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ours to sleep, and two to walk, ee to eat and laugh and talk,

The Skill of a Mouse

One day a naturalist lay motion-less on a fallen log in the forest, and silently watched an animal at play n the grass near by. This was a large, brown-backed mouse—a mead-ow mouse, that had come out from his home under the log, and, when tired of play, had sat up to make his toilet. Using his forepaws as hands, the mouse combed the white fur on his breast, and licked himself smooth and slick. Satisfied at length with his ap-

pearance, he began to search for food.

He did not have far to go, for a few stalks of wheat grew among the thick weeds near at hand. The mouse was so large that he could probably bent the stalk down and brought the grain within his reach. If not, he could certainly have climbed the stalk. He did not try either of these plans, however, for these were not

Sitting up very straight, he bit through the stalk as high up as he could reach. The weeds were so thick that the straw could not fall its full length, and the freshly cut end tled down upon the ground, with the straw still erect and the grain out of reach. The mouse again bit the straw in two, and again the upper portion settled down. In this way he bit off five lengths of straw before he could bring the grain within reach of his paws. These forepaws were very skilful little hands, and he deftly husked a grain and ate it, sitting erect, and holding it to his mouth as naturally as a boy would hold an apple.—Christian Uplook.

A Plucky Ferry Maid.

Young in years, but full of vigor and buoyancy of youth, pretty Bertha Walz, a girl of 16, has a career as a ferry maid in the Ohio river that for the novelty of its feature is rarely surpassed.

For months the girl had been the sole support of her mother, younger sister, and brother. Week in and week out, unaided and alone, she had plied her big ferry skiff back and forth across the Ohio to secure means for providing for her helpless mother and sister.

Bertha lives with her mother in an old, but neat appearing house-boat, on the banks of the Ohio river, near the Pressed Steel Car Company's works in Lower Allegheny. This boat has been her home for the past six years.

The idea of running a regular ferry came to her through the suggestions of mill men who crossed the river at this point to the McKees Rocks side to and from their work in the big

Partly through the efforts of gener and the girl entered upon a new caand the girl entered about a text are reer. She found her task rather arduous at first, and her fair young hands were covered with many a blister at the end of a day's toil. But soon the muscles of her arms bade fair to rival those of the crack oarsman of a varsity crew. Now she thinks nothing of rowing six or eight stalwart men over the river on a single trip. Some days she makes as many as 40 trips, and has been known to take in as much as \$3 a day as the result of her toil.

The widespread popularity of her ferry, however, aroused the ire of less favored ferrymen living in shanty boats near by. First, her best skiff was stolen, and later a new one was turned loose on the river. Finally, she was not permitted to land her skiff on the McKees Rocks shore at the large landing, but was made to run her boat in at some obscure point. ownership and use of a pair of wooden steps leading down the river embankment to the shore.

The climax was reached a few nights ago. Richard Griffeths, a ferryman, tried to lay violent hands on her Only the timely appearance of a mil man and the presence of her faithful dog, which usually accompanies her for protection, saved her from serious injury at his hands. As a result, suit was promptly entered against Griffeths on a charge of disorderly conduct before Alderman Lynch. At the hearing Griffeths was fined \$10 and costs or 20 days in jail. The steps claimed by Griffeths as personal property were declared to be government property, and it was decreed that the fair prosecutor was fully entitled to use.-Pittsburg Chronicle-Tele-

What Our Native Birds Do for Man.

It has been proved by the work of the Audubon society and by the re-earch of Mr. E. H. Forbush,ornithologist of the Massachusetts state board of agriculture, that, much as humans claim to love the trees and the for ests, the birds love them even more ests, the birds love them even more di-rect good in their preservation than are we. Take, for instance, the fact that the stomach of one yellow-billed cuckoo shot at 6 o'clock in the morning contained the partially digested remains of 43 tent caterpillars, and see if you have in your acquaintance a person who would be likely to have destroyed so many pests by that hour

in the morning. Then take into con in the morning. Then take into consideration, says the Boston Transcript, the fact revealed by Mr. Forbush that there are 46 of our native birds that feed from preference on the gypsy moth and it is easy to compute the good work these birds will do if given a chance—and it's not costing the commonwealth so much by a good round sum to protect them as did the great sham hattle the gypsy-moth commission put battle the gypsy-moth commission put up against that nuisance. Most of these birds that are so fond of gypsy-moth diet are also partial to the brown-tail moth caterpillar, the can-ker worm and all the rest of the worms and insects that take the beauty out of trees and forests.

