

## A ROYAL DOLL SHOW

All the National Types and Historical Characters There.

### Little Chronicle.

The most wonderful doll show in the world is on its way to Chicago. Just now it is being exhibited in Brooklyn by George T. B. Davis, of Chicago, who intends to take it on a tour through the United States, as it has already been taken through Europe. Two years ago, Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, known to the world by her pet name of Carmen Sylva, wanted to raise a large sum of money to help on the charities of her mother, the Dowager Princess of IWed. Her way of doing this was to write to members of royal families all over Europe, asking them to dress dolls and send them to her for an exhibition, and the success of her way was proved when 1,300 dolls, dressed to represent all the national types and historical characters imaginable, came pouring into Roumania within six months. Russia, Turkey, Japan, China, Greece, East India, Portugal, Spain and France are all there. "Napoleon's Last Grenadier" finds a new sort of neighbor in a Roman contadina, and a Venetian gondolier finds himself in company with the little Shah of Persia, whose blue velvet coat is properly embroidered with four large rubies and who wears his tiny white satin slippers with true shah-like majesty.

### THE FIRST OF ITS KIND.

The first industrial and manual training school in the Philippine has just begun in the city of Dumaguette, on the Island of Negros. The school, which is of two stories, the first of stone and the second of wood, though not of bamboo, is due to the generosity of H. B. Silliman, of New York, who gave \$10,000. The young Filipinos are to be taught carpentering, iron work, etc., and 100 acres of land have been bought, on which to teach them agriculture.

### THE ROMAN ROADS.

The Roman roads were built on the Telford plan, with a substratum of heavy blocks of the stone most abundant in the neighborhood, covered with a layer of smaller stones or gravel. They were highest in the middle, with a trench on each side to carry off the water, and no trees or shrubs were allowed to grow within 100 paces of either hand.

### GOOD FOR ONE SEASON ONLY.

It is said that hornets never use the same nest for a second season. The hornet is about as vicious an insect as nature allows, and he probably gets in all the work he desires upon humanity in the course of one season, certain as he is that wherever he locates himself some one will make an effort to dispossess him.

### BEST DIPLOMAT IN EUROPE.

Praises are now beginning to shower upon the new English monarch, such as were never known before. Edward VII. is said to be the best diplomat in Europe. He has the tact, his admirers say, which enables him to handle men, and the knowledge of affairs which leads to a satisfactory settlement.

### A YANKEE SUGGESTION.

A private letter from China says that the soldiers at Tientsin are using the cannon balls in the arsenal to pave the roads. They have found an enormous quantity of iron shot and shell of different sizes, which some ingenious Yankee suggested would be a good substitute for paving stones.

### A PLAGUE OF MOSQUITOES.

Some delve into ancient history has discovered that when Hannibal's army descended from the Alps into the Valley of Lombardy the whole force was well-nigh routed by a plague of mosquitoes, which drove men and animals almost wild with pain.

### ENGLISH RANKS FIRST.

French, which used to be the world language, now ranks fifth, being spoken by only 45,000,000, while English is spoken by 115,000,000, Russia by 80,000,000, German by 70,000,000 and Spanish by 50,000,000.

### PENS OF ANCIENT EGYPTIANS.

The Egyptian reed, which was used for making pens found in Egyptian tombs, is a hard variety growing to about the diameter of an ordinary goose quill. Pens made from it are said to last for a day or two and do excellent work.

### A RIVER OF INK IN ALGERIA.

In Algeria, a river of ink is formed by the conjunction of two streams, one of which is impregnated with iron and the other, which drains a beat bog, with gallic acid. The mixing of the iron and the acid results in ink.

### MUST KNIT, SEW, WASH AND COOK.

Norwegian legislators propose that girls who do not know how to knit, sew, wash and cook shall be refused permission to marry. Daughters of wealthy men are not to be excepted.

