

THE KAISER'S PRIVATE LIFE

LET US SEE

has gone where he will be better understood.

This is a leap year, but the girls are yet showing no disposition to take the offensive.

Lonsdale has begun a hot crusade for pure milk. Watered milk spoils the girls, you know.

Secretary Shaw says the boy is "the most valuable thing on earth. Still there's the girl, too."

We are number one in America, are we not? even when in China, it is born to keep a good man down.

If radium will accomplish such wonders in combating cancer, why not let it loose on the pneumonia germ?

The length of the days has increased twenty minutes, and twenty minutes under some circumstances is a good while.

Chicago seizes the opportunity to advertise its play by taking measures to banish it from its overcrowded churches.

If you want to know, Chicagoans do not go to the theater, but the men do.

A man should not give a lady a kiss unless he thinks she would enjoy it, except in the case of his wife and his mother-in-law.

The government has ordered all Koreans to wear dark-blue clothing. That's the prevailing color, inside and out, there, just now.

Crown Prince Wilhelm:

A Chicago alderman has been sent to tell for buying votes: Heretofore it was not generally known that this was considered a crime in Chicago.

Another gloomy feature of the situation in the Orient is the prospect of a new crop of "baroes" whose name no Anglo-Saxon can pronounce.

Baths have been installed upon some of the regular railway trains in Russia. It will not be hard for the tramps from riding on those trains.

Before we go to fight the war, the men of the Imperial Government will be told to take the military condition of the railroads into account.

President Schurman is inclined to boast of the Cornell boys he has put in longer hours at their books than the girls. But perhaps the girls learn faster.

That latest train hold up the rebels here not only \$5,000,000, but the men who trained it. In the end he will overlook the chance of taking the car aside.

The "scars of today" says President Morgan, like of New York, "smile, drink, swear and gamble." And breathe it softly, gentle reader—they also talk, incidentally.

A Michigan scientist has discovered that there are 30,000,000 insects on a dollar bill. Now watch the eyes of the people who have money as they try to give it all away.

These repeated attacks of the Londoners upon the American were an attempt to show that the English are not as bad as they are about the real American woman.

Lord Randolph Churchill has been succeeded by his son, a complete fool riding to hounds, and the suds ought to be old enough to know that the suds should stick to his shirt.

American rebels have lost their heads in a little bit of battle. Their loss is reported to have been one double and a cannoneer. The government has also captured a horse, which is a dead loss.

Somebody who likes to feel with figures has found that there are 20,000 different medical remedies on the market. It is significant, the manufacturer of them are rich.

King Peter of Serbia is reported to be coming to America. He evidently thinks that "abstention" can give assassination cards and spades and then beat it as far as possible. His coolness is corroborated.

The French Academy of Medicine has warned people who allow pet dogs to lick their faces that deadly germs are communicated. Fortunately, this city of pet people won't live the warning.

A Pennsylvania man who is being sued for \$15,000 for breach of promise says he would have married the girl if he had been able to earn more than \$2 a week. It is hard to work up sympathy for a girl who wants that kind of a home.

An Amherst man, who is reported to be a gambler, has been sent to prison for not \$12 that he owes. "What's the use for the girls to care for the man?" he says. "One man's need is another man's person." This is a whole winter's evening of lame-mirth.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1904.

Snow fell almost every day in January.

Farmers fear that the ice and snow covering the wheat so closely will smother it.

February has five Mondays. When did that occur before and when will it occur again.

It appears about as difficult for shippers to obtain cars at Chicago as it is at any country station.

The latest style of women's dress makes her form look as though she had been broken in two and stuck together wrong.

Railroad trackmen have difficulty in keeping up their work as the ground is frozen hard and it is also covered with snow and ice.

We are sending out a good many sample copies of the ENTERPRISE this week. We want more subscribers and if you want to keep posted on the cement plant and other industries and things in Manchester and vicinity, subscribe at once.

Jackson wants the permanent location of the state fair. The council Monday night passed a resolution asking the board of supervisors to call a special session for the purpose of selling the old fair grounds, and buying new buildings with the money.

The ground bog is supposed to have issued from blairton on Tuesday to investigate weather conditions, and finding old soil with a radiant smile which caused the form of his bogship to cast a shadow on the beautiful, be retired to his warm nest for another six weeks' snooze.

The national government—gives the rivers and harbors some \$30,000,000 a year. It gives the cities great public buildings, post offices, etc., should it not do something for the farmer who is really the back bone of the country? We need better roads and the government ought to help the farmers to improve them. A bill called the Brownlow bill, has been introduced in congress to appropriate \$24,000,000 as national aid for the building of roads. Farmers, do you want it to pass, write your congressman for particulars and urge him to assist in its passage.

A committee consisting of Walter Mack, H. J. Brown, Charles Miller, Ed. Hiscock and John Gillett has been appointed to solicit a \$1,000 guarantee fund for a county fair to be held next fall at Ann Arbor. It does seem as though this county might be able to maintain a fair. If Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti would quit their scrapping it might be done. Why not locate the grounds half way between the two cities, that would give each an equal show and it would be easy to reach the grounds from all parts of the county, as though it was located at Ann Arbor.

