



VOCATION.

If I might choose my simple lot Far from town and quite forgot...

The Behavior of Cassy.

It was plain that thought lay very heavy upon the impressionable Cassy. He lounged in the long chair...

And before he left that night we drank very solemnly to the rout of Mrs. Hepworth-Smith...

back to the fire, his hands in his pockets, for perhaps another ten seconds...

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Something that Will Interest the Juvenile Members of Every Household—Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Cuddling Children.

"Little G-Dropper"—that was what Aunt Professor called Natalie. It was quite a grief to Aunt Professor...

"I'm sorry, auntie, and I'm going to stop droppin' 'em right straight off," Natalie would say, penitently...

In August was Natalie's birthday, and of course there came an express bundle from Aunt Professor...

"Oh, what do you suppose there's going to be in it, Baby Boy?" cried Natalie, dancing round mamma while she untied the strings...

"Never in my world!" laughed mamma. And no wonder, for in the dainty little box were...

"Oh! Why?" cried Natalie. Then she spied a little white label on the inside of the box cover...

"The humming ball. Here is a copy of a picture in an old, old English book on games..."

Major Thomas H. Handbury, of the corps of United States engineers, believes that Arsenal Island will eventually become a part of Missouri territory...

Arsenal Island has also been known as Quarantine Island. Both names indicate the use to which it was put...

Mr. Hoon—"They say that Mrs. Swiftsmitt is greatly troubled with insomnia."

Some people are chronic liars, but the dumb man always keeps his word.

The new pieces did not look just like the old. George's quick eye saw it, too, and said a little sadly:

"There are two colors, mamma." "I know it, but I can't help it, dear. The jacket has faded, you see."

"Dear little fellow," thought mamma, while the tears came to her eyes; "he always sees the sunny side."

"Explosives, and only helps the more to feed the angry flames."

"How a Kentucky Magistrate Broke Up a Friendly Game of Poker."

"Gentlemen, you are officers of the court, and as such are sworn to uphold the laws and the constitution of the State."

"Walker, laying his hand upon his own breast, 'you are not only a lawyer but a judge. You have violated the law, and must pay \$50.'"

"A Millionaire in a Moment." It falls to the lot of few men to make the discovery that they are standing on a mine of gems of fabulous value.

"He paid the fine, as did each of the lawyers, and it broke up the game on that circuit."

"A New Garden Insect." A new injurious garden insect is described by the Agricultural Department as a lima-bean borer.

"Postmen's Work in Central Africa." The postmaster general for the British Central Africa Protectorate gives one or two interesting items of news in his latest report.

"Material for the Dust Bath." Whatever the material used may be it should always be dry and fine, says American Gardening.

"Don't Buy Old Stock." Never buy old stock, especially horses, even for a song.

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Sheep Grub in Summer.

In midsummer the sheep grub causes much suffering to sheep. The animals huddle together, with their noses to the ground for protection against the gadfly...

"Raising Clover Seed." To grow good clover seed it should not be left until all the seed has ripened before cutting.

"Flowering Plants." The fruit stalks of flowering plants should be cut as soon as the flowers fall. It is an exhaustive process to the plants to bear fruit or seeds.

"Depth of Cultivation." Whether cultivation should be deep or shallow is a matter that has been discussed for many years.

"Horseshoe Profitable." Horseshoing is a profitable crop, and can be grown on almost any soil.

"Castflower." Although the castflower must have plenty of light, yet it will be an advantage if planted where shielded from the midday sun.

"Two Crops on Same Land." An excellent plan to get two crops on the same land, and at the same time, is to drop seed of sweet corn in the same rows with peas.

"Cow Peas." A crop of cow peas may be allowed to grow until the pods are turning yellow. They then contain the peas in the pods along with the vines.

"A Bee's Weight." Careful weighing shows that an ordinary bee, not loaded, weighs the five-hundredth part of a pound.

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There are three positions open to the politician—offense, defense and on the fence.