

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

Mr. Green's Garden—A Lazy Man's Load, Willie Will Carry a Smart Man's Load Hereafter—Queer Turtle Fishing—The Princess of Edenbay.

There were two little princes of Edenbay—
Princess I Can't and I Can;
And to school they went on the very first day
That the very first school began.

And the Prince I Can't took a poor little whim
Into his royal head;
And whenever a task was given to him,
"I can't! I can't!" he said.

Now he was a prince who had his way,
And a poor little way 'twas, too!
For he nothing did from day to day
Save just what he wanted to do.

But his brother I Can, a younger lad,
Was made on a different plan,
For to every single lesson he had
He would say, "I can! I can!"

So wise and great grew the Prince I Can,
By doing as he was bid;
But the other became an ignorant man,
And naught that was good he did.

These princes' descendants you'll find today
Wherever is civilized man;
The "I Can't" folks who have had their way,
And the people who say "I can!"

—Emma C. Dowd.

Mr. Green's Garden.

Next to the small red cottage where Archie and Nellie King lived there was a large vacant lot with a high fence around it. The only yard the Kings had was a narrow strip back of the house, and as they had once lived in the country, this seemed very small to the children, and they used to peep through the cracks in the fence and wish they could get over there among the weeds to play. Archie was nine years old, but a hurt received when he was a baby had made him lame, and Nellie, who was two years younger, was almost as tall. Their father was dead, and Archie was very anxious to help his mother, who had to work hard to support them; but there did not seem to be anything for such a little boy to do except to be useful at home, and he tried to be that. On the other side of the vacant lot there was a shop that had been unoccupied for a long time. One morning, when the children passed on their way to school, the door was wide open, and a tall, rosy-faced man stood there superintending the carrying in of a quantity of lumber. He nodded pleasantly to them in a way that said quite plainly, "I like little people. I was young once myself." It was not long before they found out that his name was Green, and that he had rented the shop for some sort of carpentering work. One day, when they were at play in the back yard, the children discovered some men cutting down weeds in the vacant lot. "What do you suppose they are going to do?" asked Nellie. "Build a house, I guess," said Archie. The prospect of this was exciting, and with the aid of some barrels and boxes they contrived to get up high enough to see over the fence. And there was Mr. Green busily directing the men! He saw them and waved his hand. "I am going to have a garden in a short time," he said. This made Archie think of the garden they used to have in the country, where cabbages and potatoes and all kinds of vegetables grew. He had helped his father take care of it, and he wondered if Mr. Green would want a boy to weed his. He spoke to Nellie about it, but she was sure it would be a flower garden, for people didn't have vegetable gardens in town. This might be. Mr. Green had not said what he expected to raise; but then, flowers would have to be weeded and watered. So without saying anything to anyone Archie slipped over to the shop next day. When he was fairly inside the door his heart almost failed him, and when Mr. Green looked up from his desk, where he was writing, and exclaimed, "Hello! Where did you come from?" he was so startled he came near running away. He didn't, however, but went bravely up to the desk. "I have come to see if you don't want a boy to weed your garden, sir. I know how, and could do it, and I am anxious to find a place, because there is no one else to help mother. Nellie would help, too, and we'd be very careful." Mr. Green looked down at him with an odd expression in his eyes, and said: "So you want to weed my garden, do you? Well, I may need a boy, by and by, when my crop begins to grow." The children went away for several weeks, and came home late one evening. Early next day they ran out to see how Mr. Green's garden was coming on, and behold! instead of potatoes and cabbages, or even flowers, there were rows of gaily painted swings. There were single swings, and double swings, and swings to hold four persons, and some had awnings over them to keep off the sun. The ground was covered with tanbark except around the edge, where there was a border of grass, and the board fence on the street had been replaced by an iron one with a gate, above which was this sign: "Automatic Swing Co." While the children were gazing at this surprising sight, Mr. Green came walking down between

the rows of swings and asked them how they liked his garden. They liked it very much, indeed, but Archie couldn't help feeling disappointed until Mr. Green said: "I have to be in the shop most of the time, and I want some one to stay around here and let me know when customers come in. Do you think you and Nellie could do this? Of course I'd expect you to swing a good deal, for that will help to advertise." So it happened that all through the summer in pleasant weather passers-by saw two blue-eyed children in a swing near the gate, and if any one entered he was met by Archie with, "Do you want to look at swings? We have some very nice ones. I'll call Mr. Green." The Automatic Swing Co. did a good business that season, and every Saturday the children dropped a silver quarter into their bank, and even Archie came to the conclusion that for a town a swing garden was better than a vegetable garden.

MARY F. LEONARD.

A Lazy Man's Load.

