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Time table taking effect June 19th, 1904. All trains run by Ninetieth Meridian Standard Time.

GOING EAST.

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Time table taking effect June 20th, 1904. Trains run by eastern standard time.

GOING EAST.

No. 2 express, 7:35 a.m. No. 5 mail and express, 11:30 a.m.

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No. 3 express, 9:00 a.m. No. 7 mail and express, 4:45 p.m.

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Studies in Natural History.

The Boy.

This untamable little creature, which is well called "The Terror of the Neighborhood," is perhaps the most feared and dreaded of all animals...

Most people have the same instinctive desire to throttle a boy at sight, and on general principles, that they have to kill a snake. Unfortunately, the law prevents this; and as it has been found inexpedient to keep it confined like a lion or a jackal in a steel cage...

This causes everyone to view the advent of a Boy in a community with alarm, while the presence of two or three depreciates the value of property and makes nervous people flee from the vicinity.

Although naturalists have devoted much time to the study of this subject, they have never been able to definitely classify the Boy, owing to his partaking of the obnoxious traits of all the other animals.

Notwithstanding all this, however, the Boy is greatly esteemed as a household pet, and is quite generally kept in that capacity. Indeed, few families are satisfied and happy without one, although after having received one they never know another minute's peace and quiet as long as they have it about the house.

This is the most startling fact in all natural history, as, having observed their friends' boys, one would think that no money could induce a person to undertake to raise a creature that was so much trouble.

In looks the Boy presents a curious anomaly, as it changes at different ages. When it is quite young, and at the time, it may be observed, that most people select it, it is soft and beautiful, with an angelic expression that appeals strongly to female owners and causes them to rave over it.

A little later it gets stringy and long-legged, with pale green freckles and warts, and generally unsmooth and unprepossessing appearance. Fortunately, however, by this time its owners have become attached to it; otherwise it would be cast out to perish.

The habits of the Boy afford a most instructive study. It eats steadily from the time it gets up until it goes to bed, and devours the most indigestible substances with perfect impunity. Green apples, liquorice, hunks of bread and meat, doughnuts and whole pots of jam disappear down its throat without raising the slightest commotion in its stomach.

When it is not opening its mouth to poke food down, it is opening it to emit a series of hideous sounds, so practically a Boy's mouth is never shut. These sounds are unintelligible to human beings, but are apparently understood by its mates.

Naturalists also call attention to the fact that a Boy is the only animal that spends its time in play, and it has been further observed that it soon wearies of any sport that does not hurt someone else. Another curious thing is that although a Boy can play all day, he becomes ill and weary the minute work is suggested to him or he starts to school. This is probably constitutional.

Occasionally a boy has been broken in to do a few household tasks, but it requires so much energy and trouble to make it do any useful work that few people have the physical strength to attempt it.

Boys are also femiphobes, and frequently bite and kick when a pretty girl desires to kiss them and stroke their hair. In time, however, they can be broken of this bad habit, and taught to endure female caresses with much equanimity.

The chief characteristic of a Boy is his aversion to soap and water. In this it is like the cat, and it is with difficulty driven near the bath tub. It also balks at being dressed up and shown off before company. Now and then, it is true, you find one who will consent to be adorned in Fauntleroy collars, and who will get out on the floor and do its little tricks without the whip, but these are never pure-blooded Boys. They are mongrels with a strong strain of Sissy in them.

A curious thing in this connection is that everyone who owns a Boy believes that he is a wonder and will be a future winner in the show. He also bitterly resents the insinuation that his Boy possesses the same characteristics of other boys, or would be guilty of such a thing as breaking windows or ringing old maids' door bells.

Most people, as has been said, like to keep a Boy themselves, but all, without exception, object to their neighbors, and those who have none get even by prophesying evil things of the Boy across the street. Sometimes, however, the creature turns out well, and then we all brag that we knew it when it was a Boy.

His Complaint.

I am a baby, eleven months old, and nearly worn out already. Please let me alone!

I am not a prodigy, except to the extent that, not having anything to say, I don't talk. Two big persons claim to be my parents—why can't they let it go at that? I have never denied the charge. I haven't much data to go by, but I don't think I am either a magician, a learned pig, or a virtuoso. I don't hanker for applause; so, it will be an appreciated favor if you won't put me through any perior tricks.

If I have my wealthy old Uncle Ezra's nose, congratulate Uncle Ezra, but don't blame me. I may be a kleptomaniac, for all I know, but I can't help it.

Don't rattle rattles at me—they rattle me. Don't goo-goo and noisic-koo-fa-as-me. I can't understand it any better than the English language.

The pain I have is not in my stomach, but in my neck. I don't want to be entertained or mystified or medicated or applauded. And, if you don't want me to grow up to be a hypochondriac, a stamp-collector, an awful example, a ping-pong enthusiast, a misanthrope, you just let me alone!—"Smart Set."

Deedee.—That man called me a liar, a cad, a scoundrel, and a puppy. Would you advise me to fight for that? Old Gent.—By all means. There's nothing nobler in this world, young man, than fighting for the truth.

Two old women, "Mother" Baker Eddy and Mack Twain, alone-whanging each other in the papers, do not present an edifying spectacle.—"Town Topics."

DUART

July 18.—Hugh McPhail, who has undergone a successful operation at the General Hospital, Chatham, for a stone in the kidney, is progressing favorably with every indication of a full restoration to health.

Win Curtis, Orford's veteran orange-picker, spent the glorious 12th in Blenheim, taking in the walk. Mr. Curtis is in his eighty-eighth year and is high up in the order, capable in fact of riding the white horse.

Eight from the public school wrote on the recent entrance examinations in Highgate, and they were all successful but one. Seven out of eight is a good record. Willie Rettenmier, aged 9, from the village, was the youngest candidate at Highgate and one of those that passed.

The school has lost a good teacher in the quitting of the profession by Mr. Caldwell. At the close of the term the scholars presented him with an address and a gold ring. Before leaving the village his many friends gave him another address and a gold headed cane.

BOTANY.

The Methodist social was a success. Mrs. and Miss Houston, of Florence, spent Friday at Mr. P. Gillespie's.

Miss Ella Cameron is visiting in Turin. The farmers are very busy at the hay.

The Ladies' Aid of the Botany Presbyterian church will hold a social on the lawn of Mr. Peter Gillespie, on Wednesday evening, July 27; supper from 7 to 9, after which a good program consisting of singing and reciting; also the Ridgeway brass band. All are welcome.

Miss Mary McMillan has returned home after visiting friends in London.

SELTON.

July 19.—Haying is in order. Botany is to have a social on the lawn of Peter Gillespie on the 27th inst.

The rain on Monday evening was welcomed by the farmers. Crops in this vicinity are looking good.

Beachwood has organized a baseball team. Miss Minnie Gardiner has returned home after spending a week in Highgate.

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