

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

**Where the Birds Found Friends.
Two Little Girls Cross the Ocean
Alone—The Secretary Bird.**

The worthy Dutchmen who settled on the banks of the Hudson were more hospitable to birds than their descendants have shown themselves to be. They not only let the birds alone, but encouraged them to build their nests about the houses. These wise settlers knew that the birds would pay for their protection by feeding on the insects that swarm in a new country.

Each large Dutch house had a portico floored like a room, open at the sides, with seats all around. Above was a slight roof painted like an awning, or a covering of latticework, over which a transplanted wild grape vine spread its luxuriant leaves.

Here hundreds of little birds domesticated, occupying a small shelf built round the portico, where they were as sacred as the household gods of the Romans. Children and slaves were taught to regard them as the good geni of the family, who were to be cherished, but not disturbed.

In clearing the ground for a house a tree was always left in the middle of the back yard for the use of the birds. The negroes, quick to imitate their masters, used old hats to form asylums for their little feathered friends. The deal fences were also utilized by the negroes to furnish homes for the birds. On the stakes, to which the deals were nailed, were stuck the skeleton heads of horses and cattle, the jaws being fixed in the poles so that the skulls should be uppermost.

In those days there were no pot hunters. The small birds were so tame that when the family were breakfasting or drinking tea in the airy portico—a summer custom—they constantly glided over the table with some insect to feed their young chirping above.

Two Little Girls Cross the Ocean Alone.

"Ise Mina Timtoe," lisped a pretty, blue eyed, flaxen curled little girl as she stood on tiptoe to see the registry clerk, perched on his high stool in the barge office. A tag around her neck interpreted the name as Mina Sinko and informed the clerk that she had arrived on the North German Lloyd steamship Grosser Kurfurst from Bremen.

Mina wore a pretty gingham dress and a hood that framed an oval face with a rosebud mouth. The little brow was puckered with anxiety.

She had come all by herself from a little village in Hungary, and she had just turned 7 years. Mina had learned a few English words. "Mamma, mamma!" she repeated, looking up at the clerk. He examined the papers in her small satchel and found the address, Mrs. Simko, 125 East Seventy-sixth street.

Mina sobbed herself to sleep on one of the hard benches of the detention room. She was clasped in her mother's arms two hours later.

Marie Hricks, 9 years old, was a passenger on the steamship Tartar Prince from Naples. She came alone from Krain, Austria, and was tagged through to Pueblo, Colo., where her mother, who is now Mrs. John Schubert, resides. She was sent on with a family bound for Colorado.—New York Journal.

The Secretary Bird.

The British soldiers in South Africa have no doubt during their marches come across a weird looking bird something like an eagle on stilts wearing a crest resembling a bundle of quill pens sticking out from the back of its head. This is the secretary bird, or snake eater, the "slangenvoerter" of the Dutch colonists. He is held in great esteem by the Transvaalers and English colonists on account of his partiality for snakes. When he and the deadly cobra meet, it means a duel to the death, and it is generally the cobra that dies. The fight is exciting to witness. The lightninglike dart of the snake are parried by the bird's long wings, used as the most effective shield and when the chance presents itself as a bludgeon. Once he has stunned his adversary the bird sweeps upward and descends with all his weight upon his dazed enemy, and the fight is over. Then dinner follows in the shape of the body of the vanquished, swallowed head foremost.—London Mail.

Jenny and Her Goat.

Little Jenny is 5 years old. She has a goat 5 months old. It follows Jenny like a playful dog. It nibbles bread and green lettuce out of her hand. Sometimes in play it butts its little head against Jenny. And then Jenny pretends to tumble down. But it is all fun. The goat would not hurt her little mistress.

"Kiddy, Kiddy!" says Jenny. "Ma-a!" says the little goat. Then Kiddy pretends to be cross and to butt Jenny. And Jenny pretends to tumble down and to be very angry.

So then there is a great fuss. But it is all only play.

The Untidy Clock.

This naughty clock before you stands; He will not wash his face and hands, But stays there idly in his place And holds his hands before his face.

Though soap and sponge are sitting near, A basin, too, of water clear, The clock has never yet been seen To try to make himself more clean.

Dearie, 'twould give me quite a shock If you were like the untidy clock.

—Carolyn Wells in Harper's Bazar.

Two Laws of Health.

"A physician says that people who sleep with their mouths shut live longest."

"Well, people who go around with their mouths shut when they're awake seldom get killed."—Indianapolis Journal.

PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

John Burns, the English labor leader, has been returned as a member of parliament by an increased majority. Although the opposition made every effort to secure his defeat, Burns' victory and that of Kier Hardy, the Socialist-Labor leader, who has also been



JOHN BURNS, M. P.

returned as a member of parliament, is the fly in the government party's ointment. These two men were bitter opponents of the war against the South African republics and the whole war policy of Salisbury and Chamberlain and in their canvasses were especially bitter in denouncing the latter gentleman.

William A. Clark's Lineage.
Senator William A. Clark, who is now in Paris selecting paintings for his new mansion at Fifth avenue and Seventy-seventh street, has an amiable weakness, which few of his friends have guessed. Ardent Democrat as he is, the senator prides himself on his family tree. He traces his descent from the kings of Ulster and claims to be able to go back to the fourth century.

