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DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I first wrote to you I was in a very bad condition. I was passing through the change of life, and the doctors said I had bladder and liver trouble. I had suffered for nine years. Doctors failed to do me any good. Since I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, my health has improved very much. I will gladly recommend your medicine to others and am sure that it will prove as great a blessing to them as it has to me.—Mrs. GEO. H. JUNE, 801 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Relief Came Promptly

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I had been under treatment with the doctors for four years, and seemed to get no better. I thought I would try your medicine. My trouble was change of life, and I must say that I never had anything help me so much as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Relief came almost immediately. I have better health now than I ever had. I feel like a new woman, perfectly strong. I give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound all the credit, and would do without her medicine for anything. I have recommended it to several of my friends. There is no need of women suffering so much for this. Pinkham's remedies are a sure cure.—MABELA BUTLER, Bridgewater, Ill.

Another Woman Helped

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life and derived great benefit from its use.—MARY E. JAMES, 135 Cordon St., Bradford, Pa.

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Crisis.

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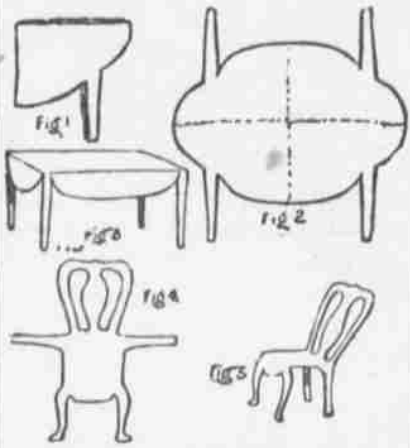
CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

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 Cunning Children.

When the writer was a small boy he declined to play with paper dolls or any other sort of doll babies, for no boy among his acquaintance would play with girls' playthings; but the unwritten law which forbade boys to amuse themselves like the little girls did not forbid them to make playthings for their sisters and sisters' friends, and so it happened that the long winter evenings were oftentimes spent with scissors and paper making furniture for the girls to start them in housekeeping. Nowadays all manner of paper furniture printed in gaudy colors can be bought at the toy shops, and paper dolls with dresses like queens can be had at the same shops for a few cents; still there is good reason to believe that the workmen who design these articles have more real pleasure in their work than the children who buy them. There is more joy in making things than there possibly can be in possessing the work of others' hands, and that is one reason for describing the following simple furniture, which any little girl can make for herself. Another good reason is that no child can make the simplest toys without acquiring a certain amount of skill, and skill is education of brain and hand.

Do not let this alarm you, girls. Education has a solemn sound, and brings up to the mind tiresome books and figures, but that is because you think that a knowledge of books and their contents is all there is in education. Why, bless your souls! You are educating!



FURNITURE FOR PAPER DOLL'S HOUSE.

yourself when you jump rope or play hopscotch! You are training your thinking machine, which is hidden under your curly hair, when you take your scissors in hand and cut out Fig. 1.

First you fold a piece of ordinary writing paper down the middle of the sheet lengthwise, then you fold the same piece in the middle of the paper crosswise, and then you cut out like Fig. 1.

When you unfold Fig. 1 you will have Fig. 2, which, bent down at each side, makes a first rate doll's table. You know that paper is very limber and will bend in all sorts of forms, and if the table is a large one it will sag with its own weight, but if it is a small piece of furniture it will stand firmly enough upon its four legs.

Should you wish larger size furniture, cut it out of paper as already described the required size, and, using the paper as a pattern, place it (Fig. 2) flat upon the piece of thin cardboard, and with a pencil trace a line all around it. This will give you a duplicate of Fig. 2 without the cross creases, represented by the dotted lines on that figure. When the cardboard table is cut out and bent in shape it will be a good, steady table (or dolly, from which dolly may eat).

But even a self-respecting paper doll does not like to be compelled to stand at the table to take her meals—she much prefers a chair to sit upon—and Fig. 4 gives you a pattern for a "Janice Meredith" chair, or what old-fashioned people call the bandy-legged, or fiddle-back, chair. Fig. 5 shows the chair bent into shape for Miss Dolly to sit upon. She will need more than one chair with which to keep house, and it is best to make about six for the dining-room. By changing the pattern to straight legs and backs you can make more chairs for the kitchen and bedrooms.

