



#### Katy-Did and Katy-Didn't.

It was a riddle long unguessed, but I will tell the answer true,  
Just what it was that Katy did, and all that Katy didn't do.  
She did go straight to bed at eight, and didn't want to wait till nine;  
She didn't care for party gowns, she did set stitches nice and fine;  
She did sit very still in church, and didn't creak her little fan;  
She did right all vacation time, and didn't fret when school began.  
No wonder this surprising child is sung about with such delight  
Beneath the great round harvest-moon, on every pleasant autumn night.

#### How He Judged.

While it is true that some of the most precise and accurate writers have been exceedingly slovenly in their personal habits, and while some men who were thoroughly bad in their private lives have certainly acted in their public careers as if impelled by the noblest and loftiest motives, yet it is generally the case that one reveals his true character in the ordinary affairs of life.

A country inn-keeper, relying instinctively upon this principle, one day in the last century startled a casual guest, who happened to be a gentleman attached to the royal court, by a confident prediction regarding the Archbishop of Toulouse, who had just been appointed to one of the great offices of state.

The gentleman, looking over his mail, which he had ordered to be sent to the inn, exclaimed, "There are great changes in the government! The Archbishop of Toulouse has been chosen minister."

"Alas for France, if that is true!" cried the inn-keeper.

"Why so?"

"He will turn the kingdom upside down. He will make no end of trouble," returned the landlord, with an ominous shake of the head.

This was quite possible, and something like it did really happen, but only persons who knew the inner workings of political affairs could have predicted it so positively then, and M. de La Houss wondered what was the source of the inn-keeper's information. With judicious urging he induced that sage to give his basis for calculations. It was this:

"You will learn, M. de La Houss, that I know whereof I speak. The Archbishop of Toulouse always stops here on his way to Paris, and also on his return. He never fails to turn everything upside down.

"He has that bed carried into another room. He has all the tables and the wash-stand moved. The mirrors that are hung between the windows have to be placed above the mantle-pieces. If I took his advice I should tear this house down and rebuild it bottom side up.

"Depend upon it, he is a dangerous person, and will insist upon changing everything."

#### A Spanish Election.

A Spanish regard for a fine bull is well known. Very often the animals of the bull ring are as famous as the toreadors. According to a report in a Spanish paper this regard for the bull was put to a very new and singular

use in a town in the province of Toledo recently. An election was being held in the little town of Oropesa, where the ministerialists, or government party, and the Carlists, or Spanish "old-liners" were nearly of equal strength. Each party, therefore, was trying to prevent the other from polling its full vote.

The polling had gone on, without any apparent majority on either side, until nearly the end of the day. All at once all parties were greatly interested in the appearance of a superb bull, led by a countryman, exactly before the door of the voting booth. Everybody took an interest in him.

Presently it was observed that as certain voters approached the door of the booth the bull made a sudden lunge toward them. This frightened them so that they took to their heels, and did not dare to approach the door again.

But when certain other voters came up, the bull stepped back politely and let them enter. In course of time it turned out that all the voters who had been frightened away were ministerialists, and all those who were allowed to vote were Carlists.

When it was too late to change the result, and the Carlists had carried the day in Oropesa, it came out that the supposed countryman was a Carlist "heeler" in disguise, and that by means of a bradded stick concealed under his flowing cape, he had goaded the bull forward whenever a ministerialist appeared, and urged him backward when a Carlist hove in sight.

#### Icebergs in Glittering Array.

There are few more interesting things among the perils and wonders of the ocean than icebergs. They are interesting not only for their gigantic size, their fantastic shapes, their exceeding beauty and their ability to cool great masses of water and air in their neighborhood, but also for the manner in which they array themselves.

Icebergs often show a tendency to form both clusters and long lines, and these groupings may arise from the effects both of ocean currents and of storms.

Some very singular lines of bergs, extending for many hundreds of miles east of Newfoundland, are shown on an iceberg chart issued this summer by the Hydrographic office in Washington. Two of these cross one another, each keeping on its independent course after the crossing. In several instances parallel lines of bergs leave long spaces of clear water between them.

The Prince of Monaco, who has taken a lively interest in experiments with floating bottles in the ocean, recently urged, in an address to the British association, the desirability of more systematic study of ocean tides and currents. A record of the groupings and alignments of icebergs in the North Atlantic might be of some use in such an investigation.

#### Asking a Great Deal.

A French gentleman of rank, who was both courteous and intelligent, but had his fits of absentmindedness, visited Rome and wished to see all the interesting features of the city.

The Pope assisted him in many ways. He did all that he could to make the stay of the Frenchman pleasant. When the Pope thought his visitor had seen all the beauty and grandeur of the city he asked if there was anything else he could do for his gratification.

"It has been most interesting. I thank you, 'Holy Father,'" he replied. Then he added, meditatively, "There is one thing more I should like to see, and that is the ceremonies which are observed when the papal throne is vacant."

The Pope laughed, and recalled him to a realization by saying, "I shall be so unaccommodating as to keep you waiting for that as long as possible."

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