

Improved Foot Fast. Mrs. Smith (thoughtfully)—I'm afraid I shall have to stop giving Bobby that tonic the doctor left for him. Mr. Smith (anxiously)—Why, isn't he any better? Mrs. Smith—Oh, yes! But he has slid down the banisters six times this morning, broken the hall lamp, two vases, a pitcher and a looking-glass, and I don't feel as if I could stand much more.—Harper's Bazar.

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Country girls, who certainly have the art of getting up penies, may have plenty of them in summer, and, for all we know, in winter, also, but we are not positive whether they have ever had what our New York girls are calling a "winter picnic." It is a great mistake to think that New York girls are formal, and above doing anything in the way of amusement which may be by some considered "not as other people do." For real fun and innocent pleasure they are always ready to try anything new, and are not afraid of public opinion. A "winter picnic," as it reads, conveys nothing to the mind; but wait until you hear what it is, and

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

### GOOD READING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

#### How Polly Helped—Dancing on One Still—George Washington Was Born Feb. 11 and Not 22 as Is Popularly Understood to Be the Case.

#### Summer Days.

THE dale and d o w n t h e bourne,  
O'er the meadow swift we fly;  
Now we sing, and now we mourn,  
Now we whistle, now we sigh.

By the grassy-fringed river,  
Through the murmuring reeds we sweep;  
Mid the lily-leaves we quiver,  
To their very hearts we creep.

Now the maiden rose is blushing  
At the frolic things we say,  
While a side her cheek we're rushing,  
Like some truant bee at play.

Through the blooming groves we rustle,  
Kissing every bud we pass,—  
As we did it in the bustle,  
Scarcely knowing how it was.

Down the glen, across the mountain,  
O'er the yellow heath we roam,  
Whirling round about the fountain,  
Till its little breakers foam.

Bending down the weeping willows,  
While our vesper hymn we sigh;  
Then unto our rosy pillows  
On our weary wings we lie.

There, of idlenesses dreaming,  
Scence from waking we refrain,  
Moments long as ages seeming,  
Till we're at our play again.

#### How Polly Helped.

Little Polly has found a way to be useful. Polly is nearly 6 years old, and a very mischievous, frolicsome little miss.

Not long ago Polly's older brother, Ben, was coasting down a steep hill, lying flat on his sled. As fate would have it, just as he neared the bottom and was going very fast, he ran into a cutter driven by his uncle. When they picked him up he was unconscious, and both of his arms dangled helplessly at his sides. At first they thought he was killed, but the doctor soon brought him around, although both of his arms were broken.

Polly didn't fully understand what the matter was, and she felt very much grieved because they wouldn't let her go in to see Ben.

"I won't 'sturb him," she said; "I'll comfort him. I'll be useful!"

But Polly's mother knew how Polly was useful, and refused to let her go in. Two or three days of suffering passed for Ben, and then one afternoon Polly was allowed to visit him. He lay on the sofa by the window, very pale and quiet, with his arms fastened close to his side and covered with little boxes. Polly looked very sympathetic, the tears swimming in her eyes, and she was as quiet as any mouse. Her mother left the room for a moment. While she was gone Ben pucker up his nose, wrinkled his forehead and called out complainingly:

"Ma, my nose itches, and I can't reach it."

Up jumped Polly in an instant. "I'll stvatch it," she said, and in a moment she had seized a paper cutter and was gravely rubbing Ben's nose with the edge of it. When her mother came back Polly looked around triumphantly.

"I am useful," she said, proudly.

And after that, by the special request of Ben, Polly was appointed head nose-scratcher and assistant to the nurse.

#### Dancing on One Still.

No doubt you have found it difficult to walk on a pair of stilts without falling off, but what would you think of walking on a single stilt fifteen feet high, as some of the Hindoo jugglers do?

The juggler is mounted on a stiff bamboo pole, the top of which is tied to a girdle worn around his waist. A small cushion is fastened a few feet down the pole, which acts as a leg rest. The acrobat hops around a large space in the liveliest way, uttering cheerful shouts and accompanied by the tapping of a curious drum. He also executes a sort of dance, and goes through a little pantomime. It is a marvelous feat of equilibrium. To walk on a pair of stilts as high as this would be a performance worthy of exhibition on our variety stage. But to hop around on one is quite another thing.

