

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

INTERESTING READING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

How a Brave Young Teacher Saved Her Pupils from a Mountain Lion—A Cat Adopts a Family with Remarkable Results.

I KNOW a charming, winsome maid— Sweet Adelaide! Her eyes of soft and gentle, gentle gray Smile ever, and I humbly pray That smile may linger there always, By life's chill storms not once dismayed— Fair Adelaide!

My love I never told this maid— Sweet Adelaide! Afraid I would the picture mar I gazed and sighed and stood afar, Just as one worships some bright star And deems that one is doubly paid— Fair Adelaide!

I had not words to tell this maid— Sweet Adelaide! The love I felt—unhappily I stuttered most outrageously; My words came slowly, haltingly, My longing heart they disobeyed— Fair Adelaide!

One night I tried—"Fuf-fuf-fair maid— Sus-sus-sweet Adelaide! Wuw-wuw-wuw-will you be mummum"— Right there I stuck, no words would come, Although it seemed to me for some Long hours on my knees I stayed Near Adelaide!

Ah, fortune is my sorry jade— Sweet Adelaide! Her mother stairward came to say:—"Bid him good night, my daughter, pray— It's getting near the break of day!" The words of love I should have said Were, ah—delayed!

A Brave Young Teacher.
In a town in the Rockies, a short while ago, a young girl, who taught in the little schoolhouse of the place, performed an act of heroism worthy of the highest commendation. One of her scholars had a pet antelope, a sweet, docile little creature, that followed its mistress to the school, remaining quiet near the door during class hours.

One day it lay as usual near the door, lazily basking in the sunlight, while the children pored over their studies. Suddenly there came a light thud and a scream. There, with his fore feet crushing the little creature, crouched a big mountain lion, savagely switching his tail from side to side and eyeing the children. The little tots, screaming wildly, ran to the farthest corner, huddling there in a heap. The teacher, though pale with fear, did not for a moment lose her nerve, but searched the room for some means of rescuing her little scholars. Hanging on the wall near the door was a shotgun, and she determined to obtain it, although to do so she had to pass the lion. Summoning all her courage, she advanced down the room, facing the savage beast, who stopped tearing at the antelope and growled ominously. Nothing deterred in her purpose, however, she passed by him and took the gun from the pegs. The lion turned his head and curiously watched her as she retreated up the room again. The gun being empty, it was necessary to return to her desk to procure some shells and load it. Savage from its taste of blood, the lion left the antelope and prepared to spring upon the group of children. He made one leap over the benches, which landed him in front of the teacher's desk, and his eyes catching sight of her, he changed his purpose, and, swinging around, was about to spring upon her. Noticing this, the teacher, who had been watching for a good opportunity to shoot, instead of waiting for him to make the leap, walked quickly up to him and before the astonished brute could recover she placed the muzzle of the gun in his ear and pulled both triggers. The recoil knocked her over and she fell to the floor senseless. The gun did its work, however, for the lion's head was almost blown to pieces and the brute lay a quivering heap upon the floor. The children ran screaming down the road and men hastened to the schoolhouse, to find the brave girl recovered, but wildly trembling. After learning the circumstances they seized a chair, and, seating the girl in it, carried her, with the dead lion, through the town, cheering and praising her brave act.

An Astonished Cat.
In a certain home in a little village in the West a Maltese cat had, by its affectionate nature and intelligence, gained a large circle of friends and admirers. Chiquita, as she was called, had a very peculiar disposition. She had been known to refuse to catch a young mocking-bird that had toppled out of its nest, and she would lie in the sun for hours paying little or no attention to the cries of the parent birds, which had no confidence in the cat tribe, and occasionally darted down and pecked at her long soft fur.

When the cat wanted game, she watched the gopher-holes and lifted out the clumsy, shy animals by thrusting her paw into the hole. Sometimes she wandered off into the woods that extended down to the little town and the boys called her the "hunter-cat," as she would follow them in their traps, preying upon the moles and other animals that they helped her to find.

One spring it was reported that puss had a family of Maltese kittens, and almost every boy and girl in the vicinity went to see and admire the little balls of fur that so perfectly imitated their mother. But one morning a young visitor discovered one of the kittens dead. The next day another died, and by the end of the week the entire family was gone. The cat was greatly distressed at the loss and wandered about the house crying loudly. Not long afterwards, when one of her young friends had called to console her, he saw puss coming through the tall grass with something in her mouth. She carefully jumped the fence, ran along to the shed and in the corner of the wood house leaped into the box that had been the nest of the lost kittens. A moment later she came out and disappeared. Going to the box, the visitor found a little fuzzy bunch of fur, with long ears and soft chestnut brown eyes—a baby wild rabbit. He could hardly believe his eyes, but there it was, cuddled in the hay uninjured. A short time afterwards puss bounded in again with another rabbit, and when she went out the boy followed her and was led to a cosy nest of a wild hare in the grass of a neighboring field, in which were several more young. These she took, one by one, and transferred them to the new home. What the mother hare did when she discovered her loss no one, of course, knew, but it soon became known that puss had adopted a family of rabbits and she had more visitors than ever.

