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Our Boys and Girls Corner

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DEDICATED TO EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN CANADA

My Dear Boys and Girls:—

I hope every member of our "League of Service" is having as enjoyable a holiday as Roger Bennett. Roger says that he thinks summer is the loveliest time of all the year to have holidays, as one can do so many jolly things. Already he has been for several picnics and has a swim every morning. Roger lives by the lake side.

I am writing this letter to you by the side of the sea in a very pretty part of Nova Scotia. As I look up now and again I can see several sailing boats and a little launch. The owner of one of the sailing boats is a fisherman. He sets nets out in the bay every night and in the morning he draws them up, generally full of fish, so we have some fresh fish for breakfast or luncheon. The fishing is not done here with a line and a stick or rod as our boy friends fish in the lakes and rivers; but by trawling, that is pulling a net or a long line baited with several very large hooks through the water behind a boat, or with the nets set overnight by the fishermen. Such quantities of fish are caught and such big fellows, too.

I wonder how many of you have seen the sea and how many have been on the sea. This morning I went out in a small launch, and the owner of it told me he had been all through the war and was in Germany until a year ago. His sister went to England to help during the war and she did gardening. Not farming but gardening, just like hundreds of other Helpers. She planted and dug potatoes and beetroot, and sometimes flowers for those who were sick in hospital. I asked the boy in the boat why his sister went over to England to do gardening, and he said: "She wanted to HELP and there was not much that girls could do here in the first few months of the war, so she went nearer to those who wanted help most."

During the water trip we passed a good many islands, very beautiful in the sunshine, with numbers of different trees, spruce, pine, juniper and fir, one, however, was almost bare of trees at the edge, and where the trees were seen they leave big spaces between them. The boatman told me that this was known as "Treasure Island." Years ago a sailor was supposed to have buried a lot of gold and treasures there, and many ships have sailed to this spot to search for the treasure. No one has ever found anything so far, but the island has been almost all of it turned up by spades and picks in the hunt for the wonderful "treasure." This sounds like a story out of a book, does it not? and the story is in a book, too, about this very island. Some one wrote all the story of it and put it in a book, which you may read sometime. It is called "The Adventures of Captain Kidd."

PLEDGE.
For Young Helpers' League of Service.

"Do a little kindness to someone every day.
Scatter rays of sunshine all along the way."

I pledge myself in the service of my King and Country to DO MY BEST IN MY DAILY WORK, wherever it may be, to help others wherever possible, and to endeavor in every way to make myself A GOOD CITIZEN.

Date.....

Name .....

Age .....

Address .....

A Hardworking Little Canadian.

Have you ever seen a beaver at work? We may call this clever little animal a Canadian, I think, as his picture has been adopted for our national coat of arms, as you all know. Every boy and girl knows that the beaver is described as a very industrious little animal. Did you ever stop to think what this word industrious means when we take the little beaver as one of the signs of what a Canadian should be? An industrious person is one who does his or her work thoroughly and well, one who sticks at a task well until he finishes it, and this, according to stories told of his habits, is surely what the little beaver does.

He builds bridges across streams. Builds a little house for himself and cuts down trees as cleverly as any human woodsman. Wishing to test the time taken by these little animals to cut down a tree, some men once took a single beaver and set him by a tree that was two feet six inches in width. It was also 12 feet in height.

The beaver commenced to work upon it at one o'clock, midday, and by forty minutes past five that afternoon he had cut the trunk clean through, and the tree was felled. Just before the tree was ready to fall the beaver rushed away out of danger and waited until the trunk lay flat on the ground, when he walked up and down in front of it as though planning out how he should divide it up. After this he cut the tree trunk into three parts, rolled two of them into the water, and set the other aside to build himself a house. Between all his work he took occasional meals and swam out into the stream. Was not that a good day's work for one little animal? A day's work completed in less than a full human day and every bit of it done cleanly and well, so we shall have to try hard if we mean to do our work as industriously even as the little beaver. All Helpers who join our League of Service should be proud of our emblem, the Beaver, so I have had a picture of this little fellow put on our next badge. Next week I will tell you about the badge.

