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### FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A Page to Queen Bess.

Queen Elizabeth, who is known in history as the virgin or unmarried queen of England, was very fond of display, and introduced many customs in her court which were not only peculiar and showy, but pretty as well. For one thing, she was very fond of having a number of boy pages always around her, and she wished them at all times to be dressed with the greatest elegance. There was



no special work for these pages to do except to carry the queen's train and run errands for her, but they were so ornamental in their beautiful suits of silk and fur that she wanted to have at least six of them always in her presence.

A page to Queen Bess was dressed in a suit of light blue satin, with knee breeches and blouse waist, all of a piece. Around his shoulders he wore a coat or cloak of deep royal purple with a band of royal ermine around it, and on his head there sat very jauntily a cap of white feathers. These pages were of very good family, and when the queen wished to specially honor a lady she did

so by choosing her boy to be a page.

The costume of a page to Queen Bess was so pretty that the boys and girls who are going to little fancy dress parties may want to copy it for themselves to wear. They can use cheaper material than satin and velvet if they want to get the suit up hastily and for only one wearing. Silesia and silkoline and the cheap cotton prints make very good cos-tumes for pages of the court of Queen Bess.—New York Ledger,

Fire a Bad Play Toy.

Tommy Heiney, a 13-year-old boy of this city, was until last night ambitious to shine in the ranks of the grand army of fakirs and had his heart set on becoming a "fire king." Last night Tommy was entertaining a number of companions by "cating fire." He dipped a a bunch of cotton into gasoline, and by holding a match two feet away he presented the appearance of breathing flames. The fact that he was achieving glory made him careless, and in responding to an encore the cotton caught fire and burned the passages in his head. The injuries are very painful, but not fatal,—Allentown (Pa.) Dispatch.

A Child's Presence of Mind.

During the inventions exhibition I happened to be standing next to the brigade, and he pointed out to me that presence of mind was required in using all these inventions, and that it was rarely met with at fires. "One of the few cases of presence of mind that I have met with," said my informant, "and the most extraordinary, was at a big fire in a girls' school. A number jumped and were lost, but one little girl of 10 took off her shoes and stockings so as to get a firm foothold, and stood on the window sill till we rescued her."-Pall Mall Gazette.

Her Smelling Bottle.

Little Madge was in trouble. She came crying into the house, her little apron gathered up in one hand, as if to preserve some most precious relic.

"I've b'oke my smellin bottle!" she sobbed, lifting tear wet, imploring eyes to my face.

"Your smelling bottle!" I repeated, "I didn't know you had one. Where are the pieces?"

She held open her apron, and what do you think lay there? The scattered petals of a rose! This was her too aged "smelling bottle," and while she was esing it it had fallen apart .- Youth's compartion.

The Ugly Boy.
Bouncing Benny loved to fight.
And teasing was his chief delight.
He scratched the boys, and as for girls—He loved to pull their pretty curls.



And all the girls went off to play. Then Bouncing Benny in disgrace. Forgetting, slapped his own fat facel

Monster Earrings In Borned In a paper read before the Royal Geographical society, London, on the highlands of Borneo, in the Indian archipelago, Charles Hose gave an account of how the native mothers stuck huge rings through their daughters' ears at the age of 8 months only, eventually increasing them to the weight of two

pounds each. By the time that a girl has come to her maturity her care, thus weighed down, reach almost to her el-Lows. - Jewelers' Review.

WOMEN ATHLETES.

The Extensive Arrangements For Physical Training In One of Their Clubhouses Among the inpovations at the Berkley Ladies' Athletic club is hurdle jumping under the direction of Miss D. M. Elliott, one of the regular instructors. In order to become proficient in this branch Miss Elliott has spent the past summer at

Chautauqua, taking a course of study and training, and becoming familiar with other new exercises and ideas as well, which she intends to introduce into the class work.

