

# For the Young People

## BUNNY BOB'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

THIS IS NEW YEAR'S DAY," said Winnie Whittlewhisker, the chipmunk, to Bunny Bob Cottontail. "Have you made your good resolutions?"

"Ahaem," replied Bunny Bob, "I have a little rascal! 'Not yet I haven't, but I'm a-going to!'"

Winnie looked down from his twig half way up the old cedar tree and he smiled down at the soft, round, fuzzy little bunny, and said: "What is it going to be? When are you going to do it?"

You know, a body ought to be all set for New Year's Day—not be all set after, that's sure!"

"Well," said Bunny Bob, "first I'll be a riddle."

"Go ahead!" said Winnie Whittlewhisker. "I'm not very good at riddles myself, but I have a who's just grand at riddles."

"Well," said Bunny Bob, "if you guess right, say 'I give up,' I'll tell you the answer. When a caterpillar reforms?"

"A caterpillar reforms?" said Winnie Whittlewhisker. "That's a good one! I remember it to tell to my cousin who is so good at riddles. But, of course, caterpillars turn over real leaves, and when we turn over a new leaf it means trying to do better. We have faults, haven't we? You have faults and I have faults, and you want to be a gooder and I want to be a gooder." "Yes," agreed Bunny Bob. "I'd like to be a gooder, but I'm so reform! I s'pose I ought to resolve not to play any more jokes on folks and to be real solemn and proper!"

"I've thought of a real easy and real nice resolution for you, little friend," said Winnie Whittlewhisker. "Want to know? Do tell!" said Bunny Bob.

"Be a Sunbeam!" replied the little chipmunk. "You see, it is a good thing to be jolly and sunny. I've heard tell that this world was a dry, old, dark place to some people—though I never found it so. Why

## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO AMERICAN CHILDREN

MISS JULIA C. LATHROP, Chief of the Federal Children's Bureau, at Washington, has a heart big enough to feel a personal interest in every one of the 365 days of the year, and she sends the following New Year Message to those children:

"What can you children do in 1918 to help your country, your fathers and big brothers who are fighting so that there shall be no more war?"

"First of all you can study a little harder than ever, for in that world at peace in which you will live as men and women you will need all the wisdom and skill and training you can possibly get now at school. That is patriotic service."

"And you can be a little more affectionate and dutiful at home and to each other. That makes everything go more easily."

"In short children can help the older people to bear the burden of war by being more helpful at home, more industrious at school, more kindly to each other in all the ways that you children know even better than your elders."

Julia C. Lathrop

## Everybody's Journey

ALL THE PEOPLE in the world today have started on a trip. And they didn't take a pocket-book, or trunk or hat or grip. And they'll travel just the same if they are well or if they're ill. And they'll go no faster running than if they were standing still.

And the animals and flowers and the butterflies and bees. All are journeying beside them every moment—if you please. Now I know you think it funny but it isn't hard to prove. That they'll travel every minute even if they do not move.

If I let you keep on guessing from the morning till the night. You will guess your little head off but you'll never guess it right. So I'll tell you if you'll promise that you'll keep it very mum— IT'S A JOURNEY DOWN THE JOLLY YEAR—THE YEAR THAT IS TO COME!

## "Ring in the New"

wouldn't it be funny if she came home and found supper all ready and a fine trip all sliced and the acorns all made! Wouldn't she just almost have a fit of surprise!"

"Let's do it!" cried Nim. "Come on, Min, we'll go to Farmer Huckleberry's and get a turnip; Bunny Bob, you grind the acorns and set the little ones to work sweeping and setting the table! Come on!"

Off dashed Nim with Min at his heels. "Hurry, hurry, hurry!" cried Bunny Bob. "Mummer might be back any minute!"

Such excitement, such a bustle and stir you never did see! Bunnies darted here and there. Some gathered fresh evergreen leaves to spread on the dining room floor, some set to work scrubbing the table clean and white, some dug up acorns and others ground them in the little acorn chopper, some washed the acorn-cup dishes. Many paws made light work, and when Nim and Min came home carrying a big turnip between them, all was ready!

Well, well, well! Mummer Cottontail was surprised, I tell you! And Bunny Bob made up a poem about it. It went like this:

"A nice, little joke we played today. It really was very funny. Nice little jokes are fun to play. For a really funny bunny!"

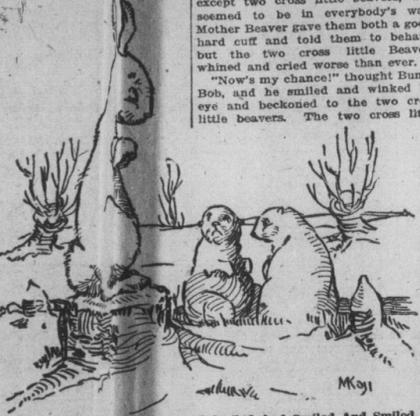
## January

January marks the beginning of a new year. In our mind's eye we see the New Year represented by a youth full of life and vigor, bright-eyed and happy, ascending the first steps of the ladder of fate. This ladder has 365 rungs, and while it seems a weary climb, young January approaches it with health and eagerness. The beginning of a new year should not only mark a time for noise and fun and feasting. It has a more solemn meaning for the thoughtful boy and girl.

Do you know that in great measure the making of your lives in your own hands? Now at the beginning of this new era, is your time to form good resolutions, and let them come from the heart. Do the little trifles of every-day life cheerfully, for it is these that make up the sum of our lives.

One who is considerate of others, one who will go out of his way to do a little act of kindness, one who will forget himself for another has taken the first step in the right direction.

Are these words of Hare's glowing? True goodness is like the glow-worm in this, that it shines most when no eyes expect those of Heaven are upon it.



