

## Children's Corner

### A FROWN AND A SMILE.

Such a silly little, foolish little naughty little frown— Too small to do the slightest harm, you'd think, the nursery pleasure down, And made a pleasant home as black as ink.

Nurse scolded—Jamie sighed— Kitten ran and baby cried— (You scarcely can believe it, but it's true).

Every smile was blotted out— With that naughty frown about— Just think how much a little frown can do!

Such a pleasant little, happy little jolly little smile— Too small to do the slightest good, you'd say.

Yet that happy little smile kept the nursery all the while As cheerful as the sunshine and as gay.

Nurse was singing like a bird— Baby cooed and kitten purr— (You scarcely can believe it, but it's true).

Everywhere that small smile went It brought pleasure and content— Just think how much a little smile can do!

### THE RATTLE, THE RATTLER AND THE GIRL WHO GOT RATTLED.

I spent my vacation last year in Sullivan County near the banks of the Neversink River, where snakes of many kinds abound.

On the second morning of my stay I went for a walk, having first cut a stout pine stick to use for climbing. I cut a notch at one end and sharpened the other to a point, feeling well equipped to meet snakes.

I had walked about a mile when I saw a garter snake about ten inches long crossing the road. Carefully taking aim, I struck off its head. Then I laid it across the rocks of the stone wall.

When I returned from my walk I mentioned having killed a snake, as if it were an everyday occurrence. One of the boys beat half a dollar that I would run if I ever saw a "rattler," and I boldly replied that some day I would bring home one on my stick just to show that I was not afraid.

After that on my daily walks I was on the lookout for rattlesnakes—nothing smaller or less dangerous interested me—and one day I was rewarded. As I was walking along the river road eating blackberries and listening to the sound of the river rushing on, I heard a sound which warned me that a rattlesnake was near.

I looked to the right and left, behind me and before me, but saw nothing. I listened, but the sound was not repeated. I took a few steps forward, and the deadly sound came from my right. I turned quickly and there, sunning himself on the rocks, was a rattler fully 25 inches long. I laughed as I thought that some one would be minus 50 cents that day. I softly approached and prepared to strike, but the reptile remained motionless. I scorned to kill my victim while it slept, so, after opening the big blade of my jackknife, I touched his body with the point of my stick. Then quick as a flash I struck at the head with the notched end and savagely rubbed my stick across the neck, first toward me and then from me. It was an empty skin.

I stopped and dropped my stick. First I heard a giggle, then a snort, and then peal upon peal of derisive laughter. It was too much to bear. I stalked off, the picture of outraged dignity, resolving, however, to get "square."

Next morning before anyone was up I started for that ill-fated spot. When I arrived I found my mountain stick smeared with red paint and mud, and attached to it was a postcard, bearing a drawing of a rattler, a snake and a girl, with the inscription: "The Rattle, the Rattler and the Girl Who Got Rattled."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### CHILDREN TEACH A LONG-SHOREMAN.

The student days of Jacob, a long-shoreman, are almost as picturesque. Jacob is only fifty odd, but he is greatly aged by hard work and poor food and exposure. His face is weatherbeaten, but he has kindly eyes, and he can tell sea stories that make men wonder. For all that, until recently, Jacob had not learned to read.

There is a little family of three children, down on Canal street, whose affection for Jacob is in no wise diminished because he is without learning. He has lore, which is better in their eyes, and their happiest evenings were when the laborer came stumbling up the stairs to their father's flat to tell them stories of rivermen and starfish indiscriminately. One night, by accident, they discovered that their friend could not read. Neither could they, excepting Lennie. Lennie was eleven, and could "spell," and even Allie and Mamie knew their letters. What could be more natural than the three should teach Jacob? When with a surprising delicacy, the plan was confided to them.

went, and they found that the long of Jacob's life had been to learn to read. "I'm 'way behind," he admitted, and so they set to work. Every night that he was off duty he came happily to their home, and, out of the same primer Allie and Mamie were mastering, he laboriously learned the alphabet. They sat at the kitchen table, all four, bending over the books, the longshoreman's rough forefinger tracing the lines, the shrill baby voices directing and correcting, and Lennie, vastly important, conducting the whole. Jacob's back ached as bending over books and keys had never made it ache; his arm was stiffened by the unaccustomed exercise of writing and he breathed hard over his copy book. But night after night, he patiently took his place, and his face always shone with the joy of it. It was a proud day for Jacob when, at length, he could spend a cent at the newstand, and swagger off with his paper, glancing at it carelessly—a letter at a time. But it was not a less proud time for Lennie and Allie and Mamie, who had helped.—From "Looking For the Light," by Roger Galeshore, in "Success."

