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Last Christmas I had my eye on a house where there was boxes and bundles enough goin' in to fill the hold of a ship. I saw a small boy playing out on the sidewalk before the house, and I thought o' kidnappin' him, though it was no more than a thought, for I'm not in that line o' business. There's nothing into it. Steal a man's child, and he don't make no fuss, but steal his child, and not only he and his mother, but the rest of the world, git on a mighty big hustle that's sure to beat you out o' your profit. The kid I'm talkin' of had a good lookin' nurse called Martha, and she called him little.

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leaves things loose, puttin' 'em in their proper places the next day. I chose that time and instead o' breakin' in durin' the night, knowin' from the nurse of the staircases and the habits o' the family, I stole in about 6 o'clock, when they was at dinner. The nurse had let out that she slept in a bed in Jimmie's room and he slept in his crib. There wa'n't nobody upstairs, and I had the free run o' the house up there. Servants sleep sounder than people as don't have nothin' to do, and I concluded that if I could git into the nurse's room I'd stand the best chance. While I was a-rootin' round I saw a crib through an open door. I went in, found a bed there and got under it. It was one o' the low kind, and I had a hard job to squeeze in.

"When the kid come up to go to bed I almost give myself away larfin' at him. He lugged a lot o' things into the room, most of 'em five cent toys, sayin' he wasn't goin' to leave 'em downstairs for burglars, and some of 'em he took to bed with him. When he got on his nightie his nurse asked him to say his prayers. He told her he'd said 'em to his mother. The nurse said he hadn't done no such thing. 'Yes, I have,' said Jimmie. 'If you don't believe me, ask God.'

"I stuffed my fist in my mouth to keep from shoutin', and it wasn't long before Jimmie and the nurse were both asleep. I waited till I heard a clock strike 1, then I crawled out. The door had been left open, and there was a light in the hall. I had to go past Jimmie's crib to git out o' the room. His pet kitten was sleepin' on a pillar beside the crib, and what did I do but step on the pesky little thing. This woke Jimmie, and he could see me in the dim light standin' beside his crib.

"What d'ye suppose the little monkey did? He sat up, pulled a tin horn from under his pillar and began to blow as hard as his little lungs was able. He stopped a minute to holler: 'Burglar! Don't let him take my cards what I worked at the kintergarten!' Then he started in again to blow.

"I didn't wait to hear any more, but started down the stairs four steps at

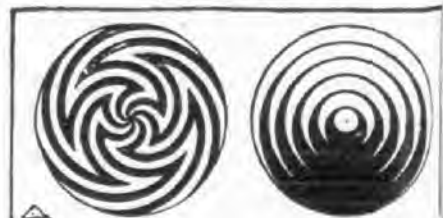
a time. Before I reached the bottom the electric was switched on, but the nurse had posted me on the ways o' gitin' out, and in a jiffy I was in the street. I could see the house in a blaze o' light. A winder was raised and a woman's voice yelled, 'Burglars, police!' and above the clatter I could hear Jimmie's horn a-blowin' and a-blowin' 's if he was Gabriel tryin' to raise the dead.

"I dodged a cop comin', lit into an alley, vaulted over a fence and hid under a coal shed. The cop rattled his club on the curb, and in no time there was a dozen of 'em around the house I'd got out of. While they was thinkin' to take me in the house I run down the alley and, makin' another street, dodged along till I was well away.

"Since then I don't go much for Christmas plunder. Leastways, I don't like dogs, kittens nor children. Kittens ain't nothin' if you don't step on 'em, and dogs you can quiet by throwin' 'em a bit o' meat, but a kid with a tin horn under his pillar that afraid some un's goin' to run away with his five cent toys or his kintergarten stuff is too much for me."

F. A. MITCHELL

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—New York Herald

A NEW LETTER

Mother (teaching her child the alphabet) -- Now, dearie, what comes after G? "Whiz"

"BROMLEY'S NERVE"

(Written for "The Boys' Banner" by W. M. Overton, Geneva, Iowa.)

Yes, Bromley was considered the best sprinter and especially long distance jumper in the school of Rushville.

He had won glorious victories the year before over the Harlem school, despite the fact of its being his first year and being out of practice.

This year the Rushville athletes were to meet the Harlem men, on their own track, to again decide which was champion. But, though he had the honor of being the champion sprinter and jumper of the two schools, Bromley had his enemies.

Preston, a man who had been at Rushville the champion the year before the coming of Bromley, was a bitter enemy of the former. He knew Bromley was the best man, but never acknowledged the fact. When the annual meet had been held the year before, Preston had succeeded in making an excuse for not competing on the grounds that he suffered a painful ankle.

It was only two weeks until the contest would take place between the two schools. Preston watched the men practice, but never took part in it. Perhaps, if one were to watch closely, they would have noticed a malicious gleam in the eyes of Preston.

The day for the annual meet has arrived and the Rushville athletes, together with a large number of their fellow students, are assembled on the Harlem track. Preston was there, also, to the bewilderment of his

friends and Bromley.

Bromley stood out on the track dressed ready for the contest with the exception of his slippers, which he had left in the dressing room until time for the contest, having donned a pair of shoes.

If anyone had noticed they would have seen Preston all at once retire from the crowd. For what purpose we shall see later. Preston returned, though, just as Bromley departed for the dressing room and donned his racing slippers.

The vaulting contest has been held with victory for the Harlemites. Next comes the hammer throw, in which Brown of Rushville comes out an easy first.

"Get ready for the long distance jump," is the cry, and Wharton, of Harlem, jumps. Can it be beat? Next comes Beach, also of Harlem, who falls short by a full inch of jumping Wharton's mark.

Now decides who is champion in the long distance jump as Bromley steps out on the track. Bromley starts with his swift gait when a look of pain overspreads his countenance. Does he stop? No! He runs on and gives one leap in the air.

Bromley is champion. His mark is one-half inch ahead of that made by Wharton. But, look, he has toppled over. He has fainted. A crowd gathers and he is soon brought back to consciousness.

As soon as he gains his senses he reaches down to his left foot and pulls off his slipper. Instantly a

stream of blood oozes out of his foot. There on the bottom of the slipper, cunningly inserted, was a large tack. The head was covered over with white paint, so that it could not be distinguished from the white slipper.

On the first few steps Bromley had felt the tack push through the flesh of his foot, but kept on. When he had jumped, upon alighting, the tack had been pushed into the foot to the fullest extent.

Three cheers for Bromley and his nerve!

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This was the sound that came from the group when the cause of the accident had been revealed.

leaving the grounds—all talking at once over Bromley's mysterious ac-

"What makes you so pale, Preston," asked one of his friends, as they were ident.

"Oh, I have not been feeling well," was the tired reply.

But, the wrong of Preston was not to go unrevealed.

While in the act of taking his handkerchief from his pocket, a small can of paint fell to the ground. The cause of Bromley's accident was revealed.

Friends soon became scarce with Preston, until he could stand it no longer.

One day, with his trunk upon the depot platform, Preston purchased a ticket for home. The train had whistled and nearly reached the station when one of his old friends stepped up to him and asked where he was going.

"Oh, only on a little trip," was the reply.

"Better stay over to the game; it will be the last of the season," said his friend.

This was too much for Preston. With the tears growing in his eyes he replied:

"Rushville is no place for me, wherever I were I where my shame was known."

The train pulled in and Preston boarded it, never to return to Rushville again.

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Conducted by Walter M. Overton, Dept. BB Geneva, Iowa

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will be published in the Stamp Dept. Remember that short articles, stories etc. are wanted every month for this department. Prizes for the best of these will be given in the future. Be sure and address all letters to Walter M. Overton Dept. BB Geneva Iowa.

This month we published the following article. One of the greatest questions of the modern stamp collectors is how to get rid of these frauds. Have you any suggestions to make.

"Philatelic Dead Beats"

What is a "Philatelic Dead Beat"? To make a long story short, I will say that a person who sends to a stamp firm asking for a selection of stamps on approval and keeps them regardless of value, is what might be rightly termed a "Philatelic Dead Beat." The parties that practice this kind of underhanded work are doing nothing less than stealing. Sometimes the dealer whose sheets of stamps have gotten into the hands of these parties, after threatening them in every way possible, has them returned to him. Probably in such cases as this the approval sheet thief is a new hand at it and is scared into returning the selection of stamps. Those that have been making a practice of this business for some time get so that they pay no attention to the requests to return the approval

sheets in their possession.

What can a dealer do to prevent this? This is the question that has been taxing the minds of all the dealers and honest collectors who are imposed upon by these frauds. The main trouble is that usually the value of the selection of stamps kept is not enough to cause the person to be prosecuted. That is, the cost of a lawyer's assistance would greatly overbalance the value of the selection of stamps. The best way to stop this underhanded work, the worst enemy of the stamp dealer, is to publish the name of the offender in every available philatelic paper, as a fraud. Many times this will stop the person who has been keeping stamps from continuing it. The stamp dealers' protective association is also a great

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THE GLOBE TROTTERS

A Story for BOYS

"Will you show me some bracelets?" asked a modest looking man, very genteel in appearance and wearing clothes of a British cut.

The clerk pulled out a tray of gold bracelets, and the gentleman looked them over critically.

"Talk about the jewelry abroad," the customer remarked in a pleasant voice, "I think our American jewelry is much more tasteful. I've looked over the stock in London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin and St. Petersburg—I'm a globe trotter, you know—and I give you my word I've not seen any such unique designs as these."

After hesitating a long while between two or three bracelets he bought one for \$50, paid for it by check from his pocket check book and told the jeweler to send it to the — hotel as soon as the check was reported to be good.

The next morning, the check having been pronounced "good," the bracelet was delivered.

A week later the same gentleman trotted into the same jewelry store and asked to see some diamond solitaire rings. The same clerk waited on him and drew forth a case containing diamonds worth from \$10 to \$150.

"Something better, please," said the customer, and, putting back the tray, the clerk pulled out another with gems of far greater value.

"Rings are the same everywhere," said the customer after looking over the lot. "Let me see some brooches. Ah, these are better. There is more chance for originality in design. By Jove, that's a beauty! Quel prix? 'Pon my word, I've stopped so often in Paris that I forgot I was in America. How much, I mean."

"Fifty-five hundred dollars."

"Isn't that a big price?"

"There are two diamonds in it worth \$2,500 each inset."

The gentleman looked longingly at the brooch, went away, came back the same afternoon, looked over the stock again and again clung to the brooch.

"I'm unaccustomed to American ways," he said to the clerk. "I don't know anything about this house, and, though I'm a fair judge of diamonds, I don't like to put so much money into them without the opinion of an expert. Would your house consider it improper for me to bring an expert here to look at this brooch?"

"Certainly not."

So the customer went out and the next day brought an expert, who pronounced the diamonds of the first water, and the customer, being satisfied, requested that the brooch be sent to his hotel for his wife's approval. That afternoon it was brought there by a shrewd looking man, who said he was one of the members of the firm. He was obliged to wait till the globe trotter sent for the expert; then the box containing the brooch was opened, and the gems shone forth in great splendor. The globe trotter's wife, a delicate looking woman, who seemed to be tired out following her husband around the world, admired it immensely.

"Anything more of me?" asked the expert after stating that the jewels were the same or at least of equal value to those he had seen at the store.

"Nothing more, thank you," replied the customer, slipping a bill into her hand. "Now," he continued to the jeweler, "I want this brooch with these identical jewels, and you want \$5,500 in good money. I don't ask you to trust me, and I wouldn't trust anybody. I once bought a diamond in Constantinople, and before I got it into my possession a paste facsimile had been substituted. What I propose is this; I will put the brooch in this little box, seal it up, stamped with my own seal and you take it back to the store

with my check for \$5,500. As soon as the check is pronounced good at the bank you send me the box, still sealed. What do you think of that?"

"I think it an unusual method."

"Very well, if you object I suppose we shall have to call the sale off. I don't come to take"—

"As you like," said the jeweler, who knew there was \$500 profit in the transaction.

The globe trotter placed the brooch in the box, put a piece of wrapping paper about it, tied with a string, sealed it with a ring he wore on his little finger and was about to hand it to the jeweler when the wife shrieked and put her hand to her heart. For a moment all eyes were turned to her, then, recovering, she said:

"Don't mind me. It's only one of those sharp pains I have so often."

The husband, with an anxious expression, advancing to her, handed the box and a check to the jeweler as he passed and, apparently dismissing everything else than his wife's condition, stood over her fanning her. The jeweler withdrew, expressing a word of sympathy before closing the door.

The next day the protest clerk of the bank on which the check had been drawn called on the jewelers and presented the check, on which was written "No Funds." A suspicion that something was wrong came at once to the jewelers, who took the box from the safe, broke the seal, destroying the imprint of a very pretty crest, and took out a bit of newspaper. No brooch was there.

A telephone to the hotel elicited the information that the globe trotter and wife had gone on trotting within ten minutes after the jeweler had left the hotel. The trick consisted in changing the box for one exactly like it when the trotter's wife shrieked, thus momentarily withdrawing the jeweler's attention.

Notwithstanding the police made a special effort to capture the thieves and the brooch, neither was ever found.

F. TOWNSEND SMITH.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	

Now, if another person and yourself have each fifty counters and the agreement is to never stake more than ten at a time you may tell him, if he will permit you to stake first, you will undertake to make an even hundred before he does. In order to win out you must first stake one and, remembering the order of the above series, constantly add to what he stakes as many as will make one more than the numbers 11, 12, 33, etc., of which it is composed till you come to 89, after which the other player cannot reach the century mark or prevent you from doing so. If the person who is your opponent is not posted in the game you may stake any other number first under 10, provided you afterward take care to secure one of the last terms, 55, 67, 78, etc., or you may even let him stake first, provided you take care afterward to secure one of these numbers.

This game may be played with other numbers, but to be successful you must divide the number to be attained by a number which is a unit greater than what you can stake each time, and the remainder will then be the number you first staked. For example,

suppose the number to be attained is 52 and that you are never to add more than six. Then dividing 52 by 7 the remainder is 3, which will be the number you must stake first, and whatever the other stakes you must add to it as much as will make it equal to 7, the number by which you divided.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Farmyard.

This is a play that is always fun for children, and even "grownups" can enjoy it and forget their years for a time.

A boy chosen for farmer calls the children out one by one, gives them each the name of some beast or fowl and instructs them, when he raises his right hand, the horse is to neigh, the cow to moo, and so on. When he lifts his left hand all must be silent except the donkey and the rooster, who are privately instructed otherwise. When the farmer lifts his left hand they must bray and crow the louder. The effect is very comical if the boy representing the donkey "hee-haws" in the proper manner.

Fun From Old Bottles.

Though there is a fragile sound to the name, dolls of glass are quite substantial and almost unbreakable. What is more, they stand firmly erect and won't topple over or fall down. It requires no particular skill to make them either, for they are nothing but glass bottles in tissue paper clothes. Gather up your bottles, lay in a stock of white and colored tissue paper, and you will have abundant material for a brand new entertainment for the children.

Any bottles and all bottles will an

swer, provided they are empty and clean. Big and little, fat and slim, with high shoulders or slender waists, you can make some kind of a doll of almost any bottle.

Round bottles with long necks make the best lady dolls, while slim, short necked bottles, either round or flat, are best for men dolls. Almost any shape will answer for the children and babies.

Whatever kind of bottle you use, always put a cork in it first; then make a head by pasting a strip of rather stiff yellow wrapping paper around the neck, extending it a trifle above the mouth of the bottle. Paste the paper together at the edges so that the head will be slightly cone shaped, wider at the top than at the bottom; then cut off the point formed at the top. If the head slips down too far, paste will hold it in place. Draw the features with pen and ink and the hair with a paint brush dipped in ink. There should be room on the paper to extend the neck a quarter of an inch below the chin.

The skirts, waists, cloaks, hats, caps and bonnets of the women and children are all made of tissue paper cut in circles of various sizes. Of course the size of the circle must depend upon the size of the bottle you are dressing, and you will have to measure to find out just how large to make it. In making a skirt measure from the waist down, allow about a quarter of an inch and let that length be the length of half of the square from which you cut your circle. First cut your square, which will be twice the length of the skirt; then fold it through the middle into an oblong, bring the two short edges of the oblong together and make a square; fold the square diagonally, fold the triangle through the middle and make a sharper triangle.—St. Nicholas.

I come from the north,
I come from the south,
I travel by night and day,
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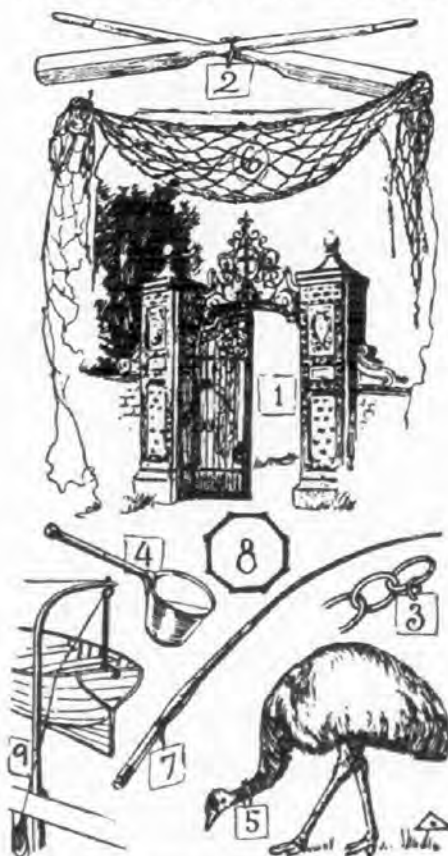
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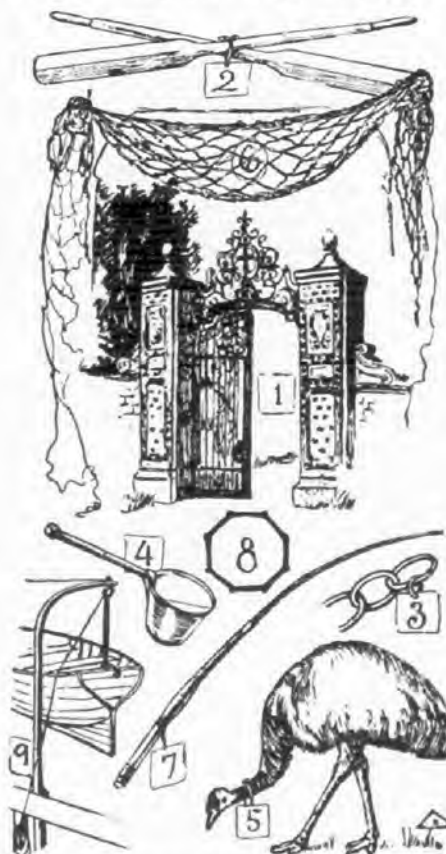
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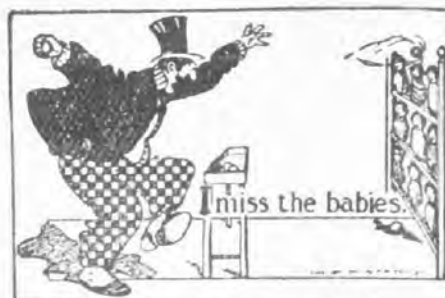
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Together they left the camp and pushed into the woods—those woods which so irresistibly attracted Bess Farley's small brother. It was Willie's first season in camp, and his voyage of exploration invariably resulted in lost bearings and a rescue party. Confident that the fabulous whumps would keep the youngsters at home, Tim and Bess made their way to the spring with no thought of Willie. But his sand toys soon palled upon the boy, and his active mind sought fresh employment. He wandered over to the edge of the inviting woods and gazed lovingly into the cool green pastures.

In the trees the squirrels chatted, and he could hear the frogs croaking solemnly in the marsh just beyond the road. Perhaps if he was very cautious he might evade the dreaded whumps. He was such a little fellow, he might be able to hide if they chanced his way.

There was a lovely big green bull-frog in the marsh. Perhaps even now he was sitting on a tuft of grass fairly begging a small boy to throw stones at him. With the delightful feeling of adventure Willie cast discretion to the wind and slipped into the shady spaces.

But no big frog was amiably waiting to become a target. Willie could hear them croaking, but not even a baby frog offered itself to his aim, and the boy wandered on. He found a new charm in the woods, since at any moment he might be called upon to flee from a whump, and he pressed onward.

Suddenly his heart stood still for one awful instant. From the bushes just beyond came a sound of voices suddenly raised in hue and cry. Willie dodged behind the bush, scarcely daring to breathe lest his respirations bring about his discovery, but the sounds died away in the distance, and, growing bolder, Willie crept forward and beheld the lair of the whumps.

It was a rather inviting spot, not at all what one would expect in the clock-work beasts. Three white tents were

pitched in a little glade opening to the lake. On the shore were boats and canoes, while about the tents were easy chairs of rustic manufacture.

The only fearful object was a kettle swinging from a tripod over the fire. This probably contained the last victim of the whumps' cannibalistic tendencies, and Willie shuddered as he thought how narrowly he had escaped a similar fate. He was still congratulating himself upon his safety when without warning some of the whumps burst in to the open, and Willie's blood chilled as he saw that they bore as captives Bess and Tim. The latter were brave. They were both laughing and joking and trying to pretend that they did not care, but that was all make believe Willie knew.

One of the whumps forced Bess into a chair and another forced upon her a reddish drink that they drew from a

bottle submerged in the spring. This must be poison that they gave their victims to render them unconscious. One dreadful little moment Willie hesitated, then he burst into the open.

"Please, Mr. Whump!" he called, precipitating himself upon the man who was trying to make his sister drink. "Please don't kill Bess! Let her go and take me. I'll wind you up. Honest I will. You don't want her. She is such a skinny thing."

A roar of laughter greeted his appearance, and Bess blushed redly at his personal allusion. The campers were puzzled, but in French Mason explained the bugbear that had been created to keep Willie out of the woods.

"It's a shame to tease him," cried Bess, touched by the boy's willingness to sacrifice himself for her. "They are not whumps, Willie."

"Yes, they are," he insisted. "I can hear the clockwork ticking." He was clinging to the leg of Bess' captor, Jim Brace, and after one quick glance the biggest of the whumps caught the situation. "He hears Brace's dollar watch," he explained as he rolled in the grass in his glee and his fellows howled with delight.

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The BLUE PENNANT

Helen Marshall was always dressed with a refinement that made an effective foil for the bronze brightness of her hair, the warm ivory of her skin, the red of her lips. Today she wore blue—a trim tailored gown of deep coated cloth, a little cocky felt hat and a great bunch of violets that outshone all the other blues except that of the pennant which she carried at the end of a slender cane.

"You beauty!" Holden said under his breath as he took his seat beside her on the grand stand.

She turned quickly.

"Oh, Irwin," her face was brilliant with color, "it's worth everything to see you again! Aunt Sue," she said to the lady beside her, "this is Irwin Holden, the famous halfback of two years ago."

"The King is dead! Long live the king!" Irwin quoted solemnly. "There have been so many famous halfbacks, Helen, that it isn't any wonder that Mrs. McDonald doesn't remember me."

"But I do remember," Mrs. McDonald assured him. "Helen has talked of you so much—and," she hesitated, "of your accident."

"I haven't been able to walk well on two feet since," Holden said grimly, "and this is the first game I have dared let myself see. It makes me wild."

"To think that you can't play!" Helen's tone was sympathetic.

"To know I can't ever do things that make a man worth while!" bitterly.

"But you have done so many things that are worth while, and they tell me that you are writing a book."

"Oh, a book!" His tone was scornful.

"You might have let me know what you were doing!" she complained. "I think our old friendship deserved that."

He glanced down at her

"Ah, our friendship," he said. "I had two good feet when we cemented that, Helen. I wasn't a dummy on crutches."

"Irwin," she flashed out reproachfully, "as if that made any difference!"

"But it does make a difference," he said as he bent over her. "You know you worship strength in a man, don't you?"

"Yes," she agreed quietly, "but not always mere physical strength."

"The one isn't much without the other. Look at those fellows now."

Down the field came the teams. The bands of the opposing sides crashed out the good old tunes, college yell succeeded college yell, and the banks of spectators stretching up and up on the seats in solid masses of blue and crimson were agitated to uproariousness.

"Isn't it fine? Isn't it fine?" Helen said breathlessly, having cheered the blue team to the echo.

Holden nodded.

"They are bound to win," he said. "They are made of the right stuff."

"I only know one of them personally," Helen told him—"Van Dorn."

"He's the strongest man in the lot. He's an ideal halfback."

"He is ideal in more ways than one," she agreed.

He flashed a quick glance at her.

"I have heard you thought so."

"Who told you?"

"Some of the fellows."

She turned her back on him squarely.

"I didn't suppose that you talked me over with the fellows," she said over her shoulder.

"I don't," uncomfortably, "but one couldn't help hearing that Van Dorn is awfully dinky over you."

"So were you—two years ago."

She said it daringly, giving him a glimpse of flaming cheeks and indig-

nant eyes, and then once more he was forced to contemplate the knot of bronze hair under the cocky hat.

His face went white, but he said quietly, "We are missing the best of the game," and turned his attention to the field.

All about them people were absorbed by the play. Aunt Sue, unlearned and unlettered in football lore, was oblivious to everything else. These two alone thought of other things.

It was at Van Dorn's touchdown that the place went wild.

"Oh, he's great, great, great!" Helen enthused as she waved her pennant frantically. "I haven't seen anything like it since the last game you played, Irwin. Oh, do you remember the little blue pennant that I made you pin to your sweater for luck—and it didn't bring you luck."

"No," he said dully. "It didn't bring me luck. I lost the game, I lost the strength I gloried in—I lost you, Helen."

"No, no," she protested; "you knew you always had my friendship, Irwin."

"But I didn't want friendship, and you knew it and I knew it. And I hadn't the right to ask for anything else, and so I kept away from you. But after two years of separation the temptation to see you was too great, so I sent you the tickets and asked you to come to the game."

"The whole world was changed when I read your letter," she said simply. "I have missed you so, dear boy."

Then for a moment he let himself go.

"Oh, Helen, Helen!" he said brokenly.

But the game was over, and a tumultuous throng poured out of the seats.

"Irwin wants us to go to dinner with him, Aunt Sue," Helen said as they went down the steps.

In their walk across the green they attracted more than usual attention, the younger boys admiring Helen's beauty, the older ones recognizing in the man with the crutch the famous halfback of two years ago, who had then been reported engaged to the girl by his side.

Van Dorn, flushed with victory, came

up to their table at the college inn.

"I've won your pennant, Miss Mary shall," he said, looking like a young god, with his great strong figure, his fair hair tossed back from his forehead.

"Did I promise it?" Helen asked uncertainly.

"Indeed you did," he stated securely, "and I shall wear it like a knight for his lady."

With her eyes avoiding Holden's Helen untied the blue trophy slowly from the cane. In the sight of the whole room Van Dorn pinned it to his sleeve. He did it triumphantly, bending over her with an air of possession that made Holden set his lips sternly and turn to a tense study of the menu.

"May I come back and go home with you?" he asked, but Helen shook her head.

"Irwin will take us," she said, "but I wish if you have a minute you'll show Aunt Sue the trophy room. She has never seen it."

As they went away she faced Holden.

"Oh, he took things so for granted," she told him. "I promised as I might to any of the college fellows. But what will people think?"

"What I think," Holden said slowly, "that you are going to marry Van Dorn."

Her steady glance met his.

"I am not going to marry him."

"Why not?" he probed.

"Because of this"—

About her neck at the end of a long chain she wore a locket of dark blue enamel marked with a "Y" in seed pearls.

"You remember it?" she asked as she opened it. "You gave it to me on the evening before that last game."

"Yes," he said, "I remember," and then as he saw what it contained he stopped.

Within was a wisp of bright blue silk stained and torn and crushed into that small space.

"It is all that was left of the little silk pennant that I gave you for luck," she told him. "After you were hurt I made them let me have it. I have kept

STAMP DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Walter M. Overton, Dept. BB Geneva, Iowa

With this issue of "The Boys' Banner" the Stamp Department makes its second appearance. We are going to add a new feature to this department. I know that it will meet with your approval. To give the stamp collecting readers of this paper a chance to show their literary ability, as well as appreciation for this department, I am going to give a **packet of stamps**, worth 50c, to the person who sends in the best letter by the 15th of this month relating to stamps. The best letter will be published, also all others worthy of publication will be printed and the authors given "honorable mention." We want this department to boom. Are you going to help us? If you are, then write us a letter. Do it now. Address all letters to Walter M. Overton, Dept. B. B., Geneva, Iowa.