Thump, thump, thud! How many times it had occurred in the last few minutes—that noise! Willie didn't cry, for hadn't grandma called him, only that morning, "My little man," and who ever heard of a man crying because he had let fall an armful of wood? Nevertheless, he did look so woe-begone and humpty-dumpty-like, sitting on the lowest stair in grandpa's well filled woodshed, with his late armful of wood scattered about him like a "spill" of gigantic jackstraws! Slowly he picked himself up, and carefully gathered the straggling sticks, making "most a cord," it seemed to Willie. One, two, three stairs had been mounted, when again—thump, thump, thud! went his wood, flying in more directions than before. "Well, well, well!" 'Twas grandpa's jolly voice as he looked down from the floor above. "O, grandpa! I've had just the awfulest time! The wood won't stay where I put it!" and Willie's sober, upturned face was met by grandpa's smiling countenance coming down the stairs. "I'm afraid my Willie-boy has been taking a lazy man's load," hey?" said grandpa, as he surveyed the crisscross sticks on the floor. "Why, grandpa, I'm not lazy, am I?" asked Willie, quickly. "I tried and tried to carry as much as you could—I did, really and truly!" "Ah, there's where you made your mistake, my boy. Couldn't you have gone a number of times easily with a smaller load, while you were tugging away with so much?" "Y-e-s!" answered Willie, thoughtfully. "Trying to carry too much of anything," said grandpa, slowly, as he sat down on the sawhorse, "is what I call a lazy man's load; for a lazy man always tries to carry everything at once, for fear he may take a few useless steps, and by so doing causes himself double work, besides unnecessary worry and trouble. Had you taken a smaller load, you would have had no trouble in carrying it, and by this time your wood box would have been full!" "Grandpa," and Willie put his sturdy little arms resolutely about his grandpa's neck, "I'm tired carrying a lazy man's load, and shall always carry a smart man's load hereafter." Then as he ran away whistling with what wood he could comfortably carry, grandpa nodded, "And he'll remember it, too!"

ADELBERT F. CALDWELL.

Smile on Me.

A sweet story is told by Miss Anna Gordon of a little three-year-old girl, the pet of the household, who came down a few minutes late to breakfast. She had one foot on the round of her chair, but was not allowed to climb up until her papa had asked the blessing. Then, as she looked all around her and saw every face grave and serious, she thought the family were offended, and her child's heart was broken. "Oh, mamma!" she cried, with quivering lips, "smile on me." The child's impulse was natural. A smile means cheer, love, sunshine, and the cry of the human heart always is, "Smile on me!" A young girl on her way to school met a poor old man on the street corner with flowers to sell. "I had no pennies to buy flowers with," the girl said simply, "but I gave him a smile." The smile warmed the old man's heart for the next hour and softened his hard life with a glint of happiness. It is a pity that any one in the whole world should go hungry for a smile when a smile costs nothing. With each one of us, we know how loneliness and heartache may be eased and how the aspect of a whole day may be changed by a kindly glance, a friendly look. Let us see to it that we do not withhold this comfort from one another. In heaven God shall wipe away tears from all eyes. Let us anticipate heaven, and make earth as much like it as possible by remembering the little child's cry, "Smile on me."—Frances Bennett Callaway.

Queer Turtle Fishing.

A curious mode of catching turtles is practiced in the West Indies. It consists in attaching a ring and a line to the tail of a species of sucker fish, which is then thrown overboard, and immediately makes for the first turtle he can spy, to which he attaches himself very firmly by means of a sucking apparatus arranged on the top of his head. The fisherman then hauls both turtle and sucking fish in.

No Candy or Cakes.

The Cubans make no candy to speak of, and their cakes are so high in price that only the rich buy them.

Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.—Franklin.

Excitement was caused in a church in London during the morning service last week by a loud voice from the gallery forbidding the bans of a couple desirous of getting married, because the woman had a canonical husband living. The voice was that of the famous Father Black, who takes every opportunity to protest publicly against the marriage of divorced persons. Curiously enough, Father Black is well known and popular in English society and is much sought after as a guest in country houses.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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The annual report of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad shows: Gross earnings for the year were \$43,389,424, as compared with \$42,890,162 last year; operating expenses were \$28,253,959, an increase of \$325,579 over 1898; \$5,238,370 were paid in dividends, leaving a surplus for the year of \$1,489,929. The report gives the total mileage of the system as 7,249, an increase of ninety-nine miles over last year.

Some women are considered wise because they are considerate enough to keep their opinions to themselves.

Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1896. He who rules with a rod of iron should select a malleable one.

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Minister Russell, at Caracas, has informed the state department that the Venezuelan government has ordered oat, for a period of sixty days, corn and beans shall be admitted free of duty, and that for the same period rice shall pay only 2 cents per kilo.

Some people are so mean that they won't even speak the truth unless it is for the purpose of hurting some one's feelings.

When one woman praises another the praise is usually tinged with sarcasm.

A well preserved Roman camp has been discovered on the right bank of the Narenta, in Herzegovina. A section 310 feet long by 270 feet wide has been traced. Part of the walls, gates and towers are still standing, and many utensils and weapons have been dug up. It is believed that the camp was erected in the time of Nero.

Perhaps you may have observed that a lawyer charges a larger fee for obtaining a divorce than a clergyman does for performing the marriage ceremony.

Fred Pelton, colored, was sentenced at Little Rock, Ark., to 115 years in the penitentiary for attempting to outrage seven women in this city in August. The grand jury returned indictments against him at noon, and he was arraigned within a few hours. He acknowledged his guilt and his attorney asked the mercy of the court. If assessed, the maximum punishment in all seven cases would have been 147 years.

It is said there is no fool like an old fool—but there are some young ones that run a close second.

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