to be afraid of one's noblest self is greatest cowardice.

That it is never too soon to begin the business of making a man of one's self.

An Ostrich's Appetite.

An ostrich will eat almost anything. It swallows oranges, small turtles, fowls, kittens and bones. A South African writer tells of one swallowing a box of peaches, tennis balls, several yards of fencing wire and half a dozen cartridges. One followed the workmen and picked up the wire as they cut it. Most frequently the ostrich does not swallow each dainty separately, but collects several in its throat and then swallows them all at once. Sometimes it is strangled. Its windpipe is then cut, the obstacle taken out and the wound sewed up, when all goes well again.

Shed Their Clothes in Winter.

When the boys and girls are putting on more clothing to keep out the cold a curious rock crab that lives in the salt water along the New England coast sheds its shell. These little creatures begin casting their hard shells in December, and the shedding process continues for two months. After the hard shells are cast the crabs are quite soft, and are considered very desirable for the table.

Little Princess' Trick Awheel.

The best cyclist among the royal children, who are all instructed in the art of managing a bicycle so soon as they arrive at a suitable age, is the little Princess Margaret of Connaught. Her royal highness has a firm seat and a graceful carriage and often astonishes her cousins with her clever little tricks.

SNAKES DO NOT BITE.

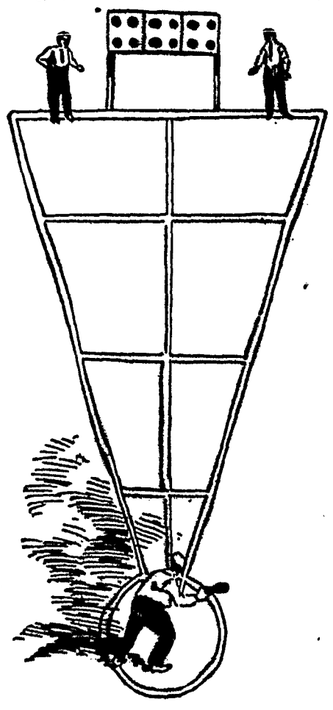
Jaws Connected Only by a Cartilage and Cannot Come Together With Force.

It is a common error that snakes bite. Snakes do not bite. Their jaws are connected only by a cartilage and cannot be brought together with any force. The poisonous snake strikes from its coil, throws its head and body forward and hooks its fangs into the object aimed at. The entire work is done with the upper jaw. The serpent does not swallow its prey, but slowly draws itself over the creature it devours. It is enabled to do so by the elasticity of the skin and the extraordinarily loose condition of the teeth-bearing bones of its fangs. As for a snake depositing a thick slime all over its prey before swallowing it, it is a mistake. The tongue does not carry moisture enough to do this, but when once inside the animal there is an abundance of saliva. The tongue is looked upon as a sting, and the common expression is "Look out for its sting!"

The tongue is a mobile, extensile organ of both touch and taste. So far from being a sting, the delicate implement is of the greatest use, and express fear, anger or pleasure. The tongue of a snake is very important to its owner, as the slightest injury even to its tips generally results in the snake's death.

Bag Ball.

Bag ball is a new game freshly imported from England. It is adapted to the tastes of both old and young and may be played under cover or in the open air. The game is played with tennis balls and rackets and a receiving board. Forty-five feet is suggested as a proper distance from the striking point to the receiving board, but this is not arbitrary. The balls are to be 12 red and 12 white lawn tennis ones, and the game is won by those who first



BAG BALL GROUND.

play six balls through the holes into the net at the back of the receiving board. The server or bowler delivers, underhand, 12 balls into the rebound unless the striker is "out" before the 12 are bowled. Balls that do not pitch into the rebound are "no balls," and three bowled thus in succession count one to the striker. The striker stands with one foot within or on the line forming the striking circle and hits the ball as it rises from the rebound, endeavoring to bat it into one of the holes on the receiving board. The striker is "out" if he misses three properly bowled balls in succession, or if the ball should be caught by an opponent as it rebounds from the receiving board, or if caught by the server, and also when 12 properly bowled balls have been delivered. The server takes the place of the striker in turn. When more than two are playing, all may play against one another or sides may be chosen.

