



**Fence in the Toddler.**

Perhaps the greatest privilege is the wonderful resource of having all outdoors, but this is a privilege which the mother of young children is apt to neglect. She herself must be in the kitchen or near it during much of the day, and she must have her babies where they are within sight. It often follows that the country little folks spend most of the time hanging drearily around the kitchen where they are in the way and where the air is not always good.

But what else can the busy mother do? She can apply to her children the lore she has learned about little chicks. Fencing will keep little children safe from automobile haunted roads, from wandering cows, from running out of sight of their mother's eyes. And there is no farm in the country where there is not enough discarded material of one kind or another lying about to enclose a spot, say twenty feet square, though it might be larger to advantage. It is better if there is a tree to furnish some shade for hot days, but if there is none near enough to the house, a piece of old paper roofing or a section of old corrugated metal roofing, or some old boards with odds and ends of shingles put over them, will furnish shade for hot days.

Little children wish and need to be doing something with their bodies and hands every minute they are awake. The problem is to provide them with something to do which cannot hurt them, which will help them to grow, and which will not be too upsetting to the regularity of the family life. To begin with, if a lead of sand is dumped in one corner of the baby yard, and some old spoons and without utensils contributed from the kitchen, there will be many hours of every day dur-

**HARRIGAN'S LETTER**

By T. C. BRIDGES.

Walter Cartwright stopped opposite Cell 77. The broom sticking out under the bottom of the door was a sign that the occupant wished to speak to the warden-in-charge.

As he opened the door, a small, beady-eyed man with a queer little face that reminded one instinctively of a marmoset, looked up from his state on which he was writing diligently, and Cartwright was distinctly surprised at the expression of dismay which crossed the prisoner's countenance.

"Well, Harrigan," he said, "what do you want?"

"It was Mister Conley I was wanting, sorr," faltered Harrigan nervously.

"Mr. Conley has gone to Parkhurst. Surely you knew that, Harrigan?"

Harrigan's look of dismay deepened.

"Indeed, I didn't know at all, sorr. He never told me he was leaving Meorlands."

"Well, he went in a hurry, and perhaps he hadn't time," replied Cartwright, not unkindly. "But what is it you want, Harrigan? What was your bloom out for? Is it the doctor you want to see?"

"No, sorr. I wasn't wanting the doctor." "Twas Mr. Conley I was wanting."

"As I tell you, he is gone," explained Cartwright patiently. "Can I do anything for you?"

Harrigan looked at the warden.

"Faith, ye could, sorr; but it's afraid I'd be to ask you."

Cartwright was a decent sort, and Harrigan had a good reputation in the prison as a man who did his job and gave no trouble.

"No need to be afraid," said Cartwright. "I shall be glad to help you in any way I can."

Harrigan paused. Again he stared doubtfully at the other.

"Would ye post a letter for me, sorr?" he asked at last.

"Post a letter for you?" Cartwright's voice was suddenly sharp. "What do you mean, Harrigan?"

Harrigan was all a-twitter with nervousness.

"Just that, sorr. 'Tis a letter I want posted that I'd not like the governor to see."

"What! Do you mean to say you have been getting letters smuggled out of the prison? Don't you know that's an offence against the rules?"

"Sure, I know that well enough," Harrigan answered in a shaky, frightened tone. "But, indeed, there's no harm in what I'm writing, at all."

"And it's not myself would be asking you to do it for nothing," he added hastily. "It's not a dale I can give ye, but I can make it worth your while."

This put the finish on it. Cartwright, who was young and zealous, was furious.

"So you'd bribe me to traffic, Harrigan? Upon my word, this is the limit! I shall report you at once."

He slammed out of the cell, leaving Harrigan in a state of collapse.

table oilcloth. If the mother is very busy she can simply fasten it together at the shoulder and back with safety pins.

