

# Polly Evans' Story Page for Boys and Girls

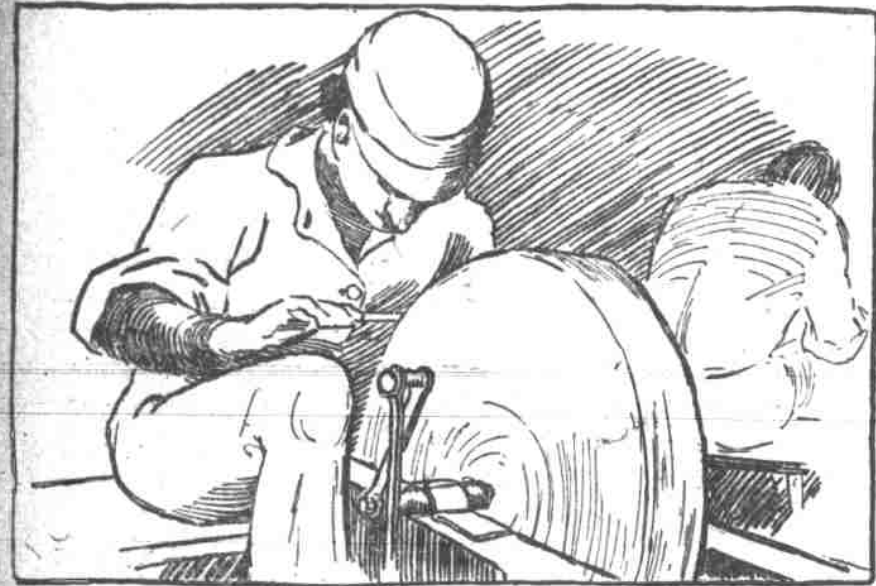
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## A Pocket Knife's Story



THE FORGER BEATS THE METAL INTO SHAPE

A TROUSERS pocket, after all, isn't the most cheerful place to be in, especially when that pocket is sticky with the remains of sweets. So you can't blame the Pocket-knife for condescending to address the copper Penny. However, he was an exceedingly dignified pocket-knife, possessing all of three blades, and his manner was haughty as he said to the Penny:

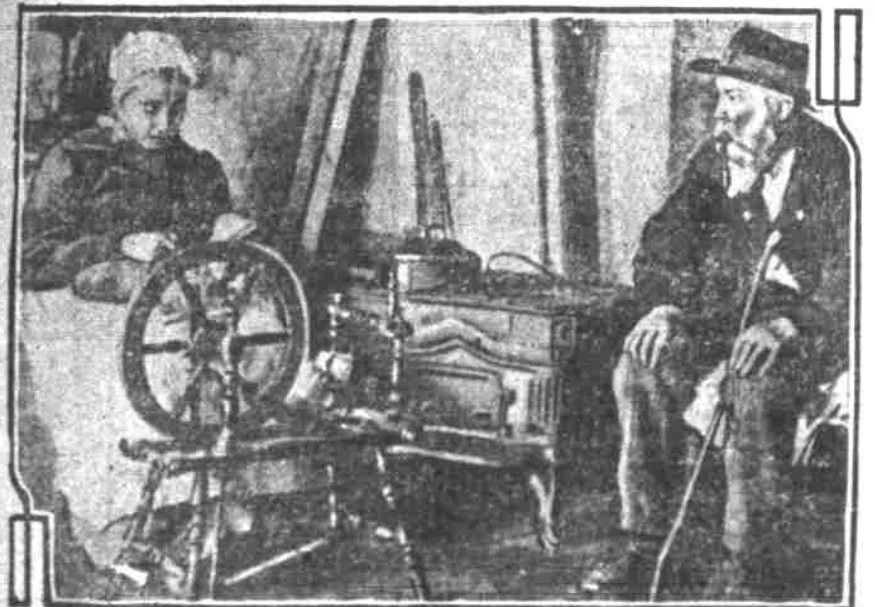


GRINDING THE STEEL

"When you've traveled about the country as much as I have, old fellow, you'll have more reason to talk about self-confidence," the disrespectful Penny replied.

parts were assembled, and I appeared much as you see me now. The blades were sharpened on an oilstone, and the polishing was completed on a revolving wheel covered with a soft skin.

