

## WHAT TO DO ON RAINY DAYS.

"Dear me, how it rains! What in the world shall we do to-day when we can't go outdoors to play? It's all well enough for girls, they can have fun with their dolls, but what can a boy do in the house when his mother has asked him to keep quiet? Can't you think of something we boys can do to amuse ourselves on rainy days?" asks a little reader of this page. "We can play games, of course, and read, but can't you tell us boys how to make things?"

Now this seems rather a large order, don't you think? Still, I have rather neglected the boys in this respect, and I must do my best, though I fear the practical part of my suggestions must be left to them to work out for themselves.

I once knew a boy who made himself a lovely theater, and used to amuse all his friends for miles round by giving performances of various plays. Couldn't you do the same, I wonder? This theater was all made of cardboard (I think a large hatbox had a great deal to go with it), and he made scenes by cutting trees, houses, etc., out of illustrated papers, coloring them and arranging them to suit his purpose. For the characters he also cut out suitable figures after pasting them on cardboard and these he fixed on little tin clips which were pushed in at either side of the theater as the play proceeded. The actual plays he bought, suiting them to the characters, and changing his voice for the various parts. This is all I can recollect, but no doubt you, yourselves, could think of other improvements.

Those of you who are fond of modeling might invest in some of the special kind of clay sold at most of the toy establishments, and make all sorts of things—baskets, dishes, horses, houses, etc. You can surely get this clay at any store that keeps kindergarten materials.

Another good plan is to keep a box in the nursery or your own room and collect all used matches, corks, odd bits of ribbon and silk, and beads of all sorts, colors and sizes. With scissors and a sharp penknife you could turn out some very amusing things from the corks. For instance, by carefully shaping a piece of cork you could make the body of a stork; two matches would make his legs, another match his neck, a little lump of cork, properly shaped, his head, while another pointed piece of match would serve as a bill. Ducks, chickens, pigs and cats could all be contrived in this fashion, together with dainty little boats with silken sails and masts of matches.

From a collection of colored beads you could manufacture rings and chains for your sisters and cousins and friends. Then again I have heard of some very good results being obtained by covering boxes, stools, plates, etc., with the colored paper rings off stamps, cut up and arranged in various designs. Cigarette and cigar boxes covered in this way would make very pretty presents, or you could cover the little glass trays and plates that come for this purpose and are now sold very cheap.

## YOUR SUMMER OUTING.

If you are fond of fishing, canoeing, camping or the study of wild animals look up the Algonquin National Park of Ontario for your summer outing. A fish and game preserve of 2,000,000 acres interspersed with 1200 lakes and rivers is awaiting you, offering all the attractions that Nature can bestow. Magnificent canoe trips. Altitude 2,000 feet above sea level. Pure and exhilarating atmosphere. Just the place for a young man to put in his summer holidays. An interesting and profusely illustrated descriptive publication telling you about it sent free on application to J. Quinlan, Bonaventure Station, Montreal, Que.

## THE OBJECTION — BOOMERANG.

It is better to get a needed work done than to show why it cannot be done. It takes less time, and commands more respect from our fellows, to do what we ought to do promptly and unobtrusively. For whatever needs to be done is going to be done, and it is really better sense to do it ourselves, if the opportunity comes to us, than to advertise our efficiency and poor judgment by trying to prove that it cannot or need not be done. As has been keenly said: "Things move along so rapidly now-a-days that people who say 'It can't be done' are interrupted by somebody doing it." Objections to a good thing always hurt the man who raises them more than they hurt any one else.

## A WISE DECISION.

Said Peter Paul Augustus: "When I am grown a man, I'll help my dearest mother the very best I can.

I'll wait upon her kindly; she'll lean upon my arm; I'll lead her very gently, and keep her safe from harm.

"But, when I think upon it, the time will be so long,"

Said Peter Paul Augustus, "before I'm tall and strong,

I think it would be wiser to be her pride and joy By helping her my very best while I'm a little boy."

—The Brown Memorial Monthly.

## WHERE PUSSY'S NAME CAME FROM.

Did you ever think why we call a cat "Pussy?"

