

Children's Corner

A LITTLE GENTLEMAN.

I know a well-bred little boy who never says "I can't,"

A GERMAN FAIRY TALE.

Once upon a time there was a kingdom called Ladoga, and in this kingdom was a mountain, and it was written in an old chronicle that on top of this mountain there was a sack of gold which might be claimed by the first true knight who should climb the mountain.

And though the knights of Ladoga and the neighboring kingdom who had nothing else to do and loved adventure had made many expeditions to the mountain, for some reason or other no one had been able to reach the top.

Then, just as they reached the mountain, an old man came hobbling out from among the trees.

"Do you wish to climb the mountain, sir?" said Adolph, pausing breathlessly beside the old man.

"Dear! dear!" exclaimed Adolph, sympathetically, as he watched the knights scrambling up the brook.

"And improved their manners," I trust," said the old man, severely.

And before Adolph could say a word the old man had disappeared, and Adolph, with the staff in his hand and wondering very much at all he had heard and seen hurried on up the mountain.

And when Adolph saw the sack of gold he was so pleased he did not know what to do, so he ordered a great feast to be prepared, and everybody was invited, after which he made Adolph Grand Prince of Ladoga.

And there was great rejoicing throughout the kingdom. And Adolph married the beautiful Princess Madda, and they lived in a great palace and were happy ever after, and to this very day the old staff can be seen standing in a corner of the palace.—New York Tribune.

LITTLE VICTORS.

A curious and pretty custom is observed every year in the city of Hamburg to celebrate a famous victory which was won by the little children more than four hundred years ago.

The sight melted their hearts. They threw down their arms and, plucking branches of fruit from the neighboring cherry orchards, they gave them to the children to take back to the city as a token of peace.

A LITTLE GIRL'S SUCCESS.

She was always writing, this little Western Hilda—scribbling, nurse and her playmates called it. She wrote in school, when sometimes she should have been working at arithmetic; and then the black mark in the arithmetic column more than outweighed the fine mark for her essay.

Only mamma knew Hilda's great castle in the air, to have something she wrote and loved so well to write printed, really, truly printed in a magazine or paper.

"If you will stay out doors all day this lovely Saturday," mamma promised Hilda the day she was twelve.

The doorway is the smallest opening possible for the bird to enter, and is frequently so disguised that it is easy matter to discover it, even though you may have first seen the bird dart through it.

The works seemed very long after the little girl's verse. "When School Is Done," which mamma thought would do, were sent off; and one could only wait for the important number to come.

came at last, and there, in black and white, where no one could help seeing them, were the verses "When School Is Done." And in a few days came a beautiful silver badge.

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CLEVER LITTLE HAMMER-HEAD.

A great many other birds build very elaborate nests or houses, but none seem to have acted with quite the same modern architectural spirit as the hammerhead.

It selects a sheltered ledge of rock when possible, sometimes choosing a spot almost inaccessible to man, but sometimes building also on the open plain.

WELCOME AS SUNSHINE after storm is the relief when an obstinate, pitiless cough has been driven away by Allen's Lung Balsam.

Chats With Young Men MONEY AND CHARACTER.

Perhaps there is nothing else which reveals one's real character like money or the lack of it.

Money is a great blab, a great revealer of personal history. It brings out all one's weaknesses. It indicates his wise or foolish spending or wise or foolish saving; it reveals his real character.

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