















McGoofey's First Reader and **Eclectic Primer**



THE STORY OF PRUDENCE | mal of the deer family a

1-Prudence was a peculiar name to give the girl in the first place. 2-It reflected her parents' wish that she be guided by wisdom rather than

impulse. 3-From babyhood she was guarded very carefully.

4-She had a nursemaid and a governess until she was eight years old so that she would be assured of the fullest protection from dangers.

5-She went to private schools and was escorted both ways for the sake of safety.

6-Her folks saw that she came in contact with only the best people under

the best circumstances so that she would come under the most refining influences. 7-"A young woman needs the advantage of careful rearing," her moth-

er used to say, "so that her life may be as free from menace as possible." 8-Mommer and popper's ambition was to keep her from all the hazards. 9-They didn't even let her pet strange dogs for fear the animals might be germ carriers.

10-And once, when she was stung and kept her under observation for 48 hours.

11-Prudence stood it until she found out life could be more exciting. 12-One day she disappeared and it nearly killed the old folks when they found she had run away with a fellow who wore loud vests, carried two pistols, spent most of his life traveling on trains by night and was head menagerie man with a circus. 13-They didn't hear from her for a long time.

14-Then one day the circus came to town and they found Prudence billed as "Mile. Dolores de Ramoz, Lady Lion Tamer, Performing in a Cage of Ferocious Beasts, Including Two Treacherous Black Panthers." MORAL-What's the use?

. . . **CURIOUS FACTS FOR CURIOUS PEOPLE**

There are 32,657 bones in a shad, most of which may be found in the portion served you.

The average electric cigar lighter lasts six months unless you become disgusted sooner.

A cow flicks its tail 675,000 fewer times during the winter than when it is fly time.

Napoleon Bonaparte did not care for fruit gelatin.

Oh, see the man! What is the man doing? He is attending a

political conven-What is a political convention? A political convention is like the

municipal gas plant only the flags are bigger and the fumes more deadly. What is the man doing at the con-

vention? The man is making a nominating speech.

How can you tell? We can hear the phrase "than whom there is no greater friend of the working man in this glorious country to-

Can you hear any other phrases? Yes, we can hear phrases such as, "From the golden shores of sunny California to the surf-swept coasts of Maine," and, "Let us here dedicate ourselves to carry out the principles so ably set down by that gre-a-a-at patriot, etc."

Do those phrases indicate a nominating speech is being made? Always and beyond all loubt.

How long will the man's speech last? Until the delegates begin yawning and somebody shouts, "Aw, name your candidate!" After he names his candidate, what

will happen? They will put the man back in the

camphor closet for another four years.

THE RIGHT WORD

Check the word that properly completes the following sentences: 1-A hoax is.....something used to chop wood..... a garden implement...... fleet anideception.

2-A humidor is.....an officer of the navy..... a man who fights bulls...... brass receptacle found in old-fashioned hotelsa box in which cigars are kept moist.

3-Howitzers are.....a former ruling family in Prussia..... a small vegetable like mushroompeople who stand behind you at card games and make suggestions.....a type of gun. 4—Dickens wrote......The

Face on the Barroom Floor"..... "Gunga Din"....."When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" "Bedalia"....."East Lynn"..... "The Man Who Would Be King"..... "David Copperfield."

5-"The Charge of the light Brigade" was the work ofRudyard Kipling Harold Bell Wright Edgar Guest..... Jimmy Montague Dorothy Parker.....Tennyson.

6-The mongoose is found in..... Hoboken, N. J...........India.....the corridor of the by a mosquito, they called specialists | Free Public Library..... strawberry tarts......Swiss cheese.

7-Garibaldi was.....a shortstop for the Brooklyn Club...... a moving picture director the inventor of the nut pick An Italian general.....a bartender at Loole's place.

. . . OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS The Lamb

The little lamb looks quite forlorn; For tenderness it pines-I know the feeling for I was

It has some wool to keep it warm And can subsist on grass; That's where I differ from it for I don't like greens, alas! . . .

SCRAMBLED LETTERS TEST

Each group of letters below can be arranged to spell a term or word used in golf. See how quickly you can de-

cipher them. 9-Grnees. 1-Ptut. 10-Wayfair. 2-Rdeiv. 11-Ruohg. 3-Apprehoa. 12-Waterlohe. 4-Nblilkc. 13-Flga. 5-Eissarb. 14-Neteenthni loeh. 6-Tpra.

7-Bunekr. 8-Ete.

. . . NOT-SO-SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

15-Folg wowdi.

1-John has an apartment house 15 stories high with 210 apartments of six rooms and two baths each; Fred owns a 42-story office building; Harry is an apple vender; which of the three is best off?

2-"A" has made a serious study of the problems of good government for 45 years; "B" is a fearless, frank and intelligent civic leader with the courage of his convictions; "C" is just a Dumb Benny who makes a spirited speech and never offends the party leaders; which has the best chance to land the nomination for the Presidency?

3-How long will it take an economist six feet tall to make a chart 11 feet long by 7 feet wide, which will deceive 20,000,000 people weighing

165 pounds? 4-One hen lays an egg a day; another lays five eggs a week; a third hen produces an egg every other day and on Sunday lays two in a nest 24 inches wide; what's the sense of it at

present egg prices? 5-Charles has a herd of 40 cows producing 200 gallons of milk a day; William has a herd of 32 cows producing 167 gallons a day; Boris has one cow which gives no milk whatsoever; which man has the least cause for worry when he realizes how the price

of milk is declining? 6-If six European countries owe the United States \$50,000,000,000 for 17 years, how long will it take a man twenty-seven years old to collect a private debt of \$32.50 from a fellow who doesn't want to pay, either?

POEMS OF NATURE

How doth the busy little bee Improve the shining hours! But what is that to you and me? We can't work inside flowers!