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For the Children

Juliana, Holland Princess.
Who Wants a Playmate.



Princess Juliana, heiress apparent to the throne of the Netherlands (or kingdom of Holland), is getting to be a big girl now. She will be four years old next April. Lately she surprised her mother, Queen Wilhelmina, by asking for a baby brother to play with.

The little Princess Juliana is the pride of the Dutch people, for she is the only child of the queen and therefore is now the nearest heir to the throne of the Netherlands. She likes to play like other little girls, and to help her be happy her mother bought a pony for her. That may seem to be nothing especially strange, since there are plenty of other little girls who have ponies. But this is a special kind of pony. It is the smallest pony that was exhibited at a recent great horse show in England. It stands just thirty inches high, and it is brown and as woolly as a collie dog. A carriage has been made to fit the pony's size, and the little princess is now able to go driving in the park.

Disappearing Pile of Coins.

A number of coins are shown lying on a plate, piled up, taken in the left hand where they are seen, and the hand is closed over them. A handkerchief is thrown over the hand, and when removed the coins have disappeared.

Show a quantity of loose coins on a plate. Pile them up and while so doing palm a dummy "stack" in the left hand. Pretend to pass loose coins to the left hand, palming and dropping them in a box of bran, so that they will sink slowly and without noise. Borrow a handkerchief, show the dummy, grasp the handkerchief by the center of one side and then spread it out over the left hand and while so doing throw the dummy into the right, the handkerchief hiding its flight. Pick up the wand, in the act of which drop the dummy on the table, touch the handkerchief with it, place it under your arm and draw off the handkerchief and show it and the hands empty.

Life Lengths of Lowly Things.

It has just been computed that the day fly lives 24 hours, the May fly 6 weeks, the butterfly two months, the ant, the cricket and the bee a year each, the hare and sheep 6 to 10 years, the wolf 12 to 15 years, the canary bird 15 to 20 years and the nightingale 12 years.

The dog lives 15 to 25 years, cattle 25 years, the horse 25 to 30 years, the eagle 30 years, the stag 35 to 40 years, heron, lion and bear 50 years each, the raven 80 years, elephant, turtle, parrot, pike and carp 100 years each.

The ivy outlives 200 years, the elm 300 to 350 years, the linden 500 to 1,000 years, the locust tree and the oak 400 years and the fir 700 to 1,200 years.

Why We Can See Smoke.

Smoke is not composed of gases only, but of solid or perhaps partly liquid particles which are mixed with the gases and carried along by them. It is these particles of matter that are visible to the eye and not the gases themselves.—St. Nicholas.

Winter Quarters.

Where's the crawling caterpillar?
Sound asleep in his cocoon.
Where's the bee so bright and busy?
Dreaming in the hive of June.
Where's the snail, and where's the turtle?
Safely buried in the ground.
Where's the woodchuck? Where's the rabbit?
In their burrows they are found.
Where's the thrush, and where's the robin?
Singing 'neath the southern sky.
Where's the bear, and where's the squirrel?
In their hollow tree they lie.
Where's the ant, that careful worker?
In her underground abode.
Where's the eighty-eyed spinning spider?
In a crevice snugly stowed.
Where's the bat that ranged at midnight?
He is in his winter's sleep—
In his cave he hangs head downward.
And he never takes a nap.
These and many other creatures
Hide or drowse the winter through.
But when spring has once awakened
They are up and stirring too.
—Farm Journal.

It takes about so much fuel in the shape of food consumed to keep an animal's body warm. For this reason it is a matter of economy to give the stock shelter in the coldest weather in order to reduce the feed bill referred to to a minimum.

Mutton sheep should never be mixed breeds on the farm. Get one good mutton breed, stick to it and develop to the highest notch possible. A lot of mixed lambs never bring the highest price on the market. It is those of one breed, uniform in size, shape and condition, that get the big money.

Louisiana ranks first by a large margin as a sulphur producing state. Nine years ago sulphur was imported into the United States to the value of \$3,700,000. During the year just closed the total value of imported sulphur had shrunk to \$532,836, and the output from Louisiana is responsible for the slump.

It would be interesting to know to what extent milk and its products and fruit and vegetables have increased in value due to the large number of householders the country over who have given up or not taken up the practice of keeping a cow and a garden. It seems to be largely a question of more consumers and fewer producers.

A long suffering and overcharged public is now getting considerable chunks of satisfaction out of the fact that the express companies of the country have got some competition in the shape of the parcel post and will henceforth have to come across with cheaper rates and more prompt service if they expect to hold their own in the package carrying business.

The small birds that spend their winters in the northern portions of the United States should receive the encouragement of a little grain scattered for them, and some pieces of suet or other meat scraps should be put out where the snow will not cover them. A good deal of pleasure during the winter months may be got by watching the birds during their regular visits to these feeding places.

Trees are spoken of as getting ripe by the expert forester. He means by this that they have arrived at an age when they are at their maximum value and when the process of growth is so slow that it hardly more than offsets the influences tending to disintegration. When trees arrive at such an age they should be removed to make room for younger trees that may be growing or might be grown in their stead.

We wonder what kind of an effect it would have upon railroad accidents if laws were passed in the several states which would put in the category of manslaughter the deaths of passengers in railroad accidents resulting from the carelessness or indifference of trainmen and holding equally responsible for murder the officials of steel mills that allow defective rails to leave their shops. It is a fair assumption that if laws of this kind were passed there would be a noticeable decrease in railroad fatalities.

