

Young Folks

Jack O'Dreams.

The rain was falling softly on the trees outside, but in the library Alice sat before the fireplace; with her curly head resting in her hands, she dreamily gazed into the fire, until she saw castles and ladies and knights in the burning coals.

Suddenly out of the fireplace came a queer-looking fellow in a green jacket and yellow knee breeches. He wore great brass buckles at his knees and on his shoes. From a belt about his waist hung a large bag, which bulged out at the sides.

After bowing to Alice so low that his great mass of reddish hair touched the floor, he said, "I am Jack O'Dreams. I give all little girls and boys their dreams. Look! I will show you this," and he took from his bag a little red heart. It opened, and hundreds of little purple powders flew over Alice's head. Instantly Jack O'Dreams disappeared, and Alice found herself sitting on a white angora cat that was walking straight up the side of a barn. Alice, who was holding on with all her might, was ready to cry, but her mother and her father stood by, laughing. And then, just as the cat slipped and was falling down, down into space, Alice awoke.

But when her mother had put her to bed and had turned out the light, out popped Jack O'Dreams again. With another bow, he said, "How did you like that dream I just gave you, child?"

"How did you give me a dream?" asked Alice.

"Listen, and I will tell you," he answered. "There are millions of Jacks just like me. You have heard that a pair of children in a family are called twins, and that three are called triplets; but we Jacks are called million-ettes in Dreamland, and we all look just alike. We are always about, though you do not see us in the daytime. We can read your thoughts, and when we find some thoughts that we think will make good dreams, we seal them up in red hearts and keep them till night."

Alice thought a moment, and then said, "I dream a great many dreams that I never thought of; I never thought of riding a cat up the side of our barn."

"Yes, but don't you remember that to-day you were trying to make your cat hold the doll on his back? It scared him and he ran up a tree. Your father and your mother laughed, but you were almost ready to cry, for fear your doll would be broken. Sometimes you dream things by accident, too."

"What do you mean?" asked Alice. "Sometimes the little heart has a hole in it, and if one of us by mistake puts the thoughts of two different people into his bag, the dream powders get mixed."

"What difference does that make?" asked Alice. "Oh, all the difference in the world," said Jack, "for purple and red powders are happy and funny dreams; gray and white powders are sad dreams, and black and brown powders are scary ones."

He stopped for a moment and eyed Alice roguishly, with his head cocked on one side like a bird; then he added: "I have often noticed, Alice, how kind you are to your pets, and I suppose you always obey your father and mother, don't you?" This time Alice did not reply. "So sometime soon I shall take you to visit Dreamland, where you will meet my dear uncle, Mr. Sandman."

Just then Jack's green and yellow suit seemed to fade into the gray window curtains of Alice's room, and a voice that seemed to come from far away said, "O Alice, aren't you up yet?"

Alice sat up in bed and looked sleepily about her, and the warm sunlight was streaming in through the window.—Youth's Companion.

FEWER DRUNKS IN LONDON.

Anti-treating Order Shows Effect in Police Courts.

The effect of the new anti-treating order has been immediately felt in the police courts in the laboring districts of London. Where the North London Magistrate dealt with 16 cases of drunkenness the same day a week ago, on the day following the new order he had but three. Similar reductions were noted in the East End districts.

The public house owners complain that when men pay for their own drinks in a crowd they seldom take more than one. But there has been no organized protest, as the owners know that if the anti-treating order proves a failure the hours of opening will be materially reduced.

Convenient Apology.

If a boy is real naughty his mother apologizes by saying: "He's just like his father."

Naval officers' pay ranges from \$32 (midshipman) to \$2,190 a year (Admiral of the Fleet).

To-day the government of the Navy is practically the same as it was when established in 1688.

In County Donegal, Ireland, the market price for knitting a pair of socks used to be a penny.

WORN WORRIED WOMEN

Her Many Duties Affect Her Health and Often She Breaks Down Completely.

It is little wonder that there are many times in a woman's life when she feels in despair. There is no nine-hour day for the busy housewife. There are a hundred things about the home to keep her busy from the time she arises until it is again bed time. What is the result? Often her nerves give way, her good looks suffer, her blood becomes thin, her digestion is disturbed and her system threatened with a complete breakdown. Every woman should do all possible to protect her health and good looks, and there is one way in which she can do this, and that is by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These actually make new, rich blood, strengthen every nerve and every organ, bring the glow of health to the cheeks and brightness to the eye. These pills have done more to make the lives of thousands of women sunnier than anything else in the world. Mrs. Daniel Theal, Waterloo, Ont., says: "I was very much run down, my blood was thin and watery and I would faint at the least excitement. I suffered from headaches and dizziness, and often it seemed as though there were clouds before my eyes. Finally I was forced to go to bed with weakness. I doctored for six weeks while in bed without receiving any benefit. Finally I was induced to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and when I had taken ten boxes I was completely cured, and never felt better in my life. I am convinced that what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me they will do for others, and I warmly recommend them to all weak women."

