FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

BOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

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A Buy as to a Buy.

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I like a key thet's hearty an not like a great leg toy.

I like a boy thet's humanlike a boy as is a boy.

When a her as is a boy, who plays leap-

Trop an' tag,

Whose bank chief sometimes rescubles—
well a discolored rag.

A toy thet epitastes in th' pools when
summer rains come down.

A boy that these ter foller a persistion.

f like a boy as is a boy, one who times glories
to tales of bloody piruts an' thrillin' Indian stories

t like a boy as is a boy, one that ye can't mistake,

boy thet will occasionally some com-mandments break.

I like a boy who's apt sometimes ter dir-ty shirts an collars.

Who's sot an appetite, too, thet's worth ten thousand deliars.

Though sometimes he's a nuisance, he'll finally grove a toy.

Chough sometimes he's a nuisance, finally prove a joy.

[like a boy that fights, by gosh, a boy as is a boy.

I like a boy as is a boy-a boy who's not who'd rether go a-fishin' eny day then

go ter school. I like a boy that climbs up trees, goes

gunnin', too, fer rate—

boy who stones all strayin' dogs an'
pells th' neighbors' cats.

Though this seems cruel-like, it's only
boyish giee, by gurn,

Which th' sorrers of th' after years will
knock ter kingdom come.

tike a boy as is a boy whose hands ain't always clean.

boy thet's rough, but generous; a boy thet len't mean.

boy who's sometimes sassy, but loves his dad an' mother.

boy who'd allus fight fer his comrade or his brother.

like a boy like this ter love an' sometimes, too, ter swat him.

like a boy as is a boy, thank God I hev got him'

-W. S. Hillyer in Up-to-Date.

There is a small boy on our street, distinguished by the name of Teddie. you have not met him-although it probable that you have, for he is be seen at all hours-let me say that he is about five years old, with dark red hair, that invariably hangs over his big black eyes, a tough, chunky little body, supported by two sobby little legs, and having a rather plemn, important air. It is not often hat he condescends to smile.

Now this little fellow, like others of his age, seems to possess an enormous capacity for sweetmeats, which is seldom, if ever, satisfied, and the many ways in which he schemes to get a stick of candy are wonderful indeed.

One day last spring I heard a prolonged knocking at the back door, and went to answer it. All I could see at arst was a battered, old brown derby and a broom about twice the height of its owner, whom I found to be Teddie, when the black eyes were turned up to mine.

He wanted to know if I didn't have Job to give him-sweeping off the aidewalk, or something like that. must confess I was weak enough to give him a nickel for one or two weak dabs at the back stairs.
In all kinds of weather Teddie is

abroad. He cannot be kept at home. When it rains, no matter how hard, you will find him sitting very serenely on the curbstone, paddling in the water. The gutter, by the way, is his favorite playground-his habitat, one might almost say. I asked him once if he were not afraid he would get wet. He replied in a deliberate, philosophical manner that he didn't see bow he could because he had on his rubbers. He seemed to think they would protect his whole body. And on days when we older people hurry along, holding our ears and frantically stamping our feet, you may see Teddie tumbling around on a snowdrift, a round bundle of animated warmth.

Teddie is a sore trial to his mother in many ways. He delights to walk under the very horses' noses, and when the coachmen swear at him he walks on at his usual slow pace, not in the least perturbed. But he evidently enjoys the excitement.

There are a few other habits, also, which cause his mother a great deal of mortification. One muddy day there was a great pool of water in front of the grocery on the corner. Outside the door was a stand of new brooms. Teddle took as many as his short, fat arms could carry and amused himself awishing them back and forth in the dirty water until he was discovered by a clerk, who put an end to the proceedings.

That same grocery has cause to remember him for another reason. One and going so rapidly that it was near and used once or twice in a season, day as I turned the corner, I came upon Teddie carrying a good-sized paper box. He was rather startled when he saw me and let the box drop. Out rolled some link sausage!

"Oh-h-h!" he said, "won't you help me carry these home?"

"No, indeed," I declined, "and you'd got it just as quick as you can."

