

Children's Department.

A Brave Girl.

The ordinary boy's estimate of girls is that they are not brave, but we should like to commend to them the case of Edith Brill, of Woolwich, who, a month or two ago, was presented with the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and certificate, for saving one little boy from drowning, and attempting to save another, in both cases under circumstances of great risk to her own life. A boy playing near the King William dock, overbalanced himself, and, in falling, caught hold of the frock of a little boy, two-and-a-half years old, and both tumbled into the water. Edith climbed down the steps, went up to her neck in the water, and caught hold of the smaller boy and rescued him. She then caught hold of the other boy's hand, but he let go, and was unhappily drowned.

"One at a Time, Please!"

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her cage before her master. Then the angry customers would look up and shake their knives and forks at her, and laugh and call her a clever bird. Well, one day Polly got lost. She escaped from her cage and wandered off into the fields, glad, perhaps, to get the chance of exercising her wings.

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