## For the Boys and Girls

#### Pussy Adopts a Family.

for quite a long while. Nearly every ridiculously large heads. time that Betty ran into the garden. "Oh, tell me quick, what are they?" to play, a little furry figure would she cried. Betty bent down to fondle her, and shall we, Bets?" then hold up her little brick-colored; Betty squealed with delight. nose to be kissed. Then one day she

On the afternoon of the third day, feed them on." just when Betty was beginning to through the hedge, was Pussy, but that." hunting for something she had lost. The next minute them came flying content—except for just that little ach-

oan be the matter?" And she ran not the slightest trace of them. The velvet slippers. Like Jim, that. A gave Pussy one look and then went side, and as they were far too tiny to Ste took his arm as he sat down

last night," said she when she came. The next morning when Betty ran

ing. She forgot Pussy for the mo-bits cuddling up to Pussy!) ment, for John was holding someand his eyes were shining.

holding, and saw three tiny squirm- pleased! Wheh was very true.

#### GOLD-DIGGERS' LUCK By R. G. WOOD

vey. "Just one more

Nita Harvey, standing discensolately reckon? at the cabin window, sighed. "Yes." And then another and another. Oh, don't you?" I know! We I stay on in this wilderness and grow old and never see thought. "I'm riding that way to-night anything and never have any pleas myself," he said, and there was a note

rolling plains into a country where had heard about Dan Kay. everything burned and glittered in the "Not with me, you aren't, she ansforce sunlight. The trees stood mo wered quickly. tionless in the heat and not a cloud, relieved the monotony of the expanse time he had called her that. "Nita!"

and never find it? Thousands!" And it don't take long for He didn't seem to hear her.

strike it:". He paused and seemed to the word and come-with me-" brood a moment, "Only yesterday Bill thought he'd struck, Nita continued to gazo from the win-

dow. She had heard all this so often. Jim dkin't know how many hours, laugh, when he was away, she stood there . "Where are the other women you've she could see every line it had put in his face in six toiling months.

the loneliness were nothing; but that the end. the sand alone would drive her mad. "Jim Harvey's coming," he said, sud-Jim couldn't understand a thing like denly. that. He was always the same to her ... "What! Jim coming?" Nita looked -kind, tender, patient. But she sue out. couldn't be. She tried-but she "Early, isn't he?" said Kay, and you did find gold and lost me-if I threw a log on the fire and bent over didn't love you any more, even though the kettle. She had a feeling of Jim I wanted to would it be worth it?" pausing perceptibly at sight of Kay. But, of course, one couldn't say a

Suddenly she remembered it was "Yes? Getting worrled round your Saturday, Saturday, in Brisbane! She way again?" thought of the crowded etreota, the Kay answered casually and Jim sat shops, the waves breaking on the down. He noticed the saddle and the

courage to say that more than once, unawares. thinking to startle him. But Jim had Kay pointed at it with his pipe. "Givsmiled, kindly and tolerantly, as at ing in at last, Harvey?" he inquired, seriously. And because he had looked on a visit?"

against the bundle and looked at her floor. yearningly. Then she cleaned and loaded Jim's revolver. She felt neither ing out. Aren't we, girlie? I think thrill nor flutter at facing a night in you were right about Burra Creek." the open with that little weapon and

Suddenly Briton snarled. Nita rais- - "Well, you've tried hard. I will say ed her head and saw Dan Kay coming that. But if the stuff ain't there you up the pathway.

"I've called to borrow a few snares," said Dan. "Is Jim in?" He had pushed the door open and stood on the isn't much worth taking. We'll be on threshold. He seemed rather con- the road in two hours. My partner scious that his inquiry for Jim was will see to what's left." thrown in for effect.

