

Where Mary and Her Lamb Went to School.

"Mary Had a Little Lamb" is as familiar to school children as their A B C's, but not many of them know that it is a "really, truly" story.

It all happened in Massachusetts many years ago. Mary Sawyer lived in a pretty little house in Sterling. Her father owned a number of sheep, and when one of them died, leaving a dear little lamb motherless Mary carried it into the house, gave it milk and made a little bed in a box by the fire for it. The lamb grew day by day and before long showed its devotion to Mary by trotting after her wherever she went. But the story of its faithfulness did not reach the world until "it followed her to school one day." No wonder the sight of a snow-white lamb within the halls of learning "made the children laugh and play."

It was not long after that a friend of the teacher, who had been told the story, wrote a poem which soon became known throughout the entire country, and has ever since been a favorite with children.

Mary's care of the lamb was amply repaid. Many years later, when she was a grown woman, happily married, and a member of the Old South Church of Boston, Mary unraveled a stocking made from the wool of that very lamb, wound bits of it on cards and sold each of them for twenty-five cents. The money made in this way she gave to the fund which saved the Old South Church from being razed to the ground.—The Designer for January.

The eminent French teacher, De Saily, has said that when he began to teach kindness to animals in his school, he found his pupils became not only kinder to animals, but also kinder to each other. Out of about seven thousand persons who were, when children, carefully taught kindness to animals, in a large public school at Edinburgh, it was found that not one had ever been charged with a criminal offence.

Answer to Arboreal Puzzle in May REVIEW, from *Woman's Home Companion*: 1, beech; 2, weeping-willow; 3, apple; 4, pine; 5, elm; 6, birch; 7, palm; 8, yew; 9, pear; 10, plum; 11, poplar; 12, ever-green; 13, fir; 14, ash; 15, gum; 16, chestnut; 17, aspen; 18, locust; 19, spruce.

In the same number, to "place the same word twice so as to make the sentence read properly": The Four Missing Words are entrance, desert, subject and object.

CURRENT EVENTS.

On his sixteenth birthday, June 23, Prince Edward was made Prince of Wales.

The first regular airship passenger service was inaugurated in Germany, by the flight of the airship Deutschland from Friedrichshafen to Dusseldorf a distance of three hundred miles, which took place on the twenty-second of June. The airship was 485 feet long, and carried thirty passengers. The German aeronauts are talking of mapping out properly lighted airship routes.

The Prince Regent of China, by an imperial decree, has made English the official language in all Chinese schools of the "modern learning." This does not mean that English will become the language of the people, but it makes more certain the spread of English and American influence in China, where English is more widely used at present than any other foreign tongue. Even now it is not uncommon to hear two Chinamen from different provinces using English as a medium of conversation; for though the written language is alike throughout China the speech differs widely.

The governments of Australia and New Zealand are planning a system of wireless telegraphy to connect the British islands of the South Pacific.

An Australian sculptor, Bertram Mackennal, has been appointed to design the coinage for the new reign. He is the first colonial artist ever called upon to design the English coinage.

There are between three and four million books in the library of the British museum, and they occupy forty-three miles of shelves.

In South Australia, the camel is coming into general use for carrying burdens.

There is little hope of saving the leaning tower of Pisa. The old tower is on the verge of collapse, owing to the weakness of the foundation, and the inclination from the perpendicular has recently increased. The ringing of the bells in the tower has been stopped because the vibrations thus caused threatened to throw down the structure.

A Russian naval engineer has invented a chimneyless steam boiler which has been adopted for use on a Russian torpedo boat. The products of combustion are disposed of by being mixed with the steam and sent into the cylinders.

A new fabric made from nettles, between cotton and linen in merit, is now claiming recognition, and may possibly soon be had at a lower price than either linen or cotton.

It is expected that a ship canal from Stettin to Berlin will be completed within a year, by which sea going vessels may reach the inland city.

Fighting is still continued in Nicaragua, the general results being in favour of the government forces.