The family comes of the Clan Colla, of which Heremon Clark was founder. The name in those days was O'Clery and the family seat in Connought. There is still the record of a valiant Sir Hugh O'Clery, who resided in a famous castle at Kibbarrow, the ruins of which are shown travelers to this day. The crest, a wild boar with an arrow caught in its teeth, is regarded by the senator as symbolic of his fate—one who courts danger, but averts harm.

It is known that the senator has had himself photographed in the full regalia of one of his ancestors, but the picture, as well as the details of the costume, he regards as strictly his private affair.

Wilhelmina the Tallest.

Thanks to a recently adopted ruse on the part of young Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, she now ranks as the tallest of European queens. Since her coronation she has developed a decided taste for dress and has been frequently reproved by her mother for devoting too much time to questions of toilet and personal appearance. Her tendency to plumpness and her short stature have always been a sore point, and lately she has had the low, common sense heels replaced on all except her walking boots by Louis XV heels, fully half an inch higher, thus increasing her height from 5 feet 5 1/2 inches to 5 feet 6 inches. Her waist measure has suffered a corresponding diminution, her belts being made 2 1/2 inches instead of 22. Of all queens the Dowager Maria of Portugal has the smallest waist measure, only 21 inches, and Queen Victoria the largest, good 35.

In His Father's Shoes.

It will be remembered that when the will of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt was read it was found that the second son was practically named as the head of the family and made his father's successor in the management of the



ALFRED GWYNNE VANDERBILT.

great Vanderbilt railroad interests. The eldest son, named Cornelius after his father, was set back because he had made a marriage in opposition to the paternal will. Young Cornelius has for several years been an actual worker in the mechanical department of the New York Central railway. Young Alfred has recently announced that he, too, would be a worker and is now engaged in the office of the treasurer of the New York Central company, where he will learn how to manage the big property committed to his care by the edict of his father.

Lord Rosebery's Mother.

The Duchess of Cleveland, mother of Lord Rosebery, is one of the most remarkable octogenarians in English society. She officiated as bridesmaid at the wedding of Queen Victoria and can recall every incident connected with that memorable event. Some years ago the duchess published a voluminous work dealing with all those families who can trace their descent from William the Conqueror.

ELECTRICAL GUN.

Three Thousand Shots a Minute Without Heating the Barrel.

Our Newcastle-on-Tyne correspondent informs us that a machine gun of a novel character has been invented by Mr. James Judge, a well known engineer of Newcastle, who thus describes it: "The gun is a patent centrifugal quick firing machine gun. It is five feet high and weighs about five hundredweight. It is intended for battleship, earthworks and garrison purposes. The motive power is electricity, transmitted to a motor attached to the side of the gun. The motor causes a disk to revolve at a very high rate of speed.

"The bullets, which are introduced into the interior of the disk at the axle, travel along curves in the interior to the circumference and are there impelled through a barrel. It is claimed that this disk will rotate under the influence of the motor at the rate of 12,000 revolutions a minute and will eject shots from the muzzle of the gun with an initial velocity of 2,000 feet per second. One of the chief characteristics of the gun is that it will maintain a continuous fire. If necessary, a shot may be discharged at every half revolution, but in practice one shot every fourth revolution will be found sufficient. The bullets are spherical and measure three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter.

"The following are the results of the tests already made with the gun: Eighteen thousand rounds of shot at the rate of 3,000 a minute have been discharged from the gun. These shots consisted of nickel steel, some of brass (as used in France), lead and chilled metal. It was tested seven times privately. No motor was used, nor is one yet attached to the gun, although the gun is constructed for an electric motor. The tests were made by means of a belt driven by a steam engine.

"Under these conditions the velocity required and which it is maintained an electric motor will produce was not, of course, attained, but the practical working of the gun was fully demonstrated. A long range could not be had because of the necessity of secrecy, and the testing was done in a covered shed at Blyth drydocks. A steel target three thirty-seconds of an inch thick was shattered, the disk of the gun revolving at a speed of 2,500 revolutions per minute. From the penetration of the target it is calculated that at a distance of 400 yards a penetration of a similar character will be effected of a plate seven-sixteenths of an inch thick under the influence of an electric motor.

"There is no heating of the barrel of the gun, because of the continuous stream of cold air which is impelled through it by the turning of the disk. The disk itself is also free from heating on account of the special bearings on which it is constructed. These bearings are a highly complicated mechanical contrivance and are similar to those used in Parsons' turbines, which can revolve at the rate of 22,000 revolutions a minute, and Levall's motor, which revolves at the rate of 30,000 revolutions a minute. To test the gun thoroughly it will be necessary to affix a motor, which will be a five horse-power motor coupled direct on to the shaft."—London Times.

An Ingenious Device.

