

Children's Story Corner

Mr. W. D. Armstrong, teacher at Bobcaygeon, very kindly sent us a number of essays written by his pupils. They are good ones and will be published in this column a few at a time. Here are a couple:

A BEAR HUNT.

Last autumn Ben Jackson spent a few weeks with a hunting party in the mountains of Wyoming. He was very hardy for his age, being only sixteen, but he was not accustomed to mountain life. Ben was well equipped for sport, and he generally kept the camp well supplied with game such as partridge and rabbits. Two weeks had passed and Ben had not killed any big game. He had heard rumors spread around that there was plenty of bear, but as yet he had not seen any. Ben had no inclination to meet a bear alone, but before long he encountered one when least prepared to do so. One morning all the party except Ben, went out to see if they could find some game, and he was left in charge of the camp. He decided to surprise the men with a partridge pie when they came back, and never thinking any more about the camp, he shouldered his rifle and started for the foothills. The valleys and hills were enshrouded in mist, but Ben worked his way among the boulders in the direction where he expected to find the partridge. Suddenly a flock of partridge arose in the air in front of him with a whirring sound which was immediately followed by the bang of Ben's rifle. No sooner had the report died away than a louder crashing was heard behind and Ben looking in that direction was just in time to see a large grizzly charging forward. Ben was so greatly taken by surprise that his only thought was to run. He started to run down the slope, but stumbled and fell and at last dropped his gun and put forth all his efforts in running. The bear came on at a lumbering pace, but Ben managed to dodge around some trees and rocks and at length scrambled onto a big boulder eleven or twelve feet high. The grizzly, now mad with rage, was just behind Ben when he scrambled onto the boulder, and with one swipe of his monstrous paw he tore Ben's pant leg to tatters. Next day we decided to bury him. We took him to the garden and "Slowly and sadly we laid him down. From the field of his fame, fresh and green, we raised not a stone. But we left him alone in his glory."

did not quite suit my fancy: so after thinking a long time and finding that the two persons whom I liked best were my father and my grandmother, so I decided to call him "Peter Jane." Of course everybody laughed and told me it was not suitable for a dog, but I was inexorable. Next day I took him to school, eager to show my prize. I was as proud of the name as I was of the dog, so my pride got a fall, when upon being asked his name I puffed myself up and said haughtily, "Peter Jane, of course," and everybody laughed. Instead of being proud of it, now I was ashamed of it and did not know what to do, but solved the difficulty by calling him "Pete" short for "Peter."

He was a very pretty little pup, black with brown on his paws and right ear. He seemed to grow nicer as he grew older. He was a very clever pup, and learned a great many tricks. He could walk or stand on his hind legs and sit and beg; besides being able to make words, add figures, and act the alphabet. These things along with a great many more were taught to him by my father and Bill.

He was very fond of the cat. They used to play ball together by rolling it along with their paws. One day a strange dog entered the yard and taking Tab by the neck, he shook her till she almost fainted. Recovering from his surprise Pete sprang at the dog but alas for him, received a severe bite which left a life-long scar on his leg. Here the News quotes the lament of the Post over the small attendance at the lecture here, and the scolding it gave the Presbyterians for staying away. Then The News says: The men spending their days against the face of a drift of one of the many mines of the Klondike are rather inclined to smile at the heroism of the man on the well beaten trails running over the creeks, with convenient roadhouses at proper intervals, and a good team of dogs jingling their merry bells joyously in front of his sled. The man driving points in a dense cloud of steam, all alone in the bowels of the earth, the only sound the "siss" of the escaping steam and the patter of falling gravel from the roof, will grin broadly in perusing later the reverend doctor's accounts of hardships and trials at the road-houses, of his wrestling with tough beefsteaks in lonely cabins with only a few score of keepers among the mail-men, police, prospector and explorers will often wish that a failure to complete their journey meant no more than a delayed meeting somewhere, and few would afterwards care to be rallied in the public prints as "heroes of the North."

