

that in the absence of teachers or principal, the good work of the league may become effective. In order to make the government league a success, it will be necessary for all to do their part.

"We must look to the wise and good for our standings of conduct and our inspiration. The great Washington, Lincoln and our late President McKinley furnish us with the highest types of true citizenship. Lessons of true liberty, equality, fraternity, truth, justice, mercy and love may be obtained from the lives of these illustrious men. We should strive to put in our own lives what we admire in the lives of all good people. We must keep in mind the first step toward true citizenship, that of self-respect and self-control. Let us all help one another to go right.

"In closing, allow me, fellow members, to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and in return I promise you I shall endeavor to do honor to the office to which you have chosen me."

At the close of the president's address Professor Painter asked for the pledge and the salute to the flag, and a thousand voices repeated:

"I give my hand, my head and my heart to God and my country. One country, one language and one flag" and the great flag on the platform streamed out and every hand was stretched toward it in grave salute.

Rev. J. S. Montgomery was then introduced by Professor Painter and enthusiastically received by the assembled pupils. In part Dr. Montgomery said:

"I esteem it an exceptional privilege to be your guest to-day. I am glad to stand on the platform with Walter Goldman, the flag bearer. I am reminded of the fact that his people have been among the most patriotic of all our citizens. The Hebrew portion of our growing citizenship is ever true and loyal to all of the institutions of our country. I rejoice that his hand grasps the flagstaff this beautiful afternoon.

"What a sight! How educative it is! Upon you depends so much! In the president's inaugural all has been summed up, namely self-respect, self-control and self-reverence. The republic will never be in peril from any enemy whatsoever if the present generation follows these supreme principles as the guide of your daily conduct."

Professor Painter then called, "Hats off to the flag!" and after the last stanza of "America" was sung, three cheers were given with a great waving of flags and the ceremony was over. Again the drumbeat sounded and room by room the pupils filed away in most orderly shape.

The form of government adopted at Adams school is somewhat different from that in practice at other schools. The organization consists of one general society, including all the members of the school, and each room in the building constitutes a citizen body or local chapter.

The general league has a president, vice president, secretary and an advisory council formed by one member from each room of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Each local chapter in turn has a president, vice president and advisory council of three. An elector is chosen to represent each chapter and the electoral committee so chosen elects the general officers. The term of office is one term of school.

School officials and individuals whose influence is regarded as helpful may be elected honorary members of the league. All meetings are to be conducted according to parliamentary rules, and no action will be indorsed which is not in harmony with the letter and spirit of the board of education. The principal and teaching force constitute the final judicial power in all questions of doubtful propriety.

Girls and boys enjoy equal privileges of holding office, the only provision being that if the president is a boy, the vice president must be chosen from among the girls, or vice versa. In the election of the advisory board of the various rooms, recognition must be given to boys and girls, that is, the board of three may not be all boys or all girls.

The general officers elected and installed are as follows: President, Elsie Williams; vice president, Clifford Bergstrom; general secretary, Mabel Olson; general advisory council, Walter Kelly, Walter Goldman, Hugh Leonard, Ivan Wilcox, Oscar Ness, Rayder Dahl, Richard Christ, Ethel Harris, Jessie Gumbiner, Helga Damm, Mildred Peterson, Elvira Linder and Frances Gilkey.

## The Story Teller Lydia Jane's Burglar

LYDIA JANE seemed always to have something worrying her. Last summer it was cyclones. The least peculiarity of the heavens would set her almost wild, until one day, after the usual terrified state of mind over a dark cloud, Lydia had sought the safety of the cellar instead of going to the class picnic. When the day turned out to be one of the pleasantest of the season, and her friends told her what a delightful time they had had at the lake, Lydia's fear of cyclones somewhat subsided.

Subsided, however, only to give place to her next cause for anxiety—fire. All winter the fear of such was her main torment, ending with her receiving a severe scolding from a fireman, as she had given the alarm because of a smoke arising from the

she caused her well meaning landlady more trouble than maybe four grownups, for, as yet, Lydia was only fifteen.

For one thing, Lydia would never give them any peace concerning burglars. Every night it was the same questioning about the fastening of doors and windows, even the skylight, and speculating on keys, locks and newly made burglar alarms. Another, worst of all, was the telling of hair-raising tales of burglars and their terrible doings.

For a while Mrs. Hermann stood all, and tried to satisfy her eccentric boarder by fastening the windows and locking the doors, to which, before, she had never given a thought. For what danger was there in that quiet, undisturbed locality, three miles from the main town? Finally, one day she said to Lydia:

"No more of this ken I stand. If yer wanten lock the doors and winders, ye'll hev to do it yerself. And no more burglar tales, mind ye, for they're 'fecting my garls a'ready."

