

ONE OF THE BOYS.

He is "way beyond fifty, his hair turning gray, but still he can laugh in the jolliest way; He hasn't forgotten the fun in a jest; He tells the old stories with hearty zest; He knows all the new ones, and he knows a note— Somehow he has managed to stay with the boys.

Sarah Brown's Effort.

By ELIZABETH I. SAMUEL.

"Present," said Sarah Brown. Then under her breath she whispered, "Six!" Only six more days to hear that name called first. How she hated it! Every time that the roll had been read since the spring vacation she had counted off one. Six days more, and then? She could not get beyond the interrogation point and the "then."

When her turn came she said, "I've done a little of everything." "Such as saving a fellow from drowning," cried Dick, springing to his feet. "Allow me, ladies, to introduce Sarah Brown, heroine."

Animals Tried For Crime

The earliest allusion to such trials belong to the ninth century. One trial took place in 824 A. D. The Council of Worms decided in 868 that if a man has been killed by bees they ought to suffer death, "but it will be permissible to eat their honey."

THE LAND-LOOKER'S METHOD.

Every Man Has His Own Idea of the Way to Report. Among the most picturesque figures of every part of the country in which timber abounds are the timber-lookers, or land-lookers—men whose profession it is to inspect the standing timber and report to their employers the quantity and quality of the marketable wood upon a given tract of land.



It is stated that 231 municipal acetylene gas plants are now in use in the United States.



A New York man fell 120 feet and sustained no worse injuries than to catch a cold.

The oldest royal house in Europe is that of Mecklenburg. They trace their descent from Genseric, who sacked Rome in A. D. 455.

The "leafless acacia" is a peculiar tree that forms forests in Australia. The tree has no leaves, but respire through a little stem answering the purpose of a leaf.

The gentle refrain of the accordion of Phoebe Stannard, of Great Barrington, Mass., calls her cows home, no matter how far on the mountain side they have wandered.

Oddest of Maine's animals is the porcupine, and Linwood Flint, of Waterville, has made them the subject of an interesting nature study. He has twenty or more of them.

There are some monstrous stones in the temple of Baalbec, Syria; and the Peruvians had a method of transporting immense stones, which nowadays would, if known, mean a fortune to engineers.

Among the feats performed by the Egyptians was that of erecting obelisks weighing 400 tons or over. The Romans were also eminent engineers. Near the temple of Baalbec there lies a stone ready quarried, which is seventy feet long and fourteen feet square. It weighs 1135 tons.

There is now a canal connection between Milan and Pavia, about twenty-five miles long, through an ancient channel, which has been in use for more than 600 years. Thousands of canal boats from the Po go to Milan every year, pass through the city's canal system, which is founded on the old defensive moats of the Middle Ages, and proceed northward to the Italian lakes, or vice versa.

Every year from 800 to 1200 couples go to England from the Continent, mostly from Germany, to be married. To comply with the conditions of the English law the bride usually goes over first, stays one night in a hotel, and gives notice of the marriage on the following day. Then the man arrives and the ceremony takes place. It is generally by license, as otherwise both would have to stay in England for four weeks.

THE PATH OF AN INTERVIEWER.

Cosmopolitan Virtues and Gifts of Versatility Along Its Course.

The newspapers of Boston are not the same as those of New York; there is a greater difference between those of Chicago and New Orleans; and what is a "first-page story" in Philadelphia would be moved farther back in San Francisco to make room for another sort of sensation suited to the peculiar taste of its readers. But the subtle distinctions do not perplex the resourceful newspaper reporter.

The true cosmopolitan is the newspaper reporter. It is easy enough to appear content in any quarter of the globe, and in Rome to live as the Romans do, but the reporter does more. He is Norwegian and Italian, proletarian and palace-wise, Republican and Democrat, several times each day, and the narrow provincialism of the metropolis is as much his as the freedom and the long perspective of the mining camp. It is versatility, more of temperament than of talent, that distinguishes him. The citizen of the world, with a nose for news, a supernatural ingenuity in obtaining it, a pretty knack of description, and the ability to be always in the mood for work, might make an average reporter. The good reporters who become editors have additional faculties, not accumulated, but indigenous.—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Stunts of the Agile Log-Man.

Skill of an individual sport is presupposed: just as is skill in horsemanship with a cowboy. Without it a man is absolutely useless. And just as a cowboy likes to show off or compete in a kind of horsemanship which can have no practical application to his trade, so does the riverman do his tricks. A man in Marlboro, whose name I have forgotten, could turn a somersault on a log; innumerable others like to lie down at length while floating with the current; Jack Boyd could "up-end" a railroad tie without falling into the water; and it is very cold water indeed that can scare off an occasional birling match.—From "Jack Boyd: Master Riverman," by Stewart Edward White, in the Outing Magazine.

The Press Agent in Wyoming.

A gang of Red Men, dressed as Indians and cowboys, held up a stage in the streets of Cody last week. It was done to advertise a dance given by the Red Men.—Wyoming Eschava.

