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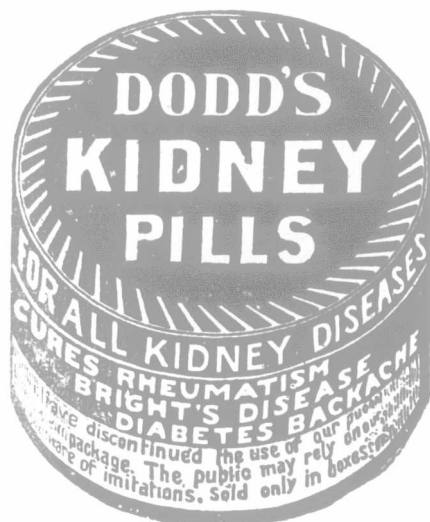
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READING MADE EASY.

Each of us has some invalid friend or relative who is debarred from reading only because books and even magazines are too heavy to be held up by the feeble muscles. Here is a plan by which I overcame that difficulty, and gave pleasure where all ordinary enjoyment was a stranger; I secured a box of thin wood such as may be had at the grocer's for the asking, eight inches wide by eleven inches long and four inches deep. Whenever I had finished reading a magazine I removed the wire fasteners that bound it together, and took out all the short stories that were humorous or pleasant, laying them aside until I had saved a large number. Then I sewed the leaves of each story together on the machine, using coarse thread and a long stitch, thus making a little book which could be held up without fatigue. On a page where a preceding article in the magazine had ended, or a following one began, I pasted over the printing an anecdote, a joke or a bright cover-picture from the same source. I fastened an elastic band on the inside of the cover to hold the booklets as they were read and laid aside; painted my box in imitation of a book, placed the booklets in it and sent it on its pleasant mission. One "shut-in" after another enjoyed the contents. In contagious cases the box was sent as a gift, to be destroyed with the other infected belongings upon the recovery of the patient.

The collection is added to from time to time, and soiled or torn booklets are replaced with the others. Each person to whom it is lent has the privilege of keeping one story out of the collection, if any should particularly strike his fancy.



ON ANOTHER PAGE will be found the "ad." of Mr. J. E. Annable, dealer in all kinds of fruit lands lying in the rich and fertile West Kootenay country. Mr. Annable is a pioneer of the district and was one of the first men to realize the possibilities of the Kootenay from a fruit grower's standpoint. He was a leading spirit in the organization of the Nelson Fair and a large measure of its present importance is due to the earnest work of Mr. Annable. The fruit lands at present held by him are most excellent value. Conveniently situated on railroad or lake front, with markets at the very door, and with an ideal climate it is little wonder that Kootenay fruit lands are yearly increasing in value. The advice "See Annable and buy land in Kootenay" is well worth careful consideration.

On the farm of Rev. W. E. Christmas in Saskatchewan, exists one of the few beaver farms of Canada. Within the limits of the farm are five large dams, peopled by some 200 beavers. The banks of the Souris river, which runs through the farm, are fringed with poplar trees, supplying the beavers with the best of building material and also with their daily food.

According to a law passed in 1896 it is illegal to kill beavers until the fall of 1908, consequently this colony is waxing strong, and are multiplying very rapidly. Having been protected from the trappers for the last ten years they are becoming very tame and do not seem to mind a casual onlooker, although they do most of their work by moonlight.

One night these beavers cut down fifty-two trees, according to Rev. Mr. Christmas, who takes a great deal of interest in his little tenants and watches carefully to see that no harm comes to them. These beavers are very industrious, and have no use for one of their number who refuses to do his share of the work. When such a member of a flock is noticed the others drive him away to live in solitude, and when such a beaver is found by a trapper he is known as a "bachelor." It takes the beavers but a short time to fell a large sized tree, and they are able to throw it in any direction desired. When once felled the tree is quickly cut up into lengths for houses, dams or food, as may be required. The house of the beaver is built on the bank of the river with its entrance under water. Once having built the entrance, the rest of the house is started, the whole colony working at the house until it is finished, and when completed it is warm, dry and cosy. Although it is impossible for the beavers to live for long under water, the entrance is built for some distance under the water, and then there is a long tunnel connecting the house with the water. A beaver family usually consists of four or five, and comes into the world with its eyes wide open. The young ones live with their parents for two years and then they are made to shift for themselves. The full grown beaver measures about two feet in length, with a tail some ten inches long, which he can use as a spade or trowel as well as a paddle. The average age is fifteen years, although some have been known to live as old as twenty, but such cases are said to be rare. When the animal is nine years of age its pelt is at its prime, and will fetch from \$10 to \$12 in Minneapolis.

Jefferson Thompson, Chairman of the Racing Board of the Automobile Association, was praising the French as automobilists.

"The French are a remarkable and odd people" he said. "In fencing and, above all, motoring they excel. In football in racing and, above all, in shooting they are nowhere."

"Three French sportsmen were once out after robins and cuckoos. A robin appeared overhead; they fired simultaneously, but the robin escaped."

"Then they asked all together: 'Who missed that time?'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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