An enterprising real estate broker of Sixth street, near Walnut, has adopted a unique mode of drawing the attention of the passersby to his business. He has a life size figure representing an old man about 70 years of age, with a benign cast of countenance, gray hair and mustache, clothed with hat and garments of the style of half a century ago. The figure is regularly wound up and placed in a chair on the front step and so arranged with a newspaper in its hand as to give one the impression that it is really an old gentleman reading the news. If a person stops to look, the arms are lowered in the most natural manner, while the head inclines forward and a voice says: "Good morning! Walk in. Mr. — is within." The arms then resume their former position, and the old man is again engrossed in his newspaper. The mechanism is electrically controlled from the office.—Philadelphia Press.

Jolo Islands Rubber.

On the recommendation of the war department the agricultural department is preparing an order setting apart as forest reserves the island of Rombolin, north of the island of Panay; also the island of Panitani, which is one of the extreme group of the Jolo islands. Officers of the army who have been looking over the islands have found that these are perhaps the richest in the world for rubber trees, and it is the intention of the Washington authorities to have the trees preserved and cared for, especially as some fears have been expressed that the rubber supply may become exhausted.

What Churchill Has Done.

Winston Churchill has probably made a better thing out of the Transvaal war than anybody else. He has drawn a larger salary than has ever been heard of before for a war correspondent. He has accepted an offer of \$10,000 to lecture in America. His book will have an enormous sale. He has made a journalistic reputation that is worth a big income, he has gained a position as a public man, and he has earned a safe seat in parliament.

Messenger Girls Didn't Last.

Some mystery attaches to the discharge in London of all the district messenger girls. They were employed to fill a shortage caused by the strike of the messenger boys, but it was thought the change would be permanent. Whether a leakage of secrets has caused a return to the old order is not known.

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Because they wanted to save some toys the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rolls, of Jermy, Lackawanna county, lost their lives Friday night. Their home was on fire, but Elmer and his little sister, both of whom were under 5, not realizing their danger, stopped to gather the trinkets. The flames spread so rapidly that their escape was cut off. Miss Jessie Rolls, aunt of the children, dashed into the burning apartments, and succeeded in carrying the little girl out, but she was so badly burned that she died. The charred body of Elmer was found in the ruins. Mrs. William Deacon, an invalid, had a narrow escape from death in the house. The explosion of an oil lamp caused the fire.

There is no pleasure in life if you

read going to the table to eat and can't rest at night on account of indigestion. Henry Williams, of Bonville, Ind., says he suffered that way for years, till he commenced the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, and adds, "Now I can eat anything I like and all I want and sleep soundly every night." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat. Grover's City drug store.

Buying Up Collieries.

In railroad circles it is believed that the large coal-carrying roads are determined to prevent the construction of the proposed Delaware Valley and Kingston Railroad by purchasing the holdings of all the individual operators whose output would contribute to the tonnage of the proposed road.

Within two years the New York, Ontario and Western Company has secured twelve collieries in the Wyoming valley and is now negotiating for several others. It is announced today that the company has practically completed arrangements for the purchase of the colliery of the Raymond Coal Company, at Winton, which has an output of 600 tons a day.

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LEAVE FREELAND.

6 12 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

7 40 a m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Scranton.

8 18 a m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Ashland, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

9 30 a m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

11 45 a m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points West.

1 30 p m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

4 42 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

6 34 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

7 29 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Shamokin.

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7 40 a m from Weatherly, Pottsville, Ashland, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton.

9 17 a m from Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Shamokin.

9 30 a m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

11 45 a m from Pottsville, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton.

12 55 p m from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk and Weatherly.

4 42 p m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

6 34 p m from New York, Philadelphia, Pottsville, Bethlehem, Allentown, Pottsville, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Philadelphia and White Haven.

7 29 p m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

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Trains leave Drifton for Onedia Junction, Hazlet, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Hazlet and Hazleton Junction at 5:30, 6:00 a m, daily except Sunday; and 7:50 a m, 2:58 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Harwood, Cranberry, Tomblicken and Beringer at 5:30, 6:00 a m, daily except Sunday; and 7:50 a m, 2:58 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Onedia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Onedia and Shepton at 6:00 a m, daily except Sunday; and 7:50 a m, 3:11 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Beringer for Tomblicken, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazlet and Hazleton Junction at 2:25, 5:40 p m, daily except Sunday; and 7:50 a m, 3:47 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Shepton for Onedia, Humboldt Road, Harwood Road, Onedia Junction, Harwood Road and Onedia at 7:11 a m, 12:40, 5:22 p m, daily except Sunday; and 8:11 a m, 3:44 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Shepton for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazlet, Hazlet Junction and Drifton at 5:22 p m, daily, except Sunday; and 8:11 a m, 3:44 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Beringer for Tomblicken, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazlet and Hazleton Junction at 2:25, 5:40 p m, daily except Sunday; and 7:50 a m, 3:47 p m, Sunday.

All trains connect at Hazleton Junction with electric cars for Hazleton, Jeaneville, Audenried and other points on the Traction Company's line.

Trains leave Drifton at 5:30, 6:00 a m make connection at Beringer with P. R. R. trains for Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Harrisburg and points west.

For the accommodation of passengers at way stations between Hazleton Junction and Beringer, a train will leave the former point at 3:30 p m, daily, except Sunday, arriving at Beringer at 5:00 p m.

LUTHER C. SMITH, Superintendent.