It is well to keep in mind in connection with the new parcel post system, which became effective Jan. 1, that seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants may be carried in the parcel post mail under regulations as to size and weight prescribed for other merchandise, but at the former rate of 1 cent for two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of distance. All other merchandise must be carried by parcel post, and for this purpose special stamps have been printed. According to instructions from the post-office department, parcels bearing ordinary letter postage will be considered as "paid for postage" and not mailable until the special parcel post stamps have been affixed.

Householders as well as janitors of public buildings, and what is said refers to the former even more than the latter, would confer a great service if they would take pains to see that their houses are not overheated on such occasions. This "stoking up" of furnace or stove is without doubt done with the best of intentions, but it is at great risk to one's guests, who are vastly more in danger of colds or pneumonia as a result of overheating than they are because of low temperature which may prevail at the time of their arrival. The temperature should not register above 70 degrees F., and if it is 65 degrees there is far less danger than if it is 75 or 80 degrees, as is too often the case.

The writer would not unduly influence any young fellow from following a mercantile career, but he somehow has the idea pretty well fixed that the farm lad who gives up the chance to take up scientific farming on the old home place for the easier work to be found in a city clerkship, with an eight or ten dollar salary, is making a pretty good sized mistake. True, he can keep his hands softer and whiter behind the counter, but he will earn not a great deal above expenses. One young fellow who comes to the writer's mind decided a dozen or more years ago that staying on the farm or getting on the farm was the better proposition. Today he has title to more than 400 acres of land. Others who stayed in town and dillydallied had the same opportunity as he, but are still sledding along on the bare ground. The situation above outlined is one that every young man who is making plans for the future may well take into account.

Points for Mothers

Giving Your Child a Book.

"What kind of a book shall father bring you?" a small girl was questioned the other day.

"Oh, any book," came the reply with a happy nonchalance, "as long as it can be my very own and stay up in my room."

She voiced the craving of every child, says Carolyn Sherwin Bailey in the De Lueator. Your child needs his very own "five foot" bookshelf which he may grow up with and which will meet the needs of his developing and expanding imagination. But each book that we put on this nursery bookshelf should be selected having in mind what it is going to do for the child.

Will it frighten him? Will it hurt his appreciation of beauty by its rude colors and poor art? Will it give him warped, twisted ideas of his world?

Rather, will the book that you put into your child's hands make him happy? Will its illustrations help him to love good pictures? Will it teach him something?

If a child can have only four books it will be possible to give him between the covers of these four all that he needs in child literature during his earlier years.

One book should be very beautiful pictorially. Every baby loves color, and a good colored picture of one of his Mother Goose friends, his pet animals, his toys, will be a feast for his soul almost. He should be taught care in handling it, and turning its beautiful pages will be his happy privilege.

One book will answer the queries of our dear little "question mark." It should furnish material to be read to the child to help him understand his environment. Every child is wonderfully, buoyantly interested in animals and stars and trees and waters and the land of little creatures down under his feet. Too often we let his questions in regard to nature phenomena pass unheeded. Let us give him a book that will answer them.

Our third book will be a big, magical collection of child stories—those stories that take a child out of himself and into the places of fancy, stories that make children brave, happy, unselfish, good.

One more book, a doing one. It will be perhaps more a mother's book than the child's, for it will give hints and helps for keeping small hands active, child eyes wider open, child brains busy. It will be a book of games, of suggestions for child hand work, a book of child busy-ness.

With these four books or many books of each of these four classes a child will begin his home education in an efficient, result making way.

Rules for Rearing Babies.

Rules for rearing babies, accompanied by the statement that children are not to be regarded as luxuries by the poor, were given out recently by Mrs. George Herrick of Boston, who four months ago became the mother of a boy declared by a number of eugenic authorities to be the finest physical specimen that has come within their experience. Mrs. Herrick's directions are as follows:

"Three essentials are fresh air, light clothing and plenty of good nourishment."

"Society women should forego society's obligations and nurse their own children."

"Every mother should nurse her own child."

"Kissing and fondling of baby should not be permitted for one minute."

"Don't toss baby up in the air like a bouncing ball."

"One great secret of household economy is making your own and your children's clothing."

"Race suicide is the greatest evil of the day."

"The father contributes as much to the health or ill health of a child as the mother."

The Toys of 1913.

Modern toys for children are marvels of ingenuity. The latest is a model yacht about three feet long which runs by electricity with a motor and storage battery with a speed of 188 feet per minute. The motor is reversible, and it is steered from the wheel on the bridge. There are searchlights and running lights, which are operated by a switch. Naturally there are no sails and only one deck. There are two little lifeboats, and on the deck a small velvet seat with three miniature chairs and three wee cushions lend a suggestion of realism. A moving picture machine for home use, sold with an arrangement with the store to exchange the films, is another source of unlimited delight to the active child.

Comfort For Baby.

Elderdown flannel booties for the baby are excellent for very cold weather. They are silk lined with pink or blue and ornamented with a small design in ribbon work. They are hand made and are washable. Booties for the baby may also be had now made of corduroy, but either of these kinds should be exchanged for something of a lighter weight in a warm room or on mild days. A hot water bottle for the baby to hold and play with, so that its hands may be kept warm, is dressed as a rabbit doll called "Peter Rabbit." It holds one pint of hot water and is priced at \$1.

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