

The Children's Page

"MUVVER."

(By Tom Masson.) My family's such a busy one! They've doin' things all day. They have to work so dreadful hard. They have no time to play; 'N' when I'm tucked up in my bed, At night, they're working, too; Seems though they never could quite stop.

They have so much to do— That is, exceptin' Muvver, 'N' somehow ruther, she is never doin' anything But havin' fun wif me.

My sister goes to school all day, She is so dignified! She reads 'r writes 'n' studied books 'N' only once she cried When I was sick, figs in my crib, 'N' then my sister said That no one else knew how to fix.

My Daddy's such a busy man He can't have any fun. My Muvver says he fights wif giants 'N' whips 'em one by one. I guess he can, he is so strong, But he's so tired at night He kinder fops down in a chair That Muvver sets just right, Or else he lies down on the couch 'N' Muvver rubs his head 'n' nen Makes goo-goo eyes at me.

I'm glad my Muvver never has A thing to do but play. I guess I'd be so lonesome If she ever went away. Sometimes I wake up early 'N' nen, when she's asleep, I try to push her eyelids up 'N' inside take a peep; 'N' that's the only time she's cross. I wonder why, when she Has nuffin' else to do all day But just have fun wif me.

An End to Bilious Headache.—Biliousness, which is caused by excessive bile in the stomach, has a marked effect upon the nerves, and often manifests itself by severe headache. This is the most distressing headache one can have. There are headaches from cold, from fever, and from other causes, but the most excruciating of all is the bilious headache. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will cure it. It will disappear as soon as the Pills operate. There is nothing surer in the treatment of bilious headache.

JEAN PIERRE'S GOOD FORTUNE. The day was warm and the sermon long; yet such was the eloquence of the preacher that the large congregation which filled the church of St. Thomas gave no sign of impatience or fatigue. One stout old gentleman, however, was a solitary exception. Seated in a distant corner, the words of the text had, indeed, reached his ear, but his attention had wandered from the pulpit to the red and blue dots which danced in through the stained windows, thence to the motley crowd which surrounded him, and lastly to a small urchin who stood leaning against one of the pillars.

This boy was the picture of poverty from the crown of his rimless hat to his hobnailed boots,—boots which would have fitted one twice his size. But the crowning feature of his attire was his coat, which was one mass of patches, each of a different hue; and the onlooker fell to wondering whether anything of the original material yet remained. The lad himself seemed totally unconscious of the oddity of his appearance, and stood listening to the sermon with such rapt attention that the stout old gentleman felt tacitly rebuked, and finally made an earnest effort to catch the purport of the preacher's words.

light when for the first time he saw himself decked out in his dark blue livery, with its shining brass buttons. His first thought was for his kind patron; and emboldened by the splendor of his attire, he marched straight up to the great house and pulled the bell. His delight was further increased when the old gentleman failed to recognize him at first, then thumped him on the back, vowing he had never seen such a change—never—and admired him to his heart's content.

"Live up to your buttons, my boy! Keep straight, please your employers, and you'll get on in life." The old gentleman's parting admonition became a true prophecy; for several years later Jean Pierre rose to be manager of the very same warehouse he had entered as an errand boy.—Ave Maria.

They Are Not Violent in Action.—Some persons, when they wish to cleanse the stomach, resort to Epsom and other purgative salts. These are speedy in their action, but serve no permanent good. Their use produces incipient chills, and if persisted in they injure the stomach. Nor do they act upon the intestines in a beneficial way. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills answer all purposes in this respect, and have no superior.

WHICH WAY IS BETTER? The two girls had been in the blackberry patch since early morning, and the tin pails they carried, into which, in the beginning, the blackberries had dropped with a tinkle, were now almost full. One of the two stopped to wipe her moist forehead and to regard ruefully her finger, pierced by a thorn.

