

POLLY EVANS' STORY PAGE for Boys and Girls

"God cannot be everywhere and so he made mothers"

THE STORY OF SYLVIA



WHEN Sylvia was brought to us she was hardly more than a baby, and one of the prettiest babies you ever saw.

PLEASE DO NOT HANDLE sign. And she was so much more happy and beautiful when let out of her cage to leap from chair to chair and go scrambling over the curtains and when standing on her hind feet a lonely little prisoner, with her nose against the pane that we never shut her up if we could find any one willing to watch her.

pin, which, strange as it may seem, she regarded as the choicest of the dainties, and bobbed down with amazing relish; and human beings were not the only ones who were fascinated. Awa of Sylvia's sharp teeth. The fox-terrier, too—poor little wretch—was afraid of her, and would run yelping from room to room with naughty Miss Sylvia biting his heels.

A Lesson in Gallantry



EVERY country has its own customs, many of which are very curious and picturesque. And some countries, like the United States, are so large that the customs of one section are quite different from those of another section of the same country.

THAT FELLOW DALE

THE boys of the Durham Boarding School were gathered on a very autumnal day in the gymnasium.



Dale was a new boy at the school, had never been away from home before and was inclined to be "shuffled," as the boys at the school had often remarked.

But he had found that Jimmie was not the only prisoner in the building, but that Mrs. Norman, the doctor's wife, had been taken to the hospital.

The Manx Cat

THERE once was a cat from the Isle of Man. And a dignified cat was he!



What did you do with that letter that was on my table? I asked a man of the colored boy who runs his office.

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Tricks And Games.

HERE is an extremely amusing trick! Place two persons on their knees, one on another; each is to kneel on one knee, with the other leg in the air.

THE game of Nations described by Mrs. Linscott in her book on entertaining is very interesting.



Get a good-sized cork or bung. Upon it place a small, lighted candle. Then set it adrift in a pan of water.

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Little Africananders At School

SUCH a strange sight as we would have seen if we could take an airship this morning and fly across the Atlantic to the shores of Africa!

from their homes by heathen slave-dealers, and being sold into dreadful slavery in some far-distant land.

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Robinson Crusoe

THE success of "Robinson Crusoe" was doubtless the reason why, in 1719, the Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Rudolf von Wray, a Swiss professor, early in the last century, set forth the experiences of a family cast away on an island untroubled by the foot of man.

Bogey Nursery Rhyme

Crosspatch, draw the latch. Sit by the fire and spin; Take a cup, and drink it up. And call the bogies in!

Shoes in Constantinople

TURKISH shoes, like Japanese shoes, are supposed to be made so loose fitting as to be easily slipped on and off.

Do You Know?

That hoas and pythons, two kinds of large snakes, have 28 pairs of ribs? That even grass will not grow well under the shade of trees?

Can You Tell?

Can you tell Polly Evans if there is any present tense or future tense of the verb "sought"?

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PUZZLES and PROBLEMS

Picture Puzzle. THE picture puzzle today will interest even the tiny little folks, because a very familiar rhyme is the answer to it.

These products. If you do that you will reach 100 before your opponent.

Drop Letter Puzzles. What cities in the United States? 1. B - - - - - 2. C - - - - - 3. D - - - - -



Two-Word Squares. (Each of these words has four letters.) 1. A very useful metal. 2. A kind of cord. 3. A precious stone.



Riddles. 1. In what month do the people of Bantam eat the least? 2. There are two natural brothers and yet only one of them is my uncle. How is that?

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Double Behanding. With my heads I am a staple food. Behind me and I am a verb. Behind me again and I am a preposition. Do you recognize me?

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Single Behanding. I am a sign of fortune and misfortune; behind me and I am a frog's water. What am I?

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