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The Amusement of Sick Children.

By Grace Turner Adams.

All families in which children are to be found come sooner or later to a time when sickness enters the home and keeps the active little bodies quiet for a season. Those who have had the care of a sick child through long, weary weeks of a slow recovery will understand why most mothers are glad of suggestions which may help to pass the hours pleasantly and profitably, and yet not tax the little invalid beyond his strength.

It is not always necessary to spend much time or money in preparing the material for amusing a sick child. A few old magazines, a pair of blunt-pointed scissors, paste or mucilage, a box of water-color paints, some brown paper and a pencil will accomplish wonders.

If you are so fortunate as to have an old seed-catalogue, it is easy to provide hours of delight. Take a large sheet of brown wrapping-paper, iron it smooth, and cut it into pieces about three by five inches. In the florists' seed catalogues can usually be found a picture of a large rose, which may easily be traced off by laying a piece of thin tissue-paper over the picture, and following with a soft-lead pencil the principal lines of the flower. This done, it is an easy matter to lay the tissue over one of the brown-paper pages, and after being sure that the penciled side is toward the paper, again trace over the lines previously made with the pencil. After removing the tissue, a dim outline is seen, which may be lined in a little heavier.

Now the picture is ready to paint. If you wish a red rose, color the blossoms and buds red, and by mixing blue and yellow you can get any shade of green for the stems and foliage. Paint very carefully, and take plenty of time. Other pages may be made from this same rose-pattern, coloring the roses pink or yellow. Daisies, lilies, pansies, asters and many other flowers may be found and used; the greater the variety and coloring, the prettier the book.

A source of never-failing delight to a number of small children is to have a story told, no matter how old it may be, and have each thing mentioned in the story pictured on paper. For example, take the sentence "A little girl one day started out with a basket of apples for her grandmother;" in this a little girl, a basket of fruit and a house will convey the ideas. Tell only one sentence at a time, and let the children hunt for pictures to illustrate. As soon as found and cut out, paste the pictures in a line on a long strip of brown paper. At the close of the story you will find that the children not only like to see the pictures come one after another, but that they will be able to repeat the story quite correctly with the aid of the pictures.

Some children like to cut out pictures, but do not know what to do with them afterward. Suppose we have a box of pictures all cut out and ready to paste. A large piece of heavy brown paper will make the foundation. A pretty house may be put in one corner, and a dog near by; some trees and flowers in the background; a man and woman in an opposite corner may be supposed to live in the house; a train of cars off in the distance, with a hammock and a chair under a tree; endless things may be found when once a picture is commenced. At first the effect will be rather laughable, but after a little practice the child will grasp some idea of relative size, and a much better picture will be the result.

In many of the current magazines are well-printed reproductions of works of art. These may be utilized by an older child in making pretty ornaments for the walls of the nursery. A long strip of heavy paper with all sorts and kinds of animals is not only interesting, but instructive; or a yard of cats or dogs

alone will make a surprising display. A margin around each picture adds much to the effectiveness. Cartridge-paper may be bought by the yard, and is especially pretty in red or green to use for a background.

Pretty little medallions for mounting are made by cutting circles or ovals of the cartridge-paper, then cutting the picture the same shape, but much smaller.

Whatever is given a child for amusement should require as little mental strain as possible, and the materials should be of light weight. If the child becomes tired of one occupation, try something different, and under no condition let him realize that you are trying to amuse him for the purpose of keeping him quiet; for if he finds out that the joy is not yours as well as his, much of his pleasure will be lost.—[Woman's Home Companion.]

TRADE TOPICS.

THE McDOUGALL DIP.—The Worthington Drug Co., of Guelph, Ont., announce that they have secured the Eastern Canada agency for the old-reliable McDougall sheep dip and cattle wash, so long and favorably known among Old Country live-stock men.

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GOSSIP.

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GOSSIP.

Hon. John Dryden, of Brooklyn, Ont., writes from Shrewsbury, England, that he has succeeded in purchasing a few choice Shropshire ewes and rams. He states that all he has bought so far are extra good and of excellent type. There will be about forty or forty-five imported ewes and rams coming in this importation. He describes them thus: "They will make a good-looking lot when they come together, and are the breediest lot that I have ever imported. We shall always be pleased to correspond with parties desiring any imported or home-bred sheep. Our Canadian-bred yearling rams are in good condition and doing fine; and from a bunch of thirty we can offer a few very select flock headers. We have sold all the yearling ewes of our own breeding. Frank Harding, of Wisconsin, takes the entire lot; they are of fine quality, nicely covered and very uniform."

All Fours 459, A. H. S. B., whose photo-engraving appears on another page of this issue, is one of the Hackneys to be sold at auction by Lewin & Cox, at Brantford, Ont., on August 10th, next. All Fours is four years old, stands 16 hands, weighs 1,275 pounds, and is a beautiful actor. He was sired by Fandango 143, the champion of America, dam Mischief 718. Fandango will be remembered as the winner of the Hackney championship at Madison Square Garden in 1901, first at New York State Fair, first at Pan-American, first at National Show, and first at all three shows for stallion and get. In England, where he was shown eight times, he won six firsts and two seconds in 1899 and 1900. All Fours is a very promising sire, and should prove quite an attraction at the sale. There will also be included in this sale the three-year-old Hackney stallion, Jubilee Performer 6222, 2122, E. H. S. B., by Imp. Jubilee Chief, champion at World's Fair, Chicago, dam Miss Baker 1343, E. H. S. B., an unbeaten winner. The four-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Prince Robert 2719, sire Macara 2727, dam Cherry Sweet 2787, by Cedric, is also in the sale, together with two young Hackney mares, a Standard-bred filly, fifteen months old, and a grand lot of Shorthorn and Holstein cattle and Berkshire swine. Send for the catalogue.

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