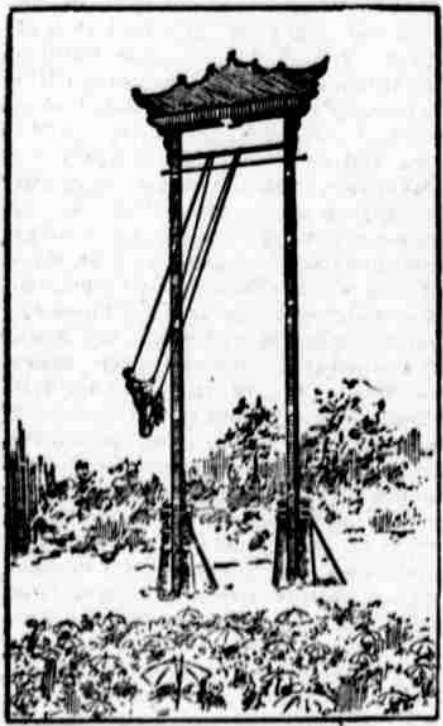


FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

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

When the harvests are gathered and the season's work is finished the Slamese become a wonderfully jolly people. They have festivals, where they play like an army of big children let out for a romp, but they enjoy the "sky swing" best of all. This festival swing is a gigantic structure over ninety feet high, and its seat is nearly fifty feet above the ground. When the crowd is all ready for the sport, there is a blare of trumpets, and two lightly dressed natives climb up the side pillars to the high cross-bar, walk nimbly out to the swing-ropes fastened nearly 100 feet above the ground, and then slide down to the frail seat of the swing. Then



A SKY SWING.

the fun begins. Like a couple of boys in an ordinary backyard swing the Slamese men begin to "teeter" the swing back and forth till it gets to flying at a speed of perhaps a mile a minute. The swingers work till the swing-ropes stand out at right angles to the frame; then they sit, one on the other, and wait for the swing to end its pendulations. Usually there are very exciting contests to see which team of swingers can make the swing fly the highest, and it occasionally happens that a man will lose his grip and fly through the air to certain and almost instant death.

An Emperor's Playthings.
Emperor Kuang Hsu, of China, is said to have the finest collection of toys of any monarch. While still a little boy he became deeply interested in all sorts of foreign inventions, and, being an emperor, the small celestial had his taste gratified, and toy models were secured of whatever he took a fancy to. He was given a miniature railroad train perfect in design, an electric car, watches, musical toys, a phonograph and hosts of other things that he fancied. After having learned to ride the bicycle the young monarch caught his imperial cue in the rear wheel while riding one day and was picked off the machine with as little ceremony as if he had been just an ordinary China boy. But the eunuch who had bought the bicycle for the Emperor was banished in disgrace. From being interested in foreign inventions Kuang Hsu became fond of foreign books, including the Bible, and as soon as he became old enough to actually rule he began to introduce foreign methods in his kingdom. This new plan worked all right until it resulted in the discharge of high officials and the dismissal of viceroys and governors. These appealed to the Empress Dowager and Kuang Hsu was locked up to keep him out of mischief from an Oriental standpoint.

Old Santa in Summer.
Whilst you are wading in stream or pool, ducking and diving in waters cool, Old Santa's sharp'n'g up every tool To fashion some toys for you.
And this is the song he'll hum, hum, hum:
"I'll make a trumpet and drum, drum drum.
Then they can have the jolliest noise—I love to be working for good little boys!"

While you're enjoying the scented breeze, Swinging in hammocks 'neath leafy trees, Old Santa, with greatest ease, Will dress up some dolls for you.
The song she'll sing is: "Stitch, stitch, stitch,
Which is the prettiest—which, which, which.
Black eyes or blue eyes, frizzes or curls? I love to be sewing for good little girls!"

The reindeer, browsing 'mid Arctic snows,
Searching for moss with an eager nose, Are getting ready to pull, pull, pull, Old Santa's pack when it's full, full, full.
Over the snow with dolls and with toys For good little girls and for good little boys.
—Youth's Companion.

Railway Controlled by Children.
What is probably the smallest working electric railway in the country is now being built in Macon, Mo. It is owned by the Blee's Miniature Rapid Transit Company, and when completed will be a mile in length, running around the grounds of a private park. The gauge of the road is three feet two inches, and each car will carry eight people. The corporation which controls this miniature railway is also on a small scale, for the officers are children. Frederick Blee, 13 years old, is

President and motorman; Alvin Blee, 10 years old, is Vice President; Roy Denalow, 13 years of age, is Secretary; the Treasurer is 8-year-old Willie Blee; and the Assistant Superintendent is Raymond Kirsch, who is 13 years old. The road operates in Mrs. Blee's park, and is capitalized for \$10,000, just as a company of "grown-ups" would be.

Making It Easier.
Little Jean's dolly had met with an accident, and her mother had procured a new head for it. The removal of the old head proved to be a rather difficult task, which Jean watched with great interest.

"I'm afraid, Jean, I can't get this old head off," said the mother.
Jean's face glowed with the light of an inspiration, as she said:
"Never mind, mamma, just take the body off."

