

just take a look at Mr. Robin and see what he really is doing."

Robert thought that would be very good fun, so the two set out in the garden where they could see some robins up in a tree not very far away. Uncle Charlie got out his glasses and levelled them on the robins. "They are right pretty fellows," he said. "I don't suppose you could shoot one that far, could you?"

"Oh, no, sir; that's away yonder too far for a shot."

"That's one advantage my glasses have over your rifle, Rob; they never get out of range as long as I can see them."

"Of course they don't," said Robert, laughing.

After a little while the robins became accustomed to the presence of the two persons, and one big red-breasted fellow glided into the air and came sailing down into the garden.

"There! There!" cried Robert, fumbling at his gun.

"Shoot him with the glasses first," whispered Uncle Charlie; "let's see what it really is doing. You want to kill it, I believe, because it steals grapes."

So Robert trained the glasses on the bird and watched it. For a moment the robin sat still on a bean pole, then it made a quick dive into the tomatoes, and came up with a bug in its mouth. Robert could see the bug plainly struggling in its beak.

"He's got a bug," whispered Robert. "Look! Look! Why, it has hopped over and caught a grasshopper now." In his interest, Robert put down the glasses to look without bothering with them, and it surprised him to see how tiny and far away the robin seemed. He peered into his glasses again. The robin flew back to the tree with the bug and grasshopper.

"I suppose," said the uncle, "it has a nest up there."

"I guess so," said Robert.

Another one of the birds now came sailing to the grapes. "There! There!" cried the boy, "I must shoot him now, he's in the grapes."

"Let's see what he takes first," said Uncle Charlie.

So Robert watched again, and he could plainly see the robin's beak picking away at something on the body of the vine. He mentioned this to Uncle Charlie, who thought it must be some tiny insect. Then Robert saw it catch a caterpillar, and what was most entertaining was the nearness of the bird. He felt he could almost reach out and touch it. After catching a bug or two more, the robin did pluck a grape.

Robert reached for his rifle. "There, he got a grape," said Uncle Charlie.

"Wait just a minute," said Uncle Charlie; "tell me just what the robin did eat on the vine."

"Well, he ate a caterpillar, three bugs, and he picked at several little things I couldn't make out; then he took a grape."

"Well," said Uncle Charlie, "how many grapes do you suppose all those bugs and caterpillars would have ruined?"

Robert thought, "A good many, I guess; five or six."

"In all their lives?" queried Uncle Charlie.

"Oh, no, I mean to-day; I suppose they would ruin a whole bunch in all their lives."

"Well," said Uncle Charlie, "they would ruin much more than one bunch; but even at that, the robin has saved a whole bunch of grapes for each bug he caught; he also picked off a lot of little insects that were boring into the vines and ruining it, and he did it all for one grape. I think that's working pretty cheap, don't you? I don't believe I would discharge that workman by killing him, if I were you."

"I don't believe I will," said Robert. "It's really more fun to watch them than it is to look at a dead robin anyway."

So Robert laid his gun aside and continued gazing at the graceful movements of the birds through the glasses. Baptist Boys and Girls.

#### TRADE TOPIC.

CANADIANS INVADE NEW ZEALAND.—Advices from the Tadhpo Motor Co., state that Messrs. Easson, Limited, Wellington, New Zealand, have successfully tendered for the agency of the Canadian-made "Everitt" built by the Tadhpo Motor Co.,

Limited, of Orillia, Ont. Mr. Percy G. Easson has been touring Canada in the interests of his firm, and in an interview stated that the development of his country is proceeding at as great a rate as that of Canada, although it is not so well advertised. New Zealanders especially welcome trade with Canada and Canadian manufacturers who will take the trouble to investigate will find big market possibilities in New Zealand. Mr. Easson, after a careful review of the motor-car situation in Canada and the United States, focussed his attention on the "Everitt," and successfully tendered for the New Zealand agency. He predicts heavy sales, as the "Everitt" combines the qualities of staunch, up-to-date construction, at a moderate price.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

##### CUSTODY OF CHILD.

1. Can a father take his child, about a year old, from his wife, the child's mother, and give it to his parents to keep and do as they like with, and not allow the child's mother any privilege with it whatever?

2. He and his wife live together, and have one more child at home with them. The mother's wish is to have the two children raised together. What must the mother do to recover her child to herself?

3. Can the mother take her child home so long as she and her husband are living together and doing right?

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Ans.—1, 2 and 3. Ordinarily, the father has the legal right, in the absence of an Order of Court to the contrary, to the custody and control of his child—even where such child is of tender years. But the mother may make application to the High Court or the Surrogate Court, for an order regarding the custody of the infant, and the right of access on the part of either parent; and the Court in dealing with such application will have regard to the welfare of the infant, the conduct of the parents, and the wishes as well of the mother as of the father.

#### GOSSIP.

The Toronto City Council, by a practically unanimous vote, have decided to purchase for the purpose of a Municipal Industrial Farm, the well-known stock farm of James and William Russell, on the east side of Yonge street, near Richmond Hill, twelve miles north of the city. The farm contains 368.84 acres, and the price agreed upon is \$60,000, or \$162.66 per acre. The original size was 3784 acres, but the Canadian Northern Railway, whose line runs through it, purchased a right of way consisting of nine acres, and the Messrs. Russell have an agreement from the Railway Company to put in a switch without cost to them. The city has an option on the property until the end of June, and may not close the bargain before that time, but it appears practically certain that the commission tract will materialize, as the commission have inspected many other properties offered, and find none nearly so suitable as the Russell farm.

#### SOME COMING SHOWS.

International Horse Show, Olympia, London, England, June 12 to 24.  
Royal Agricultural Society Show, Norwich, England, June 26 to 30.  
Canadian Industrial Exhibition, Winnipeg, July 12 to 22.  
Highland and Agricultural, at Inverness, Scotland, July 25 to 28.  
Dominion Exhibition, Regina, July 31 to August 12.  
Cobourg Horse Show, August 15 to 18.  
Edmonton Exhibition, August 15 to 19.  
Canadian National, Toronto, August 28 to September 13.  
Central Canada Exhibition, at Ottawa, September 8 to 16.  
Quebec Provincial, at Quebec City, Aug. 28 to Sept. 5.  
Western Fair, London, Sept. 8 to 16.  
Victoria Provincial Exhibition, Victoria, B. C., Sept. 26 to Oct. 1.

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