

# CHILDREN'S COLUMN

## What Would You Do?

Now if you should visit a Japanese home. Where there isn't a sofa or chair. And your hostess should say, "Take a seat, sir, I pray." Now where would you sit? tell me where. And should they persuade you to stay there and dine. Where knives, forks, and spoons are unknown. Do you think that you could eat with chopsticks of wood? And how might you pick up a bone? And, then, should they take you a Japanese drive. In a neat little "rickshaw" of blue. And you found, in Japan, that your horse was a man. Now what do you think you would do?—Independent.

## A Trifle Mixed.

At one of the public schools in Washington a portrait of George Washington was hung in the room of the infant class a few days ago, says the Chicago Record. On the morning of its appearance the teacher called attention to the gift and asked the children if they knew whom the picture represented.

"Washington," responded several. "Who was Washington?" A little hand was lifted from one of the front desks, and the teacher asked pleasantly: "Who was he, Tommy?" "Our father from the country," was the reply.

## Bundy's Lunch Basket.

Bundy is a big, shaggy dog, with large, brown eyes, which are expressive and beautiful, but barring his eyes, it must be said that he is not handsome. He possesses attractions of another kind, however, which endear him to his master and cause the number of his friends to increase daily.

Bundy's owner lives in the mountains of western Maryland, where mining is the chief industry of the people. Mr. Anthony, his master, is connected with one of the coal companies operating in that region, and every morning walks about one mile to his work and back again in the evening. At noon every day it is Bundy's work to carry a basket containing a luncheon across the mountain to his master, and for a long time he has accomplished this duty with evident joy to himself and satisfaction to his owner.

One day some time ago Bundy appeared at the coal-mining office, where his master works, at the usual hour, but minus the basket. Mr. Anthony was greatly perplexed and thought a circumstance so unusual betokened trouble of some kind at home. After a few questioning words with Bundy Mr. Anthony started for home, accompanied by the dog, who followed closely upon his master's heels, but seemed ill at ease. Upon reaching the house it was learned that Bundy had left that morning with his basket as usual, and was seen going up the side of the mountain and hurrying on until he was lost to view among the trees.

The mystery was now intensified, but no suspicion of wrongdoing had ever attached to Bundy's good name, and his master would not believe him guilty of unfaithfulness in this instance. A new basket was procured, the daily trips were resumed and Bundy's punctual regularity increased the belief in his innocence. The days and weeks passed on and the mystery still remained as deep as ever.

Perhaps as long as two months after the incident described one day late in the afternoon Bundy was seen approaching the house carrying the missing basket in his mouth. Slowly walking up to the kitchen door he dropped the basket and then quickly ran away hiding himself in the shadows under the big porch. The luncheon was found intact, just as it had been placed in the basket on the morning it was prepared for his master.

On the same day, up on the mountainside, just a little back from the path leading to the weighing office, a hole in the ground was found and the pile of leaves and earth freshly heaped by its side told the story of the missing basket.

Since the discovery Mr. Anthony loves the devoted dog more than ever, for he insists that Bundy has proved he has a conscience and that he obeys it, following its promptings even at the risk of disgrace and punishment.

## A Snow Table.

It was snowing. Slowly and silently, but steadily, the snow was coming down. Four little faces looked out of the library window, watching it.

"Oh, dear, it is just too bad!" said Ted, the oldest. "I wish it would stop! It has snowed a lot now, and I want to make a snow man."

"But mamma won't let us go out until it does stop," said Frances, "so we might as well play with our dolls. Come on, Grace."

After they had gone, Ted and Harry still stood looking at the snow. It was hard to be shut in a whole day.

Mamma had an old table that she had used last winter for a flower table. It had a deep box on top, lined with zinc. This year papa had had a small conservatory built, so it wasn't in use. It stood on the piazza in front of the library window. The snow was fast piling itself upon the windowledge and railing, and the table was nearly full of the soft, feathery stuff, when a bright thought came to Ted.

"Oh, say, if mamma would only let us go out on the piazza, we could

have lots of fun! We could move the table up in the corner where the snow doesn't come, and have a snow table instead of a sand table, such as we have in the nursery. We could make fine things out of the snow. It looks just soft enough to mold nicely."

Of course, the girls wanted to go also, and as there were just four children and four corners to the table, there was a corner for each one.

Mamma said yes when they asked her, and coats and hats were quickly on. Such fun as they had!

Ted made a beautiful park in his corner, with a statue of General Grant—at least he said it was, but it looked exactly like an ordinary snow man, only very, very small.

Harry made a fort in his corner, and had piles of cannon balls not much larger than big buttons. Frances had a house with the grounds around it laid out in winding drives and pathways.

Grace made a toboggan slide, and had little toboggans made of cardboard for her tiny dolls.

They played a long while, only going in once in a while to warm their fingers, for you can't mold things with gloves or mittens on. At last they had to go in. It was getting late, and mamma was afraid they would catch cold. The snow had stopped now, and a fine rain was coming down.

"It will all be gone, and it did look so pretty! I wanted papa to see it!" sighed Grace.

But the next morning when they went to look at their snow moulding, what do you think had happened? Why, the rain had frozen all over everything, and there were the park and fort, and house looking as if they were made of solid ice.

Papa was called to come and see it, and he thought they had done wonderful things with their snow moulding. As the weather remained cold, and the table was in the corner away from the sun, it lasted for several days.—Youth's Companion.

