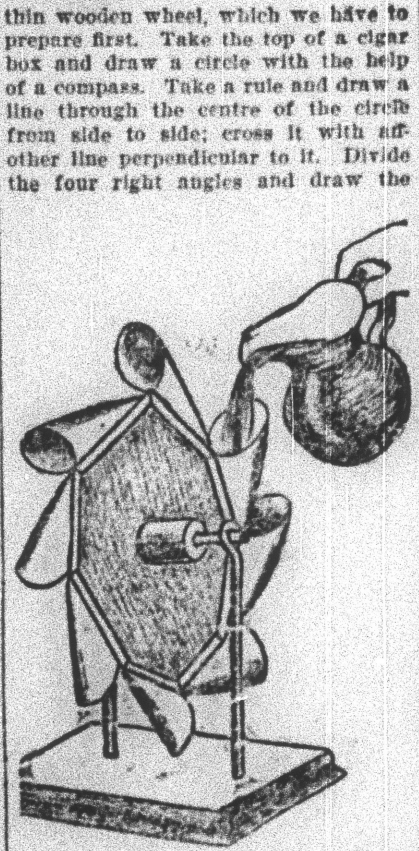


**CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.**



**DOBIE'S QUESTION.**  
The scholars were standing in two little rows;  
The sun through the windows shone bright;  
While soft little airs on the tips of their toes  
Came tripping with April delight.  
And Bobby looked up as they gently went by  
The old him a tale of the spring,  
And talked of the clouds in the happy blue sky  
And all that summer would bring.  
He heard not the voice of the teacher at all,  
His thoughts had gone out with the sun.  
He stood with the others, his back to the wall,  
Absorbed till the lesson was done.  
"Now ask me some questions," the teacher had cried,  
"Just any that chance to occur."  
Bobby's fingers went up, and he solemnly sighed:  
"How long till the holiday, sir?"  
—Cassell's Little Folks.

**BRIDGING A CHASM.**  
Dr. Alexander McKenzie in one of his sermons tells a pretty anecdote of the early life of Louis Agassiz, the great scientist. As a child, Agassiz lived in Switzerland, on the border of a lake. He had a younger brother, and one day the two lads started to cross the lake. It was frozen, and the ice looked safe enough, but their mother watched them.  
The boys got on very well till they came to a crack in the ice, perhaps a foot wide. The mother could not call to them, although her heart failed her as she thought, "Louis will get over well enough, but his little brother will try to step over and will fall in."  
As she watched she saw Louis get down on the ice, his hands on one side of the crack, his hands on the other side, making a bridge of his body, and the



thin wooden wheel, which we have to prepare first. Take the top of a cigar box and draw a circle with the help of a compass. Take a rule and draw a line through the center of the circle from side to side; cross it with another line perpendicular to it. Divide the four right angles and draw the lines through the center of the circle. Connect the points with straight lines and the octagon is ready to be cut out with the bow-saw. Cut a round opening through the center of the octagon and insert a cork through which you have stuck a knitting needle as axle. Two erect pieces of wire are inserted in a block of wood and provided with a

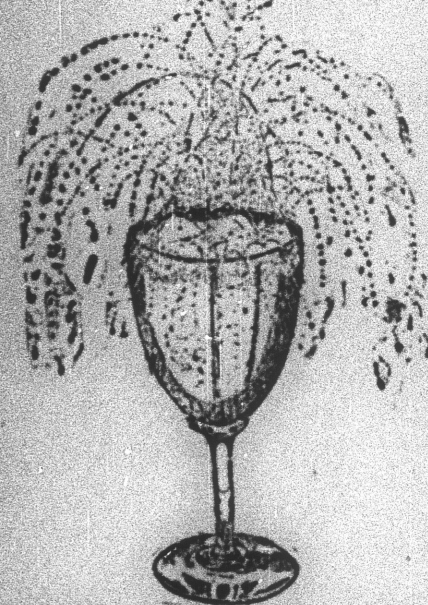
**PUZZLE OF MISSING DASCHUNDS.**



Find the three Daschunds that are tracking the fox.

little brother crept over him to the other side. Then Louis got up and they went on their way.

**THE MUSICAL FOUNTAIN.**  
The musical fountain is one of the most interesting experiments, and is very simple to manage. Remember, you must use a goblet for the purpose, not a tumbler, as the latter will not work well, the form making the difference. Choose a goblet of very thin glass, fill it almost full of water, and with the end of the finger you have



dipped in water rub the edge of the glass quickly around and around until it rings with a humming sound. You will soon find the surface of the water vibrating and wrinkling up its face in tiny waves. Next it will become greatly agitated, sending up wee streams and drops of water. Wet your finger again and keep on with the circular motion until a little fountain of fine spray shoots up in the air, accompanied by the musical sound from the glass.—The Delinquent.

