

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

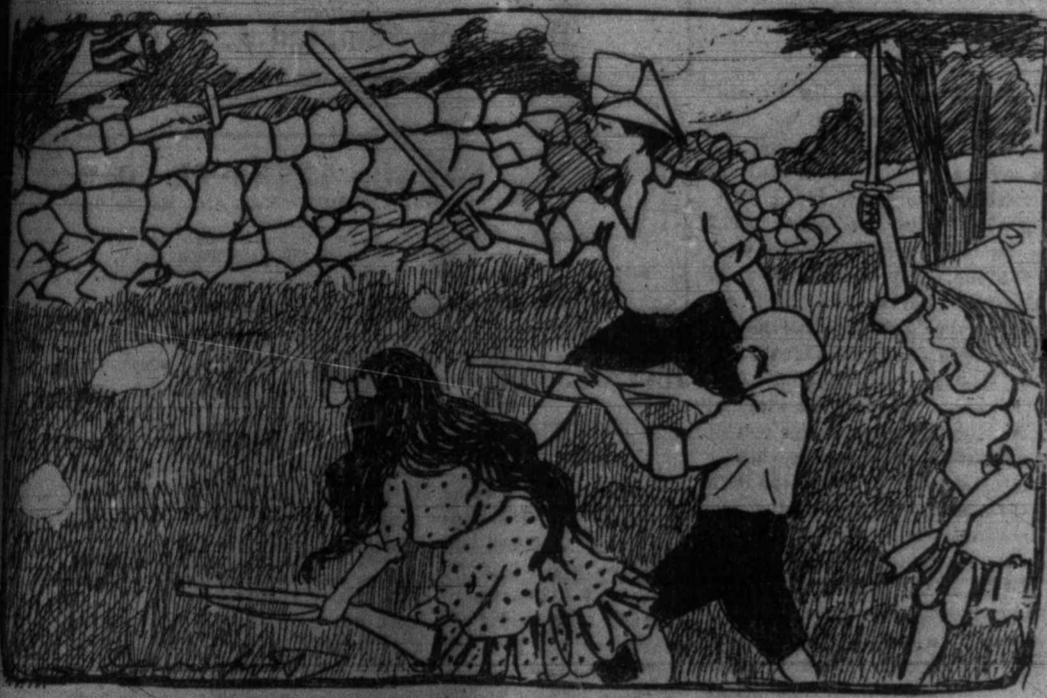


The Baxter's Fourth of July

BY LOUISE KOESTER ATWELL

The Baxter family sat under a dilapidated shed, talking in mournful tones of how they were going to celebrate the Fourth of July.

each and have battles like they did at Manila, Ladysmith and Santiago. "Oh, that will be splendid!" cried the children, clapping their hands.



THEY CHARGED THE FORT.

"We can't have none of those old-fashioned skyrockets or even shoot our own uncle gave us last Christmas. Oh, how could he," she continued, "after we have been saving money for weeks."

"First, I am going to be General Miles, and later I shall be down in South Africa, tending to things generally. Now, then, you had better get the battleground ready."

"Then I shall be Cervera and his fleet," put in Bud, "only I am not going to be submerged this time."

A New Recess Game.

The primary object of a game is, of course, to give entertainment, but it is intended in most of these recess games of ours to give a little instruction with the entertainment.

"What are you going to be, Leslie?"

"I am thinking of a warrior who wept because he had no other nation to conquer, and his name has nine letters"—Alexander.

"Of a great city in the United States that was once called New Amsterdam, and its name has seven letters"—New York.

"Of a delicious fruit of Persia and Arabia, that will soon be grown in Southern California, and its name has four letters"—Date.

"Of a famous battle fought between American and British soldiers some time after a treaty of peace had been signed, and its name has 10 letters"—New Orleans.

"Of a vegetable that is taking the place of cane in making sugar, and its name has four letters"—Beet.

"Of a statesman who said that he had rather be right than be president, and his name has nine letters"—Henry Clay.

"Of an animal that sometimes laughs like a human being, and its name has five letters"—Hyena.

"Of a river whose mouth is further from the centre of the earth than its source, which makes some people say that it runs up hill, and its name has eleven letters"—Mississippi.

of an animal that lives in the woods of the west, and its name has four letters." The first player in the row answers "bear," and is wrong.

The next question goes to the third player, and so on, in turn, all down the line and then over again, until all the questions have been answered or missed.

The other questions asked by the leader are such as follows: "I am thinking of a warrior who wept because he had no other nation to conquer, and his name has nine letters"—Alexander.

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How Ice Rivers are Made

By Charles Barnard.

Snow falling on top of a high mountain may accumulate into heavy drifts. More snow continually falling may press upon the old snow and it will gradually turn into ice.

Get a piece of ice from the refrigerator and examine it. We can break it into irregular fragments having sharp edges. If we try to bend a piece we find it will break, but will not bend.

If we want to know anything about nature the best plan is to perform an experiment. Get a pail or basket and about a yard of stove wire. Pass the wire through the handle of the pail and twist the ends together to form a loop.

flowed down a valley. To prove that it did a man of science in Switzerland set up a row of stakes on a glacier in a straight line across the top of the ice. In a few days the line of stakes was bent down stream, proving that the solid ice did flow down, and that, like so much water, the middle moved faster than the two sides next the edge of the valley.

No Time to Lose

Panama, Columbia, July 14.—President Marroquin, of this republic, last month decided to ascertain the opinion of the isthmian residents regarding the canal question, they being most vitally interested in having the business satisfactorily settled without further obstacles.

Their Trunks Held

San Francisco, July 14.—Eight trunks, the property of Mrs. Charles Boettcher and Miss Nettie McMurtrie, of Denver, have been seized by the customs officers here.



THE ICE WILL FORM INTO A SOLID LUMP.

over it, resting it on the middle of the block. The pail, supported by the wire, will now hang under the ice. Place a pan under it to catch the drip from the ice and put a flat-iron in the pail for weight.

Presently we shall see the ice behave in the most surprising manner. Gradually the wire, pressed on the ice by the weighted pail, will sink into the ice.

Place the ice in a pail, and with a hammer break it into small pieces. Shake the pail to prove the lumps are loose. Then lay a plate on the broken ice and place a flatiron on the plate.

He—Good-bye, Madge, dear! (The ocean waves.) She—Good-bye, dearest Jack! (The seaside.) He—Kiss me just once more. (We hear the sound.)—July Smart Set.

The committee rendered a report which was almost unanimous except on some trifling points. This report probably is already in the hands of President Marroquin, having been forwarded to Bogota some time ago.

So far as it is possible to ascertain the salient points of the answers is substance are: The gentlemen of this commission not only consider it convenient, but emphatically declare that it is urgent to authorize without unnecessary delays, the new Panama Canal Company to transfer to the United States government the concession it holds to build the interoceanic canal through Colombia territory.

night on the steamer Nippon Marui and when their baggage was searched by the customs officers the trunks were found to be full of dutiable goods of all kinds, including silks, embroideries and curios. The trunks had not been declared according to the customs laws, and were seized.

Mrs. Boettcher, in explanation, said she regarded the contents of the trunks as "personal effects," and had not declared the contents in the usual manner for that reason. She said that no attempt had been made to evade the law, and the seizure was simply the result of her lack of knowledge of proper procedure in the matter. The matter has been submitted to the collector of the port, and it is very probable that the ladies will be permitted to pay the duty on the trunks, as it is evident that there was no intent to evade the customs officers.

"You're the light of my life," she whispered. As he kissed her once more good night, And then from the top of the stair way Came a voice, "Well, put out the light!" —June Smart Set.