Wild Winds.

Oh ! oh ! how the wild winds blow ! Blow high, Blow low,

And whirlwinds go So chase the little leaves that fly. Fly law and high, To hollow and to steep hillside; They shiver in the dreary weather, And neetle close and try to hide ;

And creep in little heaps together, Oh! oh! how the wild winds blow Blow low. Blow h'gh,

And whirlwivds try To find a crevice, to find a crack -They whirl to the front, they whirl to the back But Tommy and Will and Baoy, together, Are snug and safe from the winter weather. All the winds that blow Cannot touch a toe.

Cann t twist or twirl, One silky curl : Though they rattle the door in a noisy pack, The blazing fires will d ive them pick.

#### Jack's Raccoon

We have a raccoon! We have had him two weeks. He is half Bob's, and half mine

Mr. Brownhill caught him and tamed him, and then gave him to us,

Papa says he is quite a superior man, and I think so too. (Mamma says I must explain that I mean Mr. Brownhill.)

The raccoon is a perfect beauty; gray, with black rings on his tail, and his tail is it." a great bushy tail; and some black stripes on his body, and a sharp pointed, black nose, and such bright eyes! They are black, too, and they twinkle all the time. They twinkle so that Alice (she is one of my sis ters) says —

"Twinkle, twinkle, little coon ! How your voice is out of tune. Every time I hear you speak, It is just a horrid squeak

He does squeak, but I don't think it's horrid, any more than the noise her kitten makes.

Well, he belongs to Bob and me together, as I told you; so one week he lives at our house, and the next week he lives at Bob's, and we are going to teach him a new trick every week.

It is Bob's week now, and I miss him very much, though of course I see him every

He knows some tricks already.

You give him some snow, and he sits up and makes it into snowballs, patting it with his funny little black hands (of course they are paws, but they really look like hands) till he makes it quite round and hard, and then he rolls it about, or else he throws it away, and then looks at you to give him seme more.

He doesn't like to have his feet wet, so when they get wet, he pats them against the wall until they are dry.

He did that in mamma's room one day, and left the marks of his feet all over the pretty pink paper; and mamma whipped him. But I don't suppose he knew that the paper was pink, or pretty either.

I love him very much, and he sits on my shoulder, for he is a young one, and not very big yet.

You cught to see Tom, our great yellow cat, when Coon pulls his tail! He humps himself up and growls, and gets very angry Yousee, he knows it isn't a cat, and he knows it isn't a dog, but he doesn't know what it is.

Bob has just been here, after I had written that; and oh! what do you think Coon has been doing at his house? Well, you see, he likes to go to sleep on

the window sill in the kitchen, where the sun shines in. Bb left him there, sound asleep, all curled up in a ball, with his tail all over his nose; that is the way he sleeps. and he looks so funny, you can't think !

By-and by Bob's mother came into the kitchen, and she saw that the door of the pie cupboard, where she keeps the pies, was open. So she went to shut it; and she devoted much attention to this subject. It looked in, and there was Coon, sitting on the top shelf, with a pie in his hands!

When he saw her, he dropped the pie, and it broke all to pieces on the floor, and he jumped right over her head, and ran off ly by the human beings around them, but as fast as he could run.

came in to see what was the matter, and him up, and he fell down on top of the pie.

marks of his feet all over them

some were cranberry.

tell me about it, and I don't think I ever

# Murdered by a Madman.

laughed so much in all my life

rible tragedy is reported to have occurred tingly down the third. It is evident that on the road between New Westminster and his logic tells him that as his prey has not Port Moody. A man named Walker has taken one of the first two roads examined. squatted on some land and the other day it must necessarily have taken the third he took L. Robson, his partner Smith, and road, so he does not waste time in further another man named Jenes to the place, investigation. That this is not mere instinct wishing to dispose of his right. They arriv- is shown by the fact that a dog sometimes ed at the ranch late in the afternoon, and makes a mistake in such a case, and when after dark Walker picked up a double-bar- the fact becomes evident he slinks out of relied shot gun and said he was going to sight of the hunters, looking a picture of shoot a crow. One of the men remarked | shame and humiliation. that it was rather late to go shooting, when Foresight is a quality the possesssion of Walker said i e might as well tell them his which no one will deny to ante and bees, and intention, that he was going to cook their the former certainly have a sense of comgoese for them. He then shot Robson passion. This is displayed in the tender shrough the breast, killing him instantly. care bestowed on the wounded during the Jones attempted to take the gun away from terrible battles fought between different the murderer, but he received the contents tribes of ants. The suffering, and helpless of the second barrel in the leg, shattering ones are not left to perish, but are carried his knee. Walker then made for Smith off of the battlefield by a regular "ambulance with a knife, but the latter succeeded in corps." No one doubts the existence of getting out of the cabin and escaped. Walk- memory in animals, and as to ambition, is er then lashed Jones to the body of Robson it necessary to recount the pitched battles and fled. The wounded and de d nen were which take place in bee-hives between the found by constables, who arrived a few different candidates for royalty? How can hours later. The dead body of Walker one pretend that man only has the gift of was soon afterwards found. He is supposed language! He must be blind indeed who to have killed himself. THE MURDERED MAN.

