

YOUNG FOLKS

Through the Telescope.

What a wonderful day the children had when they first found the long telescope that lay on the upper shelf in the spare-room closet! Jack, who lived all the time in the big farmhouse on the hill, had almost forgotten the telescope, although he had looked through it many times; but it was a new thing to the cousins, Don and Ruth.

"It works this way," said Jack, as he pulled out the telescope to its full length and took it over to the south window.

"Oh, let me look!" teased Don, and Jack gave up his place.

"Why, the pond over beyond the back pasture seems right here in the dooryard!" he cried. "Isn't it strange? And there is a bird among the lily pads—a bird with long legs."

"Probably it's a heron," said Jack. "We often see them."

"How surprised it would be if it knew we were watching it so near by!" went on Don. "My! How plain the houses are on the back road! In front of one of them I can see a little girl feeding some hens. She is holding a baby in her lap. No; I guess it is a big doll. And in the yard of the next house, just up the hill, I can see a boy and a girl and a dog. The dog is watching another dog over in the field beside the woods."

"That must be the Brown place," said Jack. "And the dogs are Tiger and Togo. They look just alike."

"Oh, see him run!" broke in Don. "Now they are both dancing and digging round a pile of rocks."

"Perhaps they are trying to dig out a woodchuck or a squirrel," suggested Jack, "and no doubt they are barking at a great rate, although of course we cannot hear them."

"It's a rabbit!" shouted Don. "It came out of the rock-pile on the other side, and has scampered over the hill out of sight."

"I'm glad it got away!" exclaimed Ruth. "Oh, let me look!"

So Ruth took her turn, and then both the boys again; and what strange and interesting far-off things the telescope brought close to their eyes! On the slope of a hill in the back pasture, just beside the woods, they saw a fox lying in the sunshine outside its hole. If the fox could hear the dogs that were trying to dig the rabbit, it did not appear to be worried about them. Far off on the horizon was a sea, showing a white sail or two against the blue water. Along the shore many birds were flying. In a tree on the edge of the woods they saw a large bird with a hooked beak, which they knew was a hawk. In another tree near by was a dark object that they felt sure was an owl.

How quickly the morning passed! Every day after that the cousins went up to the spare-room to play the "telescope game," which they decided was far better than any motion-picture show that they had ever seen.—The Youths' Companion.

POULTRY FARMING FOR BLIND.

Sir Arthur Pearson Tells of Aid for Soldiers.

Two of the occupations which those in charge of teaching trades to those blinded in the war have found most suitable for their charges are massaging and poultry farming.

Sir Arthur Pearson, in charge of the work at St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, London, said recently in an interview:

"Massage as an occupation is about the best thing a blind man can take up. He has to go through a strenuous course of training and acquire a knowledge of anatomy and physiology in addition to the actual manipulative work.

"Those who take up market gardening and poultry farming are quite capable of doing the necessary work themselves. The great difficulty is to find a man a cottage and a bit of land within reasonable distance of a market.

"In other industries our men have acquired a skill that they can turn to good account. The instance of a boot-maker occurs to me. Twelve months ago his parents were distressed over his condition, and wondered what would become of him. He learned the trade here, established himself in a riverside town some miles away, and from January 1 to May 31 earned an average of £1 9s. 9d. a week."

Tommy's Aunt—"Won't you have another piece of cake, Tommy?" Tommy (on a visit)—"No, I thank you." Tommy's Aunt—"You seem to be suffering from loss of appetite. Tommy—"That ain't loss of appetite. What I'm sufferin' from is blindness."

"I always aim to tell the truth," remarked the man who talks twice and thinks once. "Yes," rejoined his friend, "but you remind me of a woman in that respect." "How's that?" queried the party of the prelude. "You seldom hit what you aim at," was the reply.

"Look at me," exclaimed a lawyer warmly. "I never took a drop of medicine in my life, and I'm as strong as any two of your patients put together." "Well, that's nothing," retorted a physician. "I never went to law in my life, and I'm as rich as any two dozen of your clients put together."