It is acknowledged, of course, by the most ardent advocates of bird protection tion, that blue-jays prey on the nest of other birds, that the grosbeaks and purple finches eat buds and blossoms that a good many of the birds eat fruit and the buds of trees, and that wood-peckers do some damage to the trunks of the trees. Yet all these sins charged up to their credit are as nothing when weighed in the balance with their beneficent ministrations. with their beneficent ministrations. It is urged that nesting boxes and boxes also which may be used for winter quarters, placed about in the woods and on the edge of the woods, will do a great deal to prevent harm coming to them from cats or from exposure to extreme cold weather. Then, this much accomplished, it would be this much accomplished, it would be a simple matter and not an expensive one for a community to undertake to supply them with grain or food of some sort when the snow covers the ground and the twigs. Other foes to the birds—the gunners and the mis-chievous boys—must also be dealt with by, say, one part of moral sua-sion to nine of rigid legislation, and a long life and a useful one may be assured the birds.

A Story of Three Dogs. Mary Dameron tells in Mary Dameron tells in St.
Nicholas a story of three dogs. The
other day, she says, I was walking
from the city to the hospital. It is a
long walk, and I was alone. Just as
I had cleared the city, and was
climbing a wearisome hill, a dog came
walking towards me. He had a coat
of whiteand brown shargy hair, clean. of white-and-brown shaggy hair, clean, and soft as silk. He did not hesitate, but came right up to me. and. standbut came right up to me, and, standing on his hind feet, put two soft paws up to my waist, and looked into my face as if he would say, "Good day! I don't know who you are, but I want you to love me, and oh, I know you will! Everybody does. I am sure the world must be full of love."

What deep, expressive brown eyes had They seemed to speak, al-

he had. They seemed to speak, al-though he did not utter a sound. I patted his head, and he rested against me with the confidence of a trusting child. I stood a moment and patted him. He seemed to expect it. Present ly I bade him good-by, and walked on.
It was not long before I met another dog. He was a little black fellow, and his small eyes fairly danced with mirth as they pecked out from bementh as they peeced out may be neath their hairy lids. He was evidently desirous of play. He darted toward me, and circled round me, bouncing, and wagging his tail. He was soon off to the road again. I threw up my gloved hand, and called, "Come, little doggy!"

He came only to be

He came, only to be off again like a flash, looking back every moment, as he ran, as if to say, "What are you walking at that snail's pace for? You'll never catch me in the world!" He did not come to me again. I think

was disgusted. So I walked on. It was some moments before I saw another dog, but just as I was turn-ing into the broad, fir-bordered ave-nue leading to the hospital, I spied a big, spotted fellow trotting toward me. a forbidding eye, and began to tuck his tail close to his hind legs. He came on, and as he was passing I grasped a fold of my dress, which was the grant of the g dragging on the ground. My motion seemed to frighten him, for with a bound, he commenced to run down the road. I looked back, and he stop-ped at some distance, and seemed to watch me, probably to see if I had

meant to strike him. "I'll learn something about the home life of these dogs," I said to

I found that the brown-spotted dog was called "Pete." He was the pet of an invalid. She could not jump, and frisk, and play; she could only love him, and he had learned to be a

gentle, loving little dog.
The little black fellow was "Bounce." He was the pet of a family of boys and girls. He played with them all day long, and at night he

was put to sleep in a nice warm bed.
The last dog was "Dick." Poor
Dick! He belonged to a rough, unblek! He belonged to a lough, and kind family. He was not half fed, and feared to put his head in at his master's door, for fear of a kick. At night he sought shelter from the cold high the sought shelter from the cold find it. and snow anywhere he could find it. When I met him he was doubtless returning from the hospital back yard, where good Christine, the cook, is where good Christine, the cook, is ready to feed all the stray dogs and cats that come to her. And such dogs as poor Dick are quick to find any-body with a kind heart like Chris-

tine's. So I have begun to think dogs are like looking-glasses, reflecting the manners of their masters in their own. If I had a dog I'd want him to be like Pete, but if I were a boy or girl I'd want him to be like Bounce.