It will be our aim to give the stamp collecting readers of this paper as large a variety of reading matter as possible so that every one of them will find something which will interest him. Perhaps you know something pertaining to stamps which you think would interest other readers. If you have, send it along and you will be given due credit for same. This "Philately" is concerned in many of the events of the day may readily be seen by the following article, clipped recently from a newspaper:

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A little touch of sentiment was injected into the ordinarily prosaic stamp sale at the Freeman building in

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"You can laugh and jeer," retorted Gertrude, who was the older, "and you'll be sorry if you don't come, that's all," and not another word would either say on the subject of their party.

They sent out about a dozen invitations and with each invitation a sailor suit pattern and several yards of colored cheese-cloth—pink, lilac, green, yellow and red—two girls receiving the same color, the invitations requesting that the costumes be made according to the inclosed pattern. The party was to be on a Saturday afternoon, and the nursery was given up to the girls.

It was an immense room on the top floor, and with the aid of two or

three handy boy cousins they succeeded in decorating it most beautifully. They bought roles of crepe paper in all the various shades with which to cover the ceiling and walls, and the girls' clever fingers produced really artistic effects.

The bean bags were made of colored linen to match the paper, and Gertrude and Dolly had suits of white with bands of the different colors and gay little caps made of the paper.

When all the girls had assembled, a paper cap to match her costume was presented to each one, and the colors were paired off and presented with a bag to play with. Then the fun began. The crunching of the beans made a pleasant sound in the room, for the girls threw well and evenly. There was a prize offered for the most steady throwing, and it was a pretty sight to watch the graceful, active young figures in their gay dresses. The fall of a bean bag on the floor put those two players out of the race, and as the girls grew excited those accidents occurred frequently. Every one was in a state of breathless suspense. The slightest slip of one

meant victory for the other, and when at last the blues were left on the floor there were cheers that nearly raised the roof as



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THEN CAME REFRESHMENTS.

the winners received dainty little workbaskets which Dolly and Gertrude had lined and fitted up themselves.

There was another match played, with the two little hostesses throwing, each to a half dozen girls. This was very exciting, and Gertrude's side won after a hard tussle. The prizes were plump little apple pincushions, with long green ribbons attached, so the girls could hang them on their arms. And then, best of all, there were refreshments, cookies made by the girls themselves and lemonade for the heated players. And to wind up Brother Archie brought his banjo and played the "jiggliest" dances, which set all the feet twinkling over the floor.

Altogether the bean bag party was a great success, and the bags were put away for another frolic in the nursery.

THE BLUE PENNANT

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it ever since."

His hand closed over it eagerly.

"Dear," he said, and his voice broke, "you know how I love you."

"I have never doubted it—even when you stayed away."

"How could I come? How could I ask you to marry me?"

"How does any man ask?" blushingly.

"But other men are not cripples."

"Oh, what difference does it make?" she flung out. "Haven't you the same mind and heart and soul as before?"

The light that illumined his face transfigured it.

"Marry me," he cried, "and mind and heart and soul shall go to the making of your happiness!"

Van Dorn came back presently, making triumphant progress, with Aunt Sue in tow. On his arm was the blue pennant for all the world to gaze, but Holden's eyes rested on it serenely, for above his heart, hidden from the profane glances of the multitude, was the little stained wisp of sapphire silk, the token of his dear lady's favor.

BOYS

Each month we will give you two or more good money making plans, that you can manufacture at your home at a small cost, and make a big profit. This month we have selected two very good articles.

In the manufacture of ice cream it is necessary that the utensils should be absolutely clean. Too much stress cannot be laid upon this fact, and we hope our readers will bear it in mind when working from the following recipes, which are intended to produce the highest possible class of goods, applies for their publication.

Real Raspberry Ice Cream.

- 8 ozs. powder sugar.
- 2 ozs. gelatine.
- 1 pint fresh raspberries (pulped).
- 1 pint new milk.
- Cochineal coloring.

Let the gelatine soak for two hours in sufficient milk to cover it. Then boil the milk and pour it upon the gelatine whilst boiling hot and stir thoroughly. When cool, stir in the fruit pulp and sugar, tinting sufficiently with liquid cochineal to give a natural color; then freeze.

Pistachio Ice Cream.

- 1 lb. pistachio nuts.
- 8 ozs. powder sugar.
- 2 pints cream.
- 6 egg yolks.

Blench the nuts and pound them to a paste with some brandy or wine, stir in the cream, turn it into a stew pan, add the sugar, whisk the egg yolks to a froth, stir them into the cream, and stand the pan on the fire. Stir well until it is thick, and freeze, and fill into glasses or cups. Sprinkle some finely chopped pistachio kernels on top, then hand it to the customer.

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The Fawcetts of Alexandria are one of the oldest families in Virginia, and were well to do before the war. They have become so poor of late years that Mrs. Janette Fawcett, seventy-six years old, has been in despair of keeping her promise of providing the wedding outfit of her little granddaughter Janette, says the New York Times.

Just before Christmas, in going through some things in an old trunk, she came across a bundle of letters. On one of the envelopes was the old "provisional" stamp. She realized that it was valuable, and it was taken to Philadelphia by a friend and placed in Mr. Parrish's hands. He put it up at the recent sale, and to the surprise of everyone, a collector from Cleveland paid \$3,000 for it.

Very few of the "provisional" stamps were issued, and this particular stamp is different from any others that have come to light. It was issued by the postmaster of Alexandria in 1847 and is printed in black ink on light blue paper. All the other stamps of the kind that are known to be extant are printed in black on buff paper. The stamp is circular in shape and the size of a half dollar. In the center is the word "paid," with a "5" underneath. This is encircled with the words "Post Office, Alexandria," and around the whole is a circle of stars.

TO GOOD TO BE TRUE

It was one of those sweltering afternoons in August that I lay down on the sofa. A philatelic paper lay on the floor and, picking it up, I soon became deeply absorbed in an article on a great philatelic find. Soon I became drowsy and fell fast asleep.

"Step in and the elevator will take you right to the basement," said the elevator boy of a large office building to me. I followed his directions and, stepping in the elevator, I was soon standing in the basement.

On asking a janitor, I got permission to rummage amongst the waste in an adjoining room. What a sight! Great piles of envelopes and wrappers covered with stamps of every

description.

Here are two \$1.00 Columbians on a large brown wrapper. Here is a 50c postage due. Thus did I fill my pockets to their utmost capacity. But, are my eyes fooling me, or is it true? Here is an envelope containing a 2c Pan American with the locomotive inverted. It was some time before I could gather my senses, so bewildered was I at my rare find.

Just as I was putting the precious Pan American invert in my pocket-book, the janitor notified me that it was time for the building to be closed.

You may be sure, I left the large pile of envelopes and wrappers with no little sorrow.

As I stepped into the elevator to go up, I held tightly to my pocket-book, which contained the Pan American, with a feeling of insecurity. So busily was I engaged in thinking what I would do with my find that I did not note that, all at once, the elevator began to swiftly descend.

Crash! Bang! there is an accident. Then comes a crashing of broken glass. Everything looks black and my head gets hot.

I open my eyes but am compelled to shut them on account of the strong sunlight which is pouring in on my face.

My trip to the basement of the office building was a dream. Now it was all simple enough. I had fallen asleep while reading the article on a great philatelic find and so dreamed of it.

The accident was only the fallen window which stood before me with one of the panes completely smashed out of it. The reason for my head getting hot was the hot sun which had been shining in on me.

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"Neither," said Bess firmly, with a defiant glance at Tim. She knew that the boat club boys had guessed Tim's admiration for her. Indeed, it was an open secret to all. When the boat club boys had caught sight of the pair making their way to the spring and had laughingly captured them and carried them off to camp she had been rather glad of the interruption, for Tim for the hundredth time had been pleading his cause. She liked him—to herself she confessed that she loved him—but she was unwilling to assent to an engagement. This seemed painfully like a forced issue.

But Willie was determined to save her life. "You can be engaged," he insisted, with a glance at Tim. "Please, Bess, for my sake." "And mine, too," pleaded Tim, leaning against the chair. "Please, dear." Bess looked at Brace. "I am engaged," she said to the mug whump.

When the cheering had subsided and every one had shaken hands with Tim, Brace turned to Willie.

"In consideration of the great service you have rendered one of our members," he said solemnly, "I as mug whump tender you the freedom of the forest. You will not even have to wind my watch, which is an all day job for a grown man."

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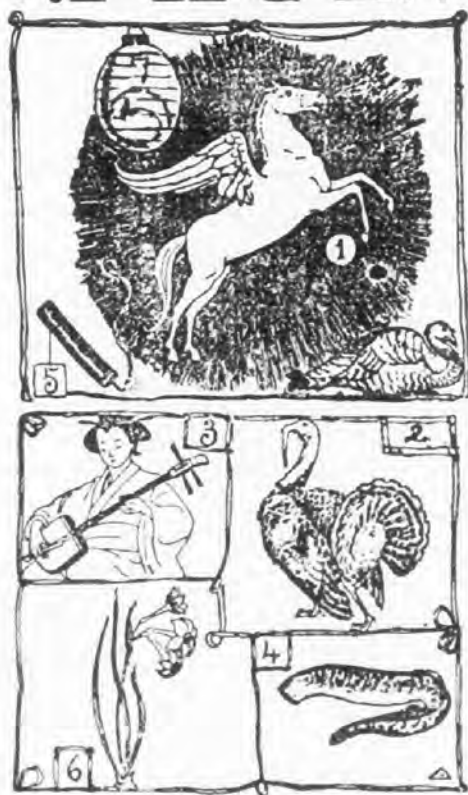


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"I will not, Mr. Crawcour. You shall be treated as one of ourselves. Mr. Crawcour, Mrs. Scratchley. My dear, this gentleman is the principal of Pomona House."

"A very welcome visit," replied Mrs. Scratchley.

"You are too good, madam," the principal said, with a bow and a smile.

"I trust you are not in a hurry for an hour or two, because we dine directly, and if you will honor us with your company we shall be more than proud, and we shall have an opportunity of conversing at our ease," said Mr. Scratchley. The principal was not in a great hurry and would dine. Looking round the room, he saw Jack and proceeded to the sofa, where the lad was sitting, saying, "My pupil, I presume?"

"Precisely," replied Mrs. Scratchley. "A very bad boy, sir. I hope your discipline is strict and wholesome."

"Don't blacken the lad. We should never start with a prejudice. Let Mr. Crawcour find him out. Let him find him out; that's what I mean to say," corrected her husband.

Mr. Lewis Crawcour sat down by Jack's side and patted him on the head. "I hope we shall be friends," he observed, "for"—

With a subdued howl he sprang from his seat and, placing his hand behind him, murmured while his face was distorted with rage, "This is painful, extremely painful!"

"What has happened?" cried Mr. Scratchley.

"That boy has been up to his tricks again," said his wife.

"Why," said Jack in astonishment, "if the gentleman hasn't sat down upon the point of a packing needle! Who could have put it there? Come and sit here, sir."

He moved on one side, and Mr. Crawcour sat down again, this time very carefully. Jack with great dexterity managed at the same time to insert something in his pocket, and when the principal wished to wipe the perspiration from his face he took out what he thought was his pocket handkerchief. It happened, however, to be the lamp rag, which Jack had put in the place of the spotless cambric

Being rather in the shade, Mr. Crawcour did not notice the mistake, but mopped his face prodigiously.

In a short time he was something of the color of a Christy minstrel.

"Rub under the ears, sir, and the throat," said Jack. "You're quite wet with perspiration."

"Thank you, my young friend; I thank you," answered the principal.

"Be off; out of the room, you, sir," said Mr. Scratchley to Jack.

"What for? I want some dinner," said Jack.

"Dine in the kitchen. It is not safe to have you in the room, you are so full of your tricks. Be off."

"He makes me quite nervous," remarked Mrs. Scratchley.

"He is of a perverse generation, but I forgive him, although it was painful," said Mr. Crawcour as his hand disappeared behind him again.

Jack took his departure.

"You'll have a chance of paying him out if he goes to your seminary," observed Mr. Scratchley. "You are in favor of corporal punishment, I believe."

"With modifications."

"Come to the fire. Dinner will be up directly, and we can discuss terms, etc., while we have the time. You must be cold out there," Mr. Scratchley went on.

"Thank you, I will avail myself of your kind offer."

The principal came into the full blaze of the lights.

"Why, dear me, how very odd! I never observed it before," said Mrs. Scratchley, staring at him.

"Observed what, madam?" asked the principal.

"Are you of negro extraction?"

"Of what, my dear madam? I did not come here to be insulted. No; I did not imagine that I should receive such treatment at The Elms, Highgate."

"But you are black."

"Black! What on earth can you mean?" cried Mr. Lewis Crawcour, going to the looking glass. He recoiled in affright. Mrs. Scratchley had not exaggerated. He was black.

Its' that boy again- I'll bet a sov-
ereign on it- and if it is I'll skin him
said Mr. Scratchley

"I have only used my pocket hand-
kerchief. Observe the cambric," said
Mr. Crawcour.

But his countenance lighted up with
a recognition of the truth when he pro-
duced the lamp rag and saw how he
had been tricked.

Mr. Scratchley had to take the unfor-
tunate principal to his bedroom, where,
with the aid of soap and hot water, he
restored himself to his pristine color.

"A very lively, spirited boy," he re-
marked as they afterward descended
the stairs.

"Don't you feel annoyed?" asked Mr.
Scratchley.

"Not in the least. What a fund of
humor he possesses! I pride myself
upon keeping my temper and never
bearing malice. A man in my position,
Mr. Scratchley, should be above the
infirmities of temper and rise superior
to petty spites."

In the passage leading to the drawing
room they met Master Jack.

"To show you that I have no animos-
ity I will shake hands with the boy,"
said Mr. Crawcour. "Come hither,
child. Will you shake hands with
me?"

"If you don't mind my glove," re-
plied Jack. "I'm doing something in
the garden."

"Never mind. Now let us grasp one
another by the hand in a truly Chris-
tian spirit."

He shook Jack's extended hand, and
the boy was off like a shot.

"Dear me!" exclaimed Mr. Crawcour.

"How sticky my hand is!"

"What a smell of tar!" said Mr.
Scratchley.

The principal went to the light and
saw that his hand was covered with
pitch, which must have been smeared
on Jack's glove.

"Confound that boy!" he cried an-
grily, forgetting his Christian charity.

There was nothing for it but to go
upstairs again and have another wash
with the aid of some lard. In the

meantime the cover was kept on the
soup to prevent it from getting cold.

The principal felt a sense of relie-

when he found himself in his chair,
but that feeling was superseded by
another. He started up, uttering an
agonizing cry, for the seat of the chair,
like the sofa, was stuck full of needles.
In his anger he struck at Jack, who
was sitting near him, but the boy evade-
d the blow and darted away from the
table.

"A little soup, Mr. Crawcour?" said
Mrs. Scratchley.

"I thank you, madam."

Polly handed him a plate of clear
soup, on the surface of which several
curiously shaped black things were
floating. Mr. Crawcour did not like
the look of them.

"It is a gravy soup."

"And these—these—pardon my rude-
ness—I know not their name."

He held one up in his spoon.

"Good gracious me!" exclaimed Mrs.
Scratchley. "If it isn't a black beetle
got into the soup."

"It isn't a solitary one, madam," the
principal said, with a sickly smile.
"Its unfortunate example has been
followed by the whole family."

"How is this, Polly?" demanded Mr.
Scratchley.

"I don't know, sir. I left the soup in
the passage for a moment while I got
some more hot water for this gentle-
man."

"It's that boy," said Mrs. Scratchley.
"He will break my heart. Fancy his
filling the soup with black beetles!
Take it away, Polly, and bring the
fish."

"Playful disposition," remarked the
principal, growing good humored again
at the prospect of fish. Nevertheless
there was a dangerous twinkle in his
eye which seemed to indicate that Jack
Harkaway would not have an easy
time of it when he reached Pomona
House.

After this the dinner passed off quiet-
ly, and at dessert the gentlemen hob-
nobbed over a bottle of fine old port.
It was soon settled that a sum of 25
guineas a year should be paid for him,
which was to include books and every-
thing.

"I detest extras. I like to know what
I've got to pay," said Mr. Scratchley.

"That is the feeling of most parents and guardians. I think you said you were the boy's guardian?"

"I adopted him—same thing; knew his parents. I don't want to take credit to myself. 'Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame.' That's me, sir."

"Admirable!" ejaculated the principal, turning up the whites of his eyes. "What a pity there are not more Scratchleys in this world of ours!"

"My dear sir, don't. I can't bear it. No praise, I beg of you."

"Estimable creature!" continued Mr. Crawcour. "Give me your hand, sir! I feel it a privilege to be allowed to fraternize with such shining light."

They shook hands, and Mr. Scratchley said, "Have we decided everything?"

"I think so. You place him absolutely in my power; no attention to be paid to complaining letters, should any such escape my vigilance and reach you through the medium of the penny post."

"You see that fire?" said Mr. Scratchley.

"I do."

"Very well. That's where they'll go."

"We understand one another. I trust I may rely upon your recommendation of my academy for young gentlemen should any friends of yours wish to place their sons where they will have a sound commercial education, with all the advantages of a moral home."

"Certainly."

"When shall I expect the dear boy?"

"Tomorrow. I will bring him down myself. He shan't stop here an hour longer than I can help. Now we have concluded."

"Thank you," exclaimed Mr. Lewis Crawcour. "One more glass of this truly refreshing wine, and I will depart."

The door opened and Jack put his head in.

"Good night, sir," he said. "I'm going to bed, and, please, I've brought the gentleman's hat and umbrella."

"Very thoughtful. Put it down," replied Mr. Scratchley.

Jack did so, and went away.

Little Emily and her mamma were

sitting together on the sofa, and as Jack exchanged a glance with her she smiled.

"Not all bad," remarked the principal. "The boy is respectful to you, and thoughtful. I am obliged to him for bringing me my hat."

He wished Mr. Scratchley good night, patted Emily on the head, and said with a sigh: "Ah, how like my dear Letitia, my one—my only girl, I mean. I have but two—a son and a daughter. They were always brought up in the fifth commandment, bless them!"

Walking to the door, which Mr. Scratchley held open for him, he put on his hat.

"This is strange," he muttered. "It is unusually heavy, and I fancy something is falling about me. How odd! I will remove it and investigate this matter."

He did so, and as he took off his hat about a pound of flour descended in a white cascade, rendering his glossy black coat as much like a miller's as possible.

"At it again. I never did see such a boy. He has given you a rare turn, Mr. Crawcour," said Mr. Scratchley, who could not help laughing at the ludicrous plight he was in.

"It is all very well to laugh, sir," cried Mr. Crawcour in a rage.

"He, he, he!" came from the sofa in feminine tones.

Even Mrs. Scratchley could not resist the infection, and Emily, who was as full of mischief as Jack, fairly roared with delight.

"If I thought there was any complicity on your part, sir," continued the principal, white with rage, "I'd—I'd—"

"Don't forget the high principles you have been advocating," interrupted Mr. Scratchley. "But it is aggravating. Never mind. It doesn't matter. We'll soon have it off with a brush."

Suddenly he caught sight of Jack, who in a corner of the passage was convulsed with laughter at his own joke.

"Beg the gentleman's pardon this instant."

ONE CHANCE in a HUNDRED

BY HENRY M. DAVENPORT.

CHAPTER IV.

At last the great day arrived and the streets were full of Morris and Horacetown supporters. The shops were all in gala attire and with the intermingling of the gray of Horacetown and the old gold of the Academy, added a pleasing touch of color to the scene. The little town had never seen anything like it before, great pulsating automobiles whizzed down the road to the field leaving a trail of blue green vapor in their wake. Down on the field the scene was also a busy one for the task of handling a crowd of two or three thousand hilarious young folks was one to have tried the patience of more experienced men than Elmswood Park boasted. At last however the seats were all filled and then for the first time were the Elmswood employes able to cope with the situation. Two-thirty say the rival teams on the field and the Horacetown boys broke loose with their famous "March On" song.

"March, march on down the field, fighting for Horacetown.

The Academy's team will fight to the end, but we WILL WIN!

Rah! rah! rah! March, march on down the field, etc."

To which the Morris boys replied in a no less convincing manner:

"Our boys are on the football field, they'er ready for the fray.

The Academy yell is in the air, we're

here to win the day.

We'll teach the game of football, to our rivals 'cross the way.

While we are cheering for the Academy!"

A shrill whistle cut through the air and the singing ceased abruptly. Out on the soggy field the two teams were lined up for the kick.

"Are you ready Horacetown?" cried the referee sharply.

"Ready sir!" came back the answer in Day's deep tones.

"Ready Academy?"

"Ready sir!"

The whistle shrilled and the great game was on. In the bleachers sat Cherokee who watched the beginning of the game with unconcealed delight. His brother was not with him, as his position of substitute quarterback made his presence necessary on the field. With the ball being carried towards Horacetown's goal Cherokee sat unmoved, for if the truth be told it was not the game he had come to see.

"Third down five to go!" Would Horacetown hold the wearers of the gold? The quarter gives his signal, the ball is passed, and the players hurl themselves together with utter abandon. As the boys untangle themselves the linesmen eye the pigskin doubtfully.

"First down! Linemen hurry those sticks along!" bellows the referee and the gray clad players are facing the enemy on their thirty-yard line. A fruit-

less buck through center; an end run that failed to gain, and then a kick.

But the ends were too quick for them, and smashing past the backs blocked it neatly, a Horacetown man falling on the ball. The gray's ball! A thousand flags waved and a roar of approval went up from the crowd. Smash! A line plunge netted five yards! A tackle-back three more! And then with only two yards to go Horacetown's end received the ball on a forward pass and dashed twenty yards down the field before the Academy's fullback laid him low. Again the stands turned into a tumultuous sea of gray lashed into a fury by a veritable hurricane of cheers. Gasping for breath but trembling all over with excitement, the Horacetown boys lined up for the next play with lightning like rapidity. Almost before the Academy team was on its feet, the ball shot into the quarter's waiting arms and he was off like a rabbit through the broken field. Five, ten, fifteen yards and he still ran free. But behind him and almost upon his heels was Krag, the Academy captain.

As the Horacetown man crossed the thirty yard line, Krag dived and brought his man heavily to the earth while the sea of gray changed suddenly to one of gold. Then a wild cry burst from friend and foe alike, for as the men went crashing to the ground, the coveted pigskin bounced out of the quarterback's arms! Anybody's ball and a broken field for the man who reached it first! As the ball rolled along the ground, two figures, one in gray and the other in gold tore down the field in pursuit. A cry went up from the west stand for the Horacetown man forging rapidly ahead of his heavier opponent and the next instant flung himself towards the elusive pigskin—and missed! Then it was the east stand's turn to worry and a cry of dismay echoed across the field, for the Acad-

emy's man had captured the ball and was dodging his way through the scattered grays. One minute it would seem as if he surely must go down as two men dived for his flying legs, but a lightning like leap, a swerve and he was free. Man after man dived and found himself clutching the empty air, and all the while the Morris man was speeding towards the Horacetown goal!

Could no one stop him? As if in answer to their frenzied shouts, Colton, the giant guard, was clearing the ground in great strides and positively gaining on the fleeing figure who lost speed every time he had to dodge. Fifteen yards from the Horacetown goal the Academy looked back and saw the burly form of Colton NOT FIVE YARDS AWAY! Terror seized him and he tried frantically to increase his reeling pace. But his legs already weary, could not answer his call! while his throat burned and his head swam in a strange mist.

"Only a little further!" he gasped, "if I can only score!" Then there came a terrible crash and he felt himself falling, falling he didn't care where for he had failed! Another stride and he knew he would have scored, but then well—and before he knew it everything grew black and he fainted! A minute later the referee's whistle called the end of the half, the score standing 5 to nothing in favor of the Academy! For the man had scored after all.

The second half was almost a repetition of the first. Then suddenly to the delight of the wearers of the gray, Horacetown took a great brace and carried the ball down the field with fierce plunges that tore off five or ten yards at a clip. But all this had taken time and though the ball was on their oppo-

STAMP DEPARTMENT

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When stamp collecting first started, people said that it was only a passing fad and would soon die out. It has been fifty years since then and stamp collecting still flourishes. In fact the stamp collector lives in every civilized country in the world. Firms that handle nothing but stamps and supplies can be found in the large cities. Hundreds of periodicals devote from a column to a page, or more, for stamp collectors. Kings and men of high rank devote spare time to the collecting of stamps. The Czar of Russia and the Prince of Wales are celebrated philatelists. The value of their collections is no small sum. At all the large expositions held in this country large collections of costly stamps have been on exhibition. In many other ways the great interest in philately is shown. Each year this great hobby grows in interest. Now there is hardly a town but what has one or more stamp collectors in it.

Article No. 1. "Hints for Beginners."

Most every, if not all, beginners in the hobby of stamp collecting experience many difficulties. In this series of articles I shall try and give those, who may just be starting their collections, some good pointers.

The first thing that a beginner will need is an album to place his stamps in.

Now many make a great mistake when they purchase their album. Many firms offer beginners, for about 10 cents, a

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The second thing that is needed is hinges to mount the stamps in the album with. Don't buy gummed paper. A stamp mounted with this is virtually spoiled. Buy a good grade of pulable hinges. Ten cents will buy a thousand good hinges.

The third, and last thing, a collector will need to start collecting is stamps. Many beginners make a mistake in starting their collections by buying from approval sheets. You should not do this at the start, unless you have ample funds. The best plan is to purchase a variety packet of stamps from some reputable firm for 50c or \$1.00, or even more if your purse will allow you to do it. In this packet if rightly chosen you will find stamps that will go in your album. After you have carefully placed all of these stamps in your album, that you can, take the remaining ones (duplicates) and place them in a box or still better in a small blank album like I warned you not to use for your collection. After you have placed a good many stamps in your album you can start buying from approval sheets. You will find many of the stamps on these sheets marked at one cent each and more that you obtained in your packet for about one-fourth of this price.

If you are going to buy stamps from approval sheets, to any great extent, you should purchase a stamp catalog which gives price of the stamps (all countries)

in both used and unused condition, except in some cases. The pictures of one or more stamps of each issue are also in these catalogs. This is a great help to you. When buying stamps from sheets this catalog should be used. The reason you should do this is many stamps are re-printed and sold to the innocent collector at high prices. Many stamps are also liable to be marked higher than the catalog price. One of these catalogs can be obtained from any large stamp firm for 50c. A stamp paper is also a good thing for the collector to take. Much valuable advice can be obtained concerning new issues, change in prices, etc.

(To be concluded.)

A new stamp paper makes its appearance this month under the name of "Philatelic Flashes." The editor, L. L. Dolson of Geneva, Iowa, is an old dealer in stamps and is surely competent to edit a paper of this kind. The subscription price has been placed at fifteen cents a year.

(The End.)

No. 154.—Riddle.

When I'm flying high in the air,

Perhaps above a hill,

I am a bird or graceful toy;

When I'm swimming in the river

(My other name is Brill),

I am a fish and not a boy.

No. 155.—State Anagrams.

1. Not a man. 2. A mine. 3. Am in stone. 4. Lard many. 5. Colt ran on hair. 6. O, do carol. 7. I fall across. 8. A hut. 9. Cows in sin. 10. Saw no night. 11. I chin Mag. 12. Oak at sod hut. 13. Earl, wade. 14. Smash Ute's cats. 15. Hand soldier. 16. Look, a ham. 17. Rat took hand.

ONE CHANGE IN A HUNDRED

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This story started in the March issue.

ment's ten yard line, there was only two minutes of play left. Now was their last chance to score, and to do it they must use—Cheroke's trick play!

The backs massed on center but the quarter hung back. From his place in the bleachers Cheroke could see Arnold grab him roughly and shove him into place. As the quarter held out his hands and gave the signal for what would probably be Horacetown's last play, a deathlike stillness fell like a mantle over the great crowd. Even the heavy breathing of the players could be heard, while the signal, "13-26-13!" sounded loud and harsh as it came from the quarters' twitching lips. The next instant the silence was broken by a dull "plunk" as the pig-skin flew into the quarter's waiting hands. The lines crashed together with a sickening fury, when suddenly out of the mass of struggling forms a figure shot into the air. Headforemost he flew and a cry of horror went up from the amazed watchers. A second later the gray clad figure struck the ground landing on his shoulder with a force that sent him rolling over and over. Then a torrent of yells broke from the Horacetown stands for the plucky quarter lay across the Academy's goal line; the pig-skin nestled tightly in his arms and a grim smile playing about his battered face. The score was tied for Morris had failed to kick their goal. With a half minute to play the Horacetown boys ran out for their try at goal. That TEN of them did, for the quarter lay where he had fallen, and the smile had

left his face. Cheroke saw it and smiled.

The game was over a minute later, Captain Day's pretty kick winning for old Horacetown. Onto the field rushed the delighted rooters and among the foremost ran the Indian. In the center of the field a great crowd was gathered about the injured player. Cheroke pushed in, the people made way for him readily, and a minute later he was at the quarterback's side an evil gleam in his dark eyes. Then it was the watchers saw the Indian stagger backward and a strange cry come from his lips. For the man on the ground was—HIS BROTHER!

(End.)

JACK HARKAWAYS SCHOOLDAYS

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"And now brush him down."

He handed Jack the clothesbrush, and the flour speedily disappeared.

"Goodby, my friend. I spoke warmly just now; but, no matter, we understand one another," said Mr. Crawcour.

"Certainly."

"Peace be with you and with this house."

"When Jack's out of it; not before," exclaimed Mr. Scratchley.

"You will honor my poor establishment with your presence tomorrow."

"About midday."

"Fare thee well," said the principal, "and you, my young friend. Believe in the sincere regard of yours truly," said Crawcour. "We shall meet again soon."

The front door opened, and he went out. He arrived home late at Lillie Bridge and was not in the best of tempers. There was a good deal of caning the next morning, and the boys went about in fear and trembling.

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It seems queer how one's fingers, knuckles, arms, wrists and head can be manipulated to throw upon a white screen shadows that look like birds, animals, old women and bearded men, yet it can be done with no more trouble and practice than are required to do many other things.

First get your fingers and wrists in a very limber and nimble condition by stretching your fingers as far apart as possible and shaking your hands at the wrists as though you were trying to shake them off. An old white sheet



SHADOW RABBIT.

or cloth tacked upon the wall and a candle will do to begin practice with. In general your two thumbs put near together, one in front of the other, will serve to represent the ears of almost any creature. For the head and neck you generally use your closed fist and wrist. You always have your hands between the sheet and the candle, so the candle may throw the shadow picture upon the sheet.

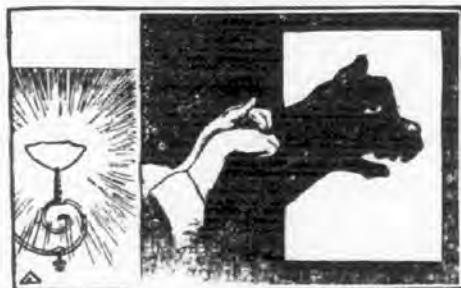
There is one picture so simple that it may be made with one hand. Pile the four fingers of your hand one on top of another, leaving the little finger slightly crooked. Let us say it is a wolf you are representing. There will be a slight open space between the third and fourth fingers, through which the light will shine, forming the wolf's eyes. His great big mouth is made by the space between the thumb and forefinger. By moving the thumb up and down to and from the forefinger you can make that mouth look fearsome as it seems to open and shut upon the white screen.

For a rabbit picture the ears will need to be left long, formed by two fingers. For a shadow rabbit both hands may be used. The shadow dog's head picture shows you how to manipulate your hands and fingers to throw the correct shape upon the screen. You can make a first class owl by crossing your shut hands at the wrists and letting the knuckles and fingers stand up in such a way as to make the owl's ears. Leave a little space in the right places for the light to shine through and look like a pair of great fiery eyes.

By practicing and thinking you can make "out of your own head" pretty and comic shadow pictures which will fill many a long evening indoors with entertainment both for your young friends and for your parents and their friends. A shadow picture surprise party will be pleasant. A stronger

light will of course throw a clearer picture. Instead of the candle with which you begin your experimenting, a lamp or a drop gas or electric light may be used.

There is one point to be remembered throughout your experiments—do not watch your fingers, but keep your eye on the screen picture. Move your



DOG'S HEAD SHADOWGRAPH.

hands and fingers till the picture appears in proper form, then look at your fingers to see in what position they are. You can make note and remember to place them in the same position again.

Some expert manipulators have brought shadow pictures to such a state of excellence that often they are made the basis of a public entertainment in a hall. In this case a large screen and powerful electric light are used. The light is placed about fifteen feet away from the screen, and the performer stands five feet in front of it. In your little home shows you must experiment till you get just the right distance for lamp and performer.

The Laughing Hyena.

The laughing hyena is so called on account of the noise it makes, which sounds like human laughter. The ancients used to believe it to be as fearful a foe to humanity as the lion and that it was accustomed to decoy stray travelers to its den by imitating the laughter of human revelers and then kill and devour those so deceived.

Its jaws are enormously strong. It can crush the thigh bone of an ox in one crunch, eats the meat of prey it has killed and in lieu of that resorts to carrion. As a scavenger it is useful

OUR GOOD TIME CLUB

With best wishes,

H. A.

Good for you, Henry, Harry, or whatever your name may be. You did well, my boy, come again and bring Jimmy with you next time. Say, Cousins, what you think about Cousin Harry giving us his name in his next letter? All who are in favor of him coming on with his name let it be known by holding up your right hand. Hold now till I count. 345 to one. Motion carried and everybody voted but Sammy over there in the corner and would have voted but was "nussing" the baby and couldn't raise his hand.

Harry, I am deeply interested in what you say about the birds of the Southland, but am not as fond of them as you seem to be. You wouldn't be either if you knew as much about them as I do. I was down in your country about the time of the reign of N. Bonaparte and learned considerable about the birds of that place. First obstacle was a large cage. I can't exactly describe it as I didn't have time to take a good look at the thing, but from what you say about the humming bird, I judge it was something of that type. Then there were thirteen of fifty ostriches and three or four sparrows tacked me for a combat. You can just bet your bottom dollar that I got up and flew. Gee, those birds were not in the game at all. Another thing about your letter, Harry, has got my "curiosity" aroused. You say you have the mocking gentleman down there. Now I just want to say that no man who will mock another is a gentleman. I am sorry that you think so Harry, and would be pleased to have a letter from you stating that you have reformed in the near future.

Come on now with a letter party for the next issue and don't forget to send me a statement that you want to be a member of the G. T. C. as I will not know who the members are unless you tell me. Bring your friend too.

Lovingly,

COUSIN JACKSON.



OUR

GOOD TIME CLUB

Conducted by Jackson Dunaway, Dothan, Texas

To whom all letters, poems etc. relating to this Dept. be Ad.

Halloo! my hearties, hope you have got your thinkers in good condition and will shape 'em up right sharply now and send a great long big hearted, funny tribute, in the form of a letter, o'er flowing and sparkling with your true wit and pathos; the kind that are going to make this dept. buzz with the crowning marks of *success*. We can do it; can't we now? Go way down in pour pocket books and fork out the price of a year's subscription to this paper and send with it a letter that will set things humming with interest and make your name remembered by all the tens of thousands of readers of The Boys' Banner. Something that will be a credit to yourself and an honor to the club. Of course it is natural that you should want to see everything undertaken by this paper become a notable success as in that case you will be getting a bigger, and better paper every month for the same money. Then too, you are all loyal to Boys' Banner, and you have a right to be. Here is how to make the G. T. C. a success: hustle out and each one of the present subscribers bring in a new one, and write a letter to the G. T. C. telling us about it. Now get busy, and every one who intends to join this club send me a letter or postal card telling me of the fact so that I can see how many members we are going to have to start with.

I have asked several "Club Boys" to start the wheel rolling by writing a letter to the first monthly chat and here-with present them to you. Of course you like them, and after reading them, gather up that old rusty pen, wipe the dust off the note book; don't let any one put you to shame, but once you get the spring going, keep it up, don't let it stop and if it runs down anyway, wind it up again and take a new start. That's the way it's done. That's like your old Cousin Jackson got started. He has just been since the first of October last year getting this article ready for the printer and if his think spring works as good on the next one as it did this time he hopes to have another ready for a New Year's gift next year. My think spring has just run down 658 times on this letter and when it did I would rewind it and such like of ink flinging you never witnessed. Of course we don't expect you to do so well as all that.

What must we write about?

Oh, that is an easy matter, any thing that will be of interest to the other readers. Your county, town, occupation, schools, libraries, etc. There are many things to tell if you only get to work and tell them. Try it. Every one is welcome to a seat in this audience, and if every one will only write us a letter once a month what a grand club we will

have, and the Boys' Banner will spread its fame throughout the whole U. S. A. What a wonderful band of young citizens that would be and what a great lot of good they would do for the coming generation. Dandy! Now for the letters:

Dear Uncle Jackson and Cousins:

As I have seen no letters from this part of the country I think I will have to butt in even if I get put in the guard house.

Whenever you hear any one talking of their trouble just recommend them to your Wyoming Cousin, that is if you are anxious to hear an argument, for the people out here have enough trouble of their own and that is all they can find time to do outside of herding cattle. I'm just off a lovely farm where they raise nothing but cows and sheep, so you can guess what a nice place this is. My occupation at present is soldiering for Uncle Sam.

I am five feet four inches tall, dark complexion, dark hair, brown eyes and weigh 135 pounds—a lovely combination as you will no doubt admit. I guess I had better ring off for this time, success to all.

CLARENCE STEVENS,

Russell, Wyoming.

Bang, bang! Hold on there, Clarence, my boy, what you doing in the soldier business? Why, man alive, don't you know it is dangerous? You are liable to be k—bang! bang! bang! Gee, you're not talking to me. I got enough of this soldier work way back in '76" when George Washington and me chased the red coats all about over the hills of California and Alaska. My, but those were squally old times then, and I've often wondered how on earth I came out alive, but I did, and only lost two legs, sixteen big toes, and a—pocket knife!

Clarence, your letter came in the nick o' time to save me of a great calamity. I was awfully pleased to hear that anybody might send their trouble round to you. I have always a good supply of trouble on hand and will be pleased to ship you out any amount C. O. D. by

the Do Little Express Co. and take checks payable on the First National Bank of the Mississippi River. At present, Clarence, I have the appendicitis of the mustache, and financial strain of the pocket book. Here's a limerick for a change:

"A girl who did not lack for beaux
Assumed quite an indignant peaux,
She cried: 'What is this?
Some one stole a kiss,
And it happened right under my neaux.'"

Havannah, Georgia.

Cousin Jackson:

To one who has never had the pleasure of viewing the great southern part of this country, it is doubtless surprising to know just what it is and what it looks like.

One can stand on the porch of a southern farm mansion and view out across the wide stretching fields of cotton, green pastures and in fact get a good view of the most beautiful Nature to be found anywhere in the world. Here we have the great oaks, evergreens of many different kinds, all clothed in their wondrous suits of green.

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Then there is the canary who has never been sung about by the poets, but who is just as worthy of their songs as the mocking gentlemen.

So when the farmer is working in his fields he is ever surrounded by the all prevailing grandeur of the south, which is ever helpful and inspiring.

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Coin Department

Conducted by L. L. Dolson, Dept. BB Geneva, Iowa.

With this issue a new department makes its initial appearance in this paper. In order to make it a success I must have your hearty co-operation. Remember in union there is strength.

As this is a new department and perhaps some of the readers have never heard of coin collecting I shall give you a few facts in regard to the originating of coins.

Coins were first used in Lydia. In the multiplicity of Grecian states, coins were numerous, and while this was removed by the Roman Empire, it reappeared with the breakup of the Empire of Charles the Great. Not only did each nation make its own coins, but with the disintegration of central authority, nobles and cities usurped this right or had it conferred upon them by feeble monarchs.

Silver was the earliest and always remained the standard coinage of Greece. It was introduced into Rome B. C. 263, and was universal in ancient, as it is in modern times.

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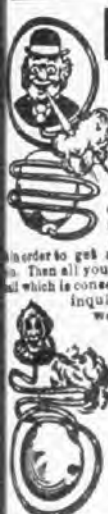
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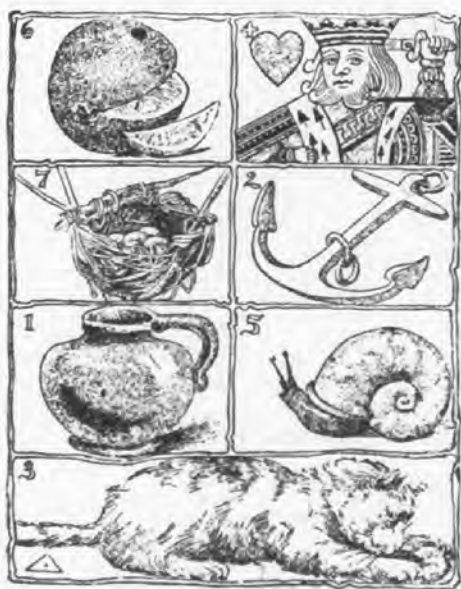
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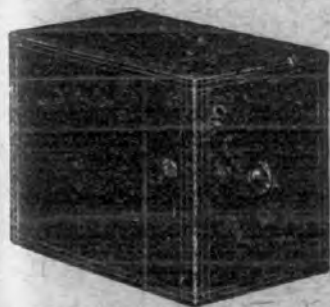
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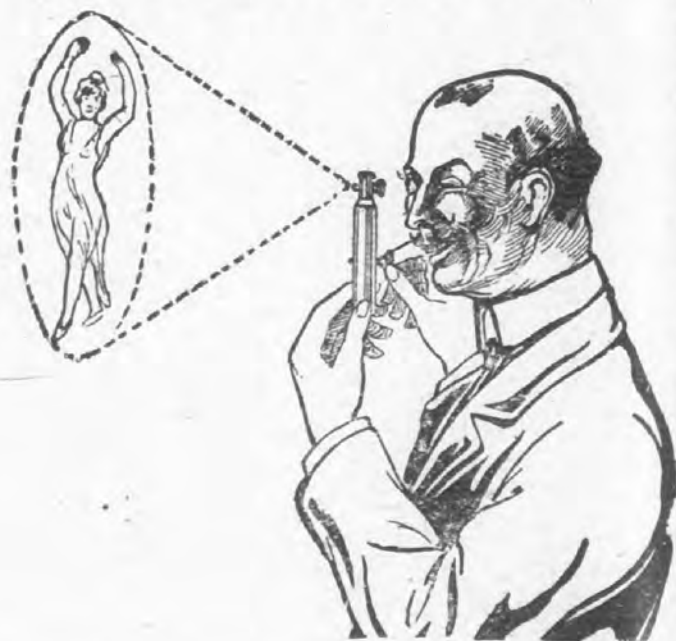
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LITTLE EDITORIALS.

BY OUR READERS.

With many people charity begins at home—and ends there. (1.)

Where there's a will, there's always a way—to dodge it. (2.)

The center of gravity—a person who never smiles at a joke. (3.)

"Gone, but not forgotten"—the man who doesn't pay his debts. (4.)

If ignorance is bliss, life must be a perpetual joy to some folks. (5.)

Once you let the cat out of the bag, it is a hard job to get her back in. (6.)

Artists are not the only persons who draw from real life—dentists do. (7.)

A reputation is something we live up to in our youth, and live down in our old age. (8.)

Give the average youth plenty of cold cash and he will have a hot time burning it. (9.)

When a man drinks mineral water, it is usually because he feels kind of "rocky" anyhow. (10.)

A drowning man will clutch at a straw—especially if it is his sorrows he happens to be drowning. (11.)

Leisure is sweet to those who have earned it, but burdensome to those who get it for nothing. (12.)

"Ignorance is bliss." But chopping wood for half an hour when you are not used to it is blister. (13.)

Offer a woman an apology, and the chances are she will offer you an excuse for not accepting it. (14.)

So live, that when thou comest to die it does not take a brass band to get a crowd out to thy funeral. (15.)

It is said that carpenters do not believe that there is any such thing as stone, because they never saw it. (16.)

Philosophy is like a fancy umbrella which is very nice to look at, but which you can't open up when it rains. (17.)

An enthusiast is a person who feels absolutely sure about a lot of things—in most of which he is mistaken. (18.)

Chickens always come home to roost—but it is usually after they have laid their eggs in somebody else's barn. (19.)

Sadness is like moth and rust—it corrupts and destroys. Happiness is like the sunshine—it refreshes and creates. (20.)

Man wants but little here below, he isn't hard to please; but woman, bless her dainty heart, wants everything she sees. (21.)

If there had been lawyers in Adam's day, in the garden of history—the chances are he'd have beat the case on a technicality. (22.)

When a man's better half wants to be the whole thing, trouble will multiply, and it usually ends in a case of long division. (23.)

The desire to be famous so consumes the energies of some young people that they have no strength left with which to carve out a creditable career. (24.)

In the world of realities one seldom arrives anywhere worth while in an automobile or an express train. We usually are compelled to "work our way" to points of real interest. (25.)

WHICH OF THESE

"LITTLE EDITORIALS" (by our readers) do you consider the best? When writing to us, let us have your opinion. On a sheet of paper, entirely separate from any other part of your letter, write: "I consider 'Little Editorial' No. the best in your issue." At the bottom sign your name and address. Mail this with your letter to the publishers, and it will be given to me to register as a vote. To the writer of the "Little Editorial" which receives the greatest number of votes, I will award a Prize of FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH.

ESCHOL BURKHART,
Prize Editor.

Every generous impulse, every noble thought, every kind intention, is a reflection of the immortal spark in our souls, and needs but to be kindled to make the whole world brighter. (26.)

"Truth is a setting-in which all things shine," says a would-be proverb maker. We should say not! Truth is a setting in which a great many of the things of the present day most decidedly do not shine. (27.)

The recent "panic" in this country has been likened to the hole in a doughnut, the doughnut itself being represented by our big crops and natural resources. Yes, and what's better still, this seems to be the one case where the poor man gets the doughnut and Wall street gets the hole. (28.)

WHERE WOMEN WOO.

Places Where the Privilege of Proposing Belongs to the Fair Sex.

Although the gallant and delicate privilege which is extended during leap year to the fairer half of creation passes in this country as a mere jest, yet the time was when the custom was recognized by statute in Scotland and by the *lex non scripta* or common law of England. In 1288 the following statute was passed in Scotland:

"It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist blessit mageste, for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ik mayden layde of bothe highe and lowe estait shall hae liberte to bespeake ye man she likes, albeft he refuses to talk hir to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum of one poundis or less, as his estait may be; except it appear that he is bethrothet ane ither woman, he then shall be free."

A few years later a similar statute was passed in France and received the approval of the King, and before Columbus sailed to discover the new world it is said that similar laws were passed in Genoa and Florence. However, no record of fines imposed in Scotland remains and no statistics are preserved as to the number of spinsters who took advantage of these statutory privileges in either Scotland, France or Italy.

Even if the custom has degenerated into a mere jest among us and during leap year the same as in other years our maids know how to feign "coy looks and cold disdain" there are still places where women woo and pop the question."

"The Maoris," says a certain writer, "had a wooing house in which the New Zealand girls used to stand up in the dark and say: 'I love so-and-so; I want him for my husband.' Whereupon the chosen lover, if willing, would say, yes, or cough to signify his assent."

"In all Polynesia it was a common occurrence that the women wooed the men," says one writer, and in "Savage Life in Polynesia," it is asserted that "a proposal of marrying may emanate with propriety from a woman of rank to an equal or inferior."

In Dutch Borneo there is a special kind of "marriage by strategem." If a girl desires a particular man he is inveigled into her house, the door is shut, the walls are hung with cloth of different colors and other ornaments, dinner is served up, and he is informed of the girl's wish to marry him. If he declines he is obliged to pay the value of the hangings and ornaments.

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ESCHOL BURKHART,
Prize Editor.

The customs of the natives of the islands of the Torres strait, north of Australia, make it not only permissible but obligatory on the women to propose to the men. On the island of Tud, when boys undergo the ordeal of initiation into manhood, one of the lessons taught them is, "You no like girl first; if you do, girl laugh and call you woman." When a girl likes a man she tells his sister, and gives her a ring of string. On the first suitable opportunity the sister says to her brother, "I have some good news for you. A woman loves you." He asks who it is, and if "Barkis is willin'" he tells his sister to make a date for him with the lady.

On the island of Mabuiag, after a girl has sent an intermediary to bring a string to the man she covets, she follows this up by sending him food again and again. But he lies low for a month or two before he ventures to eat any of this food. Finally he concludes that she means business, so he consults the big men of the tribe and marries her.

More Fun.

A little boy was sitting on one of the benches in Central Park, New York City, watching persons ride the donkeys. An exceedingly fat woman hired a donkey and was about to mount when she saw the small boy and said to him: "Little boy, don't you want me to hire a donkey for you, too?"

"No, thank you. I'd rather sit here and laugh."

Births and Deaths in France.

There were 19,000 more deaths than births in France last year. Nearly everybody must live in a fashionable neighborhood over there.

Couldn't Do It.

"Are you raising your baby scientific ally?"

"No. That would be impossible. His grandmother lives with us."

They Saved Logs.

An anecdote which is amusing on account of the "cheek" it displays comes from Ohio. It was during a freshet, after a season of protracted drouth. A great flood came down the Ohio river, bearing in its bosom bar-stacks, driftwood, sawlogs, live stock and a few men, women and children clinging to the wrecks of their houses. Hundreds of people came forth to rescue the drowning victims, others sought to save the perishing cattle, horses and sheep, but none so excited as a sawmill man. He had an eye—both eyes—on the sawlogs, thousands of them, and all the property of more than 500 miles up stream.

He wanted those logs, but at the same time he did not want to incur any personal risk. So he mounted the head of his logway and attracted the attention of so many of the crowd as were not trying to save life and property, and made an eloquent speech.

The ending was something like this: "And now, fellow citizens and men—if you are men—bestir yourselves and save those logs, and I'll give you half of them!"

They say it is an actual fact that the men "saved" about a hundred logs before they realized the absurdity of the offer.

Few Very Wealthy Germans.

There is no use in going to Germany to get rich—that is, real rich, from the American standpoint. In Berlin, for instance, with its 2,014,148 people, there are only two individual fortunes of about \$20,000,000, while Chicago, with a little less of population, has several fortunes exceeding that figure, and one five times as great. In Berlin, too, there are but 1,620 favored individuals who have an income of \$12,000 or more. Nearly half the workers received less than \$214 each last year, according to official figures, and there are 542,288 other persons whose incomes were between \$214 and \$714.

Carious Foods in Italy.

Huge meaty chestnuts are found everywhere in Italy. Peeled and boiled in a reddish broth, seasoned with laurel leaves and caraway seeds, the nuts are palatable. About two dozen of the large kernels are sold for one penny. In both Genoa and Naples the friggitrici are interesting, and some of their specialties are well worth a trial if one can forget the unappetizing appearance of cooks and cooking appliances. One friggitrice attracts attention to a tray of golden balls which she piles in a pyramid. The golden balls are artichokes. They are boiled in salted water until tender, and are put in a pan over steam to keep them hot until a customer appears. For three pence the vender will take one from the steaming pan, dry it, dip it into a batter and pop it into the hot oil. A moment later a golden-brown ball, delicious and crispy on the outside and tender and succulent on the inside, is handed to the purchaser. The frying is managed in such a way that when the fritters are taken from the kettle they are very hot, but so dry on the outside that they scarcely soil the fingers when eaten from the hand. Another friggitrice specialty is that of cheese balls. They are made of paste filled with grated cheese, and fried. Mashed chestnuts, rice, chopped chicken and many vegetables are used to vary the fillings for the popular frittos. Some of the frying kettles are portable and the friggitrici have regular routes like the milkmen, where they tap at the basement door, get their orders, take their tiny bellows and blow up the charcoal until it glows and then cook the breakfast of meat balls or rice or artichokes, which are sent in hot.

END OF NOTED PERSONS.

- Lovejoy was murdered.
- Aristides was ostracized.
- Lafayette was imprisoned.
- Aristotle had to flee for his life.
- Marie Antoinette was beheaded.
- Schiller suffered poverty and arrest.
- David Livingstone died in the wilds of Africa.
- Victor Hugo was compelled to fly to Brussels.
- Florence Nightingale became a chronic invalid.
- Paul suffered martyrdom, being probably beheaded.
- Tasso was incarcerated in an insane asylum and exiled.
- Sir Henry Vane was beheaded because he asserted liberty.
- Spinoza was hunted, tracked, cursed and forbidden aid or food.
- Huss, Wycliff, Latimer and Tyndale were burned at the stake.
- Garibaldi was condemned to death and compelled to flee his native land.

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Do not be in too big a hurry to see your effort in print after mailing it to the publishers. It requires time to consider all the manuscripts we receive; and, besides, the forms for our magazine are made up several weeks before the finished magazines can be mailed to readers.

All entries which are sent in accordance with the conditions will be fairly and impartially considered. If found unavailable, manuscripts will be returned to the senders, provided stamped, addressed envelope is inclosed with your letter for that purpose. The receipt of manuscripts will be acknowledged if postal card is sent and request made in your letter to use it for such purpose.

Or, better still, enclose five cents with your letter for an extra copy of this magazine—to give to a friend. The receipt of the magazine ordered will be proof to you that your entry for the Contest has been received by the publishers.

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Her brother was a close friend and schoolfellow of mine, and I had known Josie ever since her childhood, having scolded and consoled her in all her childish misdemeanors. It had thus come about that, being a painter and having made seascape my specialty, Josie had posed for me—when I could persuade her to be quiet—first as a fish-mermaid, her black hair flowing wind-tossed about her neck, rowing fearlessly to the rescue of her father's fishing smack; then as my famous "Mermaid," and lastly, now that she had grown into an impelling womanhood, as a Siren.

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"Come in," I said, querulously. (It was not her knock.)

A small, slight boy, piteously ragged, stood before me, his hat pulled down over his eyes.

"Well, what do you want, my lad?" I asked, compassionately.

"Please, sir, I heard you wanted a model for some sea pittur, and as I was just a-goin' to run away to sea, I thought you might like me."

"Don't you know it was very wicked to run away?" I said, sternly, though I could scarcely retain my laughter. The boy shrank away from me as though I had struck him.

"Never mind, my lad," I added, hastily, "I would not hurt you; let me see your face." There was a moment of hesitation, then the hat came off with a jerk—and I beheld the elfish face of my "Siren."

"Josie!" I cried, angrily, "what do you mean by coming out in such clothes—are you mad? It is high time you put by these childish pranks."

"It isn't a prank," she protested, hotly.

"I am going to run away this time—no fooling!"

"They want me to marry Colonel Lockwood," she continued, breathlessly, "and I won't have him, and last night papa said he would give me until this afternoon to make up my mind. He was in an awful rage, and so," she concluded, with a dramatic shrug, "I just came away; that's all."

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The engagement not having been announced, the Atlanta girl smilingly replied:

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The old woman's jaw fell.

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(Submitted by Mrs. E. M. Wightman, Box 636, Los Angeles, Cal.)

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"I presume so."

"Yes," said Tommy, with a long-drawn breath; "and when I asked you the other day to buy me a white rabbit you said you couldn't afford it."

(Submitted by F. E. Bosworth, R. F. D. No. 1, Morganton, N. C.)

When They Give Up.

A young lady living in Atlanta visited the home of her fiancée in New Orleans. On her return home an old negro "mammy," long in the service of the family and consequently privileged to put the question, asked:

"Honey, when is you goin' to git married?"

The engagement not having been announced, the Atlanta girl smilingly replied:

"Indeed, I can't say, Auntie. Perhaps I shall never marry."

The old woman's jaw fell.

"Well, now, ain't dat a pity!" she said; and after reflection she added, consolingly, "Dey do say, howeber, dat ole maids is de happiest critters dey is, once dey quits strugglin'."—Philadelphia Ledger.

(Submitted by Mrs. E. M. Wightman, Box 636, Los Angeles, Cal.)

She Took the Baby.

Smith and Jones were going down town together, when Smith asked Jones if he had heard of the incident of the babies on the boat the day before. Jones had not, so Smith told him how it had been arranged that all babies on the passenger boats could be checked, leaving the mothers free to go about and enjoy themselves. But one mother lost the check given her when she left her baby with the boat nurse, and when she came to claim her offspring she was told that, although, of course, she would take no other baby but her own, still in justice to the other mothers she must wait until all those holding checks had claimed their infants first. Well, when all the others had taken theirs, there was one baby left—but it was a little colored baby!

"Goodness!" exclaimed Jones. "Did she take it?"

"Why, yes," said Smith; "it belonged to her. You see, the lady was a colored woman."

(Submitted by Salina Sheets Martin, 1452 Fulton Street, Chicago, Ill.)

He Did It, All Right.

The teacher of a certain school requested one of her pupils in the primary grammar class to make up a sentence using the words, "Bitter end."

The little fellow arose, and after thinking a moment, solemnly said:

"The dog chased the cat under the porch and bitter end."

(Submitted by Mona Smith, Rural Route No. 2, Hoopeston, Ill.)