The same man can do many other wonderful things. He appears absolutely perfect in the art of balancing. He can balance a very light stick on his nose and a very heavy one on his chin, and then throw the heavy one into the air with his head and catch it on the end of the light one. When balancing these two sticks, end on end, he will make one revolve in one direction and the other in the other. He puts one hand on a flat circular stone, throws his feet up into the air and balances a stick on each of them. At the same time he revolves rapidly in the pivot formed by his arm and the stone.

Concerning American Negroes.

The taxable wealth of the negro population of the United States is over \$300,000,000. There are 23,462 negro church bodies with church property valued at over \$26,000,000. There are over one thousand college-trained colored ministers.

We rather enjoy the companionship of a chronic grumbler. It's the fellow who isn't fitted with a safety-valve that makes us feel apprehensive.

then the fun of it may be appreciated. There is to be one given shortly here in town, and those who have been asked are in eager anticipation of the result. All the girls are asked to bring some sort of food or refreshment, and the one who is at the head of it has arranged the details so systematically that there will be no possibility of two girls bringing the same supper. One girl will bring sandwiches, another cake, another tea and sugar, another fried oysters, another chicken or lobster salad, etc., just as they do at a picnic in the country. The hamper will be taken into the dining room and unpacked there. No servants are allowed until after the meal is over, and then they will come in to clear away the debris. Half the fun of a picnic is the setting of the table and the unpacking of the well-filled baskets. All superfluous sofas, tables and divans, lamps and chairs will be taken out of the drawing-room and dining-room, leaving only what is necessary. Kitchen tables are to be used, and evergreen trees have been ordered from the florist to put about the room to give it a more rustic appearance. The men have not been mentioned yet, but, of course, plenty of them have been asked to come, and, not being as sanguine as the girls, they are wondering whether it will be a success or a bore. One young man is very much exercised as to "whether the fellows will be allowed to smoke or not. They always do at picnics!" Of course, there will be the inevitable Virginia reel, and there is some talk of an impromptu vaudeville performance, so much the fashion now. Some of the girls have prepared choruses to sing, and there will perhaps be a little mandolin or banjo playing.

#### "Hygienic Houses" Invented.

What is called a "hygienic house" has just been built by a Dutch physician, and illustrates rather forcibly the possibility of preventive measures being worse to undergo than several maladies. The walls of this extremely modern and scientific dwelling are made of parallel plates of ground glass several inches apart, with a concentrated solution of alum or salts of soda between them. These plates are fixed in metal frames, by which they are built together. The roof is not translucent, and is made of materials which are impervious to heat, thus keeping out the sunshine and holding in the warmth of the rooms. The door is entered by an underground door, to which a stair leads. The air also enters underground, and passes through a microbe filter of cotton wool and glycerine. It circulates through the rooms by means of gratings, and escapes under the roof. The house is heated by the sun, except when a stove is found to be necessary. The salt solution between the panes absorb the heat by day and give it forth by night. In the summer the air is cooled by its passage underground, and tempers the tropical warmth of the climate. The illumination inside is diffused from all parts of the walls, but there are no windows out of which the inhabitants can look, and it is difficult to see how they will endure life in a place so horribly wholesome—and dull.

#### For Fun at a Party.

"Who's Got the Whistle?" is a game with no end of fun in it. Most of the party—at least all who do not know the game—should be excluded from the room where the fun is going on. Blindfold one of the girls or boys who haven't learned the trick and place him in the center of a circle, in which all the other players are sitting, just as if "hunt the slipper" were to be played. While the blindfolding is in progress let some person slip up quietly and tie the whistle by a long string to some part of the dress of the blindfolded one. The game consists in getting hold of the blindfolded player tries to guess who has it. Of course he has the whistle himself, and until he discovers the trick the fun runs high. When he has found the whistle another player can be called into the room and blindfolded and the trick played again.