Washtenaw County.

The Ann Arbor railroad bridge has been repaired.

Robert Howard, janitor at the university for 30 years, died on Tuesday, leaving a widow and four children.

With the electric car stalled and the steam car two hours late every day the rural carriers are held here until nearly noon each day, and they are not rejoicing over it either.—Observer.

J. Manley Young was stricken down quite suddenly Monday with what seemed almost a paralytic stroke, but prompt medical assistance checked the trouble and he is slowly recovering.—Saline Observer.

About 20 Ann Arbor milkmen were on hand and made a vigorous kick against the "tuberculosis test" provision, when the milk inspection ordinance was brought up for the third reading before the council Monday night. The ordinance was laid on the table till the next meeting.

Judge Watkins has gone through the probate books for the past 14 years and finds that, notwithstanding the increase of population of the county, the number of persons committed to asylums for the insane is greatly diminished. Last year was the smallest of the entire 14 years, there being only nine commitments, while in 1891 if ran as high as 32—Times.

FROM A MANCHESTER GIRL.

Through the kindness of Mrs. J. M. R. who are permanent residents of Manchester, we are permitted to print a letter from Miss Florence Poucher, formerly of this village, who is now teaching in the Seattle schools.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 1. Denny Way, January 24, 1904.

How much I would like to follow this letter to Michigan, I can't tell you far away. In fact don't have much time to think about it. Everyone writes how cold it is east. We had now Monday which lasted three days and was the first the winter. It seldom gets much below freezing here. Roses are still in blossom out doors and the grass is a bright green than in summer, due to the rainy season being in the winter. During the holidays I went out to the university to visit a friend. While there her father was working in his flower beds. People went out in the woods and gathered ferns to decorate their dining rooms with for Christmas. I never saw such beautiful weather as we had during the holidays, so mild and sunny. Since then we've had lots of rain.

I went to bear Park last Thursday evening. She had been in Seattle over a week resting and sightseeing. Her voice is wonderfully well preserved for a woman of her age, 61, and her personal appearance is quite charming as she does not look over 40. She was a beautiful young woman and was graceful as a young girl. She sang seven times, five of the numbers were classics, one of them "The Jewel Song" from Faust. Her favorite is "Home sweet home" which was very sweet. In "Coming through the rye" she was as exquisite as a girl of 16. Of course she can't compare in voice with Nordica who was here earlier in the season but Nordica is much younger.

I like my school very much. Have to work very hard but that is good for me. There are 450 teachers here. Quite a body of us. We are very closely supervised.

Last Friday was parent's day in our building. We taught our regular time in the p. m. from 1 until 2:30 and the parents came in and observed. We had over 200 visitors including the superintendent and principals from other buildings.

We made butter, biscuits, jelly, candy and tea in school and served these to the parents at 3 o'clock. We made the butter in our room and each child helped churn. For a charm we used a fruitcake and the junior made a dasher. We had a dairy farm in the school which received much attention. We were all so tired when it was over, I could hardly get home. Have been resting ever since.

Have been very fortunate in finding so many nice friends since coming here. A great many of them Michigan people too.

Next Wednesday I am going to take a 6 o'clock dinner on board the U. S. cruiser "Patterson" through the Courtney Kilid, Ireland. He was accompanied and introduced by the general W. J. Luck.

The view out on the sound is beautiful especially at sunset. The Olympic mountains in the west add much to the beauty. Then looking toward the east we can see the Cascade mountains with Mt. Baker at one end of the range and Mt. Rainier at the other. Rainier is 70 miles away but looks very near. It is 15,000 feet high and very beautiful. I am always white and as the sun shines on it at times you can see all the rainbow colors. Can see the glaziers from here by looking through field glasses. It does not take long for one to love Rainier. Am sure I would miss it very much if I were to leave the west. Isn't it strange the mountains never look twice alike?

Condition of the atmosphere, I suppose I am not at all worried. I came west. Think it a great educational advantage. Then too I am much better off financially. Can save twice as much as I could in Cadillac. There is a spirit here which is not in the east. One of freedom, think you would call it. The place is very cosmopolitan. People here from all over. The city is so new and has grown so rapidly in the last few years that traces of her newness are still left. Seattle has a population of 140,000 a little larger than Grand Rapids.

So many places here are new to "tenderfeet" that one does not always understand people. I saw a sign in a box the other day "Spuds, two bits" translated in "Potatoes, twenty-five cents."

There are so many delightful places to go around here. Every excursion is a temptation. Any car will take you to some park, lake or beautiful spot.

The vegetation here is wonderful. Wish you could see how large the maple leaves grow, apples and all kinds of fruit. The apples look beautiful but can't compare in flavor with Michigan apples. How I have wished for some.

I am living in a private family now within walking distance from school. They are a young married couple and have a very pretty home. I have a front room upstairs. There are over 40 rose bushes in the yard. They say the yard is a beauty in summer.

