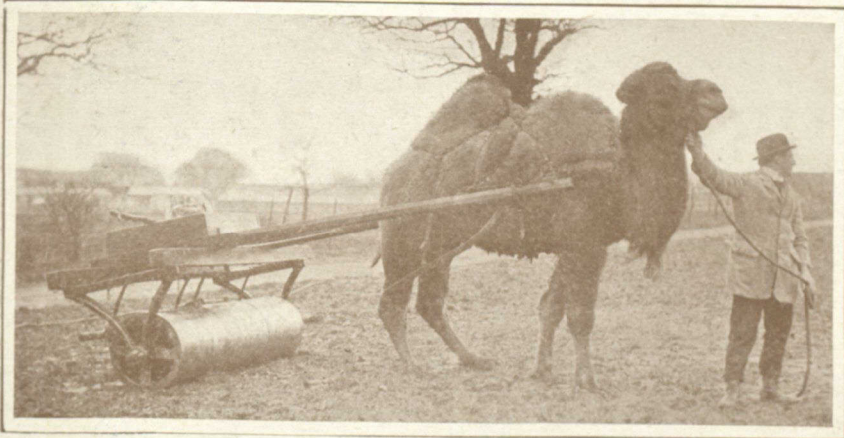
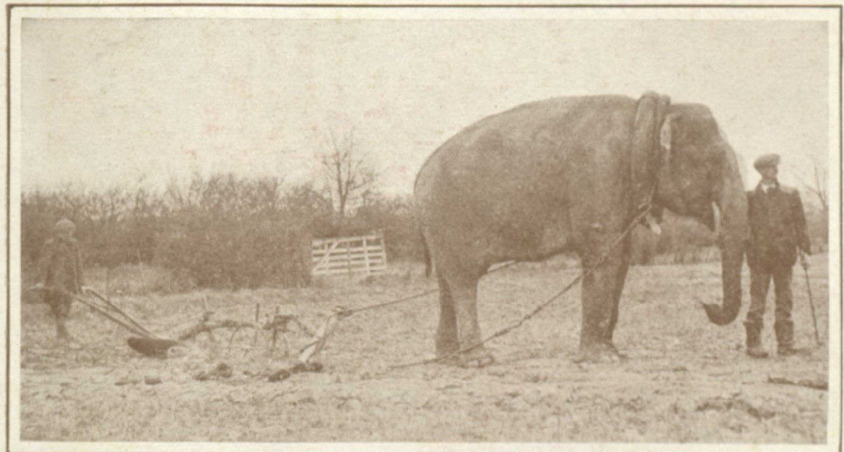


# FOR THE JUNIORS

## VACATION ON THE FARM



Circus animals, just like school children, have holidays every year, though their vacation comes in the winter, when the circus business is slow. Our picture shows one of the fine camels that travel with an English circus taking a well-earned rest on a farm at Horley, England. He is being used to draw a roller over the pastures, by way of giving him a little exercise.



The elephant, on the other hand, is such an expensive fellow to feed that even while he is taking a holiday he must be working to pay his expenses. This elephant is pulling a plough and doing the work of a farm horse, though by his expression he doesn't seem to be greatly enjoying the experience.

### THE SLEEPING TREE.

Did you ever hear of a tree, the perfume of whose blossoms would send people to sleep? Such an one has lately been found in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The chief gardener in this park noticed that a beautiful palm tree was covered with buds which would soon burst into bloom. As the tree had never bloomed before he was very much interested and kept a close watch on it. One day he came upon the tree covered with flowers, and lying at the foot of it were a number of small animals and birds, dead. The gardener, on coming closer to examine them, inhaled a most wonderful perfume that came from the blossoms, and presently felt a very drowsy feeling steal over him. It was with considerable difficulty that he kept himself from falling asleep.

It was discovered that the tree was a native of the South Sea Islands, and had been brought to America by a young Australian botanist. In its own country it was called "The Sleeping Palm" and only bloomed once in fifty years. The flowers were used by the Islanders as a drug, powerful enough to put a human being to sleep and to kill small animals and birds. This "Sleeping Palm" is the only one of its kind in North America.

### TEN LITTLE DUTIES.

Ten little duties! Does no good to whine;  
Skip about and do one, then there are nine!  
Nine little duties; it never pays to wait;  
Do one quick, and—presto!—there are only eight.  
Eight little duties; might have been eleven;  
One done in no time, now there's only seven.

Seven little duties; 'tisn't such a fix;  
Do one more, and—bless me!—there are only six.

Six little duties; sure as I'm alive!  
Never mind, one's over; now there are only five.

Five little duties knocking at your door!  
Lead one off to Doneland, that leaves only four.

Four little duties, plain as plain can be!  
Can't be shirked—one's over—leaving only three.

Three little duties; like a soldier true  
Meet them and vanquish one; then there'll be but two.

Two little duties between you and fun;  
In just a minute longer there'll be only one!

One little duty; now what will you do?  
Do it! why, surely; now you are through!

—Selected.

### "SAMMY POST OFFICE."

By Alice Jean Cleator.

SAMMY POST OFFICE is a large, ink-black, year-old kitten, owned by Miss Nellie Cleator, postmaster at the East Claridon, Ohio, post office.

Sammy sometimes acts as "messenger boy," and carries notes around his neck from the Cleator home to Miss Cleator when at the post office. When he hears the post office keys jingle in the morning, he jumps up and follows her to the office. He thinks he is the "assistant." He also seems to think a mail-sack the nicest cushion in the world.

When the mail-sacks are brought in for the sorting of mail, Sammy leaves his basket and sits in the big window where he can oversee the job.

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