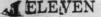


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You all know how little Jack Horn- | was on We all

er in the corner found a plum with

"Dear me, that's bad. That's very bad. There was an elf waiting to world am I anyway?" And a ticky voice from somewhere ask you a lot of things. A wise little

under his feet answered: elf with a pen, and he works for "On the Road to Eight O'clock!" Mother Goose.' "Mother Goose," said the elf, "is a kind old fairy who lives yonder be "And what's the road?" cried

yond the Sea of Blur in Sleepy-town, "The old, old, Clock Road!" said

the voice.

Now, Jack had never heard of the Clock Road, old as it might be, and shadow of the old, old clock over he travelled on with staring eyes un- there in the village square, directly til something bumped against his in his path---back. Jack screamed and jumped. "And then," cried Jack, "he trav-There behind him was a long, black els the old, old Clock Road to Eight "And then," cried Jack, "he trav-

arm, moving along, moving along, O'clock!" "Travels the old, old Clock Road, moving along behind him." "Sit down on it!" cried the ticky said the elf. "to the village of roice inside. "Sit down! Sit down! Eight O'clock. And there the wise

And then you can ride to Eight elf writes down his story and the world comes to know it as a rhyme O'Clock?

So little Jack, who was tired, hav-ing travelled the old, old Clock Road, goodness knows how long, sat down and the long black arm went on a-be fell head over heels into the misty mowing. It moved over a black fig-silver sea and the elf wrung him out moving. It moved over a black fig-ure on the white, white road. Boom! went a gong somewhere that almost frightened Jack to death. He never reach Eight O'clock. My dears, he tumbled off with a thud and when he opened his eyes again there he



lows to make it dangerous. "Don't be generous and helpful "For loan oft loses both itself it doesn't pay" is the substance of and friend"-who of us has not ex- the advice. If generosity paid would it perienced that? One summer we loaned a boat to generosity?

me boys who camped near us. We No one who serves humanity with had enjoyed talking with them and visiting their little camp, and were glad to let them use the boat. What happened? They broke some of the Gtilarg and come who serves numanity with the idea of exacting full return in service or gratitude will ever be sat-isfied with what he gets. One Must Give For Giving's Sake. abpender? They broke some of the fittings and ceased to visit us or invite us to their camp.
All He Did Was Lend Them Money.
One of the most generous men I ever knew says sadly. "So many people who used to be friends of mine, go by on the other side of the street and pretend not to see me now. And all I've done to them is lend them money."
I suppose some people who are ittings and ceased to visit us or in-One must serve because on



and when a boy like you has had a great adventure that she wants the

> PAYING AN ELECTION BET. So sure was Miss Katie Schmidt an ice skater at the Hippodrome Theatre, New York, that Illinois would go Democratic, that she promised to ride down 5th Avenue, New York City's "Grande Promenade," on an elephant. She is shown paying her bet. Her appearance caused quite a commotion and it was necessary to re-arrange traffic after she had passed.



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Crude Rubber Situation Has Held Down Cost of Rubber Footwear While Prices of Other Necessities Soar When, some twenty years ago, Great Britain began to

establish great rubber plantations in her tropical Dominions, the outside world's industrial experts laughed in scorn. Were there not thousands of square miles of wild rubber trees in Brazil and elsewhere simply waiting to be tapped? Were not the marvellous chemists of Germany working diligently to devise a process for making synthetic rubber at a fraction of the cost of the natural article? Britain, they averred, was wasting time and money,

Britain's Generous Handling

Six years ago the price of crude rubber jumped to \$3.00 a pound, because the 60,000 or 70,000 tons which seemed to be the limit of the forests fell far short of the enormously increasing demand-and the synthetic rubber promised by Germany failed to materialize. The 8,200 tons produced by the British plantations in 1910 was more than welcomed, and the scoffing ceased. By 1914 the plantations were producing nearly 100,000 tons, or 60% of the world's supply, and the price had been reduced to one-third of the 1910 figures. This year the plantations are contributing 150,000 tons—75\% of the total production—and Britain holds a monopoly which has been of vital importance in the War.

Controlling the seas as well as the supply, the British Government has effectually cut off the Teutons, while providing an abundance for the Allies. To neutrals, who might easily have been forced to pay any price, the monopoly has been truly a benevolent one, for so long as they resell none to the Germans, they get all the rubber they want at a lower price than before the war.

No nation, neutral or belligerent, benefits more generally from Britain's foresight and generosity in this matter than Canada. Besides the general use of the scores of rubber products, practically every Canadian uses rubber footwear more or less for at least six months of the year. Now that leather has gone up 80%, and shoes are costing two to five dollars a pair more than normal, the advantage of wearing rubbers and overshoes this winter is strongly emphasized. They cost so little compared to the shoes whose term of service they practically double, that it certainly is economy to wear them at every sign of bad weather. And there's another point, even more important:

The need for leather at the Front is so great, and the scarcity so serious, that it is a patriotic duty to save it all we can by wearing rubbers and overshoes.