

## A HOST OF RATS

SATURDAY, JULY 9.

To the Editor of The Planet Junior:

Chatham, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—I hope you will excuse me for not acknowledging that beautiful volume that I received from you some time since. I have been waiting for the entrance examinations, and could not. I thank you very much for it and will value it all my life. I am very much interested in the work of Emerson and also all of those poems of his that are in the above volumes I have read. "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," "The Weave," "Boadicea," "Columbus," "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "The Charge of the Heavy Brigade," "The Charge of the Silenced," "The Lady of Shalott," "Amblion," "The Death of Arthur," "The Holy Grail," "The Peasants' Revolt," "The Last Tournament," "Lancelot and Elaine," "Galahad and Lancelot," and a number of others of which I have not time to mention. I hope to read a great many more of his poems.

Very truly,  
Yours,  
Frederick A. Schmitt

Yours truly,  
SELWYN P. GRIFFIN.  
Dresden, July 4th, 1904.

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There is to the western mind a sort of topsyturvydom about many Chinese habits and customs, such as that the father's name comes first and the individual name last. The Chinama

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Forked and not come into use till about the middle of the sixteenth century. The Romans used a pointed stick like a skewer, which, after this time, was called a *trident*. In the twelfth century, the prongs made very sharp. Wood was the material used, and the prongs were placed to iron in time, and some time in the fifteenth century curious two-pronged forks were seen in England. It became fashionable to use these in place of fingers, and in course of time another prong was added. The first spoons were shells. Spoon to eat soft food were in use almost as soon as the first knives. Polish shells were the sole spoons used at first to sup brothers with. Next a imitation shell was made with a handle added to keep the fingers from dipping into hot foods.

ed up the gravy or the meat upon them, and beggars waited eagerly to

oriental and occidental.

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The average woman will strain a gnat and swallow flattery without blinking.

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A story which recalls Bishop Hatto and his round tower is told by a correspondent of the New York Press. A Mr. Hardy had purchased an old slaughter house in New Jersey, looking with the intention of converting it into a machine shop, and he had just begun to make good his intention when he was informed that the building was to be sold to the government. Presently he saw a big rat entry across the floor from the ceiling. This rat was followed by another and another, and then they came in droves.

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Benben Pankham, a native of Nanueton, made his first trip as third lieutenant on the ship "Ptolemy," which crossed the North Atlantic region in thirty-three days. Pankham had been on several whaling voyages, and was familiar with those waters. The author of "The Island of Nanueton" says that one day, near sunset, he said the watch, while the commodore was peeing up and down the deck. Suddenly Pankham gave the order: "Man the weather braces!"

"What's that for?" asked the commodore.

"We'll have wind in a moment," the commodore went to the lee rail and scanned the sea and sky. "I see no sign of wind," he returned.

"Let the men leave the braces,"

I should have put you in irons if

two minutes."

† END IN PROVERB

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Take a medium-sized sewing needle with a very sharp point. Take up a position about three feet away from a door, and, holding the needle between your finger and thumb, endeavor, strongly launching it, to throw it point forward into the wood.

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**Something to interest the  
Boys and Girls.**

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**MIXED ON MEANINGS.**

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There is no such thing as a "dishonest" dog. We say a dog "steals" a piece of meat; but is it not more probable that the dog thinks the meat was placed there for him to take? Dogs have been trained to make, especially in Alpine coun-

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A waterspout is one of the things a green sailor boy wants to see. He has read about it as one of the wonders of the sea, and it arouses his keeneest curiosity. He gets the sailors to promise to call him when one is sighted. They promise, with a hearty "aye, aye," and he goes on his way, not a little strengthened by each other.

Songs of the quiet dell,  
 minstrel of row Terafel

Over the forgotten time,  
Over the wild waste of time,  
Over the coffin lid,  
Over the marble pyramid  
Wake the dead life to sound,  
Wake the dead heart to know,  
Wake more the dead depth of woe!

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