Now there was no other way for Lydia Jane's peace of mind but to keep awake evenings (and that was easy, thinking about burglars), till the family was asleep, then creep down stairs, lock the front door and bolt the back door. But that was not enough this night. After she had been on her usual nightly tour, she lay thinking about the cellar door. That day she had noticed that the cellar door in the kitchen had no means of security whatever. She had accordingly gone to examine the outside one. That had a hook on the inside, but that was all. "Besides," Lydia Jane had said to herself, "any burglar can put his instruments in that crack and pry the door open."

Thus she lay there thinking and listening. An occasional murmur of the sleepers in the adjoining room was heard. But Lydia did not hear that. The rustling of the dry grass, for it had been a rainless summer thus far, did not escape her quick ear. Some one, no several, were walking around the house. Hark! They stopped at the cellar stairs. Now the burglars, for of course they must be burglars, walked down the stone steps to examine the door that opened into the cellar—the door with only a hook to fasten it! Ah! Just hear the grating and squeaking of their instruments as they work at that hook! Such a train of thoughts were Lydia's.

Poor girl! One moment she held her breath and her heart seemed to cease its beatings. Another, she fell into such a fit of trembling that the bed threatened to fall beneath its shaking weight. Suddenly a sense of wounded pride and a desire to let Mrs. Hermann know that her suspicions had come true and that burglars were breaking into her house that very minute came to her mind. With such a desire she left her bed and walked toward the adjoining room. But she had to pass the window, which was on the same side as the cellar stairs. She looked out and the next moment, overcome with shame, sank down on the stool beside the window. For right there before her eyes, with outstretched necks and their horns rubbing against the squeaking fence wires, were the disturbers, eagerly munching the grass of Mrs. Hermann's yard. For Lydia Jane's "burglars" were the next door neighbor's three cows.

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"No more of this ken I stand."

back of a neighbor's house, which proved to be caused by a burning heap of rubbish.

Now her source for worry was burglars. In the daytime she had some peace, but in the night Lydia Jane would lie awake, thinking and listening expectantly for those disturbers of her mind. But they, like the cyclones and fire, had their day for making her see how foolish and unnecessary was her worry.

Lydia was staying with a Mrs. Hermann in the little town of Farronville. Mrs. Hermann was a widow and kept city boarders to help support herself and brood of four children. At this time, Lydia was her only boarder (for it was early in the season), but

SNAILS TO CLEAN WINDOWS.  
"An old colored woman selling snails," says the Philadelphia Record, "occasionally makes her appearance in South street, and sometimes she may also be found along Front street or Second street, up in the district that used to be known as the Northern Liberties. She carries an old basket, in which the snails repose on freshly sprinkled leaves. These are not sold as food, but for cleaning the outside of window panes—an old practice still in vogue in Kensington. The snail is dampened and placed upon the glass, where it at once moves round and devours all insects and foreign matter, leaving the pane as bright and clear as crystal. There are old established business places in Kensington where the upper windows, when cleaned at all, are always cleaned by snails. There is also a fine market for snails among the owners of aquariums, as they keep the glass clean and bright."

## THE WORLD FOR A WEEK

LEON CZOLGOSZ, the assassin of President McKinley, was placed on trial Monday, September 23. He pleaded guilty to the charge, but as every man has the right to a fighting chance for his life until positive proof is made of his guilt, the plea was changed to "not guilty" by order of the court.

It was one of the shortest trials on record in such cases. It was shown that he was not insane, the only plea which could save his life, and within eight hours and thirteen minutes the jury was chosen, the testimony was all in, and the jury had returned its verdict. The actual time given to examining witnesses was five hours, and there was not an objection by attorneys for either side.

Judge Lewis, one of the counsel appointed by the court for Czolgosz, stated in his speech for the defendant that his presence there in that capacity was only because of the obligation assumed by every lawyer when he was admitted to the bar, to take such cases when so appointed by the court, unless he can make some reasonable excuse.

Sentence was pronounced Thursday upon Czolgosz and he will be executed during the week beginning October 28.

Chemical and bacteriological examination of the revolver and the remaining bullets, show that the murderer did not use poisoned bullets, as was suspected.

All the anarchists arrested at Chicago, including the notorious Emma Goldman, were discharged after an examination, no case of conspiracy having been made out against them.

