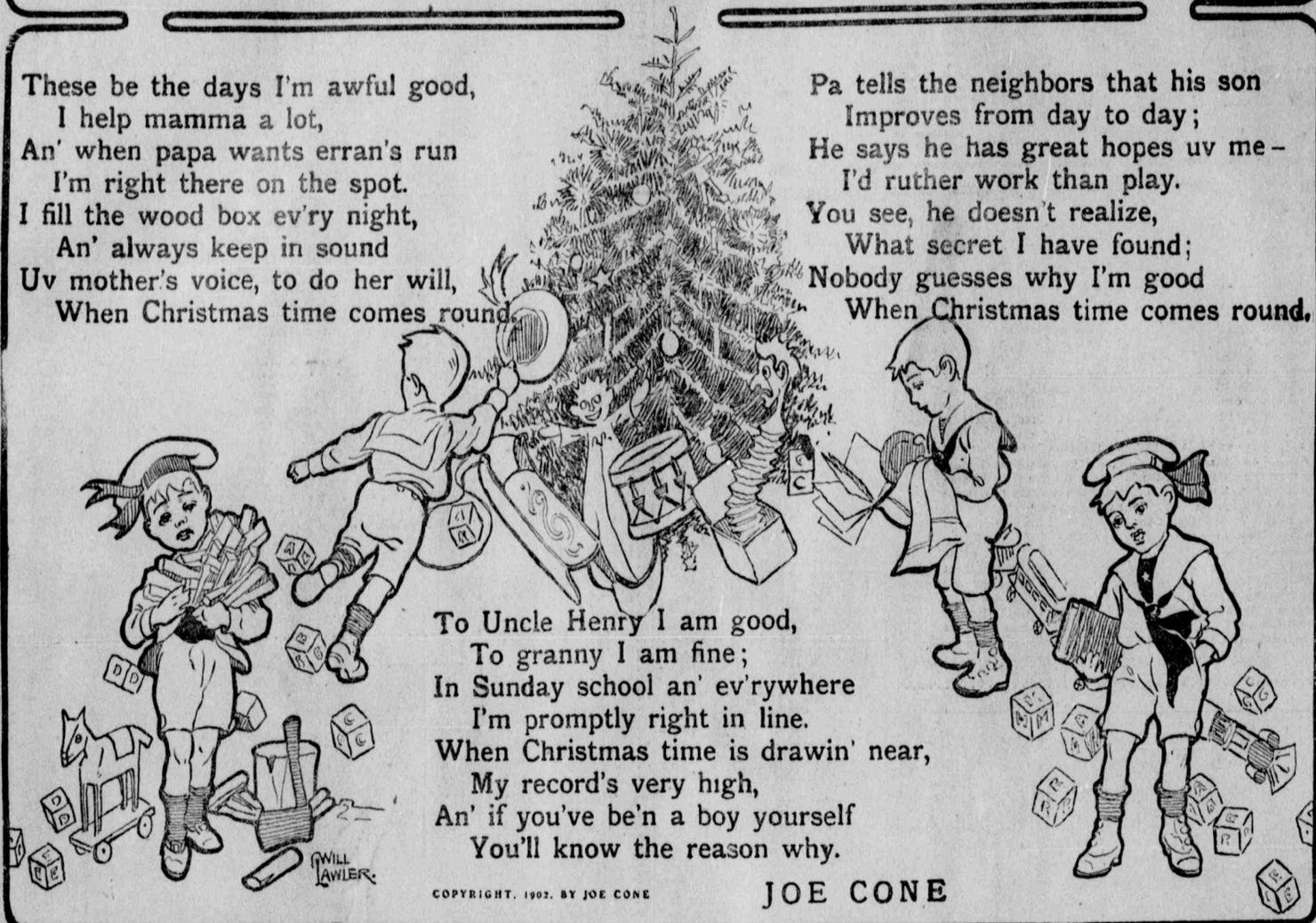


WHEN CHRISTMAS TIME COMES ROUND

These be the days I'm awful good,
I help mamma a lot,
An' when papa wants erran's run
I'm right there on the spot.
I fill the wood box ev'ry night,
An' always keep in sound
Uv mother's voice, to do her will,
When Christmas time comes round.

Pa tells the neighbors that his son
Improves from day to day;
He says he has great hopes uv me -
I'd ruther work than play.
You see, he doesn't realize,
What secret I have found;
Nobody guesses why I'm good
When Christmas time comes round.



To Uncle Henry I am good,
To granny I am fine;
In Sunday school an' ev'rywhere
I'm promptly right in line.
When Christmas time is drawin' near,
My record's very high,
An' if you've be'n a boy yourself
You'll know the reason why.

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TWO FAMOUS ENGLISH NOVELISTS RESTING.

Robert Barr, the novelist, is one of the most intimate friends of Dr. (now Sir) Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes. Whenever Mr. Barr can spare the time from his duties in London, he avails himself of his standing invitation to Haslemere, Mr. Doyle's



beautiful country seat. The illustration is made from a snapshot taken by a mutual friend, who jokingly observed that the public ought to be permitted to see both of them in their usual attitudes of "hard work," about which they have from time to time had so much to say. The writers entered into the spirit of the occasion and good naturedly posed for the picture, which they never suspected would be published. But it has been, for here it is.

A REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH.