"You know well enough Jim's never in mid-morninge." "Maybe you could find a few snares,"

suggested Kay, making an ineffectual attempt at friendliness with Briton. "If you look in the shed when you go you'll find some," she said, and Kay, this. choosing to interpret this as an invitation, sat down. Nita filled a mus with and set it before him on the bard

and run to meet her. She would rub them up out of the ground and I resagainst Betty's fat bare legs, until cued them. We'll make pets of them,

nd couldn't find. back. "Mummy, they've gone!" they ing in her heart.
"Oh, dear," thought Betty, "what cried. And so they had. There was

headlong to fetch Mummy. Mummy cap had not even been pushed to one touch of luxuary in a desert! to call on the people next door. know how to walk, it was a real mys"They took away all her kittens tory."

"I'm, did

back. "They never had a cat before, into the garden, Pussy came to meet! and did not think of keeping a kitten her. She purred, and rubbed herself would ride past lonely folk like us." for her to bring up, which they ought against. Betty's legs, and then she to have done. They are quite upset trotted ahead into the woodshed with hadn't seen what he did, would you such an important air that Betty Besty's lip trembled. "Oh, Mummy, went too. With a low crooning cry were going?" will you think of something to help Pussy jumped into an old basket in he corner. (Betty stooped down, and Just then, Betty heard John call- there were the three little lost rob-

"Well," said Betty to herself, as thing very carefully in both hands she raced back to fetch Mummy and John, "just to think that Pussy has adopted those rabbits! Now she's Betty peoped nto the cap he was pleased, and they're pleased and we're

table. At Burra Creek any company was welcome, even Dan Kay. He drank, looking over the rim of the mug. Nita, following his glance, never have to come alone, Jim."

flushed deeply. His eyes were fixed on the bundle, the cleaned revolver, and the spare saddle she had go down. "So you're going," he said, slowly. "Just another menth," said Jim Har- "Well, h's no more than I expected, said, softly. I will say that. Back to Brisbane, I "You jump at things pretty quickly,

> He pursued his own train of in his voice and a look in his eyes

"Nita!" he said-and it was the first

"If I quit now," said Jim, "I might unburden his mind of thoughts that He rese. She knew he was going to be within a foot of it. Macartney had long smouldered there. "Burra quit at Gympie, and the next week Creek's no place for a woman. If you olinson struck."
"Yes, Jim, but how many stay here you'll stay till you're an old weman. "There's to grow old in these parts. I'm not one gold at Bura Creek," declared that's tied to the Bush. I can self cut We're bound to find it sooner or later, and needn't do a hand's turn, only And tell be rich stuff when we do travel and see the world. If you'll say

"Why should I come with you, Dan Kay? "Because I love you." She laughed. But it was a nervous

"I'm going Brisbane way to-night." "Well, then-I'm not."

It was characteristic of the man and Mechanically she packed his mid- the place that he went no farther. He Everything in the rough sat down again to his tea. He know cabin had to be protocted from the she was tired of Burra Creek. He flying sand. She combed it out of her could wait. Everything in this country hair and washed it out of the clothes. -the heat the loneliness, and the Sometimes she felt that the heat and silence—seemed to get you that way in

couldn't. She wanted to say, "Jim, it stretched his limbs uneasily. Nita "Just called to borrow a few snares,

gun and the little personal things of "Some day, Jim, you'll come home hers scattered on the table. Again and find I've gone." She had found she saw that pause, as of a man struck

something too absurd to be taken with faint ironyn "Or is the wife going at her, like that and kissed her, her. Jim gave him a quick look, as though

With tightened lips she set about her pride, felt suddenly ashamed. She making furnaces and in the manutask; there would be no wavering this watched and waited whilst he hung facture of cement. time. She packed the fewest possible his hat on a rafter peg and deliberately things. Briton put his huge muzzle stretched his legs across the cabin

"Yes," he said at last. "We're clear-Not the tremor of an eyelld betrayed his thoughts.

can't find it. I've always said there weren't no gold hereabouts." "We're clearing out to-day. There

Dan Kay rose. Nita watched him follow Jim into the log hut and take his snares. And she thought, "He had to say it. He wouldn't want Kay to think that about me!" She felt her cheeks flush scarlet. She had wanted to leave Burva Creek, but not-not like

"Do you mean it, Jim? Are we really going?"

this morning." He seemed to struggle with his thoughts. "I can't spout Nita-you know that. But you've been fretting your heart out, and if it comes to choosing between you and Burray Creek, I reckon you come first."

