## For Bcys And Girls

A Woods Family.

Perhaps you think that little baby and child bears living with their mohave to obey, are left free to do as 'hey choose. In Harper's Magazine, Mr. Charles Dudley Warner recently told a story, which is a true one, of a bear and her children who lived in the Yellowstone Park. There is at one place in the park a house or nut where ravelers can get food. Last year a he-bear came to the house and clearly indicated that she wished broken ed; that her spirit was most friendly, that she would violate no privileges axtended to her. The man who kept this lunch station understood the bear perfectly, and, after feeding her allowed her to carry off the food she did not eat. He knew she had a family, but he respected her prejudices for privacy, and did not attempt to find out where she lived and how large a fam-dy he was at least partially supporting. One day the mother bear went out of the house as usual with food for her family, and when she had got very angry. She put the food down, rushed at her two children, punished them severely, and drove them back into the woods. At a certain place, evidently the place she told them to wait for her, she left them, and went back to the house, where she stayed two hours. The disobedient children must have grown very hungry. Doubt-less mothers bringing up children in the woods have a great deal of anxiety. They have to hide their babies from hunters, and from other not kill, them; and then it must be a most difficult thing to find babies who get lost in the woods; there are no policemen there, no people to guide them back home when they get lost. Poor mothers of the woods, how much they have to do, and haw good the wood babies should be!

#### An Ambergris Fortune

There was not a happier boy in all New England than Bert Hawley when his father finally consented to take him on the long whaling cruise upon which Captain Hawley's bark "Laetitia" was about to set out during the sum-

The old captain had sailed out of whaler, and hoped that he would be succeeded, in turn, by his son. For his reason he was all the more exactand master each successive step in the service. Therefore he shipped with his father as cabin boy on precisely the

tantic and Indian Oceans and Bert had in the varied experiences of the whal-ing business.

Five months had passed since the "Laetitia" had sighted a whale; and here the captain revealed a surprise for officers and crew were becoming anx- the boy, as well as the entire crew, by ious to hear again the welcome call givin "There she blows!" from the lookout. deck. The day was as cloudless and serene as any that had ever smiled upon the eruising midway between Cape Morebat and Cape Fartak. Four miles in the wake of the "Laetitia" was a rival New Bedford ship, the "Sea King," evidently bent upon sharing, according to the unwritten laws of the whalers' code, any prize which the former directly in the course of the two ships. and just visible to the lookout of the "Sea King," was a shoal of blackfish. Suddenly the watch of the "Laetitia" talled down, "There she blows!"

Instantly everybody was on deck, and Capt. Hawley went aloft and took a careful observation through his

seconds," he remarked, as he lowered his glass and prepared to give orders To those of the crew who were old whalers, this remark was an indication that the whale was disabled from some cause or other, as a sperm whale in normal condition breathes only once

In obedience to the captain's orders. however, understood the purpose of this deviation from the captain's usual blackfish from the shoal between the 'Laetitla' and the prize toward which "Lactitia" and the prize toward which the crew was pulling with strong, even stance was carefully wrapped and strokes. That this was the construc-tion put upon the movements of Capt. where it remained under lock and key Hawley's men, by the crew of the "Sea until the "Lactitia" put into harbor off King" was evident from the fact that | Zanzibar. latter hoisted no challenge signal and displayed no particular activity. tion of the day in which blackfish are usually taken, instead of 8:30 in the morning, Capt. Hawley would have

Your cough, like a dog's bark, is a sign that there is something foreign around which shouldn't be there. You can quiet the noise, but the danger may be there just the same. Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil is not a cough specific; it does not merely allay the symptoms but it does give such strength to the body that it is able to throw off the disease.

You know the old proverb of "the ounce of prevention?" Don't neglect your cough.

had no fears of the success of his he saw that they were filled with gold ruse; but he knew that a whaler who coin. Double handfuls of the coins would spend the most propitious bours were scooped out and heaped in the of the day in catching blackfish and thus run the risk of loosing a whale downward and stood at an exact balwas certainly open to the charge of bad judgment and poor seamanship.

