

Children's Page

BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS. Lourdes is a little well-known town, In the sunny land of France, Not far from Pau, and lying Near the Pyrenees' expanse.

The waters of the river Gave Flow through this honored place, A grotto stands upon its banks, Which time can ne'er efface.

A favored child, named Bernadette, Near this fair spot did dwell, Regarding whom, our Lady deigned To show her love full well.

In tending sheep, she was engaged, All through the live-long day; And like the great St. Patrick, She oft knelt down to pray.

And ere her fifteenth summer shone, This simple little maid Had many visions of our Queen, To whom she daily prayed.

One day the child was at her task, Beneath a lofty oak, When lo, a vision beautiful, Upon her young eyes broke.

High on a fissure of the rock The wild rose the wind feeds Where Mary stood with hand aloft Forth holding blessed beads.

'Tis I, ear not, she seemed to say, As smilingly she rayed A look of love unutterable Upon the village maid.

Her vesture was of purest white, Adorned by girdle blue, And on her virgin feet she wore. A rose of golden hue.

In answer to the maiden's prayer, Pray tell me who thou art?
"I am the Immaculate," said she,
"Sweet treasure of God's heart.

"O! pray for sinners, pray I say. Look all the world around; How few serve Him by night and day, How very few are found."

The child, entranced with blissful love From which her thoughts ne'er known.-Youth's Companion. strayed; Now knelt in lowly reverence,

And to her Mother prayed. Sweet simple little Bernadette, Your life on earth's gone by For evermore you'll taste the sweets Of Mary's home on high.

O help, still help us by your prayers Till we, the race have won; And sheltered safe 'neath Mary's feet Hymn praises to her Son.

-Susanna Brodigan. Newry, Ireland.

dren is caused by worms. Mother Once he took up a slice of bread Graves' Worm Exterminator gives relief by removing the cause. Give it a trial and be convinced.

THE WELL BEFORE THE DOOR.

"Where shall we dig the well?" they asked as they sat in their new home, one bright day long ago. They had come to spend their honeymoon, and

After much discussion, they decided to dig it in front of the house, where it would be available both for their own rooftree. own use and for that of people pass- It made him tired to go to bed ing by on the long road. Life was It made him tired to rise; so full of joy for them they were eag- It made him tired to lift his head, er to share it with others and the place was so isolated it praved a He would not wink, because, he said, satisfaction to have carriages stop before the door and exchange a greeting as the horses drank. There were And so through life young Albert some disadvantages, for the home became semi-public; and there were times when the bride would have been He never earned a single cent, glad to wash her dishes without fear of intrusion. But the well and the Oh, he was very indolent, always possible visit encouraged tidiness within, and, all in all, the visits were welcome.

The years went by, and the home filled with children, and then grew nearly empty again as the young peo- lic, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills be- ers over the pass might number thouple went forth into life. And at came popular because of the good re- sands.

of his childhood.
"Mother," said he, "I want to change the line of the front fence and change the line of the th enclose the well. What's the use of all this bother? People just take it for granted and don't appreciate it, and the thing has grown to be a nuis-

It was not wholly ill humor on the part of the young man. Sawmills had come into the woods, and heavy wagons bearing loads of logs and lumber cut not only the road and the little semi-circular drive, but the little crescent of green sod between the well and the road. Teamsters were careless in the use of the water, and left deep mud-nuddles behind them. Flies deep mud-puddles behind them. Flies the pass was covered with vast drifts ures with a shawl or long cloak. Disgathered about the resting oxen, and of snow, the monks, with their famsometimes left them and sought the ous dogs, acted as guides to those mustache with a piece of burnt cork porch and house. Drivers were not wayfarers who were compelled by ciralways careful of their language, and cumstances to make the dangerous hat. The more complete the their rough talk, plainly audible with-

there so long the public had accepted it as its own, and ceased to make acknowledgment. The son, and his as intolerable; and so one day the

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set in the middle of the driveway and other post holes digging. They drove age, to the extent of one-quarter secon, the panting oxen wondering as tion of 160 acres, more or less. the meaning of it.

"The home is yours, my boy," said the mother, "and I must not make intending homesteader. you and Ella uncomfortable with my ther and I had the well dug there be- of the following plans' cause we wanted to share our bless- (1) At least six months' residence ings with others; and in these recent upon and cultivation of the land in years it has been almost the only each year for three years. ing their heads in the trough, and re- in land will not meet this requirejoiced that I could give a cup of cold ment. water in the name of the Lord.

of service in His name." The son was thoughtful for a moment; when he called his wife, and the three talked it over together. "Let mother have her way," Ella. "It is her right."

"Mother," said the son, "we'll compromise. There's one post set, which will prevent driving in. Let us leave it there for a week, and they will have to carry water out if they get That will be a hint. And after that the post shall come down. The hint was effective, in part at Teamsters were not long in suspecting they had to thank, and grew more considerate.