British Columbia, is a Kingstonian, and a sible doubt that ante make themselves unstep-brother of Mrs. Black, wife of the Mon-derstoed by their fellows by means of the treal City Treasurer. He was in Montreal touch of their delicate, sensitive antennes or last winter, and only a week before the feelers. Before a war a council is held, and murder he wrote a letter to a nephew here, messengers hurry about. Scouts or spice maring that as soon as he purchased the are sent out, and the attack is hastened or claim of a squatter he would start for King- postponed, according to their reports. All ston again. He was wealthy, and was probably murdered for his money,

### THE LOGIC OF EVENTS.

How a Wist ke in Filling a P. esc iption Led to a Marriage.

"Well, well," said Mrs. Catson, putting aside a newspaper and turning to her husband, "a pair of earrings caused the Burmese war, I never heard of anything so strange."

"Oh," said Mr. Catson, "I have heard of stranger thirgs."

"Nonvense." "Well, I have, and I'll give you an example. One night in Boston a young man, meeting an acquaintance, said: 'Come, let's have a drink.' I never was in Boston. but that remark brought about our marriage."

"Why, George," exclaimed M's. Catson "you are foolish. Neither of us were ever in Boston. You must be losing your mind.' "Tell you what I'll do; I promised to get

you a new cloak, didn't I?" " Yes." "Well, now I'll bet you the cloak that I

can prove my assertion." "All right." "If I succeed, you don't get the cloak."

"I understand." "Well, one night in Boston about ten years sgo, a young man, meeting a friend, asked him to come out and have a drink The friend, a drug clerk, did so. He took several drinks and got drunk. That settled

"Sattled what?"

"The fact of our marriage." "How can you be so foclish?"

"Never mind, I'll explain. The drug clerk got drunk and went to the store. Shortly afterward a servant girl entered and handed him a prescription. In putting it up he used morphine instead of quinine. The girl went away, and delivered the medicine to Mrs. Potter who took it and died." "Oh, what's the use of prolonging this foolishness?

"Hold on. The death of that woman drew you and me closer together than we ever were before."

"We were not acquainted with each other ten years ago."

"That is very true, but wait. Mr. Potter, the lady's husband, was almost crazed by grief. He could stay in New York no longer, so he came down to Kentucky and, after awhile, went into business. Don't see any light yet, do you?"

"Oh, hush." "Wait a minute. He had not been in business long until I met him. He took s fancy to me and gave me employment. After I had been with him several years, he sent me to Arkansaw. I had been in this State but a short time until I met you. Summary: If the friend had not asked the drug clerk to drink on one certain occasion he would not have got drunk. If he hadn't been drunk he would not have made a mistake in filling the prescription, and had he not made a mistake, Mrs. Potter would not have been killed, and had she not died, Potter would not have left New York, and had he not left that city I should not have met him, and had I not gone into business with

"Oa, for grodness sake, hush. You are enough to drive anybody crazy."

She arose and left the room. Her husband mused: "I'll make her another bet. I'll bet she doesn't get that cloak. I have always thought that the logic of events failed to meet with proper appreciation in this country."

# Do Animals Think?

A great deal has been written to show that animals think and reason, just as man does, though in a lower degree. Perhaps some of our readers may notice things in animals which show that they have a great deal of intelligence, even if they do not reason. Mr. Paul Brecca, the French author. has been said of animals, writes Mr Brocca, that their actions are always mechanical and without method. This may be true of domestic pets, who are influenced almost entiredoes not the beaver change his plans, acting And Mrs. Taylor screamed, and Bob now as bullder, now as miner, according to circumstances? Besides this, every one Coon ran light between his legs and tipped knows that the bee frequently substitutes pentagonal, or five-sided, for hexagenal, or And then Mrs Taylor looked at the oth- six-sided cells, and that this alteration in er pies, and he had patted every one of the work is made only when necessary. It them all round the edge, and there were the has also been said that animals do not reason. Wrat then is done by the foxes, which in There were twe ve pies; some of them | Thrace, are driven on to the ice to test its were squash, and some were custard, and strength? These animals step carefully and lightly, with their heads inclined, and turn She was very argry, and Bob shut up back suddenly, directly they discover by Coon in the wood-closet and came over to the sound of the ice cracking that it is not safe to proceed farther. A dog, which, in following a scent, arrives at a cross-road is seen to stop, consider for a moment, then plunge along one of the roads, an ffling cautiously, turn back and try another road in A Victoria, B. C., despatch says: A hor- the same manner, and finally dart unhesita.

does not see that all animals have some means of communication with each other. D. L. Robson, murdered by a squatter in To give any one example : there is no pes-

ing and receiving of orders, etc. Moreover, if animals had no language, how could they teach their young? That they do teach them is evident from the fact of young foxes in countries where the animals are hunted, being infinitely more wary than fullgrown ones in other lands! How else are we to account for this than by saying that the parent foxes tell the children of danger, and to avoid it?