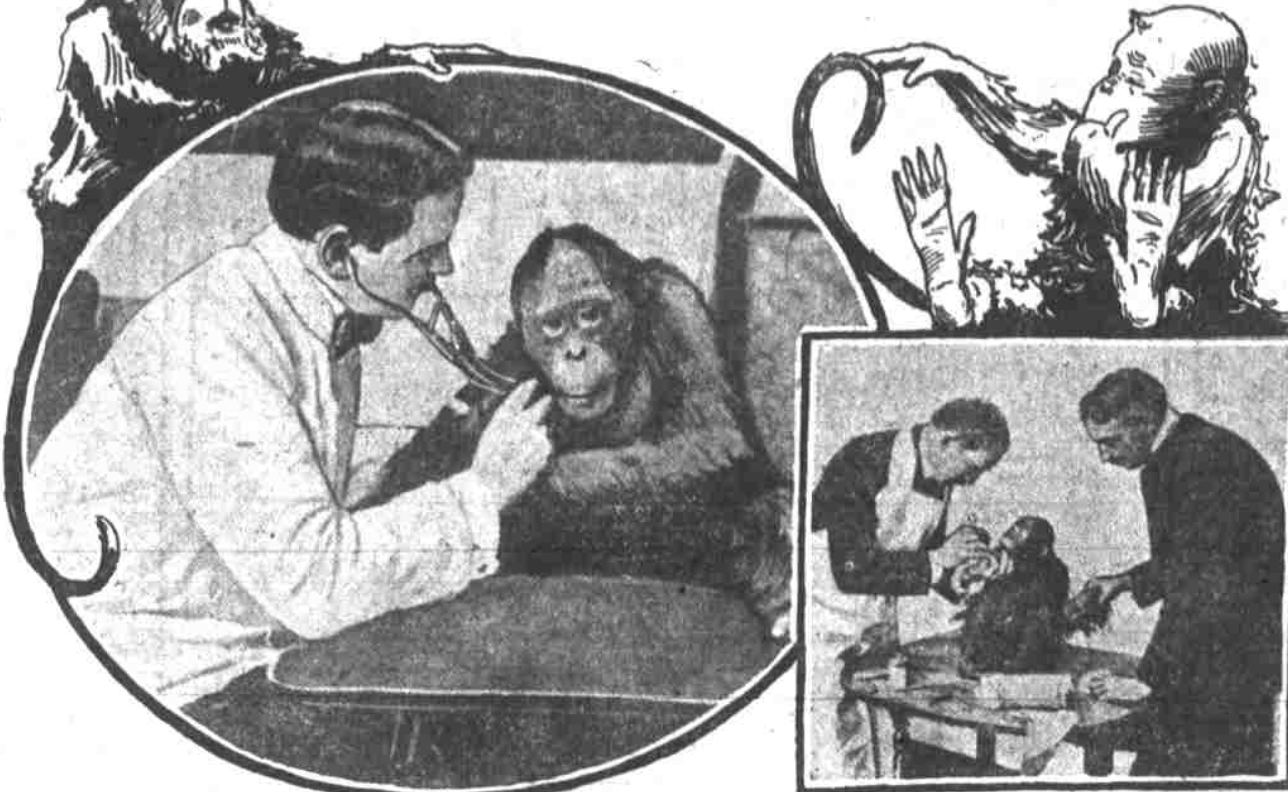
## THE DREAM SPINDLE



AND must the rest of my life be utterly worthless!" muttered Granny, bitterly, to herself. Nor was this the first time that the good old woman had so complained. For many months she had worried and fretted. Until lately every house in the village had known the cheerful presence of Granny as she sped upon her innumerable errands of mercy and comfort. Never had she concerned herself about her own affairs. Always was her thoughts of others. Now, since she had become too feeble to go forth from her little cottage, she sorrowed because she feared her usefulness was ended.

thought she seemed to read. Marvelling greatly, they would go thence to tell their friends of the old woman's wisdom. People flocked to her. But much of the information which Granny could readily have imparted she kept to herself. In the futures of some among those who called she read many unpleasant troubles and trials, the nature of which she had not the heart to disclose.

## TRIBULATIONS of JIMMY



THE MAN DOCTOR WOULD EXAMINE JIMMY FREQUENTLY

JIMMY considers himself a much-abused chimpanzee. And perhaps Jimmy is right. In the first place, it wasn't very nice to be taken away from a pleasant home in western equatorial Africa, where Jimmy was just beginning to enjoy life. He had outgrown his mother's care. No longer need he sit in the nest high up among leafy boughs, where the restraining hands of his mother would seize him when he leaned too far over the edge to peer at his father, squatting beneath. And he was now able to scamper away with the other young monkeys, playing among the trees and eating nuts and luscious fruits. Truly, Jimmy had glorious times then.

captured by hunters, carried a long distance through the forest and then placed in a big ship, which bore him thousands of miles across the ocean.

them in queer little grunts and even does amusing little tricks. Yet he cannot forget his grievance against these cruel Men People, and at times—especially when he's feeling worse than usual—he curls himself up in a corner and dreams and dreams of the Chimpanzee Folk in Africa, and wonders why the Man Doctor and the keepers, who really seem friendly by sending him back to his own home and his own people, Jimmy is sure the Chimpanzee Folk would never capture a man and keep him prisoner among the trees in Africa just for the chimpanzees and gorillas and monkeys to look at.

