

# FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE



## APRIL FISH!

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**GRACE**, quick! The way is clear!"

The Duke of Lorraine sprang from his couch and looked wild about, for he had been awakened out of a heavy sleep fraught with disturbing dreams. His eyes fell on the figure of Henri, his faithful follower, standing in the gloom. It was he that had spoken.

"Here is the disguise, your Grace," whispered the clever follower. "Come! I will carry your Grace's clogs, and slippered the clever follower. "Come!"

It was a good thing that the Duke of Lorraine had a follower whose eyes did not leave him in a crisis, for what with his hands trembling and his fingers fumbling and his not knowing just how to put on his disguise, the Duke never could have escaped without help. Henri was cool and steady though and soon the Duke disappeared in peasant's attire cropt noiselessly out of the castle in his stocking feet. Hiding in the courtyard was the Duchess.

"They slipped on their wooden shoes," the Duke shouldered a hod which Henri handed him, while the Duchess balanced a basket of rubbish on her proud head.

Dawn was painting the sky with pink tints as the huddle-looking pair hurried through the streets of Nantes.

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The Duke of Lorraine turned his head anxiously and his eyes fell upon grinning youngsters.

"Ha, ha!" cried the boy. "Thou art the first April fish caught this first day of April in my net! Ha, ha, ha! April fish! April fish!"

In France they have April fish, instead of April fools, and there is great

rivalry to see who can catch the most "fish," at the same time everyone must watch out for baited hooks himself. And although all this happened a great long time ago April fishing was very popular even then.

"Alas!" sighed the Duke to his lady. "It is indeed a day for fools. Let us hope our journey be not a sleeveless errand." By which he meant "a wild goose chase."

The Duke, poor fellow, always got very blue and down-in-the-mouth when things went wrong.

They soon reached the city gates but already the dawn had deepened in the east and it was almost day.

"Keep thy head turned away," said the Duke to his companion. "Else thy fair face will give us away."

At the city gate stood two guards looking rather sleepy after their long vigil. Would they suspect the shabby pair hurrying out at that early hour?

nibble today or caught you shall bet!"

The shabby couple made no reply but shuffled on in their clumsy wooden shoes.

"Horses await us in your wood," murmured the Duke. "Oh that we were there!"

The wood seemed far away indeed to the anxious eyes turned toward it. The Duchess, unused to walking, or to any exercise, for that matter, especially while carrying a basket of rubbish on her head, could scarcely shuffle along in her great heavy shoes. She sighed and set her lips in a firm line.

Just then they met a peasant woman and a child on the road. As the little one looked up the Duchess smiled at him. Was there ever a peasant woman with such a smile! The child stared a moment then he pointed and cried:

"Oh, see the pretty lady!"

His mother gave the Duchess a



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The Duchess steadied her basket with one hand hiding her face from view, while the Duke walked before her, his head bent and his rough cap pulled down over his eyes.

"We are lost! We are lost!" moaned the Duke.

"Hello, April fish!" called one of the guards jocosely. "Mind where you

## THE JUNIOR COOK



**Cinnamon Toast**

Cut six thin slices of bread. Measure out one-half teaspoon of cinnamon. And two teaspoons granulated sugar.

Mix sugar and cinnamon. Toast the bread on one side. Spread the un-toasted side with butter and sprinkle with the sugar mixture.

Toast the buttered and sugared side. Serve at once.

Fine to eat after school or to make a surprise for mother when she has a caller to tea.

hope, the Duke muttering bitterly: "A sleeveless errand, a sleeveless errand. Like Noah's dove we fly on a sleeveless errand."

Meanwhile the good peasant woman and her son reached the city gates. They were both plump and very much out of breath, especially the little boy who had never been run so fast before in his life.

"What ho!" cried the guard.

"Oh, sir!" panted the good woman. "We have seen the Duke of Lorraine and his lady upon the road disguised as poor, honest folk."