A Railroad Adventure.

Not long ago a freight conductor started on a night run after drawing his month's wages from the pay car. He had with him his son, a lad of 12, and when well under way they began to cook supper on the caboose stove. The rear brakeman on watch in the cupola, observed that the engine seemed to have unusual difficulty in pulling the train. He did not connect this fact with the presence of several hobo's on top of the cars, who, unknown to him, were setting brakes and stalling the train.

Suddenly the front door of the caboose flew open and four masked and armed men ordered the occupants to throw up their hands. The conductor jumped to shield his child, seized a coupling pin and smashed a head, but not until four shots had rung out and three bullets were in his body. Fighting to the last, he fell dead in the doorway. The brakeman was shot in the arm, and made his escape from the car to the ground. Fearing he would give the alarm and cause their capture, the bandits fled.

Then the boy showed that the blood of heroes is transmitted to succeeding generations. He pulled the body of his father inside, and secured his money

and watch. He noticed that the train was barely moving, and it occurred to him that there was a second section close behind. He knew the brakeman had no lantern, even if alive. The plucky boy took the red light and torpedoes, dropped off, ran back, expecting at every step to be shot, and flagged the other train.

Travelers westward over the Big Four sometimes wonder why a slender volunteer seems so prominent in helping the switchmen attach the dining car at one of the terminals. If they happen to inquire, the men reply: "Why that's John's boy, the conductor those bums 'put in the clear' that payday last year."—Century.

How Doves Con.

Many birds form their sounds without opening their bills. The pigeon is a well-known instance of this. Its cooing can be distinctly heard, although it does not open its bill. The call is only rendered audible by resonance.

Infantile Diplomacy.

"I don't love you any more, grandpa," said 4-year-old Nellie the other day. "Why not, Nellie?" asked grandpa, in surprise. "Because, replied the little diplomat, 'I love you so much already that I haven't room for any more. Please give me 5 cents to buy candy with.'"

Thought Care Didn't Pay.

"You should be more careful of your toys, Johnny," said a mother to her small son. "Look at Willie Brown; he seldom breaks any of his." "Yes," replied the wise youngster, "and I'll bet that's why he don't get half as many new ones as I do."

So Much Labor Lost.

"Now, Tommy," said an anxious mother to her small son, "the minister will be here to dinner to-day and you must be sure to wash your face clean." "All right, mamma," answered Tommy, "but suppose he doesn't come?"

A Fun in Addition.

"Mamma," said 3-year-old Flossie, "didn't Mrs. Jones say I got my eyes from you?" "Yes, dear," was the reply. "And did you used to have four eyes, mamma?" queried the little miss.

Why the Doctor Didn't Call.

Little Clara—Dr. Culebri is often at our house, but I never see him at yours.

Little Bessie—Of course not. We don't owe him anything.

WARNED BY ANIMALS.

Symptoms of Fear Displayed by Them Prior to an Earthquake.

There are many symptoms of unrest and apprehension shown by domestic animals before the serious earthquake of 1807 in the Riviera. The facts then observed correspond generally with those remembered in the case of the other great disturbances of earth and air. A number of cases are given in which horses, dogs, a monkey and even ducks showed signs of panic for a day, two days, or even longer, before the last great earthquake. A lady at Nice remarked the bad condition of the horse she usually drove, and told her coachman to take it home and bring another in a brougham from the livery stables for her. The hired horse seemed as timid and as weak as her own. The driver then said that all animals were "off their feed."

A monkey and other pets at a villa near Villefranche, on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the shock which destroyed much life and property, refused to enter the house where they were generally anxious to come. They were all spiritless, dull and scared. But perhaps the most striking evidence that the animals were in a state of fear was that the cows in the dairies supplying the coast resorts seemed terrified, and the quantity and quality of the milk suffered. As the farmers and peasants of the district are noted for their skill and knowledge in dairying, small facts of this kind affecting the yield of milk and butter would almost certainly be noticed and remembered.—London News.

