

# Morning Boys and Girls Register



## THE SACRED RUBY OF THE IKKANS

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**SYNOPSIS**  
Bob Bryson and Jimmie Bryson, boys of fourteen, with the latter's father, are on board the schooner yacht Nancy, sailing for Colon, Panama, to see the ruins of the ancient city of Kiriakiri, which was destroyed by a hurricane which blew them off their course. They put up a tent on the island, and the next morning, while they were out on a walk, they discovered a small black box, bound in brass and containing a great ruby. The boys promise that they shall have the ruby if they are permitted to dig for it. They dig a deep pit and come upon the chest.

### INSTALLMENT IV

Treasure!  
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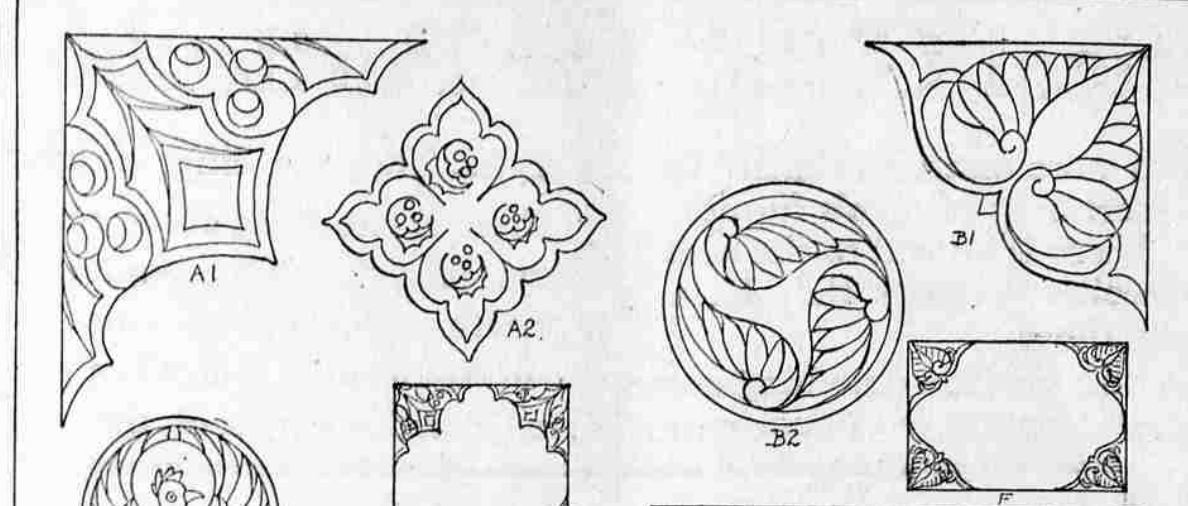
THE beliefs of this Indian tribe were simple. The ruby, found perhaps in some wreck of a Spanish galleon, had for centuries been the real insignia of the tribe. He who wore it remained ruler of the tribe, it falling at his death to his next of kin, or to any other person to whom he should give it during his lifetime.

Yet efforts were never made to secure the gem by stealth or by force. Among these primitive people the ruby was supposed to have sacred properties which would protect its wearer from all danger. It would have been the height of sacrilege for any native to attempt to acquire it.

Thus it remained for the pirate Kirkbride to steal the gem. Learning the superstition of the Indians, he made no attempt to hide it, but maintained that the ruby had come to him of its own accord, by some magical power. This he was recognized as the ruler of the tribe. Yet when he died he left no heirs behind him, nor could the ruby be found. Thus the tribe struggled along without a ruler, until this day, when two boys, blown to the island by a hurricane, had chanced to discover it.

The Indian, in his broken English, told them all this, and they sat on the floor of Kirkbride's house. Between them was the treasure chest and beside each of the two boys was a heavy bag of gold. They had found a letter in the chest, written in the same hand that had given them the directions for digging.

## CHRISTMAS FOR ALL



You can use these designs for many purposes. The cover of a party box—a pad for a desk blotter—a book cover. These are suggestions for some of the things you can make. Christmas gifts are a real problem for many boys and girls who have not too much spending money, but these designs will help solve it.