"Indeed!" roared the guard. "Ha, ha, ha! Very good indeed! I saw them also and bade them good-speed."

Ha, ha, ha! April fish! April fish! Nay, thou canst not hope to catch such an old fish as me."

"But no!" cried the peasant. "This is no idle tale, and I advise thee to begone fast upon their track."

"Ay!" scoffed the guard, wiping his eyes, for he had laughed himself almost into a crying fit. "Then I am an April fish!"

"I never would have dreamt that a silly creature like this could be so witty!" roared the other guard, his sides shaking with mirth. "It is the best joke I have heard in many a day."

"Good enough for the Governor's ears," the first guard chuckled.

Finally the story did get to the Governor's ears, but his ears being dignified, titled ears, were far removed from plain guardmen and it was well after noon when the news reached them. The Governor laughed at first, then he grew very red in the face and thoughtful, then he called his favorite gopher and executioner.

"To be on the safe side, mayhap I'd well to look in on his Grace and the Duchess."

The executioner went and looked in. No Duke, no Duchess did he see. The Duke and the Duchess were at home by that time. What the angry Governor did to the poor sentries it is quite beyond me to say but I do hope the children, "but the day has long been observed in all countries. The first idea of April Fool was to send some unsuspecting person upon a fruitless errand or meaningless quest."

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## A MERRY CUSTOM

mother coming into the room, "what is all this confusion?"

"Noth'g," said Tom. "I just April Fooled her, that's all."

"Who ever started April Fooling, anyhow, mother?" asked Betty, "all things must have a beginning, what was the beginning of All Fool's Day?"

"There is really no very good explanation for the origin of this merry custom," began mother seating herself near the child, "but the day has long been observed in all countries. The first idea of April Fool was to send some unsuspecting person upon a fruitless errand or meaningless quest."

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**APRIL 1**  
TUESDAY

WHEN JOHNNY CALLS, YOU'VE DROPPED YOUR SLATE!

NOW JUST REMEMBER WELL THE DATE, AND, "APRIL FOOL," CALL LOUD AND CLEAR!

THEN IF YOU MUST, PEEP ROUND, MY DEAR!

## COTTONTAIL

ALMOST everybody calls me "Cottontail," but that is not my real name at all. When I was a little bit of a thing, my mother used to call me "Pop-Eye," as my eyes were about the biggest things about me, and looked like two big lamp glass buttons sewed on a small mass of fur. But now that I've grown up, and have a home of my own in

all about, and from the burrows that can't walk through the woods without making more noise than a tree falling down, but they all are very much mistaken. Why, we have lots of fun, and lots of spare time, and we have regular playgrounds in open places in the woods, where we gather on moonlight nights and frolic and play, like so many children. We play leap-frog, we run races, and play hide-and-seek, but when it is dark under the bushes. Then we have a funny kind of a dance, when we jump up as high as we can, and as we come down we

## APRIL SHOWERS

I KNOW why we have showers now. When April days are here and flowers grow, and birds come back. To fill the world with cheer.

'Tis Spring time now, the gladdest time of all, and that is why, When all the earth is glad and gay The happy angels cry.

They cry for joy that spring has come Upon the earth again; Their tear drops fall from out the sky And we think they are rain.

And mother says, "Wear over-shoes, Beware of April showers." But I know it's the angels' tears That make the sweet May flowers.

they is quiet. Then he goes poking through the bushes as if he expected to find me squatting somewhere nearby. That shows how little he knows about rabbit ways! Why, bless your heart, as soon as I am out of sight, I begin making a turn, for no rabbit ever runs in a straight line, you know, so very carefully crossing his path in front, I come right back on the other side, crawl in a patch of brown grass,



Cottontail

and sit and watch the poor human trying to find me. He acts so foolish, that sometimes I have to stuff some grass in my mouth to keep from snickering out, and giving him another scare. We have great times every in the mornings, when the wild clover in the fence corners is bathed in dew, just begging to be nibbled. So, you see, with all our troubles, for every one has some trouble, we rabbits manage to squeeze in quite a lot of happiness and fun. Our motto is, "Have all the harmless fun you can, and you will live longer."