Many years ago the people of Egypt, who had many idol gods, worshipped the cat. They thought that she was like the moon, because she was most active at night, and because her eyes changed, just as the moon changes; for the moon, you know, is sometimes full and round, and sometimes only a slender crescent, or "half-moon," as we call it. Did you ever notice your pussy's eyes to see how they change?—for sometimes they, too, are big and round; and again the pupils narrow, until they are nothing but little slits.

So the Egyptians made an idol with a cat's head, and named it "Fasht," the same name which they gave to the moon; for the word means, "the face of the moon." In course of time that word was changed to "Fas," or "Pus," according to the speech of the people who uttered it; and at last it has come to be "Puss," the name which almost everyone gives to the cat—for, as you know, puss and pussy-cat are pet names for kitty everywhere. Not many people, however, think of it as given to her thousands of years ago, or dream that in those far-away times a great nation bowed down and prayed to her.

## INHERITANCE.

There lived a man who raised his hand and said, "I will be great!" And through a long, long life he bravely knocked at Fame's closed gate.

A son he left who, like his sire, strove High place to win; Worn out, he died, and, dying, left no trace that he had been.

He also left a son, who, without care or planning how, Bore the fair letters of a deathless fame upon his brow.

"Behold a genius, filled with fire divine!" the people cried, Not knowing that to make him what he was two men had died.

Isabelle E. Mackay.

Time spent in meditation is not wasted. It is then that we gather strength for work.

## SUFFERING BABIES.

Mothers can find sure relief for their suffering little ones in Baby's Own Tablets. These Tablets are a gentle laxative that do not gripe the little one, and cure all the minor ills of babies and young children. They are pleasant to take, prompt in their action, and unlike "soothing" stuffs, they never do harm and the mother has the guarantee of a Government analyst that they contain no drugs harmful to even the youngest baby. Thousands of mothers give their little ones nothing else but Baby's Own Tablets when constipation, stomach troubles, indigestion, colds or worms bother the baby, or when the dreaded teething time comes. Mrs. Jos. Mercier, Plessisville, Que., says "My baby was a great sufferer from constipation, but thanks to Baby's Own Tablets the trouble has disappeared." The Tablets are sold by all druggists or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## OUT OF THE WAY NOTES.

Wasp soup is looked upon as a great delicacy in China.

Austria, remarkable for its large eaters, has the highest death-rate.

Seven million persons are employed in the cultivation of the vine in France.

Animals to the number of nearly 70,000,000 are killed yearly for the sake of their fur.

Crocodiles, like ostriches, consume pebbles and small stones for the purpose of grinding up their food.

Burnt sienna is really a paint manufactured from the natural earth obtained in the neighborhood of Sienna, Italy.

Bermuda women are noted for their fine complexions. This is said to be partly due to the fact that they eat plentifully of onions.

At a wedding in some parts of Java the bride, as a sign of her subjection, kneels and washes the feet of the bridegroom after he has trodden upon raw eggs.

An African elephant is of value only for its ivory, of which a full-grown animal yields from £50 to £80 worth. On the other hand, a working Indian elephant can not be bought for less than £500 to £700.

The death plant of Java has flowers which give off a perfume so powerful as to overcome, if inhaled for any length of time, a full-grown man, and which kills all forms of insect life that come under its influence.

Snakes in tropical countries are often treated almost as domestic animals. The ship chandlers of Rio Janeiro, for example, keep a boa among their bulky goods to act as a ratcatcher. These creatures often become partially tamed, and are then bought by menageries.

The donkey, next to the camel, is the most useful and hardworking animal in Egypt. He is in much request amongst tourists, and may also be seen creeping home at sunset, so laden with clover, with a full-grown man and a child perched on the top of the load, that nothing is visible but his head and tail.

The only life worth living is the one that does the will of God. In it the soul finds expansion, uplift, exhilaration, freedom, and abiding joy. In it is the promise of all present and eternal good. He that does the will of God at all, does it freely and from the heart, and he that does it has real life now and will abide forever.

If God calls us to go to the manger for his sake we will find there gold, frankincense and myrror, and hear there the songs of the heavenly country, and see there the smile of the Christ.