**A CORNUCOPIA WATER WHEEL.**  
The water wheel shown in our illustration is easy to make, but nevertheless a very amusing plaything. The principal feature of it is an octagonal

**Makes Better Scholars.**  
Punctually buttons and book stamps are two new devices that are being used with marked success in the schools of Indiana. A button is given to a pupil at the beginning of the school month, and he wears it until he is absent or tardy, when he forfeits it until the beginning of the next school month. If a book is well kept a stamp is placed on the inside of the front cover. The children take pride in both button and stamp and strive to earn them.

**HARDY ORANGES.**  
Experiments to Secure Frost-Resistant Variety Seems to Be Successful.

Florida orange growers, who according to press dispatches are now protecting their groves from the disastrous effects of the threatening cold snap, will be glad to learn that the hardy orange experiments of the department of agriculture give promise of immediate success. It will be remembered that investigation was started some years ago to develop a frost-resisting orange. During the past season the first fruits of the hybrids were obtained. They are said to be intermediate in character between the Florida sweet orange and the hardy trifoliate and have good, though few seeds. It is from the seeds of these oranges that it is hoped to obtain a variety that will possess the necessary commercial characteristics as well as the physical one most valuable to the Florida grower, namely, the ability to resist low temperatures. The hybrids referred to are the result of crossing the hardy Japanese form with the Florida sweet orange. They are pronounced the hardest evergreen oranges known in the world. They promise to be of great value as hedge plants apart from their fruit-bearing value.

The commission of United States Senators in Hawaii accepted an invitation to a native banquet. The principal dish was cooked dog, which the Hawaiians have long considered one of the greatest delicacies. The Senators thought they were eating roast pig.

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I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—John J. Borer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1892.

The man with a clear conscience doesn't mind if people see through him.

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Should the experiments in progress in the neighborhood of Bern prove as successful as is anticipated, travelers to Switzerland in the summer of this year will be able to cross the mountains by automobile instead of the usual post diligence. The actual trials will be made in the spring, and the result, if successful, will be not only to allow travelers to make the different journeys in half the time, but to open to automobilists the chance of driving over the mountain roads, which are at present closed to them on account of the horses.

**Hunters in Maine.**  
It is estimated that 8,000 or 10,000 hunters from other States visited Maine during the hunting season, each of whom paid \$2 or \$3 a day to the licensed guides. The law compels persons from without the State to employ these guides, the object being the protection of game from reckless slaughter, and, incidentally, to bring money into the State. Including the guide fees, hotel bills, camp rentals and railroad fares, the hunters left probably \$1,000,000 there.

**THE PINKHAM CURES**  
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**The Rothschilds of Japan.**  
The Mitsui family is called "the Rothschilds of Japan," standing upon a pedestal as compared with other business firms in that country. The line comes from the thirteenth century, but it was not until three hundred years later that they became merchants. Since that time the Mitsuis have been pre-eminently the leading business family, connected with every large commercial enterprise in the country, and conducting many undertakings as much for public benefit as for private gain.

**A Treacherous Foe.**  
The latest dispatches from Mexico about the bubonic plague are far from reassuring to those who have watched the progress of the disease since it was first reported in that country. To many people the fact that it is in Mexico and that Mexico is far away causes them little concern. The same apathy was apparent in this country when the scourge appeared in Honolulu, but later when it reached across the Pacific and gained a foothold in San Francisco there was a general cry for measures to prevent its spread. In crossing the Pacific ocean the disease gave a striking evidence that it is a dangerous, treacherous foe, therefore extraordinary precautions should be taken to prevent its passing the border between this country and Mexico. Once over the boundary no one can predict what may happen. While there is no occasion for any great alarm in the Northern States, yet the health officials, both State and Federal, cannot be too careful, for it has been proved more than once that fancied security has brought about a lax condition of affairs with disastrous results. So now is the time to apply the remedy of prevention, in which in the end is the better and cheaper method.

**Electric Headlights.**  
Year by year electricity is becoming a more important factor in operating trains. Great strides have lately been made in perfecting the apparatus so that a strong ray of light (almost equal in power to that of a searchlight) can be thrown a thousand yards ahead of the engine. All this means more comfort for the engineers and firemen on night runs and greater safety for the passengers. A small dynamo is fixed on top of the engine and operated by steam from the boiler. It is under instant control from the cab. Electric headlights are now used on most of the passenger trains on the Santa Fe main line trains. A large number of engines on the New Mexico division of that line have recently been equipped with this simple device for turning night into day.

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