ARBOR DAY AT A COUNTRY SCHOOL



Baby Ben's Arbor Day.

Three nice round holes, all in a

ow, and four little trees to be

planted. There wasn't a "pair o'

see, Baby Ben is only just makin'

twins" in the lot, either!

ATIVE TREES FOR ARBOR DAY

is always matter of pride and congratula-

tion with us that we have the largest and finest any country in but just look at Ben, will you?" the world. In view of this fact, it must be admitted that we do not always rise to our opportunities. In the East ern States we see

aples and elms planted everywhere nd always; and if there are some oplars added in the Western States, is chiefly because maples do not acceed there. Elms and maples are aquestionably the best street trees or the Northeastern States, but they do not thrive equally well everythere, and even in New England ere are many other species which to well and which ought to be plantd for the sake of variety, if for nothng more. These matters ought to be consid-

red at the return of Arbor Day. Thildren in the schools ought to learn omething about the great wealth which this country enjoys in its naive trees. It is quite as important is to learn about rivers, railroads and industries. The tree planting which is done on the school grounds on Arbor Day should be something more than the setting of one elm, or even a row of maple trees. This should be day for leaving the beaten path and doing something unusual, especially if it be unusually good. Let this be the time for adding to the collections on the school grounds some of those rare and curious trees and shrubs which are beautiful and worthy in themselves, but which on account of their rarity are seldom

The oaks are neglected more in proportion to their deserts than any other native trees. There seems to be a notion current that oaks are very slow-growing trees; but the fact is that all the best species-the red oak, white oak, scarlet oak, pin oak, mossy-cup oak-are all good growers, and will make large, impressive, shade-giving trees almost or quite as oon as maples or even elms. The live cak, of course, enjoys a deserved pre-eminence as a shade tree in its own section.

The native linden, or basswood, makes a good tree. The buttonwood or sycamore is even better, and in middle latitudes can hardly be sur-The tulip tree is good. So is the white ash.

However, attention needs to be called particularly to some of the smaller and still rarer trees and for school grounds and altogether proper for Arbor Day planting. Such is the beautiful red bud or native of blossoms at the first feeling of spring in the air. Its beauties come round while the schools are still in session. Another small tree, especially suited to the school grounds, but never planted on Arbor Day, is the flowering dogwood. The prairie crab or native apple (Pyrus coronaria) is hardly known even in its own locality, but it is one of the most found anywhere. It thrives almost anywhere that a common apple tree will grow. The Kentucky coffee tree is a beautiful and curious species which will grow in almost all parts of the country, but which thousands of honest people have never seen.

This list is by no means complete. It is intended only to be suggestive. In the way of shrubs-which ought to be planted even more freely than trees on the school grounds-the opportunity for happy selections is even There are dogwoods, bar- his first "t'ee."-W. D. greater. berries, buffalo berries, native roses and other sorts galore, some of which can be collected in every neighborhood, and all of which can be easily secured through the plant dealers. These things ought to be on the grounds of every school, especially every rural school; and Arbor Day is the day to put them there.—The care for the trees which are planted

How many rural schools to-day observe Arbor Day, a day in which every farmer should be interested; for the day is one of much importance to the farmer in general and especially to those that live on the bleak prairies.

Once when passing a well shaded farm home on a prairie farm I noted of them. The Arbor Day spirit is the different appearance in the looks one of generosity and the day is one of it and the unprotected houses in festival which instead of looking the neighborhood; when I had an backward to glorify achievements of opportunity I engaged the owner in the past or praising present enterfacts. To my question of whether he make better environments, a more observed Arbor Day, he replied, "Yes, pleasant abode for the habitation of observe Arbor Day, but every day is the coming generations. arbor day when it comes to planting as a person could plant very few trees, compared with what is needed, working only one day in the year.

Arbor Day at school, when proper is carried out, is one of the most entertaining and instructing days of a school. There can be prepared a very pretty program suited to the occasion, occupying the morning hours; the any National Government lines, it has a great pretender, suh; resoluted by a sign it's genuine. De genuine possum." "No, and not being limited by a sign it's genuine. De genuine possum is a great pretender, suh; resoluted by sum is a great pretender, suh; yes, afternoon to be spent in planting crossed the Atlantic on the east, be-

THE HEART OF THE TREE. An Arbor Day Poem.

