



For The Children



Little Royal Children at School

How the King's Children are taught 'Reading,' 'Riting,' 'Rithmetic.'

NOT many little boys and girls begin school when they are only four years old, but that is the age at which the children of King George V begin their lessons in reading and writing, and not only in English, but in German and French, too.

Theirs is a busy day. The schoolroom is a large, bright room on the first floor of their home, Marlborough House, with a large, round table in the centre, bookshelves filled with school books on one side and a massive oak bureau on the other in which are kept exercise books, drawing portfolios, paints and brushes, pencils and rubbers, and pens and ink. Here their study begins at eight o'clock on winter mornings and half-past seven in summer. Next to the schoolroom is a big morning room in which the children breakfast at nine o'clock, and then returning to the schoolroom they resume their study until twelve o'clock. Later in the day, between four and six, there is a further period of work but only for those of the little princes that are over seven years of age.

Just now there are only three of the King's children in the schoolroom, the Princess Mary, and her two brothers, Prince Henry and Prince George. The baby of the royal household, Prince John, will soon be big enough to take his place with the rest of them.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra used to take a keen interest in the studies of their grandchildren, and every month a report of their examinations and their general conduct would be sent to the King as well as to their father.

Besides English history, and reading and writing, and languages, the children are taught from their earliest years to observe a great many

customs and formalities. For instance, they must be very careful about returning military salutes. A royal prince, even when he is a baby, is saluted by every soldier who knows who he is, and at four years old all

read us to make themselves think, others to keep themselves from thinking."

"Light is good," said the Window; "therefore I am made to let it in." "Light is evil," retorted the Blind, "else wherefore was I made to shut it out?" "Times and seasons, times and seasons!" ticked the Clock.

"I am the great and universal genius!" proclaimed the Very Littlest of All the Hairpins. "I can mend a broken wire, draw a cork, clean a drain, pick a lock, untie a knot, and help in a thousand and one emergencies."

"True, perhaps," yawned the Mirror, "but are there not other things that can perform those services ever so much better? Why not stick to the work for which you were made?"—*St. Nicholas.*

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The June time is the season for songs and the poets are always telling us what the birds say.

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Nest Eggs.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

BIRDS all the sunny day
Flutter and quarrel
Here in the arbour-like
Tent of the laurel.

Here in the fork
The brown nest is seated;
Four little blue eggs
The mother keeps heated.

While we stand watching her,
Staring like gabies,
Safe in each egg are the
Bird's little babies.

Soon the frail eggs they shall
Chip, and upspringing
Make all the April woods
Merry with singing.



CHILDREN OF THE KING.

Princess Mary, the King's only daughter and her five sturdy brothers, Prince Edward, Prince Albert, Prince Henry, Prince George, and little Prince John.

the young princes were carefully instructed to return this salute in the proper manner.

Adjoining the schoolroom at Marlborough House there is a large playroom, which contains a big chest of toys, several of them of historical interest. Some have been played with by more than one King of England. There is a model stage coach, for example, made for George IV, which was a plaything of William IV and King Edward.

The playroom is used chiefly by the young princes on wet days, where they indulge in various forms of indoor football, cricket, or lawn tennis.

A strict rule of the royal schoolroom is that all books, pencils, rubbers, etc., must be put back in their proper places by the princes at the end of their lessons, and a like rule prevails with regard to the toys used in the playroom. Any violation of schoolroom discipline is followed by punishment, the severity of which is measured by the gravity of the offence. Punishments, however, are not often incurred by the royal pupils.

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Heard About the House.

By ARTHUR GUITERMAN.

"H O!" jeered the Sieve at the Needle, "there's a hole in your head!"

"Why am I so bright?" repeated the Door-knob; "because I have felt the warm hand-clasps of a thousand friends."

"According to the older folk," chuckled the Chimney, "I am meant to carry off the smoke; but the children know that my real purpose is to serve as a highway for Santa Claus."

"These mortals are so inconsistent!" mourned the Books in the library. "Some use us to help them work, others to help them idle; some



THE KING'S ELDEST SON

The Duke of Cornwall, and heir apparent to the Throne, is at present a Naval Cadet.



THE KING'S ONLY DAUGHTER

The Princess Mary, who, with her three younger brothers, is still a member of the schoolroom.

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