

Children's Story Corner

THE HISTORY OF OUR DOG.

One day last August I asked my mother if I couldn't get a dog as I had been very much. He told me that I was only a nuisance, then he asked me what I would do with the dog. I told him I could train him to do tricks and to draw me on a sled. He was big enough, but there was no excuse I could not get a dog. About a week afterward, as I was sitting on the platform I saw my father coming down the lane with a dog. I gave a yell and ran to meet him. When I got to him I had a nice collie dog, but it was only a pup. I had to keep him in a cage for about a week till he was used to the place, then I took him out and he would stay in a home and follow me around and I liked me very much. I now thought what I would call him and my mother said that whose name was Joe. I wished me to call him Joe, so that is his name. Now the time of training him came, and the first time I first taught him was to sit on his hind feet. I got a piece of meat from the butcher shop and I sat on the platform in the air. I held it up in the air and kept saying "speak Joe." At first Joe did not know what to make of it. He sat there and looked at me. I once more held it up and said "speak" but it was of no use. He just sat there. I kept on saying "speak" and then I gave him a hint when I said "speak" again he gave a growl and I went to give him a piece of meat in one hand but I took the other as if I was and held up the meat as if I was going to hit him so then I made him take it quietly. After this I taught him to jump over a stick or through my arms, to stand on his hind legs, to jump through a hoop and many other things. I now longed for winter to come till I would have him to draw the sleigh. At last after long waiting, it came. I got a harness and a sleigh and hitched him up. Then I said, "Go on, Joe," and he started to run with the sleigh. He went back home and after being out for about half an hour I came out for about half an hour for back home. I did this every day for quite a while until he got used to drawing alone. Then one day I got drawing alone and he drew me all right. One day when I was on the sleigh I was turning the corner when the sleigh went bang against something and I rolled off into a snowdrift and I got nearly buried beneath it. I got up to see what was the matter. There was my dog and the harness and Bruce Walker was there with his dog. His dog was also harnessed and when going round the corner we had come together. We now looked to see if the sleighs were broken. One runner of mine was broken nearly in two and his sleigh was badly smashed up, both runners being broken, and the top board split in two. After that I had to get on my sleigh with my dog and my dog. As the days became longer my dog got older and became stronger, he got so cross that I had to give him away. This man lived at Peterboro and he took the dog with him, and that was the last I saw of Joe.

A NEST OF BIRDS

It was a beautiful day last June, one of those days when a school-boy is having his holidays, when he has nothing to do but to go out in the garden and his under the bushes and the grass and watch the birds, that Phil Ryder went out into the garden. He was awakened from one of his day dreams by a chirp in an apple tree above his head. Looking up he beheld a canary. It was of a bright yellow color with black on the tips of its wings and of its tail. Another chirp was heard on the ground nearby, where there was another canary. The canary in the tree flew down and both started picking at a piece of bread that was lying there. Phil kept very quiet and watched them. After they had eaten the bread they picked up a currant bush that was beside the apple tree. Here the female began to weave a pretty little nest while the male

brought the things to make it with. Phil was called in to supper but did not forget about the nest. Every day he took a peep at it, nearly all ways dropping in a few crumbs, but taking care not to anger the occupants.

In about a week's time the nest was complete. It was in the crutch of a currant bush and if you did not know it was there you would not find it as it was completely covered by leaves. The nest was fastened to the branches with horse hair and the inside was lined with soft feathers. One day when Phil was taking his usual peep at the nest he espied one little blue egg with little brown spots now stayed at home and the male bird now stayed at home and the female brought her food. When he had fed her he would perch on the apple tree and sing the most beautiful songs.

There were now five eggs in the nest but it took them a long time to hatch. At last one day when Phil looked he was astonished to see one little bird. In another day all the young ones were hatched. They were about the size of the eggs and were not yet clothed. The male was now kept very busy feeding the young ones and their mother, but he did his duty in hopes that it would end some day. Every day the young ones seemed to be getting bigger and stronger. One day Phil took one of his chums to see the nest. He looked at it first and then drew back to let his chum see it. When his chum looked, the old birds made an awful fuss and used to him. The old ones were now ready to learn to fly. The old ones would fly and chirp as if calling on the little ones to come. After many vain attempts at learning the little ones could now learn the old ones. They were as big and strong as the older ones. Each day began to get colder, and at last one day the nest where it was in the currant bush, hoping that the canaries would come back the next year.

