

The Children's Page

GOOD HUNTING. Table-leg jungle is dark and still, There's snakes in the Carpet Glade...

Once there was Indians under the bed, But I hunted 'em all away; There's elephants hiding there now instead...

If I was like nurse or like baby Sis, What never has fired a gun, I guess I wouldn't be as brave as this!

THE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS.

Once upon a time there was an old pig with three little pigs, and as she had not enough to keep them she sent them out to seek their fortunes.

"Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in!" To which the pig answered: "No, no, by the Hair on my Chin-Chin-Chin!"

"Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house in!" So he huffed, and he puffed, and he blew his house in and ate up the little pig.

The second little pig met a man with a bundle of wood and said: "Please, man, give me that wood to build me a house, which the man did, and he built his house with it."

"Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in!" "No, no, by the Hair on my Chin-Chin-Chin!" "Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!"

Well, he huffed, and he puffed, and he huffed; but he could not get the house down. When he found that he could not with all his huffing and his puffing blow the house down, he said: "Little Pig, I know where there is a nice field of turnips."

"Where?" said the little pig. "Oh, in Mr. Smith's home field; and if you will be ready to-morrow morning, I will call for you, and we will go together and get some for dinner."

"Very well," said the little pig, "I will be ready. What time do you mean to go?" "Well, at 6 o'clock," said the little pig.

Well, the little pig got up at 5 and got the turnips before the wolf came (which he did about 6) and said: "Little Pig, are you ready?" The little pig said, "Ready! I have been and come back again, and got a nice potful for dinner."

The wolf felt very angry at this, but thought that he would be up to the little pig somehow or other, so he said: "Little Pig, I know where there is a nice apple tree."

"Where?" said the pig. "Down at Merry-Garden," replied the wolf, "and if you will not deceive me I will call for you at 5 o'clock to-morrow and we will go together and get some apples."

Well, the little pig bustled up the next morning at 4 o'clock, and went off for the apples, hoping to get back before the wolf came. But he had further to go, and had to climb a tree, so that just as he was getting down from it he saw the wolf coming, which, as you may suppose, frightened him very much.

The next day the wolf came again and said to the little pig: "Little Pig, there is a fair at Shanklin this afternoon; will you go?" "Oh, yes," said the pig, "I will be glad to go; what time will you be ready?" "At 3," said the wolf.

So the little pig went off before the time, as usual, and got to the fair and bought a butter churn, which he was going home with when he saw the wolf coming.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE. A vast deal of interesting legend has gathered around the feature of the Christmas celebration known as the Christmas tree.

The old German legend ascribes the idea of the Christmas tree to St. Winfrid. One day, after speaking to those whom he had converted to Christianity, he hewed down a huge oak which had formerly been an object of Druid worship.

The historic records of the Christmas tree can be traced back to the sixteenth century. It appeared in Strassburg in the middle ages. From a manuscript published by a Strassburg writer in 1608 it becomes evident that the Christmas tree was a regular feature of the Christmas season along the Rhine.

It was introduced into Munich in 1830 by Queen Caroline, and became about the same time popular among the Magyar aristocracy of Hungary.

It was introduced into Paris in 1846 by the Duchess Helen of Orleans, who had one in the Tuilleries. It was also taken up by the Empress Eugenie, but did not become popular at first among the French people because of its German origin.

The marriage of Queen Victoria to a German prince led to the introduction of the Christmas tree into England, although in the older records there is a description of a feature somewhat like the Christmas tree in the Christmas pageant given in honor of Henry VIII.

Now all over the world the Christmas tree is one of the prominent features of the Christmas celebrations, and even in Paris, which held out for such a long time against the custom, fifty thousand trees are sold each year.

It is the center of attraction for the children during the Christmas season, and no doubt the custom has spread all over the world because of the general recognition of the special place which children hold in the Christmas celebration.

WHAT A BOY CAN DO. Be frank. Be polite. Be prompt. Be obliging. Obey his parents. Keep himself tidy. Keep out of bad company.

Never laugh at a coarse joke. Be kind to his brothers and sisters. Take the part of those who are ill used. Never make fun of another because he is poor.

Never tell or listen to a story which he would not repeat to his mother. A Prime Dressing for Wounds. In some factories and workshops carbolic acid is kept for use in cauterizing wounds and cuts sustained by the workmen.

Do not waste any time trying to "get even" with some one who has wronged you. It is impossible to employ a single hour to worse advantage. Some one has truly said that "getting even" is an idea of revenge found only in the philosophy of fools.

Truer words were never uttered. This idea that because some one else has stooped to a low contemptible act you must, too, is not worthy of a moment's consideration by high-minded men. Do not allow what some one else has done to put you out of harmony with your best self.

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General Statement as on 30th November LIABILITIES 1907. 1908. Notes in circulation \$2,842,487.00 \$2,836,320.00

ASSETS 1907. 1908. Specie \$75,874.10 \$78,775.51 Dominion notes \$1,738,046.75 \$4,113,870.25

Mr. George Hay having announced his desire to retire from the presidency, a resolution was unanimously passed thanking him for his long and faithful services as Director, Vice-President and President.

Death of Mrs. Condon, Stayner Mrs. Teresa Condon, an old and respected resident of Nottawasago Township, passed away on November 20th, at the Condon homestead, four miles from Stayner.

Three Catholic Items of Interest The really critical period for the average young Canadian is that between his leaving school and his marriage, says the True Voice.

Made Use of His Chance Opportunity may come through a lucky accident, but genius shows in seeing and using it. The Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, now Prime Minister of Great Britain, was bound to distinguish himself sooner or later, even though he first became noted through what seemed mere chance.

Father Gray, Catholic Mission Fakenham, Norfolk, England. P.S.—I will gratefully and promptly acknowledge the smallest donation and send with my acknowledgment a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony.

Letter from Our New Bishop. Dear Father Gray—You have very graciously accounted for the alms which you have received, and you have placed them securely in the names of Diocesan Trustees.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

Homestead Regulation Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 28, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situated. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at any Agency, on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead. Joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead or upon a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother.)

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention. Six months' notice in writing must be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of intention to apply for patent.

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TO LOVERS OF ST. ANTHONY of Padua Dear Reader,—Be patient with me for telling you again how much I need your help. How can I help it? or what else can I do?

For without that help this Mission must cease to exist, and the poor Catholics already here remain without a Church. I am still obliged to say Mass and give Benediction in a Mean Upper-Room.

Yet such as it is, this is the sole outpost of Catholicism in a division of the county of Norfolk measuring 35 by 20 miles. And to add to my many anxieties, I have No Diocesan Grant, No Endowment (except Hope)

We must have outside help for the present, or haul down the flag. The generosity of the Catholic Public has enabled us to secure a valuable site for Church and Presbytery. We have money in hand towards the cost of building, but the Bishop will not allow us to go into debt.

I am most grateful to those who have helped us and trust they will continue their charity. To those who have not helped I would say,—For the sake of the Cause give something, if only a "little." It is easier and more pleasant to give than to beg. Speed the glad hour when I need no longer plead for a permanent Home for the Blessed Sacrament.

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