No one believed that the new brood would survive this remarkable change, but day by day the little creatures grew and soon became active and frisky. To the astonishment of the cat these new kittens developed an enormous growth of ears; in point of fact, they soon became all ears, and as they frisked about her they presented a remarkable appearance. She now began to bring them rats and mice and birds, but the long-eared kittens paid not the slightest attention to this food supply, and eagerly devoured the tender bits of cabbage and clover brought them by the young friends of puss. Finally they grew so large that they were put in a room with a window through which pass might pass in and out.

The foster-mother continued to bring them birds and game for a long time, until one day the family was taken out in the yard, and then, in obedience to their wild instincts, they one and all deserted the faithful mother and ran out into the woods and fields and probably rejoined their own parents.

Various animals have been known to adopt others, as the old dog at Central Park that brought up a family of lions, but in all probability never before was a cat known to adopt a family of rabbits.

CHARLES F. HOLDER.
His Was Real Courtesy.
A young lady spending a rainy evening at the house of an old gentleman, wanted a cab to take her home. Her host started off to fetch the cab. "Do let the maid go," said she. "My dear, the maid is also a woman," was the grave reply.

The man was the late George Higinbotham, Chief Justice of Victoria. His courtesy towards women was regardless of rank or personal attractiveness. He would take off his hat to his cook, and bow to her as graciously as though she were a duchess.

A man was trying to lead a heavy draught-horse along the street. The animal refused to be led, and then the man made several ineffectual attempts to mount the refractory creature. At that moment the Chief Justice came along, and seeing the man's difficulty, extended his hand—as a mounting block.

The man put his foot in the hand and mounted upon the horse's back, and the Chief Justice passed on. His courtesy made his manners good, but it did not soften his sense of justice. A lawyer tells this anecdote: "I had once to appear before him in chambers on behalf of a charming client who had some property, but would not pay her debts. The case was heard in his own room, and he was courteous himself. He stood when she entered. I think she dropped her handkerchief, and he left his seat to pick it up. Nothing could be gentler than his manner, and I was congratulating myself on an easy victory; but when the facts were heard, the decision came that my client must pay or spend six months in prison."—Youth's Companion.

Deer Far at Sea.
According to a Forest and Stream correspondent Ben Lewis and Joe Sidelink, codfishers of Tiverton, R. I., found a large buck a mile and a half from Sachuset Point, R. I., bound for Navesink Highlands, and going at least five miles an hour. They chased him with a paddle after a hard chase, and then took him to Providence, where they sold him.

A number of like instances have been reported in the last fifteen years—six or eight, perhaps—where deer, like this one, were voyaging apparently from one pasturage to another. Bears, also, have been found swimming miles from land, in both fresh and salt water. It was the traveler's instinct that was working in them.

The supreme court of New York has decided that a surgeon making an autopsy without the permission of the relatives of the deceased is liable to be sued for damages.

No man is exactly what his bride hopes he is.

When Nature
Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

The Rise and Fall of "Old Hutch."
There is now living in Chicago a man who frequently contested the wheat market with Ed. Partridge and usually defeated him. This man is called "Old Hutch." When he forced September wheat up to \$2 a bushel and held it there while the boys stepped to his office and settled, he was regarded as the giant speculator of the age; but the last we heard of "Old Hutch" he was selling wedges of pie for five cents and shoes for two for five.—Buffalo Post-Express.

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Cure of Hiccough.
A female patient presented herself at a French hospital for a rebellious hiccough, which had resisted all treatment for four days. She was asked to show her tongue, and it was noticed that with the putting out of the tongue the hiccough ceased. The same thing has been since tried, and with success in other cases. All that is necessary apparently is to strongly push the tongue out of the mouth and hold it so for a minute or two.

Two bottles of Fico's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mr. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., March 26, 1895.

Roulers on Wheels.
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Hunting Wild Horses.
It is said that the wild horses and buffaloes have become so numerous in Queensland, Australia, that measures have been taken to keep them down by shooting. It would be interesting sport for a rifleman to hunt them, especially the horses, for, if the wild stallion is like other animals, he would put up a fight for life if slightly wounded which is to be hunted for the sport, such as the tiger, the bull moose or the grizzly. It might be nearly equal to the man hunt the Indian Territory police find so interesting.

A gallop was original, a pitcher or jar regarded of the size.