## THE LIME-KILN OLUB.

It was within three minutes of the hour for opening the meeting when Brother Gard. per received a message to the effect that his wife was in a fit. He left for home in a manner neither too dignified nor too hasty, an 1 the meeting was called to order by Sir Isaac Walpole, who said: While de President hez our sympathy in dis dark hour, as a matter af co'se, yet de bizness of die kentry mus' not suffer bekase one old black woman dun goes an' has a fit. Let us purceed to bizness, an' it may be well fur me to menshun de fack dat de pussun who puts a licorice drop on de hot stove doorin' our purcordins may find hisself weary of de burdens of dis cold world.

#### CAN'T INDORSE HIM.

A com nunication from the Mayor of Buffalo made inquiry if a person calling himself Prof. C. A. Johnson, philanthropist, professional astronomer, lecturer, literary and educational writer, editor, publisher and philosopher, was a member of the Lime Kiln Club. The Professor lately delivered a lecture in Baffale, in which he sent forth the following utterances:

am acknowledged to be the greatest scientific man of the age.

Wind is always in motion. It has a place where it is located when it is not at work. I don't care a snap of my finger for other scientist's opinions. I am an authority in myself.

The wind is made of a material always in existence, and not as some people think, created for the moment.

There are twelve invisible suns which have shone in great brilliancy in the past and in ten years they will shine again.

The hiding place of the wind is in the interior of the ocean, 300,000 teet from the surface. If you want to ask questions about it you can; I have settled it.

There is mere animal life in existence than a good many of us have been able to understand; the "nitroggen" and "hydroggen "gases extend higher than scientists have had time to look into.

I have found within a thimbleful of salt water more living insects than there have been human names created since the beginning of the world. If other men have not looked into this as I have, it's not my

Scientific men tell me that wind is made of atoms of air force coming in contact with currents. If scientific men knew half as much about wind as I do, they would not make this mistake. When I saw their confusion I came to their rescue.

Wind is composed of volcanic gases and atmospheric matter located in the interior of space which is set in motion by astronomic force caused by the rotation of the sun, which coming in contact with countercurrents puts the wind in motion in places where it is hid.

I may be a modest man and I may not but I don't believe there is a man in the City of Buffalo that knows as much about science as I do. If there had been, this subject would have been explained long ago. But it has been left for me to settle forever the question where the wind comes from.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the effect that the Professor was neither a member of the club, nor did that body indorse his opinions.

# RETURNED A BROKEN MAN.

Trustee Pullback then made a report on his trip to Washington, N. C., as a delegate from the club to attend an emancipation jubiles. He reached there all right after a journey lasting thirteen days, and was warmly w lcomed by Archie Moore and J. P. Jones, of the Committee on Arrangements, Da ing the first two hours of his stay some one stole his watch, and later on his satchel and pocketbook were missing. His complaints were treated with supreme indifference, and on the day of the jubilee he was set upon and pounded until he could hardly walk. He had his credentials all straight, and no one disputed them, but he thinks there was a conspiracy to do him up because the Lime Kiln Clnb had refused to grant a charter to the "Koon Killin' Klub" of Washington so act as a branch. Trustee reached home after enduring hardships which would have killed a United States Senator, and has been in bed nearly ever

When his verbal report had been submitted there was a murmur of indignation throughout the hall, and Waydown Beboe offered the following resolution:

" Resolved, Dat until de Gub'ner of North Carolina forwards us an apology in writin', accompanied by a check of at least \$75 to recompense Brother Pullback fur his suffering, all intercourse between dis club an' de said State of North Carolina must be considered at eand."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. AN IMPOSTOR

A communication from St. Louis made inquiry if a person named Gen. Syntax Cobalt was a member of the Liene-Kiln Club. He was in jail in that city or soliciting donations to colored orphan wylums and salting the cash down in his vest pocket. He claimed to be a member of the club in good standing, but had no documents.

The Secretary was instructed to telegraph the St. Louis police to proceed against the man in the most vigorous manner, as he has on several occasions falsely claimed to be a member and thereby imposed on the people at large.

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