

THE SEED AND THE PLOWER The North Wind and the awest South

And all the winds in town, Came once to see a little seed. Clad in a garment brown. The North Wind brought a fleece

It felt so soft and warm The little seed would not get up, And face the cold and storm,

"Ho!" cried the East Wind. "Lazy folks

Must try the water cure." And then he dashed upon her bed Some rain-drops bright and pure, Such conduct vexed the little seed. She tried so hard to frown, That in her indignation great She tore her russet gown!

But Nature only smiled and said, "Here is a dress of green, It is your best, though, so take car And keep it nice and clean." "Come out!" cried merry, strong

West Wind. "I bring a playmate bright." And so she peeped about the ground And saw the fair Sunlight!

The South Wind gave obelsance mild "Would you not like to dance? My Zephyre play a sprightly waltz They learned in pleasant France. And then, ask not the why and how, I know not to this hour,

By all these gifts and changes strange, The seed became—a flower! -E. M. Ford, in Youth's Companion.

THE STAR WINDOW. neighbors and test friends. Andrea lived in a square white house very much like other people's houses but up to the "den," a small room filled three large butcher knives. with many beautiful and curious things from faraway lands, belong fork, knife and steel, several plugs ing to Uncle Kent, who was away of tobacco, an old purse, a quantity from home on a second voyage round of small carpenter tools, including

the world. shaped like a star; and near it hung | works were distributed separately so an electric light bulb, in which, by as to make the best show possible. pressing one or another of a row of Altogether the oddest collection! None buttons, the color of the light could of these things was of any earthly be changed. This was simply an electure to the rats. They must have trical experiment of Uncle Kent's, collected them just in the same way but very mysterious and fascinating that a child hoards up odds and ends to the children.

One day Fay had a beautiful idea, and her eyes sparkled and danced as she told it to Andrea.

Sweet dreams!" "

"How lovely!" cried' Andrea, "Fay these directions: Meredyth, how ever, ever did you think of it?"

that will mean, 'Come over.' "

"All right," said Fay, and soon

could mean, 'I am sorry.' "

drea, in dismay in the star window, and Andrea knew will learn why I call them acrobatic that it was Fay's good-night message, ccrks. If the tub is of large size a And sometimes in the early evening whole dozen of corks will create more the violet light would call urgently, sport than half that number, "Come over, come over!"

forgotten day the two dear little best friends quarreled. Neither knew exgood-night message.

woke late in the evening to find a exclaiming: light shining in her face. Could it be a message from Fay? She sprang know if you like pork?" up eagerly. Yes, a light was shining most urgent signal of all. Andrea nothing in the way of meat that I put on her shoes and stockings and like better than pork." seized a shawl.

the imperious violet light.

among her window plants, and slip- the country as a tight proposition. ped noiselessly down the stairs and Nevertheless, one afternoon teacher out of the house. She ran swiftly took the boy aside and asked: down the shadowy garden and across the Meredyths' lawn. The door in your father promised me?" the western porch was open, and she ran happily in, and up the queer, winding stairway, through Fay's room and are to the den, where the violet light was still shining brightly. But in the door way she came to a sudden stop, and herelips began to quiver | ard) and fright, for the room was fall of strangers, and eye, only leaves its nose? The word

Fay was nowhere to be seen. Then some one gaw the little figing scarlet shart, with the blue cause it never comes a-miss, tightly in her arms, Cinb was crowding round her.

Why, it is little Andrea Wayne!" ted Pay's mother. "Tell me how minds the train and the other trains

came here, sarling,"

thought Far called me," sobbed

waste Mr. Meredyth. "N farewell to the Geology Club, and will carry you home."

Andrea handed the blue hyachtl

to Mrs. Moredyth. "Please give it to Fay," said she, "and tell her it means the same as the blue light." "Now I know she has been dream ing," laughed Mr. Meredyth, as he carried her down the stairs.

All the next day Andrea waited pa tiently, wondering if Fay would up derstand the message of the blue flow er. Just after she had gone to bed light flashed in the star window. An dres ran to her window in great excitement.

The blue light-the dear blue light was shining brightly. "I am sorry! am sorry!" it semed to say, Andrea laughed happily.

Then the light changed. "Lovelove-love," said the white light. "Oh, the dear, beautiful star window!" cried Andrea.

"Good night! Sweet dreams!" said the ruby light .-- Youth's Compan-

THE TRADE RAT.

