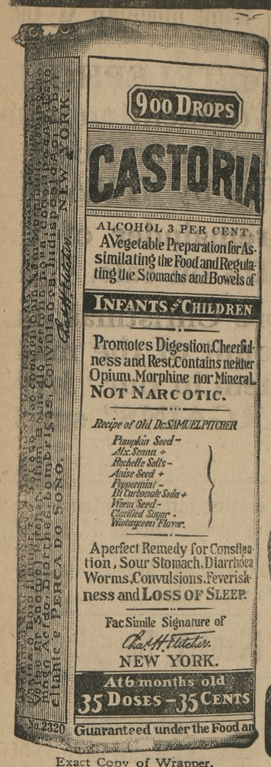

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Beg from door to door.

Sing a song of whiskey—
Sound it all the time;
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A PATHETIC STORY.

WHAT RUM DOES.

I was sitting at my breakfast table one Sabbath morning, when I was called to my door by the ringing of the bell. There stood a boy about fourteen years of age, poorly clad, but tidied up as best he could.

He was leaning on crutches; one leg off at the knee. In a voice trembling with emotion, and tears coursing down his cheeks, he said: "Mr. Hoagland, I am Freddy Brown. I have come to see if you will go to the jail and talk and pray with my father. He is to be hung to-morrow for the murder of my mother. My father was a good man, but whiskey did it. I have three little sisters younger than myself. We are very, very poor and have no friends. We live in a dark and dingy room. I do the best I can to support my sisters by selling papers, blacking boots, and odd jobs; but, Mr. Hoagland, we are awfully poor. Will you come and be with us when father's body is brought home? The Governor says we may have his body after he is hung."

I was deeply moved to pity. I promised and made haste to the jail, where I found his father.

He acknowledged that he must have murdered his wife, for the circumstances pointed that way, but he had not the slighest remembrance of the deed. He said he was crazed with drink or he never would have committed the crime. He said: "My wife was a good and faithful mother to my little children. Never did I dream that my hand could be guilty of such a crime." The man could bravely face the penalty of the law for his deed, but he broke down and cried as if his heart would break when he thought of leaving his children in a destitute and friendless condition. I read and prayed with him and left him to his fate.

The next morning I made my way to the miserable quarters of the children. I found three little girls upon a bed of straw in one corner of the room. They were clad in rags. They were beautiful girls had they had the proper care. They were expecting the body of their dead father, and between their cries and sobs they would say, "Papa was good, but whisky did it."

In a little time two strong officers came bearing the body of the dead father in a rude pine box. They set it down on two rickety stools. The cries of the children was so heartrendering that the officers could not endure it, and made haste out of the room.

In a moment the manly boy nerved himself, and said: "Come, sisters, kiss papa's face before it is cold." They gathered about his face and smoothed it down with kisses, and between their sobs cried out: "Papa was good, but whiskey did it! Papa was good, but whiskey did it!

"I raised my heart to God and said: "O God, did I fight to save a country that would derive a revenue from a traffic that would make one scene like this possible?"—Youth's Outlook.

State's School Rating.

The average rank which the Russell Sage Foundation accords the popular educational system of Maryland is not calculated to arouse any pride in the bosoms of Marylanders. The State school system of Maryland is accorded thirty-sixth position, as to general efficiency, among the forty-eight State systems now in operation. It is not at the bottom of the list, but way down below the midway average of efficiency. If Bulletin 124 issued by the Sage Foundation is an accurate comparative estimate of the work in popular education that is being accomplished in the various States there is certainly reason for a searching inquiry as to why Maryland is lagging behind other progressive states in educational endeavor.

In estimating the effectiveness of the various State systems the length of the school year seems to be the main factor considered. Rhode Island is credited with having the longest "effective school year," which is stated as being 193 days, while Maryland is credited with providing only 79 days of schooling for every child of school age. Surely there must be some error in stating the length of the potential school year as respects this State. The length of school year does vary in the different counties, but there are few counties in which the schools are open for less than thirty weeks, and five days is the general rule in the Mary-school week. That would mean an effective year of 150 days instead of 79 days.

And in Baltimore city, and fully one-half the counties of the State, the schools are open during forty weeks of the year, or fully 200 days. The average pay of teachers for a school year in Maryland is stated as $515, and in this respect the State is accorded the eighteenth rank. The State in which the popular educational system is accredited with greatest efficiency is Washington, Massachusetts ranking second.

Horse Notes.

