

The Young People.

(We are glad to publish from month to month contributions by boys and girls provided they are worthy. Remember this magazine is for everybody in the home. If you do not see what you want, ask for it.)

Tattlin'

Oh, say! the little snoozer!
He went an' blabbed, he did!
An' Pa's a-goin' t' lick me,
The sneakin' little kid!
Now what's the harm o' smokin',
Why, all the fellers does!
But Pa won't stand no foolin'
He says it's bad becuz
It makes a feller shaky
An' keeps him small and dumb,
An' I'm a-goin' t' ketch it
Ez soon ez he gets hum.
There ain't much sport in smokin'
An' mebbe it's a sin,
But I ain't feared o' doin'
What other fellers kin.
But when I ketch me brother
There'll be a pile o' fun.
He'll wish he hadn't tattled
Afore the show is done!
What biz has he a-taggin'
An' snoopin' after us,
An' then t' go an' 'tattle
An' kickin' up a fuss?
These kids is gettin' noseey,
An' needs a little trim,
An' we'n I gets me lickin'
I hands it on t' him.
I ain't sure that smokin',
May do a little hurt,
But tattlin's worse 'an smokin',
It's mean, an' mean ez dirt!
An' ef I git a lickin',
An' Pa he said he would,
Then Ted, me kiddie brother,
He gits it, quick, an' good!

Charles Irvin Junkin.

The Great Moon Telescope

Two of our boys who live on the outskirts of the city, where there are plenty of vacant lots, made a telescope with which they had no end of fun and which deceived almost all their friends. It was not a real telescope, and it would not give one a close view of any of the stars, but it did show the moon in a way that surprised every one who gazed into it. We will tell you how it was made, so that you can make one, too, and have just as much fun as they did if you wish.

The great moon telescope was made by two brothers, Harry and Joe. The idea was Harry's, but Joe did most of the work, for, as is usually the way, the inventor was too impatient of details to do much real construction himself.

Harry had found a roll of heavy, wide wrapping paper, and was wondering how to get some fun out of it when the inspiration came to him. He called Joe, who was so pleased with the plan that he started to work upon it at once.

They rolled the paper into a great funnel seven feet long, two feet wide at the large end, but with an opening only two inches in diameter at the small end. Then they pasted the overlapping edges firmly against the side of the funnel and the telescope part was done, and with very little work indeed.

Now for a lens! Of course they were unable to get a great glass lens such as is used in the instruments in the observatories. It takes a lens costing thousands and thousands of dollars to bring the stars close enough to be seen at all distinctly, so the boys decided to make a specialty of the moon, which is ever so much larger.

They got a large piece of very thin wrapping paper at a grocery store for one cent. They got two cents' worth of butter and greased that paper thoroughly, literally soaking it in butter. Then they let it dry. When it was thoroughly dry they drew on it in black ink a circle almost two feet in diameter. This was to be the

outline of the moon. Inside of the circle they drew a lot of the odd markings that you may see on the full moon on any clear night, mountains, valleys, dried river beds and the like. Then they added a lot of the oddest monsters you can imagine.

These figures were each an inch or so high and were things never seen on earth or sea; a horse with a bird's head and wheels for hind legs, a cat's head and an alligator's head on the body of a turtle; a whole flock of crazy creatures in odd positions. All about the picture in any places which happened to be vacant they put large bare feet with wings on the ankles, but no bodies above them. They let this drawing dry thoroughly and then pasted it over the large end of the telescope so that the circle on the oiled paper just came within the opening of the tube.

They proceeded to a vacant lot near their home and drove into the ground a large forked stick which was to be a rest for their telescope during the nightly observation. A soap box to serve for a seat completed everything.

The first clear night when the moon was full Harry set up the telescope in the vacant lot, while Joe went around to gather together several of their friends. He brought them hot foot but incredulous to the vacant lot, but when they saw the telescope their eyes opened to their fullest extent. It really did look so large and imposing.

As the first boy sat down on the box and prepared to look through the instrument Harry lit a small candle "so he could see to adjust the lenses." When the boy put his eye to the hole and looked up the long black tube, Harry placed the candle in front of the telescope's large end, and then the boy saw the moon as clearly as if it had been but a few feet away. He did not see the real moon, but the flame of the candle lit up the transparent oiled paper, which showed yellow as if aglow with intense moonlight, and the outline of the moon itself was clear as can be imagined.

The most interesting things of all were the odd beasts which inhabited this moon which Harry and Joe exhibited, and the gazers were dumfounded at the sight of them.

It was several days before the secret of the telescope leaked out, and in the meantime the fame of the sights to be seen on the moon spread throughout all Boyville. Those who first perpetrated the trick did not give it away, but aided in fooling others till the deception could be kept no longer. It was the sensation of the neighborhood, and Harry and Joe will be long remembered by those who saw the queer moon folk through the brothers' telescope.

The Last Case of Corporal Punishment

The old grammar-school master looked rather thin and white that morning as he sat dividing his attention between his breakfast and the morning paper, and apparently getting little satisfaction from either.

"Well, it seems that they have done it!" he broke out at last.

"Who have done what, papa?" asked his daughter Minnie.

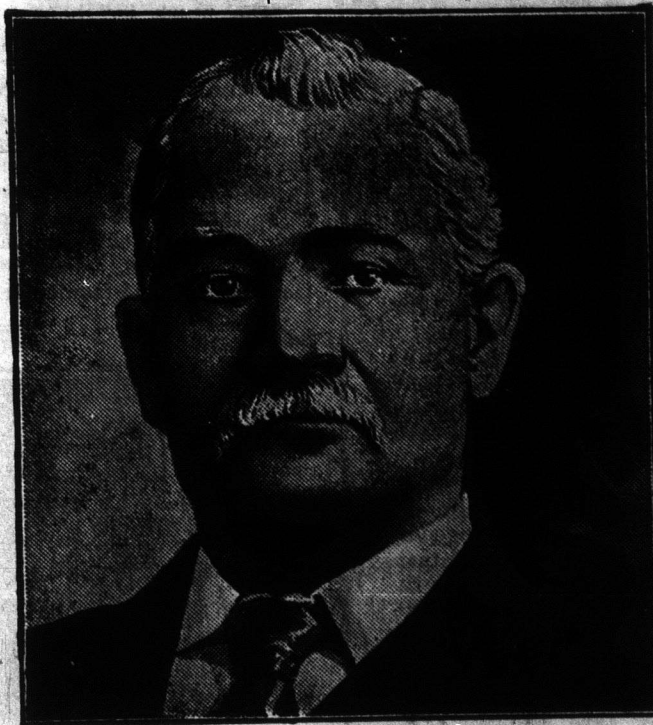
For answer Mr. Gilson read aloud, in a tone of deep disgust, a paragraph from the report of the school committee meeting of the night before:

"After considerable discussion, the committee voted to adopt the rule, which had been introduced at the last meeting and laid upon the table, pro-

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