

An Adopted Mother.

Arthur Allen was a very tender-hearted little boy, and there were tears in his eyes when he came into the kitchen one morning carrying in his arms a big brown hen which had been run over by a hay wagon and killed.

"What will become of Brownie's little chickens, mamma?" he asked. "They are out under a currant bush, all 'peeping' for their mother."

Mrs. Allen went out into the garden with Arthur to look at the poor little chickens. There were thirteen of the yellow, fluffy little things, and they were only three days old.

"They mustn't die," said Arthur. "I'll take care of them myself."

He brought a basket and put all the little chickens into it; then he carried them off to an empty oat-bin in the barn where there was plenty of room for them to run about.

The next morning when Mrs. Allen went out to the barn to tell Arthur to hunt for some eggs, she stopped at the oat-bin to look at the motherless little chickens. There in one corner of the bin hung the big feather duster, and gathered under it were all the little chickens!

"I thought the duster could be a mother to them, mamma," said Arthur.

So Mrs. Allen let the duster hang in the bin, and the thirteen little chickens gathered under it until they were old enough to roost on a bar.—*Youth's Companion.*

Empire Day.

To all the loyal hearts who long
To keep our English Empire whole!
To all our noble sons, the strong
New England of the Southern Pole!
To England under Indian skies,
To those dark millions of her realm!
To Canada whom we love and prize,
Whatever statesman hold the helm.
Hands all round!
God the traitor's hope confound!
To this great name of England drink, my friends
And all her glorious Empire round and round.

—Tennyson.

The Spelling Lesson.

The ability to spell and pronounce correctly the following words is worth the time necessary to acquire it. Consult the dictionary for pronunciation.

1, jugular; 2, leisure; 3, divan; 4, ghoul; 5, troche; 6, robust; 7, brooch; 8, albumen; 9, Doric; 10, vitriol; 11, bade; 12, dolorous; 13, contumely; 14, exactly; 15, isolate; 16, brogan; 17, clique; 18, obesity; 19, apparatus; 20, complaisance; 21, coadjutor; 22, lamentable; 23, mirage; 24, hymeneal; 25, debris; 26, horizon; 27, laboratory; 28, finance; 29, suffice; 30, romance; 31, museum; 32, Calliope; 33, filial; 34, patron; 35, consummate; 36, Indian; 37, vagary; 38, diamond; 39, protege; 40, ribald; 41, squalor; 42, almond; 43, falcon; 44, enervate; 45, sleek; 46, placard; 47, hearth; 48, cadaver; 49, stratum; 50, status; 51, nasal; 52, comely; 53, depot; 54, sinecure; 55, duress; 56, cleanly; 57, garrulity; 58, granary; 59, heinous; 60, homage; 61, jocund; 62, visor; 63, dromedary; 64, finale; 65, extant; 66, harassed; 67, plebeian; 68, grimace; 69, sagacious; 70, subtle; 71, courier; 72, crochet; 73, Danish; 74, cornet; 75, coupon; 76, elite; 77, epaulet; 78, alias; 79, vehement; 80, exemplary; 81, cabal; 82, juvenile; 83, pumpkin; 84, heroism; 85, oleomargarine; 86, courteous; 87, charivari; 88, acoustics; 89, crinoline; 90, apricot; 91, aspirant; 92, banana; 93, bellows; 94, truths; 95, illustrated; 96, illustration; 97, integral; 98, halibut; 99, spinach; 100, maritime.—*Inspiration.*

To Make a Paper Bird.

Take a four or six inch square of colored paper. Fold the diagonal, making a triangle. Fold each of the angles at the apex down on opposite sides of the crease which forms the base of the triangle.

These two little triangles form the wings of the bird. Spread open the wings, and throw the paper "bird" out into the air. It balances well, and will shoot out in straight lines. The children enjoy making and flying these birds after a difficult reading or writing lesson. It is a pretty little recreation, and with the transforming imagination of children the bits of colored paper will resemble birds.—*Primary Education.*