What are you going to give the folks for Christmas? Chances are you haven't a very full purse at this time of year, and if you go to a store to buy gifts, you won't get very much.

For blotter pads, procure a stiff piece of cardboard and a piece of blotting paper the same size. They are to be held together with decorated corners, which can be made of cardboard also, or, if you want to take great pains with this gift, make them of tin, painted over in colors to suit your eye with the designs as shown in Figure F.

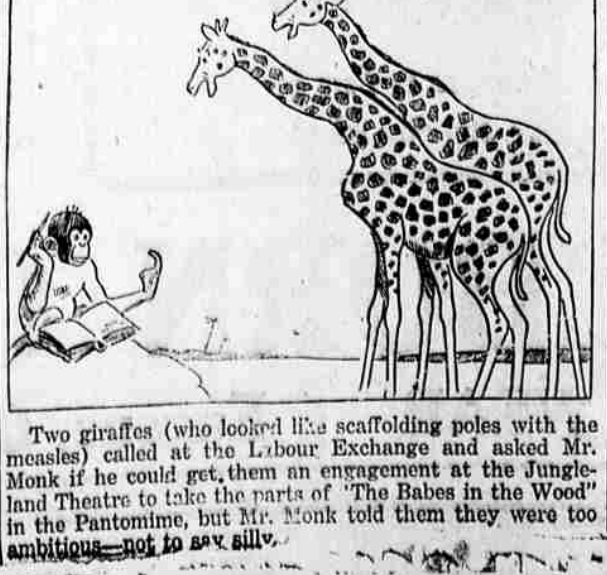
"Well," said Jimmie, "Bob and I have been talking it over and we figure out that we're not entitled to all of it. If we each put up \$20,000 that will make a pool of \$40,000, and that ought to be split up among the members of the crew for the work they did in saving us from the storm."

For book covers, stiff paper, cardboard, or cardboard covered with Sanitas can be used. The Sanitas covered ones are especially adapted to scrap books and recipe books.

"These two bags of gold and this blood-red ruby constitute all my worldly wealth. Growing old and feeble, my men have deserted me, taking with them the sacred ship and the treasures I had amassed."

Step-Word Puzzle  
BY CECILLE LYON  
What is a LAMP-for? To READ by, of course! And the way one can do this is to guess all the words concealed in these nice even steps separating the two. Really, it's very easy. The top word is, as you see, "lamp". Step Number Two is defined below as "limping; hobbling" and is spelled very nearly like "lamp"—in fact, only one letter of the word is changed.

### MR. MONK'S NEW ADVENTURES IN JUNGLEPOOL



### THE FUN BOX

THEN PERHAPS NOT  
First: "I hear that you new salesman is a bear for work."  
Second: "Well, you might say he is partly so; but I understand that a bear only sleeps all winter."

## Pictures In Olden Caves

By RAMON COFFMAN

PEOPLE of the Stone Age did not know how to write, but some of them knew how to draw pictures. On the walls of caves in southern France and northern Spain, hundreds of pictures of animals have been found. Sometimes the pictures were made on low ceilings. These pictures, it has been proved, were made more than twenty thousand years ago.

One of the proofs is the finding of pictures of the mammoth. This hairy beast became extinct in southern Europe hundreds of centuries ago. It looked very much like an elephant, but had two coats of hair—one long and one short. The finding of two mammoths, one completely preserved in Siberia, has made it possible for scientists to tell what mammoths were like. Their skin was an inch thick—about twice as thick as an elephant's hide. Some of them had tusks as much as eleven feet in length. The mammoths found in Siberia fell frozen in the snow, and the coldness of their northern graves acted like a refrigerator.

### THE DARK

By Beatrice Washburn

The darkness fits me like a wing, It spreads around my bed, Covers my feet and then my legs And settles on my head.



### They Didn't Wear Hats, Long Ago

Nowadays the average person puts on a hat whenever he goes outside, even during the summer months when a hat seems a foolish and unnecessary addition. But in England, before the conquest of the Normans, no one wore a hat.

