

The Lizard

like the sun.

ing after Santa Claus' visit. I stood yesterday and watched a line of little ones file past Santa Claus, stop to shake hands with him and tell

TO GIVE UP PRACTICE

er, Granted Her Freedom on

Suspended Sentence.

him their dearest "wants." Don't you think they have faith enough in the Once upon a time there was a lizard that a wish uttered so personally good old saint of childhood to believe From the look

that lived in a little small hole in a going to be gratified? was not very pretty until you saw his eyes. They were big and sparkled on the parents' faces I fancy most of the expressed wishes will be fulfilled -but just suppose!

Every morning he would crawl out to get small bugs and tiny flies. He Mked the flies best and would gobble them down as fast as he could. You see, he didn't have any one to tell him that was not polite, so we must forgive him. I suppose. Dut just suppose! Did you let your children play Santa last year to the poor children Father Christmas couldn't get around to. If you did you will remember the joy it gave them, and the new mean-ing of Christmas that was instantly revealed. I do not like the cold area Every morning he would crawl out

him that was not polite, so we must forgive him. I suppose. After he had eaten he liked to lie in the warm sun and look around and see what was going on. He was very lazy and would lie there for hours without stirring at all, his his eyes kept mov-ing all the time, winking and blinking in the bright sun.

There the sum he liked that; and he would think better about what he was the basis of the basis

the sun he liked that; and he think better about what he was to eat next, for that was about it is wonderfully rich in results. He was happlest when he was eat- this Christmas. Tell them about it. Let your children be good fellows

out he crawled, and right in front of him was a big, fat looking green fly, "Oh, won't he make a fine dinner?" he ALLOWED HER A CHANCE

He crept quietly along until he was Madame Thurston, Fortune-Tell-

right close to him, and then made a quick dart for the poor fly, but he didn't get him. Away flew the big green fly up in the air out of the liz-

"he lizard was so angry that back he went in his hole and would not eat for two whole days. Don't you think he was very silly to get so cross just

Mrs. McColl, known professionally as Madame Thurston, was yesterday afternoon allowed out on suspended sentence by Judge Morgan, when she because he could not have everything his own way all the time?

CHRISTMAS STAMPS.

appeared on a charge of fortune-tell-ing. Judge Morgan ordered the wo-man to give up the practice altogether or he would have her up before him again. Mrs. Carmichael, police ma-The Christmas seal issued by the National Sanitarium Association for the benefit of the Muskoka Free Hos-Mrs. Thurston napping some days ago. oltal for Consumptives promises to displace the usual sticker with the great majority of people that send out Christmas gifts. There have been four million seals ordered, and it is hoped that there will be at least \$25,000 add-MILES VOKES WILL RUN.

that there will be at least \$25,000 add-od to the fund this year, that amount being, urgently needed, as there is now accommodation for almost 200 patients at the free hospital and from \$75,000 to \$20,000 is required annually. Miles Vokes has announced that he will be a candidate for the board of education in ward four at the coming elections.



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Appears

Dirt Disappears



Of those splendid house plants, the egonias, we shall deal at present with only those that fibrous-rooted. These fibrous-rooted begonias are the winter-flowering varieties.

These indoor bloomers require plenty of pot-room, and above all, the richest soil that can be obtained. When one considers the thick succulent branches and leaves, the waxy flowers borne in such marvellous pro-

fusion, the need for rich food is easily understood Because begonias simply must have plenty of rich food. Begonias will do best in a room where there is plenty of light. Not necessarily full sunlight, for I have seen the most splendid plants, rich green, bronze-green, and deep bronze-plants that filled almost the entire windowlants that were trained upwards to ill the upper sashes-and covered with flowers, all growing in north windows, where not the tiniest ray f direct sunlight ever reached them There is a street in Quebec called Champlain (indeed, there are two Champlains), a street that runs along the edge of the lower town, and west along the river, where most of the houses face the frowning bleakness of Citedal Peel Citadel Rock. Never a beam of the sun touches these north windows. But the windows themselves are so clean, that one cannot believe the glass is in them. Those amazing begonias—oh! such begonias, laugh in gay derision at their unchanging neighbor across the way, shaking their rosy petals

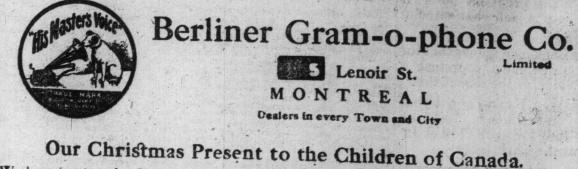
in very joy of life. When we saw those great fat healthy plants we said to ourselves: "Nothing is impossible in the plant line." But begonias do love the sun--in moderation. Not after their leaves have been well washed, tho. Be careful of this. The sun on wet leaves will raise great bristers exactly as steam will blister human flesh. Also, where the heat has not been intense enough to cause a blister the leaves will turn crinkled and yellowish-brown, exactly as if it had been burned, which it really has been. That leaf is ruined of course. So remove it at once, and do not risk such a A good homely old-fashioned be-sonia is Gloire de Lorraine, one of the very best among a long list of good house begonias. Gloire de Lorraine is a sure and pro-

fuse bloomer, for a remarkably long period. Buy one and note the above remarks carefully.



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