

## Children's Page

THE TWO TRAVELERS.

(Palmer Cox in April St. Nicholas.) In bygone times it came to pass, A tall Giraffe and a dwarfish Ass, As fellow-travelers, side by side, Were jogging through a country wide.. The Ass was much inclined to smile At his companion's awkward style; His great long legs to criticise, And at his neck express surprise; In short, to spare no cruel hit Whereby he might display his wit.

But, as they moved the region

through, The vegetation scarcer grew, Until upon the sterile ground But little else than stones were found And only on the tallest trees Grew aught that could their hunger ease.

And there, with famine worn away, The hungry Ass was forced to stay, And watch his comrade eat the fruit A dozen feet above the root. "Ah me!" he cried, "no more I'll

Nor at your neck and figure laugh! In truth, I find now, after all, I'd give my ears to be as tall!"

THE REMORSEFUL CAKES. A little boy named Thomas ate Hot buckwheat cakes for tea-A very rash proceeding, as We presently shall see.

He went to bed at eight o'clock, As all good children do, But scarce had closed his little eyes, When he most restless grew.

He flopped on this side, then on that Then keeled upon his head, And covered all at once each spot Of his wee trundle-bed.

We wrapped one leg around his waist And t'other round his ear,

earth Could aid her little dear.

But sound he slept, and as he slept He dreamt an awful dream Of being spanked with hickory slabs Without the power to scream.

He dreamt a great big lion came While on his breast two furious bulls joke. In mortal combat gored.

Within the chimney flue-And down there crawled, to gnaw his nest and took out the eggs, and be-

An awful bugaboo! When Thomas rose next morn his face Was pallid as a sheet. "I never more," he firmly said,

"Will cakes for supper eat!"

-Eugene Field. A PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Dear Angel sent from Heaven, My guide on earth to be; How sweet to know I have a friend-A steadfast friend-in thee! Who, though all others weary,

And coldly turn away, Will cling to me with all my faults, Wherever I may stray.

And who, when fa th is silent, And darkness like a pall Her black wing spreads above my soul, Will softly to me call: "Fear not, poor child! thine Angel Is keeping guard of thee; So 'cast thy care upon the Lord,' And trust thyself to me."

'Tis thou, too, who, when Satan Would hold before my eyes Alluring visions of this world, Will rend their frail disguise, And, pointing calmly upwards, Will breathe. "Behold the throne Wherefrom thy King is watching thee And waits to claim His own."

O dear unseen companion! I thank thee for the love With which thou hast fulfilled

Assigned thee from above; And I pray thee, lead me always By paths of grace and prayer, Till God, Himself, shall lift from thee The burden of my care. -Jennie M. Buhlinger.

AN AUTUMN SONG.

(By Emilie Poulsson.) The song birds are flying And southward are hieing, No more their glad carols we hear. The gardens are lonely-Chrysanthemums only Dare now let their beauty appear.

The insects are hiding-The farmer providing The lambkins a shelter from cold. And after October The woods will look sober Without all their crimson and gold.

The loud winds are calling, The ripe nuts are falling, The squirrel now gathers his store. The bears, homeward creeping, Will soon all be sleeping So snugly till winter is o'er.

Jack Frost will soon cover The little brooks over; The snow-clouds are up in the sky All ready for snowing; Dear Autumn is going,

We bid her a loving good-bye.

UNCLE JACK'S STORY.

"Uncle Jack, please tell us a real wonderful story!" cried Hal, throwing himself down on the steps beside his uncle.

"Just a little story about a bad boy," lisped Lucy, snuggling up beside her brother.

Uncle Jack stretched himself a little lazily. "Well, I don't believe I ever knew any bad boys, but I might tell you a bad story about a good boy.

"Do." 'Yes, do," echoed Lucy.

Now Uncle Jack has told so many stories since breakfast that he had not many more ideas in his head, and so he felt a little like teasing the children. He began this way: "Well, once there was a boy named

Bommy Teggs. He lived-" "Do you mean Tommy Beggs?" asked Hal, a little timidly.

"Why, yes, to be sure, I did get that wrong! Well, this boy Tommy started out one day to go to the village. He carried a ten-quart pail of milk in one hand and a hand-saw in tne other. He went gayly along, whistling and throwing rocks at the to you.

fence-posts-' "Why Uncle Jack, did he set his

milk down every time?" "Why, yes, yes, I think he must have done that. Well, he went along, looking off at the sea, that lay all behind him-"

"Wasn't it in front of him?" asked Lucy, eagerly.

