

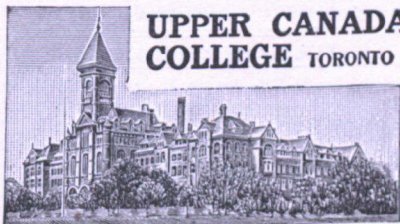
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nearly three years old, possesses  
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doxical peculiarities than I have ever  
known a cat to have before, and I loved  
cats all my life. He bathes like a seal, hav-  
ing taught himself in a sponge bath when  
about three months old, and thoroughly  
enjoys a romp with my big Labrador dog  
afterward to get dry.

He is a perfect demon for fledgling birds,  
walking all over the front of the ivy-clad  
house and hooking them from their nests,  
very often pouching fourteen a day. Yet  
he lies in the dining-room where a gold-  
finch, a siskin and a linnet fly backward  
and forward continuously, often brushing  
close past his head, and of them he never  
takes the slightest notice.

As I write he is mothering a belated  
chick which was extracted from its shell by  
ourselves this morning, the hen having left  
the nest with twelve others. It is snuggling  
between the cat's hind legs and peeping out  
between them most comically. I must add  
that this cat has never been beaten, or  
trained in any way, except by a quiet word.  
—F. J. Bullen, in London Spectator.

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### Easeful Death.

"What did she die of?"  
"Why, they said it was eatin' of ices on the top  
of 'ot pudden."  
"What a lovely death!"—Windsor Magazine.

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### GOING BOARDING.

Aunt Marion had been staying with  
Dick and Marjorie's mamma, previous to  
moving to a boarding-house, where she in-  
tended to live. During the whole length  
of her visit the children had heard very  
little else talked about other than the im-  
portant question of Aunt Marion's going  
boarding.

On the day of her departure their mamma  
was greatly surprised on going into the  
garden to find Dick and Marjorie sitting  
perfectly still, one on either end of a long  
plank dragged into the centre of the lawn.

"Why children," she exclaimed, "what  
are you doing?"

Marjorie held up her hand, imploringly.  
"Please, mamma, don't 'sturb us; we've  
gone boarding like Aunt Marion."

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### HONEST ETHEL.

Little Ethel—"Mamma, don't people ever  
get punished for telling the truth?"

Mamma—"No, dear. Why do you ask?"

Little Ethel—"Cause I just took the  
last three tarts in the pantry, and I thought  
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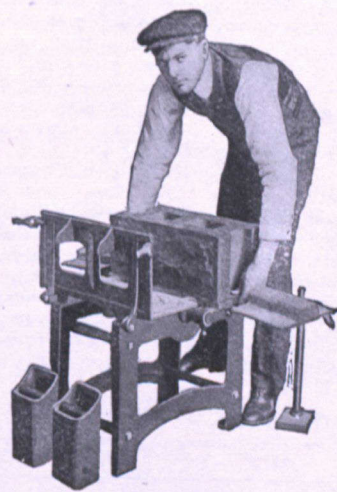


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