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twenty-four hours. Always know where your things are. Never let a day pass without doing something to make someone comfortable. Never come to breakfast untidily dressed.

A VERY OLD DOLL.

The delight which a little girl sometimes experiences in getting hold of a doll that belonged to her mother when she was a little girla quaint, china-headed and chinahaired little creature, with low neck and short sleeves and very full ruffled skirt—is a tame thing when compared with the feelings that any girl

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must experence over a doll now in the British Museum. This doll is almost three thousand years old.

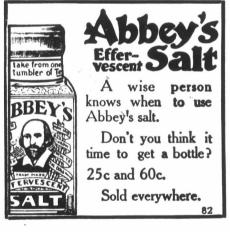
When some archæologists were explering an ancient Egyptian royal tomb they came upon a sarcophagus containing the mummy of a little princess seven years old. She was dressed and interred in a manner befitting her rank, and in her arms was found a little wooden doll.

about the quaint little wooden Egyptian doll. This, however, told its own story. It was so tightly clasped in the arms of the mummy that t was evident that the child had died with her beloved doll in her arms.

The simple pathos of this story has touched many hearts, after thousands of years. The doll occupies a place in a glass case in the British Museum, and there a great many children have gone to look at it.

CATCHING CROCODILES.

Shooting crocodiles is no sport; you sit in the bow of a canoe, rifle at hand, while two men paddle silently forward until you sight a dark, olive green, loglike thing in the mud. The "thing" is not so inanimate as it looks. Perhaps you have a momentary sight of a vellowish patch, the under side of its throat, as it moves off; and then you fire and paddle with all speed where the creature was-was, I repeat for nine times out of ten the past tense is the proper one. You may see a few spots of blood, to indicate you have instantly, and otherwise it is not secured. No matter how severely to other crocodiles. Of about a dozen I wounded to the death, I secured only one, and that because I was able to approach within ten yards,



and with my lead pointed ball mushrooming, drilled the disgusting reptile through and through. The Malays had a more certain way of securing the quarry. Their means was a bamboo raft two and one-half feet square, which carried an upright two-foot pole flying a small bit et rag. To the under side of the raft was attached about fifteen to twenty yards of stout line, ending in three feet of chain, a couple feet of wire and a stout barbed hook, to which was made fast a live fowl and a small section of hollow bamboo, to counterbalance the weight of chain and float the bait. Set adrift in the river, it was not long, as a rule, before a The inscription gave the name, arily disappeared from view, as the meals. It is rather an odd table, but rank, and age of the little girl, and hooked amphibian went ahead full the guests will not complain."

the date of her death, but it said steam, but always the little flag came, bedraggled, to the surface, and after awhile remained stationary, as the crocodile stayed his progress in an effort to disentangle himself from the bait. But by this time the hook had taken firm hold, and it simply became a question of putting a boy on the bank or on a canoe to watch the leisure, the Malays would haul the crocodile ashore and kill it.

"Mamma, it makes me so angry at the nasty dogs and cats," cried little Nellie as she came in one cold morning. "I sweep away the snow for the birdies to get their crumbs, and then some old cat or dog comes along and scares them all away. They aren't hungry at all, the mean things, for Sarah feeds them, but they just like to frighten the poor birdies."

"Yes, and it keeps us all play-time watching the food," said Rob. "I never get to coast a bit with my new sled since the snow came. I don't want the birds to starve, but its hard to lose all the play-time."

"Well," said Mrs. Anderson, "my little boy and girl must put their wits scored, but rarely is a crocodile killed to work to think up a good way to feed the birds without any danger from cats and dogs. I think you will wounded, it finds its way into the easily solve the problem if you work river to die and sink, or to fall prey a little while. You see if you could put the food where the cats and dogs and chi kens cannot reach it, you would have plenty of play-time and the birds would not be frightened."

The children thought about it all that day, and at night dreamed of feeding the birds and driving away wild animals from the little snowcleared patch. "I don't know of a thing unless I climb up on the woodhouse roof with the food," said Rob as he was starting to school. "And even up there the cats would get it."

"I've thought of that, too," said Nellie, "but it won't do. I thought maybe we could get papa to build a high fence around the back yard to healthy working order the kidneys, keep out the stray dogs and cats, but he says that is too 'spensive. I suppose we'll just have to watch them. Oh! I have it! I have it!

"Don't tell!" said Rob. "I want to think it out myself."

They could hardly study that day in school, and Miss Rose said they surely must be excited over some great happening. Once when she asked Nellie how many dolls she could get for ten cents if they were two cents each, Nellie looked bewildcred and answered "Five Birds," instead of dolls. And Rob sat working with some string to get the knots out of it right in the midst of the reading lesson, as if he had forgotten all about school.

"I knew you could do it!" said Mrs. Anderson as she saw the old squawk and a splash announced the apple-tree adorned that even ng with bait taken. Violent agitation of the queer articles on strings. "Now you raft followed upon the disappearance can have time to coast and skate, of the fowl. Sometimes it moment- and the birds will be sure of their

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