

For the Children

THE SQUIRREL AND THE SAP.

THERE have been several gray squirrels about the premises of H. K. Morrell, in Gardner, all winter, and the other day Mrs. Morrell was the witness of a curious act by one of them. He was in a maple tree, and gnawed off some of the bark on the upper side of a limb. When the sap had commenced to run and was gathering in drops on the lower side of the limb, the squirrel reached down and drank it. How he knew there was sap in the maple, and that it is time for it to run, does not appear, but it is evident that he did know both that the maple was the sap tree and that it was time for the sap.—Kennebec Journal.

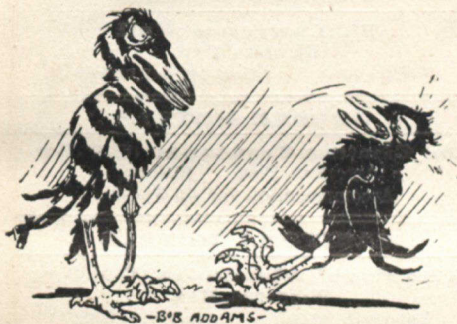
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LAYING IN WINTER SUPPLIES.

Apples and flowers, birds' nests, precious stones—precious to the owner,—growing plants and baby mud-turtles all figure in the collection of treasures carried back from the country, says a writer in the "Deaconess Advocate," but rarely has a "fresh air" displayed the foresight of a mother who was seen clambering over a rail fence into a piece of underbrush.

"Faith, an' it's some o' thim nice switches I'm after, Miss Brown," was the reply to the deaconess' question. "I haven't been able to find me a dacint switch fer the byes sence I was in the kentry last summer, and now I'm goin' to take home enough to last till next year."

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Mrs. Crow: Algernon! Algernon! you have been in jail!

Mr. Crow: I have not. I leaned against a whitewashed fence.—N.Y. Life.

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WHERE IT CAME FROM.

During the course of a geography lesson recently, the teacher asked the following question:

"Who can tell me what useful article we get from the whale?"

"Whalebone," promptly replied a boy.

"Right. Now, who knows what we get from the seal?"

"Sealing-wax!" shouted a little girl. — Harper's Monthly.

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FIRE, WATER AND HONOUR.

(From the Italian of Gozzi.)

Once upon a time Fire, Water and Honour dwelt together. Fire could never remain in one place, and Water, also, was always moving; therefore, yielding to their inclinations, they induced Honour to travel in their company. However, before setting out all three decided that it was necessary to agree upon a sign by which they could find one another if they should chance to separate, or lose their way. Said Fire: "If I ever part company with you, look well, and mark the place where you see smoke, which is my signal; there you will certainly find me." "If you lose sight of me," said Water, "seek me, not where drought prevails, or the earth is parched, but wherever you see willows, alder trees, reeds, or thick green grass; you behold my footsteps, follow them, there shall I be."

"As for me," said Honour, "keep your eyes wide open, and fix them well on me; hold me fast, for if mischance leads me from the way, and I lose it, never again will you find me."

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