### THE THREE BROTHERS WHO BECAME TREES. (An Indian Legend.)

There were once three brothers who went to seek the Lord of Life and win their hearts' desires. One, though tall enough, wished to be taller still. He had tried in many ways to make himself taller, because he wished to be admired and looked up to by smaller people, and win the love of the beautiful Indians of his tribe. To make himself appear taller than he really was he put soft clay into his moccasins, to raise him on his feet, and he plastered up his hair to stand high, and on top of it was a long turkey tail. But what he wished for was to be taller still. The second brother asked that he might live always where he might behold all the beauty of the land, and rest in peace forever; the third brother asked to live to a great age, and always to be healthy till he died.

Now when the Lord of Life heard what they desired, he summoned his servant, the Earthquake, and commanded him to set them firmly with their feet fast planted in the ground, and when this was done, the three brothers were turned to pine trees. The Lord of Life paid heed to their wishes, for he gave them what they most desired.

He who would be tall overtopped all the trees in the forest; even the turkey tail was not forgotten, it waves to this hour, and summer days the giant tree sways and murmurs with pride.

The second brother, who wished to dwell in peace upon the earth, will do so while he is rooted to the ground; and the third, who wished to live to the end in perfect health, is still standing straight and sturdy in the forest.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### HOW TO BUILD THE LOG FIRE.

The season when a good log fire is comfortable in the evenings is at hand. To make an attractive one, which does not have to be coaxed with applications of kindling wood now and then, shake out a double-sheet newspaper and leave the edges loose so that it will light easily. It will take longer to ignite it crushed and spoils the effect of the kindling wood, which is thrown on the paper against the andirons. The black log should be of the largest size the fireplace will hold. Green wood is preferable at this time of the year. It should be put close back to the wall. If it is a split log, the inside should be turned towards the front. Three logs are enough to start a fire with. Give it a good start, and then let it alone. Nothing is worse than a smoky, constantly poked wood fire.—New York Times.

### The "Drowning Commission."

The committee of English physiologists appointed to investigate the resuscitation of the apparently drowned found that all the methods which have been suggested for the performance of artificial respiration result in drawing into the lungs at least as much air as enters during the ordinary respiration; hence, that which at the same time most aids in expelling the water should, it seems, be adopted—that is with the patient lying face down, instead of on his back. By far the most important feature of any form of artificial respiration, however, is its immediate application. Without artificial respiration even the most powerful heart stimulants are unavailing. No time should be wasted in taking off the person's clothes, or in applying smelling salts, or giving drugs, but everything subordinated to freeing the lungs from water and giving them a full supply of air. In experiments on animals, a great difference was found between individuals of the same species. Some dogs were killed by a two minute immersion, while others could be resuscitated after eight minutes or even more under water.

### Cure For Obesity.

The "trotting" cure for obesity is being tried in Paris. A gentle, leisurely trot for fifteen minutes morning and evening, gradually prolonging the time until half an hour or more is consumed in this novel exercise, is the latest method for reducing avaricious. Athletes have long since discovered the value of this mode of activity, but they accompany it with the training table, which so far does not appear in the regimen as practiced in Paris.

### ADVICE, BUT NO DRINK.

#### Thirst of Seedy Individual Remained Unquenched.

He was a seedy looking individual, and as he stood upon the corner gazing wistfully at the disappearing form of the newsboy who had just picked up a good sized stump and was making off with the prize, there was a vague aspect of despair in his attitude which was very touching. Perhaps it was this which attracted the attention of a mild-looking party who was passing by, and perhaps it was something else, but however this may be, the mild-looking party stopped, and gazing at the solitary figure, addressed it thus:

"Old man, wouldn't you like to have a drink this morning?"

"You've read me as accurately as though my thoughts were printed on an open page," replied the solitary taking his quid from his mouth, and passing a dilapidated coat sleeve over his lips.

"I thought so," murmured the mild-looking party, while a tear trickled down his cheek; "but conquer the desire. Fight it as you would a legion of devils, for drink has ruined many a man who had a more expansive forehead than you've got."

And then the mild-looking party continued on his way, and the solitary gazed dreamily into space and communed with himself.

### DE WET SAW THE POINT.

#### Former Boer General Appreciated a Compliment Paid His People.

General Christian De Wet, formerly the fighting commandant in the Boer army and nicknamed "the fox" because of the many cunning stratagems he employed to outwit the British, is now in this country. Before he left south Africa an American correspondent asked the general why he did not join hands with the Boers who were going to America to form a colony. "I've heard of your country," said De Wet, grimly. "A traveler told me that what an American throws away in a year would support a dozen Chinese families during that time."

"True," said the correspondent, "and if that would support twelve Chinese families were accepted by one Boer he would not be able at the end of a year to defend himself against one of the heathen."

De Wet appreciated the compliment. "Perhaps," he said, more pleasantly, "the traveler meant that the discarded toothpicks of the Americans would make the chop sticks of the Chinese."

"Perhaps," said the correspondent, proud of having conquered the fierce warrior.

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