



THE RAM OF DERBY.

[This old poem is of particular interest just now, about the hundredth anniversary of Washington's death, since it is a song he often sang to children.]

As I was going to Derby
Upon a market day,
I saw the biggest ram, sir,
That ever was fed on hay.

Chorus: That ever was fed on hay, sir,
That ever was fed on hay,
I saw the biggest ram, sir,
That ever was fed on hay.
Tow de row de dow, dow,
Tow de row de da,
Tow de row de dow, dow,
Tow de row de da.

He had four feet to walk, sir,
He had four feet to stand,
An every foot he had, sir,
Covered an acre of land.

Chorus: Covered an acre of land, sir,
etc.

The wool upon his back, sir,
It reached up to the sky,
And Eagles built their nests
there,
For I heard the young ones
cry.

Chorus: For I heard their young ones
cry, sir, etc.

The wool upon its tail, sir,
I heard the weaver say,
Made three hundred yards of
cloth,
For he wove it in a day.

Chorus: For he wove it in a day, sir,
etc.

The horns upon this ram, sir,
They reached up to the moon;
A nigger climbed up in January,
And never came down till June.

Chorus: And he never came down till
June, sir, etc.

The butcher that cut his throat,
sir,
Was drown-ed in the blood,
And the little boy that held the
bowl
Was carried away in the flood.

Chorus: Was carried away in the flood,
sir, etc.

TWINKLE AND BROWNIE.

Those two little girls used to have fine
times together "making believe." It
was laughable to hear Brownie direct-
ing Twinkle in a stage whisper what
to say, and then answer it. They
played every make-believe thing they
could think of, from "bride" to a sick
horse in the stable.

Brownie was fond of practicing on
the piano, and when through would say,
"Mamma, what was that tune?" "I don't
know," mamma would answer; "what
was it?" and Brownie always had a
name for them. Sometimes it was "Po-
tato in its skin," "Sawdust in a boot,"
or "Darkey over the fence."

One May they had about three weeks
of rainy weather, which was a great
disappointment to Twinkle and
Brownie. Mamma overheard Brownie
saying to herself, "The sky is a rain
all the time—a-l-l the time!" But at
last sunshine came, and they ran and
played all day long. Twinkle became
so tanned that she could not but re-
mark, as she viewed her reflection in
the mirror one day, what a lot of "sun
smoke" there was on her face.

Brownie was very fond of fresh air.
When she was allowed to go out and
play alone with Twinkle for the first
time, she would often pop into the
kitchen where mamma was at work,
and taking a whiff of kitchen odors, pop
out again, saying: "Um! I mus doe out
and det fesh air." When she saw the
first roses blooming, she cried out "Oh!

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they was too hot in the sticks an' so
they comed out to det fesh air!"
She wouldn't touch a firefly for a long
time, for she was afraid it would burn
her. And at the close of a long day:
"Mamma, put me to bed," she said; "I
seepy an' tired. My head's dittin' loose."
And she hung it sleepily.—[Mrs. Alice
V. Dixon.]

FROM OUR YOUNG AMERICANS.

High Times—I will be 12 years old
at 12 o'clock the first of the new year.
Our teacher is so strict he won't let
you smile at any one in school. He will
make you stand in the corner. But you
can bet we have high times just the
same. I love music, but I can't play
much. I don't like dancing, do you?
—[Delaware Girl.]

Faults—I have faults enough of my
own, goodness knows, without telling
any one o' theirs, so I will think what
I like about. Water Lily and her beau;
but as she advised some one to mind
their own business, I think I'll do the
same, then I might get rich, like the
man in the south. Lawrence Levere
and Vernon Mangum, keep on with your
verses, and who knows you may both be
Longfellow's yet. Hattie Swenson, let
me congratulate you on your musical
talent. You are indeed musical if you
can get music out of a guitar with
cracked sides. On Thanksgiving day
my friend Ethel and I undertook to
drive two cows down to the field. We
rode horseback and we had a great
time. The cows got in a field and a
cabbage patch, and we passed a crowd
of boys and they laughed at us and
said, "Say, girls, you're all right," but
finally we got those cows in the field
and we vowed it was the greatest thing
we had to be thankful for.—[Phoebe
(15), Utah.]

Tin Pan Sled—I am pleased to know
that there are others who are fond of
music. I have a piano and guitar. I
can sing and play but am especially
fond of listening to others. I think Lyn
Udall, also H. Weber and G. Anderson,
are splendid composers of music. Now
is the time for coasting. How many of
the boys and girls enjoy this sport? I
do for one, and I wonder if Fred Swan-
son does when he can kiss a pretty girl
without getting slapped. I hardly know
which one of the two to sympathize
with. When I was quite small, about
7 years old, I had a boy playmate who
was a year younger. We were head
over heels in love with each other and
we used to slide down hill together. I
remember I got into a tin pan, as my
sled was broken, and on my way down
the hill the pan commenced to whirl
around. I got so dizzy-headed that I
did not know whether I was sitting in
the pan or on a snow bank, but I came
out whole after all. Well, friends, I
hope you will enjoy reading my letter
as much as I do yours.—[Rosebud (19),

SWEET FARM LIFE.

The sweet farm life is best enjoyed
Of all the life I know
The winter brings us lots of fun,
With coasting on the snow.

Then comes the skating on the ice.
And O, "What fun!" you vow
And then just think what fun we have
Riding on the big snow plow.

LILLIAN STOCKES.

Mines—Having never seen any letter
from Butte, I would like to tell
you something about our city. Butte
has a population of 60,000. We have nine
public school buildings and one parochial
school and 15 churches. The mines are
large and produce a large amount of
rich ore. The largest mines are the
Anaconda and St. Lawrence. I am in
the high school, which has a teacher
for each study. I take Latin, algebra,
rhetoric and American literature. In
literature we are studying the poetry
of Bryant.—[Clementine, Montana.]

Noble Young Man—Yes, Sour Sev-
enteen, I have a brother and a fine one
too, and didn't I tell you my beau was
22, so you see he is not "young and
green," and I have him yet too, and in-
tend to keep him, for my brother is
working away from home and we live
in the country and have quite a dis-
tance to go to get to church or any-
thing else, and mamma and papa don't
go at night. When I think of my
past life I wonder how my school teach-

er could care for me as he did, for he
is a noble young man and never would
go with me to dances. Some one said it
was just a "childish passion" I had for
him, but you are wrong there, and as
for being "a little girl of 14," I am
almost 5½ ft. tall and weigh 125 lbs.—
[Water Lily.]

Tempered With Respect—Being an
admirer of F. & H., especially the
letters from the Young Americans,
and seeing the trouble Fred Swanson
has got into, will hesitatingly add my
little experience of the subject. Kiss-
ing among the younger folks is a bad (?)
habit which will never be cured. I my-
self have always been fond of the
pleasure, but have never been as un-
fortunate as Fred, although I have of-
ten met with blank refusals. Still, after
all, boys, I find if a girl really loves
you, there is not much objection on her
part to being kissed. I remember once
having written to an older person as
to whether it was morally wrong, on
the ground that it might awaken evil
thoughts, for one to kiss his sweet-
heart, and this is part of his reply: "If
your sweetheart loves you, and you
have been accustomed to kissing her, to
stop it now would be to her pure mind
seem only coldness and neglect. To ex-

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