

THE SEASONS ARE MIXED.

And Little Percy Pike Would Like to Have Them Fixed.

"I think the seasons are all mixed," said Percy Pike. "I'd like them fixed. In summer time when every one is hot, behold the boiling sun! It shines and glares and flares about it when we are warm enough without. And then in winter time, although Thermometers all downward go,



PERCY PIKE THINKING.

The snow and ice at once combine To send a chill down one's spine! Now, how much better it would be To change them all about—see, In summer time the snow and ice Would be a welcome thing and nice. And in the winter summer's heat Would be a most delightful treat. The seasons, I am sure, are mixed," said Percy, "and I'd like them fixed." —Exchange.

YOUR BIRTHDAY.

How to Find the Day of the Week Upon Which It Fell.

What day of the week was Jan. 15, 1868? To find this out divide the figures representing the year by four, rejecting the remainder, if any. To this dividend and quotient add the number of days in the year up to and including the given date, always counting February as twenty-eight days, whether a leap year or not. Divide this sum by seven, and the remainder will be the number of the day of the week, beginning with Sunday as one. If there is no remainder the day will be Saturday. This rule always gives correct answers to any date. Taking the one given above, Jan. 15, 1868, for example:

4198 (the year, or dividend).
4 (the quotient).
15 (days to Jan. 15).
7256 (dividend, quotient and days added).
256 (leaving a remainder of 6).

There being a remainder of five, we find that Jan. 15, 1868, fell upon the fifth day of the week, which is Thursday.

How Ned Got Even.

"Oh, I have a lovely secret!" cried Bessy as she ran into the dining room. "What is it?" said her twin brother Ned. "I will not tell you. It wouldn't be a secret if I did," answered Bessy teasingly. "All right, then, but I will get even," said Ned angrily. So he went out to Bessy's playhouse and on the chair where she generally sat playing with her dolls placed a lot of pins. After awhile in came Bessy and was just about to sit down when a playmate called her and said:

"Mamma has given me two dolls—one for you, the other for me—so let's go and dress them." Soon after Ned went in with a book in his hand and sat plump down on the pins he had placed on the chair for Sister Bessy. It was a good lesson for Ned, and now he plays no more practical jokes on his sister.

The Elephant as a Worker.

Any one who thinks the elephant a slow, clumsy beast would have cause to change his opinion on seeing him at work along the rivers of northern Siam. The rainy season, which begins in April, is the time when the teak logs, cut during the dry season in the forests about the upper waters of the Menam river, are floated down to Rahaeng, where they are caught and rafted to Bangkok. Instead of red shirted, spike shod "river drivers" such as handle the logs in their downstream journey to the sawmills on the Penobscot and Kennebec in Maine, the "lumber driving" of the Siamese rivers is done by barefooted, half naked men on elephants, and the "bone" labor and much of the thinking involved in the operation are done by the elephants.

Something He Can't Do.

Put a piece of wood or a ruler on the floor and ask some one in the room to jump over it. It will look so easy to do that some one will answer, "Certainly I can." "Very well; try," the questioner will reply. And at the same time he will lay the piece of wood close to the wall, saying, "Now, come on and try."

An Obliging Hen.

My small brother Fred went into the chicken house just as the hen got off her nest. "Mamma," he cried at the top of his voice, "the speckled hen lays boiled eggs; feel them!"

A LESSON IN GRACE.

"Strength at the Center and Freedom at the Extremities."

"Grace," says a young woman who devotes much of her time to coaching fashionable folk in the art, "is not so much a heaven born blessing as it is a matter of hard, persistent work. Not every one is the possessor of a pretty face nor great riches, which, like charity, cover a multitude of deficiencies, but most of us can do something in the way of improving the figure and can learn to move a bit more gracefully—not at a single bound, but with hard, persistent work and close attention to details and constant practice of correct movements."

There is much less of the "fad" idea and more practical common sense in the foundation principle of Delsarte's method than is to be found in a whole volume of certain physical culture glibberish, say the experts.

"Strength at the center and freedom at the extremities," reads this law, and there is the secret of that illusive, baffling, fascinating charm called "grace." Move the arms, the feet, the head and allow the rest of the body to remain reasonably motionless—motionless, but not rigid. Freedom does not mean "laxity," but "directed ease." It may be acquired only by making "easy motion" a habit.

Hold the arms bent at the elbows, close to the sides. Drop the hands from the wrists and then with as little effort as possible shake them. This starts the circulation. Now, holding the body firm at the waist line, rotate torso, head, arms. Here you have the rudiments of the aforesaid young woman's "lesson in grace."—New York Mail.

HEALTHFUL HOSIERY.

Stockings Should Never Be Worn Unless Thoroughly Washed.

No matter how pretty a stocking looks, it should never be worn until it has been thoroughly washed. This may seem overparticular to many, but the dye used to color some hosiery contains a certain element that is poisonous to some persons and, entering the skin through a slight abrasion, will frequently cause serious trouble. Red stockings are the most likely to be injurious.

Another thing to guard against is the stocking that is too short. One of the greatest causes of bunions is the stocking that does not give the toes sufficient room. Light as the pressure is, it is yet so steady as to cause this painful condition of the joints. After putting the stocking on it should be pulled out from the toes to give them greater freedom and incidentally prevent the stockings from wearing out.