## Puzzle Corner

**HOURLY PUZZLE**  
I hope, friend, when my centrals you find

You will not think that I'm unkind.  
1. . . . . Town in Wisconsin.  
2. . . . . A swift sailing boat.  
3. . . . . A joyous song.  
4. . . . . To fasten.  
5. . . . . FIFTY.  
6. . . . . Toward the stern.  
7. . . . . An old woman.  
8. . . . . A nomad.  
9. . . . . A girl's name.

**NUMERICAL PROVERBS**  
When placed in order the letters will spell a well-known proverb.  
18-14-12-17-2-4-17. To hold back.  
1-9-12-8-7-9-22. Posture.  
23-20-21-6-23-5. Fortune; luck.

15-25-8-13-24-19-3. A contribution.  
22-11-10-26-16-2-19-10. A number.

**ANSWERS**  
**HOURLY PUZZLE**  
MILWAUKEE  
OLIVER  
PINNAC  
AFF  
CRONE  
REDUIN  
GERALDINE  
**NUMERICAL PROVERBS**  
Prevention is better than cure.  
Reserve  
Position  
Chance  
Tribute  
Nineteen

**APRIL FOOL PUZZLE**  
CHAMOIS  
REINDEER  
CHIDMUNK  
ARMADILLO  
LAMB  
CHINCHILLA  
CARACAL  
DROMEDARY  
ANTELOPE  
CHIMPANZEE  
AARDWOLF

**TOYS AND USEFUL ARTICLES THAT A BOY CAN MAKE.**  
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**PICTURE FRAME**

The picture or photograph is tucked into the frame where you see it. That is the easiest part. This is the hardest part. We have a piece of wood of which we are made. Because the picture is placed where they are to be found to be attractive. If ordinary wood it is not so good. It is made of a wood that is a bit different, but it will produce an effect of stock and get out the required dimensions. The pieces are to be inserted into the bottom. Lay out and cut the mortises very accurately. Inasmuch as the mortises will not show if they extend through the piece, they are shown out clear through. This will enable you to lay out and cut from both sides of the piece, which will insure greater accuracy.

Next lay out and cut the tenons on the uprights. Unless they are cut to make an exact fit with the mortises, your work will not be a success. The fit should not be one that will make it necessary to drive the tenon into the mortise with a mallet or other tool, but it should fit snugly—without any play. When you are satisfied with this part of the work, lay out and bore holes for the screws.

The making of the frame will be the hardest part. The joint at the corners is a mitre-joint, the two pieces meeting at an angle of 45 degrees. It is also necessary to remove some stock for the picture and glass. About the best way to do this, considering the size of the stock we have to work with, will be to lay out the part to be removed with a sharp marking gauge. Cut this out with a good sharp chisel. This isn't as hard as it may appear to be and no trouble should be experienced in getting a good job.

About making the joint. Some say that this cut with a good sharp chisel, but if you haven't one, it is easy to lay out the joint by following the detail shown on the drawing.

When all the parts are fitted to your satisfaction, sand well and assemble. Glue uprights into the bottom, being careful to see that they are at right angles to it. Fasten the frame together with glue and brads. This fast operation will test your skill and perhaps your patience.

Grump the ground quick and hard, using our hind feet for drum sticks. Sometimes when one of these little soapy, pet dogs runs after one of our people, the rabbit will stop right quick, and clump the ground as hard as he can, mad-like, you know, and then the poor little dog will turn about, tuck his tail between his legs and just fly. Then the rabbit has to hold his sides tight to keep from laughing right out.