A Penny Apiece.
The minister had been talking about the necessity of a new heart, and little Bessie's father, taking her on his knees, asked her if she knew what a new heart was.
"Oh, yes," replied the little miss, "you can buy one at the candy store for a penny."

Johnny's Heroism.
"This won't do," exclaimed Mrs. Box excitedly, "there's thirteen at table."
"Never mind, ma," shouted little Johnny, "I kin eat for two."

Maybe He Needed It.
"Why, Willie," said the lady caller, "how tanned you are."
"Yes'm," replied the boy, "pa done it."

Chopin's Appreciative Audience.
When Chopin, the great composer and pianist, was a young man, he traveled through Poland with a friend and was one day snowbound. Some peasants succeeded in getting the sleigh out of the drift, and escorted the strangers to a post-house to exchange horses.

As the travelers entered the little house, Chopin went to the piano, and, striking a few chords, exclaimed joyfully, "Santa Cecilia, the piano is in tune!" and seated himself at the instrument. As he sat there improvising, the peasants stole in and stood watching him with mingled amazement and delight.

"We shall see whether they are lovers of music," said Chopin softly to his friend, and thereupon he began to play his fantasia on Polish airs. The peasants stood in silence, their eyes fixed on the pianist's flying fingers and their faces irradiated with pleasure.

Suddenly the postmaster announced, "The horses are ready." Chopin started up, but a dozen voices cried, "Finish that wonderful piece—finish it!" And the postmaster, who had heard only a few bars, said pleadingly:
"I'll give you a courier, horses, everything you want, if you will remain just a little while."

The fantasia was finished, and at last the pianist was allowed to depart, though with many expressions of sorrow from the enraptured group.
Years afterward, when all Paris fell under the charm of his skill, Chopin often recalled the tribute paid him by those Polish peasants.

The Secret of This Opal.
A New Orleans jeweler tells a rather whimsical little story at the expense of a gentleman of this city who plumes himself on his freedom from superstition. "Back in the '80s some time," said the jeweler, "he bought an opal ring while on a visit to El Paso, Tex. The setting was supposed to come from the Mexican mines and was remarkably handsome and full of fire. It was mounted with ten small brilliants and made really a very striking ornament; but, as usual, the friends of its owner were continually predicting that it would bring him bad luck. He laughed at their alarm and finally took a good deal of pride in vaunting his superiority to popular superstition. About a month ago he lost one of the brilliants and brought the ring here for repairs. 'I've worn this opal for over ten years,' he said, 'and I've yet to discover that it was responsible for any misfortune. Plague take such silly notions, anyhow.' When I repaired the mount I examined the setting carefully and was greatly amused to discover that it wasn't an opal at all, but merely a piece of colored glass. Opals, by the way, are easily imitated, the current belief to the contrary notwithstanding. When I told the gentleman about it it made him so mad that he gave the ring to his negro porter."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Contraband.
In English country places the lilac is considered an unlucky flower. A single boutonniere of lilac has been held responsible for solitary spinsterhood. For the same reason mothers with marriageable daughters never allow a jug of sweet smelling blossoms inside the house. It may stand on the outside of the window sill, but "there's no love luck about the house" when there are lilacs in it. To give one's sweetheart a sprig of the flower is the death blow to the most secure of engagements. White lilacs are even more fatal to love affairs than the colored ones; they are, in fact, as ominous as an opal ring. Love, however, laughs at artificial flowers, and only the real tree grown ones can come between the lover and his lass. Stony hearted bachelors sometimes sport a lilac boutonniere as a charm against feminine blandishments.

Oriental Babies.
Two hundred babies of Oriental parentage were recently displayed in a baby show in San Francisco. The boys had their heads shaved, while the girls had their hair stiffened with beads and paper flowers.

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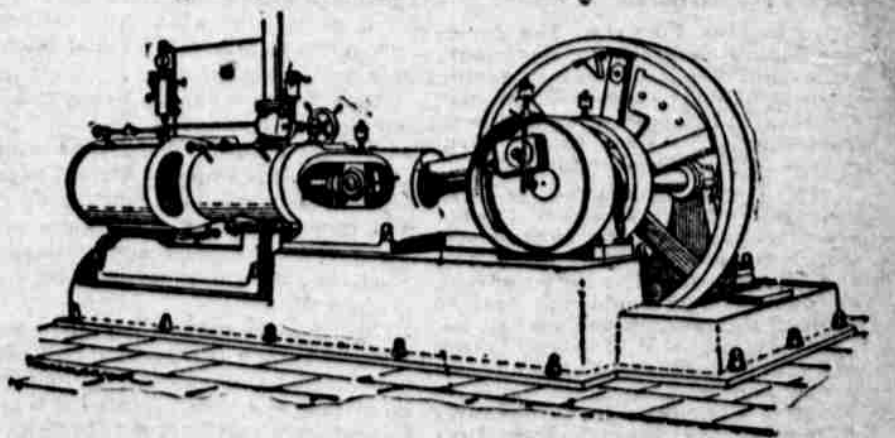
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