But disregarding my advice, he be-. I did not care to be considered an f him he was dragging the long chain of link sausage along the street.

rie is an inveterate little beggar, and I suppose he should not be enand I suppose he should not be en-spuraged, but he is so refreshing that News frosts in that region.—Bangor (Me.) the use in destroying a few insects up-stairs while allowing them to multi-- Sature to I and work I met him.

he didn't know it, not the graces didn't know it. Consequently, it is yest as well to entrybly a them and at the name time correct the generally prevailing revocation improvious. Rogar and other ewest things to themselves do our good the temb-that is, if is will the quality of exceeness that is injurlook. But che flue, untily particles that abound even in the most highly seffined engar. These scentch against the teeth and break the enamel, hip the innovent ewerness gere the credit for all the damage. Chicago Record.

Nature's House Cleaning.

I love to see Nature do her spring consectanting in Kentucky, with the win clouds for her water buckets and the winds for her brooms. What an amount of drepching and aweeping she can do in a day! How she dushes patiful after patiful toto every corner, till the whole earth is as clean as a new floor! Another day she attacks he piles of dead leaves, where they have lain since last October, and scaters them in a trice, so that every ranny may be somned and aired. Or. arasping her long brooms by the handies, she will go into the woods and beat the icicies off the big trees as a housewife would brush down cobwebs; so that the released limbs straighten up like a, man who has gotten out of debt, and almost say to you, joyfully, "Now, then, we are all right again!" This done, she begins to hang up soft new curtains at the forest windows, and to spread over her floor a new carpet of an emerald loveliness. such as no mortal looms could ever have woven. And then, at last, she sends out invitations through South, and even to some tropical lands, for the birds to come and spend the summer in Kentucky. The invitations are sent out in March, and accepted in April and May, and by June her house is full of visitors,-James Lane Allen.

Something About Stamps.

This is a year of new postal stamps. Several European nations and the United States are introducing new issues that will delight the hearts of collectors. So accustomed are we to using stamps of small denominations that we quite overlook the fact that thousands of \$1, \$2 and \$5 stamps are used every month. These are used on registered letters carrying valuable papers, During the last few months millions of dollars' worth of American securities have been sent abroad, most of them being sent by registered mail, the postage often amounting to \$50 a package. In case of similar shipments from England 10-shilling, 1-pound and even 5-pound (nearly \$25) stamps are used. You may be sure that these stamps are valuable even after they are canceled, for collectors sometimes pay as much as one-half the face value for the canceled stamps.

A Bloomer Birthday.

Some think that "bloomer" costumes are of recent discovery and that the admission will be three france. bloomer woman of a few years ago inventor will get 60 per cent and his was the first of her species. The fact backers 40 per cent of the gross reis, however, that July 23, 1851, the ceipts. Szczepanik will not sell his costume was first worn. This was at telectroscope until after the close of the a ball in Lowell, Mass. The bloomer exposition. was invented by Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, editor of a temperance journal (the Lily), published at Seneca Falls, N. Y. After causing quite a stir in fash- How to Get Rid of Summer Posts and ionable and unfashionable communities alike, the bloomer became lost to view until recently.

The origin of the bloomer may be traced to the costumes worn by oriental women, who to this day dress in resemblance to the baggy costume of the new woman of nearly fifty years

Gives the Fog Signal.

At the Portland (Me.) Head lighthouse is a government servant whose name is not on the pay roll, but who is as faithful as any lighthouse-keeper in the country. This interesting parrot that has learned to mock the signals of the lighthouse man. It was brought from Africa a short time ago and soon learned that the keeper would cry, "Fog coming; blow the horn!" when the fog began to blow in from the ocean. Ever after that, the parrot gave the warning whenever the fog began to appear, and recently it gave the signal before the lighthouse men noticed that the fog was upon them.

Hundreds of Miles to Home. The instinct that teaches dumb animals to find the way to their old haunts after they have been removed many miles is one of the mysteries of nature. Recently a farmer living near Lexington, Ky., found a lean and foot-sore dog whining at the door of his home one morning. The dog had formerly belonged to the farmer, but had been given to a friend who had moved to Kansas, 700 miles away. The dog had home door.

Maine Frosts in July. The glorious climate of Maine has been turning startling backsprings and somersaults since July 4. In Bangor on that patriotic day the mercury while at 3 a. m. on the 5th it was down to 56. Since then there have been alf in to pull them out on the box, and ternate waves of heat and cold. On ing farmers coming into the city from Hermon and beyond reported heavy Forewarned is forearmed. There is lit-

THE TELECTROSCOPE.

