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DEPT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

What Will You Make?

Now that ice-skating and hockey have run their course how are you going to spend your leisure hours? Why not test your creative ability and try to make something? Perhaps you have always intended to make a model sailboat, a pair of book-ends, or a footstool, but have not known just how to begin. There are any number of books on this subject which are at your service, just longing to tell you everything you will want to know. There is a particularly attractive little book entitled, "The box book" by Showalter which tells how to make things out of pasteboard boxes only, and uses most simple materials which are to be found in any home. Every body will want to make the Buster Box and the Jumping Jack described in this book.

"Clipper ships done in cork models" by Adams is another book that will keep you busy for some time. Here, too, you will need only very simple materials such as common corks, pins, thread, matches, paper and crayons. Each model is the exact reproduction of a clipper ship that actually sailed the seas in the early history of our country, and this book relates the history of each one reproduced. Here are a few more books which tell how to make many interesting things:

- Toys every child can make, Wright.
- Handicraft for handy girls, Hall.
- Boy's busy book, Fraser.
- Big book of boys' hobbies, Hall.
- Boat-building and boating, Beard.
- Boy Mechanic.

Story Hour

The story hour for boys and girls is still being held every Saturday morning at half-past 10. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend.

New Poems for Old

Poetry is in the air, and think not you can deny it. Take home Nathalia Crane's "The Janitor's Boy" and see what she says of John Paul Jones. Here is her opening stanza:

"'Tis John Paul Jones the janitor's boy,
He lives on the gun-deck floor,
Where all of the windows are action ports,
And the dumbwaiters rattle and roar."
And what do you think of this:

"Do you think it's any wonder, with the moonlight so divine,
That my heart is all a-flutter, like the washing on the line?"

Now, too, you will like Vachel Lindsay's "Johnny Appleseed and other poems." In swift, vigorous style we read of Johnny Appleseed's march across the Appalachians.

"Leaving behind august Virginia,
Proud Massachusetts, and proud Maine,
Planting the trees that would march and train
On, in his name to the great Pacific,
Like Burnam wood to Dunsinane,
Johnny Appleseed swept on."

"Modern Lyric Poetry" and "A Junior anthology of world poetry" are both full of poems that older boys and girls will want to read.

The "In-Betweens"

It is quite simple to find books for the very young child or for older girls and boys, but the difficult matter is finding something suitable for the little in-betweens. They too want Indian stories, fairy tales and realistic stories which they can read and enjoy and call their own, but unfortunately, books for them are not as abundant as those for their older brothers and sisters. The following

list is a collection of books which have proven quite satisfactory with this age group.

"Wanda and Greta at Broby Farm"—Palm; Two little sisters find plenty of work and fun on a Swedish farm. The illustrations are most attractive and vividly colored.

Anton and Trini—Olcott. Anton lives in a chalet in the Swiss Alps and when his cousin Trini arrives from the big city for a visit, things begin to happen.

Galley Jack crosses the line—Maxwell. Of a cat who meets with pirates at sea in addition to having many experiences serving on a Chinese Junk, a whaling vessel and an English tea ship.

Nutcracker of Nuremberg.—Lumas, pere. This tale, based on a German

legend, is of a toy nutcracker that was under a magic spell from which he was released by his young mistress who had received him for a Christmas gift. Fascinating silhouettes accompany the story.

Grandma's Cooky Jar—Orton. There were always plenty of cookies for the three children whenever they came to visit Grandma, but one day the cooky jar disappeared.

Indian twins—Perkins. These adventures of Pigeon and Beaver Boy will interest readers just as much as the other twin books.

Robin and Tito—Robinson. Robin is an American girl visiting in Sicily, who has for her playmates the little Italian child, Bianca, and Tito the Donkey.

Silver Bear—Brown. One pleasant

summer in the life of Lucy and Dora, with Arcturus the silver bear playing an unexpected part.

Nanette of the wooden shoes — Brann. About a little girl of Brittany with the noisiest pair of Sabots in town, and her cousin Jean-Pierre who ran away to be a sailor.

Little Blue Man — Fanciulli. He was made of cardboard and had a beautiful blue cap to match his coat, but he longed to see the world.

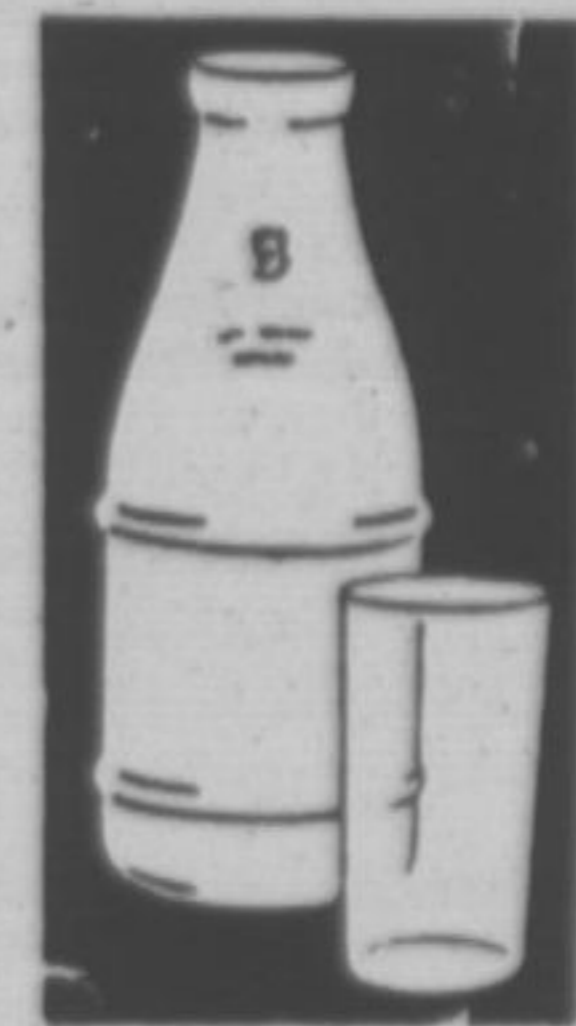
Several pairs of good strong mittens are now reposing in the Lost and Found department of the Children's room, where they have been for some time. It seems a pity that they have been unclaimed these many weeks for they are all in perfect condition. Will the owners please identify their "mitts"?



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