Please—may I hear from both of you soon. With kind remembrances to Dora and Charlie's families and love to you both, I am your niece,

FLORENCE E. POUCHER.

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PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. John Miller is sick.

Charles Hofer went to Jackson Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Phoebe Ayers will move out of the "Cane house."

Frank Merithew attended an auction at Saline Tuesday.

We learn that LuMar Brown is some what better this week.

Mrs. Philo Silkworth has been very ill, but is somewhat better.

Bert L. Werry was confined to the house a few days from sickness.

Elmer Clark of the ENTERPRISE is here in Jackson Wednesday.

Robert Lehr of the U. M. visited his parents here over Sunday.

Y. C. Marx, Marx & Co., have leased the store lately vacated by Paul Brown, and will open same with an entirely new and

complete line of Men's, Boys' and Youth's Clothing, Gent's Furnishings, etc. Stock is bought and store will be open about March 1st. Mr. M. H. Silkworth formerly with Robinson & Kiebke of this place and for a number of years with Glasgow Bros. & Co. of Jackson will be a partner and have charge of same.

Lenawee County.

Sheriff Shepherd of Adrian would not let the boxing match that was advertised to come off at the Tecumseh opera house, take place and the sports were greatly disappointed.

A farmer's institute is to be held at Clinton next Wednesday and Thursday. On account of so much home news, we could not publish the program.

Editor ENTERPRISE—Allow me to correct a statement of the Iron Creek correspondent. He says the ice storm put the west and north divisions of the Iron Creek telephone out of business for several days, but the east division went through without a skip, a statement that savors a little of boast. The west circuit was interrupted only twice, less than 12 hours all together. As north and south lines break worse than east and west one, it is reasonable to suppose the north line suffered somewhat worse, but I think not to the extent he claims.

W. E. PEASE, Manager West Division.

HELEN POTTS GETS \$60,000.

Claim Against Gilman Estate Based Upon Alleged Intended Adoption.

Scripta McRae Telegram.

New York, Jan. 18.—Helen Potts has settled for \$60,000 her claim against the large estate of the late George Francis Gilman.

She based her claim for the estate on an alleged agreement of Gilman to adopt her as his daughter and give her his estate, provided he would reward him as a daughter until his death.

Gen. Routh registered at the Freeman house today from Rumbeling Bridge, County Kilid, Ireland. He was accompanied and introduced by the general W. J. Luck.

About seven couple of young people here enjoyed a sleigh ride out to the pleasant home of L. S. Huber last Friday evening and spent a enjoyable evening at cards.

We received a pleasant call last Friday afternoon from Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Hofer, who had come down to visit their parents. It was just 14 years ago that they were married.

A company of high school scholars enjoyed a sleigh ride down to Libby Club in Bridgewater Monday night and there met some of the Clinton young people and passed the evening with games and cards.

Fred Herman, who has been clerking in one of the largest dry goods stores in Cleveland, came home Monday night, having the run up the position and will

take a rest for about six weeks, hoping that Michigan (x) will be beneficial to his health which has not been very good of late. He has some thoughts of trying his fortune in the Canadian north-west.

Word was received here that Henry Bauer of Toledo, son of Jacob Biegel's half-brother, was dangerously sick and Mrs. Biegel went down Saturday afternoon. Henry died on Sunday. It was supposed that he had consumption but at Christmas time he was much better and they thought that he would recover, so were surprised to learn that he was so ill.

The remains were brought to Palmyra for burial on Wednesday. He was about 23 years of age and well known here.

Mr. Biegel and Clara went down to attend the funeral.

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The apples look beautiful but can't compare in flavor with Michigan apples. How I have wished for some.

I am living in a private family now within walking distance from school.

They are a young married couple and have a very pretty home. I have a front room upstairs.

There are over 40 rose bushes in the yard. They say the yard is a beauty in summer.

Please—may I hear from both of you soon. With kind remembrances to Dora and Charlie's families and love to you both, I am your niece,

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Postmaster Bailey has furnished us the following report of rural mail carriers for January:

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The universalist social at Frank Sparf's yesterday afternoon was well attended.

The Ypsilanti branch freight train was abandoned yesterday and the afternoon passenger train was drawn by two engines.

Young ladies of the village have issued invitations for a leap-year dancing and card party at aebtei hall, Friday evening Feb. 12, at 8 o'clock. Whitmore's orchestra of Ypsilanti will furnish music and a banquet will be given at the Freeman house. It will no doubt be a pleasant social affair.

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A BIT OF CHEER.

I welcome you to the season dear,
And bring some songs and smile.
All other some wayward, wander
Over many a weary mile.
A kindred smile, a smiling smile,
A kindred blessing doth allow
The power they have to charm away
A heavy load of woe.

At the many aching hearts
Along the circling years,
Though their load be all things else
Is never death of tears.
Then put aside thy griefs dear heart,
Nor grudge a smile to be given,
Thou will cheer them all, and bless
All with thy neighbor's soul.