NOTICE FOR NEW MEMBERS.

How to Join the Helpers' League of Service."

Boys and Girls who wish to join the Service League, must note the following rules:—

Fill in pledge and send to Aunt June, 515 Manning Chambers, Toronto. Only those who send in an account of an act of service every day for a week are eligible for a badge. This means to receive a Helper's service badge you must prove your service by helping some one every day for a full week, then write a letter to Aunt June telling her about it, enclose the pledge and a three-cent stamp for postage of badge.

When you have received the badge I want every Helper to wear it and to remember that he has pledged himself, or she has pledged herself, by joining the Service League, to lose no opportunity of helping others.

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have only to send in the pledge and stamps for a badge, as all Guides and Scouts are already pledged to service for their country.

About Its Birds.

Letters from members who have described three kinds of sparrows in Canada will be printed in our corner next week.

What are you doing for service during the holidays? Please write lots of news to

Yours lovingly,
AUNT JUNE.

THE Queen of Hearts,
She made some tarts,
For breakfast, lunch, and tea;
Her family whined,
But still they dined
On tarts exclusively.

She never took
A prize as cook
Except in making tarts;—
'Twas all she knew
Just how to do,
Poor silly Queen of Hearts.

Find three members of the royal family. Answer In the folds of the left sleeve. Upside down on edge of skirt. At bottom edge of skirt, seen made by slippers.

A Little Bit of Everything

MOST TRAGIC MOMENT.

A short time ago a London paper offered a price of £10 ($50) to the reader who sent in the most interesting account of an experience fraught with moments of horror, the writer of the following winning the prize: At a certain munition factory during the war a party of girls were at tea. As a result of the short amount of time at their disposal for this repast, they were naturally all very eager to make their tea quickly. They were all crowded round the gas-ring one day, when accidentally a girl's overall became ignited. Immediately there was a panic among her workmates, and a call for help. A young man heard these cries, and came quickly to the scene. Taking in the situation at a glance, he immediately caught up a pail that contained a colorless liquid, and threw the contents over the burning girl. Then, to his horror, he discovered too late that it was not water he had thrown, but kerosene oil. How can be explained the shudder that ran through his whole body as he saw the unfortunate girl burst into one vast sheet of flame which cost her her life?

CYPRUS AND THE CHURCH.

In connection with the arrival of the archbishop of Cyprus in England it may be recalled that Cyprus was the first country to have a Christian governor—the Roman pro-consul Sergius Paullus, who had been converted by the Apostle Barnabas, himself a native of Salamis in Cyprus. Subsequently the patriarch of Antioch claimed the right to include Cyprus in his jurisdiction, a right hotly contested by the Cypriote Church. In the fifth century excavation at Salamis led to the discovery of the body of St. Barnabas, who, tradition tells us, was found clasping to his heart the Gospel according to St. Matthew in St. Barnabas's own handwriting. These holy relics were at once dispatched to the Emperor Zeno at Constantinople, who was so much impressed that he immediately provided the Church of Cyprus with an archbishop of its own, elected by both clergy and laity. The archbishop also received the privileges of wearing a scarlet "mantia," of carrying, instead of a crozier, a scepter with an apple at the top, and of signing his name in red ink, as he still always does

JOKE 5,000 YEARS OLD.

Planned by the ancient Egyptians over 5,000 years ago, a joke has just come to fruition, writes Prof. Flinders Petrie, the noted archaeologist. "While we were trying to find a way into a Queen's Pyramid," he says, "we discovered on a rock face a door which was so beautifully and exactly fitted that it was difficult to see the joints. We immediately set to work on this, thinking that we had found at last an entrance to the inner chamber. After a considerable amount of work we removed the door and found—solid rock! It was a carefully arranged blind to baulk anyone who wanted to find the entrance into the royal tombs, and had been made about 3,000 B.C., by someone with a sense of humor."