What does he plant who plants a tree?
He plants the friend of sun and sky;
He plants the flag of breezes free;
The shaft of beauty, towering high;
He plants a home to heaven anigh
for song and mother-croon of bird
in hushed and bappy twilight heard—
The treble of heaven's harmony—
These things he plants who plants a
tree. tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?

He plants cool shade and tender rain,
And seed and bud of days to be.

And years that fade and flush again;
He plants the glory of the plain;
He plants the forest s heritage;
The harvest of a coming age,
The joy that unborn eyes shall see—
These things he plants who plants s
tree.

What does be plant who plants a tree? He plants, in sap, and leaf, and wood, In love of home and loyalty
An far-cast thought of civic good—
His blessings on the neighborhood
Who in the hollow of His hand
tiolds all the growth of all our land—
A pathon growth from you to be a

A nation's growth from sea to sea Stirs in his heart who plants a tree, —Henry Cuyler Bunner,

Helpful Bulletins. The nature study bulletins sent out from Cornell University will help Hal explained it in this way: "You teachers in planning work for their pupils. The literary selections found b'lieve to plant a tree. Tom and Joe in the annual or gathered by teachers flora of native and I took ours up, oh, so carefully, should be a means of impressing trees known to and saved every little root we could; upon pupils that a close observation of nature and her ways has afforded Baby Ben did not propose to be pleasure and profit to people who left out of any good time, so he had are widely known through their writannounced that he, too, was going to ings. An exhibition of their drawp'ant a t'ee." He had hunted about ings and the written accounts of what

until he had found a green stick that they have learned from some tree, IN THE GREEN THEATRE.



-From Outing Magazine.

some one had thrown away after driv-, plant, insect, bird or flower will not ing home the cows. With a case- only decorate the school room and shrubs as being especially appropriate knife from the kitchen he had sharp- interest parents, but will make the ened the lower end, and was now day of value to the pupils. In a large gravely pressing the point down into the soft, moist earth! You see, Baby Judas tree, which bursts into a flame Ben didn't have to dig a hole in order to set out his "t'ee!"

"Oh, you funny little chap!" said work. Joe, sifting fine earth carefully about the roots of his own little elm, and pressing it firmly down. "I'm afraid you're going to be disappointed, if you watch for that 't'ee' to grow!"

But, will you believe it, it grew faster than any of the other three to the amazement of Tom and Joe and beautiful trees in blossom that can be | Hal! It sent out half a dozen branches before the others had reached the point of sending out buds; and all because Baby Ben had happened to pick up a willow twig with which to celebrate Arbor Day. It was quite an "exprisement," as

Tom expressed it, but both he and the other two boys have since discovered that there are several other kinds of wood besides the willow that will often take root and grow quickly when planted with as little ceremony as Baby Ben made use of in planting

Preserve Arbor Day Annuals.

Arbor Day annuals are the property of the school district and should be preserved by teachers and trustees for future use. Choose a committee of pupils, whose duty it shall be to and report next Arbor Day.

trees that will grow up to be monuments to the pleasantest and most beneficial day of the session if entered into in the proper spirit and the the west, and met with a hearty welchildren have the proper amount of come in Hawaii and Japan, enthusiasm.

Nothing equals the tree in making the earth a pleasant abode for man, to say nothing of the intrinsic value conversation, learning many useful prises it looks forward seeking to

It does not seem so strange that trees," which I considered good logic, an institution with such a spirit and with so much to commend it to the attention of the intelligent persons, especially the arduous nature of the young, should have such a speedy and

school it is impracticable to have all pupils appear in a well-arranged program, but it is possible to have each child make some contribution of

Framboyan Trees Lining the Roadway.



A FINE AUTOMOBILE COURSE. coming established in Great Britain,

France and many old world countries, and now it has crossed the Pacific on

In a Bad Fix. In ten minutes the battle would begin. The enemy outnumbered them five to one.

"Boys," said the captain, solemnly, we have hard work before us. See that you are all armed to the teeth." Far down the line little O'Flarity nervously held up his hand.

"Please, captain!" "Well, O'Flarity?" "I-I haven't any tathe."-Chicago

News.

The Possum. "How do yoah 'possum taste, suh?" asked the solicitous waiter. 'Well," replied the patron who had



Reading Fortunes.

