

This and That

THE CHILDREN OF BRITTANY.

Brittany is the great north-western peninsula of France, though the height of its mountains nowhere exceeds 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.

Take, for instance, a typical Breton girl of nine. She is intensely alive; she is perhaps the chief moving power of the household.

Above the table hangs the bread-basket and spoon rack. They are on pulleys, and except at meal time, are kept at the ceiling.

WHY DON'T THEY GO.

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

Perhaps some day you will wake up to the fact that coffee is quickly and surely doing the business for you.

Fixed organic disease may result if you keep up your present course, and yet it is an easy thing to give up coffee and get well.

There are hundreds of thousands of cases in America that prove the truth of this statement.

A gentleman from Columbus, Ga., says, "My wife had been an invalid for some time and did not seem to yield to any sort of medicines.

Finally we concluded that perhaps it was the coffee that hurt her, so she quit it and went on to Postum, also began using Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food.

I saw such an improvement in her health that I decided to quit coffee myself and you would be surprised to see the change.

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

STINGY JIMMY.

Jimmy was the stingiest boy you ever knew. He couldn't bear to give away a penny, nor a bit of an apple nor a crumb of candy.

"If I didn't want it," he said, "p'raps 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.

"Well," said Jimmy, "I'll try it."

The hoop was sent off. "How soon shall I feel better?" he asked, by and by.

"Certainly," answered his mother, "but if you should keep on giving something away you would feel better all the sooner."

"I don't like this giving away things. It doesn't agree with me. I don't feel any better. I like being stingy better."

Just then Johnny ran up the street bowling the hoop, looking proud as a prince, and asking all the boys to take a turn.

"You might give Johnny my old overcoat; he's littler than I am, and he doesn't seem to have one. I think—I guess—I know I'm beginning to feel so much better: I'm glad I gave Johnny my hoop.

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 sleeve for the arm of the law. An opener for the jaws of death. A lock for the trunk of an elephant. A pair 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 weight of years. A button for the coat of paint. A thermometer to measure the heat of an argument.

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 out the time to the people living in his section of America.

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 connection 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.

Something strangely solemn is in one's 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.

Attached to the clock is a simple device—a wheel with teeth in it—located behind the second-hand, which breaks the current 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 observatory.—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 picture at home. Mamma told me who it is."

Adolphus swelled with pride. "It's our father from the country," he said.

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.

The lawyer seized on the word 'shy'. "Shy? 'Shy' a book? What do you mean by that? Will you explain to the court what the word 'shy' means?"

"The girl leaned over the desk beneath the witness-box, picked up a law-book, and threw it so accurately and so forcibly at the lawyer that he had hard work to dodge it.

"I think the court now understands the meaning of the word 'shy,'" said the judge, gravely. The girl was allowed to finish her testimony.

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 papers.

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 MINARD'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 WHITE, as is most always the case in horse wounds. Weymouth. F. M. DOUCET.

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