GOOD DIGESTION A SOURCE OF HEALTH

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Indigestion is one of the most distressing maladies afflicting mankind. When the stomach is unable to perform the work nature calls for, the result is severe pains after eating, nausea, heartburn, fluttering of the heart, sick headache, and often a loathing for food, though the sufferer is really half starved. People with poor digestion, too, frequently try all sorts of experiments to aid the process of digestion, but there is only one way in which the trouble can actually be cured, that is through the blood. That is why the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cures even the most obstinate cases of indigestion. They make rich, red blood that strengthens the stomach and the nerves, thus enabling it to do its work. The process is simple, but the result means good appetite and increased health and pleasure in life. In proof of these statements, Mrs. Albert Hall, Sonya, Ont., says: "I have used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with wonderful results. For two years I was a great sufferer from indigestion, which almost made me a physical wreck. At times my sufferings were so great that I was unable to attend to my household duties. I had stomach-aching spells at times and was afraid to lie down to rest. After every meal, no matter how sparingly I ate, I suffered great distress. I tried several doctors but their medicine was of no avail. I saw Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised to cure this trouble and decided to try them. I had not been taking them long when I felt somewhat improved. This improvement continued and after taking ten boxes I could eat and digest all kinds of food and felt better than I had done for years. You may be sure I am very grateful for the wonderful relief these pills have given me. I know they are also a cure for anaemic sufferers, as an intimate friend of mine was badly affected with this trouble and after taking several boxes she was entirely cured."

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THE CROWN PRINCE IS NASTY.

He is Dissipated, Erotic, and Immoral, and Looks the Part.

When one comes to study the dissipated life of Germany's Crown Prince one is forced to the conclusion that had he not been born to the purple his lack of brains, his vitiated tastes, his drinking orgies, his erotic nature, his readiness to shed blood, sacrifice life, would, long before the present war, have ostracized him from the society of decent men.

His upbringing was snobbish. At Bonn University his orgies were the wonder of the students, already skilled in every form of dissipation. As a subaltern he escapades became the talk of two continents.

Little Willie's face begins to show signs of evil living. His eyes are sometimes dull and glassy, and sometimes weak and watery. The mouth droops at the corners, and shows that he is easily led along the paths of evil. To shake hands with him gives one the feeling of touching a snake.

The Prince's nature is cruel and callous to a degree. He once made a cruel remark while big-game hunting to a Maharajah whose guest he was. A beater started to enter a dense clump of jungle grass in which a wounded panther had taken refuge. A native officer shouted a warning to the man from the howdah of the next elephant, whereupon the Prince turned to the Maharajah in impatient protest: "Tell him to let the chap go on, your Highness," he cried. "It is not every day that one can see a man mauled by a leopard."

Another on the Minister.

An army chaplain at the front came upon a sergeant and a small detachment who were trying hard to move a wagon which was hopelessly embedded in mud. "Can I be of any service to you?" the benevolent divine inquired. "Yes, sir," the sergeant replied. "You can best help us by making yourself scarce." "Making yourself scarce," the clergyman repeated in surprise. "Yes, sir. You see, the men can't very well say to the horses what they'd understand when you're about."

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ENEMY IS ON THE DEFENSIVE

VERDUN MAY BE THE LAST GREAT OFFENSIVE.

Outstanding Facts at the End of Two Years' War on Land.

Germany is on the defensive. The initiative has passed to the Entente Allies. This is the one great outstanding fact of the second year of the war.

Before, she aimed a blow where she pleased. She seized most of Belgium and a seventh of France. Twice she overwhelmed the Russians, who had penetrated East Prussia.

She smashed her way far into the Czar's dominions and crushed Serbia and Montenegro. She directed a fearful battering ram of shells and human bodies on Verdun.

But with the present summer a sweeping change came over the aspect of military affairs.

Co-operating through the Allies War Council, the Italians beat back the Austrian columns in the Trentino, the Russians drove the Teutons before them in the east with horrible destruction, and the British and French began a slow and methodical bending of the long established lines in the west.

The Third Year.

These are the movements which are still going on as the war enters its third, and according to Lord Kitchener's Delphic prediction, final year. One thing is certain, the two largest empires of the earth, Russia and Great Britain, are at last fully organized for war against him.

