CHILDREN'S CORNER

PUSSY WILLOW.

In her dress of silver gray Comes the Pussy-williw gay-Like a little Eskimo, Clad in fur from tip to toe. Underneath her, in the river, Flows the water with a shiver Downward sweeping from the hill, North wind whistles, loud and shrill.

Birds are loath to wing their flight To a land in such a plight. Not another flower is found Peeping from the bark or ground. Only Mother Willow knows How to make such suits as those How to fashion them with skill, How to guard against the chill.

Did she live once, long ago, In the land of ice and snow? Was it first by Polar seas That she made such coats as these? Who can tell? We only know Where our Pussy-willows grow. Fuzzy little friends that bring Promise of the coming spring. -Elizabeth E. Foulke.

FOUR YEARS OLD.

Papa says I'm worth my weight

And I guess it must be because I am

deal more;

I'm so happy I don't know what do!

And the morning is only just begun-Were you ever four years old, like

With a ring and a ride and a birthday tea? -Sunbeam.

THE DISCONSOLATE PEBBLE.

Many years ago a small pebble rolled within the water-edge of a shallow ravine. Other pebbles were prettier. which worried it not at all, but the children playing about the banks preried the little pebble very much.

"Oh," it sighed, "how I would like crying: to go if those children would pick me up. They don't know all the things play jackstones with me."

that direction.

A man walking in the ravine, saw eager hands.

have home and wife and little child- with the same request. ren, now." And the pebble was con-

TALKS TO BOYS.

jections of others.

cases it is pure jealousy. Such fel- or molestation.' lows are jealous of you, because of "But the knave pleaded: 'I fear to way rendered 'assurance doubly sure' your good standing in school, your go alone; carry me home, I beg of -his hump was indeed gone. good name, your progress in life, your you. good qualities and dispositions.

In schools and colleges these jeal- other. ousies among the boys are to be "'Only just beyond the hill yonder," found quite frequently. Here is, for was the reply. instance, a boy who gets along splendidly at school. He is never in trouble; he never misses a lesson; he need painfully beneath his burden, the adtunate brother. To this end he told ders for authorization, and the Chamyou are troubled with any of the pains never be admonished or rebuked for dition to which was as the last straw without hesitation whither the little ber by its vote refused to pass to or discomforts of Dyspepsia, use fore also liked by all his teachers. sive laugh of the discontented begNow let me tell you, this boy will be gar, who called after him, that he same path, I dare say you will come tion to remain in France, and rethe mark for many a jealousy on the was a zanzy to take so much trouble upon the selfsame company,' he de- jected them all by a single vote. Ampart of his schoolmates. There will be for the sake of a vagrant who had no clared. 'The little people are not very ong these orders expelled thus from quarrel?" "Oh, yes! As soon as she hardly a boy in that whole school gold with which to recompense him. far advanced in their study of the

ing yourself?" They will try to set frain. him against his teacher, saying, "He "'Now put me down, directed the drew to an end at last, and, followis too strict; nobody can do all he wee wanderer, peremptorily.

that which they have failed to accom- right of the throne.

Oh, that he would look a little deep- more. er into the hearts of those false lads, "In a few moments our friend, the he would soon find the grossest jeal- jolly beggar, apprehended wherein the upon one who would fain impose on ousy lurking there where he thought fairies' trouble lay; they were trying us in this manner?' to see only consideration and love. in vain to learn the days of the week The motives of these lads for speak- as mortals knew them. 'Poor little he looked nearly twice his usual size; This is my birthday-I'm four years ing thus to him, or acting so to-creatures!' he reflected, indulgently, he paused, panting for breath, and not motives of consideration and love seems but a molehill in the path of caught sight of the jolly beggar's for his well-being.

ers tell you. If you are so credulous, when they next came to a stop, he But mamma says I'm worth a great if you are so easily made to believe sang out at the top of his voice: elves brought it with alacrity. 'Strap everything people tell you, why, what 'Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday it to the shoulders of the discontent-She gave me a ring that she used to will become of you? Do not think ev- too!' erybody means it as well with you as When she was little with curly hair, your parents, priests and teachers. tion was beyond the power of words And with that a ride and a party, Stand for principles. If you know a to describe. The King and Queen thing is right and just, go ahead, started to their feet. and care not for the opinions or ob- "Who's that helping our song?" mean it well with you, they may talk knew well. full of jealousy and envy. And this exclaimed the fairy who had been to jealousy is the motive of all, their town. The whole company repeated: into their snares. Beware of them! and tossed up their caps in glee. They are dangerous.-Father Klasen. in The New World.

