

STORIES AND PICTURES FOR THE LITTLE ONES.



The Circus of Long Ago

BY ANNA WALL EDWARDS. I must not forget to tell you about my trip to the circus. The recent visit of Barnum & Bailey has reminded me of it.

one of her big rattlesnakes. Her high stand had a rail around it, and she would take snakes from many boxes, coil them around her body and do all sorts of wonderful things with them.

The Lucky Lamb

I wish I were a little lamb. Because, I must confess, I'm very naughty—yes I am—When I am told to dress; I hate to dress, I do indeed—Because I cannot see the need



needed in finding the right thing for the little wire in the glass globe. The phonograph was invented accidentally. One day when he was at the telephone he happened to think that he could make a machine to reproduce the human voice.

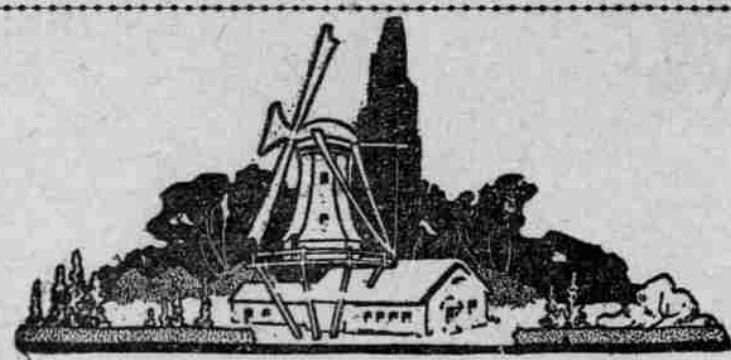


The New Roller Skates

BY VIRGINIA VALE. Once upon a time Henry's father brought him home a pair of roller skates. He had wanted them for a long time, but his mother thought he might hurt himself, and so his father had waited until now.

How proud he was of them! and he felt sure he could skate at once. He fastened them on and started to get up on his feet when, bump, down he went. As first he thought he would cry, for it hurt to go down on the hard pavement.

The Windmill by the Zuyder Zee



Far away in Zuyderland the windmills in the Spring Are busily all turning, as in the breeze they swing; And with squeak, squeak, squeak, And a creak, creak, creak, Time they keep for voices of the millers while they sing.

Just a little, rolled back its soft, bright edge the teentail bit ever, and droned, "What's the use of a little thing like me?"

Thomas Climbs to Success

IN February, 1847, there was born in Ohio a boy whose genius and hard work have placed him amongst the most prominent men of science.

and was such a smart little fellow that he did very well. He spent some of the money for materials to experiment with but most of it he gave to his parents who needed it.

A Japanese Fairy Tale

ALONG time ago there lived in Japan a father who had two married sons. He liked his daughters-in-law very much and they all lived very happily together.

branches. The voice told them that that picture represented the two wives and the flowers were the presents they would receive from their father-in-law when they went home.

On Top of the Giant Tree

BY L. D. STEARNS. The Tiniest Leaf on the very Tip-most Top of the Giant Tree shook itself

A Good Speller—What's His Name?



Myth of the First Moles

A rich man and a poor man each owned half of a field. Each man took care of his share and the northern part, which belonged to the rich man, had no crops on it, while the southern half, belonging to the poor man, was full of fine ripe grain and wheat.

owned the land. That night the two bad people pulled up some little bushes that grew near and the son hid in the hole where they had been.

Can You Find Them?

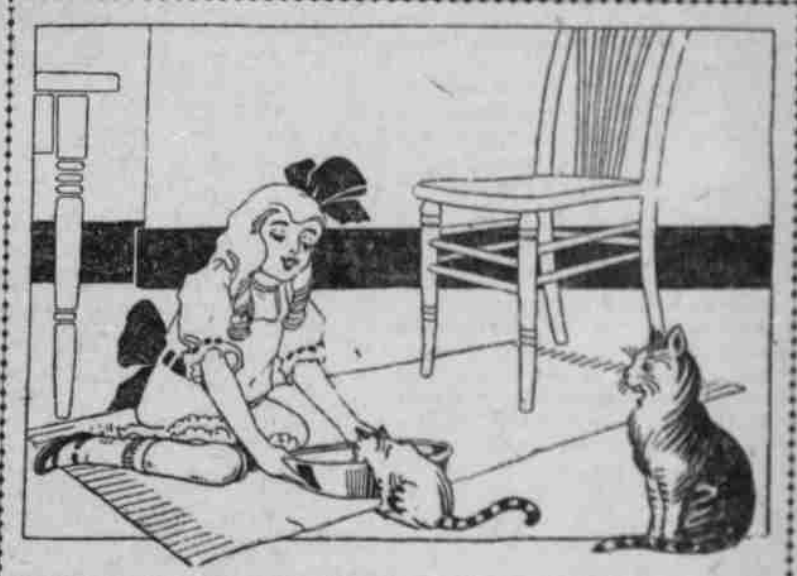
- Names of Oregon towns are concealed in three sentences. 1. The oil is in the can by the door. 2. That is all I have against John's way.

