



ODD ANIMATED FALSE FACE.

Flexible Bag Filled with Air Produces Extremely Funny Expression on Countenance.

Novel animated false face is the recent invention of a Pittsburg man. As shown in the illustration below the mask has openings in the positions of the features.



Eyes, Nose and Mouth Move.

the features in this way to protrude through the holes in the mask. The effect thus produced by the wearer of the mask is said to be extremely funny.

GAME OF LASSO IS AMUSING.

Any Number of Boys Can Participate—Piece of Rope and Stout Pole All That Is Needed.

When you boys again play "Cowboy and Indian," don't forget to try this lasso game, in which there's a lot of sport.

Have each member make a lasso out of a rope like clothesline. Set a stout pole of good length firmly in



The Lasso Game.

the ground. Then, at some distance from the pole, arrange the company of players in a line.

The leader should start off on a run for the post, and, passing it at a distance a little less than the length of his lasso, make a cast with the noose. Following him in rapid succession, the other players should make their throws.

Again and again the line dashes for the pole and the players try to lasso it. The player who leads the line at the end of a certain number of throws, at a time agreed upon by the rest of the company, wins the game.

If it should be desired, the members may do their lassoing while running in a circle around the post.

Parisian Cat Exchange.

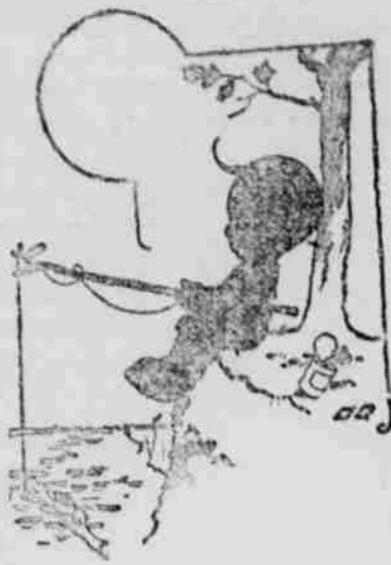
Paris has a cat exchange, a "bourse aux chats." This establishment is situated in a big chamber at the rear of a wine shop.

It is said that the customers are by no means tender-hearted old ladies, but for the most part furriers, glove-makers and cooks.

Adverb Game.

One person must go out of the room while the others choose an adverb, such as pleasantly, crossly, slowly or haughtily.

FATTY WENT FISHING.



Fatty Perkins went to fish In the river, deep; But the fish refused to bite Till Fatty went to sleep.

But as soon as Fatty slept A wise fish came and took Off the nice long analocorn Which baited Fatty's hook.

And at a gulp did swallow it, Then calmly swam away, And there without a baited hook Did Fatty fish all day.

TWISTERS FOR ALL TONGUES.

Sentences Arranged That Will Prove Difficult in Repeating Quickly and Correctly.

See if your friends can say these correctly and quickly three times: A glowing gleam growing green.

Two toads, totally tired, tried to trot to Tedbury.

Strict, strong Stephen Stringer swiftly snared six sickly silky snakes. Susan slitheth shoes and socks; socks and shoes shines Susan.

A laddock, a haddock, a black-spotted haddock; a black spot on the black back of a blackspotted haddock.

Oliver Ogletorp ogled an owl and an oyster. Did Oliver Ogletorp ogled an owl and an oyster, where are the owl and the oyster Oliver Ogletorp ogled?

Theophilus Thistlebones, the unsuccessful thistlesifter, in sifting a sieveful of unsifted thistles, thrust three thousand three hundred and thirty-three thistles through the thick of his thumb.

EXAMPLES FOR BOYS.

Christopher Columbus was the son of a weaver and was also a weaver himself.

Homer was the son of a farmer. Demosthenes was the son of a cutter.

Oliver Cromwell was the son of a brewer. Howard was an apprentice to a grocer.

Franklin was a journeyman printer and son of a tallow-chandler and soap-boiler.

Cardinal Welsey was the son of a butcher. Shakespeare was the son of a wool-stapler.

