

**This and That**

**AN UNEXPECTED CONCLUSION.**

It was decided that Mr. Wright must administer a stern lecture to his four-year-old daughter Florence. The little girl had been naughty, but she did not seem to appreciate the fact, and Mr. Wright reluctantly undertook a "scolding."

He hated to make the tender heart ache and to see the dear child cry, but he forced himself to speak judiciously and severely. He recounted her misdeeds, and explained the why and the wherefore of his stern rebuke. Mrs. Wright sat by, looking duly impressed.

Finally Mr. Wright paused for a breath, and also to hear the small culprit acknowledge her error. The scolding was never continued. Florence turned a face beaming with admiration to her mother, and said, innocently:

"Isn't papa interesting?"—Tid-Bits.

**HOW THE CHILDREN READ IT.**

The Sabbath-school lesson for the day was "Joseph Sold into Egypt," and the teacher of the infant class asked a bright little boy to tell the lesson story.

He went on with it all right until he said, "His brothers murdered a little child, and dipped Joseph's coat in the blood."

"What?" asked the teacher.

"That's what my lesson paper said," persisted the boy.

"So did mine," "And mine," added one child after another.

"Let me see it," said the teacher, and the children passed up a regular shower of little pink lesson papers.

"There, see!" said the boy. They killed a kid and dipped the coat in the blood."

This actually happened in northern New England, where the children are not familiar with goats.—S. S. Times.

**A REGULAR BOARDER.**

At a drapery sale recently, two ladies got hold of what they thought to be the last pair of cheap gloves at the same moment. Each gave a pull—a long pull and a pull together. The gloves did not part and one lady tartly remarked:

"I got hold of them first."

"I beg your pardon, madam, I was the first one."

Then each gave another pull at the gloves.

"Ladies," said the assistant who had observed them, "we have six dozen of those same gloves."

"I'm sure I don't want them," snapped one of the ladies, as she released her hold of the gloves.

"They're miles too big for me," retorted the other, as she dropped them on the counter.

**FOR HIS MOTHER'S SAKE.**

The florist's boy had just swept some broken and withered flowers into the gutter, when a ragged archin darted across the street. He came upon a rose seemingly in better condition than the rest. But as he tenderly picked it up, the petals fluttered to the ground, leaving only the bare stalk in his hand. He stood quit still, and his lips quivered perceptibly.

"What's the matter with you, any way?" the florist's boy asked.

The ragged little fellow choked as he answered:

"It's for my mother. She's sick, and can't eat anythin' an' I thought if she had a flower to smell it might make her feel better."

"Just you wait a minute," said the florist's boy as he darted into the store. When he came out upon the sidewalk he held in his hand a beautiful half-opened rose.

"There," he said, "take that to your mother."

He had meant to put that rosebud on his own mother's grave, and yet he knew that he had done the better thing. "She'll understand," he said to himself, "and I know this will please her most."—Selected.

**THE REAL CRANK.**

Is Plainly Marked.

A crank is one who stays in beaten paths when common sense tell him to leave.

The real crank is one who persists in using coffee because accustomed to and yet knows it hurts him. It is this one who always pays the penalty, while the sensible person who gives up coffee and takes on Postum Food Coffee in its place enjoys all the benefits of returning health.

A well known manufacturer's agent of New York City visited the grocery department of one of the big New York stores not long ago and there he tasted a sample cup of Postum made the right way. He said afterwards: "Just through the energy of that young woman who was serving Postum there I became a convert to the food drink and give up the drug drink coffee and got well."

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"So I gave up the coffee altogether and have used Postum instead ever since. My family at first called me a crank but seeing how Postum benefited me the first month they all got in line and as a result of Postum's remarkable benefits to me we all drink it now entirely in place of coffee and we are well." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

That a frog should travel a mile in order to return to its accustomed home, shows more intelligence than frogs are generally credited with. The Philadelphia Record is responsible for the following:

Three years ago, a farmer named Anderson found a large frog in front of the spring house, and when the milkmaid opened the door to put her pail of milk in the spring, the frog hopped in behind her.

"Goodness," said the maid, "but you're a big fellow!"

It was a big fellow. From his nose to the ends of his extended legs the frog measured fifteen inches. It hopped out of reach of the girl's hand, and partially buried itself in a bed of clay in the darkest corner of the spring house. There, in a stupor, neither eating nor drinking, it remained until the spring. Then it departed.

Each autumn since then the frog has appeared at the first sign of frost, and made his winter bed in the spring house. This year he came as usual. But the farmer desired to make an experiment on him. He was awakened, lifted from his warm clay nest, placed in a wagon, and carried to a place a mile down the road. There he was left.

Before evening he was back again. The milkmaid found him at sunset seated before the spring house door waiting patiently to be let in.—Ex.

**WASPS AND THEIR WAYS.**

Two boys took a walk with a naturalist one morning.

"Do you notice anything peculiar in the movement of those wasps?" he asked, pointing to a puddle, around which some of them were busily engaged.

"I don't," replied one of the boys, "except that they seem to come and go."

The other observed them closely, and said:

"They fly away in pairs; one has a little pellet of mud, the other has nothing."

"I am glad you have discovered something," responded the naturalist, "but both wasps were busy; the one you thought idle had a drop of water to carry. They reach their nest together; the one deposits the mud and the other ejects the water upon it. They then mix it, and fly away for more, and thus the nest is gradually built."

The boys never forgot the incident, nor the lessons which their kind friend sought to point out, namely, the industry and patience of the wasps, and the importance of acquiring knowledge by careful observation.—Ex.

**SUBMARINES OF NO VALUE.**

Mr. Yarrow, head of the great British shipbuilding firm, recently stated his opinion before the Institute of Naval Architects, that submarines have very little, if any, value, either as weapons of defence or offence, and that the large amount of money which the United States, England and France are now putting into this type is being practically wasted. The torpedo boat can do everything the submarine can, and do it much better and more cheaply, was his contention.—Ex.

**This Will Interest Many.**

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