

YOUNG FOLKS

Thieves.

As the judge opened the front door he heard Sheila's voice—a clear and pleasant young voice, but very, very decided.

"I'm telling you this for your own good, you know, Katie. It's such a waste of time and money and everything else for you to try to do something you never were meant to do."

Another voice answered her. The judge was something of an expert in voices—his work had taught him to know especially all the tones of hopelessness and discouragement. The other voice was irresolute; it would take only a little more to make it despairing.

"Of course I knew I never could make a fine teacher, Miss Sheila, but it seemed as if I could teach the little ones—loving them so, and all. I'd sort of dreamed of it all my life."

"It's too bad, Katie," the young voice was warm with sympathy but no less decided, "but you'd better give it up. It's the only brave way."

The judge went into the library and a moment later Sheila came in.

"What kind of a day did you have, Uncle Judge?" she asked gayly.

The judge's fine face shadowed.

"To-day," he said slowly, "a boy of seventeen was brought up."

The charge was stealing a few dollars' worth of stuff from a hardware shop where he had been employed for a couple of weeks. He said he wanted to try to make something. I asked how long he had been at school. It was only a few months now and then.

"They all said I was stupid, and I reckon I was," he said dully.

"I went further back. He had had a stepfather who was always 'picking on' him because he was stupid. He bore no resentment; he accepted himself at the valuation that others had placed upon him. Yet he wanted to make something. Sheila—"

The judge pulled her round so that he could look straight into the young face.

"Sheila, child, listen to this. The law cannot touch the greatest thieves of life. The man who steals a loaf for his hungry family is punished, but the man or woman who robs another of courage or hope or confidence—the very stuff of life itself—cannot be touched."

"Why, uncle?" Sheila gasped. "You mean Katie Dunne? But she couldn't teach!"

"You took away a life dream. Did you give her anything in its place?"

"But," Sheila faltered, "she's dull, Uncle John."

"But she loves—and love is the greatest miracle worker in the world. Child, you've got to make up to Katie somehow. You've robbed her of hope and courage and her dream; now you must find out how to give them back to her. It is the court's decision."

The judge's warm smile took the sting from the words. But Sheila did not see it; her face wore a look of mingled pain and resolution. It was one of Sheila's growing moments—and growing hurts, sometimes.

BEATTY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Commander of Britain's Fleet Bears Heavy Weight of Care.

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"He bears it alone, remote from direct contact with centre of national life and activity. The First Sea Lord, although his functions are wider, is a member of a board. The life or death of the Empire does not hang so immediately on his personal and instantaneous decision."

"But spiritual loneliness the Commander-in-chief must inevitably suffer. He cannot share his burden. He cannot discuss his plans or his orders on equal terms with anyone. He is on a throne unapproachable by any other, even of rank nearly equal to his. In Sir David's case he is set over those who were his seniors in his profession. They are now subject to his will. Like Nelson, he has the happiness to command a band of brothers, for one and all are moved by but one desire—to bring their country safely through the most tremendous peril in her history."

"But the barrier of command and responsibility interposes itself between him and those who were his contemporaries and co-equals. It is there, and not the most genial nature or most loyal and affectionate spirit can altogether get past it. In that sense, far more than in the hedge which discipline sets round him, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet must suffer the loneliness which surrounds a throne."

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NERVOUS DISEASES IN THE SPRING

Cured by Toning the Blood and Strengthening the Nerves.

It is the opinion of the best medical authorities, after long observation, that nervous diseases are more common and more serious in the spring than at any other time of the year. Vital changes in the system, after long winter months, may cause much more trouble than the familiar spring weakness and weariness from which most people suffer as the result of indoor life, in poorly ventilated and often overheated buildings. Official records prove that in April and May neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, epilepsy and other forms of nerve troubles are at their worst, and that then, more than any other time, a blood-making, nerve-restoring tonic is needed.

The antiquated custom of taking purgatives in the spring is useless, for the system really needs strengthening, while purgatives only gallop through the bowels, leaving you weaker. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best medicine for they actually make the new, rich, red blood that feeds the starved nerves, and thus cure the many forms of nervous disorders. They cure also such other forms of spring troubles as headaches, poor appetite, weakness in the limbs, as well as remove unsightly pimples and eruptions. In fact they unfailingly bring new health and strength to weak, tired and depressed men, women and children.

Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PULVERIZED FUEL.

A Means of Utilizing Western Coal on Railway Locomotives.

The Prairie Provinces have large reserves of coal, but much of it is unsuitable for railway fuel on account of its liability to cause fires by sparks from locomotives. During recent years experiments have been made respecting the use of pulverized fuel for locomotives. It has been used for several years in connection with certain metallurgical work and found to be of great economic importance. The tests made on locomotives show that the use of pulverized coal is more efficient than the ordinary method of burning coal and, in addition, does not cause smoke, cinders or sparks. It would add largely to the comfort of the passengers.

The following shows the increased use of this kind of fuel on locomotive service during 1916:

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway has adapted to the use of pulverized coal, an Atlantic-type passenger locomotive and is now operating it in its regular passenger-train service between Chicago and Milwaukee. The Delaware and Hudson Company has just put into freight service a new Consolidation locomotive (probably the largest of this type in the world), equipped to burn powdered coal. The Delaware and Hudson Company is also installing a complete fuel-drying, pulverizing, storage and discharging plant, and equipping its stationary boilers at Olyphant, Pa., for burning the waste tailings from anthracite culm banks.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway is installing a complete pulverized-fuel preparing plant at Parsons, Kan., and applying equipment for burning pulverized coal and lignite in its stationary boilers and locomotives.

Various other steam railways, including the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, Grand Trunk, Southern Pacific, Kansas City Southern, Chicago Junction, and Central Railway of Brazil, are now considering the use of pulverized fuel for locomotive service. The last named railway has already decided to adopt it, after an exhaustive three months investigation made in the United States.

The railway fuel problem in central and western Canada is an important one and, considering the rapid introduction of pulverized fuel on railways in the United States and the economy to be effected by its use, it will be only a short time before such locomotives will be used in Canada.

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The New Modes

New Fancy Collars

While collarless styles are fashionable, dainty collars have by no means been discarded; on the contrary, this is an accessory made very much of. Some of the new shapes fall in rather long points over the shoulders, others are pointed in front and square at the back, and the familiar sailor collar is ever present. Fine voile, marquisette and handkerchief linen in white and colors are used for the new collars. Some are hemstitched by hand, others by machine, and on almost every one there is some touch of hand embroidery. Double collars are usually made with the upper one of some color and a white one, a little larger, under it.

The high stock collar is being worn by smart women as much for sports as for use with tailored costumes. Usually it is made of pongee or some heavy silk with ends that cross in front of striped or figured silk.

For sports wear a white silk blouse with one of these collars and a skirt matching the figure or striped silk in the collar, make a very attractive costume.

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What is being proclaimed on the battlefields of Europe and Asia is this:

The future belongs to the book and not to the sword.

It belongs to life and not to death.

It belongs to the common man and not to any arrogant gang of war lords and parasitic kings.

Here is the meaning of it all: Man has determined to be the master of his own civic destiny.

The thrones are tumbling down. The age-old royalties buttressed up by tyranny and corruption are crumbling like bad mortar.

And the end of this war will be only the beginning of mightier revolutions, changes, upheavals.

For good or ill humanity is taking its destiny into its own hands, sweeping away the old props and subterfuges of king rule and Krupp rule, and anancing toward the most tremendous adventure in democracy the world has ever known.

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TOURING ALASKA.

The C. P. R. is Making Preparations for Record Traffic.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is preparing for a record tourist traffic to Alaska this summer, it has been announced.

The "Charlotte," one of the largest of the Pacific boats now operating between Vancouver and Seattle will be requisitioned for two extra trips.

The first real effort to attract tourists to Alaska was made by the Company last year. So successful was the initial effort that with the additional facilities completed by the railway, the tourist business to Alaska is expected to increase each season.

On account of the war, which has curtailed tourist traffic to Europe, American tourists welcome the opportunity to "tour Alaska," the passenger officials assert. Many points of interest are in pleasing contrast to European tourist centres.

Inquiries for information regarding the route to Alaska centre on Alert Bay, B.C., where American tourists desire to see the activities of the Indians. Here are many of the most elaborately carved totems in America. The Indian village of Bella Bella also is prominently mentioned in inquiries from tourists.

