

# OUR BOYS and GIRLS

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**POLLY EVANS**  
JANUARY BRINGS THE SNOW,  
MAKES OUR FEET AND FINGERS GLOW

## CHARGING A SNOW FORT

THE very first big snow there is you boys will probably have a snow-fall night. If you do, why not try one with a regular war waged to charge the fort?

Then get four or five light boards about ten feet long and nail or screw them side by side to three crosspieces, just as you would make a small fort in summer. This shield, which should



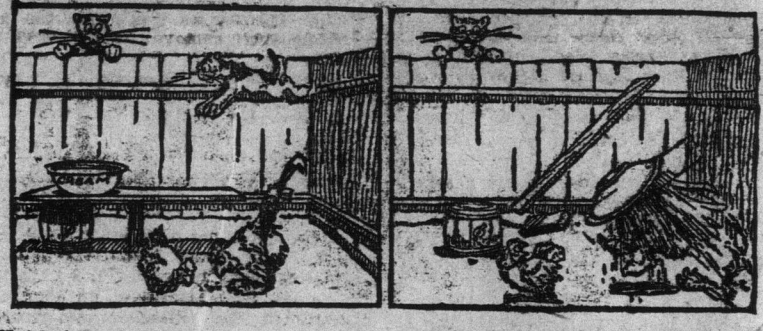
Up the Hill They Go, Pushing Their Ammunition-laden Sledge Ahead of Them, to Attack the Enemy

be about ten by four feet, is stood upon the front of the shield and nailed very securely to the boxes. Fix a strong brace from the perpendicular barrier to the rear end of the boxes, as shown in the picture, and your battering ram is ready for use.

## Pussy's Surprise

"You old slow coach," Did Mistress Pussy To ancient Tabby cry, "You think you'll get that nice cream first."

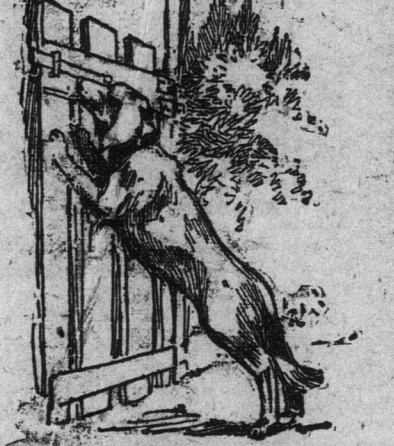
But Mistress Pussy Had yet to find, That there is many a slip Between the cup and the lip. 'E'er it has reached the lip.



Ha! ha! I'm far too sly, Now as you watch me lap it up, Don't fret your soul in strife. Remember, to the mouse belongs The good things of this life."

"Hol' up!" grined ancient Tabby, "My sputtering pussy, learn, Though to the young should go life's The tables sometimes turn!"

## ADOG FIGHTMAN



There as you know, are very clever, and learn many knowing tricks, but I think there are not many cleverer than Max, a big black Newfoundland dog, who belonged to elaborate James Lake.

## PENNY WISE

HERE is a simple game to train you to be observant. Try it the next time you have a party of friends in to spend the afternoon.

## A CLEVER GUESS

HARRY was an idle little boy, who was not particularly bright, but he was a good guesser.

## Polly Evans and Jacky Visit Japan's Ancient Capitals



Nara deer on an avenue approaching the Temple. Grove of moss shaded for deer killings. Rice cleaning after harvestings.

Dear Boys and Girls: POLLY EVANS, you know that the capital city of Japan is Tokio. But just as Philadelphia and New York in turn were the capital cities of the United States, before the city of Washington was built, so Japan had two capital cities before Tokio attained the distinction she now enjoys.

Coming into the next year, many of our boys and girls will be visiting the city of Nara, which was the capital of the Japanese Empire for many years.

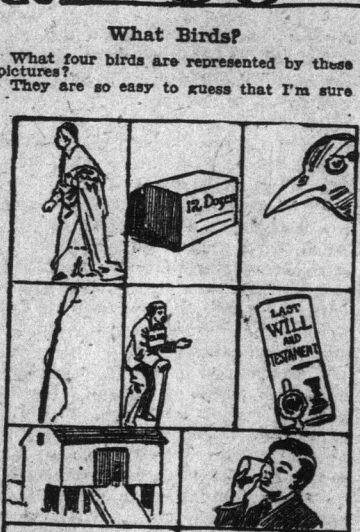
It was rice harvesting time and for miles and miles we saw nothing but the golden rice fields, and the hills which hung above of rice to dry in the sun.

Still, Polly Evans managed to get through the night with some degree of comfort. For she had at least one great consolation—the hot-water boys at the station.

Our cards of introduction immediately brought us the most courteous attention everywhere that we went.

At last we arrived in Nara—the city of memories—once with a population of 200,000, now only a tenth of that size.

## Puzzles and Problems



What four birds are represented by these pictures? They are so easy to guess that I'm sure you can read them?

What Birds? — Is just the close of day. — Is a cloth of cotton twill. — Always yellow clothes at will. — And never talks with cheerful sound. — While trails of grey shadings, — And — is a large space would not fit.

Answers to Last Week's Puzzles and Problems. A Charade. Catastrophe (cat-ase-trough). Telescope. What Can It Be? A Drawing Trick.

## Billy's Sunday Walk



When Billy Was Found

LITTLE BILLY was lost. His mother thought he was playing in the yard, but he had been found by a policeman.

He was only up to some of his pranks. She ran to the balcony where he was found before he had been found trying to climb the fence.

## Paper Tree



MANY girls enjoy making paper trees. It is a simple game to train you to be observant.

## A HIGHER OPINION

MOTHER, mayn't I have a dog? I pleaded a year-old Anna D—.

## VERY LITERAL

ONE day in school Miss Margaret gave her pupils a cylinder to so they could get a lesson in perspective.

## Better Than Fancy Work

"Mother," said little Susan, "can Mary and Sally and I go out in the boat tomorrow?"

## A New Kind of Animal

Including Bobby—Mamma, what is an animal? Mamma—Oh, anything that you can see.

## SUSY'S LESSON

WELL, Susy, what did you learn in Sunday school this afternoon?"

## Improving the Design

Lucy Nolan, a little 5-year-old girl, said to her grandmother one day: