

LITTLE BOY JIM

Out of the angel land he came, Little Boy Jim. Without any clothes, not even the name Of Little Boy Jim; Left all the brightness of heavenly skies— Just borrowed enough for his heart and his eyes And, maybe, some nectar for tears when he cries, Little Boy Jim. Plucked from the golden street a brick, Did Little Boy Jim, Got a big angel that knew the trick, Cute Little Jim, To turn it into a heart of gold— The angel scoured heav'n to get the best mold, And put in a piece of his own heart, I'm told, For Little Jim.

And he had it tuned in a perfect key, Little Boy Jim, To keep it in constant harmony, Wise boy, Jim. And all the time that he is away The heavenly choir will sing and play. But he hears the echoing melody— Lucky Boy Jim.

That is the reason a part of each day Little Boy Jim Ceases his baby prattle and play— The angel in him Is list'ning, while into his eyes will creep A wistful look so tender and deep— The angel voices are singing—Ah sleep, Little Boy Jim. —P. A. Connolly in the National Magazine.

ODD FACTS ABOUT TOBACCO

It takes 6,500,000 acres to grow the world's tobacco. The most expensive cigars made cost about \$7 each. The largest cigars come from the Philippine Islands, some of them being eighteen inches in length. Italy has the reputation of manufacturing some of the strongest smokes in the world. A good cigar will burn slowly and equally. The weed that smolders up one side is of inferior quality. Louisville, the Kentucky center, though not so well known as Richmond, the Virginia center, is the largest tobacco market in the world. If the leaf of a cigar has a greasy appearance, or shows green blotches, or is of a pale, sickly yellow, the wrapper is made of inferior tobacco. In the total quantity of tobacco grown the United States rivals Cuba and the Philippine islands combined, and British India is not very far behind the States. In Tasmania no person under 13 years of age is allowed to smoke in a public place. Nearly everybody smokes in Japan. The girls begin when they are 10 years of age, and the boys a year earlier. Many believe that cigars marked with light spots are indicators of the predatory habits of an insect which attacks only a good leaf, but, as a matter of fact, these spots are due to the combined action of sun and rain. The color of the ash is not an accurate guide, but if the ash displays a black "lip," a thin, dark line around the edge nearest the mouth, it is proof positive of an indifferent cigar. The ash of a good cigar should also stand well. The smoke from the bowl of one's pipe is blue, because, coming direct from the red-hot tobacco, it is very highly oxidized; but the smoke from one's lips is gray, because it is highly watered and hydrocarbonized. The best cigars manufactured come from Cuba, the tobacco for which is cultivated in the famous

Vuelta de Abajo district, west of Havana. This favored spot is located on the banks of a river, the nature of the soil being such that in no other part of the world can leaves of such excellence be produced.—Baltimore Sun.

PASSING OF THE GENERALS

The following shows what general officers now in active service will still be on the active list of the army in the years named if they are still living and do not resign: 1908—Wood, Weston, Grant, Greely, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Edgerly, Duvall, Pershing, Myer. 1909—Wood, Weston, Grant, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Edgerly, Duvall, Pershing, Myer. 1910—Wood, Grant, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Duvall, Pershing, Meyer. 1911—Wood, Grant, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Pershing. 1912-14—Wood, Grant, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Pershing. 1915—Wood, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Pershing. 1916—Wood, Bell, Funston, Bliss, Barry, Mills, Pershing. 1917-18—Wood, Bell, Funston, Barry, Mills, Pershing. 1919—Wood, Bell, Funston, Barry, Pershing. 1920—Wood, Bell, Funston, Pershing. 1921—Wood, Funston, Pershing. 1929—Funston.—Army and Navy Journal.

STOPS WORK FOR A ROBIN

Construction work that was being rushed on a new residence over in Goodwin avenue has stopped suddenly and peace has come to a pair of timid robins that have fluttered heartbrokenly about the heads of the workmen since two tiny blue eggs came into being in their nest a few days ago. Early in the spring the robins built their nest in a niche of an unfinished window and started house-keeping. They made no fuss about it and in return for the cheer of their song the workmen left them undisturbed. Of late the men have been obliged to work near the nest. The mother bird was frantic with fear. Then came the contractor of the building, E. H. Hartford, who loves birds. Comprehending the bird's alarm, he ordered work stopped for three weeks. By that time, he says, the little eggs will have been broken and the mother robin will be happy with her young.—Detroit Correspondence Philadelphia Record.

REVERSIBLE REPARTEE

The lone fisherman was having miserable luck, and the presence of a small boy did not contribute to his amiability. The youngster seemed greatly interested as the man impaled a struggling worm on a hook. "What yer fishin' fer?" inquired the boy. "Sardines," retorted the fisherman, testily. "Huh," granted the youngster, edging away. "That crooked thing on th' end of yer line wouldn't take no prize in a can-opening ocnest."—Harper's Weekly.

FOUNDATION OF JAPAN

On February 11 is celebrated in Japan the great annual festival of Kigensetsu, the anniversary of the foundation of the empire by the first emperor, Jimmu-tenno, B. C. 600. The Japanese reckon their present era from this date, and it was on February 11, 1889, that Mutsuwhito, the 121st anniversary of the dynasty, promulgated the present constitution of the empire of Japan, the fundamental principle of which is clearly

stated in its first article: "The empire of Japan shall be reigned over and governed by a line of emperors unbroken from ages eternal." The organization of a parliament took place in 1890, which, in the Japanese

reckoning, would be 2550 from Jimmu's setting up his capital at Kashihara, in the province of Yamato, which is regarded by Japanese historians as the beginning of the empire.—London Chronicle.

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