Alaska, during the tourist season, which extends from June 15 to Aug. 15, is not, as is generally believed, a bit of sea ice here, a snowy mountain there, a studded pine or a polar bear to relieve the monotony; but a combination of the fjords of Norway and the Alps of Switzerland.

Skagway, Alaska, is 1,000 miles from Vancouver. In addition to its beautiful and interesting attractions, it is one of the places of call on the trip, the climate is such that it is believed it will become one of the world's greatest summer health resorts.

She Was Shopping.

A lady had been sitting in a furniture shop for nearly two hours inspecting the stock of linoleums. Roll after roll the perspiring assistant brought out, but still she seemed dissatisfied. From her dress he judged her to be a person of wealth, and thought it likely that she would have a good order to give. When at last he had shown her the last roll, he paused in despair.

"I'm very sorry, madam," he said apologetically, "but if you could wait I could get some more pieces from the factory. Can you call again?"

The prospective customer gathered her belongings together and rose from the chair.

"Yes, do," she said, with a gracious smile, "and ask them to send you some with very small designs, suitable for putting in the bottom of a canary's cage."

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Spring Days are Joy Days for the man or woman who is wise enough to jump from the heavy foods of Winter to the cereals, fruits and green vegetables of Spring.

Two or three Shredded Wheat Biscuits with berries and milk and some green vegetables make a delicious, nourishing meal. Puts the body in top-notch condition for the day's work.



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FRENCH WAR BADGES.

Soldier Carries His Whole Military Record Upon His Uniform.

A correspondent who has just been in Paris gives some interesting gossip about the arm-badges worn by the French soldiers. In the British Army there is only one, the gold strip denoting that the wearer has been wounded. The French have many, and a man carries his whole military record open to the view of all. Indeed, said my friend, a uniform undorned, and too spotlessly clean, often calls forth an ill-concealed gesture of disdain.

For instance, an inverted "V" high on the right sleeve means "wounded," and a new one is added for each wound. A "V" right side up on the same sleeve merely means "sent home on account of sickness." On the left sleeve the "V" indicates length of service, one for the first year and one for every succeeding six months. Presently there has been created a new distinction, which is very highly prized. This is a narrow horizontal band, and means "six months at Verdun."

In addition to these individual symbols and distinctions, there is a kind of collective emblem of which every Polu is very proud. This is the twisted tassels of red and green—the colors of the War Cross—which all members of regiments "mentioned" for gallant service have the right to carry from the left shoulder. In addition to all these, of course, there are the individual medals and decorations, like those in our Army. But the French carry the badge idea much further than the British do.

CLOGS NEXT?

They May Become Common in England Through Scarcity of Leather.

Before long the sound of clogs may be as familiar in the South as in the North of England. The Army is using up so much leather that there is a big shortage for civilian footwear.

The Eastbourne Guardians have already recommended people to buy clogs, says an English writer. One member even went so far as to suggest that we ought to go barefoot!

In the average household the noise of clogs would be a novelty, but a number of people are already staunch devotees of the wooden sole. This is particularly the case in the North of England and South-West of Scotland. The clog is also worn largely by factory workers and servants in certain parts of France, Holland, and Hungary. In France they are called "sabots."

One advantage of clogs is that they are cheap; another, that they keep the feet dry in dirty weather. In London, however, they will take some getting used to, and we may ask Mary Ann to walk in her stockings until she hears us stirring!

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

How to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts out without pain.

Let folks step on your feet hereafter; wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezeone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

This drug dries at once and simply shrivels up the corn or callus without even irritating the surrounding tissue.

A small bottle of freezeone obtained at any drug store will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's foot.

If your druggist hasn't stocked this new drug yet, tell him to get a small bottle of freezeone for you from his wholesale drug house.

Fish as a Farm Crop.

Among the new things in farming fish culture promises to prove a source of profit and to provide another food resource for the nation. In time every farm home should have its own fish pond stocked with bass, perch, sunfish or other of the warm water fishes, and where cold running water is available there may be pools in which rainbow or brook trout will thrive. Fish farming is a practical means of increasing the farmer's income and of adding variety and lower costs to the consumer's meals.

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