TRUTH IN A FAIRY NUTSHELL

(Continued from last week.)

"He seemed to be in great distress, ferred the pretty rocks, which wor- and first catching sight of the dis- and now by helping our song, and re- call it a kernel of truth in a fairy contented beggar rushed up to him,

"Gossip' (which means friend) I am good for I can roll like a 'gossip, help me! I am chased by ruf- three cheers for our guest!' marble, if I am humpy, or they could fians. They are already at my heels. Hide me in your pack, I pray you!' as a feather's weight!'

"My fortune!" he cried. "I shall side of the gateway, and ran to him tinued:

Some time ago, my dear boys, I pack. Hardly had he done so, when pleases Providence, he may never more told you what it means to be a slave a party of desperadoes appeared in be burdened with it.' of "human respect." No doubt you pursuit. They were jeering and vo- "At this a hundred elves seized upconscience and better knowledge be- hastily concluded that the fugitive enthusiasm. cause others will ridicule or despise had turned down a bosky lane which "When the moon set, and the fairy us." Now let me give you another led along by the city wall; and, un-festival was over, the jolly beggar reason, to show you how foolish it is willing to waste time in parley, he made his way back to the city gate, to be a slave to the opinions or ob- plunged amid its shadows, followed wrapped himself in his cloak, and

by his noisy band. Did you ever pause to think what "When they were gone, the jolly was inclined to believe that his adthe motives of such boys are, who beggar whispered to the small way-venture of the night was all a dream. ridicule, despise or persecute you, farer whom he had harbored: 'Now, A consciousness of unwonted strength because you will not act or speak as gossip, all is again quiet. You may and elasticity surprised him, howthey would wish you to do? In most continue on your way without dread ever; and soon the astonished excla-

" 'Where do you live!' asked the

But jealousy, having taken posses- brow of the hill. To his surprise, he they will reward you likewise. But erican Catholics, and in behalf of "What is the matter with the poor sion of the hearts of some less for- found it overlooked a romantic glen, you must wait till the next full which British Ambassador Monson fellow?" "Why, he's got a knot hole tunate lads, will not remain inactive of which, strangely enough, he had moon; for then only do they dance in and United States Ambassador Porter breaking out on his wooden leg." either. These boys will try their ut- never heard. Here, in the light of the the glen, I am told. most to win him over to their way full moon, were sporting merrily a "'H'm! h'm!' grunted the disconof looking at things, to bring him company of little people, each array-tented beggar; 'nothing but moondown to the level of their standing. ed in the colors and after the fashion shine! They will attempt to persuade him of some flower common to the region. "He concluded to try, notwithto desist from his zealous endeavors, They were dancing round and round standing. A whole month was a long asking him, "What's the use of kill-in a fairy ring, singing a sweet re- while to wait, and he spent it in a

wants; he is never satisfied." They "The jolly beggar was too tired to gar, he set out, passed the brow of will try to point out some incidents resent his lordly tone, or to question the hill, came upon the secluded glen, will try to point out some incidents there he has apparently been wronged by his teacher; they will try to get him involved in some trouble by slyly encouraging him to take part in some trick; and then arranging it so, that he will be caught in the act or, found out later on, they will point fingers at him, meaning to say, "See this lordly tone, or to question why he was now so helpless when he had climbed into his hiding-place with so much agility. He simply lifted the little people dancing in a merry round and singing gaily, "Monday, Tuesday! Monday, Tuesday! Monday in the time Perry Davis Painkiller needs to stop a stomachache, even when it is sharp enough to make a strong man ground. The he turned day, too!"