York Telegram.

Choice of Hats.

Among the between season hats petite figure possessing small features, but lacking height. And the bowl shaped toque or hat, named according to its size--for it may be an inverted bowl or an immense mushroom-that will suit the tall figure. -New York Telegram.

"Cabriolet" the Newest Hat.

"Get a cabriolet and be in style," Is the advice of the National Association of Retail Milliners, of Chicago, which had one on exhibition at its semi-annual opening. It is said and the bare neck and arms, but the to be the very newest of hat confections, and partakes of the dominant characteristics of the cab family, yawning in front and flapping at the to those in the charge of the opening, is to remain, and the tendency in hat link is the Dutch bonnet of the mushroom type.

The Real Home.

The real home is built on a foundaatmosphere of home will pervade it tulle is the accepted thing. as the perfume lingers in the flower. Jugged Gravy .- Take two pounds of shin of beef, three

the ton

were abiding places, where the family

confines no jarring words are ever

heard, no unkind thoughts are eve-

known, and there, in that place, is

always a loving consideration for each

other's little "hobbies" and peculiari-

ties of disposition. Here, after the

burden and heat of the day, is found

love and peace. And here the wan-

dering one, when tired of his fruit-

haven of rest. Such a home is a hal-

lowed spot, and the sweet memory of

member of its family. -- Indiana

Alexandra's Ban on Diaries.

Queen Alexandra has exacted a

not keep diaries. This is like im-

posing a hardship on posterity, for

many important conversations and

little happenings of the courts of for-

mer days would have been lost to his-

tory had it not been for the diaries

of ladies in waiting with a keen sense

of news values. Fanny Burney's

diary of the court of George III, is an

interesting document and gains in

value every year. Alexandra, like

King Edward, is cautious and diplo-

after years might make interesting

and none the less embarrassing read-

ing. So she has impressed upon her

inclined to give to the world must be

set down after they have severed

their connection with the court.

These maids are all women of title

and several of them have strong lit-

erary tendencies. It is said the Queen

covery that one of her attendants had

a diary containing comments of both

Alexandra and King Edward which

were the reverse of complimentary

to other reigning heads in Europe

of the English Government.

and also on certain men at the head

Queen is said to have demanded the

diary, together with a large bundle

stroyed them all, as an object lesson,

in the presence of her full company

exacted the promise after the dis-

ess battle with the world, finds a real

Recipe

Cut-out

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easy to comprehend why happiness One of the newest fads in enter- awaits the woman who, after half her taining at luncheons, teas, etc., is to life has passed, enters wedlock. engage the services of a woman who When the woman of thirty-five goes is clever at reading fortunes by tea to the altar it is without one of the leaves. At a girls' tea party recently illusions of youth. She has had time this amusement was the greatest hit to see the reverse side of romance; of the afternoon, and now this wom- she is not filled with the belief that an is in great demand at girl graduat- married life is one long, unbroken ing functions, innch parties, etc., and, period of bliss. On the contrary, she in fact, any time or place where wom- knows that as soon as the honeymoon en congregate over the teacups and has waned she will descend to the desire a novel amusement .- New commonplace. She knows that married or single life in the main is made up of cold, hard facts. She is ready for sacrifice and she has lived long enough to understand the whims and there are three really sensible, pretty oddities of man. Besides, in nine shapes to choose from, all equally cases out of ten, the woman of thirtyfashionable. There is the natty, five marries for companionship and smort turban in horsehair, crushed a home, and is fully alive to the novelty braid or jet for the elderly value of both. So, after all, the Gerwoman. A neat little high crowned man professor has morely dwelt upon narrow brimmed hat, becoming to the a truth which we all know .- New

Dark Gowns For Evening.

It is interesting to watch the widespread acceptance of the decree that dark shades are for evening and light ones for day wear.

The fashionable woman now buys coat suit of Chinese blue cloth for afternoon wear and one of intense peacock blue for her evening gown. Paris has always insisted upon a brilliant contrast between the gown

majority of people have stood for pastel tints in the evening. Since the former fashion has been adopted over here by well-dressed sides. The Merry Widow, according women the observers have instantly

The English fashion of allowing the line of the material to come against the skin is not adopted over tion of love, and when it has this here yet. The French method of drapstable base it will endure, and the ing the material with flesh-colored

In many cases it must be admitted

York Press.

seen the brilliancy of the result. It is certainly true that the neck extremes is to meet. The missing and arms are made whiter and lovelier by being placed against satin and

velvet in intense dark tones.

