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Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cuddling Children.

Once there was a little boy named Jimmy. And he had always lived in the city, and the only animals he had ever seen were horses, dogs and cats. But he had heard of leopards, because one of his boy friends had told him all about them and how they had spots on them and they could climb trees and eat people.

Well, one day he went to the country, and in course of time his cousin, who was older than he, helped him into an apple tree and then went into the house to get something maybe it was an apple.

Jimmy was rather alarmed at being left alone in the tree, but he managed to stay there. Suddenly he saw a beast come prowling up the road. It was about the size of a leopard, as he imagined, and it was covered with spots even larger than a leopard would have, so it must be (thought Jimmy) a very awful kind of leopard. And, to make things worse, this leopard had a pair of horns, and large, ferocious-looking ears, and every now and then it roared like this: "Moo-oo, moo-oo." Jimmy was frightened half to death. But he had the slim hope that the beast would go away without seeing him.

Oh, horrible! The animal came right to the tree, and put its head right up among the branches, and began to sniff. Then it ate an apple. Jimmy was sure that in a moment it would climb the tree after him, so he got up to the top of the tree, though how he did it he couldn't tell till next day. He was weak and white with fear when he reached the top branch. The dreadful beast now came close to the trunk and began to rub up and down. Now he would spring up into the tree, beyond a doubt! But just as Jimmy thought he was crouching for a spring he saw his uncle come out of the house, and he screamed to him, "Oh, Uncle Ed, save me, save me! This leopard is going to eat me!"

Now, some uncles would have thought the matter a huge joke, but Uncle Ed was not that kind. He knew that to little Jimmy the horned beast was as bad as the most terrible leopard that ever roamed the jungle, and so he went over to the tree and said, "My boy, you are safe while I am here, because, in the first place, this kind of leopard can't climb a tree; and, in the second place, it isn't a leopard at all, but a cow; and, in the third place, it is Daisy, our pet cow; and if you take my word for it you can ride on her back as if she were a horse."

There was something in Uncle Ed's voice that had a very calming effect on Jimmy, and inside of two minutes the dreadful leopard that had come to eat him was turned into a good-natured old cow, and he rode her all around the place, holding on to Uncle Ed's hand.

Now Jimmy is grown up and has a Jimmy of his own, but he will never forget the horror of that five minutes with a horned leopard.—Outlook.

where they preen and dress their feathers in the early hours of the morning. Sparrows bathe often, both in water and in dust. They are not so particular about the quality of water as about the quality of the dust. The city sparrow must take a water bath where he can get it. Road dust, the driest and finest possible, suits him best. Partridges prefer dry loam. They like to scratch out the soil from under the grass, and fill their feathers with cool earth. Most birds are fond of ashes. Take a walk some early morning across a field where bonfires have burned, and see the numbers of winged creatures that rise suddenly from the ash heaps. A darning form, a small cloud of ash, and the bathers disappear.

A Girl's Accomplishments.

Some one has suggested twelve things that every girl can learn before she is 12. Not every one can learn to play or sing or paint well enough to give pleasure to her friends, but the following "accomplishments" are within everybody's reach:

- Shut the door, and shut it softly.
- Keep your own room in tasteful order.
- Have an hour for rising, and rise.
- Learn to make bread as well as cake.
- Never let a button stay off twenty-four hours.
- Always know where your things are.
- Never let a day pass without doing something to make somebody comfortable.
- Never come to breakfast without a collar.
- Never go about with your shoes unbuttoned.
- Speak clearly enough for everybody to understand.
- Never fidget or hum so as to disturb others.
- Never fuss or fret.

STAR DISTANCES.

Are So Enormous as To Be Practically Inconceivable.

The stars are suns and they look like mere shining points of light because they are so far away. The nearest is so far that a cannon shot fired in Adam's time from the Garden of Eden, and flying continually with undiminished speed, would even now hardly have started on its journey. It would be as if a train bound for another town had just pulled well out of the station.

On a summer evening you may see Arcturus high up in the south or south-west in June or July, and further down in the west in August or September. You will know it by its red color. That star has been flying straight ahead ever since astronomers began to observe it, at such a speed that it would run from New York to Chicago in a small fraction of a minute. You would have to be sly to rise from your chair, put on your hat and overcoat and gloves, go out on the street while it was crossing the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Liverpool. And yet if you should watch that star all your life, and live as long as Methuselah, you would not be able to see that it moved at all. The journey it would make in a thousand years would be as nothing alongside its distance.

Many, perhaps most, of the stars are really much larger and brighter than the sun. Canopus, as it appears to us, is the second brightest star in the heavens. It never rises in our northern latitudes; to see it well you would have to go at least as far south as the gulf States. Although it shines to us only as a very bright star, it is really thousands of times as bright as the sun. If our earth should fly as near to it as it is to the sun, the whole sky would seem to be ablaze, and everything combustible on the earth's surface—forests, houses, and fences—would be burned by the fervent heat as if thrown into a hot fire. But the distance of Canopus is immeasurably great, so that astronomers have not been able to learn anything certain about it. The most interesting conclusion from this is that Canopus, although it is only a star in the sky, is really thousands of times brighter than the sun.—Professor Simon Newcomb in the Youth's Companion.

MADE RICH BY SALTED MINE.

Two Widows Get Wealthy After Being Imposed Upon by Sharper.

A good story is going the rounds about how two prospectors had salted a mine in the Galena district in order to rob a couple of rich widows, which resulted in the aforesaid widows becoming much wealthier.

The prospectors had spent their last cent in digging a hole in the ground to the extent of sixty feet without striking anything but yellow clay. But one of them knew of two rich widows who were just spilling to have their money sunk in a mine. Accordingly they spent two nights in salting their mine. They hadn't sufficient money to buy some paying dirt, but they stole this from a neighboring mine and hauled a lot of it over to dump into their mine. When several tons of this "paying dirt" had accumulated in the bottom of their mine the widows were sent for, and while one was talking about the increasing value of the district the other was dumping out all kinds of lead and zinc ore before their astonished eyes. The widows bought a half interest in that hole in the ground for \$1,500. The next day there was no more ore in the shaft and the fellows declared they would dig no longer. Then the widows bought the other half interest at a total cost of \$2,000, and the men hiked out for Missouri, laughing in their sleeves.

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Pro Bono Publico. The issue of Collier's Weekly for May 26th is strongly tinged with a political flavor which makes it an admirable preliminary to the two conventions at Philadelphia and Kansas City. The special article by Senator Frye, of Maine, is a clarified summary of legislation for which the Fifty-sixth congress is responsible. Senator Frye's position as president of the senate gives this article an ex cathedra tone that is most convincing. No other man in the United States is qualified to prepare so moderate and unbiased a synopsis of the winter's legislation. The idea of political activity is further carried out by Henry Loomis Nelson in his judicial article on the issue of imperialism. Mr. Nelson is qualified by his ripe experience to handle the delicate subject of territorial expansion in a way that must bring true light to every conscientious American.

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