The Fox



The fox is cunning, cute and sly. He's quick and agile, swift and spry. He has so many clever tricks. It's hard to get him in a fix.

The Size Doesn't Count



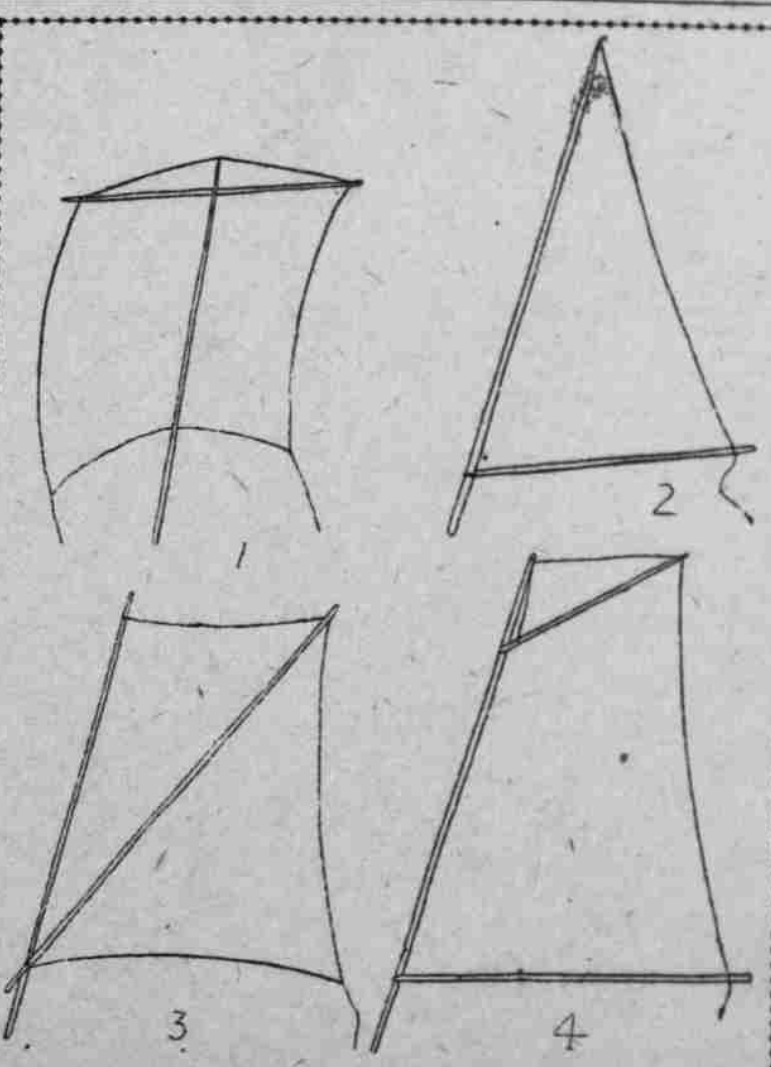
MY KITTY cried because she had to stay alone all day. So off I went to get another kitten, right away.

Some Interesting Facts About Sails

HISTORY has not recorded the name of the man who first spread an improvised sail from a mast, to relieve him from "padding his own canoe."

It is more than likely that the first sails ever used were shaped much like the one shown in figure 1. A shag-like skin is cut on the stones where boats of the ancients are represented.

The "square" sail, shown in figure 1, we know to be the most primitive form used on the boats of the Eskimo. All early sails seem to have been quite small in comparison with those of more modern times.



its position in the wind. In Fig. 1 we have a sail nearly square in form, but spread from the mast on one side, so that "sailing on the wind," or nearly against it, may be done, which would be impossible with the square sail of Fig. 1. This (Fig. 2) is called the "sprit" sail, and is only used on small boats.

The fore-and-aft sail is used on most sailing vessels of the present day, from the small catboats carrying one mast to the great five or seven-masted schooners, which bring our tea from the Kennebec River to the landing wharves of Washington, D. C., and points farther to our Southland.