Careless.

"Do you know Jim Skelly?" asked Pat of Mike the other day.

"Faith," said Mike, "an' I do."

"Well," said Pat, "he has had his appendix taken away from him."

"Ye don't say so?" said Mike. "Well, it serves him right. He should have had it in his wife's name."

(Submitted by The Winn Company, Box 27, Cambridgeport, Mass.)

Not a Bad Word.

"Mamma," asked little Charlie, "is waterdam a bad word?"

"Why, no, my dear," was the mother's reply. "What makes you ask such a question?"

"Because," responded the young hopeful, "Sister ate some of my tandy, an' I wish the stuff 'd waterdam teeth out."

(Submitted by Howard Byers, Vinco, Pa.)

A Conundrum.

"Why is a clock like a vain, pretty young lady?"

"I fail to see any resemblance. Why?"

"Because it is all face and figure, has no head to speak of, is hard to stop when once it is wound up, and has a striking way of calling attention to itself every hour in the day."

(Submitted by Elden Morris, Maplewood, Mo.)

The Text Took Effect.

Little Johnnie, aged six, had been to church and had displayed more than usual interest in the sermon, in which the origin of Eve had been dwelt on at some length. On his return from the services, there being company to dinner, he had also displayed a good deal of interest in the eatables, especially the mince pie and cakes. Some time afterward, being missed, he was found sitting alone in a corner with his hands pressed tightly over his ribs and an expression of awful anxiety on his face.

"Why, what on earth is the matter?" asked his mother, in alarm.

"Oh, mamma, I'm afraid I'm going to have a wife!"

(Submitted by Hugh K. Chandler, 213 Grove Street, Rutland, Vt.)

Quite True.

The teacher had been reading to the class about the great forests of America.

"And now, boys," she announced afterwards, "which one of you can tell me the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?"

Up went a hand in the front row.

"Well, Tommy?"

"The porcupine, ma'am."

(Submitted by Marie Van Horn, Granite City, Ill.)

WHICH OF THESE JOKES

do you consider the BEST? Which the SECOND best? The THIRD, FOURTH and FIFTH best?

When sending a letter to the publishers of this magazine, write (with ink, on a separate sheet of paper from all other subject matter) a brief statement like this:

"In your issue, I consider joke entitled the BEST.

"I consider joke entitled the SECOND best.

"Joke entitled the THIRD best.

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ESCHOL BURKHART,
Prize Editor.

Got Their Eyes Open.

A little boy called upon a Baptist clergyman to sell him a basket of kittens, mentioning that they were Baptist kittens. However, the minister declined to buy.

The following day this same minister called upon a Methodist divine in the neighborhood, and while he was there the boy came up to the door, and as an inducement to sell the kittens to the Methodist divine, he alleged that they were Methodist kittens.

The Baptist minister, hearing this remark, went to the door and exclaimed: "Why, son, those are the same kittens you showed me yesterday, when you claimed they were Baptist kittens!"

The little fellow replied: "Yes, I know I did—but they didn't have their eyes open then."

(Submitted by Missouri Auction School, Trenton, Mo.)

Disappointing.

"Wait a minute till I get my clothes off!" came in a shrill voice from the rear end of the cable car.

Every one of the strap-hangers turned their heads as one man, only to find it was a small colored boy striving to drag off the hamper containing his mother's washing.

(Submitted by Jasper Arrowood, Howard's Creek, Ky.)

Arithmetic Was Correct, Anyhow.

"Have you any brothers and sisters, my little man?" asked the kind old lady.

"Yes'm," replied the "little man," "I got one sister and one and a half brothers."

"What?"

"Yes, ma'am; two half-sisters and three half-brothers."

(Submitted by Miss Rose Sherman, 1710 N. 7th Street, Harrisburg, Pa.)

No Place for Her.

It was the first vaudeville performance that the old colored lady had ever seen, and she was particularly excited over the marvelous feats of the magician. But when he covered a newspaper with a heavy flannel cloth and read the print through it, she grew a little nervous. He then doubled the cloth and again read the letters accurately.

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(Submitted by Carl McKinnon, 230 Jergen St., Thomasville, Ga.)

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The Editor will select several letters of all those received each month, and will print them in this department. To the writer of

Keeping Things Without Ice.

Dear Sisters—To keep celery crisp without ice, wrap it in a wet cloth—or even a piece of manila paper will do. As it dries out, wet it again. In this way, celery will remain crisp, even in hot weather. Never stand celery in water, as it will wilt.

To keep butter firm without ice, place it in a basin; set this in a larger basin filled with water, so that it almost reaches the top of the smaller basin. Put a handful of salt in the water. Then soak a clean flower pot in water and place it over the butter. Re-soak the flower pot when it begins to dry, and the butter will keep firm.

MRS. H. H. RODMAN,

18 Plymouth Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Some Trite Suggestions.

Dear Sisters—When window shades become faded at bottom, take off rollers, hem top like bottom on machine with long stitches, tack bottom to rollers.

To mend broken china, tie parts together tightly, boil in new milk six hours. It will wash like new if left to dry a few days before using.

To brighten gilt frames, take sufficient flour of sulphur to give a golden tinge to about one and one-half pints of water. In this boil four onions, strain off liquid. When cool, go over frames with soft brush; when dry, frames will look like new.

Moths will not enter woolen garments if wrapped in newspapers.

Set a pan of water in the upper rack of the stove, when baking cake, and it will not burn. MRS. J. W. DEVALL.

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Beauty in the Home.

Dear Sisters—Think of the most beautiful poem you know—some poem the lines of which rise in your memory when you are ill, cross, or troubled, and bring you relief. You cannot doubt that the lessons it contains would be as true and good and comforting if they were expressed in plain, unvar-

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Letters will be considered from any of our woman readers. Letters should be written on one side of the paper only; and should be sent to the publishers, who will submit them to the Editor.

Therein is a lesson for every thinking woman to apply to her home. It is not enough that a home should be comfortable, clean and well managed, cheerful and light. It should be beautiful as well.

Then your children and friends will remember it when the memory will help them; they will turn to it in body and spirit for comfort and rest, just as you turn to the beautiful poem. More than that. The taste of your children is being formed now by the things they see around them; and as that taste is lifted toward the lovely and inspiring, or allowed to sink to the merely useful and sordid, so will their lives be full or empty of the things that make life a perpetual panorama of delight.

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Dear Sisters—It is the custom of most housewives to put the mended aside when the ironed clothing is put away. My method saves two handlings of garments, and the depressing influence of a heaping pile of mending.

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MRS. ELIZABETH CARRINGTON,
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Which of These Letters

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ESCHOL BURKHART,
Prize Editor.

"A Penny Saved."

Dear Sisters—One egg will settle pound of coffee. Put the ground coffee into a pan, break into it one egg, and thoroughly mix with a silver fork; stir until each grain seems dry and separate. Put into the canister at once. The coating of egg preserves the strength of the coffee, which will be clear and sparkling when made.

When cooking fat chicken remove the superfluous fat, or leaf, try on over a slow fire, and use instead of butter when making cake, adding a pinch of salt. No one can tell the difference. Use while fresh, as it grows rancid with age.

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... will be required to sweeten it. Soda should be stirred in after taking the rhubarb from the stove. String beans, green peas or greens any kind are a little old and inclined to be tough, a pinch of baking soda in the water in which they are cooked will make them tender. Flour for thickening pudding sauce thoroughly mixed with sugar while boiling water can be poured over and it will not lump. When making pumpkin pies, allow one level tablespoonful of sifted flour to each pie. Stir into the pumpkin before the milk is added. Only half as many eggs will be needed.

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ESCHOL BURKHART,
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The Poem for this issue is written by **Sam E. Bergh**, 583 Evergreen Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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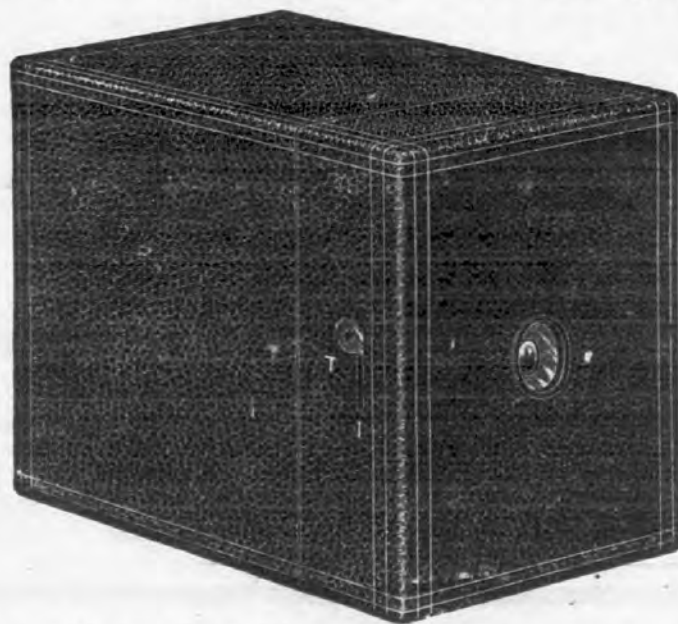
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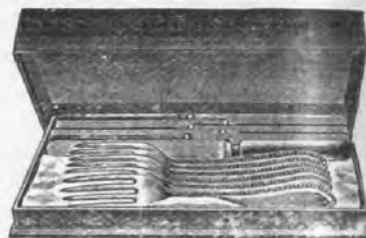
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IN the morning at breakfast Mr. Scratchley said, "Jack, do you fully realize the fact that you are going to school?"

"Yes, and I'm not sorry," replied Jack.

"Not sorry!" cried Mrs. Scratchley, holding up her hands in a sort of pious horror. "This is ingratitude for you! Why, I've been a slave to that boy."

"If you have, you've been paid for it," Jack said boldly.

Mrs. Scratchley gasped for breath.

"Paid for it!" she repeated. "Was there ever such audacity?"

"Leave him to me, my dear," Mr. Scratchley exclaimed mildly. "I will question him. Young man, by whom have we been paid? Answer me that."

"I don't know; by somebody."

"Who told you so?"

"The neighbors. They say your kind-

ness, as you call it, to me is not disinterested. You were paid for adopting me; that is all I know. They may be right; they may be wrong. I give them the benefit of the doubt."

"You are a most precocious youth," observed Mrs. Scratchley.

"He has been too much with grown-up people, my dear," said her husband; "that is what has spoiled him. But, depend upon it, he will get the nonsense knocked out of him at school. The finest thing that could happen to the mischievous imp is to go to a good school."

"If it is a good school," replied Jack.

"What do you mean, sir?"

"I am afraid it is too cheap to be good. I saw the advertisement of Pomona House you have underlined, and I must tell you I don't think much of it. But you need not attack me on the day I am going away. I thank you for all you have done for me. I am afraid I have given you some trouble."

"I should think you had. Not until you have gone shall I know what peace is," said Mrs. Scratchley.

"Leave him to me, my dear. I wish you would not put your oar in," exclaimed her husband.

"A nice way to talk to me, Mr. Scratchley," answered his spouse indignantly. "Put my oar in, indeed! I believe the boy has only been impertinent because you have encouraged him."

There were two cats on the hearth asleep. Jack took them up and, standing them on their hind legs, made them fight, exclaiming, "Go it one; go it t'other."

"How dare you, sir?" cried Mr. Scratchley.

"I was only talking to the cats," returned Jack.

"You are incorrigible, and I shall request that extreme measures be taken with you," continued Mr. Scratchley. "I am your guardian and your benefactor, in spite of what mischief-making neighbors may say, and I will defy any one to prove that you do not eat the bread of charity. Prepare yourself to leave this house with me for your new school in two hours' time. That is all you have to do. It is now 10. At 12 I shall be ready for you."

Jack had done his breakfast and, getting up, left the table, rather glad to be released than otherwise. When in disgrace upstairs, he usually went into the kitchen. He did so on this occasion, and the housemaid said, "Mrs. Marsh, next door but one, wants to see you, Master John, before you go."

"Does she? How did she know I was going?" answered Jack.

"Me and cook at Mrs. Marsh's are friends, and I told her."

"You women are always chattering about something," he said.

"Oh, you ungrateful!" cried Sarah. "Here have I and missus been packing you up all the morning, and cooky made a cake."

"Is it plummy?"

"Beautiful! And the grocer has brought oranges and nuts and marmalade. You'll have such a hamper!"

"For the other boys to eat, I suppose. But I'll go and see Mrs. Marsh."

Jack got down from the dresser on which he had seated himself and, taking his hat out of the hall, went to Mrs. Marsh. This was an elderly widow, with no family and supposed to be

rich, who had often shown the orphan boy acts of kindness. He found her in the morning room feeding her canaries, of which she had several in a large, handsome case.

"Good morning, John," said Mrs. Marsh. "So they are going to send you to school at last?"

"Yes," replied Jack; "to receive a sound commercial education with other sons of gentlemen at Pomona House, where are provided all the comforts of a home."

He was quoting from the advertisement.

"It is my belief that you are the son of gentlefolks, whatever Mr. and Mrs. Scratchley may say to the contrary," Mrs. Marsh replied. "You have it in your appearance. I fancy there is some secret about your birth and that your guardians are well paid for taking care of you."

"I told Mr. Scratchley so this morning," remarked Jack.

"What did he say?"

"Called me ungrateful and impudent."

"Of course. He will not reveal the mystery at present. It is not likely, but I have no doubt you will know all some day."

"I should like to see my mother if she is really living," Jack said thoughtfully.

"I did not send for you to tell you anything which would unsettle your mind," Mrs. Marsh continued. "I have always liked you, and since you saved my cat from the boys who were trying to drown it in the Hampstead ponds you have established a claim to my gratitude. There is a great deal of good in your character. Of that I am persuaded. Be diligent and truthful. If you ever want a friend, come to me. Do you hear?"

"Yes, Mrs. Marsh, and thank you very much."

"Here is a sovereign for you, and recollect I am your friend."

Jack took the money, thanking her again, and went away much pleased with his interview with the kind-hearted old lady. Her allusion to his birth made him thoughtful for a time.

At 12 o'clock a cab was at the door, and Mr. Scratchley went away with Jack to Lillie Bridge and was deposited at Pomona House, with Jack's luggage, consisting of a large, plain deal box, corded, and a small hamper.

Pomona House was quite at the extremity of the little town and stood in its own grounds, being approached by a drive through laurels and other evergreens. It was a plain brick built house of large dimensions, having a variety of additional buildings in the rear, such as the laboratory, the studies of the sixth form, a fives court, and so on.

Mr. Scratchley was urbanely received by Mr. Lewis Crawcour and introduced to his wife. He refused an invitation to stay to tea, and after partaking of mild refreshment in the shape of cake and wine he commended Jack to his new tutor's care, gave him half a crown, told him to be a good boy and write, and, shaking him by the hand, took his leave with the air of a man who had done a disagreeable duty and had a weight off his mind.

It was a half holiday, and the boys were roaming about as they pleased. Some were in the cricketing field, and others were by the river Lea, which was not far off. Some fished, some roved, and some were bathing, all under the superintendence of a resident master, as Mr. Crawcour was fond of boasting. The principal took Jack into his study and, opening a sort of bookcase, showed him about fifty canes of various sizes placed in holes prepared for them.

"Take care, Harkaway," he said, with a malicious grin, "that you do not make acquaintance with these. I call them my little persuaders."

"I hope I shall not, sir," said Jack.

"Now, come with me to the playground. It is a half holiday," continued the principal. "I have adopted a custom here which is in vogue in the army. Ever, recruit on joining his regiment has a comrade given him. Your comrade, or 'chum,' as my boys call it, will be a boy about your own age, named Thomas Harvey. He will initiate you in the ways of the school."

Mr. Crawcour then led the way to the

meadow in which the boys were playing cricket and beckoned to one, who immediately threw down the bat he was holding and came up at a jdg trot.

"Harvey, I want to introduce to you your new friend, John Harkaway. He will be your comrade, or, as you boys in your slang call it, your 'chum.'"

"Glad to see you, Harkaway," said Tom Harvey, who was a stout, chubby looking, fair haired boy, about a year younger than Jack, with a good natured expression and an honest open countenance not exactly indicative of talent, but nevertheless prepossessing.

"You will be examined tomorrow to see what place you are to occupy in the school," continued Mr. Crawcour. "Harvey will put you into the way of everything; so go and play."

Mr. Crawcour patted Jack on the back in a parental sort of manner, spoke a word or two to some boys who were standing by and walked back to the house.

When the principal was out of sight, Harvey said to Jack: "I'm busy now. You can come and fag out for me if you like, but I'm practicing batting, and a fellow I know to be a good bowler is bowling for me."

"I thought Mr. Crawcour said you would show me about the place," said Jack.

"I can't help what you thought," said Harvey. "I tell you what I'm going to do. You'll find you can't do as you like here."

"I generally contrive to do pretty well as I like wherever I am," answered Jack in his cool, philosophic manner.

"Oh, do you? Perhaps you're very clever."

"I'll back myself against you any day in the week."

"You're rather cheeky for a new boy, aren't you?" said Harvey in surprise.

"I don't know," replied Jack. "You may be a better judge of cheek than I am. All I know is that I mean to take a look round by myself if you won't come with me, and I dare say I can do just as well without as I could with you."

"You're a cool fish," cried Harvey.

"I never heard of a hot one" --

swered Jack.

"You'll get a jolly good hiding if you don't mind what you're about before long."

"I'll chance a thrashing. If you want to give me one, you'd better try."

Jack drew himself up and clinched one fist as he spoke.

"It wouldn't take me long. We don't stand any nonsense here," replied Harvey, growing rather red in the face.

"Nor do we where I come from."

"Where's that?"

"Find out and then you'll know."

Harvey stared at Jack in astonishment.

"I never saw a fellow like you," he said.

"I thought I should teach you a thing or two," replied Jack, with a faint smile. "But I am not above making myself useful, and if you like I'll bowl to you."

"Can you play cricket?"

"I have played," answered Jack evasively.

Harvey ran off, followed by Jack, and said to the boy who had been bowling to him: "Here's a new fellow. He is to be my chum, and he thinks he can bowl. Let him have a try."

"All right," replied the boy, whose name was Maple.

"I'm rather a swell and can swipe pretty well," continued Harvey to Jack, "so you'd better not send me any mild half volleys."

Jack took off his jacket and sent in a good, swift round hand ball, which, oddly enough, went clean into the stumps, taking the center one.

"How's that, umpire?" cried Jack, with a smile.

"Middle wicket, sir," replied Maple.

Harvey looked at Jack with astonishment.

"You'll be in the eleven if you bowl like that," he said.

"Oh, it's nothing. I didn't try much that time. I thought you were such a swell bat, it was no use. Now I'm going for a walk round," adding, as he threw the ball to Maple, "catch!"

Harvey did not seem inclined to accompany him, so he walked off alone.

"There's nothing like taking up a po-

sition when you go among fresh people," he said to himself, as he walked along. "If you want to be respected and looked up to, you must act in a manner calculated to gain it. I shouldn't wonder if Harvey came after me."

Nor was he wrong in his conjecture. "You'd better go with him," said Maple.

"Why?" asked Harvey sulkily.

"It's only civil, to begin with, and he is just the cool sort of fellow to go and do some wonderful thing which will reach the chief's ears"—they called Mr. Crawcour the chief—"and then you will get into a row."

"Perhaps you are right. I'll go after him. Will you take the stumps and things in, and oil them a bit before you put them away?"

Maple nodded, and before Jack had gone far he was overtaken by Harvey.

"I didn't mean to be rough or rude just now," he exclaimed, "but I was practicing batting, and I expected you would not mind waiting."

"Oh, don't put yourself out on my account. I can paddle my own canoe," Jack answered, with a smile.

"I am at your service now. Where do you want to go?"

"About the place. I'm new to it, and it's just as well to know the ropes, and if you give me any information about things in general I shall be obliged."

"In the first place, there is a gap in the hedge which will let us into the road, and a five-minutes' run will bring us into Lillie Bridge, where there is as fine a confectioner's shop as ever sold tarts and all sorts of sweet stuff. Have you got any money?"

"Lots," Jack said. "Go ahead."

"That's all right; I haven't. My money burns a hole in my pocket; not that I ever have a fat lot to burn," rejoined Harvey.

"We are not supposed to go into the town," Harvey continued, "but the masters wink at it if it is not done too openly. Lots of us do go."

"On the principle of 'it's naughty, but it's nice,' I suppose," Jack remarked.

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OUR GOOD TIME CLUB

Conducted by Jackson Dunaway, Dothan, Texas

To whom all letters, poems etc. relating to this Dept. be Ad.

Glad to welcome you all once more in our favorite department. Hop right up now and let's have a friendly little chat. As this is only the second appearance of the club, we have not many letters to shower upon you, but next month I think I may truly promise a good supply. Now, come along with the letters, every one, for that is the only way to make a success out of this department, and, of course, you want it to succeed.

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St. Louis, Mo., April 6, 1908.

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You asked me to write some interesting subject for boys, and I hardly know just how to answer your request. There are many, many things that would interest them, yet I cannot grasp at some good subject to dwell upon. However, I believe I might write some on the athletic side of life. All boys in their young age should take advantage of physical training. Many young men start in to develop their bodies, but never attain any end, for the simple reason that the majority of boys nowadays, by the time they have reached the age of 18 or thereabout, will have lost all interest in their bodily appearance, or devote their time to things of lesser

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The players take seats around the sides of the room, and the one who has been selected to start the game goes to the center and twirls the plate on the floor as hard as he can. As the plate begins to spin he speaks some sentence in which he uses the name of one of the toilet articles, and the player who has that name must leave his seat and try to catch the plate before it stops twirling. If he fails he pays a forfeit and takes the twirler's place. If he succeeds he takes the place without paying a forfeit.

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importance. For years I have belonged to a gymnastic society here, and I have never regretted it. True, I am no record breaker in any certain line, but this is not my object in turning. I seek to keep my body free of superfluous flesh, my muscles in good working order and my blood in circulation. The exercises a youth should take must not be such that will develop one portion of the body alone, but such that will develop the body entire. On one occasion leg movement alone should be taken, next time try arm movement. Then follow with wand exercises, dumbbells, indian clubs, floor exercises. (By this is meant lying on the floor and going through a series of leg and arm exercises. This will tire one awful, but is a great developer for the chest and stomach.) The apparatus work, of course, cannot be done unless one belongs to a gymnasium where such things may be had. I belong to one of the largest and best equipped societies in the United States, hence we have much at our command. For instance, we have horizontal bars, parallel bars, horse, back, climbing poles, climbing ropes, ladders, swinging rings, fencing, boxing, wrestling, and all the other good things connected with a good gymnasium. Then, also, there are many nice games which are developers and fun-producers. Rider-ball is one of my favorite games, though it is rather rough sometimes. This is played by four or more boys. There must be enough boys so that one can act as rider and the others as horses. The riders get upon the backs of the horses, when one of them is given a very large ball (medicine ball is best, or a good football). He must then pass this from one to another and must do his best to keep it from falling to the floor or reaching the floor in any way. The horses' duty is to prevent the riders from catching the ball. He can shake, turn round in any way to keep the rider from getting the ball, and should he succeed and the rider misses the ball, all the horses must then drop to the floor, the riders must run and horse nearest the ball must pick it up and try to hit a rider. Should a horse hit a rider with the ball, then the horses become riders

and the riders horses. If he should miss, they then remain as they were. In this way the game goes on, and one can derive much fun from it if played correctly. Believing I have given you about enough for this letter, as I fear it will tire you to read it, I remain

Sincerely,

EDWIN A. LIFKA.

Fine, Edwin! Come again, your letter has interested me immensely. One part in particular; I am greatly interested in this rider-ball. My, my, Edwin, imagine some big old 350-pound guy riding a little 120-pound boy around the ring in the vain attempt to catch a ball. What is the poor boy to do? He would have a jolly good time trying to turn round or shake his rider, or "buckin' him o.f." Poor, faithful old horse! I know it must be sad for him to tote such a load as this, and I feel for the critter from the very depths of my heart. I think congress should take a hand in this and put a stop to such heartless treatment of a faithful old horse that can't help himself. I used to play this rider-ball a heap, Edwin, and I'll just say that I got mine. Every time I played it it fell to my lot to have to tote a middle-aged buck who weighed between two and three ones—I don't remember the exact figure—and one day I made him miss the ball by jumping the moon just as he made a tremendous grab for the ball. This made him a little riled, and he got a fence rail and with a yell of rage made a dive for me, declaring he would learn that damned fool horse some sense. This insulted me, and I went home mad as the dickens. I never was the kind to stand about and people insulting me. I can't stand it. Come again some day, Edwin; I'm sure the cousin will look for you.

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Your cousin,

CHAS. FREEMAN.

Charles, your letter is a little short, but it is all right, all right, and you must come again and tell us more about your state. I think it is downright mean and selfish for you to just dash off a few lines like that and quit. Make 'em last, Charlie, and come often. Now, all of you shower me with letters for the next month, and let's make it a great number.

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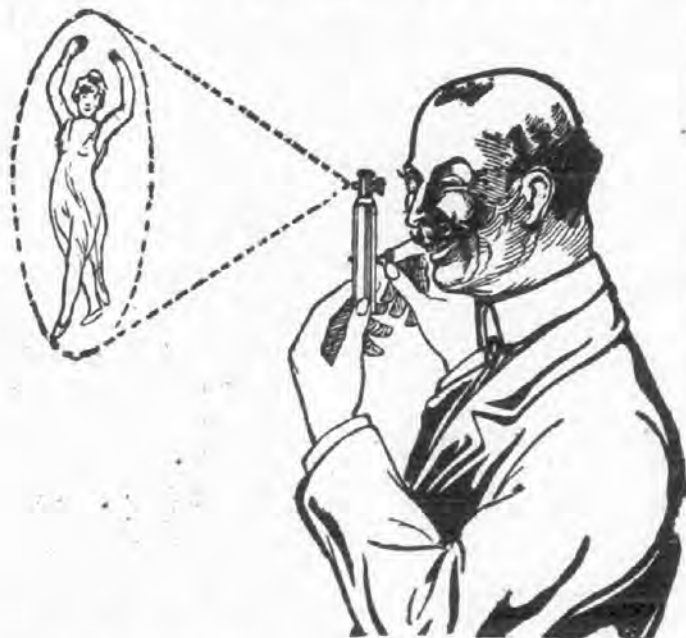
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CHAPTER IV.

THE river Lea is deep and treacherous in parts, and Mr. Crawcour had strictly forbidden those of his boys who could not swim to go on the water in a boat. There were boats for hire, and the proprietor could not distinguish those who could swim from those who could not, so accidents happened occasionally. In the school there was a tradition of a boy having been drowned once, a long time ago.

"Can you swim?" asked Harvey of his companion as he walked along by the bank of the river.

"Yes. I learned to swim in the Highgate ponds early in the morning before any one was up. Can you?"

"No. I have tried to learn, but it is so difficult. We have a bathing place where it is shallow, and it is shut off from the deep part by hurdles. Pumphrey or Stonor generally comes with me. Of course the masters can't be everywhere, and we are allowed a good deal of liberty for a private school, but

they are always prowling about somewhere and turning up at odd and inconvenient intervals."

"How do you like the school on the whole?" asked Jack.

"Oh, pretty well. I was at a school at Brighton once, where they were much more strict than they are here. School isn't like home, and one must have one's miseries. I might be worse off."

Talking in this way, they spent the afternoon. Jack was not a great talker. He preferred to let other people talk and so draw them out. Harvey began to like him and was ready to swear eternal friendship after being a couple of hours in his society. Jack picked up a quantity of information in a small space of time.

The school contained at that time between sixty and seventy boys and was supposed to be in a flourishing condition. They had tea, breakfast and dinner at long tables in the schoolroom, which was a spacious, barnlike building specially erected by Mr. Crawcour. Each master presided at a table.

Jack and his friend had just time to wash and brush their hair in the lavatory, another independent erection at the back of the school, containing thirty basins, all in a row, fitted with hot and cold water, when the bell rang for

tea. The bell was a large one, hung in a belfry erected at the entrance of the school.

"Where shall I sit?" asked Jack.

"Go up to the chief's table. He will put you right," answered Harvey.

He directed him to a table at the head of the room, where sat Mr. and Mrs. Crawcour, with Miss Letitia and Master Jeremiah, who had been described by Harvey as "Jerry," a cheeky young brute whom fellows are afraid to lick because he goes and tells his father, who doesn't say anything at the time, but puts a black mark against you in his memory.

"So sure as you lay a hand on Jerry you'll get caned within a fortnight. All the fellows will tell you so."

