

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

O Little Green Frog.
O little green frog, come tell me,
O tell me true,
All the tales that the water-peoples
Have told to you,
O little green frog!

Beneath the water's shimmer
The fishes swim,
In a world where the light grows dimmer,
Amid shadows dim.

And the water-fairies play there,
Where I cannot go,
O tell me the tales they say there
In that world below,
O little green frog!

Chicago Record-Herald.

Gipsy Land.
Gipsies being wanderers on the face
of the earth, they have no fatherland,
but if there is one country more than
another where they feel at home and
in which they have been fairly treated
on the whole, that country is Hung-
ary. Two things have brought the
two folk together. The gipsies are
born musicians, and the Magyars are
born dancers. For some reason or
other, the Magyar thinks fiddling is
beneath him. The gipsy is quite con-
tent that it should be so, for no in-
strument, save the bagpipes, can sup-
ply the wild dance music which the
Hungarian loves, so well as the violin.
Gipsy bands are thus in great
demand in Hungarian towns, and
many of the players make a lot of
money. Let a gipsy band be struck
up a gay tune, and in a few minutes
men and women will be seen dancing
like mad, some of them, during the
fury of the moment, lavishing money
upon the musicians. It is "the thing"
even for peasants to hire a gipsy
band for their private junkettings, and
it is said that Hungarian nobles have
ruined themselves largely because of
the sums of money they have spent
upon orchestras of gipsies.

A Castle's Curious Clock.
One of the best preserved castles
antiquity has bequeathed us is situ-
ated in Castledown, on the Isle of
Man. It is known as the Rushen
castle. Here was anciently the seat
of the kings and lords of Man. The
castle is a veritable curiosity, and
deeply interesting. The first men-
tion of it dates back to the year 1257.
After six months' siege it was taken
in the year 1315 by Robert the Bruce.
Its last use has been that of a prison,
but it now stands quaint, colossal,
overgrown with ivy vines, moss and
wild flowers, a derelict. It is built of
limestone, and shows very few signs
of decay.

The town clock seen in the castle
wall was presented by Queen Eliza-
beth in the year 1597. The structure
and works of this ancient piece of
mechanism are almost as great a
curiosity as the castle itself. After
centuries of service it still faith-
fully points the hour. It has only
one hand on the dial. This is the
hour hand. The minutes are judged
by the position of the hand between
the hours. A large stone, suspended
from the end of the pendulum, acts
as a weight, and it is driven by a
rope coiled around a cylinder of
wood, with another stone at the end.

A Courageous Sentinel.
The test of the fidelity of a senti-
nel by the "powers that be" has re-
sulted happily in the case of an
Italian soldier who "held up" the
king. King Victor Emmanuel is fond
of making himself personally ac-
quainted with the thoughts and feel-
ings of his soldiers and for testing
their courage and fidelity.

The other day he was walking
alone, dressed in black, in the qui-
et gardens and approached a sentry
on guard who at once presented arms.
"You know, then, who I am?" the
king asked.

"His majesty," was the unhesitat-
ing reply.

The king smiled and continued his
walk, making as though he would
pass the guardhouse.

"Your majesty cannot pass this
way," said the sentry, resolutely.

The king pretended not to hear
and walked on.

"Without orders from the corporal
of the guard, I must not let anyone
pass, not even the king!"

Victor Emmanuel, pleased and smil-
ing, turned back, saying to the man:
"You are right!"

The next morning the captain of
the Calabrian company to which the
sentry belonged handed to the soldier
a fine silver watch, bearing the arms
of the house of Savoy and the words:
"To the soldier who knows how to
obey orders."—New York Press.

Robins Whipped a Cat.
An interested spectator of this
robin house-moving was the tomcat.
In the next yard. He had spent a
good part of the afternoon watch-
ing the father carry bits of straw
and small leaves into the tree-top.
Next morning the lessons in fly-
ing began again, and it was while
both papa and mamma were away
from the nest with two of the children
that the cat climbed into the tree and
took away one of the remaining young
ones in its mouth. The elders were
attracted by the cries and flew to the
rescue, but they could do nothing,
for the cat and its prey disappeared
under the house.

Next morning, as usual, Mr. Robin
was out, bright and early, gathering
worms for the brood, while his mate
remained at home to care for the
children and keep a lookout for the
cat. It was not long before a warn-
ing cry brought Mr. Robin home in a
hurry. The birds could see the
hungry cat approaching the tree.

It was then that the elders did a
brave thing. They bade the children
good-by and flew forth to meet the
devastator of nests. They did not
allow him to climb the tree, but
waged an offensive warfare with
him.

