

Children's Cozy Corner

Conducted by Bobby Burke

SOMETHING TO LEARN THE CLOUD

I bring fresh showers for the thirsty
flowers,
From the seas and from the stream;
I bear light shades for the leaves when
laid
In their morning dream.
From my wings are shaken the dews
that waken
The sweet buds every one,
When rocked to rest on their mother's
breast,
And she dances about the sun.
I wield the flail of the lashing hail,
And whiten the green plains under,
And then again I dissolve it in rain,
And laugh as I pass in thunder.
—Shelley.

JANE JONES

Jane Jones keeps talkin' to me all the
time,
An' says "You must make it a rule
To study your lessons an' work hard an'
learn,
An' never be absent from school.
Remember the story of Elihue Burritt,
An' how he clum' up to the top,
Got all the knowledge 'at he ever had
Down in a blacksmithing shop.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so!
Mebbe he did—
I dunno!
O' course what's a keepin' me 'way from
the top,
Is not never hearin' no blacksmithing
shop.
—Benjamin F. King.

SOMETHING NEW Spook Writing

We hope it will be new to you, altho'
of course like every other idea it is
really "as old as the hills." The idea
is this, "A Ghost Book. Now you all
know all about Autograph Albums!
You have verses in them written by your
teachers beginning "Be good dear child
and let who will be clever," or cheeky
advice from your own friends, or verses
about beaux, and such like. Well, a
Ghost Book is much like an autograph
album only instead of writing verses
you ask your friends to write only
their names with a rather thick pen.
As soon as the name is written and
without blotting the ink, fold the slip
on which they have written, in half,
rubbing your finger down the crease of
the folded paper, the result will be a
most spooky looking autograph. Under-
neath may be written the name of the
"ghost" clearly. This is Bobby Burke's
"ghost." Is yours as spooky?

SOMETHING TO MAKE Necklaces

How many girls love necklaces? Do
you know that the garden and woods
will provide you with very pretty ones,
and that even the pantry shelves may
be persuaded to give you the materials
for one? First of all there are the rose-
berry chains—the seeds should be pick-
ed and strung on a linen thread while
they are still moist. They will keep
their color for some time and when
they wither will turn a lovely brown.
Tiny pine cones soaked overnight may
be strung alternately with two gold
beads, or any color you may fancy.
Squash seeds, water-melon seeds and
other berries and seeds that grow in
your neighborhood will make pretty
chains over summer dresses. And now
for the prettiest chain of all, and one
you may make for a present it is so
pretty and so sweet smelling. Buy a
few cents worth of whole allspice.
Soak overnight and string with two
gold beads or two clear yellow beads
between each two seeds and you will
have a necklace that everyone will think
is made of sandal wood, and which will
make a welcome gift.

Tops made of Common Things

A top must be properly balanced, that
is, it must have a small part of the
stick underneath it. If you will look
at the pictures you will see just what

I mean. Wooden button moulds make
tops like Nos. 1 and 3. No. 2 is made of
a paper ribbon bolt and No. 4 of an
acorn. The stick in No. 2 must be
glued to keep it firm.

SOMETHING TO AMUSE YOU Why Teacher Collapsed

"What," said a teacher to a boy who
tried in vain to tell the name of the
schoolmaster, "Can't you remember my
name?"
"N-no, sir!"
"My name is Smith, blockhead."
"Yes sir."
"Well now, what is my name?"
"Smith Blockhead, sir."

SOMETHING FOR THE WEE ONES

Little wind, blow on the hill-top,
Little wind, blow down the plain;
Little wind, blow up the sunshine,
Little wind, blow off the rain.
—Kate Greenaway

Dear Wee Folk.—Have you ever seen
a pansy? "Why, what a funny person
this is to ask us such a thing," you
say. "We've seen 'free, four, five, an'
ever, an' ever, so many more." "My
daddy has them in his garden," says
Tommy. "My mother has them in
her's," says Janie. Well now, I want
to tell you wise folk something about
a pansy you didn't know before. There's
a sad old King lives in the very middle
of every pansy! There, ain't you sur-
prised? How do I know it? Because
I've seen him! How do I know he's
sad? Because he's sick. So he must be
sad. He sits all day with his poor
little feet in a long green bath tub!
You take a pansy and see—first pull
off the beautiful queen. She is the
lovely velvety petal at the top. Then
pull off the two handsome princesses.
They are the two big velvety petals at
the side. Then pull off the two young
princes who sit so proudly at their
father's feet and then—you'll see
the poor sick king with his tiny thin
legs and little feet in a long green bath
tub! Try it and see!

SOMETHING YOU WANT TO KNOW "Boche's" Origin a Mystery (The 'Bookman')

The origin of 'boche' is obscure.
There used to be current in Paris and
other large cities in France the phrase
tete de boche, which signified obsti-
nate or hard-headed. In France the
Germans have the reputation of being
tetes dures (hard heads), hence tetes
de boche. To describe this quality they
were called Allemand-boche, which be-
came successively Allemoche, Alleboche,
Alboche and finally just Boche. What-
ever its origin, it is used as a term of
reproach. The Germans themselves
take it very seriously.

That you can buy stamps at the box
where you mail your letters in the city
of Toronto. This is the first city in the
world to adopt this mail box which has
a stamp slot machine at the top of the
mail flap.

That mice were bred during the war
for medical experiments. Now that the
war is over there is an over supply of
mice which are being shipped to Tokio,
Japan.

That twelve southern states in the
United States last year planted 1,251,000
acres in peanuts and grew a crop worth
\$80,000,000. Peanuts are now used to
make salad oil, oleomargarine, soap and
cooking compounds.

That if you dip match heads in melted
wax you will water-proof them and so
keep them dry even if you are caught
in a rain storm when on a pic-nic, or
have the misfortune to fall in the river
when on your fishing trip.

Hobby Letters

To earn a button in October we would
like you to write a letter of not more
than 100 words telling us of your pet
hobby.

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