Home is where the heart is," and it that the result is quite startling. A matters not if it be a brownstone- brilliant dark tone of satin ending at front, or an humble cot. We have the bust line, with the remaining seen homes, so-called, with every lux- inches of the bodice made of this

slices of lean ham, two shallots, half a head of celery, one

blade of mace, a bunch of sweet herbs, one carrot, a little

salt and some whole peppers, one quart of water, a table-

spoonful of catsup an . one of soy. Cut the beef and ham

or bacon into small pieces and put them into a stone far

with alternate layers of the spices and herbs, the latter chopped up. Pour in a quart of water and cover the jar

with paraffine or buttered paper, tying down tightly to pre-

vent the steam escaping. Set the jar in a moderate oven

for eight or ten hours, then strain off the gravy. Add the

catsup and soy. When cold carefully remove the fat from nry-a beautiful house, elegant furni- | flesh-colored tulle, which is the only ture, costly drapery and rare pictures | thing that drapes the shoulders, does -that had not the faintest atmos- give the appearance of being unphere of home about them. They clothed from the satin up.

The colors chosen for evening lived and had their being, but did not gowns now are black, peaceful blue, merit the sacred appellation of home. fir green, bishop's violet, American The real home-that cherished spot Beauty red, King's purple, cerise.

whose gentle influence follows the In contrast to these the colors girls and boys through life, though chosen for afternoon wear in coat they be many miles from it, is, more often than not, an unpretentious blue, old pink, malachite green, pale place of abode, but within its sacred | wistaria and white.-Philadelphia



There is a growing possibility of pleated skirts again

Gold tissue will be very much used it dwells forever in the heart of each | for sleeves and yokes.

Satin of the palest pink is the new color for evening wear. Abandoned is the shoe of varnished

leather for evening wear.

The "flower-pot" crown of 100 promise from her maids that they will years ago bids fair to be a favorite millinery shape. It is said that light hued stock-

ings will be worn, even with dark shoes or slippers. Colored net over silver or gold net

forms sleeves and guimpes in some recently imported models.

Colored foulard with a black dot in place of the more familiar white dot has found favor in Paris.

White braids, ornaments and butmatic. She knows that in court there tons are being considerably used upon

are many conversations which in serge and cloths of light color Embroidery in cross stitch and in old colorings is seen upon some of the smartest new models in linen and maids that any secrets they may feel pique.

The modish linens for the new season are very soft and rather heavy. in order that they may be readily adapted to the prescribed frock lines.

Raffia has been woven into extraordinarily smart bags and belts, the straw often being oddly but delightfully studded with semi-precious stones whose color shows attractively upon the soft shade of the straw.

Among the band trimmings in ombroidered net are some tartan plaid effects produced by darning with coarse silks. The colors are delightfully blended and the trimmings of notes for elaboration, and de- would be distinctively effective on a certain type of frock or blouse.

The

of waiting maids.-New York Press. Millions For Canals in France. France is a land of "digged Women Who Marry at Thirty-five. ditches," and of many locks. She has A German professor, after a long spent \$300,000,000 in the last 100 life spent in observation, says the years, and many millions before that, woman of thirty-five is the one most two-thirds of it on artificial channels likely to find happiness in marriage. and most of the rest on locks, dams He says when a woman waits to be and quay walls. And to-day a multithirty-five for marriage she is prac- tude of her population live upon these tically proof against such an anti- waters, drifting along in tow of one climax as divorce. Probably the pro- horse, two horses or a one-horse leasor is right, still there are few steam engine, carrying freight in the women of the temper to make the most amiable fashion from someexperiment. At thirty-five there is where to somewhere else, or going the chance that the woman will not where they think a new freight is to find a husband at all. Again, it is be sound .- Boston Transcript.