Lizard Against Snake.

A remarkable story of a contest between a snake and a lizard comes from Greenup, Ky. The contest took place in a cluster of saplings and lasted for nearly half a day. The lizard would run up a sapling clear to the top and patiently wait while the snake wound its way about half way up the sapling. Then he would jump from the top of the tree to the ground, and the snake would also fling itself from the tree, both striking the ground about the same time, but before the snake could get himself straightened out the lizard, which did not have to uncoil, would scale up another sapling. Then the snake would repeat its efforts to procure a dinner. The snake, not being a ready climber, was at a great disadvantage in the contest, and after many efforts apparently gave it up as a fruitless job.

A Kind Voice.

You sometimes hear boys and girls say words at play with a quick, sharp tone, as if it were the snap of a whip. If any of them gets vexed, you will hear a voice which sounds as if it were made up of a snarl, a whine and a bark. Such a voice often speaks worse than the heart feels. It shows more ill will in tone than in words. Such as these get a sharp voice for home use and keep their best voice for those they meet elsewhere. We would say to all girls and boys, "Use your best voice at home." Watch it by day as a pearl of great price, for it will be worth more to you in the days to come than the best pearl hid in the sea. A kind voice is a lark's song to heart and home.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents.

Elmira.

Rev. Father John Lee, curate of St. Patrick's delivered a sermon at Bath Tuesday evening, during the Forty Hours devotion held there.

Mrs. John Purcell, wife of the late John Purcell, and mother of Mrs. J. J. O'Connor, and Mrs. T. B. Jones, lies critically ill at the home of Mrs Jones.

The comedy "Confusion" which was produced at the Auditorium three nights last week, was repeated on Monday evening, and delighted a large audience.

The entertainment and reception given at Bundy hall Wednesday evening by the Young Ladies of SS. Peter and Paul's, brought out a merry crowd of people. A program of merit was rendered, the following well know performers appearing: Miss May Connolly, pianist; Miss Jennie Cosgrove, soprano; Miss Clara Louise Connelly, mandolinist; Mr. Martin F. Milan, baritone; Miss Nellie Cosgrove, reciter; Mr. Edward Briggs, violinist; Miss Letitia Horgan, soprano, Miss Mary Tierney, contralto. Special mention should be made of the artistic singing of Miss Jennie Cosgrove, who, although very youthful, displayed wonderful talent. Miss Cosgrove has a voice of unusual promise and does credit to her teacher, Miss Letitia Horgan. Dancing brought the evenings enjoyment to a close.

Elmira amateur's will shortly produce the hilariously funny comedy, "My Friend From India." which caught the popular fancy throughout the country two seasons ago, and is still being produced by professional companies.

At Towanda, Pa., on Wednesday, April 20th, occurred the marriage of Mr. Thos. McDonald, of this city to Miss Ellen Daugherty of that place. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have arrived in Elmira from their wedding tour and are now at home to their friends.

It is intimated that Cupid has not been idle in our midst, and as a result several weddings will be celebrated in this city ere the month of roses wanes.

Prayers were offered, in all the city churches last Sunday, in behalf of our soldier boys, and the maintainance of our nation's honor.

The Father Mathew Society orchestra of twelve pieces tendered their valuable services to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, during the benefit performances of "Confusion., at the Auditorium last week, and their up-to-date music was a feature of the entertainment.

Dan Quinlan is in the city for a few days, the Field's Minstrel Company of which Mr. Quinlan is member, having closed their season.

The Lyceum Theatre contained two of the largest audiences of the season on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, upon which occasions "Secret Service" and Francis Wilson in "Half a King" held forth. All that has been said in praise of these productions can justly be repeated, for two finer attractions have not graced our theatre in many days.

