

FOR THE CHILDREN

THE WEST POINT RIOT.

Queer Mrs. Kangaroo. Mrs. Kangaroo has a big pocket in which she carries her young ones. It is the oddest kind of a place for a little kangaroo, and sometimes you will find a whole family of brothers and sisters in the pouch at once.

Character Guessing. All the players sit around in a circle. The player who first thinks of an interesting character in one of Grimm's fairy tales or in "Alice in Wonderland" or any other book that is quite familiar to all the players sits on the floor within the circle and begins to describe the character. The other children listen carefully, and the first one who thinks he has guessed the character sits on the floor beside the other and continues to describe the character.

Menagerie—A Jolly Hoax. Secure a box four or five feet long and one or two feet across, open at both ends. Put a sliding partition in the center and place it, covered with a dark cloth, on a table in a room adjoining the one where the company is assembled.

Error in Grammar. There has been a good deal of discussion now and then as to the phrase "grammatical error," but the best scholars hold that it is not good English. The adjective "grammatical" is active and not passive, or perhaps it might be better to say that it is subjective and not objective.

A Mighty Key. One of the oldest and most curious examples of the locksmith's art is attached to the door of Temple church, Fleet street, London. The key weighs seven pounds, is eighteen inches long, and, unlike other keys, it was not made for the lock. On the contrary, the lock was made for it.

A Memory Test. A memory test which will trip up many consists in writing down the names of the books of the Bible in their proper order. It is surprising how few persons will be able to name all the Scriptural divisions and in anything approaching regular sequence.

A Few Riddles. When is a sailor not a sailor? When he is aboard. What most resembles half a cheese? The other half.

A Riddle. A child asked her father how old he was, and the father replied, "I am just six times as old as you are, but in twenty-four years you will be one-half as old as I." What were their ages? Answer—Six and thirty-six.

A Shoe Song. Twenty little beds in rows of ten, Twenty little roly poly men, Little black men go to bed by day, Must put them in and make them stay.

Happened During the Cadetship of Jefferson Davis. Closely connected with Benny Harrens was the great cadet riot which broke out in the middle of Jefferson Davis' third year. Before Christmas it was rumored through the barracks that Davis and other southern and southwestern cadets were going to explain to the other members of the corps the mysteries of eggnog. Cadets Davis, Tilghman and Temple were to get the necessaries from Benny's, but it seems that something prevented, and others had to get the materials. The authorities were suspicious and ordered the inspectors to stay up all night to keep order. This angered the cadets, and the preparations for the eggnog went on. In the dark of the morning of Dec. 23 the invitations were sent out. Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston declined. J. B. Magruder, Drayton, C. J. Wright and others accepted. Davis was extending the invitations when he heard a rumor that Captain Hitchcock was abroad. He ran back to No. 5 north barracks, where the refreshments were collected, called out, "Put away that eggnog, boys; old Hitch is coming," and looked up to find that Hitchcock was already in the room. Davis was sent to his quarters under arrest, fortunately for him, for after some hilarious noise he went to sleep and did not get into the riot which then began. The instructors and officers were chased out of the barracks into their own rooms and there besieged. The cadets obtained arms and organized the Helvetian league to protect themselves against the bombardiers, who, they heard, were ordered out to subdue them. Davis' roommate, Walter B. Gulton of Mississippi, was the leader of the Helvetians. He secured a pistol and tried to shoot Captain Hitchcock. Some of the officers were badly bruised with stove wood that the cadets threw at them. After an hour or two the riot wore out. Later nineteen cadets, among them Gulton, were court martialed and dismissed. Davis, with others, was kept long under arrest and given demerits.—Professor W. L. Fleming in Metropolitan Magazine.

NEW ENGLAND WITCHES.

A Small Record Compared With That of Other Countries. Yankees have so long and so loudly confessed their ancestral sins that the facts in the case are little known. So much is said about Salem that the execution of witches in Pennsylvania is overlooked. The scant score of persons hanged for witchcraft in New England causes more comment than the many thousands legally burned for that crime in Europe.

In all New England, according to Nathaniel Hawthorne, nineteen persons were executed as witches. One more was accused of the crime and for refusal to plead was pressed to death, after the custom of the day. The facts concerning the widespread belief in witchcraft and the enormous number of witches killed may be found in any encyclopedia. Haydn's Dictionary of Dates says: "More than 100,000 perished, mostly by the flames in Germany." Chambers' Encyclopedia says: "In England and Scotland the witch mania was somewhat later in setting in than on the continent, but when it did so it was little if at all less virulent, the reformation notwithstanding." "The number of victims in Scotland from first to last has been estimated at upward of 14,000." Dr. Sprenger in his "Life of Mohammed" computes the entire number of persons who have been burned as witches during the Christian epoch at 2,000,000.

Witchcraft persecutions in New England took place in 1692. They were all done in six months. In England they continued till well into the next century. In 1863 a reputed wizard was drowned in a pond at Heddingham, in Essex. Says Chambers, "It was considered worthy of notice that nearly all the sixty or seventy persons concerned in the outrage were of the small tradesmen class, none of the agricultural laborers being mixed up in the affair."—Springfield Republican.

A Book She Wouldn't Read. "There is one book of Mr. Stevenson's that I myself have never read," said Mrs. Stevenson once. "I refused to read it and held to my refusal. I make it a rule never to read a novel the scene of which is laid in a bygone age. The author always deems it his duty to make his characters talk in what he considers the language of that period, and I am always sure that he doesn't know positively how they did talk, so I won't read such books. I would never read the 'Black Arrow,' and Mr. Stevenson thought it such a good joke that he insisted upon dedicating it to me."

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