You can get these Pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PATHTIC STORY.

A Russian Officer's Sad Downfall in Paris.

Amsterdam (Holland) newspapers describe the pathetic close of the career of Lieutenant Maschkowitsch, of a crack Cossack regiment of Russia. When the war broke out Lieutenant Maschkowitsch was in Paris, and as it was useless for him to attempt to join his regiment he at once enlisted in the French army. In the battle of the Marne he distinguished himself and became a favorite with the French soldiers. He was slightly wounded near Ypres, but soon recovered. Recently he received a forty-eight hour furlough and returned to Paris. It was the last his regiment saw of him.

In September he was arrested for desertion in a cafe in Paris, a wreck of his former self. Weeks of dissipation had sapped his vitality. He was tried by court martial, and admitted that he had not known a soldier's moment for a long time. He was found guilty, degraded and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Great regret was expressed by the men of his regiment for his downfall, but in view of all the circumstances the verdict of the court-martial was entirely just.

A VALUABLE MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Mrs. G. Morgan, Huntsville, Ont., writes: "I wish every mother and especially young mothers knew the value of Baby's Own Tablets. They have certainly worked wonders with our baby. She was troubled with colic and constipation and cried all the time, but the Tablets soon put her right, and she is now a fine healthy child." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

DEEP-WATER DIVING.

Expert Says Trade Opens Opportunities for Blind Soldiers.

Deep-water diving is one of the trades for which blinded soldiers may fit themselves, writes C. Arthur Pearson, chairman of the British Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee. He says: "Diving is, I think, a quite new occupation for blind people. The diver who is building breakwaters and piers works in the dark, for even if the water is clear his work disturbs it and renders it impossible for him to see anything through it. The diver is one of the best paid of workmen. He has an attendant to look after him while below and when he returns to the surface, and the occupation is one which I think will prove to be extremely suitable for intelligent blinded soldiers and sailors who have had some mechanical training."

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Formidable List of United States Railroads in Receiver's Hands

Among U.S. railroads the intervention of the receiver has been so frequent, and has concerned so many important systems, that this official is no longer considered an omen of approaching dissolution, but rather, in cases, the promise of economical administration. Figures issued by the Bureau of Railway News and Statistics, Chicago, show that there were twenty-eight railway companies of more or less importance in the hands of receivers at the close of the calendar year 1914, in addition to nearly forty minor roads. The combined length of these larger railways operated by receivers amounted to 19,449 miles, with a total capitalization of more than \$1,376,678,913. They include the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, with excellent services in the southwest; the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, with one of the best services between Chicago and St. Louis; the Wabash, with its strong geographical position, providing short line mileage between many important cities in the Middle West; the Pere Marquette, serving thickly populated districts in Michigan; and the Toledo, St. Louis and Western Railroad, known as the Clover Leaf Route, traversing the progressive states of Indiana and Illinois. The receivership record for 1914 is as follows:

Funded Debt.	
Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic	\$24,560,500
Cape Girardeau Northern	1,500,000
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	74,507,000
Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton	62,135,540
Colorado Midland	9,532,000
International & Great Northern	24,594,500
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient	29,769,223
Louisiana & Northwest	2,300,000
Macon & Birmingham	500,000
Missouri & North Arkansas	9,936,969
Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf	9,256,190
New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago	14,152,602
Oklahoma Central	3,180,000
Pere Marquette	79,959,165
Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern	7,173,358
St. Louis & San Francisco	296,500,242
St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico	12,163,105
St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas	7,188,000
San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf	3,663,000
Tennessee Central	12,709,900
Toledo, St. Louis & Western	28,027,000
Trinity & Brazos Valley	8,760,000
Wabash R.R.	124,194,149
Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal	50,451,834
Wabash, Chester & Western	690,000
Wisconsin & Michigan	3,868,245
Wheeling & Lake Erie	27,000,000
	\$928,282,622

The total capitalization, stocks and bonds was \$1,376,678,000. Eliminating duplications, the net capitalization is less than \$600,000 per mile.

In the thirty-seven years, from 1876 to 1913, the records show that not less than 754 U.S. roads, with an operating length of 145,175 miles, and with \$8,262,453,000 capital stock and funded debt, passed into receivers' hands. Among these were included such properties as the Northern Pacific, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, that were subsequently reorganized and placed upon a profitable basis. Other important lines which have gone into receivership in 1915 include old established properties, such as the Missouri Pacific System, with a length operated of 9,670 miles. The stock of the Missouri Pacific a few years ago was selling above par, and it is still considered to be a road with considerable possibilities.

GERMAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

Lack of Raw Material, Cotton, and Other Products.