The Delsarte system is not generally employed, the training being of a heavier character, though individual work of all degrees is undertaken where the pupil requires special discipline to meet peculiar physical needs. Each member is entitled to a physical examination and a series of measurements, and is expected before entering upon her work to consult with the medical director, Dr. Mary

proper kind and amount of exercise taken in every case. Private lessons may also be arranged for. Games are being introduced this year for the young peo-

Taylor Bissell, who will advise as to the

Physical culture is becoming continually more popular among woman, and the Ladies' club offers amplest facilities for instruction and practice in every branch, including cycling, swimming, fencing, bowling, archery, tennis and badminton. Many ladies learn to mount and use the bicycle in the gymnasium as they would not and could not elsewhere. There are two swimming tanks. The smaller one, with marble floor and walls and ceiling of white and blue tiles, is constantly in use, while bowling forms an amusing as well as beneficial exercise. A padded running track encircles the large gymnasium like a gallery, eight turns on it equaling a mile. When not occupied by classes, this large room affords space for tennis, and the small gymnasium may be marked off for two badminton courts.

Both the rooms are equipped with all desirable apparatus and appliances for gymnastics and calisthenics, manufactured under the direction of Dr. D. A. Sargent of the Hemenway gymnasium at Harvard university. Sets of light chest weights, rowing weights, Indian clubs, dumbbells and French barbells are provided for class instruction. A dry swimming machine has lately been invented, and the club authorities are contemplating its introduction as part of the apparatus.—Harper's Bazar.

Woman's Work In New South Wales.

There has been a little rift in the lute of the hitherto harmonious Womanhood Suffrage league of New South Wales. The progressive party urges the pleathat stagnation has come upon the league owing to its neglect to encourage the formation and growth of local branches all over the colony. It remains to be seen whether the present association is capable of expanding to meet the requirements of a political party or whether it will gradually dwindle away and give place to an organization more fitted to cope with the question of the best means of obtaining women's franchise. Meanwhile the School of Arts Debating club, which has for nearly two years admitted women members on an equal footing, serves as an admirable training school for those who are ambitious to fulfill the duties of citizenship and to assist in promoting the welfare of humanity in general and of womanhood in particular.-London Queen.

Titled Women Writers.

Every day seems to add a fresh name to the list of titled ladies who work for the press. Four duchesses—those of Cleveland, Rutland, Sutherland and Bedford-have at one time or another contributed articles to magazines. Lady Greville is in receipt of a steady income from quite a number of papers to which she is a regular contributor, and so is Lady Colin Campbell, while Lady Constance Howard, a sister of the Earl of Winchelsea, is almost equally well known. The Countess of Cork, too, is generally engaged upon some journalistic work, and there are hosts of others, Hon. Emily Lawless, the well known Irish novelist, and Hon. Miss Eden among them.—London Letter.

A Sailing Mistress.

The first yachting commission ever granted to a woman by the United States government will probably be given to the Countess Festetics de Tolna, who, as an American citizen, is able to qualify as sailing master of the yacht Tolna in lieu of her husband, who has not yet taken out his naturalization papers. The countess is a Californian by birth and knows enough of navigation to use its terms intelligently. Her commission will put the Tolna on about the same footing in foreign ports as an American man-of-war and will aid her to dispense with certain troublesome requirements of such ports .- Harper's.

A Woman Doctor of Divinity.

The Rev. Augusta I. Chapin, the first woman doctor of divinity, marched in the opening procession of the parliament of religions, which was headed by Cardinal Gibbons in his scarlet robes. Closely following the cardinal came Mrs. Potter Palmer and Mrs. Charles Hewstin of Chicago, a city where Catholic women now enjoy the greatest publicity in work such as Protestant women have for some years been free to choose.—Philadelphia Ledger.

White Lace Trimming.

White lace promises to be a great feature in this winter's trimmings, and though one would imagine that it is more appropriate for summer costumes it does not look out of place when combined with heavy materials in the deft manner known only to Parisian modistes.-Ex-

What's the Matter With Josiah? "Wimmen's suffrage?" said Mrs. Hollersnag; "not any fur me, ef you please." "Why not?"

"Because I hev ter wait on Josiah enough ez it is without goin ter town an doin his votin fur 'im."-Washington

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