



THE BAXTER'S FOURTH OF JULY.

BY LOUISE KOESTER ATWELL.

Four little Baxters sat under a dilapidated old shed, talking in mournful voices of how they were going to celebrate the Fourth of July.

"Oh, say," he called, as he hung by his feet from the rafters, "I've got a tremendous idea in my head."

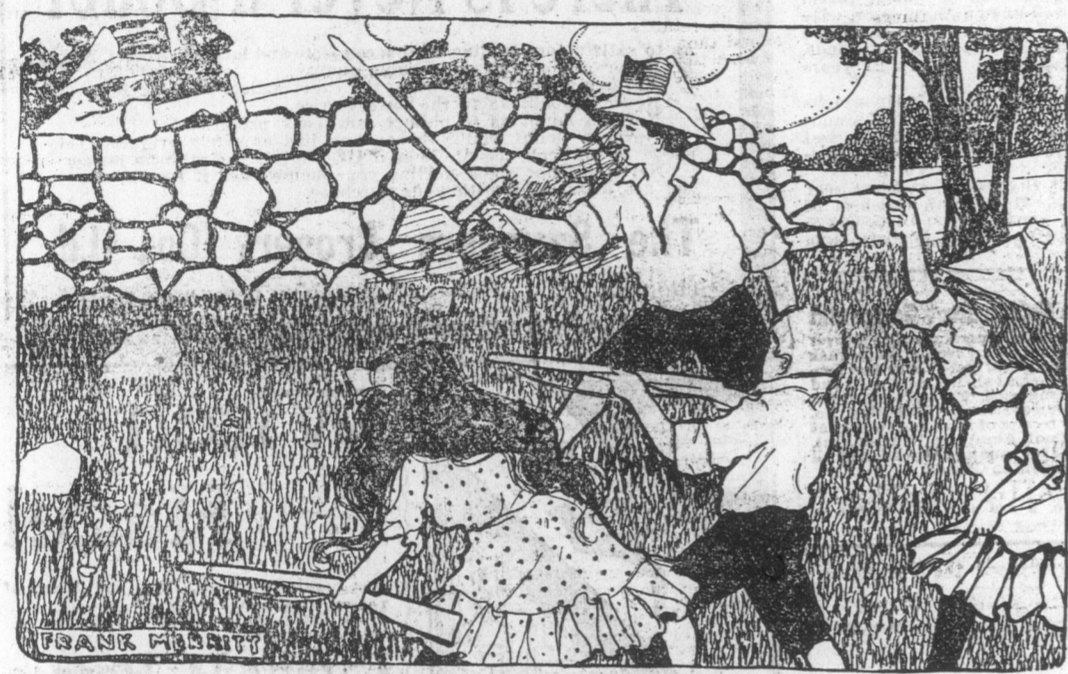
"Did hanging by your feet send it there?" asked Joe, looking up. "But if it is any good let us have it."

Leslie made no answer, but continued his gymnastic performance, which seemed to increase his new idea.

"Please tell us," said Sissy, "I am awfully anxious to know."

"Well," continued the elevated speaker, "it just occurred to me that we might have a patriotic party, build forts,

down a valley. To prove that it did a man of science in Switzerland set up a row of stakes on a glacier in a straight line across the top of the ice.



THEY CHARGED ON THE FORT.

"It's all because last year somebody got careless and a whole boxful of fireworks went off at once and lots of people were hurt and one boy got killed."

"Yes, and another reason," corrected Bud, "is that Mrs. Mason is sick in the house on the corner, and the noise hurts her nerves."

"How are you going to manage it?" said Bud.

"I am going to haul sand and rocks on the playground, build forts, dig trenches, and different countries, stretch ropes and flags around each and have battles like they did at Manila, Ladysmith and Santiago."

"Oh, that will be splendid!" cried the children, clapping their hands.

"Of course you can," said the older brother; "we are all going to be some-

listened into the service. Their caps bore the name of the country they were defending, and as they paraded with weapons of warfare they challenged attack."

HOW ICE RIVERS ARE MADE.

BY CHARLES BARNARD.

Snow falling on top of a high mountain may accumulate into heavy drifts. More snow continually falling may press upon the old snow and it will gradually turn into ice.

photograph of a glacier, we would observe that the valley may be very crooked and that the solid river of ice heads and twists about as if it were so much soft dough.

Presently we shall see the ice behave in the most surprising manner. Gradually the wire, pressed on the ice by the weighted pail, will sink into the ice.

Place the ice in a pail, and with a hammer break it into small pieces. Shake the pail to prove the lumps are loose. Then lay a plate on the broken ice and place a flatiron on the plate.

At the close of the game the player who had answered the most questions correctly is the winner.

