

Chats with the Children

POEM COMPETITION.
MY PET DOG.

I have a little pup
And I've named him Lion,
Among my pretty pets
He's the finest of the fine.

He can hop, he can skip,
He can jump, he can run,
And with him at the pond
I've the finest of fun.

When I throw in a chip,
He is off at a bound,
O! but when he returns
How he spreads spray around.

He runs in a circle
Until he gets all dry;
If you'd a Cousin Flo,
You'd laugh until you'd die.

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WHAT IS A FLY GOOD FOR?

One rainy day when Tommy was looking out of the window he saw a fly buzzing against the pane.

"I'll catch that fly," said he; and his little fat fingers went patting over the glass until at last he chased the fly down into a corner and caught it.

"Let me go," said the fly.

"I won't," answered Tommy.

"Do let me go! You hurt me; you pinch my legs and break my wings."

"I don't care if I do. You're only a fly—a fly is not worth anything."

"Yes, I am worth something, and I can do some wonderful things, I can do something you can't do."

"I don't believe it," said Tommy.

"What can you do?"

"Let me walk up the wall," said the fly.

"Let me see you do it," and Tommy's fingers opened so that the fly could get out.

The fly flew across the room, and walked up the wall, and then down again.

"My," said Tommy. "What else can you do?"

"I can walk across the ceiling," said the fly; and he did so.

"My!" said Tommy again. "How do you do that?"

"I have little suckers on my feet that help me to hold on. I can walk anywhere, and fly, too; I am smarter than a boy," said the fly.

"Well, you're not good for anything, and boys are," answered Tommy stoutly.

"Indeed, I am good for anything. I helped to save you from getting sick when the days were hot. We flies eat up the unseen particles of food which the broom and the brush do not reach. If we did not reach them they would decay and poison the air. If we flies had not been round in the summer to keep the air pure, you and baby and mamma might have been sick."

"Is that true?" asked Tommy in surprise.

"Yes, it is true; and now I will tell something else. You are a bad, bad boy."

"I am not," cried Tommy, growing very red in the face. "I don't steal, or say bad words or tell what is not true."

"Well, you are a bad boy, anyhow. It is bad to hurt flies. It is bad to hurt anything that lives. Flies can feel, and it is bad to hurt them. Yesterday you pulled off my brother's wings."

"I never thought of that," answered Tommy, soberly. "I won't do it again. I'll never hurt a fly as long as I live, and be sure that I'll never hurt you."

"You won't get a chance," answered the fly; and off he walked across the ceiling.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

I suppose you all remember the war between China and Japan. Did you read much about those two strange countries and the still stranger people that inhabit them? China is called the antipodes of the European countries and the Chinese do many things upside down. For instance, they take their shoes off instead of their hats, shake hands with the left instead of the right hand, and when they write they commence at the bottom right hand corner and write across the paper in an exactly opposite direction to ours. They wear white instead of black for mourning, and do many other things that seem very ridiculous to us. They begin dinner with the sweets, and end with meat. They never use a knife and fork but eat with two sticks called chop-sticks, with which they throw the food into their mouths.

Girls are not welcomed by the Chinese, they don't think anything of them, only boys are considered as being worth the trouble of bringing up, and they used to have a cruel custom of throwing girl babies into rivers and ditches to get rid of them. That is not so general now, however.

The Japanese are in some respects similar to the Chinese, but they are a very different kind of people. They do not think very much of girls, but they never kill them, they are too fond of children.

Japanese houses are built of bamboo covered with thick paper, and the walls are so constructed that they can be drawn aside like sliding doors leaving almost the whole of the house

open. This is very nice and cool in the summer.

There is never much furniture in a Japanese house, the tables are only about two feet high, and people sit on mats on the floor, never on chairs.

The shoes are always taken off before going into the house, no Japanese would wear his shoes in the house at all.

The people are very small, seldom more than five feet three or four inches. They are very polite, even the beggars are courteous; and the girls are always beautifully brought up, even the poorest.

This wonderful little nation that conquered great hulking China, is rapidly becoming Europeanized, and presently the distinctive dress, and many of the customs of old Japan will have disappeared. **Cousin Flo**

PUZZLES.

DIAMOND ACROSTIC.

A letter, a domestic animal, a distant country, a graceful wild animal, an industrious insect, a letter. Centres give the name of a much beloved land.

DECAPITATION.

Behold something cold and white and leave at the present time.

Behold hypocrisy and leave an insect.

Behold vessels and leave a grain.

Behold an actuality and leave to perform.

MISSING WORDS.

An old lady was crossing the . . . when she saw a . . . coming; she stopped . . . was knocked down by a . . . but was not . . .