Inside of an hour from the moment of lowering the boats the first officer, who was in command of the attacking party, arew alongside the monster, and landed a harpoon in a vital spot at the first throw.

countered.

the meantime, however, there was no lack of excitement on board ship, where Capt. Hawley had remained. Just as the men were slowing up the ats, and the harpooners were making ready for the throw, the "Sea King" had hoisted a challenge signal and lowered its boats. Knowing that the nearness of his own men to the whale at the time the challenge was the necessity of accepting it and the consequent division of the prize, he ig-

nored it, and calmly waited for Capt. Dow, of the "Sea King," to come In a short time Capt. Dow made his appearance on deck and began to protest against the non-acceptance of his challenge

"Look here, Capt. Dow," was Capt. little way from the house she found her children waiting for her. She was very angry. She put the food down, share a pound of that whale. There isn't a man in New Bedford who would decide for you if it were left to arbitration. Now, as a neighbor, I invite you to drop this matter and come down to dinner with me."

This invitation was accepted, and the strife was forgotten in the breaking of bread. Scarcely had Capt. Dow re turned to his own ship when the whale was brought alongside the "Laetitia" and the chains and tackle adjusted preparatory to the cutting. Before this process was begun, however, the men were ordered below to their noon mess. When the last of them had disappeared down the hatch, the captain said

to get the cutting stage in position." Bert was delighted at thus being taken into his father's confidence, especially as he held a suspicion, based on his father's actions, that there was ome peculiarity about this whale that his father wished to investigate when

were not present. No sooner was the cutting stage in place than the captain took a long lance and, from the stage, began probing into the vitals of the whale. had sunk the blade into the whale but once or twice before its point struck a hard substance. The smile of satisfaction that came to the captain's lips New Bedford for many years, was New Bedford for many years, was proud of his excellent record as a nature of his "find" was not betrayed by any word from the captain's lips, and the men fell to "cutting in" the whale as soon as they had eaten their ing in the conditions upon which Bert was permitted to undertake his first voyage. He must begin at the bottom labor of cutting in was light and did not occupy more than two and a half hours. Bert watched the men at work father as cabin boy on precisely the with their long, sharp spades cutting same footing that any other boy the fatty strips from the whale's sizes. and wondered what could have led his father to take so peculiar an interest companies. A Finnish company ac-It was not until the "Laetitia" had father to take so peculiar an interest cruised for many months in the At- in this carcass. When the last "blanktantic and Indian Oceans and Bert had come to consider himself an old seaman, that Capt. Hawley and his crew fully rolled by means of the tackle, and turned over to a Belgian company. encountered one of the most remark- the head and flukes cut off and hoist-

giving orders to hoist the residue on "Now, cut into the main intestine" Arabian coast off which the bark was Hawley, whose face betrayed an animation so marked that even the sailors saw that there "was something in the wind," to use their own expression.

taken on this cruise had been.

"Cut it out," was the brief com- various industries, if required. A few more deft passes with the blade laid to view a huge mass of dark brown substance almost as hard as stone. The first lump lifted out upon the deck was afterwards found to weigh 45 pounds, while the second in size was only five pounds less in weight. Other smaller lumps brought the total extraction up to 108 pounds

Bert could no longer restrain his curiosity, and asked: "What is the stuff, father?" "That is ambergris," was his father's answer; "and it's worth more than all the oil this old ship can carry." When the father and son were alone in the cabin that evening, the captain but three boats were lowered and manned, instead of four, which was stance found in the belly of a sperm the usual force sent out from the whale, and that science declared it to "Lactitia" to attack a whale. The crew, be either a stoppage or a fungus growth in the main alimentary canal.
"The Mohammedans hold it to be practice. He shrewdly reasoned that the "Sea King's" commander, seeing and use it for it cense and in the manuonly three boats put out and being un-able to discern the whale, would reason "If I am not mistaken, we will clear that the boats were sent to bring in more out of this lean old whale than out of any sperm we ever caught."