TRADE DOLLARS COINED IN ITALY

A silver dollar is now being coined by the Italian government especially for its trade in the African colony of Fritrea and it is likely that this new dollar will become the medium of trade all around the Red Sea. For one hundred years the most widely used coin in the Red Sea district has been the Austrian Marie Theresa dollar, of which about 200,000,000 were in circulation there at the beginning of the war. It is estimated that at least one-third of these have been melted down in the last seven years. The new Italian dollar greatly resembles the Maria Theresa dollar, because the Arabs are so conservative that any radial change would have prevented its introduction.

IRONCLAD INVENTED IN KOREA.

The Koreans are credited with the invention of the ironclad warship. In 1592 a Japanese army, carrying the first firearms ever seen by the natives, penetrated into Southern Korea as far as Pyengyang, and there halted for reinforcements before invading China. Determined to prevent the landing of the reinforcements before invading China. Admiral Yi Sunsin devised a "kwi-sun," or "tortoise-boat," with a covered deck of iron plates and a ram. With this he attacked the Japanese fleet of 600 boats, and rammed them so effectively that few boats escaped, while their crews were despatched in the water by the ordinary Korean fleet.

Low-flying swallows indicate the approach of rain. The insects on which they feed descend to escape the colder, rain-forming air.

A NEW THREAD.

A new thread which is a mixture of cotton and a sea grass that grows abundantly along the shores of Japan is much cheaper and stronger than one of all cotton. The process of removing the rind of the weed, which has been patented by its Japanese inventor, is to dry the plant, boil it in lye for two hours and cool slowly. Washing it in water then separates most of the coverings, and the rest comes off when it is soaked in water containing rice bran and brought to the boiling point. The resulting fiber, after rinsing, resembles cotton, and is ready for use. The grass is harvested in the fall and the fiber can be prepared by fishermen. It is expected to have a marked effect on the price of cheap clothing, and to improve the durability of fishing nets.

Nearly all the Bibles sent to Uganda are bound in tin in order to guard against the voracious African ants, which frequently completely devour the ordinary covers of books.

The History of a Name

OSBORNE.

Variations—Osborn, Osburn, Osbourn, Fitz-Osborn.

Racial Origin—Norman-French.

Source—A given name.

Through the name of Osborne has been brought into this country from England in nearly every instance, and though its development as a family name in that country appears to have been entirely under Norman impulse, it is traceable directly back to the most ancient of Teutonic sources, to a period where there was less distinction between the Scandinavian and more southern branches of the Teutons.

And in spite of the fact of its Norman introduction into England, it has more of a Scandinavian than German flavor.

The original given name was Aasbiorn, a combination of the words for "the gods" and "bear," namely, "aasir" and "bjorn." Both of these words, in various combinations, were quite common in the old nomenclature of the races bordering on the Baltic and the North Seas. At one time, the period of the greatest Teutonic invasions of France, followed the decline of the Roman Empire, it was fairly widespread in that land in the form of Asbiom, which the Normans hardened into Osborn and so brought it into England, where strangely enough, there is little record of its prior existence.

The earliest usage of Osborne as a surname was almost invariably "Fitz-Osborn" (Osborn's son). The variations in spelling all took place at a comparatively late period, as is indicated by the fact that all the foregoing variations are almost identical in pronunciation, and in no wise radical departures from the original.

A PRETTY KETTLE OF FISH.

The phrase "a pretty kettle of fish" is said to have originated when the warden of the Tower of London insisted that one of the inalienable perquisites of his office was the right to trap fish for his own use in the river just outside one of the gates. The warder regularly placed in the water a fishing basket, or "kiddle," which the people systematically raided, denying his right to catch fish there. The warder, on discovering this interference, would exclaim each time: "A pretty kiddle of fish." The phrase was gradually changed, however, to "a pretty kettle—or kittle—of fish."

WHY HAIR NETS COST MORE.

The hair net business which centres at Chefoo, China, is in a state of chaos owing to complications caused by buyers from Shanghai going directly to the makers in the region of Chingchowfu and there outbidding the firms with which these had contracts. Consequently, the price has been increased about 300 per cent., but the makers obtain the benefit of the increase.

