

### Chats with the Children.

THE FIRST ONE.

I've got the dearest dolly,  
And her name is Sally Pold.  
She used to be a christening  
For she got to be a doll.

And Maggie made her for me  
When I had the whooping cough;  
And she marked her face with charcoal,  
But I tell her not to do it.

Her dress is only gingham,  
And she hasn't any hair;  
She ain't a truly beauty,  
But I tell her not to care.

For I've got a great big family  
Of dollies, large and small,  
And Sally Pold's Clothespin is  
The nicest doll of all.

Cladya Hyatt in American Agriculturist.

### Elephants that Count.

Mrs. Marie A. Millie has some "Stories of Elephants" in September St. Nicholas. Mrs. Millie says:

Of their marvelous mathematical precision and ability to count, no doubt can exist in the mind of any one who has ever visited Mandalay, in Upper Burma. There large forests of teak are cultivated by the Government, for building purposes; and the guard-timbers are placed and secured one above another, till a raft is formed to float down the Irrawaddy, for conveyance to various other stations. Elephants do the whole of this work. They convey the enormous logs down to the water's edge, and pile them one above another, both lengthwise and across, till a perfect cube is formed. They show an intelligence and interest in their work that seems human, as any eye witness can affirm who has watched an elephant at his loading, and then has seen him move a few paces to one side, in order to judge of the effect of his work. If the appearance of the cube is not quite satisfactory, one elephant will take the logs one way or the other with their trunks till they get the desired result; and the perfect evenness and symmetry of the finished cube is astonishing. They never miscalculate the number required for each cube, and never overweight it.

### A LONG-FELT WANT.

One day Joe Willis and his dog were out on the nursery floor. He had a florist's catalogue, and turned the pages o'er,  
Till all at once he gave a spring.  
"Hurray!" he cried with joy;  
"Mama, here's just the very thing  
To give your little boy!"

"For when we fellows go to school,  
We lose our things, you know;  
And in that little vestibule  
'They do get mixed up so."

"And as you often say you can't  
Take care of 'em for us,  
Why don't you buy a rubber plant  
And an umbrella tree?"

—Carolyn Wells in September St. Nicholas.

### AN EXTRAORDINARY SEAWEED.

One of the most extraordinary seaweeds is the monostroma, the stem of which occasionally attains a length of three hundred feet, though extremely slender, even at the top, where it is surmounted by a huge floating bladder six or seven feet in length, that affords a favorite resting-place to the sea otter. This plant is found on the North-east coast of America and the opposite shores of Asia. The stipe stem, which is about as thick as a pack thread, suddenly swells above, when two or three feet long, into a globe bladder, from the top of which springs a tuft of germinate leaves, mostly rising on five petioles. As the plant grows older the stem increases enormously in length, but only slightly in thickness. The globe bladder swells into a turnip-shaped or retort-like cylinder, six feet long, and four feet six inches or more in diameter in the widest part, the lower extremity gradually passing into the stem. The leaves, which at first are marked with a few faint nerves, split in the direction of the latter, cover a wide space by their entangled mass, and attain a length of thirty feet or more. When the plant grows in any quantity it forms large floating islands, and the same large floating islands, and the same of the sea becomes impassable to boats. The stems, when dry, are employed by the Aleutians for fishing lines, some of which have a length of forty or more fathoms.

### CATCHING WILD ELEPHANTS.

Mrs. Marie A. Millie contributes a number of "Stories of Elephants" to the September St. Nicholas. She says:

The chase for wild elephants began next day at early dawn. We had heard of a wild herd being seen in the Okla Valley, and we mounted on an elephant to see the hunt. Mr. Bagshaw, the Conservator of Forests, was in command of the party, and Biji Prasad was the most responsible elephant.

For two long days they hunted their wild brethren through the deepest jungle; and in some places the pump and other grasses waved four and five feet higher than our heads, even while we were riding on the elephant.

Once, on the second day, the quest seemed hopeless. Through bumbling, or owing to the dense jungle, the herd had escaped; and the ladies of

### FARM AND GARDEN.

The downs of Iowa find the poor one of the most satisfactory fruit trees for shade. It is deep rooting and many other things may be successfully grown right up to their trunks. In sets trouble them little. They grow rather fast, but it is many years before they get an objectionably large size. The apple makes a spreading head, and there is soon shade under its branches, and besides, the beauty of its blossoms in spring makes the tree appreciated fully equal to a mere ornamental one. It is not a very serious robber of the soil. The cherry makes a desirable shade, but birds make too free with the fruit, and there is the temptation to break branches. The sour or pie cherries are, however, not relished by birds. European walnut trees grow rather slowly. It is usually ten years before they produce nuts in any quantity, but after this they are regarded as treasures with which their owners would not willingly part. For utility and grateful shade combined few trees can rival them.

If you wish to be successful with poultry, do not undertake too much at first. Begin with a few fowls and study their habits and wants, and then gradually increase the number. If after purchasing pure bred fowls they do not begin laying at once, don't get impatient; all they want is a little time to accustom themselves to their new surroundings. Then, if they don't begin, you may make up your mind that your system of feeding isn't right.

If your hens do not lay, or lay double-yoked or soft shelled eggs, they are too fat, and more wheat and oats, and no maize, should be fed; also require them to scratch for all grain given them.