### Cousin Alice

NEVER was any little girl more of a tomboy than was Alice. Leaving her playthings, her household duties, her work-basket, even abandoning her doll, she perched herself upon a limb of the old apple tree and thought for the hundredth time how much happier boys are than girls.

The boy cousins were given fencing lessons regularly. Alice was to learn this sport, too. At first she thought it was great fun—an immense improvement upon sewing doll's clothing—but it was not long before she became weary.

Why She Liked It  
A CERTAIN clergyman met a little boy outside the rectory.

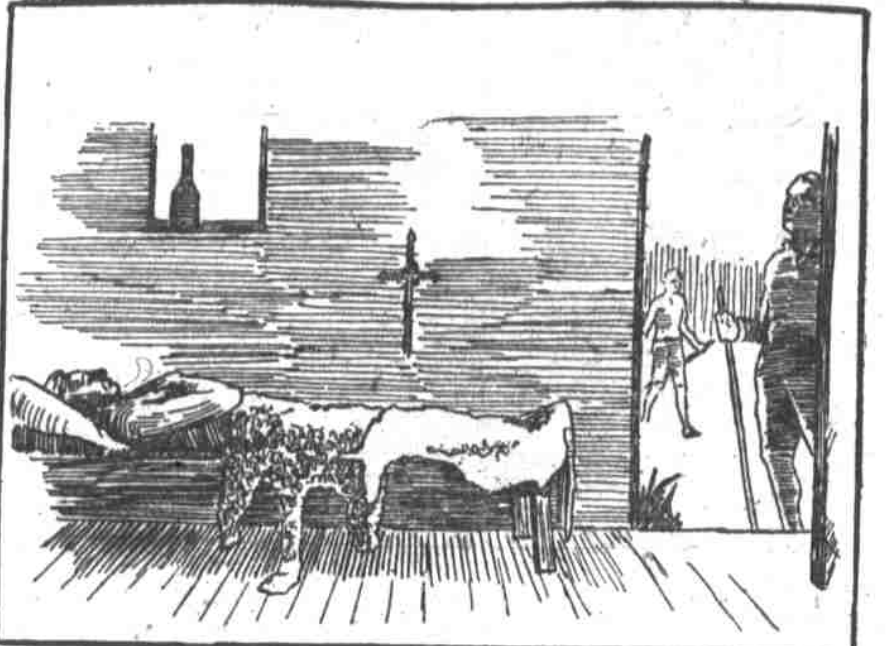
"Do you go to church, my boy?" he asked.

## A-fluting & A-piping



IN years when knights fought valiantly to win fair lady's smile, when heroes slew their dragons, and magicians practiced guile, through highways and through byways, with merry wit and song and instruments full well attuned, blithe minstrels tripped along.