Children under four delight in climbing, and if possible provision should be made for that. A wooden box can be set a little down in the ground, so that it will not tip over, and the edges padded with a bit of an old comforter, so that the inevitable bumps are not too severe. The smallest children, even the baby who cannot walk, will rejoice endlessly in pulling himself up over the edge and clambering down into the box, thereby exercising every muscle of his body.

Little children cannot co-ordinate their muscles quickly enough to play ball with much pleasure, but if a large soft ball is suspended by a long cord, they can swing it back and forth to each other with ever-increasing skill, and they should have a rubber ball to roll to and fro on the ground. If a two-by-four board is laid on the ground the little folks will find much fun in trying to walk along it, and thus acquire a considerable addition to their capacity for walking straight and managing their bodies. A pile of hay or straw to jump into will save the little gymnasts from bumps and bruises.

Nothing in this baby yard need cost a farmer's family more than a few cents, nor take but little time and almost no carpeting skill. And yet, the suggestions made cover a very complete outfit for the outdoor exercises of children under five or six. Any mother who makes this provision for play may be sure not only that her own little children will pass numberless happy hours, but that they will never lack for playmates, because their play yard will be sought out by all the little folks in the neighborhood.

**Beets Served in New Ways.**

Beets in Jelly—Boil, peel and chop several medium sized new beets. Let cool and mix with them one cup of cold chicken, pork or mutton, chopped fine. Pour over the mixture one pint of lemon jelly made from jelly powder that has been dissolved and is beginning to set. Mix well, pour in a mold and let get firm. Slice and serve on a plate or on individual plates garnished with crisp lettuce. Place a spoonful of salad dressing on each portion.

Beet Green Salad—Cook in salted water until tender, one-half peck of tender beet leaves with the tiny beets attached. Drain and cool. Peel the beets and chop the leaves. Mix the leaves with three chopped, hard-boiled eggs and enough mayonnaise dressing to moisten nicely. Pile in the centre of a shallow salad bowl. Garnish with the tiny beets, small balls of cottage cheese and shredded lettuce leaves.

Beet Greens Served Hot—Cook as many beet tops as desired in salted water until tender. Drain and pile on a platter in a mound. Dress with melted butter, white pepper and juice of one lemon and serve hot.

Beet and Vegetable Salad—Cut two cold boiled beets in small cubes. Slice four small, cold-boiled carrots and one dozen small white onions. Mix and add one cup of cold boiled peas. Dress with mayonnaise and serve in a bed of shredded lettuce leaves.

Baked Beets—Clean the required number of beets, place them in a pan containing one-half inch of boiling water, and bake until tender. Just before removing from the oven lay a slice of broiled bacon and a spoonful of shredded green pepper over the top of each beet. Salt and pepper to taste, dress with a little butter and serve hot.

Beet Cups—Peel six boiled beets and scoop out the centre to form cups. Chop the tops removed with one cup of white fish-cold boiled or baked—and six or eight stuffed olives. Add two tablespoonfuls of thick cream, one tablespoonful of prepared French mustard, salt and pepper to taste and juice of one lemon. Mix and fill cups. Grate the yolks of two hard-boiled eggs over the top and lay rings of the white of eggs and a sprig of parsley on the plate with each salad cup.

Beet Jelly—Pour one pint of boiling beet juice over the contents of one package of lemon flavored jelly powder; add two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Pour into mold and let harden. Serve in squares as garnish for meats, fish, salads, etc.

**How We Do It.**

A teaspoon of vinegar added to each gallon of water in the boiler in which white clothes are scalded will whiten them.—Mrs. J. M. T.

If tabacoths, napkins and handkerchiefs are folded a little beyond the middle when ironing, they will last much longer, as it is on the edges of folds where they first wear, and by folding not on the middle line, with each ironing they get a new crease.—Mrs. R. G.

To bleach your handkerchiefs a pure white, after washing, let them soak over night in water, in which a bit of cream of tartar has been dissolved.—M. A. P.

For gingham and other colored cottons dissolve and add to every pint of starch, a piece of alum the size of a hickory nut to keep the colors bright.—Mrs. J. K.