And sometimes we have great sport in fooling some of the human beings who think he knows so much more than we do. For instance, suppose I am sitting all drawn-up away back under a sumac bush, half asleep, when I hear him coming through the bushes right down my way. Well, I sit still until it looks as he was going to stop right on me, when I jump from under his feet, almost, and go tearing through the tall grass, and under the bushes. He is so astonished that he almost falls over backwards, but by that time I'm gone, and every-

**AUTHORS**

The game of Authors is lots of fun, and I would advise you to play it. As you notice each answer is the name of an author.

It is played with pencil and paper and your friends must write answers to your questions. You ask:

1. What must you never say? . . . . . Kant
2. Connect America and Europe? . . . . . Cable
3. Foundation for Carnegie's fortune? . . . . . Steel
4. What Oliver Twist asked for? . . . . . Moore
5. A slang word? . . . . . Dickens
6. A plant found in the marshes? . . . . . Reads
7. A vital part of the body? . . . . . Harle
8. What a baby does in play? . . . . . Howells
9. Greetings of a good-natured friend? . . . . . Smiles
10. Caused by touching fire? . . . . . Burns
11. A worker in precious metal? . . . . . Goldsmith
12. A maker of barrels? . . . . . Butler
13. A portion of a pig? . . . . . Cooper
14. A wolly animal? . . . . . Bacon
15. A head covering? . . . . . Lamb
16. A head covering? . . . . . Hood
17. What does a baby do in play? . . . . . Crabbe
18. Where vegetables grow? . . . . . Howells
19. What operators are? . . . . . Shelly
20. What a small is not? . . . . . Swift
21. How we like our turkey? . . . . . Browning
22. Value of words? . . . . . Wordsworth
23. What a giant is? . . . . . Longfellow
24. To be found in a Monastery? . . . . . Abbot

## APRIL FOOL PUZZLE

A FELLOW GAVE ME THESE TWO CARDS AND TOLD ME THERE WERE SIX ANIMALS ON EACH. HE SAID TO TAKE TWO LETTERS FROM EACH ANIMAL IN ORDER AND TO HAVE FIVE ANIMALS ON EACH CARD. I THINK HE WAS TRYING TO APRIL FOOL ME. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

**CHAMOIS REINDEER CHIDMUNK ARMADILLO LAMB**

**CARACAL DROMEDARY ANTELOPE CHIMPANZEE AARDWOLF**

## April Fool Your Friends

TAKE an ordinary lead pencil and paint it in three sections, red, yellow and green, so that it will be dry and ready for you to take to school on the first of April.

You can tell your friends that you have a wonderful pencil and that it will write any one of the colors which they see painted on the outside of it. Of course, they will scoff and tell you that it can't be done. Perhaps they will ask you to show them. Tell them to name the color. Blow on the pencil as though you were going to perform a wonderful trick, say "Abracadabra ho ho ho," and write very carefully, if the color chosen is red, the word RED and shout as you finish it: APRIL FOOL.

Then beware, for someone will try to play a trick on you to get even for your April Fool.



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BY THE COURTS OF  
COUNTRY.

Paris April 9—The responsibility of the German emperor for the means for bringing him to trial by one of the allied governments. Belgium have been definite terminated upon by the council. This follows the definite decision of the terms of reparations for war ages, whereby \$5,000,000,000 was paid within the next two years an interallied commission assess remaining damages for a period years, beginning May 1, 1921, two of the great obstacles, which in the path of the rapid attainment peace have been removed within last 24 hours, and the period of extreme tension over the impasse the failure to secure tangible is succeeded by revised confidence the great advance towards a permanent settlement.

More Knotty problems.

While the tension has been reduced it is not entirely removed, much depends on the continued progress with respect to the remaining obstacle notably the Saar, the Rhine frontier, the Adriatic and a number of lesser issues, which are still short of final agreement. The agreement on responsibility the war is understood to have been compromise between divided re-

THIS letter from Mr. Mrs. Everett.

"I feel it a pleasure and Ointment all run down, and I lay awake unable to sleep. I can positively and I can now sleep."

"I used Dr. Chase's Ointment, either of these to give them a trial."

You can scarcely a trait and signature against imitations and