"Was there ever anything more ridiculous!" grumbled the discontent is sharp enough to make a strong man ground. The he turned day, too!"

"Was there ever anything more ridiculous!" grumbled the discont

Simple can do?" In all these things they will cloak, he led him into the midst of trying to learn in this kindergarten They will try to make him under-stand that he is the laughing stock of the whole room, hated by all, their needy subject. Their Majesties exclaimed the Fairy King, angrily;

> Ah, now! If our boy is not firm and what from his confusion, he began to tones a false ring, which put him on determined, he will fall a slave to pay heed to the song the fairies kept his guard. Poor boy! He will sell himself, sell Monday, Tuesday! and-' At the his good name and reputation to oth- pause which invariably occurred when ply for the sake of pleasing them, of stop dancing, glance piteously from gaining their favor. Is such a boy not one to another, and after a moment

> wards him, were motives of jealousy, 'So it is throughout the world. What glared about alarmingly. Suddenly he one, is a mountain of difficulty to an- hump hanging upon the wall of the Boys, do not believe everything oth- other.' He listened attentively, and cliff. Bring hither that tack!' he com-

> > "The effect of this timely interrup-

jections of others. They may seem to they cried in delight, though they eted your neighbor's possessions. Oh, having a birthday is lots of fun! very fine to you, but their hearts are "'It is the jolly beggar,' joyfully

> actions in your behalf. Do not fall 'It is the jolly beggar,' and shouted "As soon as the King could make himself heard, he commanded order, ed Celia, as her mother concluded. 'Of

> > lows: "'Friends and subjects, our guest really any fairies." has accorded us distinguished aid vealing to us the knowledge which we nutshell." have labored so long to obtain, and to discover which we sent our envoy often laughed over it. But more than to the city. Therefore, I- proclaim

that?" asked Celia, incredulously. One day the news went forth that "Begone, sirrah!' replied the beg- "Well, something of the kind," rediamonds were plentiful in the coun- gar, 'you are no gossip of mine. My joined her mother. 'At any rate, the try where ran the ravine, and forth- hump is heavy enough. What a fool little people recommenced their merry with a current of humanity poured in I should be to add to it by so much clamor, and kept it up, till the King had to pound on the ground with his "At this the little fellow began to sceptre before he could get them to have been long and favorably known thus been authenticated and approvthe pebble and snatched it up with wring his hands and weep. All at listen to him. When he at length suconce he espied the beggar at the other ceeded in making them hear, he con-

> "'In consideration for these inesti-"I will do all I can to protect you," mable services, I decree that the answered the jolly beggar, heartily. hump under the weight of which he "Without more ado, the nimble elf has struggled so long shall be taken sprang upon the old man's shoulder from his shoulders and hung upon the and secreted himself in the top of the wall of yonder cliff; and that, if so

thought and said to yourselves at the ciferating wildly; but, meeting no on the hump, cut the cords by which time, "Yes, indeed; it is very foolish sign of their victim, and seeing only it was held in position, and carried it to be afraid to act according to one's the two mendicants, the ringleader away in triumph, amid a tumult of

> slept until morning. On awakening he mation of his neighbor across the

> "Brother, I wish I were you! cried the discontented beggar, with

great energy. "And his friend did not need to ask the reason this time, for he knew full to-day was devoted to a discussion on He doesn't say much, but it is to "The jolly beggar set out with his well; but he generously began to some failing; he gives perfect satisfact that breaks the camel's back. And as man in green had led him and how his tion all around and of course is there- he went he was followed by the deri- good fortune had been brought about.

ing the directions of the jolly beg-

pproach him as his friends.