The stallion Allerworthy, 2.25¼, by Allerton, 2.09¼, out of Nyanzworthy, by Axworthy, 2.15¼, has been sent to Lon McDonald to be raced next year.

The pacing stallion Black Dart, 2.09¼, by Directum, 2.15¼, recently became the property of George Cole, Evans City, Pa., for an expenditure of $1.

Another phenomenal four-year-old pacer has shown up in California in the filly Leta J., by Royal McKinney. The filly worked a mile in 2.05¼ at Stockton, November 9.

"Dusty" Rhodes plans to race on the Grand Circuit next season.

Vernon McKinney's mile in 2.04 at Los Angeles is the fastest on record by a pacing stallion with an amateur driver behind him.

The seven thoroughbred mares purchased from James R. Keene by William K. Vanderbilt for $60,000 have been shipped to France.

Ira Ryerson, after several years of success as a trainer in Austria, is back in his old home, Goshen, N. Y. He won 79 races this year.

The dam of the young trotting mare Lady Grattan, 2.12½, who won many races in the west and southwest this year, is Lady Downing, 2.14¼, by Hershon 14587.

The black stallion Heartwood, 2.13¾, by Woodford Wilkes, started in 23 races during 1912. He was eight times first, five times second, four times third, three times fourth and three times out of the money. His total winnings were $4975.

The yearling filly Pavlova, by Peter the Great, 2.07¼, dam Orianna, dame of Grace, 2.04¾,; Czarevna, 2.07¼, etc., looks to be one of the bargains of the Old Glory sale. Tom Nolan, the Poughkeepsie trainer, secured her for $1,000.

King Todd, 2.22¼, the pacing son of Todd, 2.14¾, and Nancy Hanks, 2.04, was purchased at the Old Glory sale by F. S. McLennon, Napnall, Ontario. Judging by the looks of the few youngsters by this horse, he was a good bargain at $500.

Trotters with fast records can still win good money. Dude Arcndale, 2.04½ and Billy Burke, 2.03¼, each captured over $8,000 this season.

Pickles, 2.03¼, the fast little mare owned by J. H. Bronson, of New Haven, was used under saddle in her two-year-old form by a Kentucky girl.

The Moguette pacer, Jim B., 2.12¼, one of the bearcats from the twice around, goes into the Murphy stable, the property of Charles Barnum, of Lime Rock, Conn., at a reported price of $6,000.

December 24 to January 2 are the dates for the winter meeting, over the ice at Toronto, Ont. The montreal dates are January 16 to 22, and Ottawa, January 30, to February 5.

Teto, 2.14½, is the dam of Grace Hilton, who recently finished third in the fastest race ever won by a trotter in Germany. The winner, Gluckstern, by Allentell, 2.20¼, out of Pearl Belle, 2.26, stepped in 2.13¾, 2.15¾.

Colonel R. H. Stevenson will use Royal Hall, a son of Walnut Hall, 2.08¼, and Fereno, 2.15¼, on the road this winter.

They say that in the four-year-old trotter McFitzsimmons, Dick Wilson has one that will be hard to beat on the Grand Circuit next season, if his plans of racing a stable in the East are carried out.

The four-year-old trotting filly Lady Phillips, 2.17¼, a granddaughter of Cresceus, 2.02¼, during one period of 16 days last season took part in six races and won five of them, while in the sixth she was second.

George Levitt's stallion, The Northern Man, has the distinction of being second fastest green trotting stallion on record. Colorado E., (3), 2.04¾, is the only one that excels him in this respect.

The two-year-old trotting colt Nathan Axworthy is being wintered at the Clifton, N. J., half mile track by Trainer John Packer. He is reported to be in fine shape. He looks a great prospect for the season of 1913.

The Patchen Wilkes Farm youngsters sold well at New York. The consignment consisted of four two-year-olds, two weanlings and 16 yearlings, and the amount received for them was $13,-965, an average of almost $635 per head.

Charles De Ryder, who trained and drove the trotter San Fe epe, 2.09¼, to victory in ten successive victories the past season was presented with a check for $1,000 by the gelding's owner, W. T. Senson, of San Francisco.

The Ernest (2), 2.21¼, that was one of the disappointments of the R. J. Mackenzie stable the past season as a three-year-old, recently trotted a half over the Pleasanton track in 1.02. He will be raced next year as a gelding.

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In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity.

No. 1807.

ORDERED, this 13th day of November, 1912, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, trustee, under and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, dated the 12th day of October, 1912, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of January next:—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 16th day of December next.

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