There were a few other boys at the principal's table, very small ones, who were supposed to be under Mrs. Crawcour's personal supervision. As Jack made his way up the room he was stared at by some, while others tried to trip him up and stick pins into him, all such amusements being considered fair in the case of a new boy. Jack soon saw what they were doing and, looking down, noticed a rather long leg extended for the express purpose of tripping him. Without hesitation he gave it a deliberate kick on the shin, which made its owner draw it back again with a subdued cry of pain.

"I'll make you remember this," said a voice, "or my name's not Hunston."

Jack passed on, saying to himself:

"It's odd I should make an enemy of Hunston. He is the bully Harvey was telling me about and is cock of our dormitory. I am afraid I shall have my work cut out for me here."

When he approached the chief's table, Mr. Crawcour looked up.

"Oh, Harkaway! My dear, the new boy. This boy is Harkaway," he said.

"Come and sit here, Harkaway," said Mrs. Crawcour, a very ladylike and not at all bad looking woman between thirty and forty years of age. Her hair was dark, her features regular and classic, her complexion pale,

ner eyes full, but wicked. Being a slight judge of character, Jack saw at a glance that she could be a firm friend, but a most determined enemy. It was a beautiful but a very cold, cruel face.

Jack sat down in the chair she indicated, which was next to Letty, who was fair and more resembled a pretty wax doll than anything else.

"That is it; that will do," said Mr. Crawcour. "Tonight I will have you put through your paces—examined, I mean—and we will see what part of the school you are to be placed in, and you will sit at the table of that master in whose class you are. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sir."

There were large plates filled up with bread and butter everywhere. Near Letty was a pot of marmalade. Taking up the bread and butter, Jack politely offered it to Letty, and then the marmalade. She thanked him, and, having attended to her, he helped himself. As he was inserting the spoon for the second time in the marmalade pot Jerry saw what was going on.

"Don't take that," he said.

"Thank you; don't apologize," replied Jack. "I prefer jam, but marmalade will do, if you have nothing else."

Jerry was too much astonished to speak. The other boys looked at him open mouthed. Such audacity took their breath away.

"My son means," continued the principal, whose attention was attracted to what was going on, "that the sweets are intended for the members of my family and not for my pupils."

"You should put a label on it, then," returned Jack.

"Don't be so insolent, sir," said Mr. Crawcour. "You are not at home now, and you shall not do as you like."

Turning to Mrs. Crawcour, Jack said, "As I am not allowed to have my tea in peace, ma'am, and as I have no wish to create a disturbance or to be the cause of any unpleasantness before a lady, may I beg permission to leave the table?"

"You can go if you wish it," replied Mrs. Crawcour, with a half smile.

"Sit still, sir!" cried Mr. Crawcour.

"I have the permission of the lady of the house to go," answered Jack.

"Let him go. I ask it," said Mrs. Crawcour to her husband.

"What am I to do? Have you settled the conflict of authority?" Jack said to his master.

Mr. Crawcour waved his hand. The schoolmaster was obliged to obey his wife, for Mrs. Crawcour was a woman of a firm and determined will, and her husband would not have seriously contradicted her for the world. Jack, having by her aid carried his point, was

again an object of interest as he walked out of the schoolroom.

"Like my luck," he muttered. "Mr. Crawcour is my enemy now. I think he was so before on account of the practical jokes I played him, but there is no mistake about it now. It is war between us, and if I don't look out I shall go to the wall."

He went into the playground and amused himself by cutting his name on the trunk of a tree. After tea some of the boys came out. Others remained indoors. Harvey was the first to speak to him.

"What have you been doing? I heard Mole and Pumbleton talking about the way you set the chief down. It was lovely, Mole said."

"They didn't treat me with that consideration I thought I was entitled to, so I went away."

"It's a wonder there wasn't a jolly shindy. There is one thing, though. The chief never forgets. If I were you, I'd pad my jacket."

"I like to let people know that I've arrove."

"That's not grammatical."

"No, but it's a fact," replied Jack, laughing.

"You shinned Hunston badly, and he swears he'll let you have it," continued Harvey.

"It wasn't my fault. He shouldn't have put his foot in my way."

In a short time Jack was sent for and conducted to the schoolroom, from which all traces of tea had disappeared. Each boy had a bookshelf and a locker, and some were arranging their contents, others reading, some writing. At the head of the spacious, hall-like room the principal and Mr. Mole were standing together. Mr. Crawcour did not appear to have thought any more of the incident of the tea table. He was calm and serene. He had sent for Harkaway, he said, to examine him. Mr. Mole would try him and find out what he knew. The examination proceeded. History succeeded geography; then came arithmetic, writing, spelling. Latin and French he knew little or nothing of.

"I think, sir, that Harkaway is sufficiently intelligent and forward to be placed in the third class," said Mr. Mole.

"So be it," answered the principal. "He will be under Mr. Pumbleton. Pray call him."

Mr. Pumbleton was called.

"You sent for me, sir," he said.

"I did, Mr. Pumbleton. We have decided that this boy Harkaway shall be in your third class. I have given him the books he requires and a bookshelf."

"Yes, sir."

"Go, Harkaway," continued Mr. Crawcour, "with your kind friend, Mr. Pum-

pleton, who will assist your budding mind to emerge from its state of germination and blossom fully. It seems harsh, remember that he has duty to perform. The child must be spoiled because the rod is spared. Harkaway; you shall not be spoiled. I am determined that when you quit my House school you shall be a perambulating advertisement of the admirable success of the system of education I pursue."

Mr. Pumbleton and Jack went away together.

Turning to his first master, the principal continued: "You, Mole, are B. Oxon. I say so in my circulars; therefore it must be so. You can bear independent testimony to my largeness of heart. Why, it is as large as—as large as a bullock's. I love my boy Mole, and I think they look upon me as a father. May God bless our efforts!"

The principal was affected even to tears. He squeezed Mr. Mole's arm and went silently out of a side door without speaking another word.

"Talk about Pecksniff!" muttered Mr. Mole. "He beats him hollow. He is a wonderful humbug, and I shall have to tell him so one of these days."

The evening passed in putting Jack in the way of the school. He was to what lessons to prepare and had a sheet of paper with the time of every thing marked on it.

"At 9 you will have a ration of Dutch cheese and bread. Beer is only allowed to the big boys in the fifth and six classes," said Mr. Pumbleton, "I recollect that our friendship depends upon yourself. I will do my best to advance you. If you are lazy, disobedient or unpunctual, I shall have to complain to the principal."

"I will do my best, sir," returned Jack, who felt attracted toward his tutor.

Indeed Mr. Pumbleton was a favorite with the boys. He was kind and considerate and really took pains with them. The masters were not allowed to touch the boys. They could not learn lessons, to write out or translate lessons, and they could not control their liberty by keeping them, but all corporal punishment was inflicted by Mr. Crawcour in his school. It was there that he brought his persuader into use.

At last bedtime came.

"I'll show you the way to our dormitory," said Harvey after parting. "Don't be nervous."

"About what?" asked Jack, with a parent unconcern.

"Hunston. Be firm, and as you are a stout built fellow he may think

Little Editorials

BY OUR READERS

Merry Christmas to all our readers.
(Editor.)

An exclusive circle—the wedding
(Elsa Redmond.)

The best thing going—an unwelcome
st. (Walter V. Jaynes.)

A pane in the window is worth two
of the stomach. (J. Jesse Reese.)

No man is a failure. He merely
did the wrong thing. (H. T. Jones.)

The girl who has pretty white teeth
finds it easy to smile. (Alva Heslop.)

The grass widow is all right if she
has plenty of the long green. (Sunny
Jack.)

All bachelors are to be pitied—they
never hold their own. (Emma L.
re.)

That language is often used in mak-
ing sharp retorts. (Mrs. Anna Wil-
son.)

Old age is the frost that has
ruined many a reputation. (Silvery
Mel.)

It is a good plan to remember that
a thing isn't done merely because we
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given; there's not a blessing or a woe;
there's not a whisper, yes or no; there's
not a life, there's not a birth, that has
a feather's weight of worth—without a
woman in it. (Miss F. L. Risley.)

There is quite a difference between a
gold mark and a mining shark.
(Clark.)

"Union there is strength"—but we
care for any union butter.
(Pie Frattles.)

Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
the saddest are, "I was taken in."
(Walker Wiscomb.)

The girl who marries her ideal gen-
erally lives to realize that she didn't.
(Mrs. Mabel Corson.)

The elevator man has an uplifting
influence and yet he will run you down.
(Agnes Cruickshank.)

Every man who breaks his word is
not a liar. Some do it because they
stutter. (H. G. Reeder.)

A little girl hates to be kissed by a
man almost as much as a big girl does
not. (Julius Armstrong.)

A man can never know what a fol-
lowing he has unless he attends his
own funeral. (P. A. Pere.)

Experience teaches us that if we
want a thing cheap we must pay pretty
dearly for it. (E. C. Savitz.)

The college graduate soon finds out
the difference between theory and
practice. (Carl S. Lowden.)

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Many people who find it hard to live
within their income would find it much
harder to live without it. (Joyful
Jenny.)

Entertain strangers. By so doing
you may entertain angels unawares.
But—keep an eye on the silver. (Mate
F. Phillips.)

There is one class of people who al-
ways seem to give better satisfaction by
doing less work—preachers. (Elias
Smathers.)

Women may usually be rather poor
at mathematics, but still they try hard
enough to make their own "figures"
count. (A. M. H.)

Chinese laundrymen make no pretense
of being prizefighters, and yet when
anyone gives them cuffs they proceed
to "do them up." (Elvira Eldridge.)

The really great are the few who
make a success of failure, though the
many who make a failure of success
commonly get the name. (Abner Cum-
mings.)

If tattlers would imitate the bee, and
extract the sweets and goodness of
those they come in contact with, and
circulate them, they would become
blessings to society, instead of scourges.
(Robert H. Blake.)

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THE VAN HORNE INCIDENT

BY BLANCHE TRENNOR HEATH.

"Heigho, what lovely weather! Regular Indian summer. Doesn't make a man feel particularly like work, though," and Jack Norton leaned back in his office chair with a leisurely yawn. "Almost think I'll take a week or two's vacation. I haven't had much to speak of in that line this year," he mused. "What sort of idea would it be to run down to Marshmeadow and see what Andy is doing? I suppose I ought to look over the place."

His self-communings were interrupted by the arrival of his letters. Picking up one at random he scanned the post-mark with a smile.

"Marshmeadow, by Jove, for a coincidence! But that's not Andy's scrawl. Wonder what's up?"

Tearing it open a glance revealed the brief contents:

"J. H. Norton, Sir—Your men have removed my boundary line. This is to notify you that I shall replace it, so you are only wasting time. B. Van Horne."

"Short and sharp," muttered Norton. "Now, then!"

He caught up a pen and wrote as follows:

"B. Van Horne, Sir—Your communication received. This is to notify you that if you trespass on my land I shall take legal steps, and you can go to Guinea. J. H. Norton."

Pushing this aside, he hastily dashed off another to his agent:

"Take no bluff about Van Horne boundary line, but go ahead. J. H. Norton."

This he addressed to Andrew Burns, and tossed the two among his outgoing mail with a chuckle.

But a few days brought another letter.

"Van Horne again?" thought Norton, who, being a busy man, had forgotten the incident. "What has the fellow to say now?"

The fellow had this to say:

"J. H. Norton, Sir—You had better be careful what steps you take. I have a prior claim and my boundary line will stand. B. Van Horne."

"Oh, it will, will it? That's what we'll see." Norton was now thoroughly roused. "Confound B. Van Horne for a cantankerous fool! I'll set the law on him—No, I won't, I'll just go

there and have it out with him myself."

Then his thoughts took a sudden turn. "Van Horne," he repeated. "It isn't a very common name. Hope this curmudgeon won't turn out any relation of my old chum Charley Van Horne? Poor Charley, not so many years ago we were almost like brothers, and now he's at the bottom of the sea, and only that picture left of it all. Well, well, what's the use of getting blue about it?"

This Marshmeadow property had been left to Norton a few years before. Only wild land at the time, a railway had since given the town a boom, and the young business man thought his estate worth improving, though he had never visited it himself.

But here was just the opportunity. He would get an idea of the results accomplished by Andrew Burns, his trusty deputy, besides the satisfaction of settling scores with the bumptious Van Horne.

After a long journey through unfamiliar localities, Norton stepped off the train at the Marshmeadow station into a straggling town. Looking about him he prepared to make a start at random. He had not gone far when he was brought to a sudden standstill.

A young woman in a light wagon was vainly urging a balky horse across the railroad track. Norton saw what she did not, an incoming train rapidly rounding the wooded curve below. And still the horse would not stir.

With a sharp cut of the whip Norton wrenched at the bit. Rearing and snorting, the animal dashed off the track just as the red headlight thundered by.

The young woman sprang quickly out. She was pale, but not hysterical. "Oh, I hope you are not hurt," she cried to Norton, who was jammed unpleasantly close to a tree.

The large shade-hat had fallen back from her face. He looked at her with a start.

"Jove! the picture—" he exclaimed.

She looked back at him in alarm. He laughed.

"No, I'm not off my head—confound you!"—this to the horse—"can't you stand still?"

In spite of the plunging hoofs, he

took a note-case from his breast pocket and held out a photograph to her.

"My picture!" she exclaimed in amazement after a glance. "Where—where did you get this?"

"I was your brother's college chum," explained the young man. "We were like brothers ourselves, poor Charley—He stopped as her face clouded. "Forgive me," he said, "I ought not to have reminded you so suddenly."

"He was my only brother," she said simply. "There were just we two." She looked up at Norton again. "And Charley gave you this?"

"Well—I took it," with the flick of a smile. "I've had it ever since. I tried to find you afterwards, but couldn't learn where you had gone. Then with a sudden recollection of his touchy correspondence, he concluded it might be better to go slow till he could ascertain if there was any relationship.

"You have friends here, Miss Van Horne?" he ventured, thinking how could make it right with her.

Before she could answer, a lone spare figure came past and stopped in sight of them.

"How do ye do, sir?" said Andrew Burns' broad Scotch accent, as he held out his hand. "So ye've come yerself, he went on, ignoring the young woman who had turned her back to him. "Settle about yon boundary line"—

"The boundary line's all right, Andy cut in Norton, anxious to get rid of him. "It's just your mistake"—

"But," persisted Andy, too slow to take the hint, "ye told me to go ahead and mind no bluff, Mr. Norton"—

"All your mistake," repeated Norton. "Just leave it alone. I'll explain when I see you down there." And obeying his employer's imperative gesture Andrew plodded out of sight.

Norton turned to the young woman again. Her manner had become extremely stiff.

"So you are Mr. Norton?" she said slowly. "You are the one who threatened to prosecute?"

"I am very sorry," Norton repressed a smile, though he was dismayed to find that the families were connected after all. "I believe there was some over-hasty correspondence on both sides, but it will be all right when you can see Mr.—er—Mr. B. Van Horne. Your uncle, perhaps?" insinuatingly.

"No, not my uncle," shortly.

"Ah, your cousin, then?"

"Not my cousin either." She looked at him defiantly, her cheeks crimson. "You don't understand," impatiently. "I—I am B. Van Horne."

SOME OF THE WINNERS

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N. A. Ansley, 317 Chicago street, Elgin, Ill. \$2.00.

Jesse Markey, R. R. 3, New Carlisle, O. \$1.00.

Miss Lois Lee, Blairstown, Ia. \$1.00.

Miss Clara Boyd, Windsor, Ontario, Can. \$4.00.

"You!" He stared at her, thinking it
like at first, then burst into uncon-
table laughter. She stood silent,
eyes flashing.
"Really, I beg your pardon," he apol-
ed. "I had formed such a very
ent idea of B. Van Horne! But
did you write to me like that?"
"Because—" Her color deepened
in. "I wanted you to think me a
a, so I did not sign my full name,
the. I—I meant—" "You meant to terrorize me?" Nor-
smiled, thinking how much prettier
was even than her picture.
"No, no," she hesitated, with the
st of a smile. "But men are more
et and business like, and it would
e so much awkwardness, I thought,
then I never expected you would
e here yourself," ruefully.
"I shouldn't but for those letters of
s," laughed Norton with a bold
ersion of facts. "But I wanted to
what kind of a course Andy was
admitting me to. Once he gets an
e into his head it's mighty hard
ing it out again."
"He always seemed anxious to follow
y exact directions," she said rather
ly.
"Sure," nodded Norton, "but he does-
always understand them. Well, it's
right now, Miss Van Horne."
"He looked up at him in pleased sur-
e. "Then you won't contest the
dary line?"
"Certainly not! It shall stand where
it likes—I mean where it is," hastily.
"Looking into it I find your claim is
a."
"I am so glad," she exclaimed with
gh of relief, "for to tell you the
h, I could not afford a lawsuit.
see, my father met with reverses,
there was nothing left for me
he died. But I found a deed of
land among his papers. I knew
ing of women's ways of earning
bread, and I had always been
of outdoor life—Well," she broke
"I have never regretted the experi-
t. Only this trouble has been
er hard, for I didn't know what
e I might have to fight, and I
nobody to look out for me."
"Poor little girl!" said Norton im-
vely, then with a twinkle of the
seldom far from him, "I can sym-
ize with you there, Miss Van
e, for I have nobody to look out
ne either. Why shouldn't we," he
on, "make common cause and
out for each other? Oh, I'm quite
us," as he saw her quick color and
tioning glance. "If—if I seem
ingly abrupt, won't you let the cir-
stances be my excuse? I have

never forgotten your face. It has
crowded out the thought of any other
woman ever since. And now that I
have found you by such a lucky chance,
need I lose you again? Mayn't I,"
persuasively, "take away that boundary
line for good and all?"
A sparkle of merriment gleamed in
her eyes.
"Where would be the use, Mr. Nor-
ton, since you told me to go to Guinea?"
"No, no, not you," said Norton, put-
ting a bold face on it. "That was B.
Van Horne, my touchy correspondent
who tried to terrorize me. B. Van
Horne may go to Guinea and welcome
if I can have Bertha instead!—I
know," with a deprecating smile, "this
is awfully sudden and unconventional,
and I won't ask you to say Yes just
yet. Only—only don't say no," he
pleaded.
Their eyes met over the back of the
refractory horse, now thoroughly sub-
dued and ashamed of himself. Miss
Bertha said neither Yes nor No, but a
certain dimple encouraged Norton to
think that the Van Horne incident was
happily closed.
WRITE A STORY
If an interesting plot for a short
story has ever occurred to you, write
it (as briefly and as plainly as you
can) and mail it to the publishers of
this magazine—who will submit it to
the Editor for his consideration. For
every short story which is found ac-
ceptable for publication, the Editor
of this magazine will pay the writer
from Five Dollars to Fifty Dollars
(according to strength). The usual
rules—such as writing on one side
of the paper only, and with black ink
(never with lead pencil)—should be
observed. At the top of the first
page of your story write your full
name and address—and in case you
do not wish your real name pub-
lished, also write a "nom de plume."
If your story is, not quite perfect
grammatically or rhetorically, but
has a good plot, the Editor may offer
to revise and correct it for you.
AN EXCEPTION.
"Yes," declared an earnest suffra-
gette, "women have been wronged for
ages. They have suffered in a thousand
ways."
"There is one way in which they
have never suffered," said a meek-look-
ing man standing up in the rear of the
hall.
"What way is that?" demanded the
suffragette.
"They have never suffered in silence."
—Illustrated Bits.
(Sent by Abercrombie.)
Some people have their good points
without being very sharp.

Phun and Pholly

FOOLISH QUESTION.

The One—But if you have the money why don't you pay your debts?

The Other—Because if I did that I wouldn't have the money.

(Sent by Mrs. Gertrude Moseley.)

CONSOLING.

"An' how's yer wife, Pat?"

"Sure, she do be awful sick."

"Is ut dangerous she is?"

"No, she's too weak to be dangerous anny more."—Exchange.

(Sent by Warren H. Smith.)

WHY HE ASKED.

"Mamma, is the old black hen going to be sent away for the summer?"

"No, Tommy; but why do you ask?"

"Well, I heard papa tell the new governess that he would take her out riding when he sent the old hen away for the summer."

(Sent by Mrs. Etta Kaufman.)

A LOTTERY FOR DOLLY.

Margie was industriously sewing for her doll, when she suddenly stopped work and turned to her mother.

"Oh, mama, what do you think?" she exclaimed.

"What is the trouble, dearie?" asked the mother.

"I started to make my doll a bonnet," explained Margie, "and I do believe it's going to come out an apron!"—Woman's Home Companion.

(Sent by Mrs. T. Burns.)

IT GREW.

A certain gentleman who was noted as an angler had a poor memory as to the weight of the fish he had taken.

On one occasion a friend who was trying to entrap him asked in a casual manner:

"I say, S., what was the weight of that big fish you caught the other day?"

The angler turned to his servant and said, "Jenkins, what did I say yesterday that fish weighed?"

"What time yesterday, sir—in the morning, at dinner or after supper?" was the reply.

(Sent by Dr. E. S. Hamburg.)

IT SHRANK.

"Hello, Teddy! Got a new suit?"

"No, sir, it's papa's old one."

"Ah, did mamma cut it down?"

"Oh, no, sir; papa had it washed!"

(Sent by Ray Hennesley.)

ABSOLUTE IGNORANCE.

Juvenile—Mamma, when the fire goes out where does it go?

Mother—I don't know, dear. You might just as well ask where your father goes when he goes out.—Town Topics.

(Sent by Martha Dickson.)

CAUSE OF HIS HASTE.

Perambulating Pete—Wot is youse runnin' fer, Mike?

Meandering Mike—De woman at de house back dere offered me a cake.

Perambulating Pete—Well, wot wuz de matter wid it?

Meandering Mike—Matter? Why, it wuz a cake uv soap.—Chicago News.

(Sent by Ernest F. Otterburn.)

A CHILLING RECEPTION.

"What did you do on earth?" asked Saint Peter of the latest arrival.

"I owned several flat houses, and lived off the income from them."

"Then I'm afraid you wouldn't be happy in Heaven. You see, we take children here. Please step into the elevator. It is about to go down."

(Sent by T. M. Carnahan.)

ONE BY THE COLONEL.

Some one had been telling the colonel about weather so warm that eggs could be fried on the sidewalk.

"Call that hot weather?" scoffed the colonel. "Why, that's nothing, sah."

"Think not, colonel?"

"No, sah. Why, Ah have seen it so hot down South, sah, that the popcorn popped right on the stalk."

"Whew!"

"And that's not all, sah. The juice in the cane in the next field turned to molasses, ran through the fence, mixed up with the popcorn and formed the finest combination of popcorn and molasses that ever crossed your lips, sah. Talk about hot weather? Huh!"

(Sent by Anderson Wadsworth.)

NOT COMPLIMENTARY.

A meeting of considerable interest was in progress on a certain camp ground. Dr. L., the minister in charge called upon one of the brethren to lead in prayer, supporting him with vigorous amens and similar exclamations and, at the same time hurriedly selecting the next hymn.

"Oh, Lord," said the praying brother "Thou knowest that there are some of this camp ground whom we may never meet again——"

"Lord, grant it!" fervently responded the minister.

(Sent by Alice De Long.)

UNLIKE HIM.

"It seems powerful queer," remarked the man on the empty cracker box, "that men are made of dust."

"I don't reckon you are," rejoined the grocer, peevishly.

"Why not?" queried the occupant of the aforesaid e. c. b.

"'Cause dust settles," answered the grocer.

(Sent by J. B. Mulvehill.)

A TRAGIC EPISODE

By "Pendragon."

'Twas a dark and stormy evening
On a moonlight winter's day.

A maiden walking down the street
In an automobile gay

Espied a handsome fellow

As homely as could be,

And cried aloud in accents low,

"Walk in and ride with me!"

The young man looked around the room,

His heart was all aflame,

You see the maiden's hair was red

So he was not to blame;

The poor chap dropped up on his knees,

He was too strong to stand;

Did he propose? Yes, he did not—

Oh, listen to the ban!

Lo! and behold our heroine,

A leap-year girl sublime;

And though not quite an infant,

She was only in her prime:

She looked at him in rapture

And said she'd wealth to burn:

He looked at her in agony

And promised he'd be her'n.

Epilogue.

Soon after they were married

Their wedded life began—

She proved to be a parasol

And he a baseball fan.

DO YOU KNOW A FUNNY JOKE?

Do you know a good, real funny, side-splitting joke, which has never been printed in this magazine?

If so, write it, in your own words, on white paper, and on one side of the sheet only; at the top of each sheet write your name and address in full and mail to the publishers of this magazine—who will submit it to the Editor for his consideration.

For every joke so funny, or so well or originally written that the Editor accepts it for publication, a cash award of from Fifty Cents to Five Dollars will be paid (according to how much real "laugh" is squeezed into the smallest space).

Jokes can be printed either over your own name, or a "nom de plume," as you wish; but in either event your real name and address must appear at the top of the sheet.

Send us that "rib-tickler" you heard the other day, and see if you can win a Cash Award.

UNFAMILIAR FACTS.

Argentina's area under cultivation is now 36,000,000 acres, comparing with 1,000,000 in 1905.

The number of books exported from Germany by German publishers last year exceeded 42,000,000, weighed 42,000,000 pounds, and were valued at 2,000,000.

Rio de Janeiro has only one skyscraper. It has nine stories, and is a newspaper office. The only other building in the city that has more than five stories also belongs to a newspaper.

A noted Belgian bacteriologist, Dr. Jean Bertrand, claims that he has discovered a much more powerful serum as a cure for pneumonia than that now in use. It is a bactericidal, not an anti-toxic agent.

The starfish, netted, commits suicide. It dissolves into many pieces, which escape through the meshes of the net. When a kind of resurrection takes place, each piece growing into a perfect starfish.

The mere fact that a man is sent to his doctor to some particular baths or springs where he sees other invalids find a cure makes him think that he, too, can get well," said Dr. R. Murray Leslie, speaking at the Incorporated Institute of Hygiene in London. The belief that it is bad luck to kill a cat is general, and in Pennsylvania and Iowa is found the superstition that if a farmer kill a cat some of his stock will die.

In ancient Egypt the cat was sacred to the Goddess Isis, and was held in the highest reverence. Temples were erected in its honor, and sacrifices and prayers offered up to it.

THE HAND OF LABOR

BY JAMES ALLEN CRUTCHFIELD.

Give me the hand that is warm, kind and steady,
To do what is right, ever willing and ready;
Tho' hardened by toil and calloused by labor,
The hand that would scorn to injure a neighbor;
And tho' it be gloved in delicate fiber,
Yet never has held the fee of a briber.
Yes, give me the hand—then hold it aloft,
Whether dusky or white, hard palm or soft,
Which never was raised to confirm a false story,
Tho' often besought for gain or for glory.

Give me the hand of the man with the hoe,
That handles the spade or shovels the snow,
Or digs in the ditch, or tunnels the earth,
It matters not where the place of his birth;
Who regards not the winds, which way they blow,
But whistles at morn as he goes to sow,
Then toils until eve, when the shadows fade
And the stars come out on their nightly parade;
And he does to all with a purpose true
As ever to him he would have them do.

Give me the hand which has wiped from the face
The sweat that has dampened the bread of God's grace,
And the delicate hand from day to day
That's chasing life's sorrows and ills away.
Give me the hand, in mine let it linger
With the heart-beat felt in every finger;
The hand withal that's never foresworn it—
Whatever its lot, has cheerfully borne it.
O give me the hand, tho' horny and rough—
If warm with a true heart's blood—'tis enough.

The natural gas product of this country ranges in valuation from 5.8 cents per thousand cubic feet in Kansas to 87.9 cents in California.

A recent German estimate of the world's railroads gives them a total length of 563,771 miles. The increase is less than that for six years.

Up to 1906 Pennsylvania produced more natural gas than she could make use of, but now it is necessary to draw upon the supply of West Virginia.

Saskatchewan, Can., will some day be the greatest wheat-growing country in the world, owing to the peculiarly advantageous conditions of its soil.

Electric haulage has supplanted animal power in the Comstock lode, and twelve of the mules which were brought to the surface had not seen daylight for thirty years.

The total output of the ninety-seven Portland cement plants of this country for the calendar year 1907 approximates 46,463,424 barrels, a decided increase over previous years.

ARE YOU POETICAL?

If so, write a beautiful or a humorous poem and submit it to the publishers of this magazine—who will place it before the Editor for his consideration. For every poem which he accepts for publication, the Editor of this magazine will pay the author (according to merit) from Two Dollars to Twenty Dollars. You may have the poem printed (if acceptable) under your own name, or under a "nom de plume." In either event, your real name and address must be written at the top of the first page—for the Editor's information.