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF JULY 14th.

CHARADES.

1. Bed-fellow.
2. Sewing-machine.

DECAPITATIONS.

Fairy-airy. 1
Smile-miles. 2
Fall-all. 3
Clean-lean. 4

TRANSFORMED WORDS.

Wine, vine, fine, kine, pine, mine, line, nine.

MARKS.

B. Boland, 1; Mary Smith, 10; F. McCarthy, Hamilton, 3; S. J. Murphy, 4; B. S. Doyle, 3; F. J. Duggan, 8.

Right Rev. Dr. Sweeney is now Dean

The Dean of the Canadian Episcopacy, now that Mgr. LaRoche is gone, is Right Rev. Dr. Sweeney, the venerable Bishop of St. John, N.B., who was born in May, 1820, and has been a Bishop since Nov. 15, 1900. The next in point of age is Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, Bishop of Oshawa, N.E., who was born in July, 1826, was ordained July, 1851, elected bishop May 8, 1890, and consecrated August, 16 of the same year.

Life is meant to be pleasant, and would be if it were not for those mistaken ideas of what is pleasant, which make all the mischief. The power to appreciate what is noble and beautiful gives more delight than any quantity of champagne; and the power comes of cultivation; but the discipline is severe.

Farm and Garden

"This," says Mr. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, "is going to be a record year, so far as fall wheat is concerned in Ontario. The best returns for a period as far back as our reports go were secured in '91, when 850,000 acres gave up an average yield of 25.7 bushel per acre, or 21,872,000, all told. Last year the average yield was 25.2 bushels per acre, and a total yield of a little less than 24,000,000 bushels. This year the crop will certainly average 25 bushels to the acre, at the least, and I expect as good an average as we had even in the banner year of '91. It is certain, too, that the area exceeds that of last year, when 950,322 acres were planted. So that our total yield will in any case be the biggest on record. Spring wheat, although set back a little during June, also promises better than it did last year."

Mr. James is inclined to be conservative rather than otherwise in his estimates, and from what he says it will not be surprising if Ontario this year produces between twenty-six and twenty-seven million bushels of fall wheat.

Farm and Fireside: Nothing should be so highly prized upon the farm as a supply of pure water. It is remarkable that impure water is so frequently found where purity could be easily maintained. Household, stock-raisers, dairymen, all should see to it that the source of drinking water for both human and brute use be beyond suspicion.

In the great majority of cases, according to chemical tests, the pollution may be traced to the barn yard, and the cause may be the filthy condition of the place, the location of the well, or both. The well located in the barn yard, except in the most rare instances, becomes in a short time a natural cesspool from which is pumped liquid manure of greater or less strength, according to the porosity of the soil, the amount of rainfall, and the nearness of the well to the manure pile. Such water should be used for irrigation and for no domestic purpose. The well should always be located at a safe distance from possible sources of pollution; the brickwork should be set at least as far down as the ground water line, in cement impervious to water; the top of the well should be raised about a foot above the surface of the ground and be provided with a tight cap to keep out all vermin, and the surroundings should be kept free of all substances that might pollute the water.

C. S. Plumb, of Purdue Experimental Station, in Country Gentleman: With the purpose of studying the effect of skim milk diet on the young growing chickens, an experiment was conducted at the Indian Agricultural Experiment Station, in which two lots of chickens were under observation. There were ten chickens of two breeds in each lot, ranging from four to six weeks of age at the beginning of the experiment. Each lot received the same food, care and treatment, excepting that one was fed all the skim milk wanted, while the other was given only the whole milk. The diet consisted of two parts cracked corn, one part bran, and one ground oat. They were also fed cracked bone, cabbage and lettuce. When the experiment began, the total weight of one lot of chickens was only one half an ounce more than the other. The experiment lasted from July 11 to Sept. 6. The results of the feeding show that the chickens fed milk and grain ate considerably more grain than did those receiving no milk. The results also show that the chickens of lot 1, receiving no milk, made an average weekly gain of 2.02 ounces, while those fed milk, made a gain per week of 4.46 ounces, or over one-fourth pound. The chickens fed milk made a more rapid and uniform gain than those fed grain only. The general results of the feeding, in every way seemed to show the superior influence of the skim-milk on the growth of the birds.

Here is another good old tradition gone to smash. In the early days we all thought "mealy" potatoes, the ones which burst in a dozen places and showed a beautiful white meal when boiled in their jackets, were the best. But now a French scientist comes along and tells us this idea is all wrong. He says: "It was supposed, formerly, that the cracking or breaking apart of potatoes was indicative of an especially large percentage of starch, the starch swelling up and breaking the skin. According to the latest investigations, this is erroneous, the percentage of albumen being responsible. If a potato is comparatively rich in this substance, it will keep its shape on boiling; a cracking and falling apart indicates a deficiency of albumen." The potatoes containing most albumen being the most nutritious, everybody can determine the worth of a potato by boiling it. The best varieties are those which do not fall apart, but remain whole, on cooking."

