

CUNNING OF A FOX.

It Finally Fooled a Hunter and Saved His Own Red Skin.

One dark foggy morning in autumn, writes a Youth's Companion correspondent...

I looked at the shells and then at the fox, and my amazement grew...

A SURPRISED HUSBAND.

Romance of Lady March and the Second Duke of Richmond.

One of the mercenary marriages once common in England which turned out happily was that of the second Duke of Richmond...

Immediately after the wedding Lord March's tutor took him off to the continent for the grand tour...

Three years elapsed. Lord March returned from his travels, but, being such an uninteresting recollection...

"Turning to a man beside him, he asked who she was. You must be a stranger in London, was the answer...

"Lord March lost no time in going to the box and introducing himself to his bride, with whom he ever after lived so affectionately that their devotion to one another became proverbial."

More Effective Than Words.

Ephum Johnson was up before the Judge on a cruelty to animals charge...

"Deed, Ah wasn't abusive dat mule judge," the old man demurred. "Did you not strike it repeatedly with a club?"

"And do you not know that you can accomplish more with animals by speaking to them?"

"Tassah, but dis critter an' diff'nt. He an' so deaf he can't hear me when Ah speak to him in de usual way. So Ah has to communicate with him in de sign language."—Brooklyn Citizen.

Oddities About Alphabets.

When the Portuguese first explored Brazil they made great fun of the natives of that country because they had their alphabet no. f. r. o. s. l. a. p. e. l. e.

Gore in Mexican Sport.

The Mexican plover with Spanish blood in his veins is nearly always fond of the sight of gore.

Modernly Defined.

"Father," said the small boy, "what's an explorer?"

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Sleepy Time Story That Will Interest the Small People.

HOW A GOOSE SAVED HER LIFE

Master Fox Loses His Dinner and Learns Bad Manners—Puzzles and Games to Bother Little Folks—A Boy Who Likes Tennis.

Epicure Ben began his good night story to Polly Ann and little Ned by saying he would tell them an old Scotch legend. It was about

A FOX AND A GOOSE.

One day a fine, large fat goose, with beautiful white and gray feathers, fell asleep by the side of a little lake.

By and by along comes a crafty and very hungry red fox.

The sleepy goose never heard him come so stealthily, and only awakened to her danger when he caught her suddenly by the wing.

What a cackling and hissing the goose made and how amused was the fox to see her frantic efforts to free herself!

"No use, Mame Goose," he mocked. "I have you fast!"

"How can you be so cruel?" cried the goose. "Never have I wronged you. Please let me go!"

"Why should I let you go? Do I need a dinner? And pray, what would you do if you were hungry and had no dinner in your grasp as I have yours?"

"That is easy to answer," replied the goose. "I would be truthful and say I could fold my hands, but in every day a grace and eat."

"You are really rather sensible, after all," said Master Fox. "That is exactly what I mean to do. And he folded his paws and ate of his eye."

"Never will I say grace a man before my dinner." And he never did.

Game of Steps.

Any number of persons can play the game named steps. One player is selected who gives the number of steps to be taken.

Before, however, he should say a word away from the game.

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Conundrums

Q—When does a pig become landed property? A—When he is trapped into a meadow.

Q—What is the best way to make a coat last? A—Make the vest and trousers first.

Q—How many eggs in a man out on an empty stomach? A—None. When he begins to eat his stomach is no longer empty.

Q—Why is a steamship like a lady like a steamship? A—Because she pays no attention to the weather, follows her own course and is a water-bearer.

Q—Why is a walrus a leger at night? A—Because he is let out at night and taken in in the morning.

Numerical Enigmas

1. I am composed of 10 letters. My 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, is one of the United States.

2. My 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, is what most men are engaged in.

3. My 5, 8, 11 are used in war.

4. My whole are reserved for international difficulties.

Answer—Submarine. Words Maine business army.

A Boy Who Likes Tennis.

With the return of the warm spring weather outdoor sports are again in vogue.

Tennis is a game that appeals to most boys and girls, and more and more are children trying their skill with racket and ball.

It is a healthful exercise and it needs a quick eye and ready hand to play successfully.

In the picture is a boy who is keeping his eyes and hands busy. He is watching intently. He records each way as it is made.

He is Henry Rogers, son of H. H. Rogers and the picture was snapped a few days ago at Southampton, N. Y.

Historic Macao.