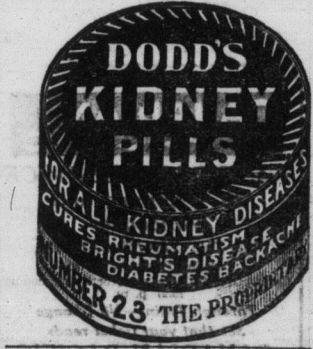
Regarding conditions in the textile industry in Germany, a correspondent writes to the Paris Temps, as follows: "The Central Union of Christian Textile Workers and the German Textile Workers' Union, two of the greatest labor organizations in Germany, have recently held a conference for the discussion of the grave crisis menacing their industry. After ascertaining the exact situation, a remedial programme was agreed upon which will be submitted for approval to the authorities of Elberfeld, Chemnitz and other industrial centres in Rhenish Prussia and Westphalia. The fundamental cause for the crisis is a lack of raw material, cotton and other products, of which there are not sufficient quantities on hand to keep the numerous mills in operation. The steadily decreasing import trade, which may soon cease altogether, cannot but aggravate the general economic situation. The official sequestration of the raw materials in all Germany and their subsequent redistribution by the government have temporarily aided over matters temporarily. Soon it will be necessary to reduce operations still further, either by discharging part of the workers or by cutting down the hours of labor. "In this crisis, which affects hundreds of thousands of textile workers, their organizations have invoked the aid of the government and local authorities. The demands presented include the employment of idle men on public works, the procurement of knitting and sewing work for the women, the furnishing of temporary financial assistance to those without any means, the payment of insurance premiums for all who are unable to keep up their policies themselves and the appointment of a general executive council to look after all these details."

One Effect of Prohibition.

"The rapid increase in fur territory in the United States has resulted in a shortage of tea, according to Geo. F. Mitchell, supervising tea examiner of Treasury Department. Tea stocks in the United States are lower than they have ever been. The price of tea is advancing steadily."—Chicago "Tribune," April 22nd.

War Revives Chinese Trade.

The shortage of the supply of synthetic indigo in the markets of the world as a result of the war in Europe and the consequent high prices for imported indigo in Chinese markets has led to a revival of the native production of indigo in various parts of China. Indigo production is one of China's oldest industries. The Chinese developed their own process of making the dye and used their native product for many centuries before foreign dyes were known. The production of native indigo has continued ever since.



SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Shells Destroy Marks Where the Men Are Buried.

The problem of marking the graves of soldiers who have fallen on the battle front is a difficult one. It is shown by an announcement made from the office of the British Secretary of War and published recently in the London newspapers. The announcement says no special crosses can be received for transit, and explains that known graves are marked by small wooden crosses treated with creosote to make them waterproof. Most of the graves, explains the announcement, are within the range of the enemy's shell fire. So much is this true that most of the crosses are destroyed frequently and have to be replaced from a carefully kept register of the burial places as soon as the graves can be reached. Under those conditions the War Office says it would be impossible to set up anything like permanent markers until conditions are more settled.

How You May Throw Away Your Glasses

The statement is made that thousands wear eyeglasses who do not really need them. If you are one of these unfortunate ones, then these glasses may be ruining your eyes instead of helping them. Thousands who wear these "windows" may prove for themselves that they can dispense with glasses if they will get the following prescription filled at once: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Non-Opto tablets; fill a two-ounce bottle with warm water and drop in one Non-Opto tablet. With this harmless liquid solution bathe the eyes two to four times daily, and you will likely be astonished at the results right from the start. Many who have been told that they have astigmatism, eye-strain, cataract, sore eyelids, weak eyes, conjunctivitis and other eye disorders, report wonderful benefits from the use of this prescription. Get this prescription filled and use it; you may so strengthen your eyes that glasses will not be necessary. Thousands who are blind, or nearly so, or who wear glasses might never have required them if they had eyed their eyes in time. Save your eyes before it is too late! Do not become one of these victims of neglect. Eyeglasses are only like crutches, and every few years they must be changed to fit the ever-increasing weakened condition, so better see if you can, like many others, get clear, healthy eyes. Bathe the eyes through the prescription here given. The Valmar Drug Co. of Toronto will fill the above prescription by mail if your druggist cannot.

What He Told Him.

"They say Jack's injuries were the result of a practical joke." "Yes. The chappies told him that a big, burly man in the smoking room was dead and dumb, and Jack walked over to him with a sweet smile and told him he was a silly fool." "Well?" "The man wasn't dead and dumb, and the 'silly fool' was Jack."

One Reason.

"Do you know why money is so scarce, brothers?" the soap-box orator demanded, and a fair-sized section of the backbone of the nation waited in leisurely patience for the answer.

A tired looking woman had paused for a moment on the edge of the crowd. She spoke shortly. "It's because so many of you men spend your time telling each other why, 'stead of hustling to see that it ain't!"

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