That was all. No questions no word of his enterprise ruined by her folly. She kissed him gently. They were leaving Burra Creek! That was the chief thing. It was like being let out of prison-for her. What Jim thought about it she could not discern Pussy and Betty had been friends ing gray hairless creatures with either from his words or his looks. He went in and out, loading up the wagon as though it were a matter for to play, a little furry figure would she cried.

squeeze through the hele in the fence "Baby rabbits! The gardener dug tob to be done. And amidst her gladness she couldn't help reflecting, "I've let him down!"

Night found them in the Bush. Jim "Pil-just leave them on the grass unharnessed the horses, lit a fire, and didn't come, and another and yet an- in the warm sun until we've had tea," unpacked their slender necessaries. other day passed and still she didn't said John. "They'll be quite safe, Nita, si ing inside the rim of light, and we'll ask Mummy what we're to wondered vaguely how they were goingito live in Brisbane. Only vaguely, "Why," said Mummy, "we will buy though, for the night was cool, and think that perhaps she never would a doll's bottle, and see if they will beautiful with stars. Jim's musical come again, a faint mewing was take milk that way. I know shep-whistle came to her from where he heard, and there, creening slowly herds bring up motherless lambs like worked in the shadow fixing up their bivouac. That brooding look Nita had ch, such a thing, changed little cat: "We'll just have another look at sech on so many faces in the Bush, She hardly looked at Betty but ran them before tea," cried John and that look of intense searching, had left backward and forward as if she were Betty in a breath.

| Nita felt deliciously happy and the forward as if she were Betty in a breath. him. Nita felt deliciously happy and

"Jim, did you think it queer Dan Kay being there this morning?". "Queer? No.' "Tain't 'n lely anyona "But if he hadn't been there, if he

Jim paused. "Jim, I want the truth."

"Well-- I'd made my mind up. I could see the Bush was beating you. people is not marriage, as they do not So I decided to quit. That's all," so bad out here some ways," she said. dence of their marity state is that

some day, even if I have to come cognized as marriage. The servant would touch the Azeres for refueling. She answered him quickly. "You'll but the Council says: No, you are a acress the ocean in a nonstop route. gentleman sent a substantial characteristic forms." In the local viscor, asking him to "You mean that?"

There was unexpected Joy in his voice. Nits smiled. "Yes, I mean it. Man Power Still Moves Much first passinger-carrying flight, it was never heard of the old lady, called I've learnt something, today," she

She spoke quiedy, gazing across the that made Nita remember things she mand to know first about that either and in many places they hold a freight monorally. us all we want. That's why we're on monopoly. our way to Gymple to stake the claim."

glittored with tiny yellow lights under-

The ease with which men in Lendon snokers. New York or San Francisco and the continued strides now being made in the field of television have served to

propositie visions is to be found in Stephen Phillips's prem; "Midnight about 35 conts of this, leaving \$1.15 has done duty there for the last seven wrote the lines the old horse hus was when he was away, she stood there "where are one other bounds world. The automobile had not emergestroking Briton's neck and gazing at said that to? You'd better be taking world. The automobile had not emergestroking Briton's neck and gazing at said that to? You'd better be taking world. The automobile had not emergeed from an experimental stage, air travel was unknown, wireless was a plaything only and television "undreamed of. Ye shall ride on a power of the air on

a Force that is bridled. On a saddled Element leap; In that day shall a man out of utter-

most India whisper, And in England his friend shall hear; And a maid in an English meadow have eight of her lover

Who wanders in far Cathay. Strange as are these prophecies of Stephen Philips, they are not more strange ner more necurate than Lord Tennyson's dream of flying many years before, in which he Saw the vision of the world, and all

the wonder that would be; ... Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosice of magic sails. Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping

down with costly bales. ment in the vision of Stephen Philips. ginning of this period Canada import, ranged so that, if required, two or more Tolorisien has not yet reached that ed 15,000 bushels of alfalfa seed per circuits can be operated on different stage of perfection when a maid in an year but by 1926 this trade movement English meadow may see her lover in was changed into an export of 69,000 far Cathay, but no less an authority bushels. than Senator Marconi is convinced that such a thing will be possible in the not distant future.

