

Red Cross Seals



The children of 1400 rural Oregon schools have been using lessons on the fight against tuberculosis as text in their class work during the past year. The lessons were furnished free by the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis as a part of its work.

Now they are organizing to help the Red Cross Seal sale of the Association so that this method of disseminating information may be continued and the association be strengthened in its campaign to exterminate the dread disease in this state.

Last year the children secured \$775.74 from the sale of Red Cross seals. It is expected that more than \$1000 will result from their enthusiastic work this year. Their effort will be made principally during "Tuberculosis Week".

This comes December 8 to 10, reaching a climax with "Tuberculosis Sunday", December 10, when every pulpit in the state is asked to join the campaign by recounting progress and repeating the warnings against the disease.

The Association has sent a letter direct to the children of each school.

It tells them how to proceed. It tells them why the work is so much worth while. It tells them the story of Danny.

Danny had a penny. It was a bright shiny, new penny. He took it to school. Instead of spending it for a stick of candy he bought with it a Red Cross Seal. Danny knew a boy who could not run or play because he had what was called tuberculosis. Teacher said the Red Cross Seals were sold to help this boy and to tell other boys and girls, and grown people, too, how to keep well and strong and happy.

He put the seal on his desk. As he looked at it, the picture of Santa Claus seemed to grow larger. Santa seemed to wink, seemed to smile. Then he stepped out of the seal. He took Danny on a wonderful ride behind his reindeer.

Danny saw tiny germs cause tuberculosis. He saw a boy who whined when told to go out in the fresh air and play. He almost ran over a sunbeam that was bound earth-ward to kill the germs. He saw the building where the multitude of pennies given by boys and girls were being assembled to use their united power against the disease. Suddenly Danny found himself back in the school. But he was glad that with his penny, the only penny he had, he had bought a Red Cross Seal.

Farmers!

We are in the market for your fat hogs at seventy-five cents per hundredweight below Portland markets. This is a condition the farmers in Scio vicinity have wanted for some time. Heretofore we have been buying at \$1.00 per cwt under Portland market, and we now ask the support of the farmers to make it a paying proposition.

For the last two weeks we have been paying 9 cents at West Scio and have got good stuff, which is necessary to maintain this margin. All we ask is for the farmers to furnish their hogs and we will do the rest by giving you good square weights and the price.

We want your fat hogs, sheep and cattle and will soon be in the market for some grade Durham cows coming fresh before March first and some two year old heifers bred to freshen in the spring.

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HUMOR IN ELEPHANTS.

These Clumsy Creatures Are Trick and Dearly Love a Joke.

Elephants dearly love a joke. When engaged in the timber trade in Burma I observed some queer pranks played by them.

On one occasion I saw a calf play a most ludicrous trick on its mother. The older animal was hauling a log, which fifty coolies could not have moved, from a river to the sawmill, quite unconscious of any guile in the bosom of her offspring. The youngster took a turn with his trunk around one of the chain traces and pulled back with all his might. This additional weight caused the mother to stop and look behind her, but on discovering the cause she gravely shook her head and prepared to resume her task of drawing the log to the mill.

This was just what the little imp expected, and before the strain was put on again he kicked out the iron hook which fastened the long chain to the log. As the mother again began to pull he held back with all his strength on the chain until her muscles were in full play and then suddenly let go.

The effect was disastrous in the extreme. Down went the old elephant on her knees, and her driver described a most graceful and prolonged curve before he landed on the ground. But, like a cat, he struck on his feet, and, blurring out some heavy Burmese exclamations of wrath, he whispered a few words into the ear of the amazed victim of this unflinching practical joke. She seemed to understand him at once, and there ensued one of the most exciting chases it has ever been my good fortune to witness.

The calf scented danger the moment he saw the driver whisper to his mother, and he placed a large stack of timber between the enraged animal and himself as speedily as possible, but after a hard chase he was cornered. The maternal trunk smote him on the loins. He gave a shriek. At a second stroke he dropped to his knees and took his punishment bravely and patiently. A few minutes later he walked past us to his shed, but his trunk was drooping, and the great tears were coursing silently down his great india rubber cheeks.

