

Lately, a bronze statue of Bjornstjerne Bjornson and one of Ibsen, which stand before the national theater in Christiania, have aroused a deal of discussion. On Bjornson's return to the theater, after an absence of thirty years, to direct the rehearsals of his play, "Ueber die Kraft," he wrote demanding the removal of his statue, as he deems it a "permanent slander." Ibsen, in answer to an inquiry as to his view, said that he had never seen the statue of himself. It is now proposed to remove both the figures and recast them in some less objectionable form.

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Where trouble's recreation,
And the grown-up people play;

Where rivers climb the hillside;
Where the skies are clover green;
Where all the hidden things of life
Are clearly to be seen;

Where fairies are the people,
Where the people are the elves;
Where milk comes from the well-springs,
And the horses drive themselves;

Where things go by contraries;
Where the homely have good looks;
Where the burglars are all honest,
And the readers write the books.

Ah, the land of Topsy-Turvy—
'Tis an iridescent dream!
A spot where things are what they're not,
And never what they seem!

I want to go and live there,
For I rather like their way
Of having everybody
Growing younger every day.
—Harper's Bazar.

Teddy's Grandmother.
Teddy had many of the nice things of this world, but there was something he did not have and which he knew he could not ever have. All of the other little boys and girls had one, or two, and poor Teddy felt very bad when he thought about it, for he thought that it must be the nicest of all things! You could never guess, though perhaps you have one yourself—it was a Grandmother! Both of Teddy's grandmothers had gone to heaven when he was a baby—it was one of his grandmothers who first called him "Teddy." Jamie had a good sweet grandmother and she would have him and Marjorie to come and stay with her; and then Teddy would be very lonesome and sad. He would say, "I wish I had a grandmother!" If I just had a grandmother to go and see, and she would send me tea cakes." Jamie's grandmother often sent Jamie and Marjorie tea-cakes and maple sugar and apples and other good things. One day Teddy sat very still and looked thoughtful; then he leaned his face against his mother's cheek and said: "Mother, I don't believe I can stand it without a grandmother!" Teddy's mother patted his head. "I can hardly stand it myself, Teddy," she said; "because she was my mother, you know, dear." Then Teddy patted his mother. After a while he said: "Mother, I asked Jamie if I might have part of his grandmother, and he said I would have to ask her. So I want you to write to her for me." Teddy's mother said she would, and she wrote just what Teddy told her to write: "Dear 'Grandmother' Mallory:

"I know you are not my real grandmother, but I haven't got any, and I wish you would please let me just call you 'grandmother,' if you can stand it to have so many grandchildren. All the boys have grandmothers except me. Both of my grandmothers are in heaven and I can't stand it any longer. I won't bother you a bit if you will let me call you 'grandmother.' I haven't any one to send me tea-cakes and maple sugar. Sometimes Jamie gives me some of his.

"Good-bye, Grandmother, 'Your little boy, Teddy.'"
Teddy's letter was mailed at the postoffice, and the next day there was a package for "Master Teddy Warner." Inside of the box were tea-cakes and maple sugar and a letter from dear old Mrs. Mallory. This was the letter: "My dear little boy:

"You cannot think how pleased I am to have another nice boy to love me and call me 'grandmother.' One of my little grandsons is in heaven, and maybe God is going to let you take his place, and I will be glad to be your grandmother in the place of those grandmothers in heaven who love you still. I want you and Jamie to come to-morrow to spend the day and night with me. Ask your mamma if you may.

"Your loving grandmother, 'Janet Mallory.'"
The next day Jamie and Teddy rode on the old horse to Grandmother Mallory's. Jamie rode half of the way in the red saddle with Teddy behind, and Teddy rode the last half with Jamie behind, and they took their night gowns to stay all night. Mrs. Mallory kissed Teddy just as she kissed Jamie, and she let Teddy sit on one side of her at the table, and Jamie on the other. They played in the attic and waded in the "branch," and they climbed the trees, and nobody told them not to go in the flower garden, or to stop eating cherries, and they had honey for supper, and they handed back for chicken at breakfast, and Teddy said, "Yes, Grandmother," every time. He was so proud and happy because he had a grandmother at last. And since then when Jamie goes, Teddy goes too, and when Jamie gets a box of tea-cakes and maple sugar, Teddy gets one, too. Teddy tells everybody that he has a grandmother now, and adds: "She's not my real

grandmother, you know, but she lets me call her 'grandmother,' because I couldn't stand it."—Ida F. Bane, in Little Folks.

