MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

* This and That *

THE CHILDREN OF BRITTANY.

Brittany is the great north-western peninsula of France, though the height of its mountains nowhere exceeds 1 150 feet. Brittany contains over 3.000,000 people, and, as the country is shut in, as it were, the inhabitants have a character of their own, and the boys and girls are somewhat unlike those in other parts of France, both in appearance and manners. They are very patriotic and you could not offend a Breton more than to call him French, unless you should call him a German. intense feeling of nationalism is vitally characteristic of the Breton.

Take, for instance, a typical Breton girl of nine. She is intensely alive ; she is perhaps the chief moving power of the house hold; she has all the vim, the force of character, that seems to have fallen like a mantle of royal ermine from the white shoulders of the queen dutchess, Ann of Brittany, on the brown shoulders of all

shoulders of the queen dutchess, Ann of Brittany, on the brown shoulders of all central and the provent shoulders of all tentral tables, pots, and pans thoroughly, but they wash no dishes, for there are none. The table, in use many years, is thus they wash no dishes, for there are hole of the should be and the should be and through its highly polished surface are holes wells the porridge is placed, which shall white and is made of hard wood, through its highly polished surface are holes wells the porridge is placed, which shall be porridge is placed, which shall be and is made of almost all the drink from, but they use no knives hore the table hangs the bread-basket is a source. They are on pulleys, and freeton will have none of the long, charac-the family desire, the bread-basket is lowered to an easy reaching distance. When the family desire, the bread-bask is lowered to an easy reaching distance of the load se required. If there is the whith. And the children are welcome to be bread, for in Brittany, as in operation the load for in Brittany, as in operation of bread, for in Brittany, as in optime of food. The ceiling is the family and for the load for in the family before of mode is and bunches of herbs. There is no expret on the hor of well-barred down, made of coffee sacks seven are able of ease, and bunches of herbs. There is no expret on the hor of well-barred down, made of coffee sacks seven and the same of the same of coffee sacks seven and the same of the same of coffee sacks seven and the same of the same same of therbs. There is no expret on the hor

WHY DON'T THEY GO.

A Way to Push off the "hang on's."

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Our two children are very fond of Postam. You can use my name if you like." T. M. Coggin, 1220-10th Ave., Columbus, Ga.

STINGY JIMMY.

Jimmy was the stinglest boy you ever knew. He couldn't bear to give away a penny, nor a bit of an apple nor a crumb of candy. He couldn't bear to lend his of candy. He couldn't bear to lend his sled or his hoop or his skates. All his friends were very sorry he was so stingy, and talked to him about it; but he couldn't see any reason why he should give away what he wanted himself. "If I didn't want it ," he said, "p'r'aps

I would give it away; but why should I give it away when I want it myself ?"

"Because it is nice to be generous," said his mother, "and think about the happiness of other people. It makes you feel happier and better yourself. If you give your hoop to little Johnny, who never, had ne in his life, you will feel a thousand

one in his life, you will feel a thousand times better watching his enjoyment of it than if you had kept it yourself." "Well," said Jimmy, "Til try it." The hoop was sent off. "How soon shall I feel better?" he asked, by and by, "I don't feel as well as I did when I had the hoop. Are you sure I aball feel better ?" "Certainly," answered his mother, "but if you should keep on giving something away you would feel better all the sooner." Then he gave away his kit and thought he did not feel quite so well as before. He gave away his sixpence that he meant to spend for taffy. Then he said: "I don't like this giving away things. I doen't like being stingy better." Just then Johnny ran up the street bowl-lig the hoop, looking prond as a prince, and askirg all the boys to take a turn. Jimmy began to smile as he watched him, and said: "'You might give Johnny my old over-

and said : "You might give Johnny my old over-coat; he's littler than I am, and he doesn't seem to have one. I think-I guess-I know I'm beginning to feels on much bet-ter: I'm glad I gave Johnny my hoop I'll give away something else." And Jimmy has been feeling better ever since. —Selected.