Milton was the son of a money scrivener. Robert Burns was the son of a ploughman in Ayrshire.

Rule for Ei and Ie.

There have been times, no doubt, when many of the boys and girls have been puzzled about the proper use of ei and ie in such words as receive and believe, which have the long e and sound, nor need they feel ashamed to acknowledge it, for many "grown-ups" confess to the same weakness.

Foolscap Paper.

Doubtless many Wide-Awakers who have had occasion to write upon foolscap at school have wondered why this quality of paper is thus called. The watermark gives the explanation, and a watermark, as every one knows, is the maker's trademark, visible in the paper when a sheet is held up to the light.

That's Easy.

A little girl was engaged in making an apron for her doll. Looking up to her mother, she said, "Mother, I believe that I will be a duchess when I grow up."

"Why, Molly, how is it that you expect to become a duchess?"

"Why, by marrying a Dutchman, of course."

Bright Tommy.

"Tommy," said the teacher of the juvenile class, "when water becomes ice, what is the great change that takes place?"

"The change in price," replied Tommy.

ACROSS AFRICAN WILDS



WITCH TOWER AND CATTLE KRAAL.



MUTAMBARA MISSION HOUSE.



CHILD NURSES.

Some time ago I felt led to take a pioneer journey into a new African region. So, with Mrs. Wodehouse and others, we started on a journey of nearly five hundred miles, camping in our little tents at night, writes Robert Wodehouse, in Christian World.

Victoria is very beautiful in some parts, and in others sublimely grand. To this country we had come, not for our own pleasure, not in search of diamonds and gold, but to look for sites where we might plant mission stations and thus extend the work in connection with our own church and advance the interests of God's kingdom.

We visited many chiefs and Indians, and stayed for a few days at some of their big kraals, holding services at night around a big camp fire, for the people are busy during the day in their fields.

The Ndanga district alone has some 70,000 people, without a single missionary. Then at Gutu's there are 30,000 people.

In the year 1902 the first pioneer missionary trip was taken in the district where we now have the flourishing Mutambara Industrial mission. Accompanied by my daughter, Mrs. Carson, we passed over mountains and through forests and rivers, camping out at night under some big tree or huge rock.

We visited Chief Mutambara at that time, who received us within his circular kraal most graciously. He put one of his royal huts at our disposal, welcomed us to his reserve, and asked that a missionary might be sent to his people.

Six months ago, Rev. A. L. Bachwiler and his wife were available for this great field. They reached Mutambara's on the 9th of April of this year. The ox team which brought them to welcoming tree, unloaded all into the tall grass which grows so luxuriously in Rhodesia, and trekked away.

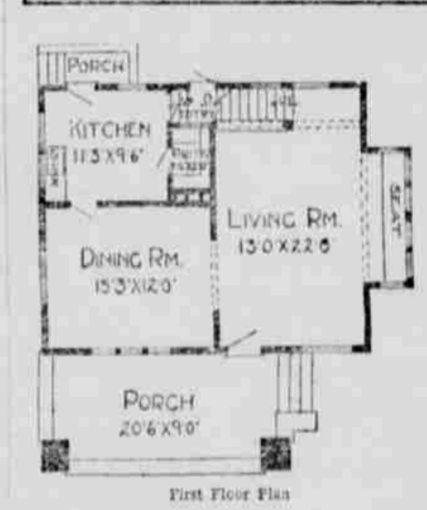
Foreign Words Creep In. In a letter from Dresden an American speaks of the "patriotic efforts of the Germans to exclude from their writing and conversation all foreign words."

THE AMERICAN HOME

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building for the readers of this paper.

Cement plaster houses are popular in many small towns and in the suburbs of large cities. The houses are built in the manner usual with frame structures, with the exception that instead of siding being used tar paper is nailed onto the studding, furring strips are then put on and the exterior surface is either lathed with wooden lath or expanded metal is used.