On the first anniversary of the war, August 1, 1915, the Austro-German sweep of Poland was in full swing. Lublin fell that day; Cholm, Aug. 2; Warsaw, Aug. 6; Ivangorod, Aug. 7; Serock, Aug. 9; Lomza, Aug. 11; Siedlce and Sokolow, Aug. 14; Kovno, Aug. 19; Novo Georgievsk, Aug. 21; Ossowiec, Aug. 24; Kovel, Aug. 25; Brest-Litovsk, Aug. 27; Orlita, Aug. 28; Lutsk, Sept. 2; Brody, Sept. 3; Grodno, Sept. 4; Dubno, Sept. 10; Finsk, Sept. 17, and Vilna, Sept. 20.

It seemed to neutral observers nothing could stop the Teutons in the east, and it was generally believed the invaders had themselves chosed the line extending from just west of Riga nearly straight south to Roumania, on which they spent the winter.

Even when on Sept. 8, the Czar took command of all his armies in person, won a victory near Tarnopol Sept. 10, and recaptured Lutsk, Sept. 26, and Czartorysk, Oct. 20, few believed the Russians could revive. Lutsk was soon lost again, and on Oct. 25 the Germans stormed Uman. Then things settled down for the winter, and almost every neutral critic thought the spring would see a resumption of the Teuton drive.

Invasion of Serbia.

On Oct. 8, the Teutons crossed the Serbian border at many points and five days later the Bulgarians, new-comers in the war, invaded from the east. Fighting desperately, but hopelessly, the Serbians were pressed back by torrents of heavy shells, and to which they could not reply, and on Nov. 29 the German General Staff was able proudly to announce that the operations against Serbia had ended in complete success, while Austria at the same time was finishing off Montenegro.

But unsuccessful as the year 1915 had been to the allies in the field, their will to conquer did not waver. At the moment, early in December, when the German Imperial Chancellor was making a clear offer of peace in a speech in the Reichstag, the representatives of Germany's enemies were meeting in a new War Council at Paris, resolved to redouble their herculean efforts and never compromise.

On Dec. 21 David Lloyd George the strongest man in England, declared Great Britain faced defeat unless greater efforts were made; and just a week later he demanded general conscription, threatening to resign if this measure were not put into effect.

The conscription bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons Jan. 6 and spring saw it in full force. Premier Asquith was able to announce that England's total effort was five million men.

Giant Recoverers.

Meanwhile in the east a greater giant was nursing his wounds and regaining his strength in four-fold degree.

A forewarning came to the world on Feb. 17, when Erzrum was taken. On April 19 the great Black Sea port of Trebizond fell, and two days later the first Russian contingent landed in France. Still the German writers would not believe, and it took the magnificent Russian drive of June, which won all of Bukovina and a large slice of Volhynia and Galicia to convince them that Russia was again a force to be reckoned with.

Seven million young men have come of military age in Russia since the war began, and of these at least five million are fit for duty. Despite her gigantic losses it is quite possible there are more soldiers and potential soldiers in Russia to-day than when the war started.

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German General Staff on Feb. 21 began a heavy attack on the fortress of Verdun, with the object of using up French ammunition and men until no allied offensive would be possible this year.

"Whether their gains were victories or defeats will only be known after the war, when we learn the number of killed and wounded they paid for each point.

Enemy's Last Effort.

Perhaps Verdun will be the last great German offensive. Certainly to-day the Teutons have their hands full stemming the Russian advance, which is penetrating Transylvania, and the Anglo-French pounding attack along the Somme.

The Austrians, who in the latter half of May, debouched from the Trentino and almost gained the foothills and smiling plains of Italy are also content to stand and ward off the blows of the Italians, after giving up most of their gains.

The year saw the Germans lose their Cameroon colony in January, while columns of Belgians, French, and British close in on the stout defenders of the East African colonies; the last of the Kaiser's overseas possessions.

In Mesopotamia the British, penetrating to within seven miles of Baghdad, were forced to retreat, being finally besieged in Kut-el-Amara and on April 30 the garrison capitulated.

SUGAR TROUBLES IN GERMANY.

Impossible to Get It at Time of the Preserving Season.