Japan's Quaint Foxes.
In Japan, with its quaint, gentle people and its quaint, gentler beliefs, even the foxes are not the same as they are in other countries. Here a fox is a plaything, a creature to be harried and torn to pieces by dogs for sport. In Japan it is well to address a fox by the most honorable titles, to treat him kindly, place food for him, and be very glad when he goes. For in Japan foxes have great power, and it is not well to offend them. Many are the tales the little people whisper—whisper for fear the foxes will hear and take offense—about the deeds of Inari the fox. They are popularly supposed to take up their abode with those whom they fancy—and, alas! also with those whom they do not fancy. And sometimes it is hard to decide which is the happier. For the foxes must be fed. And as there are always many in a family, and they do not visit singly, much rice must be consumed for them. Good luck comes from their arrival, however, but it is liable to be changed into direst ill-fortune at any moment. For the foxes are exceedingly sensitive, and a word carelessly spoken, nay, even a thought sometimes, will serve to send them off in a huff, and then all sorts of misfortunes will follow. When a man is seized with a fit in Japan they say "He is afflicted with foxes," or "He has made an enemy of the foxes." A story is told of a woman who kept a little shop where rice was sold. Every night a tall woman entered the shop, bought some rice, laid two coins down upon the counter and left without saying a word. The woman would place the coins in a drawer, and think no more of them. One day the woman entered the shop, bought her rice, but as she turned her back the shopkeeper saw a long white tail hanging below her dress. She cried out, and the woman disappeared. Rushing to the drawer where she had placed her money, she found some coins and some dried leaves. Half of the money she had received was good; the other half had been bewitched, and had turned back to dry leaves. Families not having foxes are not allowed to marry into those having them, as when the foxes attach themselves to a family it includes in its affections all its members, even to those most remote. One of the most famous families in Japan claims its supremacy to be due to the good influences of the foxes who have taken up their abode in that family.—New York Herald.

This Horse Is a Great Jumper.
From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch:
Not many horses trained in steeple-chasing and ridden by skilled jockeys could make a clean jump of twenty-one feet. When George King, the cowboy, started out to "round up" a herd of cattle that was pasturing in the valleys of the Santa Ana river he invited an Indian, Juan Machado, to accompany him and help him in the cattle driving. Machado was on the point of agreeing, when King said jokingly: "We will take our guns along and we might get a fat bear." Immediately the Indian appeared to be in a state of abject terror and refused to take the trip, assuring King that the grizzly bear always overheard such threats and that hunters who announced their object were sure to be eaten up. Laughing at the Indian's superstition, King started on without him. A day or two afterward he was following a lonely trail alone. The trail led through a dense thicket and was near the border of a dangerous gulch. Suddenly the pathway made a sharp curve and disclosed to the cowboy's sight a monster grizzly gnawing at the quivering flesh of a newly killed yearling. Now, of all circumstances calculated to excite a grizzly the interruption of his meal is the surest. Therefore when the mounted cowboy rode almost upon him he rushed forward with a terrifying growl. The little horse needed no spurs, but darted onward through the brush with incredible swiftness, the angry bear following close behind. In a moment the horse and rider were on the edge of the gulch, and there was no room for turning. King and his horse both knew that. There was but one thing to do. King raised the bride reins, the little horse gathered her legs beneath her, sailed straight through the air—and landed safely on the edge of the opposite bank. The chasm was twenty-one feet across. And the Indian said: "I told you so. I told you the bear would hear you."

The Jester's Trick.
Peter the Great was once very neatly caught in a trap by a jester attached to the court. The jester was noted for his cleverness in getting himself and his friends out of difficulties. It happened one day that a cousin of his had incurred the czar's displeasure and was about to be executed. The jester therefore presented himself before his imperial master to beg for a reprieve. On seeing him approach, the czar, divining his errand, cried: "It is no grant to come here; I swear I will not grant what you are going to ask." Immediately the jester went down on his knees, saying: "I beseech your imperial highness to put that scamp cousin of mine to death." The czar, thus caught in his own trap, could only laugh and pardon the condemned man.

Perplexing.
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