THE WRONG LETTERS.

A physician in a small town was distinguished by his inability to remember names and people. One day, while making out a patient's receipt, his visitor's name escaped him. Not wishing to appear so forgetful, and thinking to get a clue, he asked her whether she spelled her name with an "e" or "i." The lady smilingly replied, "Why, doctor, my name is Hill."—Argonaut.

Household Helps

Conducted by the Editor, assisted by Mrs. Bella Ringler

BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

Here is a good recipe for buckwheat cakes, which will be appreciated now that the winter season is approaching.

One-half teaspoon of soda in a cup of sour milk, three small tablespoons of good molasses, one cup of prepared buckwheat, little salt. Bake in small sheet pan in hot oven.

MRS. HIRAM WINDLE.

Pawtucket, R. I.

CREAM PIE.

Would you like to have my recipe for cream pie? I find it a very good one:

Bake crust first, then boil a pint of milk in double boiler; take the beaten yolks of two eggs, one-half cup of sugar, one-third cup of flour; stir together and pour into the hot milk; let it cook until thick, then when done pour into baked crust and let stand until it gets cooled a little, then frost with the whites of the two eggs and brown in oven. MAUDE ATCHISON.

Dallas, Texas.

HOW TO TREAT BURNS.

It is very important in a household to become acquainted with how to treat burns. It is often inconvenient to get the necessary help, and it occurs so often in a household that a little suggestion on that point through our Household Column will be appreciated by our kind patrons.

Many remedies are placed before the people for burns, but an old, tried one has stood all opposition and it is cheap and can be held on hand.

Take one pint of raw linseed oil; add to it 6 ounces of air-slack lime; cork it tight and set away. It will keep any length of time and grows better with age. In case of burns, apply it on absorbent cotton and in a short time all pain is removed. In case the burn has caused a blister to form, take a large needle and puncture it near the healthy skin and let the fluid escape; then carefully apply the cotton well soaked in the oil and lime.

ELLA WILLIAMSON.

Durand, Colo.

USES OF SALT.

Salt can almost be regarded as a panacea, so many and varied are its uses.

We are told that it cleanses the palate and furred tongue, and a gargle of salt and water is often efficacious.

A pinch of salt on the tongue, followed ten minutes afterward by a drink of cold water, often cures a sick headache. It hardens gums, makes teeth white and sweetens the breath.

Bad colds, hay fever and kindred affections may be much relieved by using fine dry salt like snuff.

Dyspepsia, heartburn and indigestion are relieved by a cup of hot water in which a small spoonful of salt has been melted.

Salt and water will sometimes revive an unconscious person when hurt if brandy or other remedies are not at hand. Hemorrhage from tooth pulling is stopped by filling the mouth with salt and water.

Weak and tired eyes are refreshed by bathing with warm water and salt.

MRS. MORRIS.

LADIES, TELL EACH OTHER

of the economical devices you have discovered to lighten household work; of methods to make the money of the family go the farthest; of helpful ways you may know to make home more attractive; of tactful plans to pursue in training the children—or "hubby"; or give us some good new recipe for the benefit of our woman readers.

Write a letter for this Department, telling about any of the things mentioned above—but *don't* write it on both sides of the paper, or partly on the same sheet as some other letter or communication. Sign your full name and address—also a "nom de plume," in case you do not wish your real name printed.

Mail your letter to the publishers of this magazine, who will submit it to the Editors of this Department for consideration.

For every letter which is found acceptable for publication, the Editor of this magazine will pay the writer (according to how helpful and interesting the letter is) a Cash Award of from Fifty Cents to Two Dollars.

Make your letters short—not over 200 words—and write as plainly and clearly as possible.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

Beginning with the next issue, or issue following, we shall start a page devoted especially to the children. We desire simple little stories, verses, sketches, etc., for publication on this page; and our Editor will pay from Fifty Cents up for any manuscript which he finds suitable for this purpose.

We also expect to print a few of the most interesting letters written by the children themselves; and the Editor will pay Fifty Cents for every such letter printed. The letters must be brief, plainly written; and must tell something which will prove of interest to small boys and girls.

ROMANTIC CUSTOMS.

Marriage Among the Flowers and How It Is Brought About.

Among the plants and flowers many strange marriage customs exist. Romance, love, hatred and jealousy are as much a part of their life as they are of our own.

The wild arum, for instance, has been described by botanists as a gay deceiver and murderer, and the tulip a coy lover. Flowers entice insects into their service, employing them as matrimonial agents and as go-betweens and thus propagate their species.

A flower has an almost human way of first attracting insects. This is by appealing to their fondness for sweet things. There is secreted in every flower a store of honey, large or small, as the case may be, to which the midge, the butterfly, the bee, the blue-bottle fly and other insects are attracted.

All plants and flowers are so formed that while the invited insects are sampling the store of honey a pollen powder is being scattered over their bodies to be conveyed to another flower, thereby making the fertilization of the seeds possible. Certain plants always contrive to attract certain kinds of insects, thereby insuring a safe method of transportation of the pollen from one flower to another of the same variety.

The wild arum described as a murderer secretes a honey that makes insects drunk. Botanists describe it as a wicked plant, declaring that it commits murder in its love-making. Not content with this demoralization, it develops poisonous berries, which the birds, having eaten, die and fall to the earth and decay. It is said that the decaying flesh of the birds forms the best possible fertilizer for the growth of the wild arum seed remaining undigested in the bird's body.

UNFAMILIAR FACTS.

At a recent exposition in Lucerne 100 different stamps of various countries were on view.

Egyptian paper says that the families pay an average tax of 100 francs an acre, or 28.5 per cent of the value. Foreigners and land companies own 655,000 acres.

Opening of the brain, a rare disease, was given at the inquest as one of the causes of death of a boy 17 months old, on whom an operation was performed at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

The new electric Fastnet light, off the coast of Clear, Ireland, is of 750,000 candle power. The cost was \$420,000. The plane of the flash is 150 feet above high water, and theoretically it is visible sixteen miles.

Within two years since the great earthquake, which undid San Francisco, that heroic city has put \$100,000,000 into building operations, of which, according to trustworthy statistics, all but \$4,000,000 came from local sources.

Since the United States Government began to patronize expositions, down to the Jamestown Fair, Congress has appropriated a total of \$28,752,251 for world's fairs, of which only \$485,000 has been spent west of the Rocky Mountains, at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Last great and prolific English painter, J. M. W. Turner, bequeathed to the British nation when he died, in 1841, pictures of his own, the value of which was in 1902, estimated at \$1,000,000. These pictures consisted of 12 oil paintings, 135 finished water colors, and over 20,000 studies and sketches.

PERSTITIONS ABOUT CATS.

The blood of a black cat will cure a maimed horse.

Apply the freshly removed skin of a black cat as a remedy for shingles.

The skin of a black cat worn in your clothing will cure rheumatism.

The black cat also makes "good medicine." Here are some specimens of "good medicine" lore:

Good from the tip of the tail of a black cat, without a single white hair, will cure a sty.

The heart of a black cat, applied to a wound as killed, will stop bleeding from a wound.

Massachusetts it "brings good fortune" to throw a dead black cat over your left shoulder and turn twice.

Our Post Card Club

Those whose names and addresses appear below desire to exchange souvenir post cards with any of our readers.

Your name and address will be inserted in the list below one month for 10 cents—and your promise to return favor for all cards sent you. Name and address inserted three months for 20 cents.

Send a card to each of these names, and see what pretty cards you receive in return.

Edward S. Jones, Worcester, Mass.
A. L. Bellows, 73 Spring street,
Springfield, Mass.

Hon. Geo. E. Costello (Greek), Suite
1400, American Trust Bldg., Chicago,
Ill.

John Ames, Moss Point, Miss., Box
201.

Geo. Smith, 1631 5th avenue, Pitts-
burg, Pa.

Samuel Jacobson, 224 Dinwiddie
street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Almira Marra, Box 337, Fairhaven,
Mass.

Edith M. Hertle, Jericho, Long Is-
land, N. Y.

Chester H. Lucas, 2 Veranda street,
Portland, Me.

Wm. A. Zender, 1037 Albany street,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Margaret Wiggins, 633 Rebecca
street, Allegheny, Pa.

John Fliegauf, 817 Tennessee street
Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Susie Cressy, 212 North 12th
street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lizzie Wellman, R. F. D. No. 2, Sedg-
wick, Kans.

Miss Anna Belle Harvitt, 731 G.
street, Findlay, Ohio.

John Gorres, 2832 Center avenue,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Frank Duerling, 33 Somers street,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Bessie W. Shoup, Box 580, Pittsburg,
Pa.

Solon Emery, Box 44, R. R. 3, Co-
loma, Mich. Colored views only.

Minnie B. Sargent, Havana, Ill.
Flower cards.

Mary M. Lawton, Jeffersonville, Ind.,
Box 8, R. R. 1.

Nellie N. Jones, Chateaugay, N. Y.

E. M. Hallett, Sterling, Ill. Scenery
preferred.

Otto Maus, 154 7th street, New York
city. Scenery and buildings.

Frederic P. Tubby, 217 Bedford
street, Fall River, Mass.

Miss Minnie Funk, R. R. 3, Lebanon,
Ky.

Mrs. F. I. Purdom, Texas, Ky.

On the Ocean Bottom.

Sitting inside a submarine on an ocean bottom you would be no more conscious of the enormous water pressure without than if you were going to sleep in your own bed. You might remain 24 hours under water without coming up, using only the natural air supplied in the boat without feeling the least uncomfortable. If you wished you might remain down four or five days, tapping the air tank as you needed a fresh supply of air. In the meantime you would bunk over the torpedoes and torture yourself by letting your imagination loose to your heart's content, or you might read by electric light or play cards or dominoes or checkers, the cook serving you with coffee and canned things that can be heated on an electric furnace without causing too much smoke, and making the air disagreeable to breathe.

The use of the gas engine on the farm is growing more popular every year. In the past two years 50,000 of these motors were purchased by farmers, and the demand this year has every indication of being greater.

The vessel movement on the great lakes aggregated 73,769 vessels, of 99,166,400 net tons register, cleared from the various lake ports, compared with 76,697 vessels, of 94,094,316 net tons register, cleared during the preceding season.

According to the figures for the last year available, Americans used the telephone 3,680,000,000 times, against 3,114,541,691 times abroad. In Europe, with its five times greater population, there were 1,726,880 subscribers, as compared to 2,241,367 in the United States.

Puzzle Department

Readers who can devise an *Original Puzzle* are invited to submit the same for publication in these columns. The Editor of this magazine will pay from One Dollar to Three Dollars for every original puzzle which he accepts and publishes.

The puzzles are printed sandwiched in among the advertisements. Look for them, and see if you can solve them all. To every person who, prior to the 20th of the month for which this issue is dated, sends a correct solution of all the puzzles in this issue, The Editor will mail a book of Puzzles, Riddles, etc., FREE.

Address puzzles and solutions to the publishers—not to the Editor personally. Write them on separate sheet of paper from any business letter or other subject matter, and on one side of the paper only.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

The following puzzles and answers will serve to illustrate or suggest how the puzzles scattered through this issue might possibly be solved.

PUZZLE.

Iedj wuxim ot siqstipvif ez vji piyv taddiifoph wuxim.

(Puzzle sent by Miss E. H. Smith.)

Answer—"Each vowel is represented by the next succeeding vowel." And in solving the puzzle, you will observe that each consonant was represented by the next succeeding consonant—taken in the order in which they occur in the alphabet.

PUZZLE.

GUESS WHAT.

I'm found in middle of the sea,
And at the end of a degree;
The best part of the earth am I,
Yet land and sky I ne'er espy.
Not seen in tragic war, 't is true,
But still in the red, white and blue;
If from a rhyme I would drop out
The poets would be put to rout.

(Puzzle sent by Elizabeth M. Frank.)

Answer—The letter "E."

PUZZLE.

CONCEALED CITIES.

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 5—A city in Illinois.
- 6, 7, 8, 9—A city in Indiana.
- 8, 4, 3, 10, 7, 11, 12, 7, 8—A city in New York.
- 13, 7, 14, 2, 8, 15—A city in New Jersey.
- 11, 2, 16, 2, 13, 13, 2, 10—A city in Georgia.
- 4, 1, 2, 10, 2—A city in Nebraska.

- 17, 7, 13, 16, 7, 8—A city in Colorado.
- 17, 7, 12, 8, 4, 18, 12—A city in Michigan.

If correctly solved, the last letters in the names of the cities, taken in their regular order, will spell the name of the editor of an interesting magazine.

(Puzzle sent by "Nameless.")

Answer—The cities in their regular order are: MacomB, PerU, RochesteR, NewarK, SavannaH, OmahA, DenveR, DetroiT.

PUZZLE.

CHARACTERISTIC INITIALS.

(Example: 1. Tames American Electricity equals Thomas Alva Edison. Guess who the others represent.)

1. Tames American Electricity.
2. Nearly Always Military.
3. Can Draw Girls.
4. Juggles People's Money.
5. Just Patriotic Songs.
6. World's Famous Cowboy.
7. Weighs Half Ton.
8. Her Model Generosity.
9. Aspired Becoming President.
10. Justive Demands Retribution.
11. Tantalizes Wall-street Leaders.
12. A Great Benefactor.

(Puzzle sent by Miss A. E. Gamm.)

Answer—The initials of the words denoting the "characteristics" are also the initials of the person described by these characteristics. 1. Thomas Alva Edison. 2. Nelson A. Miles. 3. Charles Dana Gibson. 4. J. Pierpont Morgan. 5. John Phillip Sousa. 6. William F. Cody. 7. William Howard Taft. 8. Helen Miller Gould. 9. Alton B. Parker. 10. John D. Rockefeller. 11. Thomas W. Lawson. 12. Alexander G. Bell.

BUT LITTLE REST.

"Are you busy?" asked the Mug of the Growler.

"Busy is no name for it," replied the Growler; "I'm rushed."

AWFUL SLAUGHTER.

Street Cars Kill and Injure 33,000 Yearly in New York Alone.

According to statistics collected by

the Public Service Commission, the street railways of Greater New York are killing people at a greater rate than many of the great wars of history. For the months of February, March, April and May they show that upward of 11,000 were killed and injured in the Greater City by car collisions, by pedestrians being run over, or by vehicles being struck by cars, by accidents accruing from boarding cars or alighting from them, by contact with the electricity which propels the cars and through miscellaneous other accidents connected with urban travel and in which street cars were primarily the cause.

Eleven thousand in four months! This means an average of 33,000 a year. It means, moreover, that in a twelve months' time enough people are killed or injured by the surface cars of Greater New York to populate the towns of New Rochelle, Haverstraw, Hackensack and Long Branch. The six bloodiest battles of the Civil War were Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, Wilderness, Antietam, Chancellorsville and Chickamauga. The total number killed, wounded and missing in these six battles aggregated less than 105,000. These battles stretched throughout the four years of war in which two valiant armies were doing their best to destroy each other with the best means of destruction that were then at hand. But in these piping times of peace it seems that the street cars of one city alone can bring about almost as many casualties in a given time as could these embattled armies.

According to some statistics which have been compiled by Rev. Josiah Strong, president of the American Institute of Social Service, our peaceful vocations cost more lives every two days than this nation lost in battle during the entire war with Spain. "In the United States," this compiler asserts, "there are killed in four years 80,000 more than fell in battle or died of wounds during the four years of the Civil War. Incredible as it may seem, yet it is no less true that in the same length of time we kill 53 per cent more people than two great armies could destroy, equipped with all the weapons of death that ingenuity could then devise and making death and destruction their eager business. We are killing more than twice as many every year as perished by violence in both the French and English armies during the Crimean war. There are more killed and wounded on our railroads every year than the entire losses of the Boer war on both sides in three years."

HUMOR OF THE WEEK

STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

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Mean of Them.

Eva—She never had a beau in all her life.
Katherine—And yet she has the nerve to declare that her face is her fortune.
Eva—Gracious! It must be one of those "unclaimed fortunes" we hear so much about.

Why Repeat?

Durand returns from a night's carouse. As he stands in the hall, the clock strikes 4. Durand, reproachfully "What's the good of repeating it? I know it's 1 o'clock. What's the use of going so four times?"—Pele Mele.

Much the Same.

"You remind me of a broken pump, doctor," said the druggist.
"How so?" queried the M. D.
"You can draw nothing from the well," replied the pill compiler.

He Knew.



Other—William Penn was a short little man.
Sammy—Then I guess he was the ideal stub Penn.

The Law's Formalities.

Judge—Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
Witness—I do swear.
Judge—Tell us now what you know about this case.
Witness—Nothing at all.—Bon Vi-

It Certainly Is.

"Most people," remarked the thoughtful thinker, "take life seriously."
"Well, there's no reason why they should not," rejoined the matter-of-fact man. "Taking life is a serious mat-

Interchangeable.

"So you have determined upon a public career," said Senator Sorgbum.

"Yes," answered the confident youth. "Which shall I seek, riches or fame?"

"Take either that comes your way and be thankful. If you're rich you can hire people to write articles about you and if you're famous you can write 'em yourself and sell 'em."—Washington Star.

A Modern Critic.

Husband (after the theater)—Well, how do you like the piece?

Wife—Very much. There's only one improbable thing in it. The second act takes place two years after the first, and they have the same servant.—Pittsburg Observer.

Talented.

"Is he a cheerful giver?"

"He's too much of a diplomat for that."

"What do you mean?"

"He's a cheerful borrower."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Fixed.

"Mrs. Gadabout is happy now."

"Why so?"

"She has a runabout."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Mastiff's Diet.

"Will your dog bite me?"

"I hope not. He is an expensive dog and we have to be careful as to what he eats."—Nashville American.

Every Time.

"A man who plays the cornet is not necessarily pessimistic."

"No; but his neighbors are."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Easily Explained.

"Tightwad let a man have \$300 while he was out west."

"Good gracious! How did it happen?"

"The man poked a six-shooter in his face."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Hard to Do.

One of the hardest things for a husband to do is to arrange it so that the nights he comes home late to supper his wife is also late in getting it ready. If this were possible, a great deal of unpleasant conversation would be spared.—Detroit Free Press.

Where It Hung.

"How beautifully your sister puts up her hair," remarked the clever young man who hoped the little girl would repeat the compliment.

"Why," replied the little miss, who was entertaining him while sister dressed, "she just puts it up on an ordinary hook when she isn't wearing it."

There's the Rub.

"Well," said the optimistic boarder, "there's one thing about our boarding house, you can eat as much as you like there."

"Of course; same as ours," replied the pessimistic one, "you can eat as much as you like, but there's never anything you could possibly like."—Philadelphia Press.

Do You Know?

There was once a blind carpenter, who picked up a hammer, and saw. Then there was the deaf shepherd, who went out with his flocks and herd. But the greatest miracle of all was the case of the dumb wheelwright, who reached out for a tire and spoke!—Boston Transcript.

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Anatomical.

"Have you ever made an effort to reach the hearts of the people with your speeches?" inquired the constituent.

"The hearts of the people!" echoed the young statesman. "Why, I haven't yet gotten as far as the eye of the Speaker."—Washington Star.

Literary Methods.

Knicker—Did you boil your story down?

Bocker—No, burned it up.—New York Sun.

Real Wizard.

"He is, indeed, a magician," said the sweet singer.

"That so?" responded the low comedian. "Does he produce eggs from a silk hat?"

"Well, I guess not. Eggs are too cheap. He produces porterhouse steaks when they are retailing at 2 bits a pound."

Different.

"Yes," said the landlady, "a man must be proud who has risen from nothing."

"That's so," replied the star boarder, looking sourly at the table, "but no man likes to sit down to it."—Houston Post.

At the Concert.

Mr. Jorkins—I wish he wouldn't sing that song about "Falling Dew."

Mrs. Jorkins—Why not?

Mr. Jorkins—It reminds me too much of the house rent.

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Kindness in ourselves is the honor that blunts the sting of unkindness in another.—Laudor.

Mine honor is my life; both grow one; take honor from me and my life is done.—Shakspeare.

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It is better to try to bear the ill we have than to anticipate those which may never come.—Rochefoucauld.

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The average annual cost for each
pupil for public-school education in
Germany is \$12.86.

So lately as 1813 the British East
India Company decided that trade with
Japan was not worth cultivating.

Oklahoma, although the youngest
State, has ninety-three Catholic
churches in the care of seventy-six
priests.

Over \$500,000 is to be spent in Mel-
bourne and Sydney in entertaining the
officers and men of the American bat-
tleship fleet.

To meet the deficit in the budget the
French minister of finance suggests the
doubling of the licensing fees of ven-
ders of absinth. This taxing of the
"green peril" will, it is thought, be
popular; the minister anticipates that
it will bring him in \$2,000,000.

In a little over two months over
\$11,000 was expended by the Salva-
tion Army at Toronto in relieving
poverty, this amount being turned
over by the city and the officers of the
army gave their whole time without
expense to the distribution of the
money, over 600 families receiving aid.

In restoring the parish church at
Fordington, Dorchester, England, there
was found a slab of Purbeck marble
with a Roman inscription on it that
is supposed to be part of the tomb-
stone of Aristobulus, the first record-
ed apostle to Britain, and said to have
been one of the seventy ordained by
Christ.

India's government has recently
authorized the employment of women
telegraph operators. The candidates
must be between 18 and 30 years of
age, and they must be unmarried or
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ing of twelve months in the telegraph
training classes, during which time
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OUR GOOD TIME CLUB

Conducted by Jackson Dunaway, Dothan, Texas

To whom all letters, poems etc. relating to this Dept. be Ad.

Merry Christmas, little Mother,
Busy with your work,
Toiling, toiling, on forever,
Never did you shirk.

Merry Christmas, little Daughter,
Happy, proud and gay,
May the joys of Christmas linger,
In your little heart alway.

Merry Christmas, happy Brother,
Playing at your game,
May you keep the tide of Christmas,
And your joys be e'er the same.

Merry Christmas, sturdy Father,
Working in your fields,
May your work be ever cheerful
And your crops be extra yields.

Dear readers, one and all, boys,
girls, fathers, mothers, grandpa's and
ma's, my heart goes out to you and
I wish you the very happiest and most
joyful Christmas that you ever wit-
nessed, and if I did run off into verse,
I trust same will be excusable, as it
came from my heart and every word
if it is true. I do wish you a merry
Christmas—God knows I do.

To the parents—for I know that
many of them read this paper—may
the thoughts of the past pass away
and may you have the pleasure on
this great eventful day, of having
your sons and daughters who have
gone off into the hum and hurry of
life, to come back home and sit again
around the father and mother's fire-
place and eat at the table of child-
hood, and may you when you gaze
upon their faces, forget all the heart's
aches and sorrows that they may have
known—innocently—and with hearts
full of love, as parents' hearts al-
ways are, enfold them again in the
arms that protected them in childhood.

Dear boys and girls, I love you,
and I love to see you enjoying your
little games that young folks so much
love. They are not harmful, and
fathers and mothers should be glad
to see their boys and girls enjoy the
pleasure of this life. It is not for long,
we are getting older every day and
after a while when we have passed
through youth's early prime, and are
no more the wad of sunshine that we
once were; when the hair is getting
gray and the face wrinkled, may we
look back upon the past as a pleas-

ing memory and have little to regret.
Honor your parents, love them and
do all that you can for them and some
day you will be glad for it.

As a Christmas gift, I wish every
one of you to send me a letter for
publication in this repartment. It
will show me that this page is appre-
ciated, and I shall be thankful over
and over. To those who have al-
ready written I wish to tender my
sincere thanks, and especially wish
them a very pleasant Christmas and
a happy New Year's.

Now we come to the letters. First,
let us hear what a beautiful little girl
subscriber has to say:

Linden Heights, O., Oct. 28, 1908.

Dear Cousin Jackson and Friends:
—Will you admit a jolly girl from
the old Buckeye State? I hope we
girls will be welcome as same as the
boys, for you know it takes all kinds
of people to make things interesting.

I suppose it is necessary to give a
description of myself, so here goes:
I am, or will be on Christmas day
17. Isn't it nice to have one's birth-
day come on Christmas? I am five
feet seven tall and weigh 125 pounds.
I have blue eyes and brown hair.
Now don't you think that is a good
description?

You make a request that we write
about something interesting. Well I
hardly know what that would be. I
am a crank when it comes to collect-
ing anything. I have a stamp col-
lection of about 1,500 varieties and a
post card collection of about 2,000. I
have my stamps mounted in a large
album, one of Scott's Best. It re-
quires half a dozen albums to hold
the cards. I have never derived more
pleasure from the time spent than I
have from this collection. I have all
the State capitals besides many pretty
views from Europe and Asia. A
sailor on the Steamer St. Louis sends
me lots of cards of places he visits.
I like to read, too, and have a nice
lot of books, mostly boys books, but
I read them just the same. The
Harkaway and Poolo books have not
escaped me even though there were
some who thought they were not the
books for a girl to read. I am sure
they did not hurt me a bit and I am
glad that I read them. Now cousins,

don't think me a wild sort of girl
with nothing to do but to read and
collect post cards for I have my du-
ties the same as the rest of you and
am studying to become a stenogra-
pher. You see, or should know, at
least, that Linden is a suburb of Co-
lumbus, so I can study and be at
home most of the time. Well, I hope
this letter has not been too long, but
for fear it will, I will say goodbye,
hoping this letter will miss the waste
basket and that some of the cousins
will write me or exchange post cards.

Your cousin,

(Miss) FLOY CARY.

Thanks, Floy, your letter is very
good and it pleases me immensely to
have you in our jolly little circle. Of
course, you girls will be welcome and
I hope to hear from many of you.
Yes, Floy, it does take all kinds of
people to make things interesting and
especially bright young women like
you and a few others. You say, Floy,
that your birthday is on Christmas
day. That must be grand, and I'll
wager that you are a Christmas gift
—a nice one too. I, too, have quite
a notable birthday, same being on the
first day of April and I guess that
I am an April Fool. Don't you think
that is wonderful also? Cousins, all
of you send Floy a nice post card.
She writes a beautiful letter as you
see, and you will find her a pleasant
correspondent. Come again Floy, I
have not had to make a single correc-
tion in your letter.

Mr. C. L. Bates Butts in:

Lake Preston, S. D., Nov. 3, 1908.

Cousin Jackson Dunaway, Dothan,
Texas.

Dear Sir:—I received my first copy
of the Boys' Banner but a few days
ago. I very much like the little paper.
Your department is sure going to be
good if the readers will only take an
interest in it. Why don't you also
have short story and verse writing
under the same heading? It would
make it more interesting. One thing
I like about the Boys' Banner is its
neatness of appearance. In this re-
spect it is even better than some pa-
pers, much bigger. Well, I will close,
not wishing to take up all the room
this month. Wishing you success,
I am,

Yours truly,

C. L. BATES.

Thanks, Charlie, your are always
welcome. I am ever glad to hear
from bright boys like you. You are
right in your estimation of the Ban-
ner. It is the neatest paper published
for boys. I don't see how any boy
can afford to be without it. As to
story and verse writing, there are
but two objections. Some of the
stories and verses might be very
juvenile and we could not afford to
publish them. Then we have not

PRIZE PAGE.

The Puzzler

No. 305.—Hardware Puzzle.

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"Merry Christmas, little darling,
Though it breaks my heart to say,
I have nothing I can give you
On this coming Christmas day.
Merry Christmas, may you never
Know the sorrows I have known,"
And a mother kissed her baby
Pressing kisses there upon,
Those sweet lips with tear drops
falling,
Kissed it as she turned away;
"This is Christmas, little sweetheart,
That's your Christmas Gift to-
day."

Of course you will be greatly surprised and pleased to see the new improvement in the Banner this month. It is certainly a good paper for the price and I hope you will have your chum subscribe, and both of you send me a letter.

May God bless you all abundantly and a merry Christmas, with a very happy New Year's. I am your loving,

COUSIN JACKSON.

JACK HARKAWAYS SCHOOLDAYS

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an awkward customer and let you alone."

"All right," said Jack. "Don't be alarmed about me. I can take my own part."

And they ascended the stairs together.

In many things does a school resemble the great world. It is, in fact, a small world, the reflex of the larger. We often see men who by the mere fact of confidence rather than merit force their way past more deserving men and by their bluster and annoyance take a place for which they are totally unfitted. So at school. The pretentious boy, who asserts his strength and becomes a bully, is held in fear as well as hatred and allowed to do very much as he pleases. He resembles a small king, and the other boys in his immediate circle are his subjects.