ST. VITUS DANCE

Must be Treated Through the Blood and Nerves

One of the Worst Cases on Record is Cured Through the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

St. Vitus dance is a nervous disease chiefly afflicting children. There are a number of signs by which it may be detected such as twitching of the muscles of the face, shaky hands or a jerky motion of the arms, a trembling or dragging of the legs, irritability and sleeplessness. St. Vitus dance is caused by disordered nerves and blood—that is why it is always cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The pills fill the veins with pure, rich red blood, which in turn soothes and braces the nerves, making the sufferer well. Mrs. Luffman, Poucher's Mills, Ont., tells how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured her daughter, Louise. "I do not think it possible," says Mrs. Luffman, "that anyone could be afflicted with a more severe form of St. Vitus dance than that which attacked my daughter. Her arms and legs would twitch and jerk, her face was drawn, and finally her left side became numb as though paralyzed. Her speech became thick and indistinct and she could neither stand still nor sit down. Two doctors attended her, but gave her no benefit. The last doctor who attended her told me she would never get better. It was at this discouraging time we decided to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking two boxes we could see an improvement; she could sleep better, and the spasms were less severe. From that on she steadily grew better, and after using ten boxes she was as strong and healthy a girl as you will find anywhere, and she has not had the least symptom of the trouble since."

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VIA VITAE (The Path of Life.)

If you have an honest thought, Say it. Utter boldly what you ought. This is freedom; freedom's sons Never should be timid ones.

Comes to you an honest doubt? Stay it. Angels sometimes stand without. Be of hospitable mind; Heaven's way is hard to find.

Hast thou in thy heart a prayer? Pray it. Creed nor bishop put it there. Wouldst thou dwell with God himself? Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Dost thou owe the final debt? Pay it. Cease thy troubled heart to fret. God is love, the sages say; Love his creatures,—that's the way.

GEO. A. POWLES, Chicago.

Mr. Talbot Metcalfe, of Port Hope fell off a yacht in Belleville harbor on Thursday afternoon. A companion dove for him and brought him up, but Mr. Metcalfe died of heart failure.

A YUKON "HERO"

Dawson City Papers Ridicule Rev. Pringle's Tale of Woe

A couple of months ago Rev. Dr. Pringle from the Yukon lectured in St. Andrew's schoolroom here on mission work in the far North. At various important Presbyterian gatherings in Canada, Dr. Pringle spoke of the hardships of his field and was accorded the honor and praise usually bestowed on returned missionaries. Reports of what Dr. Pringle said and the response of his brethren here have amused the Dawson City papers. The Daily News in quite a lengthy article says:

The reports of the progress of "Dr." Pringle through Canada which have reached Dawson have proved interesting and amusing. Much fulsome praise has been spread over the gentleman's life of self-immolation in the Yukon, and the gentleman has helped along this happy condition of affairs not a little with stories of stampedes and mushing heroes. "One of the missionary heroes of this age," is one of the mildest of his sheets of praise bestowed upon him wherever his talk on "what he has to go through in the Yukon." Still the truth is that not everywhere in Canada have the people shown great interest in the strenuous life the gentleman has painted as when in the Klondike, as witness the following from the Lindsay Weekly Post of May 27.

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The Yukon World has an article headed "Harrowing Details: Rev. Pringle Delights the Natives: Woes of the Yukoner: Plays to Full House in Eastern Canada in a Delightful Little Comedy." It says reports come that in Eastern Canada Dr. Pringle "is edifying the natives with the most harrowing tales of hardships and privations endured in his very laudable effort to spread the gospel among the benighted heathen of the Yukon territory." The doctor is represented as "occupying the centre of the stage with the calcium all thrown in his direction" at the Presbyterian Assembly at St. John, N. B. The World makes sport of his stories of "pack and dog train with macadamized boulevards extending to every creek of importance, and freight rates less than two cents a pound for a fifty-mile haul."

"The doctor," says the World, "will soon have completed the circuit and will return to his Yukon constituents for a fresh store of reminiscences. As a popular idol he has been a howling success through Eastern Canada, and the World regrets its positions as an iconoclast."

Although at times mistakes were made—For such things will occur—His typewriter he did not blame—As some men do whom you might name. He was engaged to her.

Where the Book Failed. "Let me sell you this little work on 'How to Keep Chickens.'" "No use. There is a colored settlement half a mile below."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Sometimes when a man looks perfectly wretched it is a case of hopeless love, and sometimes it is some dinners he has eaten.

Sometimes a woman marries to get a change of venue.

Nowadays offering a girl your check book for inspection is tantamount to a proposal of marriage.

If you wish to be popular, don't try to tell your troubles when the other fellow is wanting to tell his.

Time spent in saying goodby is never wasted.

