

**Company** Manners When we have company to tea, I am as good as I can be.

I never 'zactly understood Just why I am so very good.

I think it's mostly mother's sake, But partly plums and citron cake. —Christian Register.

### Watching the Wasps,

Among my favorite insects, writes Charles B. Bennett in St. Nicholas are the common social wasps, especialthose that do not make any coverings over their nests. One reason is because I like to study insects in their wild state, and the social wasps are almost the only active insects that can be kept, and yet remain entirely free.

By carefully bringing a nest, with all the wasps on it, to a good place for observation, as just outside of a window which is seldom opened, the habits of the wasps can be easily watched with out confining these insects at all. And out containing these insects at all. And there we may watch them without any danger of getting stung. The wasps that do not make any covering over their nests are preferable to those that do, because then we can see so much more of their habits; then, in fact, all of their domestic habits can be easily seen, which is not the case with most

Wasps also have the advantage of not being rare, so that generally it is not hard to procure a nest of some kind; and if it should not happen to be just the kind spoken of here, it will be all the more interesting for different ones to tell about the history of the different wasps when it comes to next autumn.

And if anyone should fall in love with these bold and truly very interesting little neighbors of ours, it may be a satisfaction for him to know that these little insects are our helpers, even if they do like to taste fruits, for every year the different kinds of wasps make deadly war on the troublesome flies and on the destructive caterpilon many other lars, besides on many other insects that annoy the farmers, and gardeners, and us

#### How Monkeys Hunt for Land Crabs

"Most monkeys have a liking for land crabs, and the beasts when in natural element in the jungle their will often travel for miles to some marshy region in search of a crustacean meal," said a dealer in all sorts of wild animals to a Washington Star "Some years ago, when I was writer. in Singapore trading with the natives for monekeys, I was one day greatly amused to see the artful methods practiced by jocko to trap crabs. The monkey, having located the whereabouts of the crabs, lies flat down on his stomach, feigning death. Presently from the countless passages piercing the mud in every direction thousands of little red and yellow crabs make their appearance, and after suspicious-ly eyeing for a few minutes the brown fur of the monkey they slowly and cautiously slide up to him in great glee at the prospect of a big feed off the bones of Master Jocko.

"The latter now peeps through his half-closed eyelids and fixes upon the biggest of the assembled multitude. When the crab comes within reach, out dashes the monkey's arms, and off he scampers into the jungle with a cry of delight, to discuss at leisure his clevely earned dinner.

"Rarely did the monkeys seem to miss their prey. I saw, however, an old fellow do so, and it was ludicrous in the extreme to see the rage it put him in. Jumping for fully a minute up and down on all fours at the mouth of the hole into which the crab had escaped, he positively howled with vexation. Then he set to work poking the mud about with his fingers at the entrance to the passage, fruitlessly trying now and again to peep into it."

## The Dance of the Lapwings

The naturalists tell us of many pe-

### They their beaks touch the ground. remain for some time in this posture, giving utterance all the while to a low, rhythmical murmur. This ends the dance and the visitor goes back to his home, to receive there a visitor in turn.

This dance of the lapwings is unique among bird habits, and, though it may be considered as purely a play, no one has yet suggested a resonable explana-tion of its remarkable resemblance to an act of human beings .-- Chicago Record.

Uncle Sam's Helpful Little Books. Uncle Sam has a large, growing fam-ily to look after—80,000,000 or 90,000,-000 people of all colors, spread over half of the world—and some of the ways he has of looking after its best interests are most practical and help-ful. For one thing, he firmly believes in study and investigation, for he keeps some dozens of our calculating friends, the scientists, at work or him all the time-botanists, geologists, statisticians, weather experts, chemists, pomologists, entomologists, an-thropologists and others with exceed-ingly hard names, who are continually busy with the hard problems that rise every year in his family economy. When one of them succeeds in solving a knotty question or finds a new way in which the great household can be improved he writes a little book about it and Uncle Sam prints it for free dis tribution. These books are issued by the agricultura, department and are called "farmers' bulletins," but they really cover many subjects that are of interest to people who do not live on farms. Breadmaking, ways of reducing swarms of house flies, new methods of cooking, insects that attack shade trees—these are matters of interest to thousands of folk who live in cities and Uncle Sam knows it and sends them free to all who apply.

One of the most recent of the book-lets gives a list of weeds that are good for food-weeds that very few people would ever think of eating. Charlock is one of them, a weed of the mustard variety that grows in wheatfields and is very troublesome until pulled up, put in the pot and boiled. Then it becomes savory and nutritious. Black mustard, a sort of wheatfield brother to charlock, is another common weed that cooks up into delicious greens Pigweed, pokeweed, dock, purslane marsh marigold, kale, chicory and a weed called orach, hailing from the steppes of Asia, are some of the field pests which Uncle Sam's botanist has put upon the list of new foods. The little book contains illustrations of these candidates for table honors, tells how to identify them from poisonous varieties and urges everybody to give them a trial.

## Babies Who Live in the Sky.

A very strange family lived up in he sky-Mother Cloud and her Rainthe sky drop babies.

One day she called them all about her and told them of a wonderful journey which they must take, away from her. At first they cried (for babies do not like to leave their mother), but soon they began to smile when she said that some day they would come back when they had finished their work.

She told them that she was going to put them on a train in care of Conductor Wind, who would help them off with care at the stations where they wished to go. This made them very happy, for all children love the "choo-choo ers." choo cars

So saying, Mother Cloud bade her Raindrop babies goodby, and the train started, whistling and bustling through the air.