"No, I think not; I said behind him. He kept one eye on the sea behind him and one at the long lane down which he was walking.'

"But-" began Hal; and then, not himself with trying to look back at very happy. the door and at the same time keep an eye on his uncle.

"As he went along down the street While mamma wondered what on he saw something in a tree that children shouted, "May we have an- the sea with a mermaid. Ah me, how tect the weak; a scorner of shams nest. He shaded his eyes with the the wood to Mrs. Kelton." saw and saw the nest. 'I must go So he climbed up nimbly-'

"He set his milk down, didn't he?" asked Hal.

he wanted to see." Uncle Jack wait-And ripped and raved and roared- ed for the pair to laugh at this mild

eggs in the nest, and as he was rath- Hilda Richmond. He dreamt he heard the flop of wings er a bad boy, he thought he would take them out, so he reached in the gan to come down the tree hand over hand.

> "But what did he do with the saw?" asked Lucy. "And how could he hold the eggs

and come dow hand over hand?" asked Hal.

"That I don't know," said Uncle Jack, seriously. "It is strange that I cannot explain that to you. It must have been that he could see by means. of the saw that he must hand over the eggs to his pocket. On thinking it over, I guess that was it."

'Well, go on," said the children. "Well, he thought he would like to give the eggs to his mother, so he set down the milk and the saw under the tree, and sat down beside them to watch that no one stole them while he was gone; and he ran back as quickly as he could down the lane-"

"But he was under the tree!" exclaimed Lucy, who was trying to help matters all she could. "He could not run home while he was sitting there."

Uncle Jack rose up on his elbow and looked at the children in astonishment. "That is quite true," he said, thoughtfully. "He could not have done it-and-in that case it could not have happened, and thus there is no story to tell, is there?" and Uncle Jack opened the magazine he was reading, as if that were quite the only way out of the difficulty. The children waited patiently.

"Put what about the bird's nest?" questioned Hal.

"Well, if the boy could not have done what I said, he could not have climbed the tree, and in that case there was no one to bring down the eggs, and so there could not have been any one to see the eggs in the tree, and thus we see that there was no one to see the eggs there and sowell, it all seems to be very unlikely. In fact, I don't believe any of it, do you, now, on your honor?" Uncle Jack looked at them with smiling

"Let's play horse, Lucy," said Hal. "I'll be the horse," said Lucy. 'Stories are silly."

After this Uncle Jack, who was rather tired, of stories, read his magazine comfortably. - Mary Wight Saunders in Youth's Companion.

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THE WOOD PROCESSION.

"Now, children, you'll have to clear out of this," said the head carpenter, briskly. "It's too bad to rob you oi your play-ground, but we're going to set fire to this pile of trash, and it would be too dangerous to have you near it.'

The little folks reluctantly gathered up their shovels and pails. For a whole month they had a lovely playground in the big sand pile, and now they were to lose it. Every day during that time an older boy or girl sat on an old stool in the shade keeping an eye on the happy children, and all the mothers rejoiced to think they Why go limping and whining about were safe and having a good time. A your corns when a 25 cent bettle of row of old buildings had been torn Holloway's Corn Cure will remove down, and a large new brick house them? Give it a trial and you will was to be built as soon as the trash and old boards could be disposed of.

boards, Mr. Gray?" asked Margaret quired the little girl, hardly able to mathemati's, studying, and holding Kirby, who was looking after the lit- believe her ears and eyes. tle folks that morning. "It seems "Why, we often creep into the the delicacies of the roadside or the

too bad." would buy that staff, and it costs too we can't get out till the tree crum- name-was early efficient, then brilmuch to get it cut into kindlings. I'd bles away, or somebody burns it. liant, in mathematics, in which he willingly give it away, but no one Every one of us has a story. Here was principally to shine as a college

"Children," said Margaret, suddenwaggons?'

"Now, Mr. Gray, if I get some big "The night lasted four months, and scholars. house, may we do that?"

I'll give you till evening to dispose ter the rest. of the old wood.'

ons and Margaret was getting toge- perched of the andiron knobs. ther all the big boys in the neighborold boards and shingles.

Whatever is the meanin' of this?" | was an elephant. cried the old lady, hurrying out with two pairs of glasses on.

ing to make a bonfire of it to get rid and up the chimney.

trips to the yard and back again. noise disturbed me and I found my of the system. "These boys and girls deserve a whole way through the deep shaft and flew lot of praise."