Doctors Testify.

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In the old frontier days, and the days of pioneers were tortured and persecuted by the stake by cruel Indians. The tortures inflicted by these marauding savages have been something horrible. There are thousands of men to-day who have been slowly tortured to death by the state of disease. Their bodies cry out in a language that the sufferers themselves can hear. When a man is suffering in this way his body cries out in a language that all can understand. The muscles that are lax and lazy, a brain that is dull, a stomach that disdains food and nerves that will not move. A wise man will heed these warnings and will resort to the right remedy before it is too late. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets discovery makes the appetite keen and hearty. It invigorates the liver. It promotes the natural process of secretion and excretion. It makes the digestion and assimilation perfect. It purifies the blood and fills with life every nerve and fibre. It tears down old and worn-out tissues and replaces them with the firm, muscular tissue of healthy youth. It is the best nerve tonic and flesh-builder. It is the best nerve tonic. It cures 90 per cent. of all cases of consumption, weak lungs, bronchitis, influenza, cough and kindred ailments. All medicine stores accept no substitute that may be represented as "just as good." It is just as good, and doesn't effect cures like the following:

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Franco Honors St. Anne.

Britanny is classic land in matters relating to St. Anne. In the district of Morbihan, her Breton shrines are in full animation. The inhabitants of Auray in the Finistere are making active preparations for the influx of people expected at the famous pilgrimage to St. Anne d'Auray, and in Auray, indeed, need not go so far in order to fittingly celebrate the feast of her who has been called the "Tabernacle of the Immaculate Conception." Paris has the beautiful though still unfinished church dedicated to St. Anne. It is in the Rue de Valenciennes. The Feast of St. Anne is to be celebrated there with great solemnity. In this celebration the Bretons of Paris will have the places of honor, their part in it being in a sense like that of olden times. It is a general custom. But the Catholics of Paris are not to be left outside. They claim their part in the cultus of St. Anne, having entertained a special devotion to her for centuries, and having nursed this devotion with an untiring zeal. They are to be distinguished. M. Ollivier, founder of the Congregation of St. Sulpice, believed that what he asked of St. Anne he was sure to obtain. "The Queen, Anne of Austria, children for more than twenty years, was at length blessed. She asked for a son, and when the heir to the throne was born, thanked St. Anne by sending to the great shrine of the patroness of Britanny a statue of the saint in solid silver. Coming to the time of the forty years had soon a splendid revival of the time-honored devotion to St. Anne, and the closing years of the century see the movement accentuated. This remark holds good, however, with respect to the devotion to the saint, whose saint's miracles seem more luminous and helping hands from Heaven more ready than they must have seemed to even Catholic grand-parents of the present generation. This is one of the reasons why the saint is a religious success. The association known as the "Syndicat de l'Aiguille," with the Rev. Pere du Lac, S.J., at its head, will be represented at the approaching celebration in Paris in honor of St. Anne. The reason of St. Anne's being chosen as patroness of needle-workers may be sought for in the moral certainty that she ministered to housewifely duties and the fashioning of garments the infant hands of her who was to say, All generations are called to do. In the way, the needle, in itself, as honorable as the pencil or the pen, seems to be coming into repute, and the woman of Solomon's time famed for her handiwork, seems to be living in our midst. We have our needlework associations where the rich and the cultured work for the poor and the unlettered. The Superior of the religious of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, beneath the shadow of Notre Dame, would have difficulty in encouraging the needle of clothes who, to cater for the poor, made by ladies of wealth and position. There may be a dash of fashion in all this, but there is real solid work in it as well. The Association of the "Syndicat de l'Aiguille," with the Rev. Pere du Lac at its head, and placed by him under the patronage of St. Anne, is calculated to place in honor the needle as an instrument of honest livelihood. The able Jesuit knew the hardness of the lives of these "vergers" of Paris. He knew that in the height of the Paris season some hardly broke their fast before returning home near midnight that they incurred untold dangers in the Paris streets, and that numbers, reduced by overwork and the food they ate, were to be seen in the Honore the Homes he has been the means of organizing where hundreds of them may find food and lodging and means of the celebration in honor of St. Anne. Pere du Lac will address from the pulpit a large number of needle-workers. Their motto virtually is "Honour to the needle under the patronage of St. Anne."

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