

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHILDREN.

Why we rowed across the bay. The tide was calm, and the wind was fair.

We were children, too. For a long sweet hour we sat on the sands, and played with them.

"Jinkyswoitmaya."

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It was in the spring of 1897, while I was employed on botanical and geological work in Alaska, that I made the acquaintance of "Jinkyswoitmaya," whom we called "Jinks" for short.

a precipice, with the Pacific Ocean spread out before me. Directly in front the rock sloped away steeply for about forty feet, then took an abrupt dive downward, going sheer to the sea in a perpendicular line, about three thousand feet.

Jinks had had rather an unhappy life, for he was, in the estimation of his companions, a coward; he had that innate fear of water, probably inherited from his white father, of which one finds occasional cases in the most aquatic tribes.

The Alaskan gulf below looked like a huge panorama. Away off on the horizon I could see, with the aid of my glass the white sails of a hull-down ship. On each side of me stretched away in limitless perspective the Alaskan continuation of the Rocky Mountains—snow-capped always.

It was on the third day of our acquaintance, I think, that Jinks told me of the wonderful view from a plateau of a mountain on the island. He said it could be reached by about five hours' climbing.

Then it happened! As I was sitting there peacefully, my thoughts on anything but the recent rain-storm, the little knoll, its cohesive force loosened by the water it contained, gently detached itself from the rock and slid, with me on it, swiftly down the forty feet of rock slope toward the brink beyond.

After waiting a day for the streams to subside and the wet ground to dry, we started. We carried a knapsack of food, a canteen of cold tea, a rifle, a sheath-knife apiece, forty feet of three-eighths rope, a hatchet and a binocular.

AMERICA THREATENED WITH RACE OF GIANTS IN NEAR FUTURE. College Boys Getting Bigger Every Year, So Show Statistics of Five Hundred Athletes in All Branches of Sports at Yale.

Now and then a stone would start from our feet and go bounding down the mountain, smashing into trees, rebounding, going on again, until finally stopped by a tangle of underbrush; or, escaping that, it would go on and on until only the echoes of its crashing descent told that it was still on its way.

Dr. Born's Measurements. The comparative measurements given out by Dr. Born are Height, 1908, 69.9 in.; 1903, 68.4 in. Weight, 1908, 170.5 lbs.; 1903, 149 lbs.

Here we turned to the right, on a natural road of rock, traversing a sort of miniature canyon. At the end of half an hour's walk, we found ourselves at a standstill, brought up against a blank rock wall thirty feet in height.

to watch, because it was all seen out of the corner of my eye—seen as one sees a dream—shapeless, vague, and yet painfully real. Now I heard nothing, felt nothing, neither pain nor fright—saw nothing but this travesty of a snake coming slowly toward me.

Once arrived on top, I soon forgot all my tribulations in the wonderful sight. We were on a narrow plateau, perhaps fifty feet wide—a rift in the mountain which rose in sheer rock walls on each side of us at a distance of a quarter of a mile.

My arms were stretched to their fullest extent, but the rope did not reach my hands. It did not seem to me to matter much; it must have been that I supposed Jinks had not finished paying out all the rope.

but I knew that if it should try to move I must fall over the brink. My senses were abnormally keen. I heard the cry of a gull so clearly that I thought it very close, but just then the bird came into my range of vision and I saw it was a long distance away.

I did not think of ways to extricate myself, because in one mental flash I knew my only hope was in Jinks and the rope, and I knew he had left it tied to the tree where he had fastened it for me to climb over the rocky wall at the end of the canyon.

Although it seemed to me that I had been hanging a long time on the edge of the precipice, I realized that I thought so simply from the swiftness and number of my impressions. I tried really to calculate the time, and finally decided it had been nearly twenty minutes; but that estimate was excessive.

In a moment he had finished and then I had the impatient pleasure of seeing the rope coming slowly down the rock face, twisting and turning, like a thin, long snake. It was serious

Then the rope descended again, this time with about a foot to spare. I held my breath, got a good firm grip with one hand, and then with the other; and then, putting my weight on it slowly and timidly, afraid it might give in some way, I began to haul myself up.

Now I was but ten feet from the top—now eight—now six—four—three feet—another haul and I was almost there—one foot—safety! And then I understood why Jinks was not in sight.

Except for seeing him lying there suffering that I might live, I must have fainted away in reaction from the nervous strain. What I did do was perhaps as weak, but I tried excusable. I fell on my face, beside Jinks, with one arm round his neck, and burst into sobs.

I bound up his poor, crushed foot, pulled his arm back into place, and with infinite difficulty helped him home. We arrived just before midnight.

To make this state of things permanent, I resolved to take Jinks to Seattle on the steamer with me. When his companions found that he was really to go to the "land where the guns are made," and on a "magic ship," he was immediately raised in the estimation of his mates to the position an American schoolboy would occupy if he owned a marble factory.

But the best part of it all was that through the aid of the missionary, I was enabled to make them all understand what a really brave man he was, and what a heroic thing he had done in risking his life and enduring pain that another might live.

TRACKLESS TROLLEY CARS.

Inventor Talks of a Speed of 125 Miles An Hour.

A balloon trolley line is the last word in aerial navigation and it comes from Marburg, Germany, in a report received at the Department of Commerce and Labor from Thomas H. Norton, United States Consul at Chemnitz.