It's not the costly gift bestowed
That cheereth the aching heart,
It is the kindly sympathy,
It is love's magic art.
And blessed are they memory be
That bringeth health to live
But kindly words and loving smiles;
And let thy soul shall live.

Johnson was gazing abstractedly out
of the window.

"Do you see that lady in gray?" he
asked.

"That lady was in the carriage,"
said he.

"I rose to go."

"Thank you for your advice," I re-
marked. "I shall walk the Eastcliffe
Hill. But I won't bother you any
longer. Your office is small, and three
would crowd it."

"Wait a minute," he said, "I want
you to meet my wife."

HOW IT IS GOVERNED.

Child Gives New Facts About District
of Columbia.

Commissioner MacLeland was the
chief speaker at the dedication of a
new public school building in the
northern section of the city. Most of
the people who were gathered in the
big hall on the first floor to sing the
national anthems and hear the advice
of their elders were quite young, and
the commissioner undertook to amuse
them with a little story of a former
experience in a Washington public
school. "This is what he said:

"One day I was visiting a certain
grade in a certain school, and the
teacher there was so kind as to ask
me to question the children, so that
I could find out how much they knew.
I didn't much relish being teachered,
even for a few minutes, but, children,
you don't know what it is to be a com-
missioner; I just had to do it."

"Well, I stood up in front, and I
said:

"Who can tell me how the District
of Columbia is governed?"

"It seemed as if the question were
too hard, and I was sorry I had asked
it, because the teacher had been so
anxious to have her pupils 'show off'
before me. Then a little bit of a
girl raised her hand timidly.

"How well, how is it governed, my lit-
tle girl?" I asked, reassured.

"Please, sir, the District is governed
by three missionaries, and one of
them belongs to the engineer corps."

"That was news to me, you know,
and I had to resign my position to the
real teacher, I was so surprised."

—Washington Star.

THE EASTCLIFFE HILL

By A. W. TOLMAN

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I wanted to tour through Nova
Scotia by the Annapolis valley to
Halifax, returning to Yarmouth along
the Atlantic coast by a way little
known to wheelmen. Of course I
went to consult Johnson.

I found him in his office, and to-
gether we planned a jaunt that start-
ed from Yarmouth, took in Digby,
Annapolis and Kentville, with a side
trip to Blomidon continued to Halifax
by way of Wolfville and Windsor,
and staggered back to Yarmouth

along the coast through Bristol and
Shebarre. He had made this very
trip, he told me, three years before.
As he dotted over the route, his short,
crisp comments put its features vivid-
ly before me.

Half way along the south shore he
jabbed a heavy black cross with an
emphasis that cost a quarter-inch of
pencil point.

"The Eastcliffe Hill," he said, "walk
out."

"Is it steep?" I asked.

"Sleep, rough and winding," he re-
plied, "the worst I ever saw. A snake
wriggling down a rock heap."

"You walked it?" I ventured.

"No," he replied, "I rode it. That's
why I tell you to walk."

My curiosity was aroused.

I had left Halifax the day before,

said he. "The other members of the



"I shall never forget that ride,"
my partner wanted to loaf back through
the Annapolis valley, but I preferred
to try the south shore, even if alone.
So we separated, to meet in Yar-
mouth.

"The first night I spent at a farm-
house about forty miles from the city.
Next morning I got an early start.
Some of the hills were steep and
rocky, and my machine had a good
break, and I felt able to ride down
anything that wasn't perpendicular.

"In the middle of the afternoon I
came to this Eastcliffe Hill. For two
miles the road had run along the sum-
mit of the bluffs, giving me a fine
view of the ocean. It was a splendid
July day. The wind had been from
the sea since noon, and streaks of
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"Ahead I saw the beginning of a
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After running down a little way the
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"The slope grew steeper, and I found
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"My wheel slipped as it shot from a
cushion, and I tumbled round the
corner. What I saw made my hair lift
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"Before I knew it the light-
brown surface of the road, winding
down the side of the cliff. On the right
rose a wall of black rock with a nar-
row ditch between it and the carriage
track. On the other side was the cliff
edge fringed with straggling sorrel.

"By this time my wheel was going
down the first pitch like lightning. A
few rocks jarred me off my pedals.
There was no earthly use in trying to
catch them, and instinctively I put my
feet on the castors."

"I shall never forget that ride!" I
shot down pitch and furrowed
mounds, every minute gaining speed. I
expect never to get through space
so fast, unless I ride on a can-
ton."

"Fortunately most of the curves
were gradual ones—and in the worst
places there was a low, outer wall of
earth. But for this I should certainly
have been dashed to pieces down the
rugged bluffs. Two or three times I
came dangerously near it. My wheel
was up on the embankment, but the
curve lessened just in time."

"You will wonder, perhaps, why I
didn't throw myself off, when I say
what was before me. I did think of it,
but the speed paralyzed me. I couldn't
think fast enough to keep up with my
wheel. By the time I had made up
my mind what to do under one set of
circumstances, an entirely different
condition confronted me."