### THE RIGHT OF WAY.

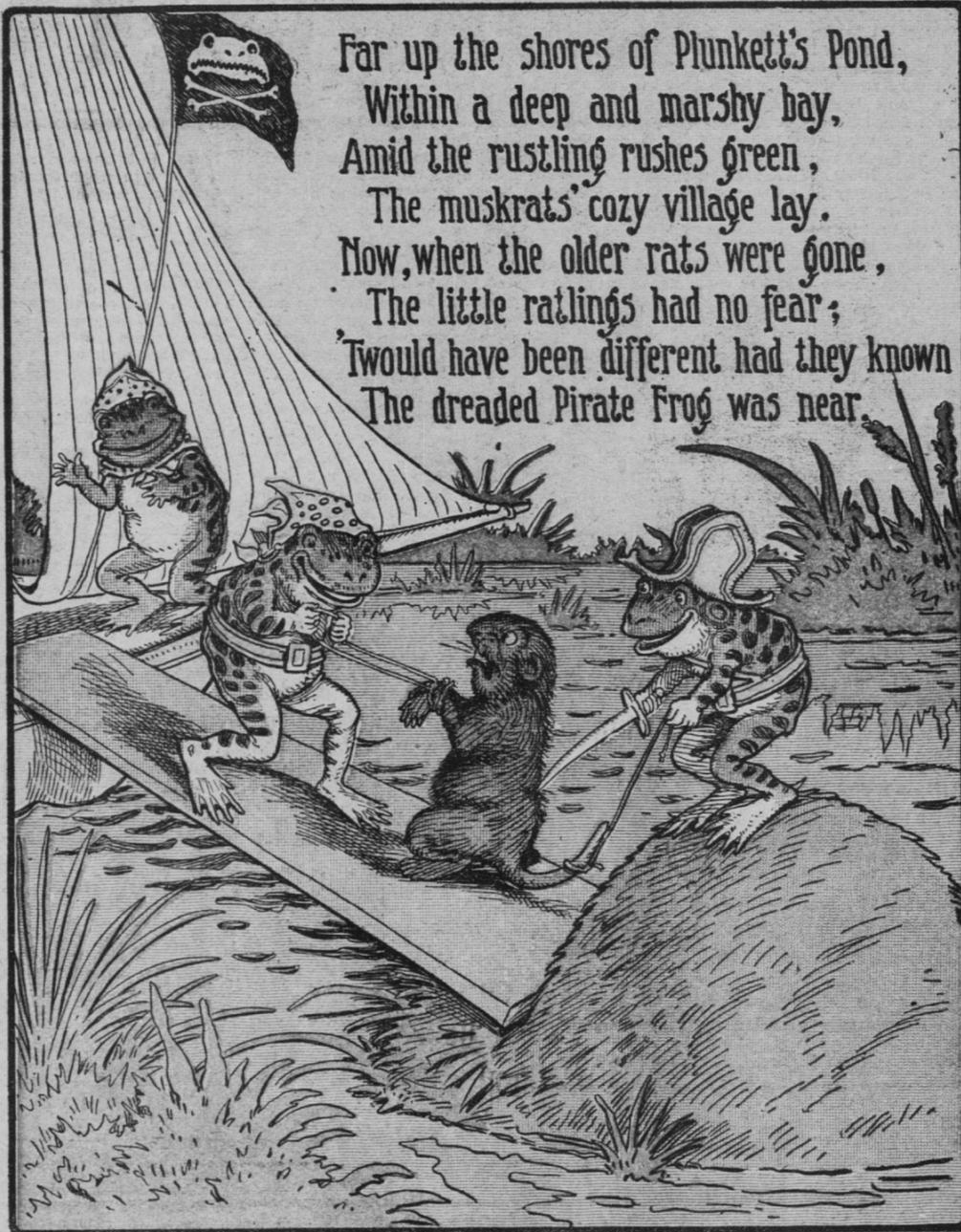
Chinamen always show great respect for the dead. In all parts of the empire, funeral processions have the right of way in the streets, and all traffic must give way to them.

### LIFE OF AN ELEPHANT.

An elephant, in good health, does not live very many years longer than a man in first-class physical condition. The average life of the giant beast is only about 100 years.