An engineer of Marburg, Consul Norton says, has secured capital to carry out his idea of an aerial trolley line, which is a combination of the essential elements of the dirigible balloon and the electric railroad.

A company has been formed to construct a line on this principle from the railway station at Marburg to Freunberg, an elevation five miles distant and 1,200 feet above the town. The estimated cost is \$288,000 a mile for a double cable line.

The Eus Eighty Years Old.

The London omnibus is now eighty years old. It was on July 4, 1829, that George Shillibeer, after being successively a midshipman in the British navy and a coach builder in Paris, placed on the London streets the first two omnibuses ever seen in England.

A TROUBLE MAN.

Propheasyn's trouble—Always was his way. When Joy was just a-waitin' With hat off and "hooray!" Even in the brightest sunshine He saw the rainy day!

Propheasyn's trouble—Always a thorny bed, But his time came for to leave us. An' 'twas then the people said, "He knew not he was livin'!" An' he doesn't know he's dead!" —Frank L. Stanton, in the Atlanta Constitution.

WIT HUMOR AND SARCASM

"Do the natives ever give banquets?" "Sometimes," I suppose the Eskimo bean drinks whale oil out of a lady's slipper?" "Yes, and then eats the slipper."—Baltimore Sun.

"Did the father of the bride give her away?" "Far from it. He told the bridegroom that she had the disposition of an angel."—Baltimore American.

First Boston Child—"Do you believe in corporal punishment?" Second Boston Child—"No; I can usually make my parents do what I wish by moral suasion."—Life.

"I told them people I was wit Cook?" "And didn't it get youse a handout?" "Naw; they're on the Peary side of the controversy. It's a hard world."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"That young man looks very intelligent." "Yes; he's a member of our magazine staff." "What are his duties?" "He hitches well-known anecdotes to unknown celebrities."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"How do you happen to be wearing such a nice straw hat?" asked Wiggins. "Easy," answered Higgins. "I have no wife to lemon up my last year's lid."—Buffalo Express.

Hard Featured Woman—"So you had money once, had you. May I ask you how you made your first thousand dollars?" Tuffold Knutt (wiping his eye with his coat sleeve)—"Ma'am, I dreamt it!"—Chicago Tribune.

"What makes that parrot so profane?" "Well, mum," answered the sailor man, "I s'pose it's part my fault. Every time I hear him speak a bad word it makes me so mad that he gets a chance to learn a lot of new ones."—Washington Star.

"The ten commandments have never been repealed, so far as I know," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "but in these days of course, you can't expect them to be enforced in communities where the public sentiment is against them."—Chicago Tribune.

"Don't you find Judge Blank tiresome as a speaker?" "No, indeed. What makes you think he is so?" "Because he is such a severe judge." "What has that got to do with him as a speaker?" "Well, it makes him inclined to long sentences."—Baltimore American.

Town Marshal—"Ye can't get a drink under any circumstances in this town." Stranger (fingering a roll of bills)—"Then I suppose I'll have to give it up." Town Marshal (lowering voice)—"Well, say—I'll make the circumstances two dollars, just to accommodate ye."—Puck.

"Why is there so much discontent in the midst of plenty?" asked the demagogue. "I don't know," answered the substantial citizen, "unless it's because a lot of people would rather stand around, the same as I've been doing, and talk about their troubles instead of going to work."—Washington Star.

"Although he overcharged me terribly," says the returned traveller, "the cab driver who took me over Paris was most polite." All Frenchmen are, we observe. "Yes, but this one got off his box and helped me to find the necessary profanity in my French-English dictionary, so that I might say what I thought of him."—Life.

A Contagious Idea.

Imitation may be a nuisance rather than a form of flattery. A writer in the Outlook tells of an incident in a bank which is as amusing as it is probable. The teller was asked by a woman for a new envelope for her bank book. It was passed out, and the lady behind, noting that her own envelope was a trifle dingy, also asked for a fresh one.

The third woman said, "Me, too," or words to that effect, and so it went down the line. When the teller's patience and his stock of envelopes threatened to give out he determined to call a halt.

A fastidiously dressed lady appeared at the window, holding out a perfectly gloved hand. "I should like one, too, please," said she.

"One what, madam?" asked the teller. The lady flushed and began to look comical. "Why," she stammered, "what the other ladies had."—Youth's Companion.

Alcohol's Derivation.

"Alcohol" is really the Arabic "alkohl"—"al" being the definite article, as in "algebra" (the reduction) and "alkali" (the soda ashes), and "kohl" the black powder wherewith the eastern beauties stained their eyelids. But "alcohol" came to be used for any finely triturated or sublimated powder, and then for sublimated liquids. "Alcohol of wine," being the most interesting of these, it gradually took the name entirely to itself.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW

Colder Weather Increases Demand for Winter Goods.

"With the arrival of cold weather this week, retail trade, hitherto inclined to lag, has taken on the appearance of activity, and distributive trade reports are more uniformly encouraging than for some time past.

"From the industrial field generally, the report is of large output and in some cases, as in the Western shoe trade and the automobile industry, extra time is being run. The railroads are buying freely of equipment and track material.

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending with November 18 were 232 against 221 last week, 273 in the like week of 1908, 265 in 1907, 212 in 1906 and 224 in 1905.

"Business failures in Canada, for the week number 26, which compares with 29 last week, and 33 in the corresponding week of 1908.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

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PHILADELPHIA.

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NEW YORK.

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