



### The Surprise in the Freight Car.

"The freight's coming!" called Clifford, the station agent's little son, to his friend Mollie. "Don't you see the smoke and hear the rails singing? She's at the curve, now, and will be here soon."

A few moments later the freight train came roaring round the curve. It slowed down with a great puffing and grinding and was soon switched to an empty place in the yards. That train had been a long time on the way, for almost a month had passed since it had been loaded with sweet-smelling pine boards up in the forest country. The river had risen and swept away two railway bridges, and so the train was very late.

"Please don't take out all the boards," Clifford begged when a man came to unload. "Father has bought enough of the lumber to fix up a playground for Mollie and me. We are going to have a seesaw, a sliding board and a little house. Could we come down in the morning and take out our boards?" he asked.

The man nodded, and the children ran off, satisfied, to their homes.

"I'll be down right after breakfast," Clifford called.

But it was Mollie that was first at the tracks the next morning. The little girl, who was lame, lived with her mother in a small cottage a little way below the station. She had never had a real playmate until Clifford's family moved in to the neighborhood from a nearby city. And she had scarcely ever owned a plaything, either. No wonder she came running down to the siding just after sunrise and peered with such eagerness into the car.

But she only peeped in; then she ran away with a startled look on her face. Turning the corner of the station swiftly, she ran into Clifford.

"What's the matter, Mollie?" he asked.

Mollie's eyes were big. "The Little People came into our freight car last night, Clifford," Mollie said. "I heard them rustling round in there and I saw their red jackets."

Clifford laughed. "You have been reading your fairy book again," he

said. "Come over to the car with me and we'll see whether any Little People are there."

Mollie turned without a word and followed him back to the siding. She stood and watched him while he climbed into the car.

"Be careful," she called, "or you'll frighten them away."

In a moment the boy came scrambling down. He looked a little bewildered.

"You saw them!" Mollie said in triumph.

"I saw something queer," Clifford answered blinking. "A little thatched house and some small creatures in red that moved so fast that I could not get a good look at them."

"I knew I was right," said Mollie. They decided to go and get some cookies.

"Whatever they are," Clifford said wisely, "they'll be glad to have something to eat."

They ran off and came back a little later with a supply of fresh cookies. Creeping cautiously up to the car, they laid their offerings just inside the door and then backed off.

"They're bound to be hungry after that long trip," said Mollie.

After a minute or two there was a slight rustle inside the car. Then a little object flashed into sight. It gave one peck at the cookies in the door and uttered a quick call. Another little creature came hurrying up.

The two watchers backed off still farther, laughing as they went.

"There are your Little People," Clifford said.

"Red vests, not red jackets!" Mollie cried. "I never once thought about birds."

"And a nest of mud and straw instead of a house," chuckled Clifford. "Those robins must have built and nested in the car while it was stalled up north. Listen! Don't you hear the little robins crying back in there?"

Mollie nodded. "Well," she said, "one thing is certain—our playhouse and the other fun must wait until those little robins can fly."

"Of course," Clifford agreed. "And what's more, we will mount guard over their private car until they are quite ready to leave it."

### Improved Pocketknife Has Novel Features.

A new knife is made in various types, from the long, heavy hunting knife to the tiny watch-chain knife. It may be best described as a device wherein the blade, when in use, is held rigidly in position, and when not in use, is completely concealed. When closed, the knife is dustproof, and can be made waterproof if desired. An important improvement, from the angles of utility and manufacture, is the elimination of the steel back-spring, which constitutes a large part of the cost of the ordinary pocket-knife. Also, blades are interchangeable. By the simple method of unscrewing the pin holding the blade, another blade can be quickly substituted. Thus a hunter can, in a moment, substitute a skinning blade for the ordinary blade in his knife.

### PALE, WAN CHEEKS INDICATE ANAEMIA

#### New Health Can be Obtained by Enriching the Blood.

When a girl in her teens becomes peevish, listless and dull, when nothing seems to interest her and dainties do not tempt her appetite, you may be certain that she needs more good blood than her system is provided with. Before long her pallid cheeks, frequent headaches, breathlessness and heart palpitation will confirm that she is anaemic. Many mothers, as the result of their own girlhood experience, can promptly detect the early signs of anaemia and the wise mother does not wait for the trouble to develop further, but at once gives her daughter a course with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which renews the blood supply and banishes anaemia before it has obtained a hold on the system.