POEMS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

The splendor falls on castle walls.
And snowy summits old in story:
The long light shakes across the lakes,
And the wild cataract leaps in glory.
Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O hark, O hear! how thin and clear
And thinner, clearer, farther going!
O sweet and far from cliff and scar
The horns of Elfland faintly blowing!
Blow, let us hear the purple glens replying;
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O love, they die in yon rich sky,
They faint on hill or field or river:
Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow forever and forever.
Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
And anewer echoes, answer, dying, dying, dying.

—Alfred Tennyson.

Helps for the Housewife

A time table pasted near a telephone is an idea for the suburban to adopt. It will save many steps and be a help whenever a person at the other end of the wire asks about trains.

In cutting out very thin material you will find it is an aid to lay the goods between two sheets of thin paper, then place the pattern on top and cut through all.

To pour a liquid into a small-mouthed bottle moisten a wooden toothpick and lay it across the top, holding it there with the forefinger. As you pour, the liquid will run along the bit of wood into the bottle. Fountain pens may be filled in this way.

By using paper napkins when traveling one may make quite a saving of ordinary handkerchiefs. When your face and hands get dirty and sticky use a clean paper napkin to wipe them. If the car window is steamed, and you wish to look out, wipe it with one of the paper napkins. In an emergency a paper napkin also serves well for a bit of wrapping paper.

JUST A LEMON.

Everybody can tell us many uses for the juice of the lemon, but everyone cannot tell us much about ways of using the rind. Here are some suggestions: Save all rinds, in using lemons, and when dish towels or any white articles become dingy, drop several pieces in with the clothes when they are scalded or boiled, and you surely will be surprised at the result; they are finely bleached. When making hot or cold lemonade, use the skins, washed very clean, then cut thin in long pieces; the oil flavors the beverage much more agreeably than the juice alone. Lemons keep indefinitely in a jug of cold water; change the water once a day. Never allow seeds to get into anything that is to be cooked with lemon; they make food bitter.

WASHING DOESKIN GLOVES

Make a lather of soap and warm water. Put the gloves in and wash them on the hands, keeping the latter under the water. Rinse in clean, soapy water, but on no account rinse out all the soap. Squeeze dry in a towel; fasten the gloves together and hang them in the air, or near (but not too near) a fire to dry. Before they are quite dry put the gloves on the hands again to prevent shrinking and to renew their shape.

GOOD HOME-MADE ICE CREAM

Use for this one quart each of milk and cream, one and one-half cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of flour and flavoring to suit taste. Place the milk in a double boiler and when hot add flour and sugar, well beaten, with a little of the milk. Cook ten minutes, cool and add one quart of rich cream and flavoring, and freeze. If rich cream is used, the dish is as good as mousse. The proportions given make nearly one gallon.

MOCHA PUDDING.

Ingredients—Ten ounces of breadcrumbs, one pint of milk, two eggs, three ounces of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of coffee essence, vanilla or any flavoring essence liked. Method—Put the breadcrumbs and sugar into a basin. Beat up the eggs. Mix the milk, coffee essence and flavoring, and pour on to the eggs. Mix with the dry ingredients. Put all into a well-greased mold or basin, and steam one hour, or until firm on the top.

MACARONI CROQUETTES.

Ingredients—Two ounces of macaroni (boiled until soft in salted water for about ninety minutes), half ounce of grated cheese, half ounce of flour, half gill of water the macaroni was boiled in, cayenne and a little made mustard if liked, half a teaspoonful of sweet herbs, or parsley chopped finely. Method—Mix the flour smooth with a little cold water; stir well and cook for five minutes. Chop the macaroni small and add to the sauce with the herbs, mustard and cayenne. Stir in the cheese. Put on to a plate to cool, and when cold shape into croquettes or cutlets. Flour well, or dip in milk and crumbs and bake in a hot oven.

THE MAGIC CARPET.

Little Visits to New Worlds.

THE TRENTINO.

