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Selling Patents.

Of the 475 inventors of the United States who received patents the past week 36 per cent of that number were successful in selling either the whole or a part of their inventions before the same were issued. Amongst the prominent manufacturing concerns buying patents were the following: Western Metallic Packing Co., Omaha, Nebr. General Incandescent Arc Light Co., New York. Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio. Piano Manufacturing Co., Chicago, Ill. Mergenthaler Linotype Co., New York City. Union Boiler Tube Cleaner Co., Pittsburg, Pa. Gray Telephone Pay Station Co., Hartford, Conn. Kalamazoo Spring & Axle Co., Kalamazoo, Mich. Parties desiring information as to selling or obtaining patents may obtain the same by addressing Sues & Co., Patent Lawyers & Solicitors, Bee Bldg., Omaha, Nebr.

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Jack's Letter.

"Dear Gran'ma an' Gran'pa: I don't like this place, 'Cause no one ain't wearin' No smile on their face Like you always do, an' They spanked me instead O' kissin' me, after I Fell from the shed, This mornin' they say I'r Not goin' to be No angel-hereafter Fer takin' jest three Small pieces o' sugar— An' chasin' the cat, An' goin' in swimmin' An' losin' my hat; An' scarin' the peacock, An' climbin' 'r trees, An' gettin' all bit up By bumble-bee bees, An' racin' the turkey, An' bangin' the door, An' muddin' over Th' clean kitchen floor. They ain't got no smile or No kisses for me. They think I'm just wicked As wicked can be— An' call me a worrit An' tormentin' pest, An' say I deprive 'em O' quiet an' rest. Dear gran'pa, tomorrow I want to go back— Please get here as early As anything. Jack. —From Puck.

The Mouse That Played Football.

Norton Erowne was a lover of football from the time his merry little eyes first fastened on the wonderful get-up of his older brother Ralph, the hero of the village eleven. In Norton's baby fashion he made good-natured Ralph understand that he, too, wished to wear the football uniform. My, how proud he was to show his "dress-up" to the amused family! And how dignant he was, too, when they all laughed at his funny appearance—something between a padded Brownie, a circus clown and a comic valentine of Ralph, somebody said. This comparison pleased Ralph so much that he smuggled his little brother down to the photographer's, fixed him up in the beloved toggery (about eight sizes too large), touselled up his baby-like face those of the most approved football hero, placed in his tiny hands a ball three times the size of his head, and presto! there was the picture of the tiniest footballer in the country. Norton enjoyed the fun as much as his big brother did, and kept the secret stored so snugly away in his little baby brain that Ralph rewarded him by giving him his old football pincushion, when he went away to college. Norton was overjoyed, and when no one was looking, often gave an admiring hug to the sawdust cushion, with its melon-shaped pieces of red and blue silk and its cute little lacing. Every night, after mother put him into his little brass crib, he lay staring at the shining silk stripes till he wandered off to a dream-land people with long-haired half-backs, tacklers, guards and all the other queer things to be seen on a football field. One night, just as the long lashes were settling down over his little peepers, the pincushion began to move. Yes, it did! There, it moved again! Norton sat right up to see what caused it all, but the queer little cushion never budged a bit; just settled down on its side for a good, long sleep. The next night, however, the cushion began wiggling again. Sometimes, indeed, it almost turned a somersault, and then settled back again. Slowly, very slowly, Norton drew himself up into a sitting position. Quietly, very quietly, hardly daring to breathe, he leaned over the crib rail, and watched—what do you think? The very cutest little mouse that ever ran across a chiffonier and nibbled at the pincushion. Perhaps the little animal guessed that the football was stuffed with bran; bran is a dainty tidbit for a hungry little mouse. Anyway he pulled and tugged away at the shoestring lacing, climbed away at the cushion and blinked saucily at Norton, and then scampered friskily away to tell the home folks about the prize he had found, the happiest little mouse in mouseland. The next night Frisky came again, and began to nibble a hole in the cushion, and Norton was so excited while watching that he forgot all about the harm mousy might do. When Norton told his mother about it the next morning, she was a little troubled, for she feared that her baby boy thought, talked and dreamed so much about his cherished football that perhaps he might have imagined things which did not happen, and could not tell the real from his dreams. So the next night mother lay down beside Norton, and together they quietly watched for the coming of the mouse. They had almost grown tired of waiting when—there was Frisky sitting jauntily atop the cushion, twinkling his little beady eyes as though he would say, "Hello, there! Watch we go to the bottom of this cushion, will you? Good-by!" and down into the bran went his little head. Then such a scratching! Down went the rest of his body, all but the tips of his hind feet and his stiff little tail. The old ball wobbled crazily to and fro, and my, how the bran did fly! Frisky seemed to be pawing away with his front feet like a playful puppy, sending the dust in all directions.

A few sprinkles even reached Norton away over in his crib, and made him chuckle so loud that the frightened mouse went scampering back to his hole. Norton never knew that after he was asleep Frisky brought all his sisters and his cousins and his aunts to a midnight party on the chiffonier, where they had the nicest kind of a time dancing and eating up the bran which Frisky had pawed out for them. The next night Frisky came alone and went to work again just as though Norton with his father, mother and sister Lucy were not all watching and smiling at him. He worked so hard that by morning all the bran was gone, leaving the poor, flattened pincushion a little heap of red and blue rags. "Never mind!" laughed father. "The old cushion was almost worn out, anyhow! I am glad the mice had such a good time."

"So am I," assented Norton. "Ralph said he'd bring me a really one for Christmas, anyway, and it was such fun to see a mouse captain a football game!"

Where Biddy Found the Clothes.