They had a well-thought-out method
of attack. Mrs. Robin flew to the
ground, a few feet from the cat,
and to one side of him, and unsus-
pecting Tom darted at her; but just
as he was about to hit her with his
paw he received a heavy rap in the
face from her mate. Enraged at this,
he made a second lunge at the mother
bird and was again rebuked by her
mate, and with such vigor and well-
directed blows that, uttering a cry
of pain, he made for the house, both
birds joining in pursuit. He finally
escaped them by crawling under the
house, where he remained.

The robins were not bothered any
more by this cat, and, after rearing
their young, took up a new abode in
the top of a high fir tree, situated in
the neighboring block. No doubt the
cat has lost its appetite for young
robins. He nursed, for some time,
an injured eye and a badly torn ear.—
Portland Oregonian.

Limp's Reward.
Limp was the most unfortunate
little mouse that ever lived. His
grandmother said that all his troubles
came from putting too much faith in
animals and people. Limp was sure
the great gray cat had a kind heart
and he would not believe there were
sharp claws under her velvet paws
and teeth inside her smiling mouth
that would only too willingly devour
a poor little trusting mouse.

He also believed that Jane, the
cook, was generous and charitable
and that little Bessie, with her long
brown curls and big dark eyes, would
care for all the mice under the back
porch if they only asked her.

One day he ventured to say "Good-
morning" to Madam KHTY, and if a
stray dog had not come into the yard
at that moment poor Limp would
have learned all about those sharp
teeth and claws.

At another time he crept through a
hole that grandpa had made in the
pantry wall and wanted to take
a walk around the nice, clean kitchen.
To his horror and astonishment the
servant girl struck him with the
broom and hurt him so that he always
dragged one leg. That was why he
was called Limpy.

The day before Christmas a heavy
rain fell, freezing almost before it
reached the ground, very twig on the
trees was a glittering icicle, and the
ground was so sleek that the boys
and girls could skate from one end
of the town to the other.

Now the mice who lived under the
back porch of the great stone house
had a pantry of their own, a little
nook in the cellar wall where they
stored many good things for the win-
ter. On Christmas morning, the very
day of all the year when they most
wanted a good breakfast, the door to
their little pantry was locked and
barred with ice and the path that
led to it from the back porch was so
sleek that even old Greybeard, the
king of the rats, tumbled over and
over when he ventured outside his
hole.

Dinner time came and still there
was no break in the frozen path—
not even a rough place where a little
mouse could gain a foothold. The
wall of ice in front of the little mouse
pantry glittered strong and cold in
the pale sunlight. When evening
came all the mice were so hungry and
cold that Limpy resolved to go boldly
up through the wall into the pantry
and tell little Miss Bessie of his
troubles. He was sure she would
send plenty of food to his hungry
little cousins, for they were having
a great Christmas dinner upstairs.

As he crept through the hole what
was his surprise to find right on the
shelf a great chunk of meat and a
slice of cheese! If there is anything
that will tempt the appetite of a
hungry mouse it is a piece of deli-
cious yellow cheese, but Limpy was
not thinking of himself. He was
eager to do good to those who only
made fun of him. Dragging the meat
close to the hole, he gave it a push
and down it went. Then he took the
cheese in his jaws and climbed down
the rough boards with it. He was go-
ing to divide it and then call all the
other mice to supper, but they had al-
ready smelled both meat and cheese.
Before he reached the ground old Puz-
zy had crept through the hole in the
foundation wall and pulled the chunk
of meat out under the porch. Just as
Limp appeared the hungry mice were
finishing the last scrap of it. Then
they pounced on him and devoured
the cheese before he had a chance even
to taste it.

But alas for the greedy mice. Jane,
fearing that the mice would come and
nibble the good things in the pantry
that night had laid poisoned meat and
cheese near their hole.

One after another the mice began to
feel sharp pains in their little stom-
achs. Wildly they ran about for water
for it felt as if they were on fire. At
last they crept off in the dark under
the steps and died. Poor Limpy was
left alone, and trembling with grief,
hunger and cold he crept up the dark
passage to the pantry again. Just as
he crawled out on the shelf little Bes-
sie entered. "Oh, mamma," she
cried, "here is the dearest little gray
mouse. Can't I put him with the white
one that Uncle Ben gave me?"

So Limpy as a reward for his good
intentions found a warm, cozy home
with plenty to eat and a dear little
sister for a companion.—Chicago Rec-
ord-Herald.

The glazing of tea is accomplished
by the use of plumbago

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.
French scientists are now engaged
upon the problem of acclimatizing the
Isonondragutta, the tree which pro-
duces gutta-percha, indispensable to
the construction of submarine cables.

