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LITTLE JOHNNY'S VISIT.

The Baby's Finger-Marks and What Comes of Them.

"A lady received the following reply from a neighbor in answer to the question why she allowed her children and husband to litter up every room in the house, and the sentiment will find lodgment in the heart of every home-loving person in the land. The mark of the little muddy feet upon the floor can be easier removed than the stain when those little feet go down into the highway of evil. The print of the little fingers on the window pane cannot shut out the sunshine half so much as the shadow that darkens the mother's heart over the one who is but a name through the coming years. And of my John finds his home a refuge from care and trouble, and his greatest happiness within its four walls, he can put his boots on the rocking chair and hang his coat on the floor every day in the week. And if I can stand it and he enjoys it, I cannot see that it is anybody else's business."

I wish to call attention to the last sentence in the above reprint. The tastes of people and their feelings and regards are entitled to consideration. Little John may be all right at home but the kid that is allowed to put his feet on the chairs at home will put his feet on the dining table when he is visiting—if he is not allowed entire freedom, there will be a free-for-all entertainment, which is generally very much enjoyed by the hostess and the rest of the family.

A few examples of little John out on a visit; he is on the train from California bound for the Lewis and Clark Fair. First half-hour out: "Mamma, I want to ride backwards, turn this seat over." Well, he keeps this up until the two gentlemen in the next seat exit themselves to the smoker to get a little relief. Then the proud mother to please little John, turns the back of the car seat so that two backs come together. Little John loses no time in mounting them astride, whooping and "hollering" like a broncho buster entertaining all the people in the car. "If I can stand it and he enjoys it, it's nobody else's business."

He is met at the train by his cousins, who are awfully glad to see him, and he is taken to the house. Here, because he is not allowed to turn on the lights, he gives his first free-for-all entertainment, which includes a song and dance and a few acrobatic feats. Next he is ushered out to dinner, but by the time other people were ready to commence the meal he had already stuffed himself to such a degree that he had no room for anything. He is seated at the table and is furnished a cup of tea, but he wants water, then milk. Very suddenly he concludes that he wants no dinner, which fact he makes known in his usual way.

He gets up from the table, goes into the parlor, makes a train of the furniture, with the regulation cow-catcher. Tiring of this, he gathers up a sofa cushion and proceeds to demolish the train with very good success. He swings the pillow over his head and accidentally knocks a cut-glass dish off the side board. Oh! There was something doing—"not a dull moment," but what of it? He was having a fine time and his mother "could stand it if it pleased him."

Little John makes another visit and locates a grape vine which has altogether too many green grapes; he proceeds to pick a few—probably ten pounds. The attention of his mother being called to the matter, she remarks in his hearing, "There are quite a few grapes left and they will grow larger."

Little John had been studying the matter, for shortly he remarked: "Mamma, the rest of 'them"

eggs in the hen house will get bigger, too; there was too many in the nest and I broke some with my little hammer."

Mr. Editor, there are a few home loving people who do not altogether appreciate the sentiments of the above reprint, but should they be fortunate enough to entertain little John at dinner there is no doubt but their minds would be speedily made up.

A Reader.

What can we add to the above pen picture? In our imagination we fancy we see "Little John" on one of his raids for conquest. People who are so unfortunate as to fall heir to the honor of entertaining any little John who is allowed to put his feet on the table when at home, are indeed to be pitied. For the peace of mind of kindly disposed hostesses of the present generation we respectfully submit that there are too many such little John's.

The writer of the above article has raised a family of his very own, raised them to respectability, too. To our knowledge, the growth of this man's children was not stunted, nor were they mentally dwarfed, because they were not allowed such privileges as little John's mother thought necessary for his welfare.

Granted Franchise.

An ordinance has been passed by the common council of the City of Philomath granting to Dr. G. R. Farra, of Corvallis, a franchise to establish, maintain and operate an Electric Light Plant in said City of Philomath for a period of thirty years.

The City of Philomath does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That G. R. Farra, his successors and assigns, be and he is hereby granted the right and privilege of erecting, constructing, maintaining and operating an electric light system in the City of Philomath for the period of thirty years from the first day of July, 1905, subject to terms conditions herein specified: said G. R. Farra, his successors and assigns, shall have the right within the limits of said city to construct all wires, fixtures and appurtenances and apparatuses necessary and proper to the maintaining and operating of said electric light plant, for said time so as not to interfere with the free and unobstructed use of the streets for travel.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to interfere, meddle with or in any wise injure, or impair the said electric light plant, lights, wires, fixtures or any of the apparatus connected with or appertaining to the said electric light plant, and any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance, shall on the conviction thereof before the city recorder, be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned in the city jail not more than ten days at the discretion of the city recorder.

