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SOMETHING TO LEARN

Be Useful

Be useful where thou livest, that they may
Both want and wish thy pleasing presence still,
Kindness, good parts, great places are the way
To compass this. Find out men's wants and will,
And meet them there, all worldly joys go less
To the one joy of doing kindnesses.

George Herbert.

A NONSENSE RECEIPT.

Gosky Patties.

Take a pig, three or four years of age, and tie him by the off hind leg to a post. Place 5 lbs. of currants, 3 ozs. sugar, 2 pecks of peas, 18 roast chestnuts, a candle and 6 bushels of turnips, within his reach. If he eats these constantly provide him with more.

Then procure some cream, some slices of cheshire cheese, 4 quires of foolscap and a packet of black pins. Work the whole into a paste, and spread it out to dry on a sheet of clean, brown waterproof linen.

When the paste is perfectly dry, but not before, proceed to beat the pig violently with the handle of a large broom. If he squeals beat him again.

Visit the paste, and beat the pig alternately for some days, and ascertain if, at the end of that period, the whole is about to turn into Gosky Patties.

If it does not then, it never will; and in that case the pig may be let loose and the whole process may be considered as finished.

SOMETHING TO MAKE.

A Holiday Book.

Now that the holidays are over and you have only precious memories left of the great outdoors, and all the days of play and fun, the picnics, the days by the lake, the day you rode on horseback, the night you were caught in the thunderstorm and crouched under a tree for hours, all the adventures of July and August you should make a "Holiday Book."

If you have clever fingers and have learned how to make books at school, make yours, any size you like, but preferably about 8x10 inches. Cover the book with heavy paper, in dark green or brown, and with your pen, pencil and crayons or in letters folded and cut, make your title "My Holiday Book, 1920." Draw any decoration you like underneath a flower, a bird, a bug or butterfly. Inside paste your snapshots; the pressed orchid you found where no one ever found one before, the newspaper clipping which tells of the picnic you went to, add the names of all your friends who were there. Perhaps you will have "Ghost pictures," such as we described last month from some

friends. You might have the program from a concert you attended. Paste them all in their order and with names and date as well as you can remember, and both boys and girls will enjoy this book all winter.

SOMETHING TO PLAY

Indian File Race.

Any Number of People—Indian clubs or blocks of wood.

The players are divided into teams of equal number. The players of each team stand behind each other in file formation. At a distance of, say, fifty feet in front of each file, place an Indian club upright for the team to run around. At the word "go" the teams run forward as units, the players keeping their places behind each other in Indian file, turn around the club, race back to their original positions behind each other, each runner placing his hands upon the shoulders of the player next in front of him to form a perfectly connected chain or line. The first team to finish without a break anywhere in its chain is declared the winner.

The best runner should head the team.

A club which has been knocked down may be replaced only by the last runner in that team which threw it down.

When there are many teams, the alternate teams should run in preliminary heats, and then the winner in a final heat.

SOMETHING RECEIVED

A very nice letter from Jean S. McIntosh of Aspen, Colorado, enclosing a riddle and a funny story. We will print both and send Jean a membership button in The W. H. M. C. C.

Aspen, Colo.,
June, 24, 1920

Dear Mr. Burke,
I read in your Children's Cosy Corner in The Western Home Monthly about your wanting children to write to you enclosing a riddle and a funny story, and thought I would let you hear from me. I live in a beautiful little town seated in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. I wonder if any other little girl in Colorado gets the Western Home Monthly. I was eleven years old two weeks ago. I passed into the sixth grade this spring. I am hoping to see this letter in the next Western Home Monthly, and receive one of those beautiful membership buttons. I have a sister going on fourteen years and one now going on four. Good-bye. Love to all the cosy corner readers.

An interested reader,
Jean S. McIntosh

We have also received a little poem on "The Gopher" from Violet F. Andrews, of Crystal City, and we welcome Violet as a member of the W.H.M.C.C.



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