In the higher regions of the Cor-
dilleras refuge huts have been erected
for the postmen who have to make
their rounds till late in the winter.
Even thus, some of these men perish
every winter, if overtaken by a storm
lasting several days.

Smoke from the chimney of a cop-
per foundry serves an English observ-
er as a safe barometer. He notes that
if the smoke rises slightly and even-
ly it is a sign of good weather, but
bad weather is near if the smoke is
beaten down, or if it curves back upon
itself.

Professor Van Else takes the posi-
tion that underground water is the
cause of rock changes and is the gen-
eral medium of exchange by which
mineral particles are passing from one
form to another, and that the greater
number of ore deposits which contrib-
ute so much to the wealth of the world
are the work of the operations of this
subterranean water.

Children with measles are wrapped
in red cloth by French peasant wom-
en. Noticing this, Cantinier pasted
red paper on the windows where pa-
tients having measles lived, and the
results, in all cases, without medicine,
have been favorable. He finds that
other colors, especially strong shades
of violet, excite the skin, while sub-
dued red light rests it.

The labor cost of scientific research
is not easy to realize. A British entom-
ologist has just shown a series of
about 50 pictures illustrating every
stage in the metamorphosis of a drag-
on fly from the nymph to the perfect
insect, and relates that he took over
1000 photographs before getting his
complete set. Constant watching was
necessary, as after the first indication
of change the dragon fly might emerge
at any time within the next three days,
the emergence being so rapid that
three pictures were taken in six sec-
onds.

It is well known that wasps do much
injury to fruit, and complaints have
been numerous this season from many
quarters in this country; but it appears
that the possible injury to fruit by
bees has been the subject of an ex-
haustive investigation by the Califor-
nia experiment stations. The conclu-
sions arrived at are that although the
mouth parts of bees are so constructed
that they might be used for both eat-
ing and injuring fruit, all the evidence
obtainable points to the fact that it
is very seldom that any injury is
done. In this country the bee has rarely
been accused of doing any injury to
fruit, but in the fruit growing districts
premises are offered for the destruc-
tion of wasps' nests.

Colored Diamonds.
The mention of diamonds makes
everyone think of a white gem, says
Answers; but not all diamonds are
white. The most beautiful of all pre-
cious stones is the red diamond, which
surpasses the ruby in beauty.

Dark blue diamonds, differing only
from sapphires in quality and in the
beautiful play of colors peculiar to the
diamond, are handsome gems. Black
and rose colored diamonds are also
rare, while the green varieties are not
so uncommon. The grass-green is
scarce, and, when it does occur, is more
brilliant than the finest emerald.

There are several varieties of green-
tinted diamonds at the museum of Nat-
ural History at Paris, but the best
known specimen is at Dresden.

The most perfect collection of diam-
onds is in the Museum of Vienna, and
is in the form of a bouquet, the differ-
ent flowers being composed of diam-
onds of the same color as the blooms
represented. These stones were col-
lected by one Virgil Von Helmhöcher,
a Tyrolean, who had passed many
years among the diamond mines.

A Scotch Peculiarity.
Here and there among the papers
read before the British association in
Glasgow were a few that had popular
interest, says a London special in the
New York Press. One of these bore
the truly appalling title, "The Fre-
quency and Pigmentation Value of
Surnames of School Children in East
Aberdeenshire."

The author had found as a result
of long and careful fact gathering in
his district of Scotland that surnames
and complexion go together to a re-
markable degree. Among the most
frequent of the names in the territory
he had covered, Whyte, oddly enough,
was particularly dark in coloring. So
were the surnames of Cruikshank,
Stephen and Paterson. On the other
hand, Wallace, Frasers, Grants and
Farks were blonde. Robertsons and
Gordons were dark. Persons named
Scott, Grant or Thompson were most
likely to be red headed, whereas mem-
bers of the Johnston, Walker, Forbes,
Burnett and Watson families had the
least percentage of red in their color-
ing.

Don't Drink During Meals.
Be careful to limit the amount of
water and fluids which you take during
meals, since large quantities of these,
especially ice water, hinder digestion.
Not more than one glass of water
should be taken during each meal. In
order to quench the thirst which is so
apt to clamor for water at meals, an
eminent authority suggests taking a
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stomach.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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the ant. At the Zoological Confer-
ence last month at Berlin, Prof. Morel,
of Switzerland, who has made that
insect his study, reported that the ant's
brain is well developed. He said that
the ant has all of the five senses, with
the exception of hearing, and that he
possesses reasoning powers as well as
memory. There is one item to be
entered on the other side. The ant is
an indomitable fighter, and indi-
vidual ants are inclined to prolong
hostilities after a general war is over.

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and in short could, at a pinch, keep a
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