Artistic Box For Cut Flowers. One of the most unique as well as artistic arrangements ever conceived as a novelty creation for the presentation of flowers is the surprise gift box. At first sight the box might contain only bonbons, with a few flowers passed through the ribbon tied around it. The moment the ribbon is untied, however, and the cover of the box is lifted, the sides fall perfectly into the shape of a centrepiece, and a beautiful boquet of roses, sur-

Popular Mechanics.

rounded by bunches of violets, greets

the eyes of the recipient of the gift .--

Make Shoes Comfortable. Is there any woman who has not suffered with half shoes and pumps that slip up and down on the heel? In spring the streets seem to be crowded with humanity with pained expressions on their faces, treading as though terra firma were a much more fragile substance than it is. A relief, however, has at last been discovered by some wise person whom necessity transformed into an inven-

Paste a piece of velvet inside the heel of the shoe, of course, with the side of the nap toward the foot, and this will effectually prevent any slipping or rubbing. It is very easy to do, costs but a very few cents, and any good liquid glue may be used, so that at last an effectual and easy preventative for slipping heels has been found .- Washington Star.

To Clean Velveteen.

The method employed to clean light and dark velveteen is a simple one. A lather of white soap is made, into which the velveteen is dipped, then placed on a board or table and scrubbed the way of the pile with a clean nail brush until all dirt has been removed, when it is rinsed in clean cold water, but not squeezed or wrung, as this would spoil the pile.

It is dried in the air and sometimes the back is drawn over a hot iron, but this is not absolutely neces-

Light velvets are cleaned by gently rubbing with a flannel previously dipped in kerosene; or, if the material be soiled in spots only, by rubbing with a piece of fat bacon or butter, when the wrong side requires drawing over a hot iron in order to raise the pile.- New York Press,

As to Sheets.

Every good housewife is interested in the care of sheets, and many of them will like to hear a few suggestions made by an economical and clever woman.

She said: "I never have my sheets made with a small hem on one end. There is always a three-inch hem on both ends-so there is no top or bottom—and the sheets wear just twice as long as they otherwise would. It is not difficult to do, for I always have my sheets made in the house by long, and by fellowship with God intom-and the sheets wear just twice a seamstress, so they will be the right viting it.

size And speaking of size, do you 10. The spiritual way—so cultisize. And, speaking of size, do you know what to do when ready-made linen sheets are too short for the beds:

Of course I did not, so she told me it is easy to see why we so often that a false hem might be added and either fagored or hemstitched to the sionary Review of the World Of course I did not, so she told me one already on the sheet. In this way the sheet could be easily made as long as desired, and the embroidery only added to the beauty of the sheet.

This is certainly very useful infor mation, for many a mother has a fall boy who is constantly comptaining that the sheets are too short. The addition of the false hem is quickly done, and the extra material required deals only with the textdoes not form a very large item in the family expense account -Haven Register.



Bacon Dressing. - Cut one-half pound of bacon into slices, then into small pieces; fry till the oil is a light brown; remove the pan from fire; add the juice of a lemon, a glass of strong vinegar and a saltspoonful of pepper; pour it over the salad with the scraps of bacon.

Brown Bread Breakfast Pudding. -To two cups of ho: milk, well saited, add one cup of dried brown bread crumbs and one tablespoon butter. Cook and beat steadily the first five minutes to keep free of lumps. Serve hot with milk. Prepare any quantity of crumbs by drying in oven.

Boiled Pudding .- One cup of vinegar, one cup of butter, one cup of molasses, two teaspoonfuls of saleratus, citron and fruit to taste, two and one-half cups flour. Steam three hours. Sauce - Three-quarters cup butter beaten to a cream, then add two cups powdered sugar. Peat well and stir in one tablespoon.ul corn starch, wet in one-half cup cold water. Cook until thick,

Stuffed Steak .- Make a slit four inches long in a thick round steak and make a cavity large enough for stuffing. Fill with bread stuffing and skewer the edges together. Rub the outside with hot pork fat and place, in baking pan with a brown gravy. If you have no gravy use beef extract, one-third teaspoonful to one cup of hot water. Bake two and on !-

half hours, basting frequently. Apple Cake.-Line a ple plate with short pastry, cut the apples into eighths and arrange close together in concentric circles until centre is reached. Sprinkle with sugar, dust with nutmeg and then spread evenly over the top a mixture of beaten egg with two tablespoonfuls of cream from the top of the milk jar. Dot with bits of butter, bake quickly in a het oven and serve while bot with

WE LAY US DOWN TO SLEEP.