So the old lady sat among her vines for the district of such intention. ago she died, and was mourned by a larger circle of friends than she had

THE LAZY LAD. Young Albert was a lazy lad, And idled all the day; He was not really bad, But had a slothful way. He would not work, and even had A great dislike for play.

On journeys he could never go, He tried and tried in vain; But he was always late, and so At home he would remain; Because he was so very slow He always missed the train.

And when they asked him why, he

As he began to pout, 'The butter is so hard to spread, 1'd rather go without."

And Santa Claus cried "Whoa!"

the long years followed, under their And when the reindeers swiftly sprang forbids the use of any motor vehicle own reoftree.

And when the reindeers swiftly sprang forbids the use of any motor vehicle unless a horse is attached to it. Across the winter snow,

And tired to shut his eyes.

It seemed like exercise.

went, A lazy, lazy lad; And never wished he had. And yet not really bad. -St. Nicholas.

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duty in the past. ern science, which sweeps away the not, however, be very long continued wife as well, looked upon these things traditional and picturesque with little as the feelings of the person carrying regard if it has a better method to the other must be considered. offer, has installed telephones in their place. Think of it! No longer the

> to scan the mountain trail. When a the system. traveler, journeying through the famous thoroughfare, passes one of these scratch-boxes, the fact is telephoned some people. They make the best of on to the next station and to the life in all circumstances and find fun monastery. Should he not reach the for themselves in seeing others have next station on his route in due time, fun.

In this way-by the aid of modern science—the sequestered monks _ e its presence.

SYNUPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-

Homestead Regulations

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatche-Then came a line of log-laden wag- wan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, ons, and halted in the road, and the not reserved, may be homesteaded by drivers were dismayed to find a post any person who is the sole head of a

they pulled their heavy leads up the hill without their accustomed refreshin person by the applicant at a Do-The son watched them out of minion Lands Agency or Sub-agency sight, and then walked to the well for the district in which the land is for a drink. Behind the vines on the situate. Entry by proxy may, howporch he heard a sob and went to see ever, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother,

The homesteader is required to perold-fashioned notions. But your fa- form the homestead duties under one

blessing I had to share. I could not (2) A homesteader may, if he so dego to courch; I had little money to give; there was no one I could help duties by living on farming land ownin any other way. So I sat here ed solely by him, not less than eighty among the vines and watched the peo- (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity ple as they drank, and the oxen sink- of his homestead. Joint ownership

(3) If the father (or mother, if the don't wart to complain, but this is father is deceased) of a homesteader taking away my one remaining form has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not lexs than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or upon a homestead entered for by him said in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by

living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in cordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent a few years longer, with joy that she could give a cup of cold water as a be given to the Commissioner of Do-Six months' notice in writing must servant of the Lord. A few months minion Lands at Ottawa, of intention to apply for patent.

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enabled to keep track of every person who attempts to use the pass in a passage of the Alps. But even more iconoclastic, perhaps, is the fact that a motor wagon has succeeded the pack mules : former days in the work of carrying supplies to the monastery. The pass is a long one, reaching from Martigny, in Switzerland, to Aos'a, in Italy-a distance of fifty

miles. It is from Aosta that the monks draw their supplies. Every day during the brief summer weeks their motor wagon goes down to Aosta and returns fully laden with supplies for the day, and stores for the autumn, And when the Christmas sleigh bells on cannot be used on the Swiss side, because an order of the Canton of Valais, in which the pass is situated,

Famous for centuries have been the dogs of St. Bernard. About a hundred years ago the old breed, which had come in a direct line for many centuries, died out in a singular man-During a terrible snow storm a false alarm was raised, so goes the story, that some soldiers and emigrants were lost, about an hour's journey below the hospice.

Out rushed all the female dogs on their hopeful mission-they never returned. Thus the old line perished. At one time the monks had to depend absolutely upon their dogs for news of travelers in distress. "Their scent is so keen," a monk stated, "that they will track a man's foot-steps three days after he has passed."

length the husband died, leaving the port they made for themselves. That No one seems to know the precise widow, with one of her married sons, reputation has grown, and they now in the old home. rank among the first medicines for Some declare that St. Bernard him-The son came back from some years use in attacks of dyspepsia and bili- self brought them hither. It is a of experience in the world, and saw ousness, complaints of the liver and curious fact that in the plains they the well through other eyes than those kidneys, rehumatism, fever and ague degenerate and lose much of their and the innumerable complications to marvelous sagacity. Both the monks and their dogs are amicted with severe rheumatism in the damp and bitter climate, especially when the snow melts in the late summer.

A QUEER GIANT.

Some evening when your friends heard of the intelligence and faithful- you and conversation lags you and

even of those who drove by in cartiages asked permission or said "Thank you." The well had been gratitude. Many a monk has lost holding a lively conserved the grant. his life in the performance of this and calling attention to his gigantic idiosyncrasies, a great deal of fun Now their occupation is gone. Mod- may be produced. The joke should

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