"See here, Sarah Brown," said Mary Davidson. "I've an account to settle with you. I thought people were going to miss you girls when we went away, but when I asked mother who took my place in the library, she said, 'Sarah Brown.' I haven't asked about anything else that we girls used to do that she hasn't answered, 'Sarah Brown.'"

"That's so," said Margaret. "I can't see that we've any of us been missed."

"I've only done things as they came along," said Sarah, half in apology, but down in her heart she was glad.

Just before commencement Judge Thurston sent for Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Raymond.

"I'm getting to be an old man," he said, "and I want to invest my property in something that will bring returns after I'm gone. I want to invest it in lives," he went on.

"I love the old academy, and I've decided to establish a fund to send one graduate of the school to college every four years. It seems to me that I should like the first one to be a member of my grandson's class"—the judge had been watching Sarah Brown—"and I want you to advise with me as to who shall be sent."

Mr. Raymond looked at the minister said, "There's Sarah Brown."

"Yes," said Mr. Raymond, "I don't know anybody who would make a greater effort or do the academy greater credit."

"I am glad you both agree with me," said the judge.—Youth's Companion.

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Reform in Tennessee. "A great wave of reform is agitating the people of Tennessee," said E. E. Boyer, of that State.

"The sale of intoxicating liquors has been banished in all but a few towns, and it would not surprise me to see complete prohibition within a few years. The reformers have also been busy trying to eradicate the gambling evil, and they were successful in having the legislature pass a bill that strictly forbids any pooling or bookmaking on racing events. It was thought that this law sounded the knell of horse racing in Tennessee, and so it may turn out, for unless men are allowed to back their favorites there will be very little interest paid racing in the future. In fact, it is not practicable to maintain the tracks unless betting is tolerated."—Washington Herald.

Puzzles For Postal Clerks. Cleverness is one of the attributes necessary for every man who is employed in the postoffice sorting mail, for he meets with all kinds of freaks in the shape of letters peculiarly addressed. Some jokers appear to think that all the postal clerk has to do is to solve puzzles.

Recently at the Boston office a letter was received addressed "Wood, Mass.," with a line drawn under the "Wood" and over the "Mass." The letter went out the same day it was received and reached Mark Underwood, Andover, Mass., for whom it was intended, and the postal clerk who solved the riddle did not think he had one anything brilliant. It was all in his day's work.—Boston Journal.

American Progress. We are going fast upon our way, we people of the United States. We have built higher, deeper, faster than ever nation built before. Yesterday we were as a pauper amid industrial magnates, calling upon the gold of England for the opening of our mines, our lands, our forests; to-day the banners of our commercial vanguard float above the snows of Siberia, the jungles of the Amazon, the forests of the Congo.—World's Work.

The Alamo. While the Alamo is situated in the city of San Antonio, it is the treasure property of the people of all Texas. There is no Texan who does not possess it in an interest which he has a sentimental and patriotic right to assert. There will be a general protest and uprising against any scheme to commercialize any part of it.—Galveston News.

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Game and Disease. We remember the saying attributed to Huxley that the single ladies of Old England are to be thanked for the superiority of our beef, because they keep cats to destroy the mice that would otherwise exterminate the humble-bees that fertilize the red clover on which our cattle feed. Now some one is writing to the Spectator to propose the slaughtering of game in the Zambesi Valley in order to prevent the spread of sleeping sickness. The proposal hinges on what we consider to be the mistaken statement by Mr. Austen, of the British Museum, that the tsetse fly cannot exist long without mammalian blood. The other step in the argument is no more sure—namely, that the tsetse fly is indispensable to the spread of sleeping sickness.

The evidence is not sufficient to condemn the game of even a portion of the Zambesi Valley. The animal that demands mammalian blood is, we fancy, far greater than the tsetse fly, and the fact that, unlike the deer, he is capable of writing to the papers must not be allowed to prevail.—London News.

The Greatest Indian Organizer. Pontiac exemplified at once the best and the worst traits of the American Indian. He seems not to have been so great a warrior as Osceola, nor as able a general in the field as Cornstalk, nor so unselfishly a patriot as Tecumseh. But as an organizer among a people with whom organization is almost impossible, and as a master of the treacherous state-craft of his race, he probably surpassed them all. As soon as his death was known, the French Governor at St. Louis sent for his body and buried it with full martial honors near the fort. "For a mausoleum," Parkman finely says, "a great city has arisen above the forest here; and the race whom he hated with such burning rancor, trample with unceasing footsteps over his forgotten grave."—From "The Conspiracy of Pontiac," by Lynn Tew Sprague, in the Outing Magazine.

The "Ins." England's new armored cruiser, the Indomitable, has been launched, and soon the inflexible and the invincible are to be given to the waves. The impossible may be expected next. If there is anything in names England is going to elect up the other navies of the world.—St. Louis Republic.