Revolutions Fresh Every Hour

The South American stretched himself, yawned, and sat up. "Well. how goes the government?" asked the visi-tor who had just entered. "How do I know?" was the answering qestion.
T've been asleep for over an hour."— Chicago Evening Post.



Cleaning the Sideboard Silver.
Only a few minutes are required to rub the sideboard silver with chamois and if this is done every day or two there will be no necessity for using powder, or having any regular cleaning day. Ammonia or alcohol added to the powder will brighten silver more quickly, but the polish thus obtained does not last as long as that procured by the use of a little more effort on the part of the rubber.

Stains Upon the Tablecloths.

To keep the tablecloths in good condition, pour boiling water upon stains from fruit or coffee as soon as the table is cleared; do not wait until the weekly wash day. Some housekeepers drop a pinch of salt on a stain as soon as it is made and this tends to its eradication. A suggestion for preserv-ing the length of days of table linen is to avoid folding the tablecloth in the same creases every time it is laun-dered. Instead of always having the centre crease exactly in the middle of the cloth, move it occasionally an inch or so to either side. When it is laid the crease will, of course, be placed directly in the centre of the table and the same threads in the edge will not always rest upon the edge of the table and as a result the wear will not come in the same place.

Material for Sash Curtains.

The material from which to construct sash curtains is a problem to the woman who numbers several smokers among the members of her household, for there is nothing which so quickly discolors and retains the odor of smoke as do these necessary window draperies. Where the expense of sending handsome lace curtains to the cleaner's three or four times dur ing the season must be considered, the question is one to tax the ingenuity of the cleverest housekeeper whose hob-by is cleanliness, which is certainly a most expensive luxury. A woman of artistic instincts, who dislikes the stiff starchienss of Swiss or imitation laces, has settled the problem to her own satisfaction by manufacturing her sash curtains out of a good quality of cheese-cloth. They fall in soft folds, and when ruffled along the sides and end have a very good appearance, while the easy way in which they can be laundered is a joy to her cleanly soul. They need only to be put in the regular wash and ironed while still a trifle damp .- New York Post.

The Influence of Color. A woman who believes strongly in the unconscious influence of color de clares she would never have a room decorated in red, which is only good she claims, to counteract the bad effects of blue, but even in that case pink is preferable. Statng her ob jection, but without explaining why. to the artist with whom she was ad-vising about the decoration of her home, he at once replied that her dislike was but natural, as she was of a brunette type, and of course greens and yellows were a much more fitting background for her beauty. He further added that it was the cold beauty of the blonde which was enhanced by the warmth of red surroundings Without ever having made a study of this branch of art, some women in stinctively choose only the coloring suited to their style, carrying it even so far as to show a decided preference for china of the tones to blend with their complexions; few brunettes, for nstance, will admire the brilliant shades of turquoise blue with which china is docorated, but whole dinner



Creamed Mushrooms with Poached Eggs—Stew one can button mush rooms in one-half pint water 15 min rolled in flour. Season with salt and pepper and dish on a small platter Lay on top six carefully poached eggs

Green Potato Balls—Pare and boil six round potatoes. Put two quarts of spinach in a kettle to heat slowly until the juice exudes. Lay the potatoes in the spinach juice until well colored; then place in the pan with the roast beef ten minutes be fore serving. Season the spinach with one-half teaspoonful of salt and pepper; chop fine and use to garnish

Black Pudding with Sance—Chop fine one cup beef suct and one cup raisins; add one cup New Orleans molasses and one cup sour milk one teaspoon soda and pinch of salt; add flour to make a thick batter and steam two hours in a cake tin with a tube in the centre. Cover cake tin with a layer of cotton cloth, then with a tin lid to keep pudding from absorb ing moisture.

Royal Puffs-Beat the yokes and Royal Puns—Beat the yoses and whites of six eggs together until very light, add one cupful of milk and one saltspooful of salt. Pour this over one cupful of flour which has been sifted before measuring, and stir until smooth. Fill buttered cups one til smooth. Fill buttered cups one-third full, bake in a quick oven and serve with foamy sauce. Foamy Sauce—Beat the whites of two eggs until foamy, add one cupful of pow-dered sugar, and the juice of one lemon; beat all together, then add cupful of boiling milk, stirrin

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