

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PAGE

Our Dogs

The Very Great Dame

Why do children scream and run away from me? I know I am big, bigger even than the biggest wolf, even as high as thirty-six inches and weighing as much as a man. But children ought not to be afraid of me. I am especially gentle with them. No dog, not even the Airedale, more so. Besides, I like to play with children.

I am well known as an excellent guardian. As my nose comes above the edge of the carriage, I can keep a careful eye on the baby. Many of us are trained to take the handle between our teeth and push or pull our charge away from danger. You will



sometimes see one of us standing guard over a go-cart while the nurse is in some shop. And you can believe that no one is likely to interfere if we are standing by!

This is the spirit we show when we have happy homes and good masters, but beware of us if abused or unkindly used! When made ugly, we are probably the most dangerous dog alive. Even an angry timber wolf is not more fierce. We have terrific strength, but we are aware of it and are not easily led into battle. Both man and dog respect our power. The full-bred bulldog is the only breed that will risk a fight with us.

There has been considerable debate about our family history but it is at least sure that we are of ancient lineage, since we are pictured on the monuments of Egypt. Our origin is in the days of palaces, not of city apartments, in which, by reason of our size, we are ridiculous. We belong properly to the country gentlemen. His acres give us range, while our lordly bearing blends with his wide halls, terraced gardens and sweeping driveways.

The Two Guardians

And the Memory-Man said: In Siberia they tell how a Fox and a Wolf met together. "Greetings," said the Fox, "how does it happen that it is such a long time since I have seen you? I have been taking good care of the chickens on the farm near by."

"That would be a pity," said the Fox, "for when a moujik trusts to luck and leaves us to guard his flocks, there is no need for Foxes and Wolves to go hungry."

"Bad luck" is the easiest excuse of the neglectful man.—R.V.

Cold Plunges

"How did you like your dip in the river, Ruby? Was not the water too cold? Your face looks somewhat pinched."

"I'm afraid it was, Mother. I feel very tired, now."

"If you feel tired after a cold bath, it means that your nerves are not strong enough to stand it, and in the long run, instead of invigorating them, it will make them weaker."

"But what can I do, Mother? I can't warm up the river."

"No, but you can warm your body, before going in. Rub yourself energetically with a wet towel, and then go in, little by little, not all at once. It is the sudden shock that affects your nerves. Stay only a short time in the water and dry yourself with a very rough towel. Like all girls who are nervous in type, you should never take a plunge without these preliminary precautions."

—GEORGETTE BEURET.

What queer article is it at its best when used up? An umbrella.

Daily Twelve-Syllable Rhyme
The right taste
To camp fare
Is when all
Do their share.

"Dear Sir," wrote the anxious mother, "I fear Johnny is not trying enough."

"Dear Madam," replied the worried teacher, "I assure you Johnny is quite trying enough. He is the most trying boy in the class."

—COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, OMAHA, NEB.

Some people pose as earthly saints because they are stingy to pay the price of an occasional good time.

The Clan of North America

The Big Idea

The following evening there was a great meeting in the New Assembly Hall. It was a house-warming, and we reunion, and a jollification, and what not. The camp had already picked out a tolerably good site, and there were the makings of a mandolin and banjo band. One of the fellows and two of the girls were singers, Eliza, having a glorious soprano voice. The choruses would have shaken any less solidly built structure.

But there had been hints about the camp, all day, that the Director had something important to say, and when, just before "lights out" at 10 o'clock, he stepped to the edge of the platform, every one hushed.

"I've been thinking," he said in his quiet clear voice, "that in the Clan of North America idea we've got too good a thing to be kept to ourselves. We own this camp. We can invite any one we like. We can have hosts in a way that fellows of our age have never had before. We can invite all the guests we like. Why shouldn't we?"

"Here's my idea. All over this continent, big things, heroic things are being done by young chaps or girls about our age. These deeds don't get talked about much, maybe, just a note in the local paper. Let's have these heroes for our guests! We can make them honorary members in the Clan, pay their traveling expenses and have them as our guests for a week. It will honor us as much as it does them. Think of it! Every day to have with us some fellow or girl who's done a deed of which the whole continent of North America is proud! And to have them as ours!"

There was just a moment of staid surprise and then a storm of cheers and shouts rang through the hall. Pierre had touched his comrades on their keenest spot—the reverence of the young.

as well as in scripture, we find that "A friend loveth at all times; And a brother is born for adversity."

