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ENGROSSING JOYS IN VARIED BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Books for Boys and Girls Teeming With Humor and Adventure—A New Development in Literature.

We all remember-if we are old enough or young enough-the adventures of the Princess Rapunzel, of the golden hair, and the Goose Girl in Grimm's "Fairy Tales"; the marvelous tales of Andersen and the adventures of the Brownies. And then as we grew somewhat older we followed the trails of Indians in the Leatherstocking Tales of Fenimore Cooper and vicariously had adventures on the sea with Captain Marryatt's heroes. "Little Lord Fauntieroy" begulled us in more sedate and polite hours, and then, by candlelight or with the volumes hidden within the covers of our geographies in school, we surreptitiously reveled in the forbidden exploits of Nick Carter and

Wild West stories, sea adventures and helping poor Mrs. McGraw to take care of her children and doing the washing. ited. It was concerned chiefly with woolly fairy tales. Of late years a change has

come. The variety and interest of books for



tale written for the King of Spain .-John Lane.

young folk is almost equal to that of fiction for their elders. We have fairy stories still, to be sure, for the allure of the imaginative is sternal. Now, where the Brownies once delighted children, we have the fascinating youngsters of Jessie Wilcox Smith and the "Kewpies" of Rose O'Neill. What is most notable in the sagun's output of juvenile books is the place taken by tales of school life and healthy outdoor sports. There are books dealing with baseball and football and the social life of colleges; books telling

The enthusiastic youth with healthy red glood in his veins fairly ravels in heroic harralives and tales of adventurous achievaments, especially in the face of asserwhelming difficulties. Popular indeed then will be "Our Army Boys in Mexico." by Captain C. E. Kilbourne (Pena Company), which relates of the secret mission replote with hazardous risks that takes loss fare and Harry Kearney, two young american officers, to Mexico, there to obtain information and make maps for the elementary of the recomment. Their encounter with the Yayui Indians and how they eventually avarence many obstacles, ultimately winger honor and success, makes stirring positing.

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Baby Darling and the Kewpies-"The Kewpie Kutouts"-Stokes.

And We Have With Us the Kewpies

Most children have already met the ple Kutouts," just published by Stokes. Miss O'Neill, the artist, explains her book, which is replete with charmingly colored "Kewpies," which can be cut from paper and clothed:

"This tells the Kewpies latest caper, With Kewpie dolls cut out of paper-And how a sad affair was mended And Baby Darling's sorrow ended." In the book Miss O'Nelli recites the adentures of various children with the 'Kewpies." She advises:

'When parents lean more than they ought To harsh censorious forms of thought. To systematic growls and grumbling.
'Tis best to do a little tumbling.
They find themselves for less sarcastic When their habits are symnastic.

Then we see the Kewples and parents doing most amazing acrobatic stunts on Diamond Dick.

Twenty years ago the literature for children and young people was decidedly lim
satisfied unless trooping off to kidnap a horizontal bars and jumping. Their continual broad grins and mis-chievous eyes are irresistibly contagious. Miss O'Neill concludes truthfully:

Thanks to goodness, children bad Are very seldom to be had. At least, 'tis sure there aren't many— In fact, we don't believe there's any."

Mother Goose in New Garments

It has remained for Jessie Willox Smith to present "Mother Goose" and all her children as they have never appeared before. Of course, all of you, big and little, are familiar with Miss Smith's litustrations. But Miss Smith has never been more happy than in her pictures for the "Mother Goose" book just issued by Dodd. Mend & Co. Dodd, Mead & Co.

The frontispiece, illustrating the "Hush-a-by baby, on the treetop, when the wind blows the cradle will rock," reveals a bonny infant in a crib way up among the boughs, almost near the moon. We learn from the historical note in the book that the first eight "Mother Goose" tales were published in France in 1896 by Charles Perrault. Some years later these tales reached England. There were only if rhymes in the original English edition, and as the years passed others creat in in the present book there are "Perez, the Mouse," in the fairy crept in. In the present book there are more than 300 thymes that have not appeared in any volume issued before.

Miss Smith's illustrations include both full-page color pictures and pen draw-ings. They will add a new charm to "Mother Goose" and delight the child

A King and a Mouse

King of Spain when he was a child, there thy, a level-headed and ambitious young lived a king called Bubi I, who was very editor, and in this atmosphere shakes off the slough that has been impeding his progress, discovers his latent, inherited

desiling with baseball and football and the social life of colleges; books telling of life in the army and the may and dealing with modern methods of warfare with acroplanes. There are romance and adventure in these hooks, but they are the adventure of believable actuality, picturing the life of the modern boy. In heavity of illustrations and attractiveness of manufacture the publishers have outable themselves.