The Schley court of inquiry resumed its work on Friday, September 20. Nothing definite has developed so far, as the testimony has been chiefly along lines already familiar. The one noticeable fact brought out, however, is that reports made at the time are now repudiated, and antagonism to Admiral Schley is shown in quarters hitherto unsuspected by the general public. The point which seems to be the pivot is to show conclusively whether the famous loop made by the Brooklyn, which endangered the Texas, was made because Admiral Schley was retreating from the fight, or was a brilliant stroke of strategy to save his vessel from being rammed by the enemy.

None of the logs of the various vessels agree as to distances and positions, and one witness said that the officers might work for a year over the matter and still come to no agreement. As it is from these logs that all official reports have to be made, it would seem that with the best intentions a witness might prejudice the case one way or the other, and there are no records which can be taken as authority, to prove or disprove.

The proceedings were brought to a sudden close on Tuesday

by the sudden death of Judge Jeremiah M. Wilson a few minutes after the court had opened. Judge Wilson was one of the noted lawyers of Washington and has been counsel in many great trials, among them the Star Route trials, the case of Captain Howgate, who embezzled large sums from the government; the Venezuela, Alabama, French Spoilation and La Abra Mexican claims cases. He was also a member of congress from Indiana during the forty-second and forty-third sessions. The hearing was resumed the next day.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York had the unusual experience of "shooting a slide" in a lumber camp near Ottawa last week. This particular slide had a drop of forty-four feet in half a mile, so their progress was rapid enough to give them an entirely new sensation. They lunched in a lumberman's shanty and then enjoyed an exhibition of the sports of the lumbermen. In his speech thanking the men for their entertainment, the duke said that he and the duchess had seen many interesting things on their trip around the world, but nothing more interesting than this day in a lumber camp. The royal party left the next day for Winnipeg.

According to Lord Kitchener's proclamation some months since, the past week saw the enforcement of the penalty of perpetual exile for such Boers as were captured in arms. The sentence has already been passed upon a number.

The first official act of President Roosevelt was to sign the order promoting General James E. Bell. This was some of the unfinished work of the late president which came to his hand, and according to his expressed intention to follow closely in the footsteps of his dead chief, he has carried out all such intentions of President McKinley, even when there were no documents in the case actually awaiting signature. Among these is the appointment of Dr. Rixey to be surgeon general of the navy upon the retirement of General Van Reypen. Meantime, Dr. Rixey has been instructed to make such arrangements that he may continue, if needed, his care for Mrs. McKinley between now and the time of appointment to his new position.

Some time since Senor Thomas Estrada Palma was asked by the Cubans to define his policy in case he should be nominated for president. His reply has just been adopted as a platform, and this undoubtedly indicates that he will be the candidate. Senor Palma favors mutual concessions, but he holds that for some years to come Cuba will be dependent upon her income from customs, and hence skill will be needed in deciding what

concessions she can safely offer. He also states expressly that he will abide by the celebrated Platt amendment, but as in that amendment the United States explicitly recognizes Cuban independence, she must respect it.

The kaiser has roused considerable criticism in Germany because he has decorated Prince Chun, head of the Chinese expiatory mission, with the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Eagle. It is felt that after his first stand, and his stern reception of the mission, he should not now compliment Prince Chun with such a decoration. All things considered, the German feeling is that the Chinese mission should not be noticed socially or officially by any one.

Major General Arthur MacArthur, who has just returned from his brilliant service in the Philippines, has received orders to take command of the Department of Colorado, with headquarters at Denver. Within the next year a number of generals will be retired and General MacArthur will probably be called to Chicago within six months.

Aeronauts on the continent are still active. Herr Silberer, a German, rode 531 miles in fourteen hours, and Santos-Dumont is still experimenting with his steerable flying machine. He seems fated, however, to comparatively trivial accidents which prove fatal to his balloon but leave him unharmed. Last week he was maneuvering in the air with perfect success, steering his balloon wherever desired, when he came in contact with the topmost branches of a tree. They ripped the delicate fabric of the balloon and it fell, breaking as it touched the ground.

The new British torpedo boat, Cobra, foundered at sea on September 19. Of the seventy-nine on board only twelve were saved. The Cobra was fitted with the new turbine engine and had just left the yard for an engine test. First reports were that she had struck a rock, but later investigations show that her back was broken by a big wave. This is the worst disaster since the sinking of the Victoria by the Camperdown.

William S. Champ, private secretary to Mr. Zeigler of the Baldwin-Zeigler expedition to the pole, has returned from Frans Josef land, where he went with the party to assist in establishing headquarters. Mr. Champ says that everything is more favorable for the dash for the pole than had been expected. Mr. Baldwin has taken 420 dogs along, some of which are expected to serve as food for the men as well as carriers.