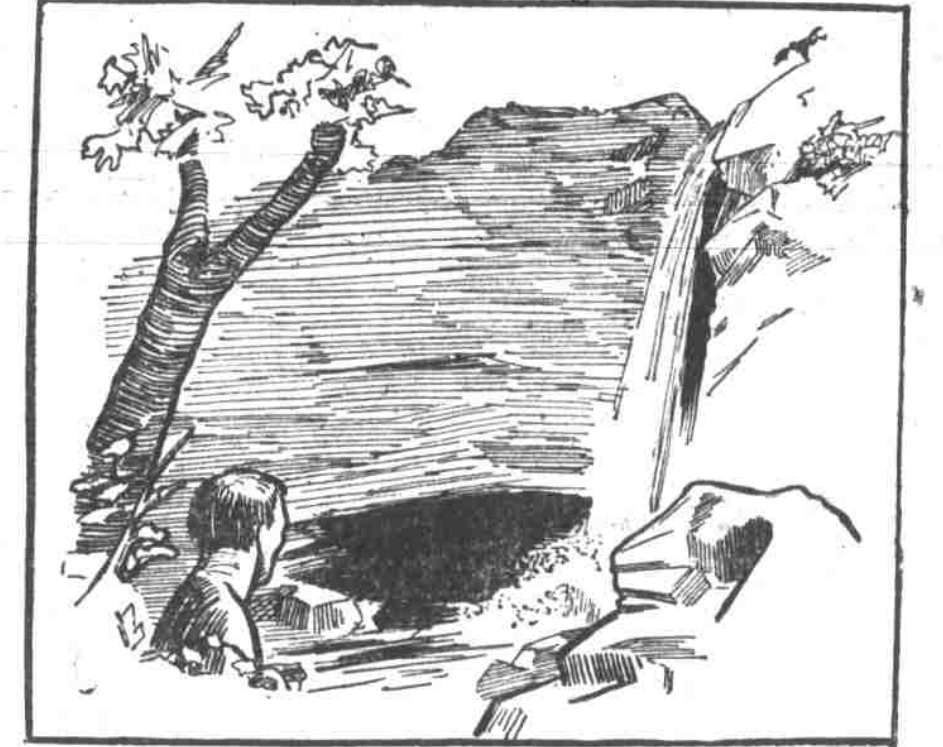
## The Friendly Hermit



THEY ENTER A MAORI HUT WHERE LIES A SICK MAN DRESSED IN SKINS OF WILD ANIMALS

DELIGHTFUL as had been their voyaging from San Francisco, Roy and Ben felt that much time had been wasted when first they came in view of their destination, the southwest part of New Zealand. And the closer they drew to land, the greater grew their rapture. First, there were the great rocky cliffs, which rose directly from the water. The coast, too, was indented by innumerable fjords and bays, some of which Uncle Will said were at least twenty miles in length. Then there were visible to the eye great forests, and snow-capped mountains reared themselves in the distance.

where, looking up from below, the waters seem to come from the clouds. And as they fall they rumble in a curious sort of monotone. Ben had been silent for the last half hour, engrossed in thought. He now came close to Roy, and whispered:

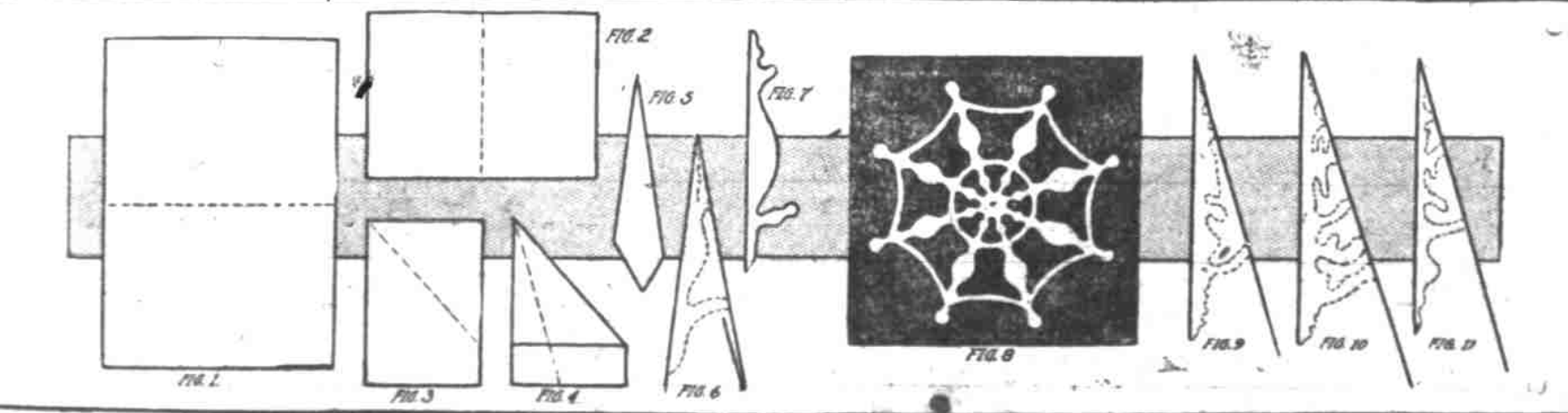


AT THE BASE OF SUTHERLAND FALLS

claimed Roy, as the boat passed between two towering rocky walls, nearly a mile in height and only a quarter mile apart, giving entrance to Milford sound.

Their plans once perfected, the boys gathered together what little provisions they could. This they did secretly and without exciting suspicion. That evening they stole away.

## BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS from Old Newspapers



AT first thought an old newspaper would seem to offer little opportunity for amusement. Yet you cannot imagine how many artistic designs can be made from this old newspaper without the aid of any other tool or material.

Let us describe, for instance, the "mariner's wheel," shown in Figure 8.

First take a whole newspaper sheet (of four pages) and fold it down the center, as in Figure 1. Now your paper has the form shown in Figure 2. Fold along the center line, according to Figure 3. And then fold upon a dotted line indicated in Figure 4. When this is completed you should have all the open ends of the paper at the bottom.

Figure 6. Upon opening the resulting form—Figure 7—you have your "mariner's wheel."

### Was Watching Him

TWO gentlemen, one of them with a little boy in his lap, were picking pockets of the same with which some pick-pockets operate. One of the gentlemen said:

"Why, my friend, picking pockets is not difficult. Observe how your pocket is gaping. I could easily have picked it."