## A Library of Foreign Treaties.

All of Uncle Sam's bargains with foreign governments are put into writing by both parties to the agreement, our state department writing out a document to be sent abroad, while the czar, the shah or the other party to the transaction writes his version and sends it to Washington. These documents take a good deal of character from the nation issuing them, and the state department library holds many a curious manuscript.

For his part Uncle Sam is content to be plain and democratic in such matters. According to a writer in the Philadelphia Times, no attempt is made to elaborate copies of the treaties which he sends to other countries. There are one or two clerks in the department who do very neat penwork, and they copy the treaties on to a very heavy quality of white paper known as "treaty paper." Sometimes they make an artistic initial or a decorative title, but usually they keep to clean, readable lettering. The document is written on both sides of the paper, and around each page is drawn a double border of plain black and red lines. A cover is made of the same paper, and the whole is bound at the side with silk ribbon. The great seal of state is not stamped in silver, as are some of the foreign seals, nor even in wax, but is impressed on the last leaf of the treaty itself. The entire affair is not nearly so elaborate as one of the laws passed by congress, engrossed on parchment and sent to the president for his signature.

Some of the treaties received in exchange for these simple documents, however, are both curious and valuable. Sweden's copy of the extradition treaty of 1899 is printed on parchment and bound in purple velvet and watered silk. The seal of state, which covers two cords of gold and silver, red and blue, is enclosed in a silver case, upon which the Swedish coat of arms is worked in gold relief. A box of polished white birch with brass clasps is the outer covering of the whole. It is said that the copy which Uncle Sam sent in return was worth not more than 75 cents. His treaties are written in English, while those which come to him are usually in two languages—sometimes in three. French is becoming less used as the language of diplomacy.

A Chinese treaty which is in the library was the most ornate of its treasures before the Swedish treaty arrived. It is printed in Chinese characters upon thin yellow paper mounted on a background of linen. The singular sheet upon which these characters are printed is six feet long, and rolls up into a scroll. It has a border of dragons beautifully drawn in ink, and is enclosed in a cylinder of yellow silk, lined with silk of a rich old-gold color. This last is embroidered in many colored designs, the dragon being most prominent. China has furnished Uncle Sam with some very artistic treaties. The celebrated Burlingame treaty of 1868 was a book contained in a rare lacquered box liberally sprinkled with spots of gold. The leaves of this document were also embellished with gold by a process unknown to American craftsmen. While American gold can be rubbed off of the paper with the finger, the Chinese writing is permanent.

## Iowa's Fine Soldiers.

A recruiting officer who was in Iowa recently says that the percentage of men accepted in that state on offering themselves for army service is considerably above the average in any other state. Enlistments in Iowa are largely from the farms, and the vast majority of fellows who offer themselves are young, strong and hardy.

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Mrs. Etta Sumner.

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## Army Surgeon, Was a Woman.

"Murray Hall's" case has brought to mind the case of "Dr. James Barry," once inspector general of hospitals in the British army and a "C. B." This individual presented the appearance of a slightly built, dark-complexioned man, beardless and with abrupt manners. The doctor had a marked impatience with anything like contradiction, and his temper led to several duels, in which he came off best. The courage of the person was beyond question, but the voice was thin and feminine in tone. When "James Barry" died "he" left explicit directions that he should be buried "all standing" as he was when death came. These directions were disregarded, and it was learned that the medical schools had duly qualified and the British government had decorated and pensioned a distinguished medical officer who was a woman.—New York Press.

A horse may be driven, but pencils are usually lead.

The stomach has to work hard, grinding the food we crowd into it. Make its work easy by chewing Besman's Pepsin Gum.

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Glasgow has five public baths, the cost of which varied from \$82,000 to \$165,000.

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Congressman Bingham, of Pennsylvania, is a devotee of the white waistcoat.

While finding that the sea trade of England, generally speaking, is well conducted the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture recommends the establishment of a central station for the purpose of testing seeds sent to it for official examination.

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Experiments are being made to discover if aluminum may not be used in the manufacture of high class wind instruments. If this could be done, it is thought it would be very desirable, on account of verdigris deposits, and as it is not easily affected by changes of temperature the instruments would be less likely to get out of tune.

## There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over  $\frac{1}{4}$  as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Japanese business methods are in the less important places of a very good-you-please description. At Nagasaki the other day a foreigner, calling at the branch of one of the chief shipping companies, found the whole place deserted. It appeared that, the day being fine, the manager and staff had gone out on a mushroom hunting expedition. Mushroom hunting is a pursuit that appeals to every true Japanese.

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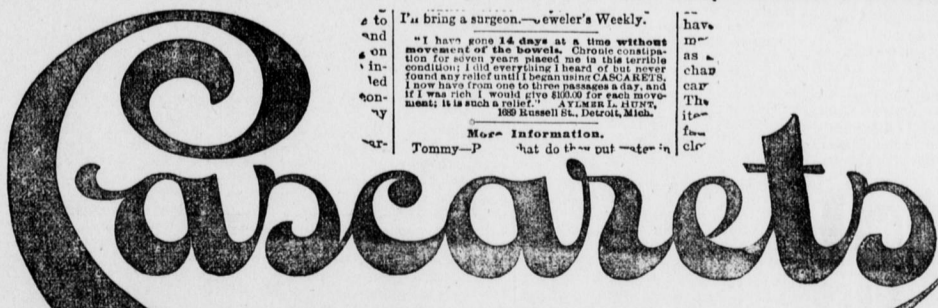
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