

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LAND OF LIE-BED. The lady land of Lie-Bed. Has two fat pillows at the head...

THE DESERT SCHOOL VISITOR. "Teacher, teacher," exclaimed Anita, "something moved in the corner."

"A scorpion," boldly said Juan. "No, a tarantula," cried Ricardo. "Maybe 'twas a horned toad," suggested little Rita...

"Let me find it," pleaded Juan, one of the larger boys, whipping a string and forked stick out of his pocket. The Mexican children crowded to the corner without fear...

"I'm not afraid," answered Juan. "I often help father trap them. See?" he called a moment later, as he brought the captive from the corner with a strong cord.

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"Birds' eggs mostly," answered Ricardo, "and bugs, too." "This one is only about ten inches long," said Juan, looking at it critically. "Most that we find are about eighteen inches."

"The Gila monster is one of the largest lizards in North America," said the teacher, returning to the desk, "and it has the distinction of being the only one that is poisonous. Do you know any other place where the Gila monster is found besides in Arizona?"

"Father has seen them in New Mexico," answered Juan. "Yes," said Miss Allen, "and they are also found in Texas. They are named from the Gila River in Arizona. I always have had a great curiosity to see this animal, for I have heard marvelous stories of how men have lost their lives from its bite, whose poison is said to act directly on the heart."

"My father," said Juan, "does not think the bite will kill a man." As he spoke, he drew the lizard out from the desk, the children gathering around him. "What shall we do with our strange guest?" smilingly asked the teacher. "I guess it belongs to Anita," roguishly said Juan. "I don't want it," quickly answered the child, drawing back to a safe distance.

"What brought you here?" "Bad company." Now it came to pass, one day, that the starting escaped from his cage and flew away to enjoy his liberty. The barber was in despair. Joe was the life of the shop; many a customer had been attracted by the antics of the bird, and the barber saw his receipts falling off. Then, too, he loved the bird, which had proved so apt a pupil.

But all efforts to find the stray bird were in vain. Meantime, Joe had been enjoying life on his own account. A few days passed very pleasantly, and then, alas! he fell into the snare of the Fowler, literally.

A man lived a few miles from the barber's home, who made the snaring of birds his business. Others, again, were sold to hotels near by, to be served up in delicate tidbits to fastidious guests. Much to his surprise, Joe found himself one day in the fowler's net, in company with a large number of birds as frightened as himself. The fowler began drawing out the birds, one after another, and wringing their necks. Joe saw that his turn was coming and something must be done. It was clear that the fowler would not ask questions, so Joe piped out: "I'm Joe!"

"Hey! what's that?" cried the fowler. "I'm Joe!" repeated the bird. "Are you?" said the astonished fowler. "What brings you here?" "Bad company," said Joe, promptly. "It is needless to say Joe's neck was not wrung, and that he was soon restored to his rejoicing master, the barber.

SIX THINGS BEHIND. "Rufus," said his mother, "did you mail the letter I gave you last evening?" "Oh, mother, I forgot it! I meant to, but just then I had to go and get some new shoestrings, so it went out of my mind."

"Didn't I speak of those strings yesterday?" "Yes; but just then father called me to ask if I had weeded the pansy bed the night before."

"I thought you were to write that on Saturday." "I meant to, but I had to do some examples that I didn't do on Friday, so I hadn't time." "Rufus," called his brother, "didn't you mail the broken slat on the rabbit pen yesterday?" "Oh! I was just going to, but I hadn't watered the house-plants, and I went to do that and then—"

"The rabbits are all out." Rufus hastened to join in the hunt for the pet. In the course of his search he came upon two tennis rackets which he had "meant to" bring in the night before, and they were in bad condition.

"There, now! It will cost you so much to get these strung up. Why didn't I take them in, anyway? I remember I hadn't locked the stable door when father called me, and then I hurried to do it before he asked me again."

Later in the day, Rufus, with a penitent face, brought to his mother the letter which should have been mailed. During the rabbit hunt it had slipped out of his pocket, one of his brothers having found it in the damp clover, and it was now a sorry-looking mislaid letter—Home Herald.

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THE JESTER

NOT A CONTRIBUTOR. When Brown talked politics he'd talk about...

With vim and vigor and delight, in any argument he'd mix. If you but mentioned politics, one day a fellow came along when Brown was going fast and strong.

A FABULOUS PRICE. Bloward—I hesitate to tell you what that automobile cost me. You wouldn't believe it. I paid a fabulous price for the machine, though, I can tell you.

HE DID NOT PRACTISE. The Minister—Then you don't think I practise what I preach, eh? The Deacon—No, sir, I don't. You've been preaching on the subject of resignation for two years, and yet you've resigned yet.—Tit-Bits.

MADE HIT, ANYWAY. He (with newspaper): "Ah! So Affinity Earle's wife has turned the tables on him." She: "The paper I saw said she struck him with a chair."—Boston Transcript.

IN A BAD WAY. First Toller—My doctor ordered me to drink beer for insomnia. Second Toller—Can't you sleep, then? First Toller—Only at night.—Windsor.