About the middle of the twelfth century, they wore "hats of beaver" and two hundred years later, hats with feathery plumes were the fashion. During these years, and for some time after this, a hat was regarded as a mark of distinction and rank. It seems that all shapes and sizes of hats were worn, too, instead of a standard style for a certain period. A man named Stubbs, who wrote in the sixteenth century, tells us this about hats: "Sometimes they use them shapely on the crown peaking up like the spire or shaft of a steeple, standing a quarter of a yard above the crown of their heads; some more, some less, as please the fantasies of their inconstant minds. Others come be flat, and broader on the crown, like the battlements of a house. Another sort have round crowns, sometimes with one kind of bande, sometimes with another; now black, now white, now russet, now red, now green, now yellow; now this, now that; never content with one colour or fashion two dales to an end."

## Editorial

### IS THERE ROOM FOR GIRLS?

There was a time when girls were not given credit for having any brains. They were taught to sew and to cook and to keep a cleanly house—and there their education stopped. It is different now. A girl has just as much opportunity as a boy has. Some of the biggest jobs in this country are held capably, too—by women. We have congresswomen and feminine governors.

A girl today can make anything she wishes of herself. If she uses what is commonly called the "feminine prerogative", she won't get very far. She has a brain. It is up to her to use it.

### SCHOOLYELLS

Northern, Yea!  
—Northern Township High School.

Chute the chutes,  
Loop the loop  
(Opponent's name) high school's  
In the soup!  
—Kewanee High School.

Twinkle twinkle,  
Winnie Winkle,  
Noblesville High School  
Ray-loom,  
Raw tomato,  
Hot potato;  
Yea, team!  
—Carthage High School.

### Just Four Major Races of Mankind

Among the peoples of the world there are only four main races: the negroes or blacks, mongols or yellow, red or brown peoples, and Caucasians or whites. These distinctions were evident as long ago as 6,000 years, although all were probably the same type of man originally. Besides their difference in color, there were several other ways of distinguishing these four races from each other. Skull measurements, projection of jaw, types of teeth and hair are some of them.

Step-Word Puzzle grid with words: LAMP, READ, Definitions: 1. Limping; hobbling. 2. A mineral. 3. An orderly file. 4. Closely woven. 5. In flames. 6. To employ. 7. At this place. 8. A group of animals. 9. A part of the body. Look for the correct answers elsewhere on this page.

### My Dog Does—



Here is "Frecklers" listening over the telephone to his mistress, Marjorie Fritchett, of Nashville, Tenn. Every Saturday is Frecklers' bath day," says Marjorie in her letter. "She runs down the street so she won't have to take a bath. When we call them up to send her home, we ask my cousins to put Frecklers' ear to the receiver. The moment she hears my voice, she jumps out of my cousin's lap and runs straight home."

### BRILLIANT

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Mike: "Present."

### BUT WE NEVER HAVE ANY

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Bill: "That's what I came after."

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Fond Parent: "Solomon Rubaniscacolonavishamindennoffenberbaumsteinowitzkindsky."  
Clergyman: (to assistant) "More water, please."

### PLEASE

Absent-minded Clerk: "Was there something for you, madam?"  
Madam: "No, nothing."  
The Dumb One: "Shall I wrap it?"

### THE BEST IN THE CLASS

Interested Neighbor: "You seem a bright little boy. I suppose you have a very good place in your class?"  
Little Boy: "Oh yes, I sit right by the stove."

### THE FUN BOX



TOO BAD!  
He: "How are you?"  
Me: "Rotten. Got insomnia."  
He: "How come?"  
Me: "Woke up twice in geometry class this morning."

### THE WORST YET

She: "I wonder if you remember me? Twenty years ago you asked me to marry you."  
Absent-minded Prof.: "Ah yes, and did I?"

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### Answers to Step-Word Puzzle

- 1. lamp
- 2. limo
- 3. lime
- 4. line
- 5. fine
- 6. fire
- 7. here
- 8. here
- 9. here
- 10. herd