#### Washington's Two Birthdays.

Really Washington was born on February 11, instead of February 22. The record in the Washington family Bible shows that George was born on the 11th day of February, 1732, and the first known celebration of the event was on February 11, 1784, when Washington was at the height of his power and fame. Why, then, do we celebrate February 22? Under the old method of counting time, called the old style, no account of leap years was made, and gradually the calendar ran behind, so to speak. When the new and correct calendar was adopted, Washington's birthday, which was February 11, O. S. (old style), became February 22, new style.

#### Growth of Population in Europe.

A statement published in the European Economist gives some facts with regard to the growth of population in the various countries of Europe during the decennial period 1885-95. The aggregate increase was 29,922,800. Some states have advanced greatly. For example, Russia added 12,510,800 to her existing population; Germany, 4,522,600; Austro-Hungary, 3,502,200; Great Britain, 2,452,400; Turkey, 1,100,000, and France, 67,100.

#### Savory Mince of Beef—Cut one pound of cold roast beef into thin slices, and fry with two tablespoonfuls of butter and a small minced onion until brown; stir in two tablespoonfuls of flour and add a pint of white broth or water, half a cup of the thickest part from a can of tomatoes, half a dozen mushrooms, one teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of pepper. Heat all thoroughly and serve.

#### Baked Onions—Use the large Spanish onions. Wash them clean, but do not peel, and put into a saucepan, with slightly salted water; boil an hour, replacing the water with more, boiling hot, as it evaporates. Turn off the water and lay the onions in a cloth to dry them well; roll each one in a piece of buttered tissue paper, twisting it at the top to keep it on, and bake in a slow oven about an hour; peel them and place in a deep dish and brown slightly, basting well with butter; season with a half teaspoonful of salt and a half salt-spoon of pepper.

## HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

#### THE GOOD OLD THINGS.

We used to have old-fashioned things, like hominy and greens, and things that were made from a bean, like pea soup, and things like that. Now we have just common soup made out of pork and beans; and now we have a vegetable soup, and things like that. We used to have a piece of beef—just ordinary meat, and pickled pigs' feet, spare ribs, too, and other things to eat. While now it's fillet and ragout, and leg of mutton braised, and macaroni au gratin, and sheep's head Hollandaise.

The good old things have passed away, in silent, sad retreat; We've lots of high-falutin' things, but nothing worth to eat. And while I never say a word, and always pleasant look, You but I've had dyspepsia since my daughter's learned to cook.

—Curt Challis, in Good Housekeeping.

#### BETTER FOR HOUSE PLANTS.

It is better for house plants if the soil be loosened about the roots once a week. This allows the air to reach the roots, and assists the evaporation of the excessive moisture when they have had too much wetting. Always have the water at least as warm as the temperature of the room when using it upon plants. —New York Sun.

#### WASHING FROSTY WINDOWS.

The window glass requires to be cleaned, but it is so cold and the air so full of frost that it does not seem advisable to wash the glass with water. Try a flannel cloth, moisten it with paraffin oil and rub the glass with it. Have at hand a fresh flannel cloth and rub over the glass with it. This method will give better results than soap and water. —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

#### SUET FOR COOKING PURPOSES.

To render suet, take firm, yellow kidney variety, cut it fine and put it in a kettle with one teaspoonful of water; it should then be cooked slowly, being careful that it does not get too hot, as that makes it strong and hard. Strain it just before all the water is cooked out, then mix it with one-third lard to prevent its getting too hard. For biscuit, pie crust, cookies and the like, this is preferred to pure butter, and it is superior to lard for many things. It does not have any objectionable "tallow taste" unless it is allowed to get too hot while rendering it.

