

For the Children

VALUE OF EXPECTATION.

A POPULAR New England preacher says that if his sermon ever stretches beyond the twenty minutes to which he means always to limit it, the words of his little daughter ring in his ears, and he reflects that some of his congregation are doubtless feeling as she did on a memorable occasion.

The occasion was the little girl's sixth birthday, which chanced to come on Thanksgiving Day.

She went to church with her mother, and sat quietly through the service. The sermon was unusually good, the minister could not help thinking; he had plenty to say, and said it fluently.

"How did you like my sermon?" he asked his young critic as they walked home together, her small hand in his big one.

"You preached awful long, father," said the little girl, "but I beared it because I love you, and I knew I'd have a nice dinner when I got home, and forget what I'd been through."—Youth's Companion.

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A Tragedy of the Gutter.

Kind Lady.—"What have you lost, little boy?"
Boy (sadly).—"Jam Tart, Mum."—Punch.

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THE ZOO.

When we went to the Zoo
We saw a gnu,
An elk and a whelk
And a wild emu.

We saw a hare
And a bear in his lair
And a seal have a meal
On a high-backed chair

We saw a coon
And a baby baboon.
The giraffe made us laugh
All afternoon.

We saw a snake
That was hardly awake,
And a lion eat meat
They'd forgotten to bake.

We saw a crab
And a long-tailed dab
And we all went home
In a hansom cab.

—Windsor Magazine.

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WHAT SHE SAID.

This is what Tommy Brown's German teacher said to him one day when he came to school:

"Well, Tommy, you are early of late. You used to be behind before, but now you're first at last."

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NATURE STUDY.

"Tommy," said the father to his small son, who was following him round the course, "what makes the grass grow?"

"The grass has blades, and with these it cuts its way through the ground."—Golfing.

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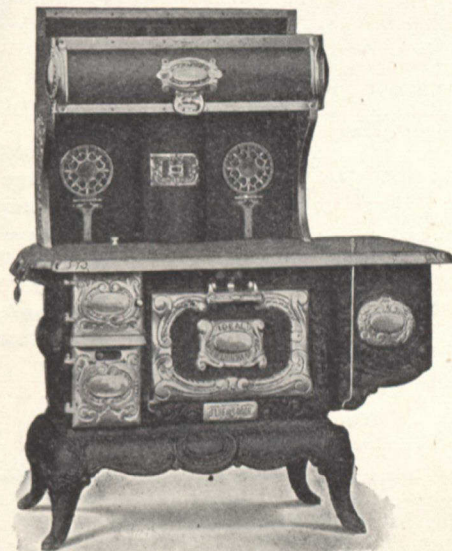
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