Important deposits of magnesite he couldn't understand what it all are found in the Grenville district in So to day she did not say it—aloud, meant. Still, he grasped what that the Province of Quebec. Magnesite is bundle meant, and Nita, knowing Jim's used largely as linings for steel-



# **NEEDS NO LAW**

Clergy Also Deemed Unneces sary in the Soviet Eyes. "Soviet Russia lias recently adopted

a new marriage code, extending recognition to the de facto marriage, that is, a marriage without begal or religious sanction, but considered binding by both partners," states Dr. Vera Danchakoff of Columbia University in May "Current History Magazine," "Such recognition, is, however, restricted to those presenting at least three characteristics, namely, living together; a common household and the exhibition of markal relationship before other people." The "wife" in these marriages has now certain claims to alimony and the man is financially responsible for the support of his do facto family. Amusing complications here already arising as a result of this dignifying of the extra-logal union, according to Dr. Danchakoff, and she cites this example:

have told him just the same that you dren. Sin was married to a policeman. The children resemble their father in quite a striking manner, but according to the Council of People's Commissars, the relation between the two Nita sighed happily at that, "It isn't no common household. The only evi-"Well-It gets you, this country they consider themselves husband end does. It gots into your blood. It's wife. The Council of Commissars obsported is the "mystery need scheduled chairlike the gold fever." He paused, star- joets, however: 'You need two more to dash eastward across the Atlantic to ing into the fire. "I'll come back here points, that your relationship be re. Montreal, in an ordinary scaplane. He had the "dear old lady" was a re-

# China Freight.

into her hands at an object, brown, wost China and because of road condiThe proposed dash, in interest, rivals some weighty, and shareless, which Jim had moved by pack animals or coolie the 1919 Alcock-Brown exploit from lady. moved by pack animals or coolle Newfoundland to Ireland, the route of She appeared somewhat emburre placed there.

"Gold!" he said. "Rich quartz. Wo pawer. In certain sections, however, which is shown in the map. The dised on learning her visitor's business at home. Send 2s. 64, for full details."

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I gu coop ways primaring 1 a details."

Struck it early this morning. That's cookes' guilds refuse to permit competition from each animals. Consequent feetlonal routes of the proposed dash. struck it early this morning. That's struck it early this morning. That's why I came back, t've been longing Fedition from pack animals. Conseque are also set out. Captain Courtney such an advertisement or written to tell you all day, but I couldn't. I ently a considerable portion of goods was the winner of the air race around the business man at all. wanted to know first about that other transportation is handled by porters Great Biliain in 1923.

Porterage is usually done by con-tract, each man undertaking the de-Nita turned it over in her hand. It livery of his head at a point a given distance away. The porters as a class are young men, necessarily vigorous with specialized muscular development and pads of callus on a line deross the Extensive Radio Development Poets Who Were Frophets. shanders. They are invariably opium

to twenty for company and mutual protection, and it is quite common for the bearers of two or three different now in hand for the reorganization of call attention to some remarkable days at a time. Their wases average provision of a new wireless station, pired, was a myth invented by prophesics found in English peetry, days at a time, their wages average which is to 40 erected for the Air currency of the region through which Ministry by Marconi's Wireless Tele-When he for opium and display.



She-"Didn't you say her acting was power from which may be switched on

hist lovely? signed for this work by the research

In 1920 the area sown to alfalfa in has remarkably selective character Canada was 238,000 acres. Six years istics and incorporates the latest filter walked out. There is a lack of complete fulfill. later it was 858,000 acres. At the being and amplifying devices. It is ar-



Boston Bull Mother who believes that large families are what keeps the ountry going, aged. Her last litter was eight live and healthy pups who are shown here pused.

### SWINDLES BY POST

Every Human Sentiment and Need is Preyed Upon by Clever Rogues, Who Reap Their III-gotten Harvest and Then Move On.

