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## HOW GADABOUT CHANGES BIS COLOUR.

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Gadabout is a little lizard not quite six inches long, his tail making half of this length. At first he was disposed to be timid. Gradually he became tamer, until he would lie quietly on my finger while I ypatched his scalelike coat fade to the palest gray; for, as nearly as possible, Giadabout takes the colour of whatever he rests upon.

It is this habit that makes the little creature so interesting When asleep upon his nasturtium-leal bed, he is of an exquisite green tint; when he lies on my brown gown, he quickly changes to a brown hue; when he lies on the carpet, his armoured coat is as spotted and velvetlike as a leopard's.

If in his native woods Gadabout should crawl out-or, rather, dart out for these little lizards are like a tlash of light in their movements, - upon the lruwn limb of a tree or upon the sandy ground, he would bo very conspicuous object, as he is naturally of a licautiful light-green hue. Ho would be quickiy noticed by the first bird or other lizard cating cnemy that camo along; but Mother Nature enables him to takio the colour of his surroundin.rs, and thas find protection $l y$ nut leing
easily seen.
$1!$ 'hoinngic change in (indobout is caused by the eflect which the colour he lies upon hay on his colour colls. In un inner layer of tho skin of (indnhout there aro little hags, or colls, filled with coloaring matter -some with rel, some with brown, some with black, some with green and so on. These colls, though very small indeed, have the power of expanding and contracting; and a coloured light arrried to them through Gadabout's eyes causes that same colour to appear on (indabout's skin.

## HOW MAY REMEMISERED.

May Mathews was n dear little girl, but she very often forgot to say "Thank you," or "Please," and many other things.

One day mother said, "How can you mako yourself stop doing these naughty things, nad loarn to do right and polite things?"
"I know," said May. "I'll name each one of $m y$ fingers and thumbs; then I'll be sure to romember."

Sio she named one "Thank you," and one "If-you-please," and one "Put-arvay-yourplaythings," and ono "Be-kind-to-baby." and one "Don't-mako-a-noise." Then, every time she looked at her dear little hands, she thought of the things she must do, and the things she must not do, until she became a very thoughtful child. What do you think of her plan?

## TAKE OFF YOUR HAT.

Good manners should be cultivated at all times, until they become a second nature, and do not require a thought. We presume the gentleman mentioned below, in an item from the Philadelphia Press, knew better than he did; but if he had been accustomed to taking off his hat on entering a dwelling or a privato office, he would have been spared the mortification of a rebuke.

A young lawyer with his first case went into Judge Hager's court the other day to present a petition. He was sn embarrassed that he forgot to remove his hat, and stood before the judge with a petition in his hand, a big umbrella under his arm, and a new silk hat upon his head. In a trembling voice he began, "Your petitioner respectfully represents," when Judge Hager stopped him.
"Wait a moment. Hadn't you better raise your umbrella, too?" said the judge.
The young man caught his hat off in a twinkling, but he was so put out that he could not read his petition.

## WALTER'S TEMPTATION.

Sume pears were hanging clove together. looking yellow, mellow, and delicious to eat.
"They do look nice, and I think they're ripo enough to eat this very minute. Wonder if grandpapa would care. He's gone airay, so I can't ask him, but I'm almost sure hed say yes. I don't know, but In yuite sure I think I might as well have 'em.'
'These woro Walter's thoughts. Ths nest instant his hand wont up and the twin pears were broken off. Thov were not ns ripe as Walter supposes. and did not separate easily, but b:oko off a bit of the branch with thom. Walter tried ono and then tho other. They were hard, hard as a rock, and ho was now very sorry ho had not tried them tirsi.

Grandpa came home through the orchard that night "I'm so sorry." ho said, as ho sat down to the table. "My now pear tree hal two pears on it, and somobody has broken them off. I wanted to see what they are like."

Walter's face grow red as a very red rose, but in a minute he was man enough to own to grandpa what he had done. and ask his pardon, which was readily granted.

## HERO JACK.

Bedford school bore a bad name. A new teacher of the real kind came, and the tone of the school improved. Jack Petorson had just come from Excelsior school, where the code of honour wes high, The bully of Bedford was Joo Bandy, who nagged every now boy into a fight, if possible.

Jack was a puzale to the Bedford boys. He was different some way, perfect in lessons, walked with head uip in manly fashion, honourable and faithful. Yet he was test in baseball, and a capita! fellow on the playground. Joe tried to pick a quarrel in vain; Jack paid no attention, until one day Joe struck him across the face, saying: "Now, taise that! fight it. out, or be a coward:"
Jack's face flushed; then, with folded arms, and head erect, he wsiked away without a word.
"Coward! coward!" shouted Joe, and the boys echoed "Coward!"
"We'll show him," said the leader, "that no boy that bears that name can play on our ground."

One day a terrible thing happened. A mad dog dashed into the playground, and was almost upon Joe Bandy before the boy saw him. Quiek as a flash Jack snatched up a baseball bat, and springing in front of the raging beast, with its open jaws and frothing mouth, dealt it a stunning blow: giving a policeman in hot pursuit a chance to shoot.
"I declare, boy, that was a plucky thing to do!" said the officer.
"With a shout, "Three cheers for Hero Jack "" the boys lifted him to their shoulders and bore him around the playground in triumph.

But, little readers, when did ho most truly earn the name of "Hero Jack"?

One Monday morning Dorothy voluntecred to superintend the family washing. When Nora put the clothes on to boil, the little overseer gave one astonished look, ihen ran to matama, exclaiming in great excitement. "Oh, mammal mamma! Nora's ccoking the clothes."