Very soon Conductor Wind came along and shouted: "All passengers off for Brookville!" Several of the Raindrop children got off at this station. Mother had told them to do whatever work at hand they found to do, and to do it well. At Brookville they found some very thirsty cows who wanted a drink and some poor little flowers just parched with the heat, so they were kept very busy giving them refreshment.

The train rolled on, and whistled-louder than ever. The next station was Riverdale. Here a large number of Raindrops were helped off by the conductor. Very near the station was

#### Funny Ec

Some of the economics of well-to-do women are very funny. Take twine, for instance. In the minds of many opulent housewives it is a sign of wicked waste to cut the string of a parcel, and they will carefully and la-boriously untie every knot of a package, however intricate, and then, at the cost of much time and patlence, they will do it up in neat little rolls. which are carefully put away, as if they were valuable possessions. Every time that string is needed in the household they produce one of these prec-ious rolls from their hoard, with a glow of satisfaction over their thrift. Now, a large ball of twine costs about six cents, and contains enough cord to do up all the packages of the house for a year at least, and yet not one housekeeper in a hundred, it is safe to will ever buy a ball of twine

Rubber bands, too, are felt to be invaluable, and are put by religiously, for the idea of buying a comfortable box of assorted bands ready for use would never be thought of, although the cost would be infinitesimal. Yet these very women will squanders hundreds of dollars in useless fineries and overlook wastes in their kitchens that would, if stopped, reduce their butch-ers' and grocers' books considerably.--New York Tribune.

#### A Charitable Miser.

There died recently at an English watering place Mr. Robert Arthington, of Leeds. During the latter portion of his life he lived alone in a big house and was locally known as a miser. Nobody was allowed to enter house, in one room of which he lived and slept. Some idea of his penurious habits may be gathered from a description of this room. On the table were the bits of candle which he carefully saved as well as the spent matches. In the centre, alongside his last purchase of a pound of candles, was a bag of flour. His fuel he kept beneath his wash-stand basin, and in the rocking chair he slept at nights wrapped up in an old coat. The floor was uncarpeted except by a layer of dirt an inch and a half thick, while the piano was also thickly encrusted with dust. But curiously enough, while miserly to a degree in regard to his own person, he was an eminently charitable man, giving away many thousands of doilars to deserving institutions, though always under a fictitious name. During the last few months he gave away \$250,000 to local charities, which it is expected will benefit still further when his will comes to be known. He is supposed to have been worth \$5, 000,000.

#### Electrifying London.

In a few years, if all goes well, visitors will no longer have to complain of the difficulty in securing transportation about London. The London Electrical Engineer publishes a short table of electric lines which have been authorized and which are now build-ing, representing a total of thirty-one miles. In addition to these there are "new projects and extensions of railways already authorized," amounting to an additional 100 miles. The great lefect appears to be that the several lines have been laid out without regard to each other, or the demands of traffic. There are no term common terminii, which would make it very inconvenient to get from one line to another, or from one portion of the city to another not on the same line.

In one day recently sixty prairie schooners, making a string about a nile long passed Guthrie, Okla., on their way to the Kiowa and Comanche They were mostly from Kancountry. sas and Missouri.



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# Different in Their Methods. When a man describes the appear-ance of another, he tells what he

looks like. When a woman describes the appearance of another, she tells what she "had on."-Indianapolis Sun

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culiar habits that some birds have among them that of dancing. The movement to which they apply that The term is not an irregular darting to and fro, to which the observer must lend the influence of his imagination to make it appear as dancing, but is a well-ordered, deliberate and graceful act, in which sometimes a few and sometimes many birds take part.

Opinions differ as to why they dance. Some writers think that it is why they so to speak, merely an interchange of compliments and courtesies between the sexes, particularly at the mating ason; others that it is wholly ful, originating in bright and cheerful spirits

Be that as it may, the dance of the spurwinged lapwing is certainly an act of play, for the birds indulge in it all the year round and at frequent intervals during the day, and also on moonlight nights.

The lapwings live in pairs and any one who watches them will presently see one bird of a neighboring pair rise and fly to them. It is always welcomed with many signs of pleasure, just as we greet a guest whom we are glad to see. Advancing to the visitor, they place themselves behind it and then all three, keeping step, begin a march, uttering loud drumming notes in time with their movements. In a little while the march is over

In a little while the march is over and then the leader, elevating his wings and uttering loud cries, stands erect and motionless, while the other, two, with puffed-out plumage and standing exactly abreast, stoop forward and downward until the tips of | Express.

a mill, whose wheels were turning very slowly, as the water was low, so the little helpers set to work to turn the great mill wheel which sawed the logs into boards. Oh, how hard they had to work!

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The train moved on to the last sta tion, Oceanside. There were only two little passengers left to get off here and they were met by a great many little Raindrop cousins. The mother had told all the children when their work was finished to go to Oceanside

and wait there. Mother Cloud felt very lonely one day for her l'ttle children, so she went to see her friend Mr. Sunshine, and told him how she longed to see her babies. He was a very genial, kind hearted man, so he said: "All right relation and so he shall thread and go for them." So he started off in his beautiful coach, drawn by fiery steeds. with the rainbow for harness, and all the Raindrop children clapped their hands with joy when they saw him coming, for they knew they were going home to Mother Cloud.—New York Tribune.

Odd Privileges. Some of the privileges of members of foreign legislative bodies are unique Danish M. P.'s can have a free seat in the Royal theatre at Copenhagen when-ever they like. The lawmakers of Nor-way receive free medical attention and way receive free medical attention and nursing if they fall ill during the ses-sion. The M. P.'s have extended their privilege to include courses of gymnas-tics, massage, baths, drawing and stopping teeth—all gratis!—London

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