#### IT HAPPENS IN ENGLAND TOO!

The gulf bility of the public is frink- "daughter" to provide an easy ingly demonstrated by the fact that even luxurious mode of living. scores of educated rogues, living in the lan of luxury, derive four-fixu mall-order awindling. Fraude of Lita ments! kind have been increasing rapidly and to day the impudence of these stoup divels has reached a pitch which causing the police authorities a cour

The trouble is that after an saver sement appearing in some ports there is small hope of tracing this par preparation are needed, that attacks peared. the ever-growing army of swindlers who want to play for "safety first."

### A "Dear Old Lady"

Many of these advertisements had as a balt, the offer of something nothing, while others appeal to generosity and warm-heartedne he reader. Take, as an example, the following advertisement which appear ed in the columns of a well-known

"WILL LADY OR GENTLEMAN give a few pounds to brighten th declining years of a dear old 141 who, having experienced mil trouble and sorrow, is no land able to fight for herself? Daugh ter appeals. Write Box - , el In one form or another this

nouncement had appeared at show crivals for a number of menths, it caught the eyo of a wealthy ness man. Touched by the appeal, wrote for particulars to the box ber given. By return of rost he latter from the daughter enclosely photograph of her mother in a

Captain F. P. Courtney

Planned for Big British

years. When this station is complete

Croydon will possess vastly improved

airdionie, wireless equipment, which

will considerably extend its range of

communication with other terminal

airdrones, and with airplanes in light.

The new station will consist of a

group of four 3-kilowatt wireless

transmitters operate; in conjunction

with a wireless direction finding re-

ceiver. The transmitters will be cap-

able of telephonic and continuous wave

and interrupted continuous wave tele-

graphic transmission, the wave range

being from 800 to 2,000 meters. In-

receiver for Croydon, specially de-

In order to keep the neighborhood

to any of the transmitters.

says: Thave two children growing up. He would then return but straight attendant at the parish church This would be the first east to west. to the local viscar, asking him to air, trip between Europe, and North got to the propor quarter.

pointed out. The plane, besides two the house. He found it to be one

The vicar, very puzzled, apologi

but he was still more puzzled on : lacking home to find another gentiaming copes for making such the case walting for him with an inquiry hour crosm, bootpolita, and s approthe circumstances of the same there it. old lady." His Memory Was Too Short

This visitor showed the clergym the advertisement in the paper the letter he had received from doughter. The vicar was detorto clear up the mystery and. London Among the developments morning, he went to the house He found the blinds down and

#### My Amusing Cliente An Antique Dealer. in my shop window appears

notice: "Curios and Antiques chased." And people bring me, result, some more than curious curie "This 'ere," said an old gentler to me seme time ago; producing booked !!ke a rusty dagger, " 'as ble dependent drive circuits will be incor. our family for 'undreds o' years. porated to maintain constancy of a hall out of the Ark-what frequency and wavelength. Energy for built to g the transmitters is to be supplied by a "Exami built to get into when all that rate

common motor alternator group, the a hand-made nail of the soy us oak beams in Mizabethan times The new wireless direction finding the smith had stamped a "Noah" on it. "There ain't many them Ark nails knockin' about, department of the Marconi Company, Old lenov aude, 1210 for it. old fellow added, and I agreed. it stops in the family," he said Ten minutes later an old lady

From a small box she produced a wavelengths for the reception of teleof King Charles I.'s hair. I could phony and telegraphy on the same it for £2 and make ever so much fit on it, I'm sure she believed it a genuine relic, but-it was grey, and King Charles's hair wasn't. Another old lady asked me wind would give for an old doublet bur

stone set in the serpent's head, "but thought the buckle might be worth few shillings." She left my shop with £1, and he

eyes shining. The "bit of glass" wa a small but perfect ruby! I do as be done liv. Ever been into a wood for a pign