ONE SIDED. "Yes," said the old peer, "my son is willing to stand for Parliament." "Unfortunately," he added, after a slight pause, "Parliament does not reciprocate."—Youth's Companion.

BEFORE THE STORM. "You seem to manage remarkably well on your housekeeping money." "Yes; the storekeepers haven't sent in their bills yet."—Stray Stories.

WHY SHE DECLINED. "Really," said the stylish lady, enthusiastically, to her friend, "it is quite worth while going to the Zoo, if only to see the wonderful display of rhododendrons." "Is it?" replied her friend, languidly. "I like to look at the great big clumsy beasts, too, but it always smells so unpleasantly round the cages."—London News.

SATAN'S WILES. "Now, Willie, you know I told you not to go in swimming, and yet you have been in the water." "I know it, ma, but Satan tempted me." "And why did you not tell Satan to get behind you?" "I did, and he kicked me in."—Judge.

THE PROOF. "Calling names don't make any real difference," said the conservative campaigner. "No," answered the scientist. "If it did those Latin titles we have bestowed on germs would have discouraged them long ago."—Washington Star.

MILLIONS OF LIVES LOST.

The Awful Toll Collected by Consumption.

If people could only understand that catarrh is an internal scourge—that nothing applied externally does much good—they would not need to be warned so often about this fatal disease, which, when neglected, invariably ends up in consumption, at the cost of millions of lives every year.

Catarrh is caused by germs in the blood which circulate throughout the entire system. External remedies give but temporary ease. Although the effects are often seen in the form of pimples, rash, eczema or dry scaly skin, the trouble is internal, and can never be cured by external remedies.

The only way to cure catarrh is by employing a medicine which is absorbed and carried by the blood to all parts of the system, so that the mucous membrane or internal lining of the body is thoroughly medicated, soothed, disinfected of germ matter, and the soreness healed.

SPORTING NEWS. STANDING OF THE CLUBS. Checkers 5 1 853. Dominoes 3 3 500. All Stars 2 4 334. Cubs 2 4 334.

LADIES. Miss Bertha Mochel 106. Miss Stewart 92. Mrs. Mathewson 87. Mrs. W. V. Devereaux 86. Mrs. Chas. Mochel 77. Miss Irma Parker 74. Mrs. Bert White 74. Mrs. Wm. L. Charty 73. Mrs. W. H. Shaffer 73. Miss Lena Schuets 70. Mrs. Hugh White 70. Mrs. J. A. Westblade 69. Mrs. Howard Jones 68. Mrs. J. W. Hughes 66. Mrs. R. J. Darnley 66. Mrs. King Bush 62. Mrs. Hugh White 62. Mrs. Rex Hawkins 62. Mrs. E. H. Huntington 58. Mrs. G. H. Bunge 46.

BASKET BALL NEWS. On last Saturday night the Downers Grove Basket Ball Team added one more game to their long, unbroken string of victories; this time Oak Park being taken into camp to the cheerful tune of "Downers 30, Oak Park 14."

OFFEN THE CASE. "A newspaper has got to print a variety of matter. You can't tell what is going to suit who." "That's right. Now at our house, grandmother likes the side table with glass, whilst grandmother just dates on the sporting news."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

to a teacher of much ability and an honor graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

The annual installation of the officers of the Lady Macabees will be held at Modall's hall Friday evening, Jan. 22, for members only. Each Lady Macabee is urgently requested to be present to participate in the evening's festivities.

An alarm of fire was turned in Monday noon from the Farrar house, occupied by T. Stevenson, 50 Oakwood avenue. The roof caught fire from sparks and was burning freely when discovered, but with the assistance of a ladder and a few pails of water, the blaze was extinguished before the arrival of the firemen.

A wedding of special interest occurred last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. William S. Potter, 63 South avenue, when Mr. Morton O. Hamblin of Kalamazoo was united in marriage to Miss Florence Bradley of Augusta.

FAIR EXCHANGE. A New Back for an Old One. How It Can be Done in Downers Grove. The back aches at times with a dull, indistinguishable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys, and again the joints are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the bad back for a new and stronger one. Downers Grove residents would do well to profit by the following example.

William Henry Burns, 111 Washington St., Naperville, Ill., says: "I am glad to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills in the hope that at least a few of the many who suffer from kidney and bladder trouble may be led, through my endorsement, to try them. I began suffering from weak kidneys two or three years ago. My back ached a great deal but I suffered mostly from bladder trouble. I had a frequent desire to pass the kidney secretions, causing me to get up a number of times during the night, and the secretions were also profuse at times, while at others scanty. I felt weak and miserable and although I used different remedies, none gave me relief. I finally procured Doan's Kidney Pills and began taking them. I now have little or no trouble with my kidneys and I advise all kidney sufferers to try Doan's Kidney Pills and be convinced of their merit."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. TOPP, DECEASED. All persons having claims against the estate of William A. Topp, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to attend and present such claims to the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, for the purpose of having the same adjusted at a term of said court, to be held at the County Court Room in the Court House in Wheaton, in said county, on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1909, being the first day thereof.

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