The big boys broke up the long in a tassel of tall pine. Good-by.' boards and loaded the wagons, while Crick! and his place was taken by ing. It was a very busy time, but a fluttered impatiently while he tall al. very happy one, and by noon every "My story is the shortest of all."

down on Summit street next week, down. and-" began Mr. Gray, and all the Crack! "I lived in the depths of

And what do you think Mr. Gray maiden no more. Ah, me!" up and look in that nest,' he said. did? He made a large box out of old The speaker grew paler and Polly boards and filled it with sand for cried in alarm. "O, don't cry, the little people to play in whenever please! You might put yourself out!' "Yes; but he kept his saw because him a great deal of trouble, and the pull of the bellows, which brightened ing thankful that they had so many wood keeps some poor person, warm him up and held him off to join his a long time. Don't you think it paid comrades. them to give up one morning's plea-"He found that there were three sure to carry wood to poor people?- little chap his time, with a laughing

THE SPARK GOBLINS.

(By Willis Boyd Allen.) It was a clear, cold winter's night blanket to keep a thousand tiny creatures warm.

burrows and nests underground, while long at a time. Polly was curled up in the big armcrackling sound and were carried up as we were skimming over a great the chimney.

with her foor. How the sparks flew! All but one hurried off out of sight; that one alighted on the brass knob of the right-hand and iron.

Stooping forward to brush it off, Polly jerked back her hand with a cry of wonder. The spark had legs and arms and wings; it was, in fact, a little manikin that could have stood comfortably in her thimble and rested his arms on the rim.

His whole wee form quivered and glowed and sparkled, while he looked up at Polly with a roguish twist of

a low bow. "What for?" stammered Polly

'For setting me free."

'Were you in that log?"

"Oh, yes, there were hundreds of us there. Most of the crowd are off -there goes one now!" he exclaimed, as an unusually large spark flew off in the rising smoke.

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trees in the summer time, to take a bank of the stream. "You see, Miss Margaret, no one nap, and the wood grows so fast that Bepi-to use his loving household is mine:

"I came from Greenland, where I cast in other spheres of work. ly, "how many of you have little lived in an Eskimo hut. How the Another companion and school-felsnow glistened on every side, and the low confirmed these details, and told "I! I! I!" cried a chorus of bears roared, and the Northern Lights Mr. Croke of other experiences, and streamed up at night!

boys to help, and the little children when it was day I flew southward un- "As a penalty tre boys used to be raul this wood to old Mrs. McGuire's til I reached a great pine and crept beaten on the fingers with an iron under the bark to keep warm. That ruler. Each had to place his palms "Yes, if you can get it done to- was 40 years ago. All that time I on the table, all the boys in line. day," said Mr. Gray. "The children have waited for freedom. "Good-bye!" when the call to punishment came, will soon be tired of the task, but and away he went up the chimney, af- and the old man remembered Sarto's

In less than two minutes Mr. Gray ed at the shortness of the story - der punishment. The master was an was alone in the big yard. The chil- when Crick! Crack! and two more old man with a crooked nose, and dren were scampering for their wag- fiery little goblins were before her, when Sarto, the brightest of the

hood. The first thing old Mrs. Mc-one without the least introduction." the expense of the old teacher. Guire knew of the plan was when a "The lions roared and made me trem- "He wa very, very, very vight in procession of little wagons turned in- ble. Huge palms waved over my every way," said the farmer, 'but he to her yard all loaded with pieces of head, and one day a gray mountain always loved his joke, even if this lion crashed through the forest. That was at times mischievous.'

"A hurricane rose and blew me

eastward till my wings were tangled

the girls helped the children all morn- a glowing little fellow whose wings trace of the pile of wood was gone, said he. "I was blown up into the Mrs. McGuire was crying over the cloud in winter time. They held me wood house full of dry wood and tell- fast till I escaped on the back of a wishing to interrupt, he contented ing the children they had made her snow-flake. Whew how cold it was! But now I am warm!" and away he "I have another old house to tear went, like a shooting star upside was afraid of nothing; into every

and drove us apart, I saw my pretty

Chick-crick-snip! It was a jovial

"My home was in Santa Claus" the doll's hair and drill the tin sol- it would do her good to run around, diers till they stood bravely in a so she joined the children in their The stars were like needle points of row. I helped about the animals for light; over the earth lay a white snow the Noah's arks. There was one polar bear who used to sit for his por-

"Last Christmas eve I was in the chair watching the blazing logs and sleigh with my master. The reindeer the sparks that jumped out with a were lively, it was so cold, and just pine forest the off leader in the team The fire was burning low, and the went knee deep into the top of the little girl gave the biggest log a push pine. As he struggled to recover panions because they were untidy, and himself the sleigh lurched and I was thrown-

At this point Polly's excitement was so great that her foot slipped hearts. and struck the andiron. The log broke and the two halves fell with a crash that sent a whole swarm of see! sparks-or were they goblins?-scurrying up the chimney.

voice.