> ther and the first officer. Passing the great warehouse in which were stored cords and tons" of ivory tusks, the million dollars, they directed their steps at once to the main market

> Through an interpreter the captain made announcement of the fact that he had a quantity of ambergris for sale. Instantly every trader in the place crowded about him and began to bargain for the strange commodity. But to all of their offers the captain shook his head and finally turned away, left them and put back to the ship. The next day he again went ashore.

and this time carried the ambergris His visit of the previous day had evidently done the work which he had intended it should, for he was welcomed by double the number of traders which he had met with before. Taking the largest block of ami

gris he placed it in one pan of a huge palance scale and instructed the interpreter to announce that the merchant pan with gold until the scale balanced. | Sea of Galilee-in five hours. There was much hesitation and "haggi-

erican gold. The men were astonished at the re-sult. Instead of sinking head fore-count out \$300, and put it in your own most, and lashing the sea with its chest. That will be your share for the flukes, the whale reversed the usual present, of the most profitable find of programme. Its flukes gradually dis-ambergris that has ever been made, so appeared from sight, followed by the far as I know. The minute I saw the central portion of its body until only way that whale was blowing I felt its huge nose showed above the sur- that we had chanced upon a prize, face. It died without a struggle, and and it's lucky we're under no obliga-the erew pronounced it the easiest prey tion to divide with the crew of the "Sea King."-The Independent.

> \* Latest in

### Electricity.

It is said that the Roentgen ray finds bullets and similar uninvited and unwelcome guests, even when embedded within the bone of the living

According to the Electrical Review the Mont Cenis Tunnel Railway is to be equipped for electric traction. The Review says the electric system is Of welcome bid Him come especially adapted for these long tunnels, and it would like to see them all so supplied. 2 2

Another California inventor is said to have discovered an electrolyte for battery purposes. He proposes to dis-pense with dynamos and all such generating apparatus. When his process is completed the world will be illuminated for little or nothing.

It is now stated that the New York Elevated will not adopt electricity until further developed and perfected. d down the hatch, the captain said of Bert:

"Son, stay up here with me and help of get the cutting stage in position."

Bert was delighted at thus being take.

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There is said to be a telegraph and telephone line between Chicago and Milwaukee that is a mutual concern The patrons own the line and pay five cents a message. The line has paid for itself and the cost of operation, and returns a dividend annually. The

The Electrical Review says that Teheran. Persia, is to have a telephone exchange, and that a New York house is to supply the instruments. They will have to be carried 800 miles on the backs of mules to get to their destination after landing at Bushire. Review thinks that there is an open-ing there not only for a telephone exchange, but for a trolley line.

It is said that there is likely to be considerable development of electric railways in Russia. There is a road already established at Kief, and one at Niji-Novgorod. These were built by quired a charter for building an elecwhich is negotiating for rights to build board. Bert expected to see the electric roads in at least four

It is reported that the Tallassee Falls Manufacturing Company, which owns a large textile manufacturing plant at Tallassee Falls, 30 miles from Montgomery, Ala., is constructing a power house capable of developing 5,was the next direction given by Capt. 000 horse-power, which will be used to only 2,000 horse-power will be required for this purpose, and it is proposed to transmit a current equal to 3.000 "Something hard there," exclaimed horse-power, if necessary, to Montgom-the man who manipulated the knife, ery. The Mutual Power and Light after he had carved for a few mo- Company, of that city will utilize the current in its electric system, and for

> An electric trolley railway without overhead wires is the latest idea in the matter of street railway propulsion. It the invention of a French engineer, and if it proves practicable the system is to be introduced into Paris in time for the International Exhibition of 1900. The invention does away entirely with overhead conductors, and appears to be simple enough to be practical. The inventor, Bochet, establishes overhead contact from the elec-tric lamp posts belonging to the city, the distance between posts being some-what smaller than the length of the electric train, consisting of two or three cars, so that contact is always assured at one point at least. Through flexible points of contact, suspended from each electric light post along the proposed line, the current will be taken up by means of a copper rail, fastened along the edge of the roof or the car. not less than fourteen or fifteen feet from the ground. The contact point slide along that copper rail, and there is not the slightest difficulty in establishing a continuous current if the points of contact are made sufficiently The current is allowed to return to the power station through the system, it is claimed, offers all the penefits of the overhead and underground systems without any of their objectionable features.