"As I swept along, my hands gripping
the bars and my feet on the coasters,
I seemed riding in a nightmare."

"The air grew cooler. The sea-level
was near, and I thought my troubles
would soon be over. Then came an ex-
perience that makes me shudder when
I think of it.

"The mist was rolling in. I circled
a corner, and for a moment a blank
white wall enveloped me, damp and
clinging. Then, as I shot out into the
sunlight, I saw approaching around the
last curve a carriage containing a gen-
tleman and two ladies. I could see
their light summer dresses and hear
their talk and laughter."

"For the fraction of a second I didn't
know what to do. A woman's scream
decided me.

"Like a flash it came to me that I
could never pass that carriage without
a collision; and I had no right to make
others suffer for my recklessness. Not
more than twenty feet from the horses
I twisted my bars to the left, and in
a twinkling was over the embank-
ment and sailing through the air!"

"The cliff at this point dropped
straight down about forty feet, and
there was deep water at its base. That
was my only salvation.

"Boys have a trick of trying to 'cut
in' with a flat, smooth rock, making
it strike the water on edge and dis-
appear without any splash, leaving
a little oval mound bolting up behind it.
That is just what I did. At least
so the people in the carriage said, for
I wasn't in condition to know."

"The second my wheel touched the
surface both tires exploded. That was
the last sound I could distinguish
plainly for some time, for as I went
under the water struck the drums of
my ears as if to burst them."

"How deep I went down I can't tell.
It seemed as if I should never stop going.
Finally I had sense enough to let
go the handles, and then I seemed as
if I should never rise to the surface."

"But I came up at last, and got a
breath of air; I found my legs and
arms were whole, and struck out for
the shore. By swimming a little along
the cliff I reached a place where I
could clamber up the rocks to the
road.

"There I saw the gentleman from
the carriage, who had run back to see
what had become of me. He insisted,
as I was, on my driving with them
to the hotel. He was a Massachusetts
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The Wild Duck.

You love the mud flats where the waves
the bins of seal, the green reeds of
the rushing water of the silver lake.
When you drive the golden reed
birds quiver.

Like invalid, a chance of wind will
make you travel inland from the
sea. But lusty strength your whistling
pines bear. As through the clouds your marshalled
flight take.

To your staid brother of straw scattered
growing plentiful the blue day.
How like and set how different you are.
Your wrinkled eye is ever on the guard.
A sturdy human stock, and you are
away.

While you scarce washes from the sour-
ing water. —Westminster Gazette.

Portrait Show Made Money.

There is money in exhibiting por-
traits in New York, even if one does
not know most of the originals of the
pictures. The Portrait Show recently
organized for the benefit of the
Orthopedic hospital, which lasted four
weeks, made \$20,000 in admission
money. It is true that the object to
be benefited was a worthy one, but
people do not go to a show to help a
hospital unless they like the enter-
tainment. One need not possess a
penetrating mind to be able to pre-
dict that portrait shows will be a pop-
ular form of exhibition in New York
in future.

Johnson was gazing abstractedly out
of the window.

"Do you see that lady in gray?" he
asked.

"That lady was in the carriage,"
said he.

"I rose to go."

"Thank you for your advice," I re-
marked. "I shall walk the Eastcliffe
Hill. But I won't bother you any
longer. Your office is small, and three
would crowd it."

"Wait a minute," he said, "I want
you to meet my wife."

—Washington Star.

Child Gives New Facts About District
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"One day I was visiting a certain
grade in a certain school, and the
teacher there was so kind as to ask
me to question the children, so that
I could find out how much they knew.
I didn't much relish being teachered,
even for a few minutes, but, children,
you don't know what it is to be a com-
missioner; I just had to do it."

"Well, I stood up in front, and I
said:

"Who can tell me how the District
of Columbia is governed?"

"It seemed as if the question were
too hard, and I was sorry I had asked
it, because the teacher had been so
anxious to have her pupils 'show off'
before me. Then a little bit of a
girl raised her hand timidly.

"How well, how is it governed, my lit-
tle girl?" I asked, reassured.

"Please, sir, the District is governed
by three missionaries, and one of
them belongs to the engineer corps."

"That was news to me, you know,
and I had to resign my position to the
real teacher, I was so surprised."

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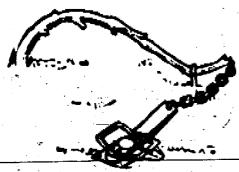
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BOYS & GIRLS

A Merry Round.
There's a merry sound of music in the raindrops on the shed, as we like the anvil, anvil, with the mistletoe is hanging in the holly berries red.
Hands round the frosty winter morning: Come in from the weather where the fire cracks, and give us a hand, an' the chimney in a sandy frosty goose.
An' pleasure, like a river with a sunny ripple, flows.
Hands round the frosty winter morning: On, life is worth the living, though the year is gray an' cold.
The song is gay an' singin', an' the Harry tale is told.
An' take of joy full measure—all the arms of you can hold.
Hands round the frosty winter morning: Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

Trapping Muskrats.
The most common way of trapping muskrats is to set the trap under two inches of water on projecting logs or stones where the "signs" of the animal indicate its recent presence. If their feeding-ground can be dis-



Spring Trap.
When the animal is caught, its struggles pull the spring pole out from under the peg, and if their tracks indicate any particular spot where they crawl ashore, a trap may be set there with good results.