"O, mamma, can't I hear just one more goblin--' But mamma stroked the brown curls and led her little girl off up-"Thank you," said the goblin, with stairs, while Polly eagerly told her all her wonderful adventure in the

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SCHOOL DAYS OF POPE PIUS X.

A writer in The Century, who had school days of the Holy Father, relass-mate of the future Pope.

we used to walk the distance in company, unless an occasional drive, had ed at hazard. On certain days Gius- certain that it had been enjoyed Oneppe slept at Castelfranco and on ly-when bedtime came-she whispered reference." others at home.

"Well, he was not impeccable. Occasionally he was thirsty and hungry, as I often was, and we would pick berries, or even bore a hole in some hedge and take a bunch of grapes or some fruit. We had many a lark. He was what would be called a merry boy, always in good humor; at all imes sprightly in speech, especially in reply; and ready for any fun, however elaborate, expensive, or risky. "An odd day or spell of truancy,

some idling, and some scampagnate (literally, 'careerings over country') nust be put down to him; but Giuseppe Sarto was a hard student and a odel boy.

"His parents were poor, as I have aid, and often, I remember, his faher useh to say at evening: "Giuse, I have nothing to give the donkey Go and take him out to grass.' Now, Giuse had probably returned from Castelfranco on foot, and from early morning till late in the afternoon had been a long day. Then at the time when he should have been preparing I wish the cook would bake a pie his lessons for the next day he was As big as that full moon, obliged to take out the asinello (lit- And then a little one besides, tle ass). So I see him yet with his To eat to-morrow noon.

"Are you going to burn all those "But how came you there?" in- Caesar, Herodotus, or some book of the cord, while the asinello nibbled

student, though his life was to be

the penalties incurred by the Italian

getting the ferule thus, and his laugh-"O, dear!" began Polly, disappoint- ter, tears, and impatient vivacity unboys, recited his lesson, he often "I came from the Tropics," began found a way of getting in a joke at

Great Medicine .- Tonti, one of the thousands of leagues northward to pioneers of French Canada, jost a "We are bringing you a little wood," the great pine. Then I-" Here a hand and wore an iron hook as a subexplained Margaret. "They were go- strong draft puffed him of the andiron stitute. He was in the habit of boxing the ears of refractory Indians of it, but the children will bring it "I lived in the mines far under- with this iron hand, and they have ground," began the other hurriedly, remarked that it was "great medi-"I thought the children would soon "where gold and silver glistened and cine." Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is give up," said Mr. Gray, coming out miners worked tick-tack, with their great medicine; it takes hold of pain to see the little wagons still making pickaxes all day and all night. The with an iron hand and knocks it out

LITTLE PICKLE'S THREAT.

The Burns children lived in Sunny Terrace. Before their father failed in business they lived in a big house with lawns and gardens. Now the sidewalk was their play-ground, and they hob-nobbed with every child in

the neighborhood. Bell, or "Little Pickle," was a 'born leader," even of the boys. She mischief; active in every quarrel; ready to fight for her friends and procaught his attention. It was a bird's other wood procession? We can give I loved her! One day a storm arose and pretenses deserting the welldressed for the shabbiest in the street, if once she had called them

friends At the end of the block lived a family called "Showey," the wealththey want to, for he says they save | She hastened to revive him with a liest in the street; but, instead of benice things, it only served to make them vain and proud, and sometimes -I am sorry to say-rude and unkind. There was only one little child in

this family, a delicate, peevish child. She was lonely, too, and gazed wistworkshop at the North Pole,' he be- fully at the others at their play. At gan with a chuckle. "I had to braid last her doctor told her mother that fleeting and the other reflects without mirer.

trait two hours every day. It was gave a party, I ily Showey was al-They were snugly curled up in their very hard for him to look pleasant so ways invited, and enjoyed herself with the rest. 'On Lily's birthday she had some little visitors even grander than herself, Dressed very prettily, they came out with their dells.