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A SMALL steamer now plies upon the Jordan, and makes the journey from Jericho to Tiberias-that is from the Dead Sea, along the Jordan, to the

How to Cure Skin Disease. few moments returned, followed by servants bearing heavy sacks on their backs. These were deposited beside the scale, surrounded by a curious the scale, surrounded by a curious throng of onlookers.

Bert's eyes bulged with astonishBert's eyes ment when the sacks were opened, and | wholesale agents.

### SX \_\_\_\_XX The Poets. SAKKKAKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK

The Mystic Sea. The smell of the sea in my nostrils, The sound of the sea in mine ears; The touch of the spray on my burn-Like the mist of reluctant tears.

The blue of the sky above me, The green of the waves beneath; The sun flashing down on a graywhite sall

And ever the breaking billows, And ever the rocks, disdain; And ever a thrill in mine inmost heart That my reason cannot explain.

So I say to my heart "Be silent, The mystery of time is here; Death's way will be plain when we fathom the main. And the secret of life be clear." -Paul Lawrence Dunbar, in the Independent.

I Knock.

I knock, and have I hope? Whereof? I days of yore, Have I not often heard Him knocking at my door?

Did I make haste to draw The bolts? and with a smile Within and rest awhile?

Out of my ample store? Not I—I let Him stand, Knocking outside my door! What hope indeed have I

Stand knocking eagerly? footstep drawing near-I shall not be denied-A hand is on the latch The door is opened wide.

That he will answer me, As I outside His door

And He who oft of old Beside my door did stand And knock, now welcomes me With gracious, outstretched hand. -Arthur D. F. Randolph, in New York Observer.

#### A Smile: A Laugh.

XXX XXXX "My wife is queen of the tea-table," remarked a host to a friendly visitor. "And she never reigns but she

pours," was the quiet reply. "Still a bachelor, Winters:"

'Necessity or choice?" "Both. My necessity; her choice." .... Architect-And on these panels you

vish, I believe, the double convolute. Mrs. Nouveau—Oh, no, indeed! I said wanted just a plain wiggle running "Frisbie is the laziest man I ever

"What makes you think so?" "He actually seems to be glad that he's getting baldheaded, so that he won't have to comb his hair any

"Well. Mariar." said the old man, as he got down from the wagon seat land such immense quantities of fish where he had been patiently waiting, that the royal prerogative of the right 'did you see all the animals?"

"All but two," she said, with a sigh. "I hunted the longest time, but I couldn't seem to find the carnivora and the egress. I expect they was the the whole circumference was the scene best part of the show, too."

\* \* \* \* Charles Lamb was once introduced to a rude American, who greeted him with the remark."I should have known you were Charles Lamb by your stut-

"N-n-n-no, s-s-sir," said Lamb, y-y-y-you a-are m-m-mist-t-taken. I-it i-is m-m-my b-brother G-g-g-George wh-wh-who s-s-s-siss-st-tuttut-tutters, n-n-n-not I."

\* \* \* \* "A young lady organist in Montreal was anxious to make a good impression on a visiting clergyman one Sunday. Her organ was pumped by a somewhat self-willed old sexton, who had his own ideas as to how long an organ voluntary should last, and would shut off the wind when he thought there had been enough. On this particular Sunday the organist thought she would forestall any such accident by writing an appeal in the early part of the service and giving it to the The old man received note, and supposed it was for the minister. In spite of her frantic beckonings, he went straight to the pulpit with the note; and the astonis preacher read this message: "Oblige me this morning by blowing away till I give you the signal to stop. "MISS ALLEN."

. . . . Every expert photographer knows a trick or two of his own, so a lady discovered, after taking her 4-year-old daughter to have her picture taken. The child couldn't be made to sit still. The artist was as gentle as possible, and worked every device of gen-tle persuasion to keep the little wrig-gler quiet. Finally, he said to the despairing mother:

"Madam, if you will leave the little dear alone with me a few minutes I think I can succeed." The mother had scarcely withdrawn when she was summoned back by the triumphant photographer, who exhibited a satisfactory negative. When they reached home the mother asked, "Nellie, what did the man say to you when I left you alone with "He thaid," lisped Nellie, "'Thit

thtill, you little rathcall, or I'll thake

Hints for the Household.