The Trentino, with the adjacent territory of Alto Adige, form a mountainous region which extends from Lake Garda to the Alpine watershed. If Italy is regarded as a geographical unit, the frontier must be carried along the main divide of the Alps, and for this reason patriotic Italians have long hoped for the day when the Trentino should be wrested from Austria. The area of the Trentino is about 2,450 square miles, and the Alto Adige a little short of 3,000 square miles. The rivers are all mountain torrents, capable of producing an almost unlimited source of electric power. The most famous is the Piave, along whose banks the Italian soldiers fought so desperately and so heroically during the Great War. The climate has long been famous, although there is a large variation between the semi-tropical shores of Lake Garda and the glacier-covered Alps of the north. By race the Trentino can be regarded as wholly Italian and the Alto Adige wholly German. Historically the County of Trent in 774 formed a part of the Frankish kingdom of Italy, but it was incorporated in the German empire by Conrad II. later. In 1363 it passed to the Dukes of Austria, and since 1796 until the downfall of Austria it formed part of the Hapsburg inheritance. When Napoleon descended into Italy he seized the territory, but on the fall of the great Bonaparte it was annexed to Austria and was included in the German confederation until after Sadowa. The inhabitants are as a rule well educated, having one of the lowest rates of illiterates in Europe. In 1848 the citizens of Trent raised the tricolor and demanded union with Lombardy. Cavour was one of the first to see the strategic importance of the country, and not infrequently in the last half of the nineteenth century the inhabitants of the Trentino asserted their separatist and by abstentions en masse from the elections for the Diet of Innsbuck. It is a famous wine-growing country, while both the fisheries and the minerals are of importance. By their victory in the Great War Italy gained the Trentino to the joy of her loyal inhabitants.

News of the Movies

By William Willing.

Readers of John A. Morosco's novel, "The People Against Nancy Preston," will be pleased to know that it has been purchased by the J. D. Hampton company for screen production. It is intended to make a big feature of it and to that end the star director of the studio, Henry King, has been chosen to wield the megaphone, while the feature role has been given to H. B. Warner, the famous creator of the stage character, "Alias Jimmy Valentine."

King Vidor gave his juvenile actor, Roscoe Karns, a vacation to go fishing, and Karns spent the time on a honeymoon with Mary Mathilde Frass, daughter of a prominent Texas family.

Although he made a resolve never to own another dog (he used to own sixteen!), Tom Santschi's love of animals has proven too much for him. He bought a Belgian police dog puppy the other day and has already started to train the little fellow in the art of watchful waiting.

One of the most interesting events in the film world is the new alliance of Charles Ray and Joseph de Grasse, who has become the star's director. De Grasse's expert handling of talent has been responsible for the rise of several stars, including Priscilla Dean, Dorothy Phillips, Dorothy Dalton and others, and he has directed such famous players as Hayakawa and Bessie Love. He was formerly a classic actor of the stage and also a leading screen player. He will direct Ray first in "45 Minutes from Broadway."

Gouverneur Morris, who is in California making a study of writing directly for the motion picture screen, has taken a house in Hollywood and is entertaining his friend, E. C. Potter of New York, a noted player.

The great success of Frank Borzage's screen production of "Humoresque," the Fanny Hurst story, has led to a second joint work of that famous writer and the Cosmopolitan director. Borzage is already at work on her story, "Just Around the Corner." Like the other Hurst narrative, it concerns itself with life in New York and bristles with remarkable character drawing. It was this feature of "Humoresque" that struck the critics who pronounced the picture one of the best ever made.

The latest Harold Lloyd picture has been finished, but as yet not titled. The shell-rimmed comedian has gone east to have a "rest" in New York with his director, Hal Roach, while Mildred Davis, his leading lady, contents herself with a tuna fishing lark on the California coast.

Three big offers have suddenly come to Beatrice La Plante, the tiny Parisienne actress, and she has been wavering between them. One was an offer from Universal to star her, another from Otis Skinner of the part of the beggar's daughter in "Kismet," and the third an important part in the next Clara Kimball Young production. Since the latter is only a five weeks' engagement, Beatrice has accepted it and will meantime debate the respective merits of the other two.

Ora Carew, star of "Mountain Madness," has tackled the job of answering her important fan letters in her own hand.