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"A miller lay dying—he made his last

"A miller lay dying-he made his tast He left his three sons his cut, ass and To the sidest the mill, to the second the The third had the cat, and he cried out, "Alast I must starve now unless I take pussy to

History Dramatized

for Children The value of drama in education is so

'Kewples," those droll creations of Rose thoroughly accepted now that each new O'Neill. Children are now afforded a book which adds to its literature is more intimate acquaintance in "The Kew- eagerly accepted. The "Little Plays from American History" (Henry Holt, New York) which Alice Johnstone Walker has arranged for young folks are excellently composed so as to give some breath of the atmosphere of life to the scenes of

American early and middle years.

It is not so hard to make children learn facts as some people imagine. It is a much harder thing for children to realize that ordinary people lived and moved in the times they are reading about. Necessarily these scenes—which are suitable for production of law his are suitable for production-follow his-torical lines rather closely, but they in-volve ordinary human beings, quite apart from historical personages. The first deals with a regicide hunt in New Haven, the second with General Hows in a Revolutionary War escapade, and the last with the Civil War time, in which the figure of Lincoln, never appearing, domi-nates the spirit of the play.

Pleasing Juveniles

The Jolly Adventures of the Cottontail Twins," by L. J. Bridgman, Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs Company, as they frisk and frolic through life will transport the little readers into the wildest joy. The clever drawings, full color, are humorous in the extreme, and add much to the galety of the little volume.



"The Children at the Pole."-Holt. "They mounted high, they gilded low, And from the mountain top They sped like arrows from a bow Which, started, did not stop.

Boy Tires of School

"Off Side," by William Heyliger (Appleton's), is the story of Price, a young orphan hero who finds school dull and persuades his uncle to let him give up school and go into business. On the Bricktown Chronicle, a small daily paper, Once upon a time, according to Padre where he has landed a job. Price comes Luis Colona, who wrote this tale for the under the wholsome direction of McCarart talent and studies architecture.

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The Indian picks up the girl, sets her on his pony and gallopa away. The second night she slips out of the buffalo robe in which he has wrapped her and guided by the Star-That-Moves-Not, takes up the trail that will carry her back to

guided by the Star-That-Moves-Not, takes up the trail that will carry her back to the smoke fires of her own wigwams.

First she faces all the terrors of the darkness, ghosts and wild beasts and birds of prey—and then comes hunger, which is worse than fear. One night she sieeps in a cave with waif-cubs, and coddles up to them for warmth. She kills a rattlesmake just in time, narrowly escapes being trampled by a herd of wild buffadoes, eats roots and birds' eggs while the Big Light travels many times around the carth. Her little moccusins are ween thin and her courage, too, before her adventures are over.

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Fairy Tales of Many Lands Fairy Tales of Many Lands
Wonder tales of many countries—even
from India—make up the 50 or more
stories in "The Diamond Story Book," by
Penrhyn W. Coussens (Duffield, New
York). Here are fairy and folk tales,
legends of the saints, tales of kings,
princes, fairies, of magic fishbones, lars
and rings, wicked ogres and fair maidens,
Robin Hood, William Tell and Tameriane
figure among the characters. Few books
have ever been published so repiete with
the legends of olden days. They are delightfully presented, and the book is effectively illustrated.

"How All Things Began," by Emilie
Kip Baker (Macmillans), tells for children the stories of Thor, Odin, Brunhylde
and the Saga heroes of the North.

"Imagina," the heroine of the story of
that name, by Julia Elisworth Ford (Duffield), is the imaginary become of a little

that name, by Julia Ellsworth Ford (Duf-field), is the imaginary heroine of a little boy, an artist and poet, who is very, very lonely, and who makes friends with Kit, a dog, and a benevolent tree. As should happen to all with a happy imagination. "Imagina" takes form in real life, and this child's story ends with a symbolic meaning for deeper-thinking adults.

Tales of Heroes

As a rule books for children are written in a vein either too profound for youthful minds or so puerile as to make them worthless. Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York, has succeeded in issuing the first five of a series of historical volumes under the general title of "Heroes of All Time," which are wellnigh above criticism. Well written, well illustrated and "wells of information," they are worthy of serious attention on the part of adults as well as children.

From a literary "lewpoint the series is above the average. Concise and interestabove the average. Concise and interesting, the five little volumes contain a fount of information. Anecdotes and fables of other days are so eleverly interwoven and so skilfully related as to make them a homogenous part of a valuable whole.

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other cities has been one of the early and pronounced facts.

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Rousing Books for Boys In "The Scouts of Stonewall," and written two rousing Civil War tales.