Then I'd wager if you were young in frivolous you carved your initials a tree trunk and probably added fency date. Up from the country pe on old farm laborer with a section a tree. Fifty or sixty years previous ly, at a rough guess, someone ha carved deeply into the bark - white Conquerer, 1066." A gale blew t tree down and the laborer was put to saw it up. "My gran'-darter-clever gal she

noticed the name and says wip was put it their. So noticing you pu a bit in the paper"- I advertise some times . "about old stuff, I came albn wi this." As sympatheticcally as por sib'e I had to disillusion him. The pedigree of some curles is triffe puzzling. "These," said an bill man, "are a pair of Queen Viotoria

shoes. My sister's first young main

She had been spending at loast £2. 000 a year all of which money had ncomes every year by systems of been derived from those advertise-

"Public School and 'Varsity man, down on his luck, appeals to financial assistance to help him to make good. Repayment by instalments. Every investigation gladly welcomed, otc."

This advortisement drew the attenpapers turns out to be a swind a tion of a certain magistrate famed for his benevolent works. He wrote to the son who inserted it. It is this, on prod man and asked him to call. In due with the fact that so little capital and course a very charming young man ap-At the end of a long and harrowing recital the magistrate asked him to alt

down a moment while he fetched his

choque-book. The young man waited for about a quarter of an hour. Then the magistrate returned, net! with his cheque-book; but with a police serge "Take this young man late custedy

for attempted false pretences," he said to the officer. . The man was about to protest when the magistrate effenced him saying

"I have ovidently a better memory then you. Next time you try this gome you had better make sure that the men you are trying to swindle was not care of the J.P.'s on the Beach when you wore fined twenty pounds for drank enness-your fifth conviction on this count alone!" .

"Ten Easy Ways" of Money-mak Taking advantage of the univ scal scarcity of houses to be an a reaso able figure, a cumping rooms toward t the following advers nent in a dally newsparers:

"TO LET. : £40 per annum. Charming ten-root od louise on select meighboris et. dust is to cotated through at and with every modern convenience can be viewed at weak-end. First 25 deposit secures."

Upwards of twenty young course sent off £5 and all kept the work on t free for viewing their "find." Not a word Wil they loar. Than, on making inquiries they found that the adver-The next moment she was looking was China and because of road condition her hands at an object, brown. West China and because of road conditions her hands at an object, brown. The proposed dash, in Interest, rivals some and fashionably dressed young calling for his replies had never been at the place again.

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Cood and regular incomes by unscrupulous folk who fo death announcements in the r On reading of the decrease of pa Ball son whom they knew had par dead person when he er she was n of dire need of essistance. In very few the ferm of hard cash.

happened -was fell n'ly with a parler maid whose aunt was logso'd the Duke of X. vs. of ... folia : 1; of there, i.e. Post I' . as Same Indignal No was a hold of them and give them to an ward's mether, while the shoet l

I was one's offered at at time stays shaped top-hat, but dil no business. A week later I was ..... ply a dozen "stovers" for a carmivel, I could have got the d z a from the man who offered the conduct didn't know his address: Sal. All sorts of people baye intel and try-to do me, but with it the sites ors

### Willow Song.

I've been offered seven or eight.

How many whips had Sain Waller?

Willow wands, willow wan is, here are colored willow wands; Dipping by the river where the thrushes sing: Purple willow, Creeping willow, White willow, Weeping willow

Here are magic willow wends to conjure in the spring. Willow wands; willow wands, hereagre

pollard willow wands, Swaying by the water in the win and rain; Siver catkins, sallow cerkins, Green catkins, yellow catkins, Here are colored willow cathins

### -Hamish Maclearn in The Spectator. "Snuff is Served," Clerk Announces.

flowering once open!

London .- "Gentlemen, snuff is now served." J. L. Koldspink, the clerk, with this announcement handed a snuff box round to members at the annual most-

ing of the Lambeth Board of Guard-The box was given to the board in 1845 to commemorate the union of the parist es of Lambeth and Kennington, and has been produced regularly at every annual meeting since.



Wanted to Get Her Pace. 'Just a Hubby--"Are you going to buy your wife a wrist watch?" Holim of Gay Wife-"No-a speeds sister she never married him, as dometer."

Succes:

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British II. board! At the \$75 000 W. chase of l