WE WANT TO BUY

- WE WANT TO BUY A cushion for the seat of war. A sheet for the bed of a river. A ring for the finger of scorn. A glove for the hand of fate. A shoe for the foot of a mountain. A slove for the arm of the law. An opener for the jaws of death. A lock for the trunk of an elephant. A lock for the trunk of an elephant. A jar of glasses for the eyes of the law. A feather for the wing of the wind. A key to the lock of the door of success. A blanket for the cradle of the deep. Food for reflection. Scales for the coat of paint A thermometer to measure the heat of an

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nument. rung for the ladder of fame. hinge for the gait of a horse. tombstone for the dead of night. razor to shave the face of the earth. link for the chain of evidence. pump for the well of knowledge. telescope to watch the flight of time. song that will reach an ear of corn. hone to sharpen a blade of grass. cemetery in which to bury some dead gnages.

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TELEGRAPHING THE TIME.

It is three minutes to nine o'clock at night. The official in charge of a great observatory, the Goodsell Observatory, Northfield, Minn., is preparing to send ou the time to the people living in his sec-tion of America. For sixty seconds he rattles away on a telegraph instrument at his desk, spelling out the word "time, time, time;" then he waits an instant. Then he turns to his telegraph key again. Eleven thousand miles of wire are open to him; he is ruler of them all. Every tele graph instrument in all the vast territory of which the Goodsell Observatory is the entre is silent; every operator has taken his hand from his key; throughout the whole length of these thousands of miles there is a strange silence.

The seconds are slowly ticking away.

Above the head of the observer there is a great observatory clock. At precisely two minutes to nine, after the telegraphers all along the miles of wire have been notified. and have withdrawn their hands from the keys, the wires are switched into a connec tion with the very clock itself, and all along the eleven thousands of miles there is no sound but the tick, tick, tick of the observatory clock. Every beat of the great arteries of commerce is stopped; every throb of the news of all lands going out night by night over these wires from the great heart of the world ceases; even the sad messages of death and suffering, as well as the gay ones that tell of little babies born and young folks married and reunions of friends promised—all these must wait while the great clock on the wall makes itself understood in the lang mage of time and eternity over these many thousands of miles.

Something strangely solemn is in one's thoughts as he stands beside the observer thoughts as he stands beside the observer amid the silent seconds while the clock ticks on. Whoever is listening at the wire along its course, waiting to set his watch, whether he be a railroad employee or some man in a large jeweller's establishment where the people go to get their timepieces regulated, knows the system, and knows that there is a sudden pause just before the exact stroke of nine o'clock-a broken beat in the ticking. Then all carefully note their timepieces as the clock in the observatory ticks the nine-o'clock second. Thus they can tell to the second whether their watches are fast or slow or precisely right.

their watches are tast of slow right. Attached to the clock is a simple device —a wheel with teeth in it—located behind the second-hand, which breaks the cur-rent at each even second. Thus the clock is ticking the time over the whole stretch of wire covering the thousands of miles of territory in the field'of this particular ob-servatory.—St. Nicholas.

A PATRIOTIC DRILL

The closing exercises of a private kindergarten began with the displaying of a portrait of George Washington, says the Washington Post. "Who is this?" the teacher asked.

Visitors were present, and, of course, the children failed to show off. They sat mute and unresponsive, till finally one little fellow piped up.

"I know who it is," he shouted. "We got that plcture at home. Mamma told me who it is." Adolphus swelled with pride. "It's our father from the country," he

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SHE EXPLAINED THE MEANING.

One of the easiest ways for a lawyer to confuse a witness is to make him explain the meaning of a word. Few people can define a word satisfactorily, even if they know its meaning. A Western lawyer was cross-examining a young woman who had a very haughty temper. According to the Los Angeles Herald, she had testified that she had seen the defendant "shy" a book at the plaintiff.

The lawyer seized on the wor'. "'Shy?' 'Shy'a book? What do you mean by that? Will you explain to the

Contr what the word 'shy' means?'' The girl leaned over the desk beneath the witness-box, picked up a law-book, and threw it is a accurately and so forcibly at the lawyer that be had hard work to dodge

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Lord Rosebury delivered a speech in London Friday, which seems to bind him to an attempt to re-organize the Liberal party, and which, consequently, gives little satisfaction to the Conservative pa-

WIRE WOUNDS.

WIRE WOUNDS My mare, a very valuable one, was badly bruised and cut by being caught in a wire fence. Some of the wounds would not heal, although I tried many different medicines. Dr. Bell advised me to use MIMARD'S LINIMENT, diluted at first, then stronger as the sores began to look better, until, after three weeks, the sores have healed, and best of all the hair is growing well, and is not wurre, as is most always the case in horse wounds. Weymouth. F. M. DOUCET.

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