"Little Pickle" and her young friends drew near to admire, but Lily was ashamed of her every-day comtossed her head and would not speak. There was no more fun now, but

discontent and envy and sad little "Never mind!" cried Bell. "Some day I'll have a party, and we'll

After tea the children were made more unhappy by seeing "the party" "Bedtime, dear!" said a gentle eating ice cream on the steps. Someone called Bell just then, and she ran

> into the house. "Hurrah!" she shouted, coming back, dancing and laughing. dollars from my god-mother! New,

Into the brilliantly-lighted rooms of "Connell's restaurant" half an hour later-where silks rustled and gems sparkled-into this scene of beauty Wear Trade Mark D. Suspenders, marched a motley crowd-half towsled but joy and delight on every countenlance.

At the head marched Bell, triumphantly-eyes shining, cheeks rosy red, been a guest at the home of Signora brown curls flying followed by four Sarto Parolin, sister of Fius X., little sisters and five little playgives numerous reminiscences of the mates; toddling Tommy last of all. Not one whit abashed nor awed lated to him by Signor Parolin, a were they by the grandeur-no, in- Saturday answering to Jim with a deed. For were they not following brass collar acound his neck and a "I, too, used to frequent the class- their leader, Eell, and did not she es at Custlefranco," said Signor Par- know best? Bell seated her guests olin, "so as a rule, we did the jour- and gave her orders., Presently, pink passage to New York; willing to take ney together. Generally we were ice cream was slipping down ten thirsthree, four, or five Riese beys, and ty little throats, and fancy cakes were being generously distributed. Bell was happy-blissfully happy been arranged, or a rarer 'lift' secur- that she had given a treat, perfectly erty of a musician with carved legs."

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to her mother, "Only-mother- I'm

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The best I've ever read, Which should go on forever 'n' ever, At least, till I was dead.

I'd like to find a story book,

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fair in his play. Cheating is con-

temptible anywhere and at any age.

His play should strengthen, not

awaken, his character. The boy who never calls anybody bad names, no matter what anybody calls him. He cannot throw mud and

keep his own hands clean. The boy who is never cruel. He has no right to hurt even a fly needlessly. Cruelty is the trait of a bully; kindliness is the mark of a gentle-

The boy who never lies. Even white lies leave black spots on the charac-

The boy who never makes fun of a companion because of a misfortune he could not help

The boy who never hesitates to say no when asked to do a wrong thing. The boy who never quarrels. When your tongue gets unruly, lock it up. The boy who never forgets that God made him to be a joyous, loving, lovable, helpful being.

RIDDLES FOR ALL.

When are two people only half-wit-

When they have an understanding between them. Why is an egg like a horse? Because you can't use it until it is broken.

What is the difference between a thoughtless lady and her lookingglass? The one talks without retalking.

anchors? Pecause they are always weighed before they start., Why is a spider a most excellent correspondent. He drops a line at

What is it that occurs twice in ev-

ery moment, once in every minute.

but not once in a thousand years? The letter "M." Why can a clear summer's night furnish you with an excellent weath-

er forecast? Because it gives you dew, not ice (due notice). Why is an umbrella like a hot cross bua? Because it is never seen after

Why is life the greatest riddle of all? Because you must give it up. When does a man have to keep his

word? When no one will take it.

HERE ARE FUNNY BLUNDERS. When the people who wrote these advertisements were young they either didn't have a chance to go to "Two school, as you have, or they didn't study while there, so now the world laughs at these blunders they have

made: "Annual sale now on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated-come in

"A lady wants to sell her piano, as hair, smudgy faces and grimy fingers; she is going away in a strong iron "Furnished apartment suitable for

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'Wanted-By a respectable girl, her

care of children and a good sailor." "Respectable widow wants washing on Tuesdays.' "For Sale-A pianofarte, the prop-

"A boy who can open oysters with "Bulldog for sale; will eat anysorry now that Lily wasn't in it; 'cos thing; very fond of children.'

BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

Beautiful ground on which we tread, Beautiful sky above our head: Beautiful sun that strines so bright, Beautiful stars with glittering light; Beautiful summer, beautiful spring, Beautiful birds merrily sing: Peautiful lily, beautiful rose, Beautiful every flower that grows; Beautiful trees and woods so green. Beautiful buds and blossoms seen. Beautiful every little blade,

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