

WHILE THE RAIN CAME DOWN.

While the rain came down they stayed in the maples kindly shade...

SAVED BY A RAVEN.

BY EDMUND COLLINS.

Two brothers, George and Frank Blackburn, lived with their father in one of the largest settlements on the Labrador coast...

One lovely June morning the two boys and their cousin, Ned Bradshaw, put out from the little wild dock in an open skiff with two tanned sails...

When the coast fishermen passed the island they shuddered because so many tragic events were connected with its name...

So he had quietly provided himself with two short-handled axes, with stout wooden handles, having on one end a running loop of cord...

When they reached the base of the island, which stood close to the mainland, they pulled their skiff up on a small platform of rock...

The clouds had rolled away and the sun burned up on the edge of the sea, like a large scarlet furnace...

"Now, boys," said George, as he threw off his coat and tightened his belt, "don't be a bit frightened about me; with these gaffs I can climb up there without any trouble..."

"I'll be through in twenty minutes; these cormorants defend their nests so that I may be able to get some of them. Look out for them as I throw them over."

Then seizing his gaffs tightly in his hand he sprang toward the cliff, running nimbly up a half-dozen paces almost as light-footed as a wren.

Hour after hour passed till the sun had passed the meridian, then the party on the mainland heard a wild cawing close beside the raven, and knew that Jack, poor George's raven, had joined them.

sometimes being suspended in the air by both arms, sometimes by one, with no place to put his feet...

Next the top of the cliff beetled above his head, and he crept along the ledge, first to one side and then to another, looking for some part of the rock above him where he could get a hold for his steel hooks...

IT TAKES A STEADY HAND.

Steering a Hook and Ladder Truck Not Easy Work.

"Perhaps you think it an easy thing to steer a fire truck; so it is—when you know how," said a gray-haired fire-ladder the other day...

The top of the island was about three acres in area and was inhabited by more than 5,000 birds. It would be almost impossible to take a step in any direction without treading into a nest...

Then with despair in his heart he sat upon the sod near the verge of the cliff and watched for the departure of the skiff. The water filled with the harsh cries of the birds...

Night very soon fell upon sea and land; the birds ceased their tumult and settled among the rocks and upon the ledges and among the bushes...

But the steerer knows his business. At just the crucial moment he turns his iron wheel this way or that way...

Judge Poland's Authority. Judge Poland was one of the most remarkable figures in Congress. His blue swallow-tail coat, brass buttons, snow-white hair and chop whiskers made him appear remarkably English...

So he sat there through the pitchy dark, hour after hour, terrified by the blinding lightning and deafening thunder and deluged by the pitiless rain.

A Preserved Pig. A curious old story tells of a house which stood under the cliffs near Dover, England. During a terrible storm a portion of the rock fell, wrecking the house...

Lincoln's Advice. An autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln to a friend is said to contain the following: "Do not worry. Eat three square meals a day. Say your prayers. Think of your wife. Be true to your creditors. Keep your digestion good. Steer clear of biliousness. Exercise. Go slow and go easy. May be there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but my friend, these, I reckon, will give you a good life."

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JUDGING FROM APPEARANCES.

"Thin Individual—Mr. Cleever, I think I'll trade with you hereafter. I've been buying my meat from the butcher across the way."

Cleever—Well, you look it! A GOOD MEMORY FOR FACES. "Excuse me, sir, but haven't we met before? Your face is strangely familiar."

Wear Mother—You little pig! Look at yourself; you're as dirty as a pig. Willie—Appealingly—Papa, mamma says I'm dirty as a pig. What do you think of that?

MR. GOTROX—What are you doing out there in the chilly night air? Come into the house. Gladys—I was just admiring the moon, papa.

STRICTLY BUSINESS. "What's the matter, Clark?" asked the principal of his book-keeper. "Oh, sir, I've got so much family trouble."

BROUGHT TO ME. She—You will ask papa, will you not? Or must I? He—Oh, I have seen him. Fact is, he made the suggestion that it was about time for me to propose. [Indianapolis Journal.]

A DOUBTING THOMAS. Teacher—With the exception of the animals Noah took with him into the Ark, every living creature perished in the flood. Doubtful Tommy—The fishes, too? [Texas Sittings.]

DID NOT NEED A SCARECROW. "Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm going to work for a man," she said. "May I go, too, my pretty maid?" "The crows don't bother now," she said.

THE GIRL FOR THE HOUR. When 'tis a hundred in the shade and stilling is the air, Oh for a cold and distant maid To freeze us with a stare!

THE IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT. "Is this calver's tongue, Mrs. Smithers?" asked the star boarder. "It is," replied the lady. "Why do you ask?" "It is so tough I thought it might be part of a wagon tongue."

THE MAN OF THE HOUSE. "What are you sitting on that step for?" asked the policeman. "Why, I live here, and I'm locked out."

THE GREAT FIGHTERS OF AFRICA. A Zulu impi (warrior)—there are few civilians in the Zulu tribe—is physically almost perfect, averaging six feet in height, deep, broad-chested and tapering down wedge shape to a pair of large, strong feet.

Narcotic Poisoning. The startlingly general use of morphine, opium and laudanum in this country calls forth words of warning from every side.

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