

from the table for him. He also asked her to give him some milk, cube sugar, apples, and nuts.

"What do you intend to do with these?" asked Mother.

"Wait until tomorrow, and you shall see," answered John.

Christmas morning came, and John hurried out to the barn to trim his tree for the animals.

Under the tree he placed a large bowl full of milk for Kitty, and next to it a box of full parings for Piggywee. On one branch he tied a bunch of hay and some cubes of sugar for the horse, Old Bob. On another he fastened several apples for Boss, and some bones for Rover. On the top of the tree he set a basketful of nuts for his pet squirrel, Bushy-tail.

When all was finished, John ran and called Mother and Father, and they laughed aloud when they saw what he had done. It was the funniest Christmas tree they had ever seen.

Then they helped John bring in the animals, and before long, Kitty, Piggywee, Old Bob, Boss, Rover, and Bushy-tail were enjoying their Christmas presents. It was a happy sight to see all the animals eating and drinking on or under the one tree.

Mother, Father, and John were so pleased that they decided to have a Christmas tree for the animals every year.— *Our Dumb Friends*.

THE CURRENT HISTORY CLASS.

1. What is the latest nation to enter the war? What is its geographical position, and why should the Central Powers wish to hold it? How many nations are now at war?
2. When did Italy declare war against Germany?
3. Where and what is Transylvania? The Dobruja?
4. What is the principal port of German East Africa, and in whose hands is it now?
5. What people are fighting in the most difficult region in the world?
6. What Asiatic country has lately entered into alliance with Great Britain and Russia?
7. What was (a) the first great Italian victory? (b) The greatest German success of the war?
8. When did the battle of Verdun begin? The battle of the Somme?

THE QUESTION BOX.

A. P. S. Kindly parse in your columns the word "apt" in the sentence "where the gloominess of the place and the use to which it is applied, with the solemnity of the building and the condition of the people who lie in it, are *apt* to fill the mind with a kind of melancholy."

Apt. Adjective, qualitative, positive, predicative, qualifying the compound subject gloominess of the place, etc.

R. M. Please give the correct forms of the following sentences:

Correct forms. 1. The flowers smelled sweet as they nodded in the breeze.

2. The flowers looked beautiful as they were arranged.

3. How sweet the flowers smell!

4. He stood firm in spite of opposition.

NATURE NOTES.

The nest of the crow is usually built in spruce or fir trees, and placed from twenty to thirty-five feet from the ground—it is occasionally found in willow trees. The foundation is from twelve to twenty inches in diameter and made of sticks and twigs. On this are frequently placed old sods, and the nest proper is made of strips of bark, (cedar bark is used in localities where that tree grows), grass, moss and horsehair.

The eggs (4-6) are pale bluish green to white, with brownish markings. The young hatch about the first part of May, the date varying somewhat for latitude.

The crow is reported as not building "a new nest every year," but repairing the old one, "makes use of it for as many seasons as possible." I am not able to verify this statement, for my observation, as far as it has gone, seems to indicate that they build a new nest every year.— *H. G. P.*

WORLD'S RECORD WHEAT CROP.

In view of various claims of world's record wheat crops for large areas, the Crowfoot Farming Company, of Crowfoot, Alberta, submit a sworn statement of their results for the year 1915, which probably surpass all properly authenticated claims from other sources. From 1,356 acres the Crowfoot Farming Company received an average yield of fifty-one bushels, fifty-six and one-third pounds per acre of number one spring wheat, by actual selling weight; 400 acres wheat averaged fifty-nine and one-half bushels per acre. These records were established in the Canadian Pacific Railway Irrigation Block, in southern Alberta.