How Cordula Won the Prize

On the day that the Princess Brigit-She had so much wanted to win that er had been iil.

The beautiful Princess Brigitta was a the prize of a gold piece to the little girl who could present the best specimen of her own needlework. Now the day had come on which the work was to be exhibited and the prize awarded.

Each little girl brought forward her work when she was called and laid it a a small table beside the princess. When it was Cordula's turn there were mears in her blue eyes as she told the reason of her empty hands.

"But, dear child," replied the princess, "thou sayest that the mother is better. Hast thou had no time, then. for some little piece of sewing?"

"Indeed, I have not!" the little girl said earnestly. "Now that the mother is able to cook and sweep I have had to mend stockings all the time I am the baby. Oh, they make so many holes in the stockings, dear Princess Brig-Hite.

"Ah, little one, run bome and fetch one of those stockings thou hast lately mended."

Once in her father's cottage a new difficulty arose. All the stockings that had been mended had been put on that very morning. Not one pair was left. Then Cordula, in despair, turned to the baby. He had been dressed only a couple of hours. Could one of his little stockings be spared? The mother drew it from the rosy foot, scanned it carefully and said:

"Take it, child, and if thou tellest her why the creases are there I am sure she will pardon them."

So the baby's stocking took its place among the dainty muslins and silks and linens and when the prize was awarded it did not go to Sibylla for her hemstitching nor to Helene for her silk embroidery. No: it went to dear little Cordula, because the princess declared that the stitches in the baby's stocking were the very smallest and evenest of all and that the little darn was the most beautiful piece of needlework there.

The Bird Catcher.

The player who takes the direction of game is the catcher. Every other player selects some bird for imitation when called upon by the bird catcher. who stands in the center of the seated ring of players and relates a story referring to each bird. As the name of each bird is mentioned the one who has chosen it makes a sound similar to that made by the bird, and each player must have his hands placed on his knees. If the bird catcher refers to the owl, every one places his hands behind him and keeps them there until another bird is spoken of, when the hands are placed in the former position on the knees. If the catcher can get hold of a hand while it is moving, the owner of the hand pays a forfeit and takes the part of the bird catcher. During the course of the story, when the words "All the birds of the air" are spoken, all the players must imitate the bird they are representing.

Spontaneous Combustion.

Little experiments in the way of bringing about spontaneous combustion are often amusing and quite starthing. Here is one which may be accomplished without a particle of dan-

Mix a small quantity of chlorate of potassa with spirit of wine in a strong saucer or shallow bowl; then add a little sulphuric acid, and a beautiful erange colored vapor will arise and burst into flame with a loud cracking

A Syllable Game.

A pleasant pastime for little ones on bad days when getting out of doors is impossible is for them to take their slates and pencils and write across the tops of the siates a four syllabled word. Then see how many sentences can be written with the letters contained in this one word. Sometimes quite a story can be made up of words containing the letters spelling one very leng, many syllabled word.

The Lost Princess A FAIRY TALE

Once upon a time there was a beau ta's prize was to be awarded little Cor tiful princess named Helen, who wan dula went to school with a sad heart. dered away from her father's ground and got lost in a very dense forest.

prize. Sibvila and Franze and Helens. When she found out that she was and all the other girls had been work lost she sat down under a tree and ing on their bits of embroidery and fine erled until she fell asleep. Now, in this Bitle Cordula had been forced to cook and one day when he was out hunting the food and brush the rooms and keep he came across Helen sleeping under the baby happy, because the good moth | the tree, and he said to himself, "I will take that girl home and fatten her for Ohio, my supper." But when they got to the fine needlewoman, and she had offered castle Helen would not eat anything and the ogre became very augry and gave her five crayons, telling her to go in her room and color all the dots or the wall paper and if there were two dots of the same color he would give her a beating.

When Helen entered the room she prince standing with his back to the door busily touching the dots with hir fingers, and the minute he touched

them they changed to beautiful colors. Zubad (for that was his name) heard the door open and turned around and said: "I have loved you long, but be fore this I have had no other chance to price apply to F. D. Kuettner, Astoria, show my love. I can save you from the Oregon. wicked ogre on one condition." "What is that?" asked Helen. "You must not not in school for the five brothers and go to bed tonight, but sit in your room until I come for you."

Helen did as she was told, and a about midnight Zubad came for her is his golden chariot and took her to her father's palace. On the way there he asked her to marry him. Helen said that she would, and when they reached home they celebrated the wedding with great pomp and splendor. But wher the ogre found that Helen was gone he was so angry that he threw himself into the river.

Can You Tell?

Which country makes you shiver!

Which country gives you an appe tite? Turkey.

Which country reminds you of mealtime? Hungary Which country is always in a tur-

moll? Russian (rush-a). Which country is destructible? China.

Which country is always lamenting? Wales (wails).

Which country is always frozen Iceland.

Which country reminds one of summer? Greenland.

Which country is fishy? Finland. Which country, although old, is al-

ways new? Newfoundland. Which country is ever green? Isle

A large ball is made with either a leather or a canvas cover and stuffed with cotton to weigh from three to twelve pounds. One of the players is the player in whose hand it was last is "it." Players can run carrying the ball or save themselves by throwing the ball to another player. The ball should be constantly changing hands.

Hard to Tell.



Young Jame slid gayly on her way. She may not sitp-again, she may. -Washington Star.

A Burled City.

You will find a city buried within two words in one of the lines of the following stanza. It is a city far from this country. Can you tell what it is? Vain is this orient beauty's smile;

Too far these weary travelers roam; Hope kindles not at fairest wile Which falls to bring their western home. (Answer-Pekin.)

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