



INTRY-MINTRY.

BY EUGENE FIELD.

Will and Ross, George and May— One, as these children were hard at play.

KOJATA.

A STORY FOR CHILDREN: FROM THE RUSSIAN.

There was once a king named Kojata. Married for three years to a Queen.

"Wait a bit," he said, "I shall be able to get hold of it presently."

"Remember your promise," said the voice of the invisible being, "or you will repent of it."

"That," he said, "is the thing about which I know nothing, and with which I must part."

irremediable. Have a horse got ready for me, and I will set off to return speedily, I hope.

Kojata, giving way to his wishes, gave him a fine horse, with golden trappings, and very good sword.

The Prince took pity on her. He put aside the reins and rose. The poor terrified duck saw him and cried to him.

"I thank you for having done what I asked of you. You need not have done anything better for my reward."

"I hear the beat of a horse's hoofs," said the young girl, "and I am afraid you have come."

"I want to ascertain what you can do. This evening you must set to work, and during the night you must make a palace, the roof and walls of marble, and the windows of crystal."

again, without lessening his embarrassment. Finally, at the third trial, he perceived on a white cloth, a tiny, rose-colored patch, and turned towards Czeruch.

"He's protected by Satan himself!" muttered the magician, grinding his teeth in fury at the defeat he had sustained.

Dr. Bamberger contributes a most interesting article in the shape of a paper on the German Press. Its title, he says, is omniscience, especially in all that relates to foreign countries.

"I beg of you not to stop there," said the young girl, "I have a fatal presentiment as to that city."

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girl, went to the city. Entering the palace kitchen and modestly accosting one of the head cooks, she said to him in gentle tones:

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Journalism in Germany, however, labours under many drawbacks. First, there is the excessive localism, due to the law of regional limits; secondly, there is the narrowness of the man's organ, and his copers go in beer, not in papers; thirdly, there is the severity of the law against the Press.

Modern Military Rifles. The London Standard says: On the whole, there seems good reason to be satisfied with our own rifle, the Lee-Enfield. It is light—9½ lbs.—the lightest in Europe, except the French arm, which is two ounces less; it fires eight rounds, and in this direction is surpassed by no weapon in the world.

Mr. Stanley's Mother. Mr. Stanley, somehow or other, is not much loved. Among yet the most estimable of his people is his mother.

GRAMMAR LESSONS. Russell is three years old, and his elder sister, Bessie, is trying to teach him grammar. Bessie is very particular, and she does not like to have Russell make so many mistakes.

HOW BOB HERRING TOOK REVENGE.

BY FLORENCE E. BURCH.

"Fish 't' water 'o' water!" Catch-soldier chanted in a hoarse voice.

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THE WOMAN FARMER.

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Now, a boy who can't endure a nickname is a surly customer, and Bob was anything but that. It was that reference to the Sunday dinner that annoyed him, for thereby hung a tale.

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SALTON'S INLAND SEA.

DISCOVERED.

YUMA, A. T.—A party of explorers has just returned from the Salton Sea district and it is evident from their report that the sea is not still there to stay.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Berlin, Germany, has 210 miles of streets. -The Shah of Persia has a tobacco pipe worth \$40,000. -There are over 9000 brass bands in the British Army. -Great Britain used 500,000 barrels of our apples last year. -Singapore, India, is at last getting rid of the plague of dogs. -In Southern Europe 88,000 oranges have been picked from one tree. -Castile is the only country in the world where Castor seed is not used. -A syndicate of Chicagoans is about to embark in agriculture on a large scale. -About 10 per cent of the flowers that grow in Europe are odoriferous. -The ground bone used as a fertilizer is worth twice as much as the coarse ground bone. -It is feared that lawlessness in the famine stricken districts of Russia, will get beyond control. -The consumption of coffee is declining in Great Britain, owing, it is said, to the excess of citrus fruit. -The curious custom of placing dolls in graves obtains among lot-holders in the Baltimore (Md.) Cemetery. -A huge potato, weighing twenty-seven pounds, has been raised by a farmer at Bayou Sara, La. -A mountain of coal in Wild Horse Valley, Wyoming, has been burning for more than thirty years. -The number of locomotives in the United States is about 30,000—one to every five miles of railroad. -Russian peasants besieged the Czar on his railroad journey with petitions for relief from starvation. -It is still possible to purchase land in New Zealand at \$2.50 the acre, or to rent an acre at twelve cents per annum. -The annual pay roll of the officers, professors and employees of the University of Michigan amounts to nearly \$160,000. -In a lifetime of eighty years the human heart beats 3,600,000 times, an average of seventy beats a minute. -Henry Cook, a Norwich, Conn., tailor, has a thigh seven feet two inches long, though he is only five feet six inches tall. -The temple of Hom-mun-ji, at Ikegami, begun in 1282 and finished in 1307, is one of the most famous religious structures in Japan. -It is said that four-fifths of the steam engines of the world have been constructed within the last twenty-five years. -According to an estimate credited to Sir J. B. Lawes the yield per acre of wheat of the United Kingdom for 1901 was 30 bushels. -In 1890 the total area of olive planting in Spain amounted to 2,841,544 acres, yielding 66,968,410 gallons of oil, worth over \$39,000,000. -Reliable authorities say that the death penalty is always inflicted in Spain on every one who is heard to mention the name of Napoleon. -In the pockets of clothing discarded by a burglar in Indiana were found a translation of Caesar's Commentaries and a problem in algebra. -A traveler said the other day that Philadelphia had more people with dark hair and gray eyes than any place he had ever visited. -Petroleum, which actually flows unutilized through the rocks, has been discovered at Crow's Nest in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. -The Carrier pigeons being trained at Portsmouth, England, for carrying messages from ships at sea to the shore. During some trials they successfully crossed the channel during a fog. -A heart-failing incubator of eggs originated in Egypt, where it is still carried on. The birds are being trained at Portsmouth, England, for carrying messages from ships at sea to the shore. During some trials they successfully crossed the channel during a fog. -Robert T. Barker, of New Bedford, Mass., read the Bible through for the first time in 1898. Since that date he has read it ninety-nine times. If he usually takes him two months to read it from beginning to end. -A man fishing at Jersey, England, was caught by the rising tide, and a rescuer, who tried to save him, was nearly drowned. The next day the magistrate sentenced him to eight days' hard labor "for the trouble he had caused." -There seems to be a good prospect for the establishment of a line of steamships between Philadelphia, Pa., and certain ports on the Gulf of Mexico. -The tower bridge over the Thames, London, England, built on the Bascule principle, has caused the underwriters of Lloyd's to insure vessels that have to pass it. -The first yard of cloth ever made in the Rocky Mountain country was turned out on loom 269 in the new cotton mill in Denver, Col., on Thursday, Nov. 12, 1891. It was made from cotton grown in Texas. -There are now living in one house in a village near Norwich, England, five generations, the ages of the individuals being ninety-two, sixty-one, thirty-six, nineteen and six months respectively. -So great has been the destruction in Rome, Italy, of the many palaces and public monuments that it is very difficult even to trace the plans of some of the more important which were known to have existed. -A treasure composed of pieces of gold as large as a twenty-mark piece has been found at Beuthen, in Silesia. The pieces of which there are said to be about a million, are stamped with a portrait of King Ocho of Bohemia, and bear date 1508. -The widow of Senator Hearst has donated five \$300 scholarships for young women at the State University of California. Candidates for these scholarships are to be recommended by the superintendents of schools, but are not to be given as prizes for the entrance examination. -The miner is the man who gets down to his work.