We lay us down to sleep,
And leave to God the rest;
Whether to wake and weep
Or wake no more be best.

Why vex our souls with care?
The grave is cool and low—
Have we found life so fair
That we should dread to go?

We've kissed love's sweet, red lip*,
And left them sweet and red;
The rose the wild bee sips
Blooms on when he is dead.

Some faithful friends we've found, But they who love us best, When we are under ground Will laugh on with the rest,

No task have we begun But other hands can take, No work beneath the sun For which we need to wake.

Then hold us fast, sweet death,
If so it seemeth best
To Him who give us breath
That we should go to rest.

We lay us down to sleep, Our weary eyes we close;
Whether to wake and weep
Or wake no more. He knows.

-- Louise Chandler Moulton,

Ways of Praying.

Some time since we indicated seven different ways of giving: "The selfish way, equal way, proportionate way, etc." It has often occurred to us that the Word of God hints many ways of praying also, and their men-tion may show their defect and necessary lack of prevailing power. For

1. The formal way-when prayer The formal way—when prayer is a mere form of words, with little or no heart, or when it is simply due to the force of habit which has lost its real motive power.

 The hurried way—hastening through it as a disagreeable and irk-some duty—a duty, indeed, but not a delight, and to be dismissed as quickly as may be. 3. The selfish way—when the real

motive is to consume the coveted biessing upon ourselves—in some way to promote our own selfish advantage or pleasure. 4. The impulsive way-praying as

the feeling prompts, and when we feel so inclined—without any definite plan of prayer in our lives, or devout habit. The faithless way-with no real dependence on the promises of God, or confident expectation of receiving

what we ask or seek. On the contrary, there is the thoughtful way, seeking to meditate upon God, and intelligently understand both the nature of prayer and

the good we seek.
7. The earnest way—with the attention of the mind and the desire of the heart absorbed in asking, with a determination to persevere. The trustful way-coming in

the spirit of a child; first believing that God's promises justify prayer, and then that we are coming to 3 Father both able and willing.

vating acquaintance with the Holy Spirit that He can and does breaths in us first the desires we breathe out in prayer.

Just Criticism is Good.

Higher criticism has come to designate a higher form of modern un-belief. But when thus used the term is misleading. Criticism both higher and lower is a perfectly legitimate process for studying the Bible—the former having to do with historical and literary features, while the latter conclusions, which certain students have come to as a result of their study of the Bible by the higher methods, to which the term "higher criticism" is now usually applied, This is wrong; higher criticism leads as many to believe the Bible as if leads to discelled att, the former are believers and the latter are unbe-lievers, that is, infidels; thus, "higher infidels" and "higher infidelity would be more correct, certainly easier to be understood, appellatives for both such critics and the conclusions of themselves and those whom they are wont to speak of as "all scholars."-Detroit News-Tribune

Big Results From Small Things.

When man would raise a shelter against the wouther tion of materials, what caffolding and crowds of workmen, what trenches and heaps of rubbish. But when God would do the same, He takes the smallest seed that a newborn child might clasp in its feebla hand, deposits it in the bosom of the earth and from that grain He produces a stately true. To effect great results by imperceptible means, such is the law of God,—D'Aubignes

Rabid Illiberalism.

I must confess that the most rabid illiberalism I have ever known has been among those who boasted that they were of the Liberal school in theology. An intolerance that is based upon contempt for the old view of things is just as bad as a tolerance that is based upon fear of the new view of things.-Rev. A. J. Haynes.

Small Things.

The genile traits, the modest qualities, the quiet tastes, the unobtrusive deeds, the unselfish attitude, the little attentions—it is just these small things which render our life fragrant, giving genuineness and character to our religion.

In Bad Taste.

It is little short of blasphemy to make devotion an occasion for display. Fine prayers are generally very wicked prayers.-Charles Spur-

COURT HUMOR.

First Court Jester-"I fail to see what the king means. He pays about forty ministers, and they do absolutely nothing." Second Court Jester-"Ah! The fillus of the King."-The Circle.

ECOMING.

Friend-"How's business going these days?"

Promoter - "Fourishing. We've ust added two more stories to the rubber stamp of our thirty-eight-story building."-Puck.