One of the oddest little animals in existence is the California wood rat better known as the "trade rat." If owes the latter name, says the Strand Magazine, to the fact that, the it is a great thief, it never steals any thing without putting something else in its place.

The story is told of a paste pot which had been left overnight in the assay office at the Silver Queen Mine, and which was found in the morning filled with the oddest collection of rubbish

This was the work of trade rats. They had stolen the paste and left in exchange a piece of stick, a length of rope, some odds and ends of wire, and an unbroken glass funnel,

The object of the trade rat in so business transactions, and financially scrupulously paying for what he takes | sole to carry out any obligations made is something of a mystery, but these by his firm. Andrea and Fry were next-door same rats certainly take the greatest pleasure in the odds and ends which

A description is given of a trade Fay's house was an old-fashioned, oc- rat's nest found in an unoccupied tagon structure. All the rooms were house. The outside was composed round, and delightful little curving entirely of iron spikes laid in perfect stairways were found in all sorts of symmetry, with the points outward. unexpected places. From Fay's dain- Interlaced with the spikes were about by blue sleeping-room a tiny flight led two dozen forks and spoons and

There were also a large carving several augers, and a watch, of which In this room there was a window the outside casing, the glass and the to play with,

ACROBATIC CORKS

Save up all of the small corks you "Every night at bedtime," said she, can find, and when you want a real "I will turn on the ruby light, and it good is gh take your acrobatic corks will shine through the star window, into the hathroom, after you have across the garden, into your chamber fixed them, and see how funny they window, and it will mean 'Good night! | vill cut up. Miss Anna Wulf Davis, in The Ladies' Home Journal, gives

Take half a dozen small corks five eighths of an inch long. (Those "Oh, I heard Brother Harry tell- longer than three-fourths of an inch ing about a man in a story book who can not be used to advantage.) Into used colored lights to send orders to the edge of the small end of the cork his servants," replied Fay, "and I stick two large-headed carpet tacks, thought how nice it would be to use and they will look like "Brownie" the ruby light to say 'Goog night.' " logs and feet; near the upper edge "It will be fust splendid," said An- of the cork stick two short brass drea, "and when you want to see me | pins for arms, having them on a line right off, for something very special, with the carpet-tack legs. Into the and important that can't wait till center of the top stick a large-headed morning, turn on the violet light, and brass unholstery tack, letting it project well, for the neck and head

Now half fill your bathtub with they had arranged messages for the water; throw in the corks, and if your tacks and pins are properly placed "If we should ever have a quarrel," they will balance perfectly. The cursaid Fay, slowly, "the blue light rent created by the water, which must be kept running in a moderate "But we never could!" cried An. stream, will cause the corks to sail around the tub until they arrive un-So every night the ruby light shone der the stream of water, and then you

And then one dreadful never-to-be THIS LITTLE PIG STAYED AT HOME.

It was formerly the custom of the actly how it happened, or what real country folk to work out their taxes ly was the cause, but Andrea went by boarding teacher, which meant sorrowfully home, and for the first that from time to time he was suptime in many weeks Fay sent no plied from various quarters with

For two nights the star window One day a boy named Tim Moorewas dark, but on the third Andrea head breathlessly sought the teacher,

"Say, teacher, my pa wants to "Indeed I do, Tim," was the renig In the star window—the violet light, "Say to your father that there is

Some time passed, and there was "Come over! come over!" signalled no pork from Tim's father, a fact that in no way surprised the teacher, for Andrea took a bive hyacinth from the old man was known throughout

> "How about that pork, Tim, that "Oh," answered Tim, "the pig got

well,"-Harper's Weekly,

CONUNDRUMS. How many ships make one drink-

ing vessel? Eight anchored (a tank-What is that, if you take away its

Why does a baby boy always get ere in the white aight-dress and trail- a hearty welcome in a family? Be-Why is it impossible to catch a

at the whole Geology theif who has stelen a complete set of harness? Because there is not a trace left. What is the difference between an engineer and a school teacher? One

> the mind. Why should a man in crossing the Sahara Desert carry with him a watch? Because it has a spr., g in

When are soldiers and carpenters alike? When drilling - Philidelphia

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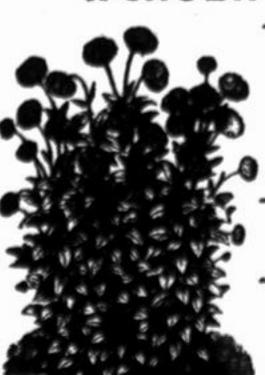
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