Section 3. That the person named in Section 1 of this ordinance shall file with the city recorder of said city, his acceptance within ten days from the passage thereof; and he shall within four months from July 1, 1905, establish said electric light plant and have the same within said time last aforesaid in full operation, and shall begin the construction of said plant within sixty days from July 1, 1905; provided further, that after said plant shall be in full operation and ceases to be operated as an electric light plant for a period of 30 days this ordinance shall be null and void.

Passed the common council of Philomath, Aug. 1905. Approved Aug. 10, 1905.

W. F. Bryan, Mayor.
W. Boles, City-Recorder.
Attest:

THE CHINA PHEASANT.

The "Heart of the Valley" has Become Home.

"Gene Simpson, of this city, is devoting his leisure hours to domesticating Chinese pheasants and its meeting with great success. Now and then Mr. Simpson contributes an article on pheasants and his writings are always of an entertaining as well as an educational character. His latest article on these great game birds appeared in the Northwest Poultry Journal and we take pleasure in reprinting it, as follows:

Among the poultry fanciers there are those who are continually striving to create new breeds and the wonder is that more do not take up pheasants.

To the busy business or professional man who keeps fancy poultry for pleasure and recreation we would advise the purchase of a pair or two of pheasants. They will prove far more interesting and can be handled in smaller quarters with less care and feed and the beginner is sure to become a devoted pheasant fancier.

To attain best results with poultry the young chicks demand the most attention during the early spring months when the evenings, after business hours are short and the weather disagreeable, while the care of young pheasants comes later in the season, during the most pleasant weather for out-door work of evenings, and at a time when the evenings are longest.

No lover of birds can help admiring a pen of beautiful pheasants. And no small item in their favor is the profit derived from a small flock. Their feed costs less than an equal number of chickens, and you have no "culls" but every bird will be saleable and attain maturity and ready to ship by September 1, while fancy poultry, as a rule, does not find a ready sale until the following spring.

The Willamette valley is known the world over as the sportsman's paradise, due mainly to the great numbers of the grandest game birds in existence. The China or Torquatus pheasant nowhere on the face of the earth is so plentiful as in this valley. According to the reports from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., game birds of various kinds have been imported into the United States from time to time and given their liberty in different localities, but none with such phenomenal success as the China pheasants brought to this state by the late Judge Denny about twenty years ago.

Raising from two to three broods a year from a dozen to eighteen each, they have increased in numbers almost beyond belief, when one stops to think of the thousands that have been killed each year both in and out of season, regardless of the legislation enacted in their behalf. The last session of the legislature passed a law prohibiting the sale of all game within the state, but previously the last fifteen days of the open season pot hunters could sell China pheasants in the open markets, and it was a familiar sight to see evening trains coming into Portland from up the valley bringing dozens of hunters "loaded to the limit" with China pheasants.

The China being the most prolific variety of the pheasant family, is the most desirable for stocking depleted game fields and private preserves, and should be liberated in pairs, but in captivity one male may be successfully mated with three or four females. In their wild state these birds mate off in pairs and the male has been known to take the first brood at a few weeks old, while the female prepares for another, and in this way a single pair have been known to have

reared three broods, all flocking together at the end of the season.

The game supply of other states is fast becoming depleted, and game commissioners or wardens have been appointed in thirty-five states of the Union, and protective laws enacted in each, and there is a general demand for China pheasants from every quarter. The importance now accorded the subject of game refuges and provisions for restocking depleted covers is shown by the recommendations of the following states and the District of Columbia. Connecticut recommends propagation of game birds; Illinois utilization of the surplus in the game protective fund for purchase and propagation of game birds; North Dakota application of 10 per cent of the proceeds from license fees to propagation of game; Washington the equipment of each trout hatchery with a plant for propagating game, and the District of Columbia the stopping of shooting in order to make the environs of the national capitol practically a refuge for birds and game.

Serving Time.

Some six or eight weeks ago, J. P. Taylor assaulted his father, who resides in Philomath. This was bad enough, but it may be mentioned that his father was city marshal of that place at the time of the assault. A complaint charging said J. P. Taylor (better known as "Press" Taylor) with assault and battery was duly filed.

Press dodged service and fled to Portland. It may be mentioned that the complaint, instead of alleging assault and battery could have charged the resistance of an officer. Had such been the case it could have been made a penitentiary offense. Be all this as it may, said Taylor arrived home in Philomath, Friday, and some way managed to get drunk and was taken in by the city. Instead of the city taking action he was turned over to the state to face charges already on file against him.

He speedily found himself face to face with Justice Williams, who sentenced him to 25 days in the county bastille and charged him with \$6. costs, which he will serve out in the "jug" at the rate of \$2 per day, giving him a nice even four weeks for reflection. A phone message from Philomath called Constable J. D. W. 1. s to Philomath Saturday morning, and on his return he was accompanied by said J. P. Taylor.

Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points.

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