

Children's Page

THE LITTLE REGIMENT.

Rat-a-tat-tat, Rat-a-tat-tat; marching in line they come, Keeping time to the martial strains of bugle and fife and drum;

Gaily their flag above them waves, as with their ranks content, Shouldering muskets, and marking time, comes the little regiment.

What though their banner is torn and tin, they are called into service

What though the tallest veteran there can boast but the age of nine, Hurrah for the little regiment, as bravely it steps in line!

Here's a captair stern anh there is a colonel with flashing sye, And even a general marches past with his curly head held high;

No soldier in all their sturdy ranks but has nobly won his spurs. Three cheers for the little regiment and its staff of officers!

On, who can tell of the gallant heart that beat in that childish band!

Of such as these are our heroes made who fight for the Fatherland. In these must the nation's future hope of safety and honor lie-Hats off to the little regiment as

proudly it marches by. -lda Goldsmith Morris.

OLD JACK.

The very first day she was in the country, Ellen saw old Jack. He stood in the middle of the north pasing out on either side.

"Would he hurt us if we went in?" Ellen asked, wonderingly.

little Georgie, who vas only four, of the silk to be sold. Last year

"Then I'm not going near him," said Ellen decidedly. "I don't like bulls at all, if that's what they do.' That evening she asked Uncle John whether Old Jack was really as bad

as Georgie had said. Her uncle nodded his head in a queer way and smil-"If you got in front of him when his chain was off, you'd think so. He broke away last summer, and it took

three of us to chase him back into the field. I was glad that day, that I had a good club with me." "And can he run fast?" Ellen inquired, in an awe-stricken voice.

"If he ever takes after you, you might as well stand still and wait there is something connected with for him. He'd catch you, anyway. the person who doesn't run."

that she would never try to find out the privilege of being members of the whether old Jack would touch her or not. He was altogether too ugly and bad-tempered to be trifled with. But nearly every morning she would go down to the north pasture to look at him from a safe place behind the

One morning she went there, as usual, with little Georgie, and old Jack was not to be seen.

"I know why," said Georgie, clap-ping his hands. "Papa said le was going to sell him, and now he's done The mean old thing can't scare

"Then we can go into that field just the same as any other!" cried Ellen. "I'm so glad, because-she whispered into Georgie's ear—"Uncle John says banished to a lonely island far from there are mushrooms there. Let's his empire, was asked, as life was look for some right away, so that we waning, which was the happiest day can take them back for dinner."

Georgie agreed willingly, and in a ed intently, because all thought he trice they were over the fence. Ellen would say the day when he was ing was (sharp). John's younger felt as brave as could be now that crowned Emperor of France. But he old Jack was gone. She peered to right and left on the ground, and First Communion." And so it must never (flat). But she required a good presently, sure enough, she saw a ever be with all. Life can never piano for her use, one that was in round, white mushroom peeping up at hold, a more beautiful or happier hour splendid (tune). her. At the same moment Georgie than this spotless hour. found one, too, and as they went farther into the field, there were others. Ellen had lifted her pinafore, to serve as a basket, and it was really becoming almost full.

us. now!'

and Georgie. then she remembered her uncle's vest. But he was the honor gradu- following fashion: words. It was no use to run. "I ate, and at - the head of the class. Roll the jacks from the hand to the know what I'll do," she said to her- When a beautiful gold medal was ground; these are the cats. Then self, with a little tightening of the handed to him he stepped from the

me. stood her ground bravely. Presently a shout told her that Georgie had reached the fence. A second shout, like a child. It seemed the applause and—she gave a cry of joy; it was would never die away. And now he her uncle's voice. In another mo- has a high position as \$6,000 a year, hand may now be taken away, leavment she felt quite indignant, because his mother sits happily in the gloaming the dead cats in a bunch. he was laughing at her, and coming ings of a beyond, and the picture of Now Jack may be tossed across the field without any hurry at her noble, son hangs on the wall of all; and what was stranger still, the his alma mater. bull had stopped and began to nibble

the grass. "Ch, I'm so glad you came!" Ellen sobbed, with her uncle's arm around

For reply, Uncle John took her hand musical significance and substituting er. and led her right up to the big animal in front of them.

"Do you see who it is?" he asked mischievously. Ellen stared a moment; then her

tears changed to laughter. "Why, it's only our old Bessie cow!" she cried. "And I thought L was so brave!"

now. He looked down at her, admir-

ingly. "I still think you are," he said.

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SILK CULTURE IN CHINA.

Shan-tung, China, is noted for the quantity of raw silk that it furnishes thousands of silk culturists, but Lintry in the Chinese Empire.