Sugar has apparently taken the place of butter as the supreme vice of the German people. In numerous cities, in the open market, on the main, no sugar at all is served to customers in coffee-houses, restaurants, and hotels. The Frankfurter Zeitung in a recent issue published a prominent notice advising people to take either their own sugar or to publish eating-places. The notice states that little bottles of saccharine can now be bought at the chemists' for 6 cents. The Food Dictator at Berlin hopes soon to arrange for cafes and restaurants to pass "saccharine bowls" round.

This is the height of the fruit preserving season in Germany and women are frantic over the difficulty of securing preserving sugar. The Vosische Zeitung stated that preserving sugar was no longer obtainable in Berlin, while the big residential suburbs like Wilmersdorf and Charlottenburg had thus far not been allowed any at all by the Food Dictator.

A PIGEON-POST YARN.

Amusing Story About an Indian Postmaster.

Like most men whose lives have been spent in India, General Birdwood has many amusing stories to tell of native manners and customs.

One of the best of these concerns a Babu postmaster in a village. Just this side of the border, to whom Birdwood, who was on duty up among the hills, frequently sent letters by pigeon post, the speediest, and in most instances the only method of communication.

One day, however, it chanced that a mounted orderly was going that way, and Birdwood entrusted his letter to him; and, as he had no proper official foolscap envelope handy, he enclosed it in one of the small flimsy ones used for the pigeon postal service, and on the outside of which was printed, "O.H.M.S., per pigeon post."

The missive was an important one, and the postmaster should have forwarded it at once by the ordinary mail to its destination.

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This work will give the public an alternative route through the mountains; it will save six miles of snow sheds; it will eliminate danger, and it will minister to the comfort and convenience of the public. The cost will be \$12,000,000 or more. That is about the only big work the C.P.R. has been engaged in lately, but it is interesting to recall that in the years before the war the company used to spend between \$25,000,000 and \$35,000,000 per annum in the development of the West. If, as a high official of the C.P.R. remarked, the C.P.R. took a dollar out of the West, it put that dollar back again in some form or other. It would hardly be believed, but the C.P.R. since its inception, has spent over \$200,000,000 in the development of the West.

MOTIVES OF THE ENEMY ARE SO SORDID!

German Foreign Office Sees Allies Bent on Destruction of Germany.

Reviewing the political events of the second year of the war, the German Foreign Office has given to the Associated Press the following statement:

"Unlike the military situation, it is not easy to review briefly the developments in the confused paths of political events, but an attempt will be made to trace the leading ideas connected with the political problems of the second year of the war.

"The world war was caused by Russia's aggressive policy, supported by France's policy of revenge. But it was rendered possible solely by the fact that England subordinated to her economic antagonism to Germany all her other interests.

And Will Get Them.

"Whereas Germany's enemies regard it quite in order that they demand territorial aggrandizements, and others—like Russia, who wants Constantinople and Galicia; like France, who desires Alsace-Lorraine and the left bank of the Rhine; and like Italy, who seeks Austrian territory—they grudge Germany even that she strive to develop herself economically in peaceable competition; and they pronounce this an unpardonable sin against the world's order of things.

"They are unwilling that Germany should become great and strong because the other powers want to be the economic masters of the world. Territorial and economic aggrandizement has united Germany's foes in a war of destruction against us.

"The second year war, whose end is now approaching, has brought these true aims of our opponents into clearer light.

"In England, too, the mask has been dropped. It is openly admitted that Belgium was only a pretext to justify England's participation in the war which was undertaken only from self-interest.

Punished is the Word.

"Germany must be destroyed. Germany shall never more raise her head economically or militarily. In this way is the goal of our enemy more clearly enunciated during the second year of the war.

"It is equally clear that the talk of a struggle of democracy against militarism is only a catch-word used by our enemies to create sentiment and to cloak outwardly their real purpose of destruction. Assuredly there can be no talk of a struggle for the maintenance of the status quo."

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TO HALT "PAPER" SHOES.

Germany Takes Steps to Check Use of the Material.

The use of compressed paper for the making of shoes has become so extensive in Germany that the authorities have taken action to check the manufacture and sale of such shoes.

The German papers explain that the trade in shoes with paper soles is bad for the public and for the manufacturers; because the shoes wear out very quickly and the leather, which forms part of them is wasted.

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