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arrangements at the thanksgiving service held June 22nd on the west steps of St. Paul's in celebration of the sixtieth year of Queen Victoria's reign. King Edward made him a member of the Royal Victorian Order. He is known the world over as a composer.

## Boys and Girls

### LEGEND OF BANANA TREE

Was Believed to be Source of Good and Evil.

There exists a legend relative to the Christian inhabitants of the East, says the National Geographical Magazine, that they believe the banana to be the tree of the source of good and

evil, in a bunch of the fruit of which the serpent that tempted Eve hid himself, and they add that when Adam and Eve became ashamed of their nakedness they covered themselves with the leaves of this plant.

The origin of the banana is given as India, at the foot of the Himalayas, where it has been cultivated since remotest antiquity. Its origin in the New World is as doubtful as the origin of the American Indian. Natural to Asia and Africa, where more than twenty distinct species of the genus are known, it is said to have been brought first to America from Spain early in the sixteenth century and planted in the Island of Santo Domingo whence its spread was rapid through the surrounding islands and the mainland. This has never been authentically established, however, and some authorities include the banana among the articles that formed the base of food supply of the Incas and the Aztecs before the arrival of the Spaniards.

Certain it is that throughout the whole meridial America there is a strong tradition that at least two species of the plantain were cultivated long before the coming of the Europeans. Furthermore, it is singular that in all the languages indigenous to the region where the banana appears that the plant has a special name, not proceeding from the conquerors, as was the case with the names of many other plants, animals and various articles introduced into America after its discovery.

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## THE SEA LIONS

By S. L. Bacon.

Ralph came in from school greatly excited. "Say, mamma," he exclaimed, "there's the jolliest show in town, sea lions, and just a nickel for kids. Can't I go to-morrow afternoon? All the fellows are goin'?"

Here Ralph paused for breath, but his earnest little face expressed his eagerness and suspense, for he knew very well that mamma did not approve of shows.

"Kids, Ralph?" said mamma, gravely.

"Please, I forgot; but mayn't I go, mamma?"

"Aunt Mary phoned me this morning that she wanted you to come over to her house to-morrow afternoon," replied mamma.

The little boy's face grew very long. Aunt Mary's husband, Uncle Dick, travelled, and when he was away Aunt Mary often sent for Ralph to do chores for her. Usually he went willingly to fill her coal box and chop kindlings for her; but to-morrow—why, it didn't seem fair.

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beat drums an' do the wonderfulst things; an' to-morrow's the last day." Ralph wound up with a little break in his voice and he had to wink violently.

"Well," said mamma, "We will see when to-morrow comes, but we mustn't disappoint Aunt Mary."

Ralph could not think of anything but the sea lions. He got out his natural history book to read about them. He was quite sure he had never wanted anything so much as to see them.

The next day he hurried through his chores. Mrs. Brice, next door, called him to bring up some buckets of coal. The boy who comes every Saturday to fill my coal box hasn't appeared," said she, "so I shall give you his dime instead."

Ralph explained that mamma did not like for him to take money for things like that, but Mrs. Brice insisted.

"You can buy some marbles or a ball," she said.

Ralph rushed to mamma. "See," he cried. "I don't have to open my back to go to the show."

"I am sorry," said mamma, "but Aunt Mary has just telephoned for you to be sure to come. Uncle Dick is away, and I guess she needs you."

"O, an' I can't see the sea lions!"

"Dear, I am very sorry, but you will have other opportunities, and I would not have my little boy lacking in a quality which even the sea lions possess."

Ralph was puzzled. "What, mamma?"

But mamma only smiled.

Ralph started very slowly for Aunt Mary's. He was wondering what mamma meant. At the corner he met Tom Harris.

"Hello, Ralph," cried Tom, "goin' to the show?"

Ralph shook his head.

"O come on. I'll treat."

Ralph showed his dime proudly.

"But I can't go," he explained. "Uncle Dick's away, an' there isn't any man to do for Aunt Mary."

"But it's early. You can go there afterwards. The show doesn't last long."

Ralph hesitated. It was early, and he could go later—but then, that would not be obeying—and, all at once, Ralph knew what mamma had meant—it was obedience. The sea lions had learned to obey.

He turned resolutely. "No, I can't go," he said, and he began to walk very fast indeed.

When he reached Aunt Mary's, he was surprised to find her waiting on the porch with her bonnet on. "Why, are you going out?" he exclaimed.

Aunt Mary smiled.

"I am going to see the trained sea lions," she said, "and I wanted an escort, especially one who could appreciate a plate of ice-cream after the show. Do you know any little boy who would like to go?"

And Ralph rather thought he did.

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