"Oh, dear! I shall be glad when we're done!" she sighed. "Do you think Mr. McGuire will give us five cents a quart, Mamie?" She looked anxiously down at the big pail, trying to calculate her probable wealth. "It's worth it, anyway," she burst out, suddenly. "Such horrid, tiresome work!" The other girl looked up surprised. "Horrid! Why, I love it! The blackberries are just delicious!" "I haven't tasted any," said the other girl, severely. "But it's plain you have. Your lips are as stained as anything!" "Why not?" laughed Mamie. "I'm going to fill my pail, anyway. Why shouldn't I enjoy the berries as I go along? And then I've been listening to the birds. It's been a regular concert, hasn't it?" "I don't know," said the other. "I didn't notice. When you're working as fast as you can to get your pail filled, you don't have much time for listening to birds."

A Pleasant Medicine.—There are some pills which have no purpose evidently than to beset painful internal disturbances in the patient, adding to his troubles and perplexities rather than diminishing them. One might as well swallow some corrosive material. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills have not this disagreeable and injurious property. They are easy to take, are not unpleasant to the taste, and their action is mild and soothing. A trial of them will prove this. They offer peace to the dyspeptic.

THE MUSKRAT GLOVES. The summer when Hugh Greenwood was eight years old it was decided that he ought not to go to school for a while, and must be out in the air of the fields and woods a great part of every day. That was why Hughie was left on his grandfather's farm when the rest of the family went back to the city in the fall.

Of course, in a way, Hughie was glad. He missed father and mother and his sisters; but being on the farm meant all kinds of outdoor fun which he could not have in the city. What he wanted most of all was to do some trapping. This was because of the gloves, of course. Uncle Norman had given them to him when the mornings began to get real sharp and snappy with cold. They were very warm gloves, made of muskrat fur, and Uncle Norman had said that Oliver Dumstred had caught the muskrats himself, in Hughie's grandfather's swamp.

Were there any more there? Oh, yes, probably hundreds of them; and sometimes there were mink, and now and then, but not often, an otter. "Why, just think of it, Uncle Norman!" said Hughie. "If I had some traps I could go down to the swamp and catch muskrats enough for a fur coat for mamma and a nice Buffalo robe for papa!" "Well," said Uncle Norman, "you might get enough for the fur coat, but I don't know about the Buffalo robe. It takes an awful lot of muskrat skins to make a Buffalo robe." And then he laughed. But he also said there were plenty of traps in the shed, and he got some of them down and cleaned them, and showed Hughie how to set and place them.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, sections 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less. Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situated. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

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and dashed away into a hole at the roots of a big tree. The traps were forgotten then, and Hughie rushed to the tree, and kneeling down, looked into the hole. The rabbit was no where in sight, and so Hughie pushed his hand in, and then his whole arm and felt around. Still he could not feel any rabbit, but his fingers did find a little place, way in, through which he could just push his hand. Perhaps the rabbit had squeezed through. He pushed his hand in and felt. No, there was no rabbit. And then, when he tried to pull his hand out, he found he could not, because his fur glove caught on something sharp and rough, that felt like ice. Every time he pulled the glove caught and held fast. Perhaps if he pulled hard it might give way and come off; but he knew that if it did it would drop away down into the hole, and he would never see it again.

If he could only get his knife out and cut the hole bigger! But no, his knife was in his right-hand pocket, and it was his right hand that was caught. He could move it back and forth a little way and in and out a little way, but he could not get it free.

Hughie began to feel very cold. When he had been running or walking fast he had felt warm enough, but lying still, face down, in the shadow of the great tree trunk the chill struck through him like a knife. Perhaps he would freeze to death before any one found him. The thought set him to shouting, "Grandpa! Grandpa! Grandpa-a-a!"

It hurt him to lie so still, with his arm stretched out, and he began to bear more of his weight on the hand in the hole. Something under the hand felt very cold where his bare wrist rested on it, and then he could feel his hand and sleeve growing wet. After a long time, as it seemed to Hughie, his arm tingled so that he just had to move it; and then, to his surprise, the hand came out of the hole with the glove on it. It was some icicles and ragged edges of ice that had caught, and his warm hand, resting on it so long, had thawed it enough to set him free.

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