If your space is limited, keep only a few fowls, and let the few be very fine ones, as it costs no more to feed a prizewinner than it does a barndoor.

If you have plenty of space, it is best to separate the males from the females and the hens from the pullets, as the growing pullets need more food than the hens. If allowed to run together, it increases your food bill and invites disease among the hens, and they will become too fat.

If there are any left over vegetables, meat or bread scraps from the table, give them to the poultry, as it will pay better than to give them to the pigs.

If your chicks have crooked breast-bones, it was no doubt caused by roosting on small poles too early. Allow them to sit down on clean straw until they are over half-grown.

If your young chicks stand about and sleep, it is then quite evident that you are trying to raise poultry and fies on the same amount of food. Look at the little fellows at once, and see if you do not find lice on their heads, under wings and under and over vent.

### ROYALTY AND IRELAND.

Mr. Goldwin Smith writes as follows in The Weekly Sun:

Royalty, we are always told, is received with enthusiasm. But in Dublin there is a strong Unionist party which has no doubt given a hearty welcome to the Duke of York. Over the country at large he will be received with courtesy, and perhaps with warmth. Such is Irish character. But it is idle to think that the visit of a Royal Duke at this late hour, and after all that has taken place, even with a Duchess dressed in green Irish poplin, can really touch the Irish heart. The object is palpable, and the snare is set in sight of the bird. Could the Queen, who, when she did pay a flying visit, received the warmest welcome, have been persuaded to give to Ireland a part of the time which she has given to Scotland or Osborne, the effect, as all who know Ireland say, would have been excellent. Still better would have been the effect had the sovereign of the House of Hanover from the beginning performed their duty of respect and courtesy to the Irish people. But the lesson of duty is one which Royalty, especially of the modern type, surrounded as it is with an invisible fence of etiquette and adulation, has little chance of learning. Lord Charles Bessford impies the conduct of the court to the influence of pusillanimous advisers. The advisers must have been court Lords and Ladies-in-Waiting, who recommended what they thought would please. Far different, unless all the world is mistaken, has been the advice of the responsible Ministers of the Crown.

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### DOMESTIC READING.

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A sanctified fancy will make every creature a ladder to Heaven.  
Ofentimes falsehood hath a fairer gloss of probability than truth.  
It is love in duties that God regards more than duties themselves.  
Conscience is at most times a very faithful and prudent admonitor.  
We are not brained unites we grieve more for sin than for punishment.  
We are never more worthy than when we acknowledge our unworthiness.  
In life it is not what we make up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.  
The tenderness that apologizes for wickedness is the worst form of cruelty.  
There will be no lack of repentance when the morning of Judgment Day dawns.  
Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.  
Music is the divine atmosphere of the soul finding expression in varied yet harmonious sounds.  
Man's systems are the shadows on the hillside, Christ is the overlasting sol-man Mountain itself.  
He who gives himself to vanity and does not give himself to meditation, forgetting the real aim of life and grasping at pleasure, will in time envy him who has exerted himself in meditation.  
Firm must be the will, patient the heart, passionate the aspiration, to secure the fulfillment of some high and lonely purpose, when reverie spreads always its bed of roses on the one side, and practical work summons to its treadmill on the other.  
All other teachers' words become feeble by age as their persons become ghostly, wrapped in thickening fold of oblivion; but the progress of the Church consists in absorbing more and more of Christ, in understanding him better, and becoming more and more moulded by His influence.  
As flowers carry dewdrops, trembling on the edges of the petals, and ready to fall at the first waft of wind or brush of bird, so the heart should carry its beaded words of thanksgiving; and at the first breath of heavenly favor, let down the shower, perfumed with the heart's gratitude.  
There are various kinds of forgiveness. There is forgiveness that washes its hands of the culprit, and refuses to be further troubled on his behalf—the least estimable form of forgiveness; and there is that which prescribes itself sinner by the effort which is afterwards made to help the penitent—that is the kind of forgiveness you should try to secure.  
To every man of great original power there comes in early youth a moment of sudden discovery—of self-recognition—when his own nature is revealed to himself, when he catches for the first time a strain of that immortal glow to which his own spirit answers, and which becomes thenceforth and for ever the inspiration of his life, "like noble music unto noble words."

Work—work—work! It is the iron ploughshare that goes over the field of the heart, rooting up all the pretty grasses and the beautiful hurtful weeds, that we have taken such pleasure in growing, laying them all under, fair and foul together, making plain, dull-looking arable land for our neighbors to peer at; and at night-time, down in the deep furrows, the angels come and sow.

### Arrival of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

REMOUNT STATION, Que., Aug. 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lady Laurier and party arrived here this evening on the Dominion Line steamship Labrador. The Remount bathhouse of militia was drawn up on the wharf and fired a feu-de-joie as the boat came near. Madame Fleet, wife of Dr. Fleet, M.P. for Remount, presented Lady Laurier with a beautiful bouquet. Lady Laurier also received a magnificent basket of cut flowers from the ladies of Toronto. Mayor Tossier presented an address.

To the Klondike by the Yukon Mouth.

His Lordship Bie'op Clut, O.M.I., says he is inclined to think the better route to the Klondike than by Athabaska Landing the Mackenzie River. Forest Macpherson would be to ascend the Yukon from its mouth.

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