I was sorry for the poor little fellow, and I noticed that at dinner time his mother was gently rubbing him down with her trunk and manifesting many signs of affection.—Chums.

The Sidesaddle.

It is generally understood that the sidesaddle used by ladies in horseback riding was the invention of the famous Catherine de' Medici while she was queen regent of France, say about 1559. Among her many other accomplishments Catherine was an expert horsewoman and often spent days together in hunting and following the chase. It was while getting used to her new manner of riding necessitated by her sidesaddle that the queen received the fall which fractured her skull and came very near terminating her career.

A Carnival of Dwarfs.

Czar Peter of Russia celebrated a marriage of dwarfs with great parade in 1710. Dwarfs of both sexes within 200 miles were commanded to repair to the capital. He supplied carriages for them and so arranged the affair that each coach should be seen entering St. Petersburg with twelve or more of these small folk. The entire company of dwarfs who took part in the festivities numbered seventy, and all the furniture and other things prepared for them were on a miniature scale.

An Accurate Description.

"Did you ever run into a telegraph pole?" inquired the elderly passenger.

"Yes, ma'am," said the chauffeur, slowing up the taxicab to avoid a collision with a street car. "I've bumped into telegraph poles, I reckon, two or three times."

"Brings you to a pretty sudden stop, doesn't it?"

"No, ma'am; the machine stops, all right, but I always keep on going."—Chicago Tribune.

SIZE IN BASEBALL.

Positions Where Big or Little Men Are Favored by Managers.

Size is regarded as very important by many managers in their selection of players for various positions.

There are very few managers who look with favor on small men as pitchers. True, major league records contain the names of many small men who were star pitchers, but the same records show that a majority of the stars were six footers. Possibly this accounts for the fact that managers seem to favor big pitchers. Pitching a ball game is a severe strain, and most managers believe the big, husky fellow is better able to stand the work than an undersized man. Often a promising recruit fails to get the attention he deserves simply because of his lack of size.

A good sized catcher also is usually preferred to the man of small or average stature. Playing to pitchers with great speed and others who use the spit ball almost entirely, or to southpaws with a big curve and a deceptive cross fire, keeps the catchers constantly in action. Another reason a good sized catcher is looked upon with favor by the manager is because most pitchers would rather work with a big fellow. The husky man offers a fine target for the pitcher and usually greatly helps him to acquire control.

First base is another position where the big rangy fellow gets the preference. The reason, of course, is that the added height often saves many wild throws that would ordinarily sail over the average player's head. It also aids him in reaching out for widely thrown balls. At short and second the little fellow usually shines. Some of the greatest shortstops and second basemen have been men very short of stature. The big or little fellow seems to get along pretty well at third, while in the outfield size is seldom given any consideration. It is speed, judgment, fielding and batting ability that count in this department.—Billy Evans in St. Nicholas.

Following a Custom.

An American traveler in Russia unearthed a relic of Catherine the Great, which amusingly illustrates the conservatism of the Russians. One day in crossing a bridge she noticed that the half dozen wooden images upon pedestals which ornamented it were weather worn. "The statues must be repainted," she said. The next day a painter was set to work, and every year afterward while the empress lived she gave orders to have them repainted. At her death it had become an established annual custom, and today the poor statues, covered with more than a hundred coats of vermilion paint, have no resemblance to anything but ungainly blocks of wood.

Deborah Was a Fighter.

Deborah Sampson was a young woman of Plymouth, Mass., who served with distinction during the Revolutionary war. She enlisted at the age of eighteen under the name of Robert Shurtcliffe. The military records show that the young private had a splendid army career. No hardship of battle was too trying for Deborah. She soon won the confidence of the officers and was not infrequently called upon to perform the most dangerous enterprise. She was twice wounded. Toward the end of the war her sex was discovered, and she was given an honorable discharge from service. Later she received a pension and a grant of land.

The Seventh Wonder.

The boy who was asked to name the seven wonders of the world stumbled along until he had totaled six. Then he stalled.

"Can any pupil add the seventh?" the teacher asked. "Jimmy, perhaps you can?"

"If you please, sir," replied Jimmy. "I think it's the triple play unassisted!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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