WHEN SICKNESS COMES

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BAD ELECTRICAL STORM

The Vicinity of Woodstock Suffer From a bad Thunder Storm

A very severe electrical storm passed over Woodstock and district on Wednesday of last week, lasting for several hours. The barns of Smith Hill, near Loldens, were struck by lightning, and burned with their contents, which included the season's hay crop, Mr. Hill's implements, 3 buggies and a number of hogs. A barn near Bright, owned by Joseph Evans, on the farm occupied by Wm. Blair, was also burned, with a loss of \$3,000. The horses were rescued, but the hay and implements were destroyed. Eight cows belonging to Joseph Gorrish were killed while standing under a tree. In Inverkerk village the house of Ebenezer Knight was damaged to a slight extent, the family being dazed by the lightning stroke. In Elgin county the barns of John S. Moore, Dayham and John Nesbitt, Malahide, are reported to have been destroyed.

Arthur Lally, the thirteen-year-old son of John Lally, lockmaster at the foot of the Cornwall Canal, was drowned at Cornwall. He was crossing the locks and fell into the water. Someone saw his cap and in a few minutes the body was recovered, but life was extinct.

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WHAT CANADA OWES

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The Dundas True Banner figures that Canada's debt equals \$874 per head for Canadian property-holders, and comments thus:

Every cent of every dollar of this debt has to be paid by the great wage-earning classes, among whom the farmers are the largest contributors. Our Excise and Customs duties are mortgaged for a century in consequence of it, and will have to be arranged, not in accordance with a sane and commercial policy, but to secure a revenue. The claim which the creators of this debt have made for the last twenty-five years, that it will fall largely on future generations is both invalid and immoral because the present generation should look after itself, and should not unduly burden future generations, since competition and financial exigencies may be vastly greater and harder in the future than they are at the present. This then is the state of affairs which caused great jubilation among the plutocrats who impiously and insanely laughed at the idea of Providence being on the side of Prosperity — the all-wise Providence that spread their regal banquet for them that evening, though thousands of half-fed, half-clad children in the lanes of our cities cried to heaven for bread and raiment of last winter, and hundreds of weary-hearted, solitary women on our farms, sit year after year, with the cheerless day before them and around them. We want to put some joy into the hearts of those men and women. We want their being in a brighter atmosphere, and in pity for themselves and their children, turn themselves present system as they would from a show that is over, for the folly shall not live forever in the heart of humanity like carrion in the jaws of a vulture; and the day is near when every man shall not sell his reason for a mere cloth instead of the robes of a king. A time comes in the life of every man when he must throw himself, and the evil that is in him overboard, and vanish in the light that beats upon the world, or be lost. Men may laugh in Bacchanalian feasts at Providence, and years of prosperity, where the light hides His wisdom, when the dense dwells, and they who seek in the daytime shall shake in the watches of the night with fear instead of laughter, for He ties up his wrath as the lightning, and loosens it when it is not seen.

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THE FLOWER SHOW

The Provincial Exhibit of Flowers, Fruit and Honey Will Likely be a Success

The arrangements already made for the provincial fruit, flower and honey show, which will be held in Toronto during the second week in November, indicate that it is likely to prove as important an event in its line as the big winter fair held yearly at Guelph and no effort is being spared to make each feature of the show the greatest of the kind that has ever been held in Canada. The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association has drawn up a liberal price list and will pay the transportation charges one way on all exhibits of fruit sent to the show.

Special prizes will be offered for the best exhibit of fruit made by any agricultural society. It is expected that many of the societies in the province will send their total exhibits from their fall fairs to this show. Arrangements have been completed to keep this fruit in cold storage. In this way, it is hoped to have representative exhibits from all parts of the province. Demonstrations in fruit and staling or eating purposes. In this way, householders will be enabled to secure the best varieties of fruits for their purposes. On the last day of the exhibit in a big auction sale of fruit will take place. The money offered for flowers is over 100 percent more than has ever before been offered in Toronto. About \$1500 will be given in prizes in this section alone. The arrangements are in charge of a floral committee, of which Mr. Edward Tyrrel, president of the Toronto Horticultural Society is chairman. The money prize list is also a big one. Several packages are offered for commercial packages.

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