

The Little Boy and the Stars

One day he said to his mother, "Mamma, what are the stars?" "They are a flock of golden sheep that God drives forth at night to feed in his pasture in the sky," "Mamma," said the little boy, turning to his father, "Papa, what are the stars?" "They are bottom nails that hold the sky fast to the bottom of God's throne and keep it from crashing down upon our heads."

Photography and Colorists

The ingenious Frenchman who invented color photography has given the treasury department of the United States a big surprise. It is recognized by the watchdogs of the treasury of the world that if his invention should get into the hands of counterfeits the financial system of every nation employing notes as a circulating medium would be threatened.

Modern Medicines

The great improvement in the present as compared with the past methods of administering medicines deserves a passing comment. Scarcely a generation ago the threat of a dose of the nauseous drops of the day was sufficient to suppress the worst of evil propensities in the most wicked being.

Queer Things About Fishes

Mr. A. E. Verill describes the ways in which fishes sleep. They are very light sleepers and frequently assume singular positions. But the most remarkable thing is the change of color many of them undergo while asleep.

Shoes in Japan

One of the most striking sights that take the attention of the traveler in Japan is that of the wooden sandals worn by the 35,000,000 of people. These sandals have a separate compartment for the great toe and make a clanking noise on the streets.

Respect

"I don't like that young man," said Mabel's father. "He seems inclined to be impertinent."

Clever Wife

"What in the name of Jupiter did you sew up all the pockets in my overcoat for this morning?"

The Old Tree

They cut so early in the wood, Nor saw that summer neversome Can be so long to the wood. That but a desolation thou Must stand upon the loam.

The First Lighthouses

They were an Outgrowth of the Beacon Fires on Headlands. Lieutenant John M. Elliott, U. S. N., writes for St. Nicholas a paper on "Lighthouses, entitled, 'Light-Guides in the Night.'"

Henrietta Maria

Did any of my readers ever hear of Henrietta Maria? She seems to be a popular personage with small school-boys, who bring back fragments of her dramatic autobiography every holiday for the education of their families.

Her Trust in Signs

An efficient but illiterate domestic servant was brought into serious but happily not fatal danger by her undue confidence in the occultive system of fortune-telling.

London and Puppets

Here is a tale of a strange animal friendship told by a writer in a recent issue of The Westminster Gazette. The story is unique. According to the writer, a lioness that was kept in captivity in a menagerie adopted a bull terrier.

A Weathercock Made by Paul Revere

In taking down the steeple of the old Methodist church in Watertown, which was the Young Men's Catholic association for Gotham, during the gating and sleeping time. It was a delightful outlook.

Sheepskin Again

"Ah," said Sherlock Holmes, sitting down on the corner of the editor's desk, "I see you have just received a story from a young woman in a lawyer's office."

To Rid the House of Black Ants

You may exterminate black ants by first keeping out of their reach all sweets. Stand your cane and sugar boxes in a pan of water, then around the shelves put either lavender, ground cloves, or, better, camphor.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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