Among the many who have benefited by the use of these pills is Miss Dora Kerr, R.R. No. 4, Warton, Ont., who says: "For a long time I had been feeling tired and worn out. I was troubled with headache and backache, and would wake up in the morning feeling tired and depressed. I had to walk a considerable distance going to and from school and would feel so tired that it seemed I could not go another step. About this time a lady doctor came to the school, to examine the children, and she told me I badly needed a tonic to build me up. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had been used in our home before this and I began to take them. I can only say that they have greatly helped me. I no longer suffer from the headaches and backaches and I now wake up in the morning feeling rested and refreshed. If ever in need of a tonic again I shall lose no time in taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail post-paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Elephants Once Roamed British Isles.

The bones of a pre-historic animal were found in the heart of London by workmen excavating on the site for a new bank building in Regent Street, S.W. The bones, which are believed to be those of an elephant or mammoth dating back thousands of years before history began, were found in the virgin soil, which is alluvial gravel, at a depth of about forty-five feet.

The bones have been taken to the Geological Museum, where they will be examined. Authorities there said that among the bones was one that looked like a part of an elephant's tooth, indicating that the bones are those of one of the great herbivorous mammals which at one time inhabited the British Isles.

#### In a Class by Himself.

An Irish drill sergeant was instructing some recruits in the mysteries of marching movements, and found great difficulty in getting a countryman of his to halt when the command was given.

After explaining and illustrating several times, he approached the recruit, sized him up silently for a few minutes and then demanded his name.

"Casey, sir," was the reply.

"Well, Casey, did ye ever drive a mule?"

"Yis, sor."

"What did ye say when you wanted him to stop?"

"Whoa."

The sergeant turned away and immediately put his squad in motion. After they had advanced a dozen yards or so he bawled out at the top of his lungs: "Squad, halt. Whoa, Casey!"

Sure.

"Ma, I wish you wouldn't call me your lamb when folks are around."

"Why not, Eddie?"

"It makes me feel so sheepish."

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### INDUSTRIES FAIR IS GROWING

#### BIG INCREASE IN BRITISH EXHIBITS.

#### Held This Year in Three Different Sections, at London, Birmingham and Glasgow.

Indications are that the British Industries Fair is to be decidedly larger and more comprehensive this year than ever before, says a London despatch. It will be held in three sections, at London and Birmingham from February 2 to March 4, and at Glasgow from February 28 to March 11.

Last year the London section of the fair was held in the Crystal Palace, but because of the increase in the number of exhibits it will be held in the White City this year. The idea of having the Glasgow section open a week later is to give buyers and visitors an opportunity to visit all three sections of the fair without being rushed.

As in the past only British manufacturers will be allowed to exhibit, and only their own wares. No duplications will be permitted. Attendance will be by invitation only, which in New York may be obtained from the British Consul-General, 44 Whitehall Street.

#### Exhibits Have Wide Range.

The lines to be exhibited in London are books, cutlery, silver, jewellery, watches, clocks, haberdashery, glassware, china, earthenware, stoneware, paper, stationery, stationers' sundries, printing, medical and surgical instruments, leather for the fancy goods, bookbinding and upholstery trades, brushes, brooms, toys, sporting goods, scientific and optical instruments, photographic supplies, drugs, musical instruments, furniture and basketware.

At Birmingham lighting fixtures, cook stoves and utensils, general hardware, tools of all descriptions, metal furniture, saddlery and harness, firearms, fishing rods and tackle, machinery beltings, India rubber goods, weighing and measuring appliances, paints, architectural metal works, steel and hemp rope, cordage and string.

At Glasgow textiles of all descriptions, ready made clothing, including hosiery, hats, caps, boots, shoes and gloves; carpet and upholstery materials, foodstuffs, prepared and preserved; beverages, chemicals and dyes.