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tion, the televiroscope, will, if all ac-

rounts to grue, realise all that Edward Bellumy predicted about (wentlethentertainments in his lacbook. Equality, Spraspanik is a Gallcian schoolmaster turned inventor. The wonders of his telectroncepe are to be fully brought out at the Paris exposition of 1808. Meanwhile the now Motinguished Pole can look back upon the few years of his past life in which ne was herolcally struggling to win an education. He was fortunate enough to get into the University of Craeve where he spent three years. Lack of funds compelled him to retire before he had finished his education. new invention, he says, will take the pince of the post, or the mail, of the future. Its it any scene can be per feetly reproduced, pictorially, at any desired distance. For example, one might sit in Chicago and have a fine view of San Francisco or New York bay, with all its brilliant colors, moving and anchored ships, and water sparkling in the sun. Mountains and cities, in fact, any natural or artificially arranged scene can be produced true to life at a distance. All that is needed is to suggest the improvement certain to come in telephonic communication and the imagination can do the Herr Szczepanik says his machine will reproduce letters perfectly, thereby taking the place of the post and the telegraph. Roughly speaking, the picture is broken up into a number of points. Each point is reflected in mirrors, and the reflected ray of light is converted into an electric current, which can be transmitted any distance. At the receiving end, the current is again transformed into the corresponding ray of light. This ray of light is reflected in mirrors and the reflection thrown upon a screen. Now it follows if all the points of a picture are taken in very rapid succession, the resultant reflection on the screen will be the entire picture. There are many ways of converting light rays into electric currents already known to men of science. An electric battery with a selenium cell is used. The battery is connected by wire with an electromagnet at the receiving end, where the currents are to be reconverted into light rays. The electro-magnet will move in sympathy with the current sent out from the transmitting apparatus, and its movements will correspond with the nature of the ray reflected. The magnet will move a priem placed in front of a strong white light either electric or sunlight. The prism will revolve the white light into its primaries. The primary colors spread out into a spectrum and the prism responding to the movements of the magnet will bring the required color into view. Szczepanik has made arrangements with a syndicate for the showing of the telectroscope at the Paris exposition. The syndicate will build an annex to the exposition with a ten thousand seating capacity. The

OLD FLOORS TO MEND.

Fill the Cracks.

When the winter floor coverings are carried out, though great coolness and cleanliness is the result, too often an unsightly stretch of board is presented to view. Flooring in any except the garments that bear a strong family best built modern houses is so often ill laid that the housekeeper is puzzled how to conceal the small chasms between the planks. Rugs are costly and dusty, and to paint or varnish a straggling floor is love's labor almost lost. Common sense advises her to fill up the cracks, but how-not with putty? There is a better plan than that, Gather up all the letters from the waste paper basket, until there is a big bag full; enough paper to stuff a couple member of the service is a large gray of hig sofa cushions. Set the idle or the willing members of the family to shredding into bits the paper board. This accomplished, pile the tatters into a pot with water and cook it. To every quart of paper and water add a handful of gum arabic, and let the whole simmer to a very thick, thick cream. The sequence is easily guessed. The mixture must be put hot in the cracks, well packed and neatly smoothed. When cold it is ready for the coat of floor paint, and as hard as the rest of the boards, for it is really nothing more nor less than a papier mache, and everyone knows what a tough article that is. Cracks in floors are altogether too great a temptation for insects, so it is best to do away with the possibility of their proving a harbinger by adding a little parls green to the paper filling. This poison will ban-ish entirely the bideous water beetles that often infest even the cleanest kitchens and bathrooms, Care must be taken to keep it away from children been carried to Kansas on the cars, and pet animals, as it is very poisonbut had managed to wander to its old ous. A little, mixed with sugar, and home, foraging for food as it went put on old plates or saucers over night, ly a cripple when it reached the old will be all that is required. Those familiar with country life know what a boon this green paint has been to farmers in ridding them of the ubiquitous potato beetle, and there is no reason why the housekeeper should fear this ammunition if used intelligently. There is yet another hint as to the placbetter take that box back where you ran up to 94 in the shade at noon. studied the habits of the croton of ing of this poison. Those who have water beetles know how they are routed immediately by light, and how like a flash they disappear. Their Sunday people who went down the riv- fortress, or home, is generally at the ecomplice in the theft, the last I saw er and bay in excursion boats actually base of the kitchen water and sink suffered from cold. On Monday morn- pipes, and it is behind these that they scud up and down so mysteriously.

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