Late in the fall when collecting their building stuff, they build big floating beds of dried grasses, and a trap set in these beds will often get the rat.

A spring pole should be set in this case. I use the No. 0 steel trap for rats, squirrels and weasels; the No. 1 for mink, marten, muskrat, etc.; No. 2 for mink, fox, raccoon, Fisher and sable; No. 3 for fox, otter, beaver, fox, badger, possum, coon and wild cat. A red fox skin in the prime of condition will bring \$1.75; not so good, \$1.75 cents, 25 cents; a gray will bring \$3, \$1.50, 50 cents, 25 cents; a mink will bring \$3 to \$8, \$3.50, \$1.75, \$1; muskrats bring 35 cents, 30 cents, 22 cents, 10 cents; a pure black skunk brings \$2, \$1.50, \$1.50 cents; a common "white stripe" brings \$1.50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents.

A good dressing to put on raw furs consists of 50 per cent rock salt and 50 per cent alum, dissolved in water.

SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS.

Fact About Electricity and How It Is Made.

The other day a little girl went to have her hair cut at a fashionable place down town, and when the big scarlet bow that she always wears was taken off and the man began to comb her hair, there was a queer crackling sound, and the little girl immediately said: "Listen! It's just full of electricity!"

Everybody laughed, because it was such a big word for such a little girl to say.

When you hear paper crack like that, or see big blue sparks flying off the trolley wires, you know that electricity is there, just as the little girl did. But isn't it odd to think that nobody, not even very wise people, can tell what electricity is—what it really is! They know what causes it, however, and know how to control it.

Friction.
Electricity is the result of chemical change, or what is called chemical, and it is produced in two ways, either by electrical machinery or electric batteries. If you take a cushion in each hand and rub vigorously with both on each side of a piece of glass, you are doing just what the machine does; that is, you are producing electricity by friction.

Batteries are quite different and much more complicated. Suppose you take several copper pennies, several disks of zinc and several disks of cloth, all the same size as the pennies and pile them up—first the penny, then the cloth, then the zinc. Fasten them together, dip them in strong vinegar for a few moments, wipe them and lay them on a plate. Next fasten to them two brass wires, one touching the zinc at the top, the other the copper at the bottom of the pile. The acid of the vinegar attacks the zinc, chemical reaction is produced, and you have electricity. Fasten together the two wires and test the current, which, of course, in this case, will be very weak.

Place the ends of the wires on the tip of your tongue, and what do you notice? A sort of saltish taste. Yes. And your tongue trembles a little, does it not? Of course. It is the passage of the electric current which you feel.

Fun With Figures.
This will be found a capital trick with which to mystify a little company of people, and you may defy them to find out how it is done.

If the number 73 be multiplied by each of the numbers in the following arithmetical progression—3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27—the products will be—219, 438, 667, 878, 1,095, 1,314, 1,533, 1,752, 1,971. Here you see, taking the last figure of each product, you have the nine digits, in order—9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

Now, to perform your trick, prepare a little bag of some kind of cloth and in it make two partitions. Into one of the partitions put six or eight little cards, each bearing the number 73. Into the other partition put nine little cards, each bearing one of the numbers—3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27. The bag having been prepared in this way, hold it so that a person will take the card out of the partition containing the 73s.

Then externally turning the bag

so that the other partition presents itself, ask another member of the company to take out a card. Of course he takes one of the nine numbers given above.

Now ask the two persons to multiply their two numbers together and tell you the last figure in the product. That being done you will give the other figures of the product. This you will know from the series of products given at the beginning of this article. If, for example, the two cards taken out of the bag bear the numbers 73 and 18, the product will be 1,314, and when they tell you that the last figure is 4, you know at once that other figures are 1,314.

Any boy can make this trick a sort of stock in trade by having a nice little bag made and the requisite number of cards cut and numbered.—Montreal Herald.

The People We Live With.

We owe it to the people with whom we live to try and sympathize and get on with them and to show that we do, to speak politely to them, to thank them for favors done and to make home the happiest spot on earth to its members. If it is not somebody has failed; probably we have. Anyway, that is the supposition we must work on if anything is to be done, and gradually we shall acknowledge, if we are sincere, that we have not done as much as we might.

And it pays to try and make home happy. Whatever makes us happier makes us better, and the boy or girl who goes out into the world is less likely with the memory of a loved happy home to look back on to go astray than if he or she has not this safeguard. The dear little mother would worry if she knew her boys and girls were going astray. And so for love of her the temptation is resisted.

