

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

SILK CULTURE IN CHINA.

Shan-tung, China, is noted for the quantity of raw silk that it furnishes annually to all the silk manufacturers of the world. The southern and western parts of this province have thousands of silk culturists, but Lin-kin is the chief center of the industry in the Chinese Empire.

OLD JACK.

The very first day she was in the country, Ellen saw old Jack. He stood in the middle of the north pasture and bellowed at her, with his head down and two little horns sticking out on either side.

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 Points in the Morning Star of New Orleans.

A NOBLE BOY.

A certain boy matriculated in one of the universities of the South. He was poorly clad. When this boy paid his board, tuition, and the price of second-hand books, he had just five dollars left.

A MUSICAL-MYSTERY GAME.

An interesting little musical game may be played in the following manner: Have as many slips of paper as there are guests, and write on each slip a story after the following example, omitting the words with a musical significance and substituting dashes in their stead.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

Homestead Regulations

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situated. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at any Agency, on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years. (2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence 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 requirement.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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ing was (sharp). John's younger sister could sing a (solo) admirably, her voice being full of (melody) and never (flat). But she required a good piano for her use, one that was in splendid (tune).

To the boy and girl who fill the spaces with the correct words — or come nearest to doing so — a simple prize may be given. A sheet of music would be quite appropriate. Ten minutes should be allowed the players in which to supply the story with the missing words.

GAMES PLAYED WITH JACK STONES.

Of course you boys and girls all know how to play jackstones, but you may not know the games that can be played with them.

Do you know "Cats in the Well," for instance? It is played in the following fashion:

Roll the jacks from the hand to the ground; these are the cats. Then place your left hand near them, with the first lightly closed, the thumb and first finger forming the opening to one well. Jack may now be thrown up, and, while he is in the air, one of the four cats on the ground must be picked up and put in the well. Repeat the operation with the second, third and fourth cats until all have been drowned in the well. The left hand may now be taken away, leaving the dead cats in a bunch.

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, and Willie, the office boy, approached the head of the firm, and stammered: "If you p-p-pl-ease, sir!" "Come, hurry up!" said his employer. "If you have anything to say, say it. Don't take half a day."

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More Bishops for Philippines

The provincial council at Manila has petitioned the Holy See for the erection of four new dioceses in the Philippine Islands. Four American priests are spoken of as the probable appointees to the new sees when created. 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. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, has been notified of his appointment by the Imperial Government to succeed the late Major-General Sir A. J. Ardash as one of the four representatives of Great Britain on the Permanent Board of Arbitration at The Hague to settle international disputes.