For many years the Portuguese have had their rulership of Macao, held as a colony of the foreign trade of China.

The first Dutch ships could anchor in the harbor of the Hon East India Company, the tea and other goods from Boston and Salem.

The Dutch ships on their way to the East Indies stopped for supplies, repairs and news of the world. St. Francis Xavier lived here and from here he made his ineffectual efforts to reach the mainland of China.

Here the first treaty was signed between the United States and China, and here American diplomatic officials lived before they were allowed on Chinese soil.

It was here that the first Chinese freetrackers were purchased by American skippers and brought home to start a custom which has endeavored and endangered a century of fourths of July.—Arconaut.

Dixie's Land.

The term "Dixie's Land," originated in New York in the early part of the past century.

In the popular mythology of New York city Dixie was the negro's paradise on earth in times when slavery and the slave trade were flourishing in that quarter.

Dixie's Land, and also a large number of slaves and his slaves increased faster than his land, an emigration ensued and naturally negroes who left for distant parts looked to it as a place of unalloyed happiness.

Parrots and Water. "There is a curious superstition extant among parrot keepers," says L. S. Crandall in Pets.

These birds not only require no water, but are better off without it. The foundation for this absurd belief is not hard to find.

What the Death Mask Shows. The value of a plaster cast as a portrait of the dead or living face cannot for a moment be questioned.

The Spanish Alcalde. In former times in Spain the alcalde de corte was a judge of the palace court, having jurisdiction in and about the residence of the king.

Why He Looked Sour. Dusty Dennis. Why do you look so sour, Dennis? Gritty George—Why, one of dem caine artists wanted me to fill on de fence and let him sketch me.

News to Her. "What was the farmer talking about?" asked the first city girl. "A whiffetree," said the other.

Practical Health Hint. Flat Foot. A treatment suitable, with but slight modification, for all cases of static foot trouble (flat foot).

Human Nature. "De man who admits dat he kin be scared," said Uncle Eben. "generally puts up a better fight dan de man dat's alius bluffin' 'bout what a hero he is."

Laying the Snare. "For whom is she wearing black, her late husband?" "No, for her next. She knows she looks well in it."

Knew Their Ways. "You must diet, madam," said the doctor firmly. "And by dieting I don't mean eating less at the table and more in the pantry."—Exchange.

A man should be upright, not be kept upright.—Marcus Aurelius.

Origin of the Matinee.

Whether or not we have to look back to the fifties for the first matinee, there is at least little doubt that the invention had not attained any general popularity when the seventies were reached.

Not until 1875 did the matinee become a fixed and regular feature of even the Bancroft management.

A Defect in Higher Education. It must be said that the higher education of the United States is at present in a condition where it may readily drop backward rather than improve.

Salt Means Much to Health. "If the human race should be deprived of salt even for a period of a few months," said a physician, "we would not only lose a natural healthful incentive for our food, but disease with all its attendant miseries, would spread with such relentless speed as to defy the efforts of the most skillful doctors of the land."

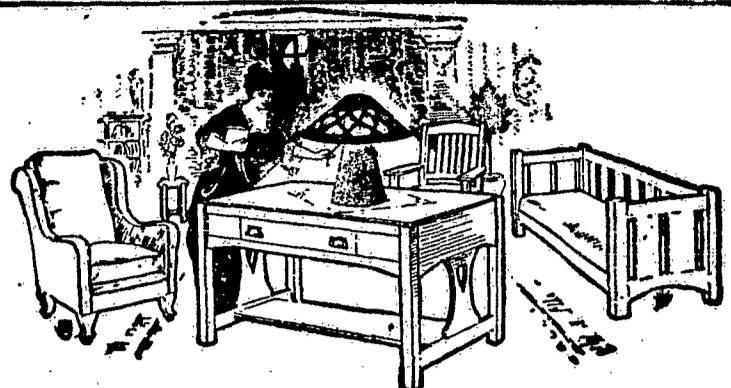
Obliterating Class Distinctions. Modern and cultured persons, I believe, object to their children seeing kitchen company or being taught by a woman like Ferguson.

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One great human interest which feels the grip of the war in all its bitterness and no less in its inspiring glories, still keeps its place above the fierce shocks and bewildering changes of the times.

It is well that such a refuge remains open to humanity. It is monstrous that any nation should wantonly strike at so beneficent an element in human life.—Exchange.



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