I have discovered that when flannels have become hard and shrunken, they may be restored to their former softness by soaking them a short time in gasoline.—M. A. P.

Cedar oil rubbed on the side walls and under side of shelves in closets is good for prevention of moths. Tur-

**A FRENCH PATRIOT.**

The following poem, "Vive la France," is one of the tenderest pictures of patriotism that has come out of the Great War:

**Vive la France!**

Franceline rose in the dawn grey, And her heart would dance though she kneel not to pray, For her man Michel hid holiday, Fighting for France.

She offered her prayer by the cradle side, And with baby palms folded in hers she cried: "If I have but one prayer, dear crucified Christ—save France!"

"But if I have two, then, by Mary's grace, Carry me safe to the meeting place. Let me look once again on my dear love's face. Save him for France!"

She crooned to her boy, "Oh, how glad he'll be, Little three-month-old, to set eyes on thee!"

For, "Rather than gold would I give, wrote he, 'A son to France.'"

"Come, now, be good, little stray sautelette, For we're going by to thy papa Michel, But I'll not say where, for fear thou wilt tell, Little pigeon of France!"

"Six days' leave and a year between! But what would you have? In six days' clean, Heaven was made," said Franceline, "Heaven and France!"

She came to the town of the nameless name, To the marching troops in the street she came, And she held high her boy like a taper flame Burning for France.

Fresh from the trenches and grey with grime, Silent they march like a pantomime; 'But what need of music? My heart beats time—Vive la France!"

His regiment comes. Oh, then where is he? "There is dust in my eyes, for I can't not see— Is that my Michel to the right of thee, Soldier of France?"

Then out of the ranks a soldier fell— "Yesterday 'twas a splinter of shell— And he whispered thy name, did thy poor Michel, Dying for France."

The tread of the troops on the pavement throbbed, Like a woman's heart of its last joy robbed, As she lifted her boy to the flag, and sobbed: "Vive la France!"

**The Great Pyramid.**

The greatest monument in the world is the Great Pyramid of Egypt, which was built nearly 6,000 years ago. It was built by Cheops, King of Egypt, who, following the example of previous kings, wished to have a magnificent tombstone, so that he would be remembered. He is remembered, but not as it is as he would have wished, for he was engaged in building it worked under the lash. The result is Cheops is always put down as a tyrant.

According to Herodotus, the ancient Greek historian, 100,000 men were at work on it for twenty years. It covers an area of thirteen and a half acres, and contains 7,000,000 tons of masonry. It was built in layers—over 200 in number—and then the edges were filled in to make the sides smooth. The stone used varied in weight from two tons to sixty tons. When it was built it was about 480 ft. high, and the sides were each 775 ft. long. Passages led to the centre of the pyramid.

**A Simple Cure.**

The little country inn was picturesque, but leaky. Late one night a guest rang the bell urgently, and the landlord answered.

"I say, look here!" snorted the indignant traveler, who snuggled in bed. "That roof's letting in the rain, and I'm drenched."

"Very good, sir!" remarked the landlord amiably, as he retired. A few minutes later he came with a large washbasin.

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The Russian eagle, for instance, that hovered over the freezing, famishing soldiers of Napoleon, while they were retreating from Moscow in 1812, still may be living, for eagles frequently pass the century mark.

Crocodiles which were in the swamps of the West Indies when the first explorer set foot on the islands, are basking there yet, and in the ocean still are whales that frequented the coast of France when Joan of Arc was a child, and when, in 1415, Henry V of England, landed in Normandy with a great army and seized Honneur. These whales, if they could talk and cared to, could tell us that in those days there were large whale fisheries along the Basque coast, in fact pretty generally in the Gulf of Gascony. For whales live, several centuries, while elephants rarely pass one hundred years; but carp and crows sometimes live two centuries.

Speaking of birds we may recall that parrots and swans often become centenarians, and it is not unusual for a long-beaked heron to reach 60.

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