











YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

MISS POLLY'S FOURTH.

Did ever you hear of Miss Polly Shannon? Who nearly goes mad at the sight of a cannon? Just outside of Bristol lives a girl named Polly Shannon. She is a very good girl, and is very much interested in the Fourth of July. She has a very large collection of fireworks. Most secretly she spends our National day.

THE "DIRT-DOBBER"

How it Batters Its House, and the Disposition It Makes of Its Victims. "What a beautiful spider, Cousin Allie!" exclaimed Katie, and then she added, with a face full of amazement; "why, where has it gone?"

every time before going for a fresh supply of earth. After two days' constant work the cell was finished. It was perfectly smooth and round inside, and quite dark. The third morning found Allie and Katie at their post in good time to see Mrs. Dirt-dobber begin her work.

A NERVOUS GROOM.

How the Practical Gall of a Chicago Justice Disappointed Him. Two friends chanced to meet on Grand Avenue the other day, and each seemed to be glad to see the other.

TRAVELING IN 1700.

The Virginia planter of the richer sort, who was said to live with more show and luxury than a country gentleman in England, on the estate of three or four thousand pounds a year, showed a strong liking for the stately six-horse coach, with postillions; but it was not until 1730 that wheeled carriages were recognized in the legal price-list of the Virginia ferries.

THE GREAT PYRAMID.

Now that Great Britain is dominant at Cairo, would it not be a good idea to clear away the sand and rubbish from the Great Pyramid, right down to its rocky foundation, and try to discover those vast corridors, halls and temple, containing priceless curiosities and treasures with which tradition in all ages has credited the Great Pyramid?

CURRENT ITEMS.

A good mechanic gets four dollars a week in Holland. New Orleans is to have a Castle Garden, which she hopes to make as famous as that in New York. These rinds are disposed of by making them into cement for mending glass and porcelain.

OUR FLAG.

The subject of a flag or standard was considered early in the Continental Congress; and, on the 14th of June, 1777, this resolution was passed: Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

AMERICAN FABLES.

Some Allegories, a Good Way after Esop, Which Teach Healthy Morals. A Crow and a Hare met by chance one day, and were so well pleased with each other that it was agreed to form a Partnership.

CRUELTY IN NAPLES.

Other Things in That beautiful City Called Flowers, Sun and Sunshine. Your correspondent from Naples says with perfect truth of the Neapolitan spring: "It is a season when this lovely land is clothed in all luxuriance of flowers; the earth is carpeted with them, walls and trees bear their light and delicious burden, and the cast of mind prevailing in these southern regions gives a religious tone to these beautiful provisions of nature and dedicates them to the Church."

THE BEAR AND THE WOLF.

The Bear and the Wolf had been Warm Friends for many years when the Wolf one day asked for a Loan to help him out of a Tight Squeeze. To his utter Astonishment the Favor was Promptly Refused.

A Fair Income.

Outside the House of Commons, most persons are of opinion that £700,000 per annum is quite enough for the maintenance of the royal family, and that this amount ought not to be increased. Why, then, is this opinion so little represented inside? Because M. P.'s are human, and their wives are also human.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FRAUDS.

How Indian Graves are Fabricated to Order. To discover an Indian grave is, of course, a red-letter day for the archaeologist. Now, Indian graves are manufactured to order. It would appear, at least the following recently occurred in New Jersey.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN.

The San Francisco Bulletin complains that the Chinese are pouring into California in almost as great number as ever, notwithstanding the restrictive legislation. The great majority come on Custom House certificates believed to have been purchased in Hong Kong from returning coolies.