Derivation of Boer.

It is curious to note the survival in Scottish legal and agricultural parlance of the closely allied term "Bower," (pronounced Boer). The expression is properly applied to a person who hires, from the proprietor or principal tenant of a farm, a stock of cows along with the right of grazing them on certain fields. The Bower makes in return a money payment of so much per cow, and trusts to making his profit out of the sale of the dairy products. The precise legal position of a party who has a "bowering" lease is somewhat intermediate, being midway between that of a mere manager and that of a sub-tenant. Instances of this mixed contract of lease of land and hiring of labor are now rare, but it is still to be found in agricultural districts. The word "bower" is allied to the Gaelic "bo," a cow, and among its numerous cognates in the Aryan language is included the Dutch term "Boer."

A Foreign Tongue.

On the strength of a story printed in the Washington Star, it may be said that it is a wise person that knows his own vernacular after the dialect writer is done with it.

"What on earth is de matter wid yoh talk?" asked Picauniny Jim's mother.

"Dat talk what I was jes' now talkin'?"

"Yassir."

"Oh, dat ain't sho-nuff talk! Ev'y-body's gotter speak in school, an' de teacher is learnin' me a negro dialect piece."

By and by is the path that leads to never.

THE AMERICAN NEGRO TO-DAY.

New Generation Objects to Thorough and Continuous Work.

The distaste which the new generation of blacks feel for thorough and continuous work is most conspicuously shown in their objection to following trades, says the Contemporary Review. Owing to the distance caused by the size of the estates in the age of slavery, which made it inconvenient to send for white mechanics, who generally lived in the villages, it was the custom to train negroes to most of the common handicrafts. There were blacksmiths, carpenters, wheelwrights, masons, bricklayers, shoemakers and saddlers on all of the most extensive plantations, and many of these men were very skillful in their trades. They had from boyhood served an apprenticeship with older slaves, and for years had been called on to do a great quantity of work. A craft was often passed down from father to son, and had thus, on the same estate, been in the hands of the members of the same family for a century or more. One may travel now many hundreds of miles through the rural districts of the South and not come upon a single black mechanic. And this seems all the more remarkable when it is recalled that in the numerous colleges for the blacks established in all parts of the Southern States manual tasks have been used as an important branch of the system of instruction.

The graduates of these industrial schools either give up their trades altogether or they do not return to their native rural communities as the most promising field for such pursuits. In most cases the trades are abandoned, because to follow them would make necessary a continuing and exacting life in one place. White men have practically usurped all the handicrafts in the rural districts, while the negroes still continue to look to the tasks of the field for subsistence. These tasks they can drop in one locality without risking their chance of securing work in another, as would be the case if they were mechanics. Such tasks they can also perform with as many intervals of idleness as they like.

He Missed the Motive.

This is a story which Representative Eddy of Minnesota tells on himself. Mr. Eddy not only enjoys the situation when the laugh is turned against him, but has a sense of humor which leads him to start the laugh sometimes himself.

"In making the campaign in my district one year," said Mr. Eddy, "I took along as an attraction a veteran of the war of 1812 and of the civil war who was a famous hand at beating the drum. He was a drummer from away back and could arouse a whole township. Drum music is an incendiary kind of thing, anyhow, and the old captain's drumming was particularly stirring.

"Well, one night, after the captain's drum had given the usual overture, I commenced my speech to the populace which had been lured to the scene by his drum. I noticed at the foot of the rostrum, the same being a big dry goods box, a bright-eyed little fellow about 12 years old, who sat through the speech, following me with great attention. It pleased me very much. Any fool can interest an audience of adults, but it takes a genius to hold a child.

"So, after the speaking, I went down and spoke to the little fellow, and after shaking hands with him asked him how he liked my speech.

"Oh, it will do," he said; 'but if I was you I would keep the captain a drummer! all the time.'"—Washington Star.

Youthful Classification.