He Sat And Smiled At Them And Smiled And Smiled.

## New Year Bells

Always, everywhere in our land, we look to the ringing of bells to announce the death of the old year and the birth of the new. Not until we actually hear the bells ringing, do we really turn to each other and exclaim "Happy New Year!"

All of which brings us to the question of why people ring bells. They seem to have figured in the life of man way, way back in the dim and distant years. And they have been used to convey messages of various sorts to those within sounds of their alarm.

Among the ancient Greeks those who made the nightly rounds of the camps and garrisons used to ring a bell at each sentry box to make sure that the soldier on duty within was awake. They also put bells upon the necks of criminals to warn all people to avoid them. The Romans used bells to announce the hour of the bath.

It is believed that bells were first used in churches about four hundred years after the birth of Christ. And by the Twelfth Century they were

## Beavers

Bunny Bob to be a very solemnly lot of sober-sides, so he stopped to see if there wasn't some cheerful. Instead of playing jokes on people mad, play jokes to them glad, see? I did this morning. (Gy-fuss—that funny old fellow who lives next door to me—had a store of nuts stolen away from him.) Oh, you ought to hear her scold and scold and scold. Well, she ran out of her house and stood right on the end of a long log, so everybody could hear her. She was! I thought, 'Now I callumbeam!' I had quite a few nuts in my own cellar, so I set back and forth and put them on a grassy-fuss' house. When she came you ought to have seen her! She couldn't see those nuts got there, and began to scold, then she began to be glad, and to tell everybody about them, that a good joke!"

"Te-hee!" laughed Bob. "I should say it was a joke! I'm

## ALEC FIGHTS ANYWAY

LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS, Alec had been undecided what to ask old Santa to bring him. And it was all because of the war.

With father and mother and everyone else talking all the time of war against the cruel Kaiser and his German soldiers, naturally Alec wanted presents that were military.

After much thought, he decided upon "cavalry equipment" for he had read much in books of dashing cavalry charges and could picture himself at the head of his gallant troop, sweeping upon the German line, dashing through it, cutting it to pieces and scattering the fleeing Germans all the way back to Berlin where—well, he himself didn't know where—himself would grab the Kaiser by the ear.

## Our Puzzle Corner

NEW YEAR PUZZLE.

I am something which the New Year holds out to everyone.

- Two of my letters will be found in a jewel.
- Two of my letters will be found in a tree.
- Three of my letters will be found in a nut.
- Two of my letters will be found in a nose.
- Two of my letters will be found in a tale.

DIAMOND.

- A consonant.
- A boy's name.
- Raw or rough.
- Pulling apart.
- Bound by contract.

## Old Father Time

Up And Down the Room Alec Galloped And Charged.

down the room—downstairs, out into the back yard and back again—Alec galloped and charged all morning on his trusty steed. And the havoc he wrought among the Germans was something frightful!

Then, at one o'clock came a dinner-punch—a young soldier in our fine, big National Army, who was in training at a nearby encampment. To Alec, he was a wonderful being. Why, this soldier was actually going over to France "to fight for Democracy" against the Germans!

So, boy-like, Alec had to show him his "cavalry." The soldier laughed and patted him on the shoulder and told him that he felt certain that General Pershing himself would like to have him over in France, that very minute.

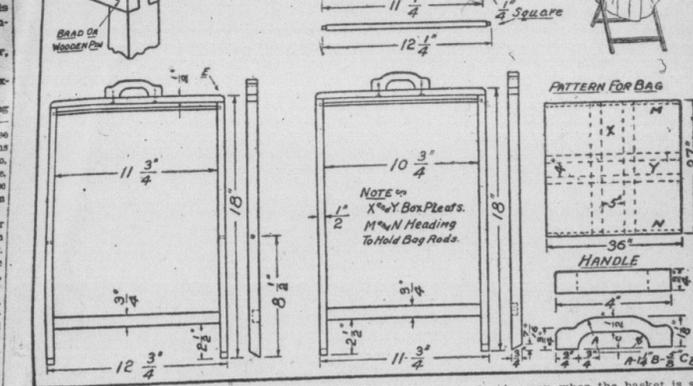
At dinner—and about the time for things happened. The soldier and father and mother had been talking all along about the war and the fighting "over there." And presently the soldier said to Alec's father:

"Yes, I guess it's true that the cav-

## TOYS AND USEFUL ARTICLES THAT A BOY CAN MAKE.

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### KNITTING BASKET.



IF YOU HAVE a brother in the service for Uncle Sam, as I have, and your mother and sisters are busy waiting for him, and for the Red Cross, no doubt you have noticed how hard it is to hold the ball of yarn without its dropping to the floor. And if you have a playful kitten, you have heard your mother scold when it rolled the ball of yarn around the legs of the table.

A knitting bag is very convenient when there is a place available to hang it, but with a knitting basket and the work can be carried about and put away the same as in the bag. The additional advantage of the basket is that it can be set on the floor or table, not requiring a place for hanging it. Opened, it serves as a place for the yarn and extra needles while the knitter is working, and when the work is to be set aside, it can be placed in the basket and the latter closed, thus protecting the unfinished work from dust.

Black walnut, mahogany, oak or gumwood are very desirable woods to use for the frame. If you have had but little experience in the use of wood, the parts can be fastened together with brads, but if joints are made, the basket will be more permanent and much stronger.

To make the basket, first get out the four legs  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{2}'' \times 17\frac{1}{2}''$ . Be sure there is no wind in these pieces,

## Old Father Time



Old Father Time so grim and old. Makes Little New Year feel like old. Find Father Time by cutting out and pasting together black pieces.



Up And Down the Room Alec Galloped And Charged.



Solution to Father Time Puzzle.