#### THE BEST USES OF OATMEAL.

Oats yield most of their nutrient principles to boiling water, therefore oatmeal gruel and oatmeal water represent a fair proportion of their nourishing strength. Oatmeal gruel, especially excellent for invalids, is prepared by adding an ounce of washed oatmeal and a pinch of salt to three pints of water, then boiling down to two pints, straining, allowing it to cool and pouring off the clear liquor. A few raisins added toward the close of the boiling impart an improved flavor. Sugar, lemon juice, nutmeg and spice are sometimes added to improve the flavor. With beef tea oatmeal gruel is of value in the sick room, and the two are combined in this manner: Mix two tablespoonfuls of oatmeal with two of cold water, add to a pint of strong beef tea, boiling; boil six minutes, stirring all the time, then strain through a fine sieve and serve hot.

Oatmeal water is prepared by boiling oatmeal in considerable water and straining it. Added to the milk given bottle-fed babies, it prevents coagulation of the casein of the milk in large, firm curds, and is also mildly laxative. A little salt should be added to the water while boiling. —Detroit Free Press.

#### RECIPES.

Cranberry Pie—Three tablespoonfuls of flour, three tablespoonfuls of lard and a little salt make crust for one pie. For filling: Three cups cranberries stewed with one and one-half cups of sugar; bake in a quick oven.

Cream Pudding—One large cup of sugar, one of flour, six eggs and a pint of cream. Beat together the yolks and sugar; whip the cream and put into a sieve; stir in the flour and cream alternately; stir in the whites of the eggs, lightly, the last thing. Season with powdered orange peel and bake as sponge cake. Serve with butter and sugar sauce.

Foamy Sauce—Cream half a cup of butter; add one cup of powdered sugar, one teaspoonful of vanilla, and two tablespoonfuls of any-kind of fruit syrup. Just before serving stir in one-quarter of a cup of boiling water; stir well, then beat in the white of one egg previously beaten to a froth, and continue the beating till the sauce is foamy.

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#### The Old Virginia Fiddler.

What has become of the old Virginia fiddler, whose services used to be in incessant demand at this season of the year, and who was known and greeted by all the young people for miles around?

Of old, there could be no Christmas in the country without him. He was as indispensable as the children's stockings, the eggnogg bowl, the roasted shoo, the mince pie or the stuffed turkey. He was the important functionary at every dance, and called out the figures in an unchangeable voice, which grew fiercer and fiercer as he warmed up to his work. Has our old friend disappeared? Is his fiddle cracked and his bow unstrung? Has he been unable to withstand the invasion of his territory by the piano and the piano agent? We fear so. We hear of him very seldom now; whereas in the times ago, at Christmas his name was an every tongue, and his bow was a scepter wielded over many willing subjects. Happily for him that he found suitable eulogists before his type was extinct. Dr. George W. Bagby, that great humorist and player upon the heart strings of men, in numerous sketches, and the founder of this paper, in his delightful, realistic reminiscences, have both described and immortalized the old Virginia fiddler. And well they did; for he is becoming as rare as the buffalo upon the Western prairies. But well he served his day and generation before he laid down "de fiddle and de bow." —Richmond Dispatch.

#### Wild Yak.

The yak, or wild ox of Tibet, has sufficient spirit to turn and attack a hunter. If it had more perseverance it would prove a dangerous enemy. Col. Prjevalski, in his account of his travels in the Tibetan mountains, narrates an adventure which illustrates the yak's disposition:

I was returning to camp when I saw several old yaks grazing on a little plateau. I fired on them, and one fell and slipped down the snowy slope. Stunned by his fall, he lay motionless at the bottom of the ravine. I ran to him. As soon as he saw me, some hundred feet away, he rose and tried to flee. I fired, but the ball did not touch him.

Then he turned and rushed at me. I had only two cartridges; I fired one at a distance of seventy feet, and one at a distance of fifty feet. He stopped when he was quite near me, holding his head down and lashing his sides with his tail.

I was near enough to see his little eyes and the blood which ran from his nostrils. If he had had a little more decision and energy I should have been lost. I could not get away, and I had no weapon but my empty gun.

We stood looking at each other. Presently he raised his head and stopped lashing his sides. Evidently he was getting over his anger. I threw myself on the ground, and without taking my eyes from him, crawled backward some sixty feet. Then I jumped up and walked away as fast as possible. I did not breathe freely until some 200 feet away between us.

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