A stocking should not be too long, however. If it is it will surely wrinkle and cause the foot to blister. A good plan is to have the stocking half an inch longer than the foot measurement, this length being sufficient to give the foot perfect freedom and yet run no risk of hurting it in any way.—Baltimore Sun.

LAUNDRY LINES.

For ironing days a fire of cinders is better than fresh coal. When washing silk waists always iron them upon the wrong side.

Mildewed linen should be soaked for several hours in buttermilk and then washed in the usual way.

Three ounces of borax and two pounds of sliced white bar soap dissolved in two quarts of hot water will make a splendid lather for washing clothes. Never launder table linen when stained until an attempt has been made to remove the spots, as it is almost impossible to efface any discoloration after the cloth has been submerged in soapy water.

To wash white lace boil some rice to a pulp and, having diluted this with water, wash the lace in it. Rinse in a fresh supply of rice water and then pin out to dry. This method of cleansing lace makes it a good color and just stiff enough.

Sun Parlor For Baby.

Sunning the baby is the latest thing in baby culture. No household is too poor to possess one of these patent adjustable sun parlors.

They are made of some kind of hard wood and built by the carpenter to extend beyond the window. The top and sides of the little platform are covered with glass, and strips of carpet are laid on the floor to stop up any cracks there may be. No matter how fiercely the winds may blow or how low the thermometer may sink, the sun parlor is always ready for the baby.

A pillow is placed on the carpeted floor; then the baby is warmly dressed and well covered for its morning or afternoon nap. Mothers who have tried this method of sunning the baby are boasting of the gain in weight and health and have the proud satisfaction of knowing they are strictly up to date.—Philadelphia Record.

A Soup Hint.

All the tedious skimming and straining of soup can be avoided if one takes the precaution to put in a small unpeeled onion at the very start and permit it to remain until one is ready to thicken the soup. When lifted out, it will be found that this vegetable has served as a magnet to draw to itself all the floating sediment, leaving the broth as clear as crystal, yet in nowise impairing its nourishing quality.

Lamp Chimneys.

To prevent lamp chimneys from cracking wrap each chimney loosely but entirely in a cloth; place them together in a kettle and cover with cold water. Bring the water to a boil, continue the heat ten or fifteen minutes and then cool off. By this tempering they are toughened against all ordinary lamp heat.

A Mean Insinuation.



Mr. Playne—Dora's an awfully poor shot. She was out yesterday and nearly killed young Sweetman. But he had her portrait over his heart, and that stopped the bullets. Mrs. Playne—Don't wonder, my dear. It would stop a clock.

Oh, Joy!



"What's the big book you've got?" "It's a doctor's book I found. Now I can find a whole lot of new diseases for my dolls to have."—New York Evening Journal.

Percy's Business.



"Old man Rocks has started his own Percy in business." "Was he forced to?" "Yes. He couldn't induce anybody to pay him a salary."

Turned Down.



"Pardon me," said the masher, "but you look like a young lady I know." "Pardon me," interrupted Miss Bright, "but you look like a man I don't know."

The Danger of It.



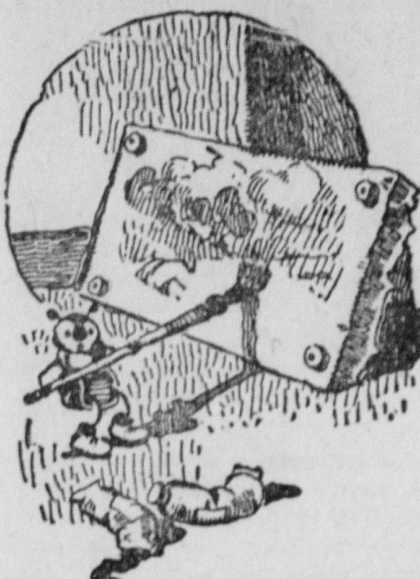
Mother Bunny—Now, you, Johnny, come in this minute! Don't you see the lady with the gun? Johnny Bunny—But she's not aiming at us, mamma. Mother Bunny—That's why it's so dangerous, dear. Come inside, quick!

In Jungle Society.



Mr. Monkey—This is the height of comfort.—Boston American.

To Him It Was.



Mr. Bug—Gee! I thought it was a gentlemanly profession to be an artist. I call it downright labor!—New York Evening Journal.

A Head For Business.



"You can kiss me, auntie." "Why, I thought you didn't like to be kissed." "I don't, but mamma said she'd give me a nickel if I let you kiss me, and I need the money."

Horse Versus Donkey.



"I say," remarked young Sapleigh, "I've aw-got a conundrum for you. What is the aw-difference between me and a horse?" "The difference," replied Miss Cautique, "is probably in the length of your ears."

The Foresighted Shopper.

With Christmas near I'm not distressed With thoughts of what to buy; No gifts to seek, my soul's at rest—I bought them last July.

Vanishing Pomp.

How worldly pride kin pass away, I'm takin' for my text. What is a Christmas tree one day Is kindlin' wood de nex'.—Washington Star.

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- Cold
- Heaviness at stomach
- Sediment in urine
- Night sweats
- Headache
- Nausea
- Gripes
- Coated tongue
- Sour taste in mouth
- Diarrhoea
- Nervousness
- Sick headache

Loss of flesh
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