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"NERVE WASTE" FOR THE CHILDREN

How We Saved the Cherries.
 Fold map of the United States in the middle, fold again crosswise, open it, and in the center is the place where I am listening to a catbird scold because our Maltese cat Ginger has left the barn and is coming slowly across the yard toward the house for her dinner.

Ginger is a very busy house mother just now. She has to care for and train her three kittens, black Agulnaldo, black and white Hobson and the perfect Maltese, Fred Funston. Ginger is coming to tell her mistress it is dinner time.

The catbird dislikes Ginger. Ginger dislikes the catbird today. She was punished yesterday for killing and eating one. She walks straight ahead to the sill of the window where I am sitting.

The catbird mocks the kittens, "Mew, mew, mew!"

Ginger takes no notice.

All catbirds dislike cats as much as they do snakes. Last year we thought we would make use of this knowledge and save our cherries which the birds were stealing, so we put a stuffed cat in the cherry tree.

Did we save our cherries? Yes, but not in the way we expected.

When the stuffed cat was discovered in the tree, a bird flew around and told all its relatives. You see, they do not have any bird telephone line.

One of their number could not leave. She was sitting on a round nest made of weeds and grass and leaves in which were six spotted, greenish blue eggs, but all the others came to see the cat. They perched on the yellow rose tree, on the "bridal wreath," on the lilac shrubs, up on the plum tree and, still higher, on a swaying branch of the young walnut.

They looked at it, ridiculed, and they laughed at that cat, but it did not move. They cried, "Mew!" in every tone of voice the wonderful mimics could invent, but that stuffed cat did not wink an eye. They started a concert, mocking the notes of other birds, until it sounded as if the forest across the river had been transplanted, with all its blue jays, redbirds, orioles, sparrows and even meadow larks, right in to our back dooryard. But it was no use. That stuffed cat could not be charmed or frightened.

Then they held a council. The family from the kitchen windows watched the result.

Those catbirds belong to the thrush family, and, oh, how they do sing morning and evening! The children have little books and write down their songs, so we know they can sing. But what horrible discords they did make when their council ended!

They did not like the idea of having that cat up in their cherry tree, we knew by the tones of their voices and by the way they jerked their tails from side to side, and they made up their minds that, cat or no cat, they would have the cherries.

The bird from the walnut flew to the top of the cherry tree and went back with a mouthful of cherry. The bird from the rosebush went to the tree lower down and took a bite. Then several birds went taking a snip from a luscious cherry above, below and all around the cat. At last, what do you think, a beautiful large catbird flew right at the stuffed thing in the tree and cried in most derisive tones, "Mew, mew!"

How did we save our cherries? Oh, we had to pick them before they were ripe.—C. F. Wilder in Youth's Companion.

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FACTS IN FEW LINES

The shipping trade along the Central American coasts is to a large extent in German hands.

The Bank of France compels customers checking out money to accept at least one-fifth in gold coin.

Three hundred Mediterranean lemons yield only 20 ounces of citric acid against 27 ounces by the California fruit.

A Strassburg newspaper reports the discovery at Neustadt of the bones of a reindeer while digging a cellar four yards deep.

A New York paper says the biggest industry in that state is the public school system, with 1,209,574 pupils and 34,000 teachers.

Ascension Island, the British station in the south Atlantic, has been connected by cable with Sierra Leone and thereby with England.

Of the 20,608,251 bottles of champagne exported from France in the past 12 months it appears that at least 3,000,000 bottles came to this country.

Officers who lose arms or legs in the service of the British army will in future be supplied with artificial limbs at the cost of the government. No provision, it seems, is made for the private.

It is said that at present the new steamship Celtic cannot be loaded to her utmost capacity, as she would in that event probably ground on the bar of New York harbor, where the depth at low water is about 32 feet.

Last year the coinage of gold in the United States amounted to \$107,937,110, bringing the total of gold coined from the foundation of the mint to \$2,147,088,113. At the present rate that total will be duplicated within the next 20 years.

There has been a marked decrease in the population of French India of late. In five settlements, with a total of 273,185 inhabitants, there has been a decrease of more than 11,000 in the last ten years, though they have been free from famine and plague.

Frosts are unknown in the orange belt of southern California, and the growers are constantly experimenting, with the result that the fruit has been brought to a state of perfection scarcely dreamed of 15 years ago, when it was coarse and stringy, with more pulp than juice.

A YOUNG LADY'S LIFE SAVED.

AT PANAMA, COLOMBIA, BY CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

Dr. Chas. H. Utter, a prominent physician of Panama, Colombia, in a recent letter, states: "Last March I had as a patient a young lady 16 years of age, who had a very bad attack of dysentery. Everything I prescribed for her proved ineffectual and she was growing worse every hour. Her parents were sure she would die. She had become so weak that she could not turn over in bed. What to do at this critical moment was a study to me; but I thought of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and as a last resort prescribed it. The most wonderful result was effected. Within eight hours she was feeling much better, inside of three days she was upon her feet, and at the end of one week was entirely well." For sale by City Drug Store.

The latest fad of critics, the New York Press says, is to rebel against the names of months. They point out that it is absurd for Europeans and Americans of today to dedicate one-sixth of the year to the memory of Julius Caesar and Augustus, to name a third after heathen gods and goddesses, to have two months of doubtful nomenclature and to designate the remaining four by misleading numerals, September being obviously ninth and not seventh in order.

A Frenchman lately conceived the idea of dosing a geranium plant with alcohol to see what effect the spirit would have on it. He poured the alcohol on the earth around the plant. First the leaves turned yellow and gave off an odor as of ether. Then symptoms of poisoning appeared, the rootlets turned black and seemed to have been burned, the circulation stopped in the branches, the leaves drooped toward the earth, and in four days the beautiful plant had become a total wreck.

How She Rules Him.

"Skipplint's wife certainly has remarkable success in managing him. I wonder how she does it."

"When he undertakes to deny her anything she really wants, she threatens to sue him for divorce."

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