This was the case with Hunston, who called himself the cock of the dormitory in which Jack Harkaway was to sleep. He exercised implicit sway over all his companions, who, though they detested him, did not dare to disobey him. There often comes a

Continued in our next Issue.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT

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There are 100,000 stamp collectors in the U. S., and we might add nearly 100,000 stamp dealers.

The reduction of postage between Great Britain and the United States places American and English dealers on an equal basis.

The American Junior Philatelic Association now has about 40 members. Any reader of the Boys' Banner desirous of joining may secure application blanks by addressing the editor of this department.

Mekeel's Trade and News Circular writes that they had received a uniquely mounted collection when they received one mounted with red sealing wax; but when they received one all neatly mounted with points of court plaster they decided it took the lead.

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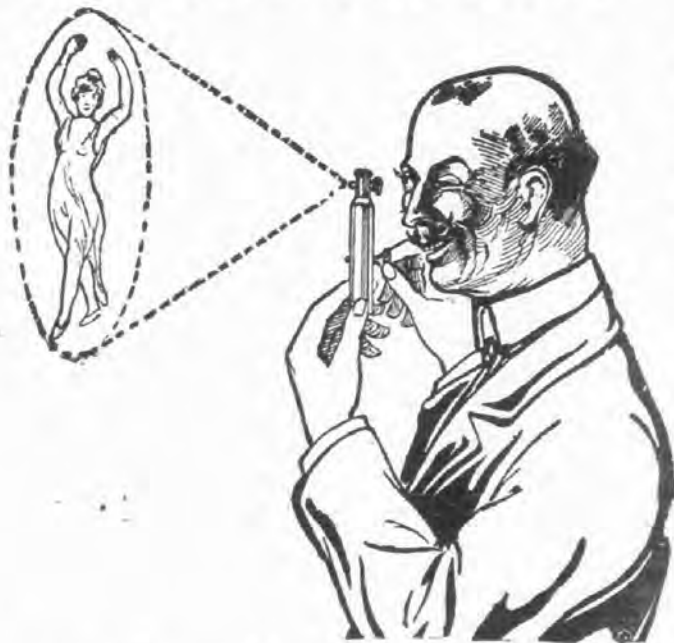
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CONDUCTED by
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The first thing we have this month is a very interesting letter from a stamp collector. Our readers are now apparently getting down to business, and from now on we will have letters galore from stamp collectors, curio collectors, coin collectors, postcard collectors. These and a thousand more. Here is our letter:

Mr. L. L. Dolson,
Department B. B.,
Geneva, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-I have written this letter to tell you about my postage stamp collection. It is my only hobby and I have had quite a few of them during the last few years. I have been collecting cigar bands, post cards, autographs, coins and stamps, and have found that collecting postage stamps is one of the best hobbies there is.

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The fight between the rival factions was an unequal one, and the timely arrival of aid altered the aspect of affairs very materially.

"Wire in," said Jack, whose expressions were generally more forcible than elegant. At the same time he sent one of the "skunks," as they called the Oxford boys, rolling into a ditch and prepared to attack another. In a few minutes the opponents were beaten and scattered. One lay insensible in the road, and the others flew in all directions.

"Bravo!" cried one of the triumphant side. "You can use your fists. What is your name?"

"Harkaway."

"I'm captain of the school and my name is Collinson," replied the other. "You have rendered me a service today by coming up in the nick of time, and if you want a friend you'll find one in me. I can fight as well as any one, but those cowardly fellows always go about in batches, and two to one is not fair."

"What are you going to do with this one?" asked Jack, pointing to his fallen foe.

"You have settled him. That cut you gave him under the ear did his business. Leave him where he is; he won't hurt."

"Cut his coattails off and paint him black and blue," suggested Jack. "I have just bought a shilling box of water colors. Make a palette of one of his hands. There is some water in that puddle."

"By Jove, that a bright idea!" said Collinson. "You're a genius."

"First of all, we'll have his tails. That's the spoils of war."

And Jack very neatly cut off his coattails near the waist. He wore a cutaway coat, which was not improved by the process. Jack speedily prepared his colors and, laying on alternate stripes of black and blue, made his victim present a most remarkable appearance. He painted him black around the neck and gave him blue ears. On his nose he put a great patch of red, and he picked out his eyebrows with white.

"Will that do?" he asked, surveying the inanimate body with the eye of a pleased artist.

"Spiffing!" cried Collinson, who had not been idle. He had written in pencil on a sheet of paper which he fortunately had with him, "This is how gentlemen treat skunks when they meet them out."

He pinned it on to what remained of the back of his coat. Whether it was

the painting or the cool breeze we do not know, but the boy began to revive.

"Let's hook it!" cried Collinson. "He's coming to and will find his way home."

So they ran away, Collinson and his friend by himself, Jack and Harvey in another direction.

"I must have a wash somewhere," exclaimed Jack. "One of the skunks tapped my claret. Does it show much?"

"Nothing to speak about. Don't bother yourself," replied Harvey. "I want to get into the town to see that fellow come back. He doesn't know what's happened to him. It will be such a lark!"

"All right," replied Jack.

"How did you come to think of it?"

"Inspiration of genius."

"What a fellow you are!" observed Harvey, lost in admiration.

"Wait till I develop. I'll show you some fun before I've been here long."

They were still in the lane, but they soon got into the main road. Not liking the dirty thoroughfare, they got through a gap in the hedge and walked along the grass of a meadow.

"Do you see that bird?" said Jack, pointing to a chaffinch in the hedge.

"What's the odds I don't pick him off?"

"Ten to one," said Harvey.

"All right, I'll take you. Ten to one I don't knock him off his perch."

He picked up a small round stone. The sound of wheels was heard approaching.

"Look out," cried Harvey; "there's a carriage coming."

"Bother the carriage! Don't you see the field is higher than the road? I shouldn't hit any one even if I missed the bird."

He let fly, and the bird, perhaps frightened by the noise of the approaching carriage, fluttered its wings and flew off just as Jack hurled the missile at it.

"Missed, by George!" he exclaimed in a tone of disappointment.

At the same moment there was a cry of pain and an angry exclamation. Both were in a woman's voice.

"You've hit somebody," said Harvey laughingly.

"I hope not. It might be serious," Jack replied, feeling some alarm.

The carriage wheels no longer sounded. The driver had pulled up.

"Look through the hedge and see who it is," Jack said.

"Let's bolt."

"No; if I've hit a lady, I'll apologize. I only hope she isn't hurt."

Harvey looked through the hedge and came back with a white, frightened face.

"You've done it!" he said.

"Done what?" cried Jack seriously. "What are you looking so frightened about?"

"Mrs. Crawcour's in the carriage with Miss Letty and Mr. Mole. You've hit Mrs. Crawcour with the stone. Mole had to pull the horse up, but I expect he'll be over the hedge like a shot in a minute to see who did it."

"Then it's time to step it," said Jack. "I'm off in one direction. You'd better go in another."

Harvey was apparently too frightened to move, but Jack began to scud across the field in the direction of the house. While Harvey was debating the advisability of following him a crashing sound was heard as of some one forcing his way through the hedge. It was Mr. Mole. Harvey now attempted to fly. It was too late, however. Mr. Mole had his hand on his collar before he had gone two yards and pulled him up short.

"What are you doing here, Harvey, and why did you throw that stone?" he exclaimed in a stern voice.

"Please, sir, I didn't do it," answered Harvey.

"Don't tell me a falsehood. It will only aggravate your punishment," continued Mr. Mole angrily.

"I didn't, really, sir. Please let me go."

"Come with me."

Mr. Mole dragged him through the gap in the hedge and brought him trembling and half inclined to cry, before Mrs. Crawcour. She had taken off her glove and was looking at her injured hand, on the back of which the stone had fallen. The part hurt was much swollen and discolored. Evidently she was suffering great pain. A slight flush which pervaded her expressive features made her look more pretty than usual, but she was angry. Her lips were tightly compressed, and her appearance generally indicated uncompromising severity.

"Here's the culprit, ma'am," exclaimed Mr. Mole.

"One of our boys, is it not?" asked she.

"Yes; Harvey, generally a well conducted boy."

"Please, ma'am, I didn't do it," said Harvey.

"Nonsense! You must have done it. There was no one else there. Did you do it intentionally?" Mr. Mole continued.

"What is the use of asking him that?" asked Mrs. Crawcour impatiently. "Whether it was an accident or not will make no difference in his punishment."

"He was throwing at a bird and

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Little Editorials

BY OUR READERS

Hearts are trump this month.
(The Editor.)

The keynote to good manners—B natural.
(Italia.)

If you are afraid to use your bait,
don't go fishing. (Frank Fisher.)

There is no such thing as failure
till a man gives up. (Theo Otherone.)

The hot-air treatment for difficulty
of any kind is seldom efficacious.
(J. R. Gregg.)

Being successful is a matter of being
busy, brainy and brave.
(Banker Bailey.)

People who give themselves away
are often dear at the price.
(H. G. Reeder.)

The pessimist is a man who would
rather be right than happy.
(Moane Skule.)

Laugh and the world laughs with
you; snore and you sleep alone.
(Strawband.)

Some people are never happy unless
they are worrying about something.
(Harry Kingston.)

Don't wait for your ship to come in.
Charter a tug and go out after her.
(Jack Tar.)

The man who makes a wild dash to
break a record often breaks his neck.
(Michael Michaelson.)

A prudent man is like a pin—his
head prevents him from going too far.
(H. G. Reeder.)

The girl who remains faithful to her
ideals is likely to become an old maid.
(Mrs. S. H. Knox.)

Some people are such great spend-
ers they can't even keep their tem-
per.
(Rosie Taylor.)

Many a man gets ahead by inducing
others to put their shoulders to his
wheel.
(Waggoner.)

Don't be a square peg in a round
hole. Be an all-round peg and fit any
hole.
(H. G. Reeder.)

"There is always room at the top."
But that doesn't make it any easier to
get there.
(Pessimist.)

Weeds and bad habits are about the
only things that grow without careful
cultivation.
(Alice Wilson.)

A mean man may wear the wings of
an angel; but he doesn't know how to
flap them.
(J. R. Gregg.)

If you cannot make your loved ones
happy by your presence, stay away
until you can.
(Beamon.)

"Hitch your wagon to a star" may be
good advice; but what if you can't get
a star to stand? (Menny Menie.)

It is a good plan to tell the truth—
when it doesn't hurt. Yes, and when
it does hurt, too. (Honest Jake.)

A man whom the world calls great
may be but a very small potato in the
eyes of his wife. (Me.)

A man must have a lot of confidence
in his appetite who orders scrambled
eggs in a restaurant. (Ward Nixon.)

Some people are so busy putting
something by for a rainy day that they
can't enjoy the sunshine. (Joy Jones.)

Some scheming men are like wood-
peckers—they want to make a living
exclusively with their heads.
(Jas. V. Boone.)

When you wander from the straight
path of rectitude it's all right pro-
vided you make graceful curves.
(Irene Inglehart.)

Would a man who held five aces in
a poker game be called a "four-flusher"
—or something more numerous?
(Ward Nixon.)

Many a lover who calls his sweet-
heart "duckie" before marriage finds
out afterwards that she is only a de-
coy.
(Mike Arvel.)

Debt does not look half so attractive
when it finally encompasses you about
as it did when inviting you from a dis-
tance.
(Sol Egan.)

Many a woman wants her husband to
go to church so as to show what a good
influence she has over him.
(Raphael Greene.)

The girl who remains faithful to her
ideals is likely to become an old maid.
And would that all girls were like her.
(Appy Enpeck.)

Washington's Birthday will soon be
around again to remind us what a na-
tion of liars we have come to be.
(Pessimist.)

Some men who are ruled by women
profit by the gentle tyranny—and oth-
ers are too blockheaded to profit by
anything.
(Masterson.)

"Figures don't lie," they say. And
yet many a scheme that figures out
well on paper turns out quite differ-
ently in reality. (Uncle Aaron.)

There are few persons who talk non-
sense and keep their good sense to
themselves—for the reason that folks
who talk nonsense seldom have any
good sense to keep. (Lucille.)

To spend one's life in the society of
dullards and laggards, gossips and
scandal-mongers is to lead a wicked
life, for our hours are too precious and
were not given to us to waste.
(Edward Ploner.)

If Mrs. Rev. Jonah had accompanied
her husband on his anti-preaching trip,
and had taken her luggage with her,
the children of the whale family would
be afflicted with hereditary indigestion
to this day. (Arthur Winslow.)

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With them it was a life of love and devotion ever since the day they had been pronounced man and wife.

One evening about the middle of August, five years after their marriage, Brisk came in from the office in his usual manner, ate supper and then went in and exchanged his office suit for other clothes. He called his wife in and got her to tie his necktie, arrange his coat, and some other little things; then stooped down and with large tears shining in his eyes, he kissed the beautiful face. His voice trembled so that he could hardly speak as he said:

"Good-by, dearest, I am leaving; but your light at the window will some day lead me back." Ere she could say a word of protest, he was gone, out through the other room where their baby was sleeping. He hastily stole a kiss and was out at the gate in less time than it takes to record it.

Great tears stood in his large blue eyes as he walked down the narrow lane. God knows that it was breaking his heart to leave the loving wife, the peaceful home and the dear little child. What would be his when the time came for her to crawl up in his lap and play and talk with him?

It was hard; but think of the dear wife and child; what would they do without him? Even as he missed them they would miss him the more. That kiss was still burning her lips as the wife came to herself and ran out after him, but he was gone—gone she knew not where, and she sat down in a chair and cried and wept.

It was late in the night when she was awakened from her spell by the baby, who had woke up and was letting it be known. She gave a start and then it was plain, all came back to her, what he had said, the kiss. How differ-

ent it was from the many other kisses he had planted in the same spot! How it now burned on her lips, an everlasting stamp that would never be forgotten; what would she not have given to have another one just like that at that moment!

It is those who love the truest who suffer the most upon separation, and Mrs. Brisk, in spite of the fact that she tried to be cheerful, and believe that it was all a horrible dream, that her husband would come back and explain all, found herself a widow, and suffered unspeakable sorrow. Days came and went, but the husband returned not. The people of the town were too badly surprised to form any opinion whatever regarding the action. She who had been such a devoted and loving wife, who had tried so hard to keep the home comfortable, where the reign of perfect love had been constant, the very sunshine of happiness, knew nothing of the cause, she only knew that some great sorrow or wrong was the cause of the mystery, and that he had never neglected to do all he could for his wife and child. Never once had he failed to give his family his care and devotion.

Nothing was known of Brisk's early life. It seemed to be barren as blank paper from what they could find out. He was first known by them when he came into their town about seven years previous to the opening of this story, then a young man of twenty-three; had gotten work there and toiled and labored long and hard for a footing; had gained, won the admiration of all—only to throw it away and cast a mystery about himself.

"Your light at the window will some day lead me back!" Days grew into months, months to years, but still the husband returned not, nor did they hear from him.

Ten years and it was only a memory. The town changed, grew larger, new people came and others went, but Brisk had not returned. He seemed to have vanished entirely from the face of the earth. All trace of him was wiped out. The baby, that little tot whom he went to the bedside to bid a silent adieu, who was too young to remember him, but who listened to the story of her father's actions with a keen interest,

was growing into a beautiful and blooming womanhood. Many times she had listened to the sad story, and every time made her love for him grow bigger and bigger. Many times when her mother would tell her how her father had gone to her bedside and fondly kissed and loved her, she would cry, for some inward spirit told her that she was loved by her dear parent. How it must have pained him to leave her, and she now loved him with all her heart and had she had the chance she would have fondly embraced him and planted kiss after kiss upon his face.

The wife had never failed to love him, and never a night had passed since he left that she did not have a light burning in the front window of the room. She kept the light there all the time and looked forward to the day when that "light at the window would lead him back."

Twelve years went by. Mrs. Brisk awoke one morning and looked out of the window, as she always did, and lo, there he was, her husband, her long lost love, lying upon the grass in front of the window with the light in it. She was so sure that she could not keep from running out where he was, and there she found a worn, ragged tramp. One look was enough to recognize in him her husband. All the town could not then have held her back.

"Oh, my poor, dear husband!" she cried, but hardly had the words passed her lips when she stood back with a look of horror. *He was dead!*

The news was spread throughout the city and people rushed in by the score.

A letter that explained everything was found in his inside pocket. It read:

"My Dear Wife:

"I am returning. Coming back after an absence of all these years, but I cannot describe the way I feel. I know not whether I am returning to a home where I will be welcomed, or whether I am roaming to the land of a stranger; but I do know that I am coming back to the place that I left, and God knows that my love for you has never ceased. You may have forgotten me. I am perhaps only a hateful relic in your memory; some other may have my place—but I love you, dear. I adore you. I am now getting old; I have suffered much and my life is not much more. I can now feel it slowly ebbing away; hence I am taking this means of telling you my reasons for leaving. If I never see you again this letter will explain all.

"I left because I had been married to another—not that I loved her, but because she was my first wife. I left

her and went to you; she learned and followed, and there was only one course to keep you clear; that course I pursued. May God forgive me and look after you. Your light at the window is drawing me back—your light of love; and I could die happy if I only knew that you love me now as you once did. How I would love to see the child, God bless and keep her, and may she never know the sorrow you must have suffered.

"Your loving, though unworthy husband,
Edward Brisk."

That night, for the first time in twelve years, the light at the window faded from view, and the house was for the first time free from the constant drama of life.

WRITE A STORY

If an interesting plot for a short story has ever occurred to you, write it (as briefly and as plainly as you can) and mail it to the publishers of this magazine—who will submit it to the Editor for his consideration. For every short story which is found acceptable for publication, the Editor of this magazine will pay the writer from Five Dollars to Fifty Dollars (according to strength). The usual rules—such as writing on one side of the paper only, and with black ink (never with lead pencil)—should be observed. At the top of the first page of your story write your full name and address—and in case you do not wish your real name published, also write a "nom de plume." If your story is not quite perfect grammatically or rhetorically, but has a good plot, the Editor may offer to revise and correct it for you.

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.

Mrs. A—When I was engaged to my husband he was the very light of my existence.

Miss D—And now?

Mrs. A—The light goes out every night.—Brooklyn Life.

A CRY FROM THE HEART.

A well-known physician was sought by a man who thought there was something wrong with his heart.

The physician made a cursory examination which disclosed a large swelling in the man's cardiac region.

"There certainly appears to be an extraordinary swelling right there," said the medical authority, tapping his finger on the man's side. "We must reduce this at once, my good man—at once!"

A faint smile illumined the face of the patient.

"Oh, doctor," he exclaimed, "don't reduce it too much, please! That swelling is my pocketbook!" (Samuel.)

FORSAKEN

By ALICE G. IRWIN.

I'M KEEPING tryst alone; the same birds sing
In this same garden of old-fashioned flowers
Where joyously we spent love's early hours,
Reckless of what the coming years might bring.
Dear heart, was love like ours so poor a thing
A fleeting year could rob it of its powers?
Yet while the eve her twilight curtain lowers
How bitter-sweet the memories that cling!
White clouds trail carelessly across the sky,
The katydid makes wearily his moan,
Old-fashioned roses, swaying, seem to sigh,
The cricket chirps a dreary monotone;
My heart throbs on unceasingly, "My own,
I love you," though I keep the tryst alone.

Long Wait Ahead.

"Now that you've come in for a little money," said Zimmerman, "I hope you'll pay me what you owe me."

"Let's see," said Borroughs. "Your name's Zimmerman, isn't it? Sorry, old man, but I'm paying off all my creditors in alphabetical order."—Philadelphia Press.

His Position.

Peckem—My wife referred to me as the head of the family to-day.

Meeker—How did that happen?

Peckem—She was talking to a man who called to collect a bill.

No Cause for Worry.

Mrs. Caller—You seem cheerful despite your husband's failure in business.

Mrs. Sharp—Oh, yes; most of his property was in my name.

Its Real Fault.

"This portrait is not satisfactory," growled the fussy man.

"But," protested the artist, "it looks exactly like you."

"Yes," rejoined the f. m., "that's the trouble."

No Lack of Orders.

First Drummer—Yes, I am just back from a three months' trip on the road.

Second Drummer—Get many orders, old man?

First Drummer—You bet. I took my wife along.

(Jessie Spangler.)

ARE YOU POETICAL?

If so, write a beautiful or a humorous poem and submit it to the publishers of this magazine—who will place it before the Editor for his consideration. For every poem which he accepts for publication, the Editor of this magazine will pay the author (according to merit) from Two Dollars to Twenty Dollars. You may have the poem printed (if acceptable) under your own name, or under a "nom de plume." In either event, your real name and address must be written at the top of the first page—for the Editor's information.

TOO GOOD A CURE.

"Yes; last Sunday it was. Wife very ill. Did the best I could for her. Monday morning no better. Not an atom of life in her. Worried me. Started off for a doctor. Happy thought struck me. Went back. Cure complete."

"You don't say so! How was that?"

"Easy as pie. Just said: 'Too bad, my dear! This is the first sale day, and you're ill in bed!'"

"What!" she cried. "How stupid of me to forget!"

"In five minutes, my boy, she was up and dressed."

"Wouldn't it have been cheaper to have had a doctor?"

"Kick me—kick me hard! Of course it would!" (H. P. G.)

Mr. —'s Moustache.—"Take it up tenderly, lift it with care. Fashioned so tenderly, young and so fair."

Phun. and Pholly

MISSED THE P. S.

He asked fair Maud to marry,
By letter she replied.
He read it—she refused him;
He shot himself and died.
He might have still been living,
And she his happy 'bride,
If he had read the postscript
Upon the other side.

(Edna Clarke.)

HIS LIMIT.

City Niece—Uncle Timothy, are you fond of pink teas?

Uncle Timothy—I'm afraid not, child. Pink circus lemonade is about as far as I can get.

MUST BE A GIANT.

An Irishman at the seashore saw a large anchor, and stayed around watching it for fully three days, until a policeman accosted him.

"Well," he said, "I'm watchin' to see the man dat uses dat pick."

(Harry Gunderson.)

SHE WAS NO CHICKEN.

"Why don't you marry Mathilde? She loves you, and would make you happy. What's the trouble with her?"

"Her past."

"Her past? And what fault do you find with her past?"

"The length of it."

(Mary Boschenstein.)

LITTLE BOBBY'S CONUNDRUMS.

"Pa," said little Bobby, who had been allowed to sit up a little while after supper, with the understanding that he was to ask no foolish questions, "can God do everything?"

"Yes."

"Can he make a two-foot rule with only one end to it?"

"One more question like that," said his father, "and you'll be packed off to bed."

Bobby was silent for a few moments and then asked:

"Pa, can a camel go ten days without water?"

"Yes, my son."

"Well, how many days could he go if he had water?"

The next thing Bobby knew he was in bed.

(Anna Morgan.)

LONG STRIDES.

Short—Go aizy, Jim; ut's tree moils thot's before us!

Tall—Sure an' thot's phy O'im hurrying. Oi want to git there before I get all tired out!

(Julia Ebstein.)

THE HEBREW INSTINCT

A man went in a Jew clothing store and tried on a coat and vest. While the Jew was getting the trousers the man ran out. A policeman pulled his pistol and was about to shoot when the Jew called out excitedly: "Shoot him in the pants, the coat and vest are mine."

(Ward Keeler.)

THREE TO TWO.

Some little girls were boasting of their respective families. They had passed from clothes to personal appearance and finally came to parental dignity. The minister's little girl boasted:

"Every package that comes for my papa is marked 'D. D.'"

"And every package that comes for my papa is marked 'M. D.'" retorted the daughter of the physician.

Then followed a look of contempt from the youngest of the party. "Huh!" she exclaimed. "Every package that comes to our house has three letters on it: 'C. O. D.'"

(Agnes Clarke.)

HE WISHED FOR HER.

"You see," explained a young man as he showed a pretty girl the wish-bone of a chicken at a luncheon, "you hold here and I'll hold here. Then we must make a wish and pull, and, when it breaks, the one who gets the bigger part of it will get his or her wish gratified."

"But I don't know what to wish for," she protested.

"O, you can think of something," he said.

"No, I can't," she replied. "I can't think of anything I want."

"Well, I'll wish for you," he exclaimed.

"Will you really?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Well, then, there's no use troubling about the old bone," she interrupted, with a full smile. "You can have me."

(S. H. Pittman.)

AN OLD ONE REVIVED.

A young Irishman, in want of \$25 wrote to his uncle as follows:

"Dear Uncle—If you could see how I blush for shame as I am writing, you would pity me. Why? Because I have to ask you for a few dollars, and do not know how to express myself. It is impossible for me to tell you. I prefer to die. I send you this by messenger, who will wait for an answer. Believe me, my dearest uncle, your most obedient and affectionate nephew."

"P. S.—Overcome with remorse for what I have written, I have been running after the messenger in order to recover this letter, but I cannot catch him. Heaven grant that something may stop him or that this letter may get lost."

The uncle was naturally touched, but was equal to the emergency. He replied as follows:

"My Dear Jack—Console yourself and blush no more. Providence has heard your prayer. The messenger lost your letter. Your affectionate uncle."
—Judge's Library.

(Miss Viola Johns.)

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

It was a minister's small son, whose habit was to ask God to bless each member of the family after prayer. Having been put to bed one night in a hurry he forgot one of them. Kneeling again with his hands clasped and eyes closed he addressed the Lord thus: "Oh, Lord, wouldn't that sizzle you? I forgot grandma! God bless grandma, Amen."

(Julia Winnipeg.)

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Mother (viciously scrubbing small boy's face with soap and water)—Johnny, didn't I tell you never to blacken your face with burnt cork again? Here I have been half an hour and it won't come off. Boy (between gulps)—I—ouch!—ain't your little boy—ouch! I's Mose, de colored lady's boy.

(Charles D. Gaines.)

APPEARANCES DECEPTIVE.

Little Margie (after watching her small brother devouring several large sections of chocolate cake)—Mamma, is not it funny how much larger Jimmy really is than he appears to be from the outside? (Joseph Brooks.)

A little girl was overheard talking to her doll, whose arm had come off, exposing the sawdust stuffing: "You dear, good, obedient dolly! I knew I had told you to chew your food fine, but I didn't think you would chew it so fine as that." (Della Monroe.)

THE MISSING PART.

"So you say this is a good watch-dog?" inquired the village postmaster, as he eyed rather dubiously the nondescript canine.

"'Deed he am, boss," replied Rastus.

"But if he was as good a watchdog as you make out, how is it you want to sell him at all?"

"Yo' see, boss, it am dis way. In dese hard times I ain't done got nuthin' to watch." (Ida Nichols.)

PAT WON THE RACE.

An Irishman, who had provided himself with a huge horse pistol, and taken to the road to replenish his exchequer, met a farmer returning from the market with a bag of money.

"Your money or your life!" demanded Pat, presenting the pistol in the usual way.

The farmer chanced to be a Quaker, and he essayed to temporize.

"I would not have thee stain thy soul with sin, friend," said he; "and didst thou kill me, it would be murder. Put hold! A bargain is no sin, but a commerce between two honest men. I will give thee this bag of gold for the pistol which thou holdest at my ear."

The unsuspecting amateur highwayman made the change without a moment's hesitation.

"Now, friend," cried the wily farmer, leveling the weapon, "give me back my gold, or I'll blow thy brains out!"

"Blaze away, then, darlint!" said Pat. "Sure there's niver a dhrup of powder in it!" (Geo. X. Naber.)

DO YOU KNOW A FUNNY JOKE?

Do you know a good, real funny, side-splitting joke, which has never been printed in this magazine?

If so, write it, in your own words, on white paper, and on one side of the sheet only; at the top of each sheet write your name and address in full and mail to the publishers of this magazine—who will submit it to the Editor for his consideration.

For every joke so funny, or so well or originally written that the Editor accepts it for publication, a cash award of from Fifty Cents to Five Dollars will be paid (according to how much real "laugh" is squeezed into the smallest space).

Jokes can be printed either over your own name, or a "nom de plume," as you wish; but in either event your real name and address must appear at the top of the sheet.

Send us that "rib-tickler" you heard the other day, and see if you can win a Cash Award.

"How do you like codfish balls?" I said to sister Jennie.

"Well, really, May, I couldn't say, I haven't been to any."

Variety.

"Gracious!" exclaimed the sweltering tourist. "Is this the kind of weather you have all summer?"

"Certainly not," replied the native; "why, we have half a dozen different kinds every day."—Philadelphia Press.

A Base Hit.



R. F.—I don't see why I missed so many flies to-day.

Captain N. G.—Humph! I guess it was because you caught so many high balls yesterday!

Misunderstood.

He (very fond of dogs)—Miss White, don't you think you ought to have an intelligent animal about the house that would protect you, and—

She (candidate for matrimony)—Oh, Mr. Muffins, this is so sudden!—Illustrated Bits.