A Summer Resort Book Free.
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An illustrated article on the George "Junior Republic," a little commonwealth of city boys and girls who are learning to govern themselves on a farm near Freeville, N. Y., will be given in Harper's Weekly for May 23d. The same number will contain an illustrated article by Arthur Warren on Barney Barnato, the Kafir King; and an important art feature will be the paper on Pavis de Chavanne's new decorative panels for the Boston Public Library.

Harper's Bazar, to be issued on May 23d, will contain among the literary features "Lizzie Lee's Separation," a brilliant short story by Lillian Bell.

All About Western Farm Lands.
The "Corn Belt" is the name of an illustrated monthly newspaper published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. It aims to give information in an interesting way about the farm lands of the west. Send 25 cents in postage stamps to the Corn Belt, 209 Adams St., Chicago, and the paper will be sent to your address for one year.

The Empress Eugenie celebrated her 70th birthday on the 6th of May.

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The first of the series of papers on South Africa which Professor James Bryce, M. P., is to contribute to The Century appears in the May number. It corrects the general impression that the country has little natural beauty. Portions of the highlands he compares to Switzerland and the White Mountains, and he says that one can never tire of the charm and variety of color in the landscape. Professor Bryce says that the Boers have retained to this day a passion for solitude that makes them desire to live many miles from any neighbor.

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Ant's Heads in Surgery.
One of the most curious uses to which insects are put was related at a recent meeting in the Linnaean Society of London. It was stated that the Greek barber-surgeons of the Levant employed a large species of ant for the purpose of holding together the edges of an incised wound. The ant held with a pair of forceps, opens its mandibles wide, and is brought near to the cut being treated, so that it can seize the two edges, which are held together for the purpose. As soon as the unfortunate ant has obtained a firm grip of the cut, its head is severed from its body. Mr. Issigoi of Smyrna who described the operation to the Linnaean Society, said that he had seen natives with six or seven ants' heads hold together wounds in the course of healing. A similar observation was made some years ago in Brazil, which fact is interesting from an ethnological point of view, as showing the independent existence of the same custom in countries so far apart as Brazil and Asia Minor.—London Public Opinion.

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Fooled His Wife.
A certain married lady on Bernon side sat up till 12 o'clock the other night waiting for her husband to come home. At last, weary and worn out with waiting, she went to her bedroom to retire and found the missing husband there fast asleep. Instead of going down he had gone to his room. She was so mad that she wouldn't speak to him for a week.—Woodscock (R. L.) Reporter.

The U. S. Patent Office.
Some curious facts were made public last week upon the presentation of Commissioner of Patents Seymour's report to Congress. The report shows that the Patent Office has to its credit in the U. S. Treasury, \$1,298,883.37, a gain of \$175,357.96 since last report. During the year 1895, 22,675 patents were issued, of which 392 came to Iowa inventors; being one patent to every 4,877 population; 151 being issued to Nebraska inventors, being one to every 7,612; while Colorado received 215, being one to every 1,917.

There are twenty-five American inventors each of whom have received more than 100 United States Patents.—Thomas A. Edison having issued to him 711 U. S. Patents; Elihu Thompson, the electrician, receiving 394 patents; Francis H. Richards, a famous mechanical expert, residing at Hartford, Conn., who has received 345; Edward Weston, an electrical engineer, received 274; while Maxim, the gun expert, has been granted 131 patents for improvements in fire arms alone.

The Commissioner's report further shows that there are pending at the present time in the patent office 130 patent applications which have been in the office more than ten years and five applications which have been pending for fifteen years. The new rules adopted, however, will compel all of these patents to issue within the coming year.

Amongst the most valuable patents which were issued last week were two granted to the famous Harvey, of Harveyized armor plate fame, the inventions relating to improvements in car wheels, the treads of the Harvey wheel being glass hardened and so last longer than the ordinary tempered car wheels. Albert Bierstadt received three patents for an improvement in cars which outwardly appear like an ordinary freight car, but which when unfolded form a car cottage having three rooms below the billings of the car together with an attic formed by the slanting roof. These cars are arranged so that two of them can be used connected side by side and when fully spread out and open form a good sized hall, the structure being especially intended for the use of small traveling shows who can thus carry their theater with them. A St. Louis inventor receives a patent for a soft tread horse shoe which has a groove or channel adapted to receive a packing or elastic material which can be readily removed and replaced. E. A. Trussell, of Omaha, received a patent for a toy match pistol, which is now being placed on the market.

Parties desiring valuable information free relative to patents, should address Snes & Co., United States Patent Solicitors, Bee Building, Omaha. A copy of any United States patent including all the drawings and descriptions will be mailed for 10 cents.

The letters in the various alphabets of the world vary from twelve to 27 in number. Faithful to the ast—the good shoe maker.

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The Commissary Department.
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