The other questions asked by the leader are such as follow:

"I am thinking of a warrior who wept because he had no other nation to conquer, and his name has nine letters."

Get a piece of ice from the refrigerator and examine it. We can break it into irregular fragments having sharp edges.

Place a pan under it to catch the drip from the ice and put a flatiron in

the pail for weight. Presently we shall see the ice behave in the most surprising manner.

Place the ice in a pail, and with a hammer break it into small pieces. Shake the pail to prove the lumps are loose.

Next get a few cents' worth of plaster of paris—be sure it is fresh—and mix about a tablespoonful. When this is

see a thin thread of smoke issuing from the stem. Let this pour out for a few seconds, and then apply a lighted match to the jet, and the gas which is now coming will immediately ignite and a blue flame will burn for some time.

A more elaborate gas plant may be made with a flower pot, which you fill with chips of wood and then cover with plaster, the same as the pipe. In the small hole in the bottom insert the stem of a pipe, which you can break from the



THE JOB WILL FORM INTO A SOLID LUMP.

THE HUMBLING OF GEORGE THE KING.

BY JOHN W. HARRINGTON.

George III., King of Badboyton, looked at his sister in proud disdain.

"The Hessians!" hissed the Gingerbread Rabbit. "Let them come."

"That," replied the General of the minute men, "is his sister, the one whom he has treated with such disdain that he would not permit her to help celebrate the Fourth of July."



THE LEAD SOLDIERS FORMED ABOUT GEORGE.

George III. was eight years old. His grandfather was George Wm. Stacey and his father jr., and as both of them

"I should like to see 10-cent box of matches," she said.

"Hurray," yelled 1,000 matches all at once. "Here is the last of the tyrant. What do we care for a few scratches if liberty be gained?"

George III. rubbed his eyes. Everything seemed to have grown larger.

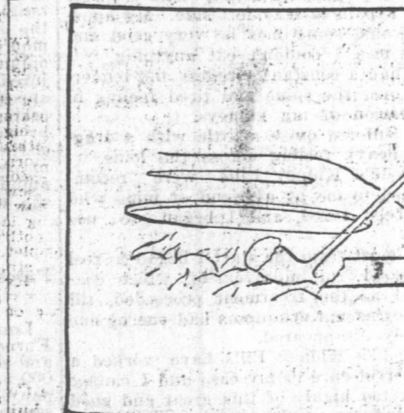
"Matches, are you really?" asked the Rabbit.

"Hello, youngsters!" exclaimed Jeremiah Scraggs. "I just stepped out to the curb to take the Arjone's order for the Fourth. How did you get along keeping store? What can I do for you?"

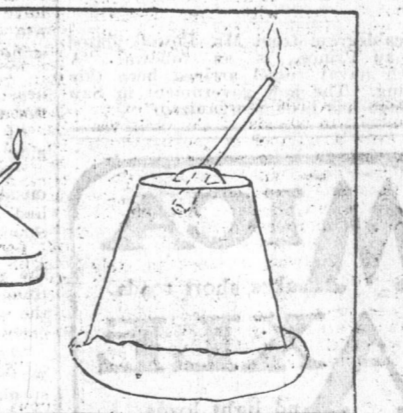
HOW TO MAKE A GAS PLANT.

Take a clay pipe and fill the bowl with small chips of wood—either hard or soft will do—on an even surface.

Next get a few cents' worth of plaster of paris—be sure it is fresh—and mix about a tablespoonful. When this is



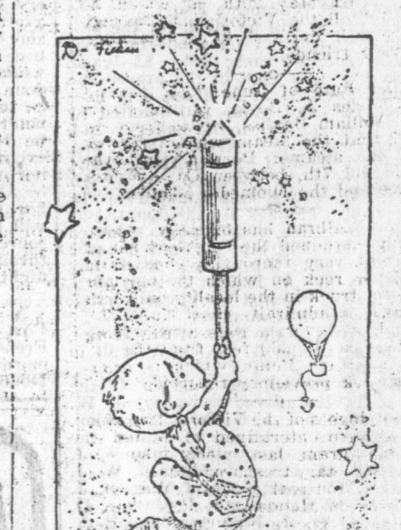
THE PIPE IN POSITION.



THE FLOWER POT PLANT.

quite stiff spread it over the opening or mouth of the bowl of the pipe. When the plaster has hardened thoroughly, which it will do in about half an hour, a little sooner if you put a pinch of salt in the white wash, place the pipe on the hot coals of a stove, allowing the stem to stick up above the lid. You will soon

bowl. Around this stem, in order to hold it in place and at the same time make it air-tight, put some of the wet plaster and let it harden. Put the pot well down in the coals and light the gas which issues from the stem. This will burn a considerable length of time and with a steady blue flame.



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