George V. Horgan spent Sunday in Buffalo, going there to attend the Knights of Columbus conference of the Third Degree.

Miss Fanny Lynch has returned from a visit with Owego friends.

C. Charles Sullivan visited Corning friends Sunday.

J. S. Kennedy of Corning, attended the production of "Secret Service" in this city Tuesday evening.

The Shakespeare Club delighted two select audiences of invited friends on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, when the ever popular work "The Merchant of Venice" was portrayed. Miss Donovan in the character of "Portia" displayed rare dramatic talent, and added new laurels to those already won.

The Mendelsohn Club will give a concert at the College Chapel next Wednesday evening.

A number of Elmira Knights of Columbus will attend the installation of Carbondale council next Sunday.

W. P. Conway of Buffalo, called on Elmira friends during the week.

Beautiful Eldridge Park, the mecca for summer tourists, cyclists and pleasure seekers, will be opened for the season on Decoration Day.

That the patriotic feeling of our citizens is aroused to the highest pitch is evinced by the gorgeous display of the glorious stars and stripes throughout the city. From all the public buildings and a great many private residences "Old Glory," floats triumphantly to the breeze.

John Lawrence Sullivan, ex-champion pugilist of the world and now an aspirant for stage honors, stopped over in Elmira about six hours last Saturday. Mr. Sullivan has aged greatly since his last appearance in this city, and his hair is snow white. He is also very stout, weighing about 275 pounds.

Corning.

Who will organize the first company in Corning? "Sweetest peace" is very nice, but the man who will see his country in danger of getting "licked" and not be willing to fight, is a man whose soul is dead. In other words, he is an A-P-E.

Miss Katherine Cogan has been visting friends in Elmira.

James Gould returned on Monday evening to Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., to resume his studies there.

John S. Kennedy spent Thursday of last week in Utica.

Miss Helen Troli has returned to Oswego, to resume her studies at the State Normal school there.

On Friday morning of last week a mysterious, dull report startled the city and rattled glass in many houses. It sounded like an explosion of a bomb and imaginative souls conceived the horrible idea that the murderous Spaniards were upon us with shot and shell. On investigation it was found that there had been an explosion of twenty pounds of dynamite near where men are at work clearing the old piles out of the Chemung river opposite the D. L. & W. depot, and that a young man named Orrin Walker of Gibson had been blown literally to pieces. The young man, who was engaged in thawing out some dynamite, used to blow up the old piles, was hurled into the air, when the explosion occurred and his head and arm blowed off. One other workman was injured but not seriously.

Another startling event occurred earlier in the week when the Corning fire department held its annual election of officers and the independent ticket proved the winner. The department consists of five hose companies and one of those—the Alliance and the Independents—were backed up to be outraged, so to speak, not upon and ignored in the nominations. But the worm turned. The combined efforts of the two companies named already, won the day, after an election night that was "hot stuff." The elected officers are as follows: Fred Lipps, Trichard Hose Company, chief engineer; S. E. Tuthill, first assistant, Independent; Wm. Conley, second assistant, Trichard and Andrew Ingersoll, treasurer, of the Alliance Hook and Ladder Company.

An epedemic of duck shooting lately seized upon many of our gunners and the banks of the Chemung have been lined during the early hours of the morning with sharp-shooters, old and young. In order to make a success of duck shooting, however there is one thing absolutely necessary, you must first find the ducks. And it does not do to trust to the evidence of your ears that they are about. Anyone can "hear ducks."

One of the sad events of the past week was the sudden and accidental death of Henry Gibson, an employee on the Fall Brook Railway and a man of many friends. He lost his footing and fell from the coal trestle, situated in the lower yard to the ground, a distance of about sixteen feet. He lived for three hours after the accident and was attended by Father Bustin before he breathed his last. The funeral was held on Friday from St. Mary's church and was largely attended. The ball-bearers were: A. T. Elwood, Austin Ballman, Pius McMahon, Thomas Gill, Frank McCloskey and Stewart Owen.