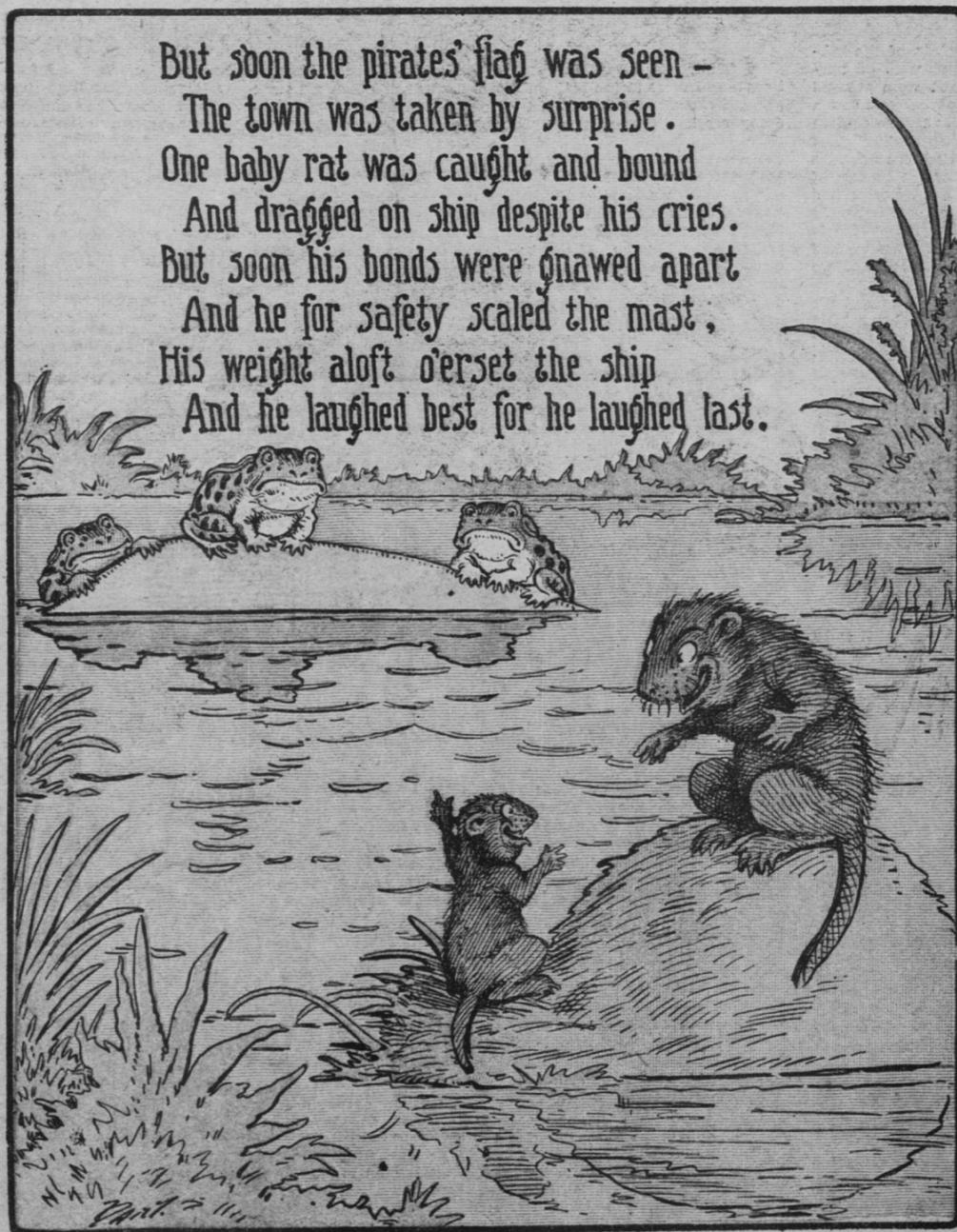
### THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.

The bottom of the ocean shines with phosphorescent light, every fish that swims in the sea contributing to the illuminating process.



Far up the shores of Plunkett's Pond,  
Within a deep and marshy bay,  
Amid the rustling rushes green,  
The muskrats' cozy village lay.  
Now, when the older rats were gone,  
The little rattlings had no fear;  
'Twould have been different had they known  
The dreaded Pirate Frog was near.

But soon the pirates' flag was seen -  
The town was taken by surprise.  
One baby rat was caught and bound  
And dragged on ship despite his cries.  
But soon his bonds were gnawed apart  
And he for safety scaled the mast,  
His weight aloft oerset the ship  
And he laughed best for he laughed last.