Personal Experience.

"Do you think women ought to vote?"

"I don't care whether they vote or not," answered Mr. Meekton rather testily. "But in the interests of harmony they ought not to be encouraged to make speeches."—Washington Star.

He Is Wondering.

"In a few weeks," murmured he, "I shall be far away in the Alps. What do you think of that?"

"I think it will be delightful," replied she, and he is still trying to figure out just what she meant.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Lola's Voice.

George—Has Lola much of a voice?

Jack—Not for singing; but when it comes to talking there is no end to it.

The man who sits down waiting for luck to come along usually sits down in the wrong place.

SOME OF THE WINNERS

Following are the names and addresses of a few of the persons who have received Cash Awards from our Editor recently, for contributing to this magazine, together with the amount each has received. We publish here only names of contributors who are perfectly willing that their full addresses should be printed. Some of these write for our columns under their own names; others write under a pen name, or "nom de plume."

Arthur Grant, Waterloo, Iowa, \$2.00.

Jack Dunaway, Dothan, Texas, \$5.50.

Edna Burgundy, 3 Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y., 50 cents.

Dowsley Clark, 1516 John avenue, Superior, Wis., \$1.00.

Miss Rose Glick, 1431 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., 50 cents.

Mrs. C. G. Bayless, 550 Townsend avenue, Detroit, Mich., \$1.00.

Florence W. Dinsmore, Box 43, Station A, Boston, Mass., \$5.

James Allen Crutchfield, Wasta, S. D., \$2.

Mate F. Phillips, R. F. D. No. 2, Fillmore, N. Y., 50 cents.

Miss F. L. Risley, Rockville, Conn., 50 cents.

Bella Nieman, 251 Dinwiddle street, Pittsburg, Pa., 50 cents.

Miss E. H. Smith, 2209 Devisadero street, San Francisco, Cal., \$1.50.

Carl S. Lowden, Fountaintown, Ind., 50 cents.

Miss Etta Kaufman, 31 Kearney avenue, Jersey City, N. J., 50 cents.

Mrs. S. E. Bandy, Freeman, Ark., \$1.00.

Mrs. Gertrude Moseley, Austin, Tex., \$2.00.

Martha Dickson, Jackson, Mich., \$3.

Miss Amy Anderson, Denver, Col., \$5.

Miss E. H. Smith, 2209 Devisadero street, San Francisco, Cal. 50c.

Chas. O. Kleist, 409 West 124th street, New York City. \$2.00.

Miss A. E. Gamm, 14 Franklin street, Bristol, Conn. \$1.00.

M. S. Dorr, 231 14th street, Buffalo, N. Y. 50c.

Elizabeth M. Frank, 18 1st place, Brooklyn, N. Y. \$1.00.

Mrs. J. R. Gregg, 228 Cherry street, Columbia, Pa. 50c.

Robert H. Blake, 221 North Main street, Towanda, Pa. \$5.00.

Sam E. Bergh, 583 Evergreen avenue, Chicago, Ill. \$3.00.

Howard Byers, Vinco, Pa. \$5.00.

Jack Bernard, Rifle, Colo. \$10.00.

Miss Rebecca Jones, 5 Green Lane, Worcester, Mass. \$5.00.

Mrs. H. B. Hicks, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 17, Milton, W. Va. \$10.00.

Harry G. Pilcher, 840 Chouteau avenue, St. Louis, Mo. \$10.00.

Wilbert Reynolds, South Fork, Pa. \$10.00.

Our Post Card Club

Those whose names and addresses appear below desire to exchange souvenir post cards with any of our readers.

Your name and address will be inserted in the list below one month for 10 cents—and your promise to return favor for all cards sent you. Name and address inserted three months for 20 cents.

Send a card to each of these names, and see what pretty cards you receive in return.

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 Miss Lillie A. Hanson, Roswell, Ohio.
 Mrs. S. B. Rucker, Sr., P. O. Box 357, Lynchburg, Va.
 Wilson D. Sherman, R. F. D. No 2, Box 39, Montoursville, Pa.
 Joseph Newton, 909 Driggs avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Lola A. Ellis, 442 Seminary avenue, Chicago, Ill.
 Blanche Settingington, Elsie, Clinton county, Mich.
 R. E. Smith, 6314 Emerald avenue, Chicago, Ill.
 John C. Ehrman, care of room 205, Marine Bank building, Baltimore, Md.
 Miss Lucille Purdom, Springfield, Ky., Route 4.
 G. T. Huisman, Box 224, Aplington, Ia.
 Mr. Emilio Benard, Bluefields, Nicaragua, Central America.
 Miss Julia C. Buchka, 1823 North Ninth street, St. Louis, Mo.
 Miss Elfrieda Eldredge, 1073 East Fifty-sixth street, Chicago, Ill.
 Mrs. Lillian C. Greene, 1014 South West Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah (No comics.)
 C. J. Young, 812 North Halsted street, Chicago.
 Miss Rose Glick, 1431 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Mr. M. Glick, 1431 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
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 Emil Junquera, 617 High St., West Hoboken, N. J.

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 Miss Florence M. Hanson, Roswell, Ohio.
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 Geo. Smith, 1631 5th avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
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 Bessie W. Shoup, Box 580, Pittsburg Pa.
 Solon Emery, Box 44, R. R. 3, Coloma, Mich. Colored views only.
 Minnie B. Sargent, Havana, Ill. Flower cards.
 Mary M. Lawton, Jeffersonville, Ind., Box 8, R. R. 1.
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The Farmer—I feed my pigs on nothing but corn.

The City Man—In the ear?

The Farmer—No; the mouth.

"Ysobel, do you think you could learn to love me?"

"Learn to love you? Oh, Reginald, I could give lessons in loving you."

Editor (of Rubetown Weekly Intelligencer)—Here's a letter from our correspondent at Hike's Corners striking for a raise of salary.

Proprietor—What? These hard times? What are we giving him now?

Editor—Stamps and paper, but he threatens to resign unless he gets a pencil a month raise.

SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

"How in the world did you make such a success in this town?" asked the first beauty doctor. "Why, I came here two years ago and couldn't make my salt."

"Oh, you didn't go about it the same way that I did," replied the second beauty doctor with a wink.

"How was that?"

"Why, as soon as I arrived I told all the girls in town that they were too pretty to need a beauty doctor and then started for the train. Then they held me in town by force."

Odds in His Favor.



Farmer Oat Cake—Well, I guess this is where I get paid for the chicken coop that feller ran into!

Noisy Thinker.

"That's a fact," observed the man who seemed to be thinking aloud.

"What's a fact?" queried the party with the rubber habit.

"That people who are seldom right themselves are always trying to set others right," answered the noisy thinker.

CHEERING HIM UP.

Von Blumer—It's pretty hard when a man at my time of life has to live on the top floor of a cheap flat.

Plankington—Never mind, old man! You must rise above it.

Puzzle Department

Readers who can devise an *Original Puzzle* are invited to submit the same for publication in these columns. The Editor of this magazine will pay from One Dollar to Three Dollars for every original puzzle which he accepts and publishes.

The puzzles are printed sandwiched in among the advertisements. Look for them, and see if you can solve them all. To every person who, prior to the 20th of the month for which this issue is dated, sends a correct solution of all the puzzles in this issue, The Editor will mail a book of Puzzles, Riddles, etc., FREE.

Address puzzles and solutions to the publishers—not to the Editor personally. Write them on separate sheet of paper from any business letter or other subject matter, and on one side of the paper only.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

The following puzzles and answers will serve to illustrate or suggest how the puzzles scattered through this issue might possibly be solved.

PUZZLE.

Take a word meaning what all women want; behead it and have an article; prefix a letter and have a boy's name; transpose and have a word I have just used; change the vowel for the vowel next following it in the alphabet and have a good stopping place.

(Puzzle sent by S. B. Hanson.)

ANSWER.—Man; an; Dan; and; and.

PUZZLE.

APISNEOUMDUOEPNRIPECTMI-
YTLOICAUBINREMNI

Arrange the above jumbled set of 39 letters into two words.

(Puzzle sent by Frank L. Weaver.)

ANSWER. — Intercommunicability; pseudoperipneumonia.

PUZZLE.

A FLEET OF SHIPS.

1. A loving ship.
2. An oppressive ship.
3. An advisable ship.
4. A delightful ship.
5. A native ship.
6. An accurate ship.
7. A laboring ship.
8. A grand ship.

(Puzzle sent by Archie Doloon.)

ANSWER.—1. Friendship; 2. Hardship; 3. Councillorship; 4. Courtship; 5. Citizenship; 6. Marksmanship; 7. Workmanship; 8. Lordship.

COURTSHIP IN IRELAND.

An Irish boy marries when he has a good house, and an Irish girl just when she pleases. Sometimes she so pleases while yet her years are few; other times she is content to wait for wisdom. In the latter case, of course, she makes a wise choice; but in the former almost always a lucky one—for Luck is the guardian angel of the Irish.

"You're too young to marry yet, Mary," the mother said, when Mary pleaded that she should grant Laurence O'Mahony a particular boon.

"If you only have patience, mother, I'll cure meself of that fault," was Mary's reply.

"And she's never been used to work, Laurence," the mother said to the suit—discouragingly.

"If you only have patience, ma'am," was Laurence's reply to this, "I'll cure me of that fault." And he did, too.—
Spincott's.

(H. M. F.)

"I've been to see a good many moving picture shows," said the Packsaddle Philosopher, "and my chief criticism is that they are run too fast by most operators. If a man, in a moving picture, kisses a woman, he rushes at her full speed, kisses her like a flash of lightning, and races away. Now, nobody ever kissed a woman like that. If he did, the woman certainly would never let him kiss her any more. But moving pictures are a wonderful institution, and perhaps I oughtn't to find fault with details—especially since I'm not doing the kissing."

A traveling salesman died in San Francisco after swallowing two powders sent to him by mail, which he was urged to take for indigestion. The powders were sent by a woman, and the authorities are trying to catch her. It probably isn't to get the prescription for the powders, though the patient is understood to have suffered none whatever from indigestion since taking them.

"So you think these calamity prophets hurt business?" said the drummer who was introducing trick matches in Bacon Ridge.

"Wall, I should say so, stranger," drawled Storekeeper Jason. "Just the other day Hiram Hardapple was going to buy a new suit of clothes, but when he heard that one of them thar prophets predicted that the world was coming to an end in 1914 he changed his mind. Said he couldn't think of spending money for a suit of clothes if he couldn't wear it over seven years, so he reckoned he'd have to make the old suit do."—Chicago News.

Easy.



Little Mille—Grandad, what makes a man always give a woman a diamond engagement ring?

Grandfather—The woman.—Pick-Me-Up.

Winning Compliment.

The beautiful girl shook her head in the negative.

"No," she said after a moment's deliberation, "I can never—no, never—be your wife. But I'll tell you what I will do. Just to show you that there is no hard feeling on my part, I will be present when you marry some other girl and bombard you with my shoes for luck."

Ah, here was an opportunity. Quick as a flash the young man responded:

"Please don't. If you must throw old shoes borrow them."

"And why not use my own?"

"Because they are so small we could never detect them from the rice."

Flattery won. The beautiful girl decided then and there that the young man was altogether too clever for any other girl, so she reversed her decision and the cards are out.

Household Helps

Conducted by the Editor, assisted by Mrs. Bella Ringler

RECIPE FOR LEMON PIE.

To the Editor:

Perhaps your readers would like my recipe for Lemon Pie:

Yolks of three eggs, one cup sugar, juice of one large lemon, small piece of butter, one dessertspoon of cornstarch (wet with a little cold water) cooked with one cup of boiling water. Beat all together and bake in a rich crust which has been partly baked. Beat the whites with three tablespoons of sugar; place on the pie when done, and then brown in the oven.

Very truly yours,

MRS. B. WISSINHAM.

TO CLEAN OSTRICH PLUMES.

Delicately tinted or white ostrich plumes that are soiled may be cleaned by washing in warm soap and water, to which a little borax has been added, using about the same process as one would in washing ordinary articles, soaping and rubbing in the same way and then rinsing in clear water. Until dry they are most sorry looking objects, but once thoroughly dry—the open air and sun combined are the best—the result is a perfectly clean, fluffy feather. Of course it needs curling.

Mrs. E. H. T.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Stale bread rubbed over the paper on the walls will freshen its appearance.

All vegetables should be put into boiling water if to be cooked by that method.

Saturate a cloth in kerosene and rub the rollers to clean a clothes wringer quickly.

The best kettle for use in frying is of iron made very thick, and called a Scotch kettle.

An easy way to remove fruit marks from window panes is to smear the glass with turpentine.

Hot milk is an excellent restorative for those who are exhausted by fasting or over-exertion.

Warm water to which has been added a few drops of ammonia is good for washing the windows.

Mrs. EDITH HURTLE.

MENDING AND IRONING.

Next time you have to mend any heavy woolen gloves, try putting a piece of a small broom handle in the finger to mend over, both your hands are then free. I find it a great help.

When ironing day comes again, get a tin pan and turn it upside down over your irons. In this way you will save a great deal of heat and at the same time not have to keep so hot a fire. With a small bolt a spool can be fastened to the pan to use for a handle. This is very nice in summer on hot days.

PAULINE PEPPER.

LADIES, TELL EACH OTHER

of the economical devices you have discovered to lighten household work; of methods to make the money of the family go the farthest; of helpful ways you may know to make home more attractive; of tactful plans to pursue in training the children—or "hubby"; or give us some good new recipe for the benefit of our woman readers.

Write a letter for this Department, telling about any of the things mentioned above—but *don't* write it on both sides of the paper, or partly on the same sheet as some other letter or communication. Sign your full name and address—also a "nom de plume," in case you do not wish your real name printed.

Mail your letter to the publishers of this magazine, who will submit it to the Editors of this Department for consideration.

For every letter which is found acceptable for publication, the Editor of this magazine will pay the writer (according to how helpful and interesting the letter is) a Cash Award of from Fifty Cents to Two Dollars.

Make your letters short—not over 200 words—and write as plainly and clearly as possible.

AS SHE UNDERSTOOD IT.

A pretty, rosy-cheeked country girl entered one of our large department stores one day this week. It was bargain day, and the crowd was greater than usual. She had wandered about from floor to floor, a little bewildered.

Seeing her, a floorwalker approached and said: "Is anybody waiting on you?"

"Yes, sir," said the girl, blushing to the roots of her flaxen hair, "he's outside; he wouldn't come in."

YORKSHIRE PUDDING.

Mr. Editor: I should like to give you a good new recipe for Yorkshire pudding. The recipes usually seen produce a soggy mass, very different from the "broadacred" shire's product. Try this from a genuine Yorkshire woman: Beat thoroughly two eggs, yolks and whites together, six tablespoonfuls flour, salt to season and milk, until the whole is the consistency of thick cream. Pour into a roasting pan and bake in the drippings from the roast, or heat to the boiling point one tablespoonful of lard or drippings, and bake in this twenty minutes. It is truly delicious with the accompaniment of roast beef and brown gravy.

Yours cordially,

MARY G. KEENE.

A FEW DON'TS.

Don't salt cucumbers or eggplant before cooking. It makes them indigestible and unpalatable.

Don't allow graniteware to dry over a hot fire. The iron expands, chipping off the entire outside.

Don't boil meat at a gallop. Boil five minutes, then cook it at a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Don't put egg dishes in hot water; it makes the eggs adhere. Soak the dishes first in cold water.

Don't use tablecloths for breakfast or supper. Small doilies are much prettier and more easily laundered.

Don't put tin pans on the stove to dry. They become heated, the solder loosens, and they soon leak.

Don't put a greasy spoon on the table. It leaves a stain which requires time to erase. Put it in a saucer.

Don't moisten your food with the idea of saving your teeth. It spoils the teeth and you will soon lose them.

ANNIE JAYNES.

Same Thing.

Joakley—You're right; most people worry over what they haven't got, but I know certain people who worry because of what they have.

Coakley—That so? What have they?

Joakley — Nothing. — Philadelphia Press.

Gave Her Away.

The family were discussing the prospective wedding of the only daughter.

"Of course," said the bride-to-be to her father, "you will give me away?"

"I'm afraid I have done it already, my dear," he replied. "I told George only this morning that you had a disposition just like your mother's."

Children's Page

I WISH I KNEW.

I've got a beautiful red dress,
I've only worn it twice,
'Cause mamma says it wouldn't do
To wear it—it's too nice.

It's fun to be a little girl
And do the things I do;
But then sometimes I kind o' wish
I was a robin, too.

It must be fun for them to wear
Their red-breasts every day,
And never take them off
And lay them all away.

I wonder how they keep them nice
And clean the way they do;
They always look like they were bought
Just bandy-spandy new.

(J. Merth.)

ONE ON THE TEACHER.

The teacher was explaining to Tommy the difference between the words "foreign" and "domestic."

"Now, when anything is foreign it cannot be domestic," she added.

"Yes, it can, ma'am," spoke up Tommy.

"Impossible! If you think so, Tommy, give us an example."

Tommy thought a moment and then said:

"Our cook is foreign, but she is also a domestic." (C. W. Cooper.)

Ain't It the Truth?

Green—What do you consider a man's best friend?

Brown—Himself.

Green—And his worst enemy?

Brown—Himself.

A Fixture Not a Fad.

Orville De Laye—"How did I come here? Why, in my auto, of course."

Miss Wearie—"I guess papa was right when he said that the auto has come to stay."

An Up-to-Date Parrot.

Lady Visitor—"What a pretty parrot. Polly want a cracker?"

The Parrot—"No; give me a club sandwich, a highball and a package of cigarettes."

Tricks in Every Trade.

"Yes, he is the craftiest upholsterer in town."

"In what way?"

"Why, he reads all the marriage notices in the papers."

"Does?"

"Yes, and then goes around to the bride's parents and asks them if they want the parlor sofa upholstered."

A GIRL WHO LOVES PETS.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—I am a little girl ten years old, and I have lots of pets. I am very fond of pets and try to take good care of them. We have a canary bird, named Dick, and he is a beautiful singer. My big brother Samuel calls him "Caruso," and that makes me angry. Then we have two cats. They are both Maltese, and are very pretty. We have a dog named Sport. The cats are named Mertie and Bertie. I named them myself. My brother has a squirrel, and he is so tame we can let him out of the cage, and he will not run away. We used to have a coon, but he died. I had a little calf, but she has grown up to be almost a cow now. I want my papa to buy my brother and I a Shetland pony, and I am hoping we will get it for Christmas.

Your little friend,

MABEL CARRINGTON.

SHE WAS A CHOSEN ONE.

Two very nice little girls had a quarrel one day.

"Anyhow," said one to the other, who was an adopted child, "your parents are not real."

Whereupon the other little girl retorted, "I don't care; my papa and mamma picked me out. Yours had to take you just as you came."

(Ethel La Rue.)

"I am glad that Washington's birthday is a holiday; it gives me chance to lie in bed in the morning."

"George wouldn't like to have you celebrate his birthday by lying."

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

This page will hereafter be devoted especially to the children. We desire simple little stories, verses, sketches, etc., for publication on this page; and our Editor will pay from Fifty Cents up for any manuscript which he finds suitable for this purpose.

We also expect to print a few of the most interesting letters written by the children themselves; and the Editor will pay Fifty Cents for every such letter printed. The letters must be brief, plainly written; and must tell something which will prove of interest to small boys and girls.

FROM A BRIGHT LITTLE GIRL.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I think my letter should prove interesting, because I am only eleven years old and have just entered high school. I have read the Bible through twice; I can name all the books of the Bible in their regular order, and tell the number of chapters in each. I can also name the books of the Bible backwards as fast as I can name them forwards. I wonder how many little girls can do that? I can repeat from memory over forty of the Psalms, and am going to learn the rest of them. I have not neglected my day school studies to learn all these things about the Book of Life, either, as I have always stood at the head of my class. I do it just by hard studying; but teaching says I must be careful, or I will study too hard.

Hoping to hear from some of the other little boys or girls what they can do that is interesting, and wishing your children's page may be a very interesting one, I remain,

Your friend,
IRENE SMITH.

LITTLE FIGHTER FOR RIGHT.

Editor Children's Page:

I am eight years old and weigh seventy-nine pounds. One day last summer a boy who lives near my aunt's home in the country, and he weighs seventy pounds or over, and is fourteen years old, stole the eggs out of the robin's nest that I was waiting to see hatched out, and it made the mother robin so sorry she flew around and looked so sorry, I just pitched into that boy and gave him a good beating. I made his nose bleed, and gave him a black eye. It is the only time I ever was in a real fight in my life, though I took boxing lessons from my big cousin.

Papa says he doesn't believe in boys fighting, but he thought that boy got what he deserved, and so didn't punish me. I was afraid maybe he would, so I didn't tell him about it, but he found out about it. Your friend,

WILLIAM GILCHRIST.

Ferry, Iowa, Dec. 16, 1908.

I said the nail to the stocking: "I'll make a hole in you."

I said the stocking to the nail: "I'll be darned if you do."

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The number of young men who can afford a plow is getting smaller and smaller every day. Most of the youths nowadays would rather drive a pen.

CAME TOO SOON.

Pater—I wish Mary's young man would come round after supper.

Mater—That's all he does 'come after. (Clara V. Farrell.)

Small Slices.

"The bill of fare for Sunday dinner will be shredded chicken instead of baked chicken," announced the old farmer to the group of city boarders.

"H'm!" grunted one pessimist, "what caused the change?"

"What caused the change? Why, by heck, one of them thar racing automobiles just ran through my whole flock of poultry."

The Latest.

Kind Lady—What occupation do you two poor men follow?

Gritty George—Why, mum, we are "nature fakers."

Kind Lady—Nature fakers?

Gritty George—Yes, we play de elephant in de show. Sandy is he head and I am de legs.

Making It Plain.

"See here," said the new proprietor, "you told me when I bought this grocery that you were selling because you were going away. Now the owner of the building tells me he intends to tear it down."

"Yes," calmly replied the ex-proprietor, "he told me the same thing. That's why I decided to go away."—Chicago News.

Always at Liberty.

"And you say that you follow two of the most popular professions?" said the kind lady in the wayside cottage, as she handed out a chicken sandwich and a saucer of strawberries.

"Yes, mum," replied Sandy Pikes, doffing his frayed panama. "In winter I am a baseball player and in summer I am an actor. Dat is why I never work."

His Growl.

"If I had my way," snarled Farmer Bentover, "I wouldn't merely fine them ding-busted plutocrats that are buy-ing and hectoring and oppressing the public; I'd imprison em, not in penitentiaries or dark dungeons, but in hideous cozy-corners filled, with sofa pillows, and especially these 'ere new fangled leather ones, confound 'em!"—Fuck.

Nearly There Before.

The Bachelor—Poor Jack fell in love with a pretty girl who refused to marry him, and he has finally gone crazy.

The Benedict—Hub! He evidently didn't have far to go.

DIDN'T LIKE THE JOB.

A widow washerwoman applied to a gentleman for work, and he gave her a note to the manager of a certain club. It read as follows:

"Dear Mr. X—: This woman needs washing."

Very shortly afterward the answer came back:

"Dear Sir: I dare say she does; but I don't fancy the job." (Alexis.)

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I wonder would there be
A friend or loved one left behind
Who'd shed a tear for me?
I wonder if the life I've lived,
And words that I have said,
Would be a lasting memory
To me, if I were dead?

Would there be one friend left behind
Who'd miss my presence here?
I wonder, would they think of me
As one true friend most dear.
Or has my life been such that now,
If I should die,—today—
All tho'ts of me, all memory,
Would likewise pass away?

—Cousin Jackson.

There now, excuse my unruly passion,
please, but it does get the better part
of me some times. Beg your pardon,
for butting in without the foreword,
but a man will forget, you know, and
I'm not an exception—but I'm not a
man, anyway. I'm just a boy, like all
the rest of us *Banner People*. Aren't
we all just boys?

Now I wonder what my dear cousins
have been doing during the holidays.
Have you made some sad heart rejoice
or have you went clear thru, enjoying
the fun, and leaving all others out?
But of course you haven't.

If you have a poor boy friend, and
would like to make him glad, just have
the Boys' Banner sent to him for a
year. Then he will be reminded twelve
times a year of your kindness and loy-
alty.

Why do you not write more? All
our stuff will be welcome, and nothing
that is good will be destroyed. Send
me a letter, send me a poem, or a story.
Anything. I will try to give you some

good poems and stories each month,
with a good batch of juicy letters. Send
yours.

Now for best poem:

I'M THINKING, LOVE, OF THEE.

BY EDWARD A. LIFKA.

Cool breezes fan my throbbing fore-
head,

Sweet sounds are wafted thru the air,
Sunshine envelops all around me,
But where you are, this do I care.

Afar from me, I know thou art, love,
Upon important journey gone,
And wondering how you fare today,
love,
Fears for your safety on me dawn.

Thru wooded lands, cross fields and
meadows,

Your journey carries you along.
While here I sit and wonder, wonder,
If your dear heart is fillt with song.

All nature in sweet rhythm rejoices,
The birds they chirp and flit about,
I sit alone, I sit here musing,
While you must follow duty's route.

When duties thou must know are over,
When home again, to come you're
free,

Then safety e'er attend thy journey
And happiness envelop thee.

A trip of joy, success and safety,
One that to you, some use will be,
This is the heartfelt wish I tender,
I'm thinking, thinking, love, of thee.

How's that for a young poet? Will
Carleton, S. E. Kiser, J. M. Lewis, and
others, write stuff that is worth reading,
and Edwin writes along that same path,
but the others have a rep, you know, and
reps go a long ways—nowadays. We
have great hopes for Cousin Edward.

Edward has just returned from a trip
across the sea, and we know that he
has a wonderful storehouse of knowl-
edge that he will give to the cousins.
Let's all join in a wad and give him an
invitation to call again.

A letter from Frank:

Springboro, Pa., R. D. 36.

Dear Cousin Jack:—Have only been a
subscriber to your magazine but a short
while; in fact, have only had three
copies, and I like it fine. I am very
much pleased with the Social Club and
think it fine to correspond with, and
have friends all over the country. I am
24 years old, dark hair and blue
eyes, and a great lover of nature. All
my spare time is put in among the trees
and brooks. I love to hunt and fish
and my heart's desire is to find a place
where there is lots of it going on. Now
I want to hear from all the cousins who
are with me in this line of sports. Am
also a card collector and amateur foto-
grapher, and would like to exchange
cards and pictures with all the cousins.
Hoping to hear from a great many
cousins, I am,

Your loving cousin,

FRANK P. DORR.

Glad to make your acquaintance,
Frank. How proud I would be if all the
other readers would do as well as you
have. I imagine Frank sitting surroundt
by beautiful green trees, with a bab-
bling brook flowing close by, birds flit-
ting here and there, singing and cheer-
ing. Then I think of Frank, forgetting
all cause to worry, with nothing but rest
and contentment on his mind, not caring
how the world goes, just so long as he
is not left behind, and—but I will just
tell you a little yarn that occurred to
me:

Wife—Why, George, dear, what in the
world makes you worry so?

Husband—Oh, there was something I
was going to worry about and to help
me, I can't think what it was.

Another joke, not amiss:

"Hello, Brown, what you building—an
auto shed?

"Oh, no, just a hat box for my wife."

"Faith, an' f'phat da ya kape here for
sale?" asked the Patrick, fresh from
the green.

"Blockheads," answered the wise
young lawyer.

"Ya must have a fine trade," said Pat,
"I saa you have only the one left."

This month, no story, and will say that
I am awfully sorry, for I have lots of
room for it. All of you, send me some-
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If you can't write one, try the other.

Come soon—in time for next issue.

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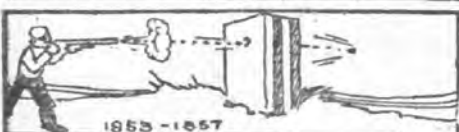
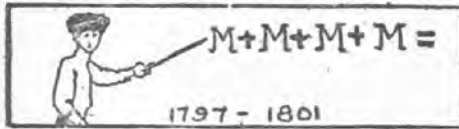
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STAMP DEPARTMENT

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ferent Electric Light Inspection stamps and nine different Gas Inspection stamps. I have all of the old issues but about five or six.

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Yours truly,

DOWSLEY CLARK.

1516 John Ave.
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JACK HARKAWAYS SCHOOLDAYS

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not see you, ma'am, from the other side of this thick hedge," said Harvey.

"Who was throwing?" she asked quickly.

"I don't like to betray my friend, as he has got away."

"Then you will get punished in his place, and severely, too," she answered. "Look at my hand. It will be days before I can use it again. Speak and tell the truth."

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