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spicuous,
In "The Sword of Anticiam" Mr. Altsheler chooses for his hero a young Northern lad, Dick Mason. After engaging in the great battle at Shiloh, Dick returns on service to the East, and takes part in the Second Manassas, and with his comrades shares in a heroic fight against the triumphant genius of Lee and Jackson. Three great battles—Second Manassas, Anticiam and Murfreesboro—are described in this book, but McClellan is the chief historical figure. There is a vivid picture of the scenes There is a vivid picture of the scenes attending Lee's invasion of Maryland and the remarkable series of events leading to Antietam.

A Boy's Classic

Charles Scribner's Sons (New York) have just issued a new edition of "The Boy Emigrants," by Noah Brooks, published in 1875. The tale is of Eastern boys who seek fame and fortune in the gold fields of the West-in other days-and find both incidentally aiding the old folk on the farm at home and bringing back with them an orphaned ind who is adopted with enthusiasm.

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The book is written in a vein a trifle out of date, but is intercating withal. It is a seemingly true account of the hardships the ploncers of the gold-rush days suffered in the crossing of what was for-merly known as "the Great American Desert." The trials and tribulations of

Desert." The trials and tribulations of the young heroes are stirringly recounted, as is the love story of an extraterritorial member of their camp.

But as is usual in such books, they return safely, with what must have seemed a goodly pile to them—\$15,000 each—via Cape Horn. And how the home folk greated them and acclaimed them as heroes.



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"Sec-saw, Margery Daw"-The Jessie Wilcox Smith "Mother Goose"-

Children, gather round and listen, and Spanish fort at Baton Rouge against overwhelmings odds, was as truly a hero of chivalry as was the famous Chevaller Bayard or Sir Philip Bydney, and so was General Gordon, holding the Egyptian outpost at Khartoum. With this in view, the author of "Historic Heroes of Chivalry" (George W. Jacobs, Philadelphia), Rupert S. Holland, has gathered together the life incidents of famous men of chivalry that take us back to the early days of Charlemagne down to the more modern time of Gordon. Written in simple style for the young patriotic and delighting reading and should prove a popular acquisition to the Historic and delighting reading and should prove a popular acquisition to the Historic The Sword of Antistam" (D. Appleton & having listened, tell your parents buy the 3th, New York), Joseph A. Altsheler has four little books in a series known as the "Willie Pogany Children" (Henry Holt, "The Scouts of Stonewall" is a ro- N. Y.). You will enjoy the treat and your nance founded upon Stonewall Jackson's parents will have a few hours of quiet. famous campaign in the Valley of Vir- These books will keep youngsters enthralled until they have been devoured with eyes and ears.
The first of the books is "Red Riding Hood," In prose and verse, by Edith L. Ellas, with a plentiful sprinkling of col-ored pictures. As the book relates:

The grandmother was ill in bed, And loud in tear she cried. The hungry woll no morey knew And soon she was inside. a popular acquisition to the Historic Series for Young People, of which five volumes have already appeared. "Hiawatha" is also depicted and in nanner truly engaging. Third on the lst is that noted infantile epic, "The Phree Bears," and last, but not least

Three Bears, and last, but not least by any means, "Robinson Crusce." Of him the book relates; And then, also, the ship was wrecked, All she on board were drowned. But he ashere alone was swept And gently put aground. The comes the moving tale of Robin-son and his man Friday and how finally they were sayed from their bonds tale

they were saved from their lonely lale ship was sighted and Crusoe signaled: Then Crusos's signal caught their eye, And out they put a beat;
They fetched the couple to the ship And both were safe affont.
So, whence our Crusos first sat out To leave his home and friends.
He now returns, his pockets full.
And here the story ends.

The Boy Scouts (Penn Company), as its name implies, portrays the daily experience of Scout life and all that pertains to it. These four Scout heroes, with a young woodsman, Pat Maione, for a guide, search for "Lost Trail," an old way through the woods, used by Indian war parties from Canada to the United States. The boys have adventures with wild animals and some amusing mishaps, during which their Scoutcraft stands them in good stead. The author, Thornton W. Burges, is an old favorite with young readers.

Boy Scout Heroes

of Greyfriars Bobby

Harper & Brow, the publishers of Greyfrian Bobby," Eleanor Atkinson's

story of a little Scotch dog, have just received an original photograph of Bobby taken in Edinburgh during his lifetime. On the back of the picture was printed the following account of Hobby's devo-

tion: "Elight and a half years ago in seems a man named Gray, of whom nothing now is known except that he was poor and lived in a quiet way in

some obscure part of the town, was buried in old Greyfriars Churchyard. During all these years the dead man's

During all these years the dead man's faithful dog has kept constant watch and guard over the grave. James Brown, the old curator of the burial-ground, discovered the dog lying on the new-made mound and drove him away. He returned so persistently that 'Bobby' was given the right to make the churchyard his home; and from that time to the present he has never spent a night away from his master's tomb."

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