At first all were curious to see the missionary and his goods, but they soon became more interested. Then they began to think it was nice to have a missionary near them, for he healed their sores; he gave them medicine and he let them taste of his strange foods, which they said were sweet.



and on the surface of this white it is still plastic small pebbles are thrown, imbedding themselves in the mortar, as most often is done, may be troweled smooth, when the amount of water in the mortar is equal in all parts of the mix the color is uniform. Variations in the amount of

DEMAND FOR LARGE GLASSES

Enormous Spectacles Approved by Oculists And Are Found of Value in Many Cases.

"It was a good many years since I had bought a pair of new spectacles," said the nearsighted man, "and the odds one that I had been wearing all this time were of the old-fashioned sort with small frames and small glasses.

"Aren't these enormous?" I asked. "Oh, no," said the optical man, "these are of the average size that we customarily sell. Here are some big ones."

"Do people buy these biggest ones?" I asked. "Yes," said the optician, "we sell them to hunters, who want a glass that they can't look over when they look up, and to billiard players who want a glass that they can't look under when they look down, and we sell them to golf players."

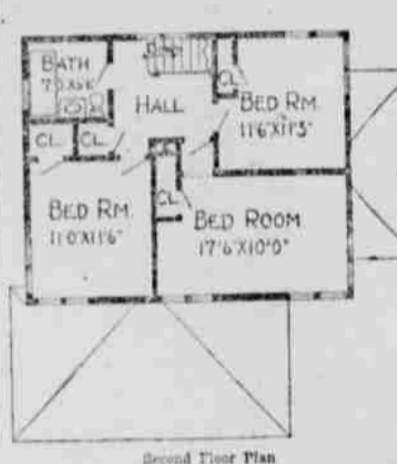
"So now these medium sized frames looked better to me, and I bought a pair, and when in due time I went in for the finished glasses they looked all right. We tried them on and the optician adjusted the bows, and as he stood back and looked at them, resting easily on my nose and with eyes perfectly centered, he regarded them with professional approval."

"Now," he said, "you have got a pair of modern spectacles."

Made the Editor Laugh. "That country editor thinks I'm a humorist."

Artistic effects may be produced also by leaving wooden ornaments in relief above the mortar. Such houses do not cost any more than frame at the present time and are much more economical, as they require no painting and no repairs.

The house here displayed is one of



that style. It has a wide porch. The width of the house is 34 feet and the length over all is 23 feet. What will attract all home lovers is the living room with its large bay window and window seats. It is homelike and comfortable, invitingly near to this room is the dining-room, which is 15 feet three inches by 12 feet in size. The living room, by the way, is 13 feet by 22 feet, and with the wide doors the two may be made practically one. The kitchen back of the dining-room is 11 feet three inches by nine feet six inches in size. There is also a kitchen pantry conveniently situated.

CONVICTS MADE GOOD FIGHT.

Desperate Men, Seeking Escape from Russian Prison, Responsible for Many Deaths.

An attempt at escape was made recently by a number of convicts in the Russian government prison at Vilna was a desperate affair. A warder entered a cell, when four prisoners rushed at him, and killed him with a knife. They took his keys and revolver, and released four other convicts.

The prisoners then dashed along the main corridor, and killed two warders who attempted to stop them, taking their revolvers. On reaching the courtyard they shot down a warder stationed there, and climbed the prison wall. The sentinel at the gate opened fire on them, killing one and severely wounding another.

The survivors got clear of the prison and ran out into the streets. Two of them attacked with daggers the first policeman they met, and inflicted mortal wounds. A short distance further on a second policeman was encountered. A furious fight ensued and the policeman cut down two of the convicts. Both convicts were killed, the first falling at the policemen's feet and the second expiring in the courtyard of a neighboring house to which he just managed to stagger. The remaining four refugees, pursued by a strong force of warders, police and soldiers, sped along a river bank. One of them became exhausted, but was discovered and shot. The three others continued their flight, making a brief halt in some brushwood and endeavoring to hold the pursuers at bay with their revolver fire.