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Study Problems Solved

Henry's Memory Notebook

BY FLORA J. COOK, Francis W. Parker School

Every one wants to have a good memory. Henry, who is now a junior in college, thought he strengthened his memory greatly by using the following device: When he was ten years old, he made, at the suggestion of a teacher, what is called a "Literature Notebook." In it he recorded his analyses and comments upon the stories studied in his literature class. He found this book so useful for reference that in high school he developed and enlarged the plan to suit his needs and gave it a more comprehensive title. He divided his book, which was merely a leather-covered, loose-leaf notebook, into ten compartments, using cardboard leaves to separate the divisions. Because the leaves were loose, each division could be made as full or

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BY E. D. ANGELL, Inventor of Cretonne

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The All Round Girl

Red Cheeks and Pop

Bob Slods and Hay Racks

BY MOLLIE TRACY COOK

Grandmother looked out of the window at the heavily fallen snow. "It's a fine time for a bob sled ride," she said. "When I was a girl we had sleighing parties all winter long."

The girls thought over grandmother's suggestion and decided to give an up-to-date, old-fashioned sleighing party. First they went to the livery stable and hired a big bob sleigh with seats along both sides. The livery man said they could have two teams of horses.

The girls figured that by taxing each guest and securing a small donation for every sleigh ride they could meet expenses. Three of the girls' mothers offered to furnish doughnuts, apples and cocoa.

Everybody was warned to bundle up in the warmest dress to be found. They all met at one place and piled into the waiting sleigh. The harness was covered with sleigh bells so the sleighing party could meet expenses. Three of the girls' mothers offered to furnish doughnuts, apples and cocoa.

They rode into the country and back, and just a minute before they were all stiff with cold they were deposited, a heavy load of sleighing party, on Mable Lane's doorstep. Mable's mother received them and soon showed them out with hot cocoa, fresh doughnuts, and juicy apples. The girls said that their sleigh ride was the best sport of the whole year.

A HAY RACK RIDE

Girls in warmer climates where there is no snow, will find it fun to rent a hay rack instead of a bob sled. They will wear broad brimmed hats and gaiters and look like farmers' wives, and one or two of the girls dress in overalls to play farmer. The girls said that their sleigh ride was the best sport of the whole year.

A hay rack ride can be the source of much merriment—the amount of sport depending upon the ingenuity of the girls who lay the plans. Do not miss a sleighing party, which is fun in the North, and don't forget the fun of a hay rack ride, you girls of the

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BERNICE, THE SCOUT

A TRUE STORY.

Bernice Bradley was watching a group of khaki-clad girls marching along the street. They looked so neat and happy and contented that Bernice felt envious as she turned to the candy store near. A young lady across the street was watching her, and as Bernice came out of the store carrying a well-filled bag she crossed over and accosted her.

"Why, Cousin Clara!" said Bernice, "what did you come from?" "From headquarters," was the answer. Bernice inquired full she found that Clara was speaking of the Girl Scout headquarters and she made an appointment to go to her cousin's house on Monday afternoon. Bernice was the daughter of a well-to-do merchant in a town of northern Illinois. His wife was too busy with social affairs to look after Bernice, who consequently chose her own friends and occupied her leisure with some affairs of going to school. Her cousin Clara, a bright, active, healthy girl of 20, was one of two lieutenants of a troop of Girl Scouts.

After supper Bernice went to her cousin's house, and Clara led her to the library where a fire was burning in the fireplace, for it was chilly though May had come. "Now for a nice talk," said Clara, drawing up an armchair. "Sit down, Bernice, and tell me why you were not at school today."

Bernice blushed as she replied, "My teacher is too cross. She said I was a bad girl. You wanted to hear about the Girl Scouts. Well, the girls are putting into pairs of eight girls each and these girls elect a patrol leader and a secretary. The patrol leader chooses a girl from her group to be her corporal."

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