



Little Stories and Incidents that Will Interest and Entertain Young Readers

Little Pad and the Bumblebee. A round little lad stuck his nose one day in a hollyhock big and red...

And little Pad Boy, when his hurt was well And gone was the terrible pain...

Boys Are Great Apple Eaters. What would the boy of to-day do without apples? Wherever you see a lot of apples there are sure to be boys...

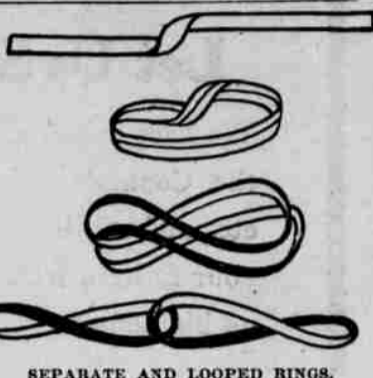
The genuine apple eater comforts himself with an apple in their season as others with a pipe or cigar.

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the other as shown in the third and fourth views. Perplexing as this may seem at first glance, the explanation is quite simple.

Immediate Results. One day my little brother insisted on staying out in the rain. On being asked why he did not come in he said: "I have to get watered so I'll grow."

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FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

Hints for Homemakers.

"In my one-servant establishment," says a housekeeper, "I have discovered by experimenting that the weekly wash is lessened by the use of a bare table at breakfast and luncheon. Square linen plate dollies are at each corner, two larger ones, also square, lie diamond-wise through the center of the table.



Bridal wreaths of orange blossoms were first used by the Arabs. As the orange bears fruit and flower at the same time it is considered to be an emblem of prosperity.

A Rumanian girl on seeing the new moon invokes her thus: "New queen! In health thou hast found me, in health leave me. Thou hast found me unwed, leave me with a handsome husband."

In Toledo the Board of Aldermen has made a rule that henceforward women shall be debarred from employment as clerks or stenographers in the service of the city.

The first needle used in England was made in Queen Mary's reign by a negro, who unfortunately died before imparting the secret to any one.

Housewives in Florida scrub their floors with oranges. In almost every town in the orange-growing district women may be seen using oranges for scouring.

To Enlighten Chinese Girls. To Miss Martha Berninger, of Catawissa, Pa., has fallen the honor of being appointed the first secretary to China by the Young Women's Christian Association.



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In contrast to these offenders, there is the less aggressive type who is herself the leader of a little knot of followers who are not so accomplished, or so happily situated—not so popular and less authoritative than herself.

To One Woman. You say that you are but a woman—you who are so very wonderful to me. You tell me there is little you can do, little, indeed, that all the world can see.

Oh, little woman-heart, be glad, be glad That you are what God made you! Well I know How you have nerved me when the day was sad.

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Even the flesh brush was brought into use, or rough mittens, which forced the blood to the skin surface. Perhaps this could not be done all at once, because feminine bodies had been pampered and the skin was tender.

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New York correspondence:

FEW warm days have shown that women actually have bought and had made up into street rigs the extremely light colored fabrics with which the counters have been covered for months.

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is dark. Either gray or white is used almost exclusively, else, as one tailor said, it would make the suit too heavy.

The lessening of trimmings in tailor gowns is due to a desire to mark more plainly the difference between street gowns and the more dressy attire that may serve for calling.

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FINANCIAL CONCERNS ARE GROWING IN NUMBERS AND AMOUNT OF BUSINESS.

SOME recently published statistics attest the surprising growth of national banks and savings banks in the United States. In 1894 there were fewer than 600 national banking associations and their aggregate capital was considerably less than \$100,000,000.

"Hans Breitmann" and Bret Hart. The late Charles K. Leland, in his chatty and interesting memoirs, tells us that all the principal "Hans Breitmann" poems, except the "Barty" and "Breitmann as a Politician," were merely written to fill up letters to a friend, and that he kept no copies of them; in fact, utterly forgot them.

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