Whoever has seeing eyes may behold on every side, despite disheartening reports from the divorce courts, that "many waters cannot quench love," for, "Love is strong as death." There are multitudes who practice what Browning preached, that

"Life is just our chance of knowing love."

They use the days, which to others seem drab and dreary and drudgery-drenched, for the high offices of friendship. Consciously, definitely, deliberately, they keep up their ideal and practice of friendship. Splendid Prince Jonathan had no concern about the court equal to his solicitude for the safety of his friend David, for whom he was willing to abandon the cause of his father and to risk the king's displeasure.

The strategem by which Jonathan notified his friend David of the king's displeasure—by prearranged signals with arrows—leads a story-book touch to the study.

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From Jonathan we learn that there is one thing better than to have a friend, and that is to be a friend. All the noblest facilities of the human soul are called into play by the exercise of friendship; it is the gymnasium in which the spirit wins to its loftiest stature. The reward of being a friend lies not only in thus winning friends; but also in the growth of those finer qualities without which friendship is impossible. Jonathan has an exalted place in history's gallery of great ones, simply because he was a true friend.

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BUD DOES THINGS

He Plays Ball.

We have a ball team on our corner. I am the pitcher, which means that I do most of the playing. I have been practicing a special curve that I saw "Teddy" Gallagher using and one of these days I am going to spring a surprise on the other fellows. We have a regular list of signals and everything else and I am trying to figure out a bunch of signals for the rest of the players. For instance, when I spit on my glove it will be a signal that I am going to throw to first. When I do not wind up before the throw it will mean for them to get on their toes as I am going in to let the batter hit it.

The other day we played the Union Street Ramblers and beat them out in twelve innings. I was not pitching in my usual style and the support was poor. Of course I would not tell them for fear they would lose heart or get mad. They must have made a mistake for after the game they told me that I would have to throw better ball than that. But I didn't care.

Properly Shaped Nails
I never seem to know how to cut my nails, they look crooked, or too long or short, or something, no matter what I do. Show me how you do it, Vera; yours always look just right."

"You don't consider the shape of your fingers, Ruby. If they are rounded at the tips you must cut them in an oval shape, and that will make the fingers look more slender. Your finger tips are already pointed, so that you ought not to cut your nails to a point. It will look affected and lengthen the fingers too much. The long narrow-fingered nail is only for short stubby fingers. But the most important thing to remember is to cut them well down at the sides, or, if you do not, they will spread out squarely and spoil the appearance of the prettiest hand. Cut them once a week, and file them a little every day. Never bite them! That is ruinous!"

—GEORGETTE BEURET.

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THE FRIEND WHO STANDS BY
The International Sunday School Lesson for July 11th is "Jonathan Befriends David."—1 Sam. 20.
By William T. Ellis.
"I had a friend," was the celebrated answer of Kingsley, when asked the secret of his success.
A friend is the best fortune.
In a western city a lonely old millionaire, made notorious by the marriage of his daughter to a foreign nobleman, sits day in an aristocratic club, repining bitterly to all who will listen about his hard lot in life. He has retired from business, has no taste for literature or cultured pursuits, and is now without home ties or friends.
He has nothing but money.
Rightly, he calls himself the most miserable man in the city; and openly bemoans that he has not the courage to end his own existence. For he has not learned to live in other lives. In youth, he had no high ardor of friendship; he was too busy making money to bother about idealistic concerns—and now he is a pitiable and friendless old millionaire who would give a fortune for a friend, or for a real interest in life.
David and Jonathan, whose friendship the Sunday School millions today study, are history's notable instance of friendship between men. They represent the chivalrous glow of youthful ardor and unselfishness which fulfilled to the second generation its pledges of devotion. All the great qualities of friendship were in this ideal union of two knightly hearts. The story is the best of starting points for a consideration of what Dr. H. Clay Trumbull called "Friendship, the master passion."
A Romance of Youth
Usually the best part of a college education is the friendships made between students, some of them lasting throughout life. It is in youth that hearts take fire most easily, and glow with the noble impulses of love and patriotism. When a young person finds a kindred spirit, with like tastes and interests and ideals, and keeps that friendship in repair throughout the years, he has made the richest of all investments. To carry into age the friendships of

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