Surprising Trick with a Bottle.
Have you ever been at a party where some boy or about your age did a lot of clever tricks which amused and entertained every one and made you wish you could just get up and do something twice as clever as all of them combined? Here is a trick for just such an occasion, and it

Only Columbia has in its white border the thirteen stars, which represent the thirteen original colonies.

This cap was first adopted by the Philadelphia Light Horse troop, when they escorted Gen. Washington to New York, and becoming the token of freedom, it was stamped upon American coins in 1783 as a symbol of liberty.

The cap has been traced back to the ancient Phrygians, who, after conquering the east, of Asia Minor, wore their national caps as a mark of independence and to distinguish them from the primitive inhabitants.

The cap was also stamped upon their coins. From them the custom passed to the Romans.

A small red cap placed upon the head of a slave signified that henceforth he was free.

When Saturnus captured Rome, 263 B.C., he hoisted a cap on the point of a spear to intimate that all slaves who would join him should be free.

In the same manner the conspirators, after the murder of Caesar, raised a Phrygian cap as a symbol of liberty.

Easy Conundrums.

In what lies the difference between an old penny and a new dime? Nine cents.

Why does a cat look first on one side then on the other when she comes into a room? Because she can't look both ways at once.

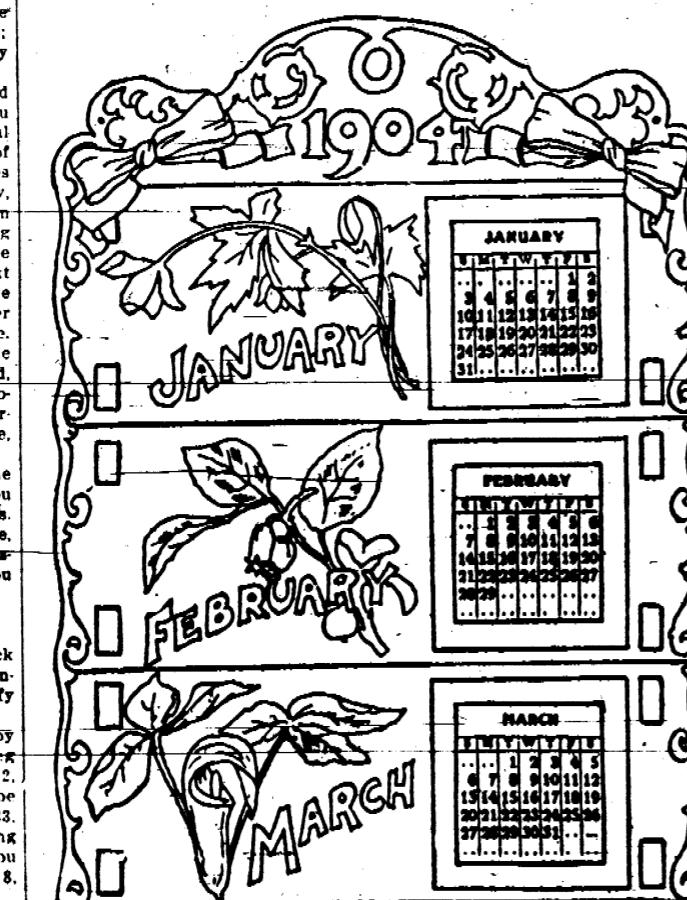
Why is Philadelphia more in danger of earthquakes than other American cities? Because she is the Quaker City.

When does bread resemble the sun? When it rises from the yeast.

Why is a strawberry like a book? Because it is red (read).

What is there you cannot take with a kodak? A hint.

A CALENDAR TO PAINT.



Here is an artistic calendar that you may have on your wall during the coming year. If you prefer blue ribbon bows at the top a "true blue" and also each little square all the way down on each side, so as to look as if each month was a card strung on the ribbon. Now gold or paint a deep yellow or pink the fancy edge all the way round. The letters of each month print a different color. The border

WOULD QUIT OFFICE FIRST.

Mayor of Monterey Has Bad Experience with Fourth of July Cannon.
Rear Admiral Henry Palmer, of the flagship *Impératrice*, commanded the British squadron on the Pacific. The English government had just made Monterey, the old Mexican and Spanish capital of California, a supply station, and the admiral was going in there for the first time. Desirous of honoring the little port, Admiral Palmer sent an officer ashore to ask the mayor if the warship fired a flag salute could Monterey return it.

The mayor was greatly disturbed. To fire the salute to the American flag was not to be thought of, but how was the compliment to be returned?

Upon the hill overlooking the bay was an ancient Mexican cannon, remnant of Spanish rule. It was used every Fourth of July, and the mayor concluded he would do. But the main difficulty to overcome was to collect a supply of powder large enough to fire twenty-one guns.

However, by two o'clock all was ready, and the mayor sent word to the admiral that Monterey was prepared. The flagship began booming her salute at intervals of five seconds, and in a couple of minutes the flag salute of twenty-one guns had been fired.

A large crowd had gathered on the hill to watch the progress of the seventeenth century cannon. "Boom!" went the first report, and a cheer went up. And then something happened. The old cannon got so hot and acted so queerly that fully fifteen minutes elapsed before the second shot was attempted.