Of course there is no fool like an old fool. The others are beginners.

When doctors disagree, it is generally up to the probate court to decide.

The less a man knows on a subject the more he is apt to talk about it.

People who never lose their temper probably never have any.

A girl is not always a costly article simply because she is hand painted.

There is no kill-joy equal to the fellow that has already heard your new joke.

POTATO BLIGHT

It can be Prevented by Spraying the Vines with Bluestone and Lime

Farmers continue to lose hundreds of bushels of potatoes every year from blight and rot which might be saved by spraying the vines with Bordeaux mixture. The results obtained at the Central Experimental Farm and elsewhere have proved over and over again how well it pays to spray, but comparatively few farmers spray their potatoes for the prevention of rot even yet. At Ottawa one variety that was sprayed yielded at the rate of 201 bushels more per acre than the same variety unsprayed, and taking the average of 11 varieties there was an increase of 120 bushels per acre.

The formula used is 6 lbs. bluestone, 4lbs lime and 40 gallons water. If the potato beetle is still active 8 ozs. Paris green may be added to this. If fresh lime cannot be obtained, 7½ lbs. washing soda will take its place. There should be about four sprayings, the first about the middle of July, the second from ten days to two weeks later, the third and fourth at about the same intervals, the object being to keep the vines covered with the mixture until September.

It has been proven by experiment that over half the crop of potatoes will be produced after August 22nd., if the vines are kept green, and this is what spraying will do, as the Experimental Farm, the vines have been kept green from 18 to 20 days longer than where left unsprayed. The cost of four sprayings is about \$7.00.

Fuller particulars will be furnished on application to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

FENELON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Fenelon Council met at Cameron on the 11th in adjourned Court of Revision and for general business. On motion of Messrs. Webster and Cragg the following changes were made in the assessment roll and it as then revised became the roll of 1904: (1) That N. Weldon be assessed as joint owner of part lots 1 and 2, con. 2. (2) That James Jackson, tenant on part lots 21 in cons. 5 and 6 be assessed at \$4,000. (3) That Wm. McIntosh be assessed as owner of B, N part of lot 21, 8 con. (4) That Jos. Cooper be assessed as tenant of the Cambrey temperance house and assessed at \$600. That the following be entered at M.F.: Angus Spence, Donald McFarquhar, Wm. Hodgcock, Walter Rutherford, Joseph Peart, Edward Spier, Percy Page. The following were entered as farmers' sons: W. B. Jackson and Charles Shire.

General business: C. D. Barr wrote plan of Rosedale and enclosed a bill of \$16.90. Council deferred payment. The Great N. W. Telegraph Company accepted the reduced assessment of \$800; the editor of the Fenelon Falls Star asked for a bonus of 25 cents a rod for wire fence along his lot. Council offered him 30c a rod; Mr. Geo. Brooks of Verulam, councillor, addressed the council asking that 35 cents a rod bonus be given to Jos. Welch to build a short piece on Fenelon boundary; A McGeer offered to build a wire fence along his farm on the new road, a very bad place for drifting, but the council adhered to the 30 cent offer as being the maximum.

A by-law was passed for the expenditure of money on the roads and over \$1,000 was voted for that purpose; J. J. Teevin was granted 25 cents a rod bonus for wire fence along his lot on motion of Messrs. Dewel and Webster. T. Flynn was given \$15 as part compensation for loss by him of household goods in case of diphtheria. On motion of Messrs. Webster and Cragg, the following other motions received the assent of the council:

Webster—Dewel—that John Cundy be appointed pathmaster to succeed Wm. Landell, who resigned.

Smitheram—Dewel—that the clerk be re-engaged at \$140 per year.

Cragg—Smitheram—that the reeve and treasurer be authorized to borrow \$400.

Cragg—Webster—that advertising the notice of passing of by-law authorizing the raising of \$2,500 School Debentures for S. S. No. 1, be confirmed.

Dewel—Smitheram—that Mary and Sarah McFadyen be given \$5 each.

Webster—Dewel—that the following bills be paid: P. Moffatt, cultivator on his beat, \$2.50; M. Mayhew, for the use of Orange Hall, \$2; John Hay, for getting gravel from the lake, \$12; Mrs. G. McFadyen, refund of taxes paid in error, \$2.21. Council then adjourned to meet at the call of the reeve.

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