Miss Lizzie Reynolds of Waverly, visited Miss Alice McMahon of West First street, during the past week.

Corning Division No. 1, A. O. H., gave a dance in Williams hall on Tuesday evening. The music was by H. L. Taylor who officiated at the piano in his inimitible style and the whole affair was characterized by that air of genial hospitality and good feeling which is always associated with the A. O. H. The committee of arrangements consisted of John Hart, chairman; M. D. Powers, John Buckley, Larry Whalen and Wm. Welch.

Shortsville.

The entertainment and ball given last Friday evening for the benefit of St. Dominic's church, was well attended.

Mr. Andrew More who has been visiting in Rochester, has returned.

Mr and Mrs. Sullivan of Clifton Springs, called on friends Sunday.

Miss Mary Kelsher returned home to Geneva, Thursday.

Mrs. C. Manly and son, of Seneca Castle, were the guests of Mrs. Dunn, on Friday.

Geneva.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, James Murray and Nellie Ragan, both of this place, were married.

Wednesday, April 20, Henry Linyham and Mary Roach, both of Geneva, were married by Rev. S. V. McFadden.

John Neary spent Sunday in Pen Yan, the guest of friends.

Mrs. Thos. H. Sweeney, has returned from a visit among relatives at Constable-ville.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Cox and James Killigrew, of this city is announced to take place at St. Francis de Sale's church Wednesday morning, April 27.

A volunteer regiment is being formed in this city, and though we are not very fierce, we "just want one chance to annihilate the Spanish army. "Sic semper tyrannus."

Many Cuban flags are displayed from poles which at such a time should have our own flag on them to inspire every American and remind him of the great debt which he owes his country for giving him every advantage of education, and giving him an equal chance to rise with others who might have had blue blood in his veins.

Nine out of ten of the men who express their willingness to enlist, never utter a word about the loss of the Maine and 266 Americans, but fiercely denounce the Spanish tactics toward the Cuban insurgents. Charity begins at home.

Supt. McGuire of the Erie, has issued a notice to Erie employees advising that if they wish to enlist in the U. S. service for war with Spain, they will be granted a leave of absence, during the term of enlistment, without loss of rights, if upon their return to company's service they are physically able to discharge their duties, and present an honorable discharge from the service of the United States.

Cornell University examination for scholarship will be held in this city June 4th.

Elaborate preparations are being made to celebrate Arbor Day in the schools.

Ithaca.

P. Dohahue has secured a position in Canastota.

P. J. Maloney has left for New York to enlist on a man-o'-war.

A large number of Ithacans attended the funeral of Rev. Father O'Connell at Ovid last week Tuesday.

Caledonia.

Mrs. John Ball and Miss Anna Cain went to Rochester on Wednesday to attend the marriage of their brother, Michael Cain, to Miss Mame Sheridan at the Immaculate Conception church at 8 p. m.

The devotion of the forty hours will open Sunday at 9 o'clock mass.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGovern of the Palmer House are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Miss Anna Connor attended the Sets-Kelly wedding at LeRoy on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie McPherson has gone to Rochester to spend the summer.

Willard.

Miss Margaret McGuire is spending a week with relatives in Seneca Falls.

Mrs. Albert Kerr, one of the hospital nurses, has resigned and gone to housekeeping.

Miss Alice Hendricks, nurse, is very ill at present writing.

Miss Laura Robinson spent a few days last week at her home in Scarsburg.

The largest number of people ever absent at one time from the hospital was on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the occasion of the funeral of Rev. T. J. O'Connell at Ovid. Nearly every Catholic employed here, also a great many of our non-Catholic friends assembled to do honor to the memory of the deceased priest.

Lima.

Messrs. Eugene Carroll and H. Sheehan spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Harrington are to be congratulated upon the arrival of a boy.

Some of our Lima young men have volunteered their services to serve in some of the companies that are being organized in Rochester, and it is said that quite a few more are ready to go if necessary.

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