But the mayor was determined, so just at sunset the twenty-first shot to the British flag was fired.

As the mayor left the hill he was heard to say: "If another foreign flagship comes here to be saluted I'm going to resign office."

HUMOR OF THE DAY

Trouble Enough at Home.
"Do you think there's going to be war between Russia and Japan?" asked the village oracle.

The man with the coonskin cap looked at him reproachfully and said:

"When I got married I was a widower with three grown-up boys. I married a divorced woman with two boys an' a girl that has a wonderful gift of eloquence. My wife has decided that she wants to be a grass widow again and her first husband is taking sides with her. What's the use of goin' way over to Asia lookin' for war?"—Washington Star.

THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE.

Lord Fitznoodle Gumsucker was writing his sister Lady Fitzgerald Dustseeker of his American bride-to-be.

"She is beautiful of face and figure," he wrote, rapturously.

Whereat Lady Dustseeker, impatient, intrusted her answer not to the slow-going mail, but to the flashing cable:

"Never mind the face," she cabled, "but be sure about the figure!"

IN THE FUTURE.



LONG GUARDED FINANCIAL KING.

Chief of Rockefeller's Private Detectives to Retire.

For nineteen years past Capt. George Archer, standing nearly seven feet in his stockings and weighing 275 pounds, has acted as a sort of bodyguard for John D. Rockefeller, being head of the watchmen and special officers in the Standard Oil building 26 Broadway, New York. He knows every man of prominence in the financial world. The captain is 69 years old and though still half and hearty concluded to retire last week. It is understood that he is to receive a pension of \$40 per month.

Men Doing Women's Work.

I suppose that you repeat the charge so often made against modern women that they are invading many callings once sacred to the male sex." May I call your attention to the fact, very seldom recognized, that the case is rather the reverse? If a few women have become doctors, scientists, authors, etc., and have taken a small amount of work from men in these professions, think of the thousands of women who have lost their occupation by being ousted by men from callings once sacred to the female sex.

Not so many years ago the ordinary home work of women included the brewing of beer, distilling essences, bread-making, preserving, spinning, weaving, making clothes and other things too innumerable to mention. Now all these things are made away from home, in factories owned and managed by men, and worked largely by men. Our cakes, jams, pickles, and—most sacred of all—christmas puddings and mincemeat are made in wholesale quantities cheaper than we can make them at home. You have left us nothing but to order the dinner and darn the socks and stockings—Letter in London Telegraph.

Ambassador Saved His Head.

In the days of King George III, of England, the Persian ambassador to his court demanded but was denied audience over all other foreign representatives. He refused to go to court, causing it to be reported abroad that he was ill. He met the prince regent at the house of the Lady Salisbury of the time. "I am very sorry to offend your royal highness by not going to court," he said. "Now, sir, my sovereign, he tell me I go first; your people say I must go last. Now, this very bad for me when I go back to Persia." So saying he made a significant pass towards his head expressing decapitation. The prince tried to appease him. "But sir, you still angry with me; you have not invited me to your party to-morrow night." The prince explained that it was only a children's party, but the ambassador might come if he chose. He did choose; for he went and, being the only ambassador there, led all the guests, thus scoring heavily for Persia, which made him comfortable about the neck again.

Value of Manual Training.

The spirit of the age in the field of education is becoming more practical and aiming at the utilitarian ends of public instruction. This is a nation of workers—workers who think and do things that have been carefully thought.

The fad of ornamental and perfunctory education has gone out of vogue. The banker and the bread-winner in the trench or behind the truck both are of one desire now—each is equally eager that his son and daughter shall be taught the knowledge and practice of the actual arts of the independent life. Liberal expenditures for the practical teaching of domestic and manual trade knowledge would work wonders in making efficient and profitable men and women of our children whose school days at best are all too few and whose life-work begins so early and needs trained minds and hands.—Atlanta Constitution.

Poetry.

To me the world is an open book, Of earth and man, of mystery and song, That sings its way towards the sea.

It whispers in the leaves of trees, The swelling grain, the waving grass, And in the song of freshets as they pass.

It creeps below the stars above, And with them and brightness given.

The poetry of earth and heaven, Thus Nature's volume, read aright,

Teaches life's clouds with rosy light, And all the world with poetry.

—George F. Morris.

Never Touched Him.

She—Your cousin is rather tall and slender, is he not?

He—Yes, he's so slender he doesn't have to carry an umbrella when it rains.

She—Why, how's that?

He—Oh, he dodges between the trees.

Asked and Answered.

"Do you believe in platonic love?" asked the very young man.

"Well," replied the coy widow, "it's all right as a starter."

ANOTHER VISIT!

The Noted Specialist

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This Expert Optician who has testimonials from the leading physicians in every town or city he has visited, tests eyes by means of the latest appliances.

His examinations will assure you of the nature of your ailments.

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He will be at the office of Dr. Conklin

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