#### A Child's Dental Chair.

The importance of caring for the teeth of children has been so strongly realized during the past few years that many devices have been brought out to facilitate the work. The latest of these is a special dental chair, as complete in appointments as is the regular adult size, but constructed on a reduced scale. Besides the regular footrest, the child's chair is fitted with an auxiliary rest for the comfort of the smallest patient. Height adjustment is accomplished by means of a pedal acting upon a mechanism in the pedestal base. The headrest is also adjustable.

The total enlistments into the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war was 590,572, of whom 418,062 proceeded overseas.

### Celery-Planting Machine is Self-Propelling.

By the ingenious application of a discarded two-cylinder opposed motorcycle engine, a New York farmer has devised a celery-planting machine that automatically sets the plants while propelling itself. The motor, hung between the front wheels, transmits its power to them, and also operates two endless belts. While one man guides the machine, two others at the back place the small plants on marks on one of the belts, as it crosses a feed table. The other belt holds them in position, roots forward, until they enter a furrow made by a small plow on the machine, and two following disks then turn the earth back around the roots.

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### LONDON POLICE SET UP FORUM IN PARK

#### ANY ONE MAY TALK FOR OR AGAINST.

#### Radicals and Representatives of All Religious Sects Address Interested Crowds.

If you are in London, and burning with a great idea that needs expression, the best and easiest thing to do is to go down to Hyde Park, mount a soapbox there and make a speech about it. Realizing the basic human need for self-expression, the London police have set aside a corner of the park as an open forum, and any one who wants to talk, either for or against the accepted scheme of things, can do their talking there.

There are representatives of all religious sects. There are vegetarians, prohibitionists, anti-prohibitionists, Marxian Socialists and birth control enthusiasts. All London cheerfully comes to listen and be amused. In fact, in fashionable London it is quite the smart thing to promenade in Hyde Park just before tea time of a Sunday and "listen to the radicals."

One afternoon the rain dampened the ardor of the crowd, but when the weather cleared at sunset 600 or 700 people were still listening to the speakers. They stood in the growing dusk, a little, dark mass near the park gate, a glowing sunset sky above them and the dark shadow of the bare trees beyond.

There were five speakers and each had his own little gathering. For the most part the groups were silent, only the shrill voice of the speaker being heard, but one man had gathered about him a denser crowd, that shoved and jostled, laughed and mocked.

He stood in the centre, the ring pressed close about him. He was a little man, with bushy whiskers, keen, nervous eyes, and dressed in neat tweeds. He was against things as they are. The Cabinet was not much good. Parliament was worse. The answer was the intelligent use of the ballot.

Why were people making all this fuss over the heroes of the war? Were they heroes? Were they fighting for

the country in the war? Or were they fighting for themselves? Did the ladies and gentlemen think that he was a hero? (Loud cheers and cries of "Yes!") What did they fight for, anyway? (Shouts of "Two and fourpence a day!" "Plum and apple jam!")

#### Government Protects Its Opponent.

The crowd had been jeeringly tolerant at first, but it began to feel that the bewhiskered little man was saying things he should not. A young Cockney shoved forward and offered to fight the speaker. The crowd waited, tense. It seemed that eventualities were about to occur. One of the two majestic bobbies, or policemen, on duty, elbowed his way into the ring, and the Cockney melted away. Under the safe protection of that government of which he did not think so very much the little man continued his speech.

A group of several hundred persons stood silently about a pretty and ardent young woman who was pleading for the Roman Catholic Church. She was explaining the story of St. Peter, and her voice rose high and higher in the still evening air.

Near by a gray-haired man spoke convincingly of the menace of the pig to public health. One does not quite understand why. An interested crowd cheerfully challenged his every statement.

"Sure, let them talk," said the bobby. There's some Socialists, and some worse. But we let them say almost anything they want to. It don't do any harm, and they soft of let off steam that way. Every one has a good time and nobody pays much attention except when there's a good laugh."

#### An Ingenious Invention.

With an ingenious tuning device arranged in the form of a small book, and using a walking stick as a mast for the antenna wire, a British officer has contrived a radio-receiving set of extreme simplicity and portability. By opening the pocket-size book to greater or less degree, and varying the antenna length, reception is adjusted to wave lengths between 300 and 2,500 metres. With this equipment, using a regular head telephone, messages have been received from stations more than 500 miles distant.

It is estimated that about 4,000,000 pins are destroyed daily.