In this household the true and only Vermont maple sirup has never lost its sweetness, and several times a week from the head of the table paterfamilias pours out judiciously measured quantities of it on the plates of his children. To give piquancy to the ceremony, he always explains that this time he is going to give Bob an ostrich and Mazie an antelope, with something else from the nursery books for Teddy. One day the latter small philosopher was seen to regard the various plates for a considerable space of time in silence. "What is it, Edward?" his mother asked.

"Nuffin," replied the hopeful. "I was jus' finkin' that me an' Bob an' Mazie allus seems to get birds an' snakes an' fings wiv skiny legs, but pop he generally gets a el'phant or a hipperpotamus."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Beauty of the Arctic.

There is a beautiful bird called the rosy gull, very few specimens of which exist in any museum, and whose entire life is spent in the immediate neighborhood of the eternal ice that surrounds the north pole. A paper describing these curious birds was read at the recent meeting of the American Association in Boston by John Murdoch. They follow the advance of the ice toward the south as winter comes on, keeping near the loose edge of the floating pack ice, and then retreat with it toward the north when the summer sun begins to rise high upon the Arctic circle. The bird is small and of a deep rose color, whereas all other gulls are white.

Angora's Silky Fur.

A recent writer on the Angora goat calls attention to the fact that the climate of Angora possesses some remarkable peculiarity causing the development of a silky coat on animals of various kinds. Not only the famous goats which produce mohair, are thus furnished, but a similar tendency is exhibited among such animals as cats and greyhounds living in the same country.

Some men think they are good citizens because there is no snow on their walks in July.

To Be the Highest Bridge.

The Buffalo branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which will run through Bradford from Wilcox, Pa., across the bridges, by way of Lafayette, McKean county, will cross a deep and mountainous gorge in the latter vicinity with a steel viaduct nearly 500 feet high. The bridge, says the Philadelphia Ledger, will be over 3,000 feet in length, and its construction will be one of the greatest engineering feats on record. It will be the highest bridge in the world.

Curiosity Saves Life.

A package marked quinine was secretly sent to a bright woman, but being curious she took it to a druggist who said it was not quinine but arsenic. A like inquiry into some of the medicines offered will certainly detect the false from the true. For half a century Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been curing indigestion, constipation, dyspepsia, liver and kidney troubles and has never once failed. Try it if you feel weak and tired.

Shattered Illusions.

This age of personalities is the means of spoiling many illusions, says Beacon. One listens to a musician and finds the music heavenly, and then he remembers bits of gossip and talk that are very unpleasant, and it does detract a little from one's enjoyment, for the personal does come into one's relations of all kinds. The same thing is true of prominent persons in other walks of life. Ideals rarely bear contact with realities without becoming somewhat damaged, and the tendency to idealize musicians, authors, painters and such folk is very strong, for they appeal most strongly to those persons who have imagination and idealism above a low level. It is a mistake to tell the public about the personality and life of its idols unless they are more than human in their characteristics. The fact that the public is curious does not alter the case. The love of talking about people is almost as universal as the instinct of self-preservation.

The Automobile in South America.

In the enterprising cities of Buenos Ayres automobile carriages are no uncommon sight, in the form both of private vehicles and of delivery wagons. Cycle roads now radiate from Buenos Ayres to distances of 60 and 70 miles in the surrounding country, and under the care of the Argentine Touring Club these roads are reserved for the use of bicycles and automobiles.—Youth's Companion.

I am sure Fido's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. T. R. ROSS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Uncompromising.

Small Boy—Wanter buy a dog, mister?

Mr. Dignified—Not that kind of a dog. Why, he looks as if he had fleas! "He has got 'em, but yer got ter give dat dog credit fer wun'ting."

"And what's that?"

"He don't like 'em."—Ohio State Journal.

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Awther—I cawn't see the luck. Cholly—You cawn't? Why, his pwants can nevah bag at the knees.—N. Y. Weekly.

Food for the Caribs.

Cassava and fish form the chief articles of food of the Caribs, of Guatemala, and the former is cultivated only in sufficient quantities for their daily needs, as a vegetable to eat with their fish and to make their strange bread.

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