

The Children's Page

THE CARELESS DOLL. I took my dolly for a walk. Before we reached the gate...

I took my dolly for a ride. It was a windy day. She broke her pretty parasol; her bonnet flew away.

I took my dolly for a sail, and what did dolly do. But drop her necklace overboard—it was her best one, too!

And then, the more I scolded her the more she smiled and smiled. Now, would you take her out again—she's such a naughty child?

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS TIME. (Tune, "A Little Birdie in a Tree.") Stars shine bright and keen winds blow; Laughingly children go; Merry bells make tuneful chime At the Christmas time.

Refrain. Stars shine bright and keen winds blow; Laughingly children go; Merry bells make tuneful chime At the Christmas time.

Flickering with glancing beam Gay balls shine, candles gleam; Sparkling fruit hangs fair to see On the Christmas tree.

DYING IN HARNESS. Only a fallen horse, stretched out there on the road— Stretched in the broken shafts, and crushed by the heavy load.

With the broken shafts, and the cruel load—waiting only to die; Watchers, he died in harness—died in the shafts and straps; Fell, and the great load killed him; one of the day's mishaps;

TAME ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN. (By Nixon Waterman.) A thick-fleeced lamb came trotting by. "Pray, whither now, my lamb," quoth I.

I asked the dog: "Why all this din?" Said he: "I'm fashioned outside in. And all my days and nights I've tried My best to get the bark outside."

I asked the cat: "Pray tell me why You love to sing." She blinked her eye. "My purr-purr, sir, as you can see, Is to a-news myself," said she.

I asked the cow: "Why don't you kick The man who whips you with a stick?" "Alas! I must be lashed," said she, "So I can give whipped cream, you see!"

PUSSY AT SCHOOL. One morning, when 'twas mild and cool, Miss Pussy Cat ran off to school. To show the children just the way That kittens work and kittens play.

When once in school she silent sat, Like any model pussy cat, And when she had a word to say She'd gently raise her paw this way.

Her teacher thought her very bright, She studied hard with all her might, And when she said her "A, B, C," 'Twas a tongue quite new to me.

This clever cat nevertheless Waked up the moment 'twas recess. She danced and jumped, and all declare She was the smartest scholar there.—Jeanette R. Murphy, in New World.

PROVING HIS WORTH. As Dan Brewer skipped away from the telegraph office, his face radiant with anticipation, he said: "To-morrow my name shall be on the pay roll. Father says I can take the train down to the city in the morning, see Mr. Shelton, the superintendent, and ask for a job."

"Dan, however, felt less brave and less confidence in himself as he stood next morning before Mr. Shelton and felt the eyes of the "big man" upon him.

"That's fair," said Shelton, winking at Haskett. "Here, test the young man from Las Palomas."

At first Dan's pen staggered and floundered over the words, then it steadied down into the swinging "copy" of an old-timer. He forgot that he was being tested. He thought that he was back with his father at Las Palomas, copying for practice.

"Father isn't strong any more, and I wanted my name on the pay roll so much, so I could help the folks at home," said Dan.

The train was being run by a "plains" crew, compelled to take the run over the mountain on account of a washout beyond Las Palomas.

All the way up the mountain Dan watched the "double-header" freight following the passenger train within the ten-minute limit.

At Resetta, halfway up the mountain, the passenger train stopped for water. Dan ran out to the little telegraph office, and as he stood there listening to the click of the instrument the freight engine pushed around the curve and Bob Preston, the engineer, waved a friendly greeting to the boy.

After that Dan sat in silence, but he was very watchful. He could not help noticing that the passenger was losing time, and the freight, while staying strictly within her time, was gaining on them slowly.

"My smart kid," retorted the brakeman, "I can protect the rear of this train without any instructions from you."

Dan walked back to the rear coach and stood on the platform outside to hide his flushed face. They were almost at the tunnel's mouth. "If I don't do it, there will be a terrible accident," he said. "I know Preston will never blame me for being too careful."

The next second the boy grasped a red light just inside the coach and quickly swung himself off the slowly moving train, which soon shot into the blackness of the tunnel.

bore swiftly toward him. A few wild swings of the lantern brought an answer from Preston, who reversed the engine and brought them to a panting stop just without the tunnel. "Hello, Dan!" he cried.

"What is the trouble, my lad?" "No. 3 will hardly make it through the tunnel without stalling, so I flagged you," replied Dan.

"At that instant the brakeman of the passenger staggered out of the tunnel, nearly choked with smoke. "Thank God!" he cried, grasping Preston's hand. Stopped just in time to save us. We're working with a lame engine, and are stalled in the tunnel."

"Two days after Dan received a message from Mr. Shelton. It was: "You are on our pay roll now. Assume your duties as assistant operator at Las Palomas at once. We can never thank you enough for that affair at Summit Tunnel."

THE BOY AND HIS WORK. "Don't that look just fine?" It was no vain conceit that made a certain boy say these words one day last summer. His blue eyes were shining with honest pride because of the perfectness and trimness of the small garden he had finished weeding and hoeing.

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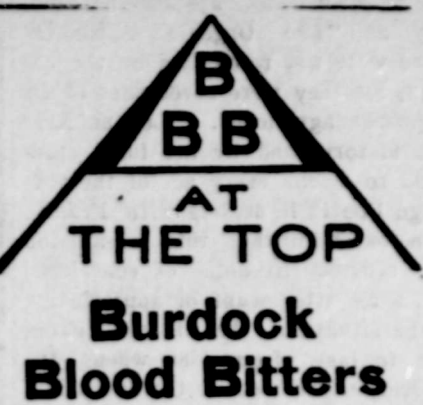
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It is hard for one living in the crowded cities of the North to realize the density of ignorance concerning the Catholic Church among the rank and file of the people in the Southern States. There are hundreds of counties in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, that have not a single Catholic and there are thousands of the citizens who have never seen a Catholic priest.

Richmond has had its day of Church splendor on Thanksgiving, and all the citizens irrespective of creed or color turned out to do the visiting prelates honor.

Rev. T. E. Water, a graduate of the Apostolic Mission House, and Rev. J. Van Ingelgem, constitute the regularly organized Apostolate for the diocese of Richmond. Father Waters has been giving missions with great success during the year past, since the left the Mission House, and recently Father Van Ingelgem has joined forces with him.

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Amongst all the children of the Church the Irish have given the most striking proofs of inviolable constancy. The Catholics of Ireland have kept the faith of St. Patrick in spite of three centuries of persecution. Neither tribulation nor famine nor the sword was able to separate you from Jesus Christ and His vicar.

I beg of your Eminence to be the interpreter of our deep gratitude to our venerable brothers, their Lordships and archbishops and bishops of Ireland, and to accept the homage of my profound veneration.

Your Eminence's most humble and devoted servant, FRANCIS CARD. RICHARD, Archbishop of Paris.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS. Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company.

How to the Prettiest Oh, "Forfeits" is the greatest fun! My grandpa said that every-one Must play, because 'twas Christmas night—I heard one cousin told to bite About six inches of the poker! I ran to see if it would choke her; But no, sir, with the poker near Her face she stooped and bit my ear!

And I'd a lot of things to do, To "how before the prettiest." Who Could that be? I looked around But no one prettier I found Than my own ma, so I bowed Quite low to her, and said out loud, "I think you are the prettiest one." And father whispered, "Ri-son!"

Then, let me see—the rest Was "Miss the one that you love best!" Of course I didn't have to think About who that was. Quick as wink I kissed my mother. "Oh, I do Love you the best," I shouted. Whew! How they all laughed! I don't see why. But father whispered, "So do I!"

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