

THE BOXING KANGAROO.

New Electrical Toy Which Will Interest the Children.

A new electrical toy presents in an original way the old principal of the electric penulum, which consists of a very light ball of pith suspended by a silk thread from bent iron wire, one leg of which is placed in a glass foot for insulation. If the little ball is approached by any object charged with electricity, it is first attracted, and then, upon being touched is repulsed by it. The toy is called the boxing kangaroo. The figure of a boxer is cut out of cardboard, and covered on the back with tinfoil, which is turned over at the edges of the card. One foot of the figure is stuck into sealing wax on a small block, and to the back of this leg is secured a piece of iron wire. As the other foot does not touch the support, it is insulated from it. The figure of a kangaroo in boxing position is cut out of tracing paper, covered on one side with tinfoil, and suspended by a linen thread from one end of a piece of iron wire that has a rectangular bend, the other end being set in the supporting plate. The kangaroo then faces the boxer. The process of putting life into the two figures is very simple. One end of a glass chimney is stopped up by a cork, in the center of which is driven a nail, one end of which is secured to a piece of small iron wire, the other end of the wire being connected with the wire on the back of the boxer's leg. The apparatus is then complete. After the lamp chimney has been carefully dried, it must be rubbed with a piece of silk or fur. This generates electricity, which is transmitted to the boxer. The kangaroo, strongly attracted by the electrically-charged figure, makes a dash at it, but a discharge of electricity instantly follows, and the animal is repulsed. As long as the rubbing of the chimney is kept up, this series of attacks and repulses will continue, the struggle between the man and the beast being constantly renewed.

WHY WE OPEN THE MOUTH.

An Attention Sign Which is a Survival of Primitive Life.

Iram M. Stanley advances a new explanation of the tendency to open the mouth in surprise and astonishment. Darwin ascribed this tendency to the intuitive desire for quietness and effectiveness of breathing, and to mere relaxation of the muscles. Mr. Stanley finds a deeper organic reason, viz., that the open mouth is the attention sign, and is a primitive and constant reaction with the young of many animals for the reception of food,—for example, with birds. Any sound or other stimulus immediately causes the young bird to extend its mouth. With young infants the same influence has often the same effect. The mouth of the infant under such stimulation usually assumes the sucking form, and its smile when the finger is pointed at it, may be either nascent or degraded sucking. Mr. Stanley maintains that the common and highly useful tendency of the very young to open the mouth to all stimuli, visual, aural, etc., continues as a survival in after life, being especially brought out with stimuli of high intensity and unusual quality, and thus becomes a mark of surprise and astonishment. It is a habit very common among boys and girls to open the mouth under any attention. The rise of smiling and laughter as connected with wit and humor—at the basis of which lies surprise—thus declares itself as a kind of attention expression. Assuming that the primary expression of the mouth is a feeding expression, and that this probably has been modified and evolved in connection with a variety of attention phenomena, Mr. Stanley suggests that it would be worth while to make a detailed study of expression in infants and young animals with this point in view.

A CURIOUS POSTAL SYSTEM.

In certain parts of Sweden, where the most absolute confidence is reposed in the honesty of the people, a very informal postal system is in vogue. As the mail steamer reaches a landing place a man goes ashore with the letters, which he places in an unlocked box on the pier. Then the passer-by who expects a letter opens the box, turns over the letters and selects his own, unquestioned by anyone.

A LONG MARCH.

The longest cavalry practice march ever taken by a German regiment in time of peace began a few days ago, the regiment starting from the town of Giessen. The cavalrymen selected for the feat were the members of the Thirteenth Uhlans, of Hanover. Five special trains carried the regiment, with their horses, to Giessen, at a cost of \$15,000. From Giessen the cavalrymen are riding to Strasburg, via Frankfurt-Darmstadt, to attend the imperial review. At the end of September the regiment will return to Hanover.

EASY BICYCLING.

The Sultan of Morocco has a somewhat imperial method of amusing himself with cycling. A couch is rigged up between the wheels and on this the monarch reclines, studying the cycloeter and the compass, while his attendants pedal for him.



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OUT AT HOME.

On a quiet summer evening, Out at home, When all nature thought of sleeping, Out at home, And the twilight, softly creeping, O'er the fields and meadows sweeping, Through the aisles of maples leaping, Brought the cool refreshing gloaming, Out at home. I was sitting in the garden, Out at home, 'Mong the berries and the melons, Out at home, And that soothing touch of evening's Gentle playing on my heartstrings, Turned my thoughts, with tender yearnings, O'er the days when we were children, Out at home. How we raced among the flowers, Out at home, 'Neath the elm's refreshing bowers, Out at home, How we planted out potatoes, How we ate the ripe tomatoes, Listened to Dame Nature's platoes, Learned her wisdom, hoards and powers, Out at home. Many years have flitted by them, Out at home, Since the days when we were children, Out at home, But the same blue sky is o'er them— Bluest spot there is in Heaven— And the landscape flung around them Teems with memories loved and olden, Out at home. There's the swamp we used to dread so, Out at home, There's the camp we used to love so, Out at home, There's the barn so weather beaten, And the fields in wheat so golden, And the meadows clover laden, And the corn and pumpkins blooming, Out at home. But they've changed so, brother, dearest, Out at home, Since the days when we were children, Out at home, Age has touched with crippling finger Those who round the hearthstone linger, And their steps now feebly falter, As they near death's dark cold river, Out at home. Still their hearts are kind as ever, Out at home, Dear old mother's O, so clever, Out at home, And it was so good to see her, Sitting in that high old rocker, Telling 'bout when we were younger All the things that used to happen, Out at home. Oft I think as twilight deepens, Out at home, I am sitting in the garden, Out at home, And I see, as once in childhood, With their fairy fringe of wildwood, Fences, fields, and lawn and larch-wood, All the scenes of happy boyhood, Out at home. —ERNEST CHUTE.

NEW USEFUL INVENTIONS.

One of the most useful and practical exhibits at the Industrial Exhibition this year, was that of the Metal Shingle and Siding Co., Limited, of Preston, Ont. Their Patent Safe Lock Shingles which interlock each other on all four sides, was continuously surrounded by interested spectators, their handsome appearance, great durability, unique construction, fire and lightning proof qualities, making a combination much superior to wood shingles or other roofing. They also exhibited a full line of small and large sheet siding in various designs suitable for all kinds of buildings. This siding can be applied over rough cast clap-board or any rough surfaces, making old buildings very warm and dry, and to look like new. Their handsome new designs of metal ceilings and side walls, were very much admired, an improved feature being the construction of the locks making invisible joints when plates are put on. Metal goods are here to stay. They have every advantage as to appearance and durability and parties interested in buildings, whether barns, sheds, dwellings, etc., should not fail to possess a copy of the above enterprising firm's catalogue, which is sent free upon application.

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OVER THEIR GRAVES.

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WHISKEY FOR POWDER.

Among the principal consumers of corn whiskey is the British Government, which used 124,000 last year in the manufacture of smokeless powder.

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A CONSCIENTIOUS BOY.

Freddie, said his mother, severely, didn't I tell you that you shouldn't ride your bicycle to-day, because you were naughty? This isn't my bicycle, said Freddie, it's Tommy Jones'. We have exchanged just for to-day.

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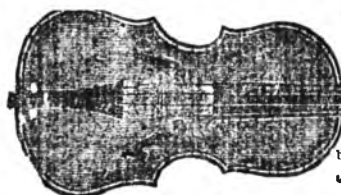
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