

POMONA.

I am the ancient Apple Queen, As once I was so am I now, Forever more a hope unseen, Betwixt the blossom and the bough.

THE BOY BRAVES.

"Why," said Uncle Jack, chewing the last bit of his toothpick into a wad of fibres, preparatory to shooting it into the fire. This was always the signal to the boys that he was ready to begin to shoot buffaloes and Indians. Uncle Jack was a grizzled veteran officer of the regular army, and had seen much hard fighting on the frontier.

give information, but threatened vengeance if the boys were arrested. "It was time to show a bold front. There were enough hungry warriors waiting for rations to destroy us all if they should go on the warpath, and every one was armed.

A Most Unhappy Woman. "Mary Queen of Scots was a most unhappy woman, wasn't she?" inquired a thin man of a friend on a Woodward avenue car the other day.

FOR LITTLE PEOPLE. His Royal Highness. On the 6th of May the little crown prince of Germany, eldest son of the emperor, was ten years old. Now for this brave little fellow—and every one agrees that he is a fine boy—for this little fellow to be ten means a great deal for him, a great deal for the kingdom and a very great deal for his father and mother, who love him. In the first place, from this day forth he is to have an independent household, with his different tutors and drill and riding masters, his military governor and I do not know how many others besides.

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"Where are the young thieves?" demanded the agent. "The Great Father drives his children from their hunting grounds to starve them, and then calls them thieves for not being willing to die like rabbits.

"That was not it at all. She was as happy as a bobolink in a June meadow until she tripped and fell going up the front steps and fractured her skull. She is now lying in bed, unable to wear the hat, and by the time she can wear it will probably be out of fashion.

No one in the kingdom and no little Indian out on our plains rides better than this fearless little prince. And what do you suppose I read about him too? That he loves to collect postage stamps just as much as any of you.—New York World.

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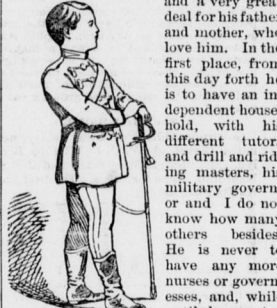
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THE PRINCE.

But best and most delightful of all, especially to him who loves soldiers as dearly as any small boy among us, he was on his birthday formally presented by his father to the First regiment of guards as their Crown Prince. I know how his little heart must have thumped, and I am sure before he left the palace his mother, the empress, must have looked at him with pride as he turned about and walked up and down before her with his brand new shining uniform and sword.

A Dainty Little Buttercup. A dainty and fascinating little creature monopolized much of the attention of the occupants of the reviewing stand near the Worth monument on Decoration Day. It was a human buttercup—a little girl not more than five years old attired from top to toe in the golden hues of the buttercup.

An Eloquent Girl Preacher. Fannie Edwards, the little girl preacher who, by creating such an excitement at Gosport, and who is but fourteen years of age, has been preaching for the past four years. Her home is at Louisville. She claims to have received her knowledge of the Bible by close study and prayer, and is conceded to surpass many divines of mature years.

Ned and Billy. We had a pet lamb named Billy, who had the range of our lawns. He would leave the most delicious clover to get the soft hand of Ned on his head. They would walk off together, talking as if they understood each other thoroughly.

A Peanut Party. For a rainy day a peanut party is quickly made, and is great sport. The invitations may be folded small and put in a large peanut shell. Each guest is provided with a bag, which may be quickly made by the girls with tarlatan, and worsted or silk drawstrings.

Shopping with Dolly. The air was warm and the clouds were few. The birds were chirping and hooting. And everything was pretty and new. When Dolly and I went shopping. Our money bag was yellow and sweet with its dandelion dollars.

Women in Examinations. The last report of the civil service commission presents interesting data for the contemplation of the pessimists and conservatives regarding woman's status in the industrial world. In the examinations for copyist work half the men failed, and five out of every six women passed.

A New Saddle. A new variety of woman's saddle has made its appearance in England. The pommels are much wider than those of old. Much greater pressure is given to the thigh, and a surer and easier seat is said to result from it.

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