



This series of articles is intended to suggest a few of the ways in which a boy's surroundings in the country may furnish him with healthy exercise and amusement.

There is a particular class of amusements to which boys are much given to but little understood by the older people. I mean the amusements which have to do with imagining oneself something quite different from what one really is.



GETTING READY TO SIGNAL.

was engaged; making arrows, searching for reasons hickory out of which to fashion new bows, or, possibly, holding a tournament to prove the efficiency of the band in the use of their weapons.

The alphabet is given in the diagram accompanying this article. The black line directly under the printed alphabet can be drawn in dirt or scratched on a board.

When I have alluded, this means of writing was of great assistance in gathering the band, and in making known to late comers the commands of their redoubtable leader.

At certain rendezvous, details of the plan for the day would be left, and in this way different members of the band could at any time learn where their fellows were to be found, and in what they

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represent the letter D. A stone placed so that its lower edge just touches the line, represents the letter B. A stone placed so that its upper edge just touches the line represents the letter C. A stone placed just above the line, not touching it, represents the letter E. Two stones placed vertically across the line, represents the letter F. Two stones placed horizontally across the line, represent the letter P. Two stones placed obliquely across the line, slanting upward from left to right,

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THE WISH THAT DID NOT KEEP A Fairy Story Told in Modern Language

THERE was once a Princess of surpassing beauty, who gave the glad smile and the cheery word to a fairy who had got her dates mixed, and had forgotten the way back to Fairyland.

After she had gone the Princess sat wondering how she could spend her wish. The Princess said to the fairy, "Our castle would be all right, but the shingle stain has washed off and the roof on the east end has fallen in."

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NIGNI, THE DWARF THE ADVENTURES OF A LITTLE MAN AS WRITTEN BY HIMSELF



HE LIFTED ME UP AND KISSED ME.

I HAVE now come to my last chapter as I am sorry to say, for I like to write for the boys and girls and hope I have interested a large number of them.

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Mr. Yeddo, when I showed him the letter, "I would like to go home to my father," I replied, "Very well; you shall go. Only two or three days ago I was telling Anak that we had made money enough to carry us through the rest of our lives, and that there was one man among them who would do anything and be off for our own loved Japan."

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bow down to him. At any rate, he was jealous of the attention shown me, and as I was promoting the deck he came up to me and said: "Sit!" I replied, as I stood off and looked at him, "do you mean to insult me?"

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HUGE NEST OF AN EAGLE THE AERY IS A GIGANTIC AFFAIR AND GROWS LARGER EACH YEAR OF OCCUPANCY BY FRANCIS H. HERRICK

NOT long ago I had the good fortune to discover from a car window an eagle's nest. In September, 1899, while passing North Springfield, O., not far from Girard, I noticed the top of a dead tree a huge dark object which at once aroused my curiosity.

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QUEEREST PETS IN THE WORLD Are Seen in the New York Aquarium

IF you were asked what the very queerest pets in the world were you would no doubt guess and guess never be able to guess right unless it happened that you had been in New York and seen them.

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DOMESTIC AFFAIRS IN BIRD WORLD THE TEMPORARY HOMES OF BIRDS AND STUDY OF LIFE IN FEATHERS BY OLIVE THORNE MILLER

IN our efforts toward a better acquaintance with our feathered neighbors most important is a study of their home-making, since that brings out their intelligence as well as their individuality.

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STORY OF CLEVER MR. FOX HOW HE FISHED AND HUNTED TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR HIS FAMILY BY E. BOYD SMITH

THE fox about which I am going to tell you and his mate had two young ones. And as they were always hungry, like most healthy children, he was out hunting from morning till night, and often through the night, too, trying to get them enough to eat.

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LOOKING FOR EXCITEMENT

"You can't tell me," said young Mrs. Tokins, "that poker is as good a game as progressive euchre."

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