2 sprightly throng, and to a throne fashion. I've a mind to play a little But if he is strong and cannot be of silvery moonlight, where sat the joke on them. They will not know misled, then they will turn his ene- King and Queen of the fairies, in the difference, and the King will ormies and persecutors. They will begin robes of rose petals embroidered with der the hump off my back in a twinto make fun of him, ridicule, mock diamond dewdrops. Before the beggar kling.' So when they next sang 'And him on account of his good ways. could realize it all, his little ac- Wednesday too,' the silly fellow call-

loved by none. By persecution, there- thanked him graciously, and the King for the voice of the discontented begfore, they will seek to accomplish gave him the place of honor at the gar had, from much croaking, grown harsh and discordant. Moreover, his plish by their false representations. "When our friend recovered some-Diminutive Majesty detected in its

that monster "human respect." He singing in concert. He soon perceived "Descrying the intruder, a party of will begin to think and say, "I can that what he had at first supposed to elves dragged him before the throne no longer bear up with these remarks and persecutions. I will relax my energy and zeal. I will give others a ning over and over. Each time they presence among them; and complain-chance to get ahead of me. I will began bravely, and with every aping at some length how his neighbor, not show as much respect and consid- pearance of confidence; but after a the jolly beggar, always had the best eration to my teachers either, and measure or two the words came halt- of everything. Seeing that the King then I can be one of the 'crowd,' ingly, the voices grew fewer, they listened with apparent indulgence, he too." See, how the boy talks when they would break off abruptly and became self-confident, and, expecting he begins to give way to "human restart again. This is what they sang: to be relieved of his hump as a tri-'Monday, Tuesday! Monday, Tuesday! bute to his wit, attempted to explain his little joke. Like most practical jokes, however, it met with scant apers-his enemies; and for what? Sim- the came to this point, they would preciation from the intended victims. " 'Caitiff!' cried the King in fury. 'Do you call it fun to deceive? Would a slave? Poor boy, but foolish boy! of perplexity and sadness begin once you teach as that Friday comes after Wednesday, when such is not the case? What punishment should be imposed

> "His Majesty drew himself up till manded, in stentorian accents. ed beggar!' thundered the irate monarch. The order was promptly obeyed. "'Know, wretch,' continued the Fairy King, 'that here everyone gets his deserts; for this is the place called 'In the Long Run.' You have cov-Well, take them now-the whole pack of sorrows and disappointments which your companion has borne so patiently. Take them, and learn that the envious man doubles the burden which he is called upon to bear."

"That is a splendid story!" declarand delivered a neat speech as fol- course it is only 'make believe,' though, mother? I know there are not

"Well," hesitated Mrs. Treanor, first by rescuing one of our number smiling; "at least it is not all 'make from the hands of lawless mortals; believe,' as you say. Perhaps we may

Celia never forgot this story; she this: whenever she caught a little feeling of envy creeping into her "Oh, did the Fairy King really say heart, she chased it away by saying to herself, "Dear me! I am getting like the discontented beggar!"

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And speak to whom you meet."

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LIGIOUS.

The cow remained to laugh.

preaching orders. The entire session lets with equally good results.' France is the English Passionist Or- saw she was wrong she concluded to who will be more envied than this Heedless of these taunts, the jolly days of the week; there is much left der, which conducts a church in the accept his apology."

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"My brother is recently interested themselves.

> MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAID OTHER-WISE.

At a meeting in London lately Lady Henry Somerset, the great tempermost envious frame of mind. The time ance worker, was absent through illmade this kindly but unexpected exlanation: "Dear Lady Henry has been overworked; and we must, of course;

Run, girl, away! The Thing is out! It's now right on your trail: No dodging, turning, twisting round Will be of least avail.

Where you are safest it is there: 'Tis lurking in the dark; When you are hiding, safe and sound, Its eyes glow like a spark.

Upon the stairway when you creep With careful feet and small, Beside you comes its haunting step-Its hand slides on the wall.

And shut your eyes, as well you It lifts your lids to peep;

Or when you run with blust'ry feet It throws you in a heap. And if you say, "I'm not afraid!" It leaps upon your back; Or if you tell a false, false tale

An evil deed will bring it close When cries the wind at night; And when it comes it snaps your heart And bites as tigers bite.

It turns your tongue to black.

Now Conscience is this haunting Thing; And very kind and mild Is she if you but do your part,

A Christian little child.

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