## BUY THEIR OLD DESKS

Representatives Prevent Them From Being Sold.

Of the 360 desks that formerly occupied the hall of the house of representatives since 1873, and which are to be sold at auction when the new desks arrive, 300 of them have been reserved by the members who occupied them during the last congress.

Before the adjournment of congress last March, the house ordered that the old desks be sold at auction, but that the members could have the privilege of buying their desks by paying the average price paid for those sold at auction. The members are taking advantage of this privilege, and up to the present time the clerk of the house has received about 300 letters from as many members asking that their desk be put aside. If the letters continue at the present rate, the clerk will have but few desks to sell at auction.

It has been announced that the remaining desks will not be sold until the new ones arrive, which will be some time during the summer.

### TOYS USED BY AMERICANS.

The total value of the world's output of toys has grown to tremendous proportions. Accurate figures are not attainable, but exports estimate that the American people buy between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 worth. Of this sum, about one-third goes to foreign manufacturers. To offset this importation, the domestic manufacturers of toys have begun to invade European markets.

### SNOW IN UNUSUAL PLACES.

Snow has visited unusual places this season. It has fallen in Mexico City the first time for fifty years, and in Madrid, where it had not been seen for eight years. In Jerusalem snow fell to the depth of twelve inches.

### A BOOK FOR EVERY YEAR.

Jules Verne, who is 73 years old has written a novel for every year he has lived, although his first book did not appear until less than forty years ago. It was "Five Weeks in a Balloon," and scored an instant success.

### A DISCREPANCY OF 12 CENTS.

It took a force of auditors a week to locate a discrepancy of 12 cents between the accounts of the city comptroller and the city treasurer of Philadelphia in a sum total of \$60,000,000.

## THE SOUVENIR BUTTONS

A Junior button is given to every contributor for his first paper printed, provided it is not a prize winner nor an "honorable mention." Only one Junior Button a year is given, and this is sent without application. The new year began Sept. 8, 1900.

An Honor Button is awarded for an "honorable mention," and is sent without application.

An Honor Button is awarded to every Junior who has three papers printed, which are neither prize winners nor honorable mentions. These must be claimed by the winner, giving dates of publication. An Honor Button is awarded for an accepted contribution to the Storyteller column, and is sent without application, together with an order for a book. Any number of Honor Buttons may be won.

A Prize Button is awarded for every prize paper, without application. Two prizes only in one year may be won.

All of these, except the Honor Buttons awarded for three papers printed, are sent on the Monday following publication, and all notices of failure to receive them must be sent to the editor on the Saturday following the publication.

### How to Prepare the Papers.

Write in ink, on one side only of the paper. Leave a space of three inches at the top of the first page. Use no headlines. Put the number of words in the upper left-hand corner of the first page. Sign the name and residence at the end at the right, the grade and school at the end at the left.

### The Storyteller.

Any pupil of a public school, in any part of the United States who is in or above Fifth Grade, may contribute to the Storyteller. These stories may be true or fiction, and upon any subject preferred by the writer. They must not be less than 500 words in length, and should not be over 1,000.

### The High School Credit Contests.

These contests are for writers in and above the Ninth Grade. Two prizes of \$15 and \$7.50 for pictures or books for the school are awarded every three months to the two high schools winning the highest number of credits. The first prize of \$15 may be won but once during the school year.

Winners of the second prize of \$7.50 are not barred from winning the first prize.

No school in Minneapolis and no town in the northwest will be given more than one High School Credit a week.

A Journal Junior Prize Button is sent for the first High School Credit paper of each competitor during the quarter. The second quarter begins March 2, 1901, and ends June 8, 1901.

### The Prize Pictures.

The pictures which are given as prizes during the school year become the exclusive property of the schoolrooms upon whose walls they are hung. They remain permanently in the room which the winner attended when he or she won the prize, and under no circumstances are to be removed to another room in the same school, to another school or to a private house.

Harrington Beard, the well-known art dealer and collector of Minneapolis, is in charge of the framing and distribution of the prize pictures for The Journal.

### BINDERS

You cannot keep your copies of The Journal Junior in good shape without a binder. There are a few substantial binders now at the office of The Journal Junior, at the very reasonable rate of 50 cents each.