It was the funniest thing! They took a ride right over the church steep—but that's beginning at the wrong end! Bessie says I always tell my stories back end to. This is how Bessie tells 'em: Once upon a time (Bessie always begins "once upon a time") papa was out on the side lawn a-mowin' with that com'cal little carpet-sweeper. Biddy had just got the clothes all spread out nice, 'side of the kitchen door. Then's when it happened—just after Biddy went in. It came up just as quick—a little big whirlwind and took Biddy's clothes up in its arms an' carried 'em off. Yes, it did. Papa looked right up in the air an' saw 'em a-flyin'! They went up twice as high as the meetin'-house, right over the steeple! You can 'agine how they must've looked to papa, an' don't you guess he laughed? Well, you've guessed right, 'cause he did! An' the funniest of all the things those clothes did was just too perfectly com'cal for anything! Our nightgowns did it—Bessie's an' mine. They're real long nightgowns, you know, an' they filled all full of the whirlwind till the sleeves bulged out round, an' the rest of 'em, too, just as if Bessie and I were in 'em! And they acted as if they were real frightened, sailin' up there so high, an' put their arms round each other and held on to each other! That's the way Bessie and I do when we're frightened. Papa laughed and laughed, and then he came in to tell us 'bout it. The clothes sailed 'way over into the minister's orchard, an' sat down there to rest—an' that's where Biddy found 'em. And that's the right end of the story to stop at, only Bessie always says "the end."—Constance Hamilton.

The Months.

All of our months were named by the Romans a great many years ago. One of the months looks back on the old year and it looks ahead to the young or new year, so it was named for a god whom the Romans worshiped. He was represented as having two faces, looking in opposite directions. One of his faces was old and the other one was young. His name was Janus. Can you guess which month was named for him? Another month was named for the god of war. What was his name and which month was named for him? May was named for Maia, a goddess who was the mother of the god Mercury, and June was named for Jupiter's wife, Juno. Have you ever noticed that while most months alternate with 30 and 31 days, July and August come together with 31 days? That is because these months were named for the two emperors, Julius and Augustus Caesar. It would not have done to give one a longer month than the other received, so both were given 31 days. In early times the Romans had only ten months, with names that meant first month, second month and so on. Four of these names are used now, for instance: December really means "tenth month," although it is now the twelfth month. Can you find the other three? A man named Numa added the two months of January and February, shortening the others in order to do so. It is said that February is a name taken from a Latin word that means to purify, because during that month they held what they called the feast of purification, and that April is from a word that means to open, because at that season the buds begin to open.

Children from the North.

The little Esquimaux babies in this country are not making very good progress. The climate, their parents say, does not agree with them. It is too warm altogether. An Esquimaux baby at home is washed daily in water which is as cold as ice. The air which it breathes is so icy that the little one's warm breath quickly turns into frost on the inslaglass windows, which the Esquimaux use. An Esquimaux baby playthings are snowballs, and the daily airing is a ride on a sledge drawn by his polar dogs. And so, you see, the little mites of Esquimaux humanity here are having a hard time to live in what is to them such a hot climate. It is as if you, who live in New York, were to spend the summer in Florida. And as if the Florida people were to go and live on steamboats at the equator.

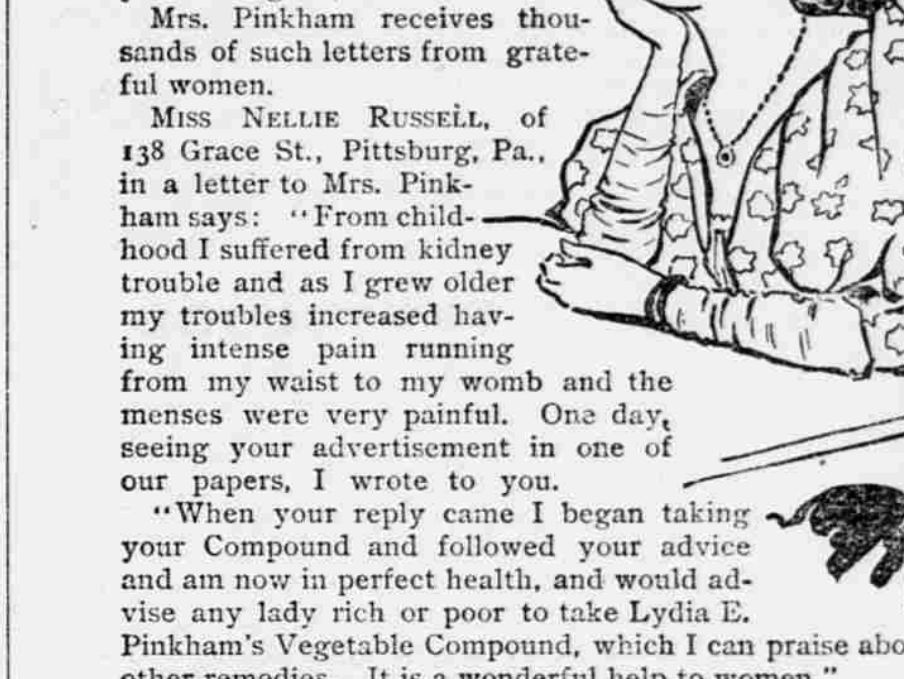
Harmless Joke.

Place a spool of cotton in the inside pocket of your coat, and having threaded a needle with the beginning of the cotton, pass the needle through the front of the coat, unthread the needle and leave about two inches of the cotton hanging as if it were only a stray piece. The first person you meet will be sure to pick it off for you, and his astonishment, when he finds there is no end to it, will give plenty of innocent fun.

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