Valleys and mountains are covered less with mulberry trees. The nature of A old; proudly they bear it aloft, the soil marvelously favors their what though their sabres are made of growth and the luxuriance of the foliage upon which the silkworms live. The trees put forth their first buds about the ead of April or the beginning of May. The appearance of the leaves coincides with the hatching of the larvae. The evolution of the silk-worms and the formation of the cocoons are watched over with great care by the seri-culturist. Then, in time, come the processes of boiling, beating, and gathering, or winding, the silk by the laborers. During a working day of twelve hours a laborer winds about two Chinese pounds of silk. Before being taken teep the of silk. Before being taken fram the reels, the silk is allowed to dry; then it is made into skeins, and is ready

to be sold. The quality of this silk-which is usually of a golden yellow color, though sometimes greyish-is excel-lent. It is carried to market in small quantities at a time. Perhaps the reason for this is that many robbers infest the roads on the eve of market day and on the day itself. The great silk market is at Ts'ingtcheou-fou. It is held every fifth day during July and August, and afterwards less frequently until mid-November, because of the autumn harvesting.

The vendors repair to the market ture and bellowed at her, with his in little companies from each village, head down and two little horns stick- in order that, being together, they may resist the robbers, if attacked on the way. Sometimes they journey thus twenty, fifty, or a hundred lis to sell their silk. The price per "He'd eat us right up," answered pound varies from day to day acbut had lived in the country all his the average price was a sum equiva-life.

FIRST COMMUNION.

How sweet they look, those hundreds of little girls, dressed in snowy white and wearing white wreaths and veils, that bespeak the pure, innocent, young modest hearts they so daintily cover, says Marie Louise for. Orleans. How noble they seem those numerous bands of manly little boys, wearing the white badge of their Fast Communion pinned over their hearts, and on the right arm the insignia that tells the world they have joined forever the ranks of their Blessed

But sometimes bulls won't touch a the spotless garb of a F. st Communicant that must insensibly touch Ellen made up her mind on the spot the hardest heart. To us, who have one true fold, it brings tears of love and memory of that hallowed day, when all untainted from the world we stood in the ranks of that pure white army and approached for first time the banquet of our Lord. Dear little boys and girls of the First Communion classes, never forget that sweet, happy day of your First Communion. Let its blessed memory abide with you, keeping you pure and spotless from the world; let the fragrant flowers planted this day grow and blossom forever in your Never, never again can life hold for you a day more pure, more free, more heaven-sent. A great Emperor who had been dethroned and of his life. Those around him listen-

A NOBLE BOY

A certain boy matriculated in one of the universities of the South. He Suddenly Georgie dropped a mush- was poorly clad. When this boy room he had just found, with a paid his hoard, tuition, and the price of second-hand books, he had just five "Look!" he cried. "He was there dollars left. At the end of the all the time! He's coming right at fourth year he took the "A.B." degree, and the next year the "A.M." Ellen looked toward the other side degree. His poor, old widowed motrot, with his eyes fixed full upon her at the end of that year he sat among "Run, Georgie!" she shouted; and brown linen coat and pants, and no for instance? It is played in the "I'll stay here; then he won't rostrum and walked straight to the the fist lightly closed, the thumb and touch Georgie, even if he does hurt back of the room, where, right by first finger lorming the opening to The bull came on at the same slow black,, and tied the blue ribbon with up, and, while he is in the air, one Eller was trembling, but she the great glittering medal around her of the four cats on the ground must

A MUSICAL-MYSTERY GAME.

An interesting little musical game may be played in the following manher. "Old Jack was coming straight toward us, but I didn't run because I wanted Georgie to reach the fence wanted in the following the story after the following the words with a "Come here unt" said his employexample, omitting the words with a dashes in their stead. The guests say it. are requested to read the story and But to supply the missing words, having to ask you if I could take," said had it explained to them that the wanted words must be musical terms. The words to be omitted appear in

parenthesis: Story-John Smith was the (minor) was so brave!"

was so brave!"

son of (Major) Smith, who belonged to the control of the control Parents buy Mother Graves' Worm of their conversation was always and all the discomforts which follow man being can read of the fate of not enough.

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each year for three years. (2) A homesteader may, if he so de- Frederic Nicholls sires, perform the required, residence E. R. Wood duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this require-

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

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GAMES PLAYED WITH JACK STONES.

Of course you boys and girls all of the pasture, and there was old ther sold one of the plow horses to know how to play jackstones, but Jack! He was coming at a steady pay him through the fifth year. But can be played with them. the graduates-dressed, in his plain Do you know "Cats in the Well,

> place your left hand near them, with the door, sat a homely old woman in one well. Jack may now be thrown

Now Jack may be tossed up, and this time all four cats must be picked up before Jack comes down.

TOOK THE WORDS OUT OF HIS MOUTH.

It was the day of the ball game, Have as many slips of paper and Willie, the office boy, approached

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More Bishops for Philippines

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The clergy of Philadelphia will present a testimonial to their former colleague, Right Rev. Msgr. James J. Carroll, on the occasion of his elevation to the bishopric of Vigan.

Smith family were pleasant people, of one or two pills for two or three loving a good (time). They were (natural) in manner, and the (theme) conversation was always a love of attacks of dyspepsia the effect of that injustice. No husentatives of Great Britain on the