The time for replenishing an old rose jar or starting a new potpourri will quickly be here, so the following may help someone: Put half a peck of freshly gathered rose-leaves into a jar having a cover. Strew salt on the bottom of the jar and among the leaves, using about a pint of salt, and leaving a layer on top. For ten days stir the leaves thoroughly twice in the 24 hours. ng"; but the captain was firm in his: Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." Now add 3 ounces of crushed allspice demand, and finally one venerable No internal medicine required. Cures and 1 ounce of broken cinnamon sticks, Arab quietly left the group, and in a tetter, eczema, itch, ail eruptions on aud trum the mass over daily for one few moments returned, followed by the face hands, nose, etc., leaving the week. Then add 1 ounce each of powthe week. Then add 1 ounce each of pow-Its dered cinnamon and cloves, 2 nutmegs

logne are frequently added also. Shake and stir the jar twice a week and open it only while it is in use. This is the stock. A few fresh rose leaves with the salt and spice should be add ed each year. To have a custard pie of an even nice brown when baked, sprinkle a lit-

tle sugar over the top just before put-If two pairs of shoes are kept in us together, wearing them alternately, the shoes will give more service and last longer than two pairs worn one after the other. Shoes, like many other things, become tired, and require an occasional rest to do good work. When you suspect that your cooking has been scorched because you have neglected it for just one moment too long, lift the vessel holding the food quickly from the fire, and stand it in a pan of water for a few minutes. In almost every case the scorched taste will entirely disappear.

#### JOSEPH'S CANAL IN ECYPT.

An Engineering Work That Is Still Useful After Four Thousand Years.

From Engineering.

How many of the engineering works of the nineteenth century will there be in existence in the year 6000? Very few, we fear, and still less those that will continue in that far-off age to serve a useful purpose. Yet there is at least one great undertaking con-ceived and executed by an engineer which during the space of 4,000 years has never ceased its office, on which the life of a fertile province absolutely depends today. We refer to the Bahr Joussuf—the canal of Joseph—built, according to tradition, by the son of Jacob, and which constitutes not the least of the many blessings he conferred on Egypt during the years of his prosperous rule. This canal took its rise from th Nile at Asiut, and ran almost parallel with it for nearly 250 miles, creeping along under the western cliffs of the Nile Valley, with many a bend and winding, until at length it gained an eminence, as compared with the river bed, which enabled it to turn westward through a narrow pass and enter a district which was otherwise shut off from the fertilizing floods on which all vegetation in Egypt depends The northern end stood seventeen feet above low Nile, while at the southern end it was at an equal elevation with the river. Through this cut ran a perennial stream, which watered a province named the Fayoum, endowing it with fertility and supporting large population. In the time of the annual flood a great part of the canal current would rush in a more direct course into the pass, carrying with it the rich silt which takes the place of manure and keeps the soil in a con-stant state of productiveness. All this, with the exception of the tradi-tion that Joseph built it, can be verifled today, and it is not mere supposi-tion or rumor.

believed that the design has alway been limited to an irrigation scheme been limited to an irrigation scheme, larger, no doubt, than that now in operation, as shown by the traces of abandoned canals, and by the slow aggregation of waste water which had aggregation of the Birket el Querum, accumulated in the Birket el Querum but still essentially the same in character. Many accounts have been written by Greek and Roman historians, such as Herodotus, Strabo, Mutianus and Pliny, and repeated in monkish legends, or portrayed in the maps of the middle ages, which agreed with the folklore of the district. These tales explained that the canal dug by the ancient Israelites served to carry the surplus waters of the Nile into extensive lake lying south of the Fay arid winds of the desert and convert ing them into the balmy airs which nourished the vines and the olives into a fullness and known in any part of the country, but also added to the food supply of the land such immense quantities of fish ed at £250,000 annually. be navigated by a fleet of vessels and of industry and prosperity.

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