For many years students of nature have averred that the paintings of water fowl as done by some of the most eminent artists in the world have not correctly depicted the mode of "flitting" of these birds. A man with a camera a short time ago concluded to take a nap near the banks of a small pond in the woods. He woke just in time to see a number of wild ducks preparing to descend into the water. Quick



as a flash his camera was trained on a certain spot, and as the ducks reached that point, click went the shutter, and the photograph, of which this illustration is a reproduction, was taken. It shows the artists were right in their contention that when within a certain distance of the water the bird practically loses control of his movements and literally tumbles into the water. For that reason if for no other this photograph bids fair to become historic.

THE KAISER'S MONOCLE.
German glass factories are working overtime, it is said, because Emperor William has set the fashion of wearing a monocle, and there is an enormous demand for circular bits of glass among



His officers. One of the kaiser's eyes is stronger than the other, and this fact has led him to follow Joseph Chamberlain's lead in adopting the monocle. This is not the first German fashion originated by the kaiser.

A REMARKABLE LIGHTHOUSE.

The illustration shows what is generally regarded as the most remarkable lighthouse in the world. It is located off Beahy head, in the English channel, only 600 feet from the base of the cliff. Work on the present structure, to supplant the old Belle Tout lighthouse,



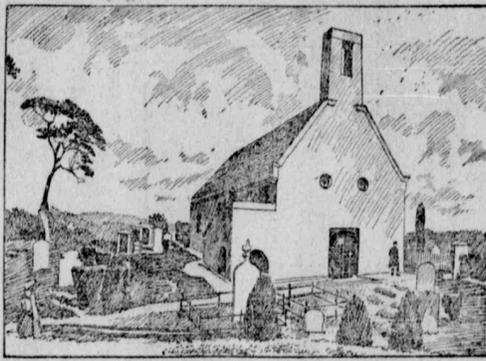
was begun in 1859 and has just ended. The Beahy head light is 142 feet above the sea. In the construction of the tower, which is built upon a bed of chalk more than fifty feet thick, 3,600 tons of granite were used, to say nothing of the metal and woodwork. Its light on a clear night is visible nearly twenty-eight miles.

ANDREW CARNEGIE AS LORD RECTOR.



Andrew Carnegie is already a close second to the present Prince of Wales and the German emperor in the matter of the number of costumes and the variety of poses in which he has been photographed. He is rapidly overhauling the prince, and unless the emperor should "get a move on" his premier-ship is not to be wrested from him by the man who is unable to keep his millions from accumulating faster than he can dispose of them. Recently at the laying of the foundation stone of the new medical school, Dundee, Scotland, Mr. Carnegie appeared, as he is shown in the accompanying illustration, clad in his official robes as the lord rector of St. Andrews university. The ingenious Scotch papers naively declare that Mr. Carnegie "attracted more attention even than the speaker of the occasion." And why not? But that's another story.

THE JEREMY TAYLOR CHURCH RESTORED.



Jeremy Taylor, author of "Holy Living" and "Holy Dying," was the man who attended Charles I. at the latter's execution. The unhappy monarch gave him a watch as a memento, and after the restoration Charles II. made him bishop of Down. The church shown in the illustration is at Ballinderry, and its history is inseparably interwoven with the life romance of Jeremy Taylor, for it was in the woods adjoining the edifice that Taylor found an asylum during the time of Cromwell's dictatorship of Ireland. The building had practically gone to pieces, but recently was restored, every detail being carefully adhered to.

THE BANK WRECK AT SKAGUAY.

Comparatively few persons gave more than cursory attention to the recent news of a daring but abortive attempt at robbery in the Skaguay branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The illustration, made from a photograph, gives a pretty fair idea of the havoc wrought. It seems that a stranger walked into the bank just prior to the hour for closing and announced that he wanted \$25,000 at once. As he empha-



sized his demand with a very steadily held revolver, the clerk pretended to be about to do as he wished. Instead, however, he made a dash for the rear, yelling a warning to the only other clerk in the building. Prior to the presentation of the revolver the visitor had put upon the teller's desk something which he declared to be a stick of dynamite. When he saw his quarry about to escape, he fired, but his aim was bad, and the bullet striking the dynamite, the latter exploded, killing the "get rich quick" man and wrecking the office, but happily not injuring the two clerks.

OUR YOUNGEST PHYSICIAN.

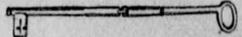
When William Montgomery, son of Dr. Alexander Montgomery of Eau Claire, Wis., graduates from the Illinois College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1904, he will be the youngest person ever given a medical diploma in this country. He will then be eighteen



years old and will have voluntarily gone over one year's work twice in order to perfect his groundwork. Had he not done this he would have graduated at the age of seventeen. This juvenile marvel received his diploma as a registered pharmacist at the age of fourteen and then determined to take up the study of medicine. The staff of the College of Physicians and Surgeons predict that he will have a brilliant career.

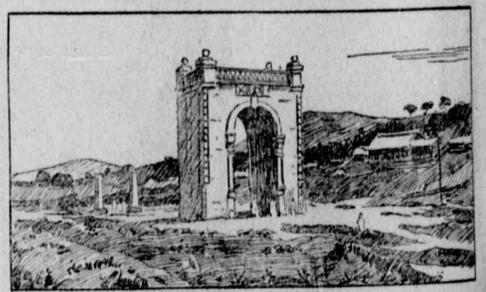
THE REAL GUY FAWKES KEY.

The illustration shows the very key which Guy Fawkes made to let himself into the vaults for the purpose of blowing up the king and the court. As the doors were massive and required a long



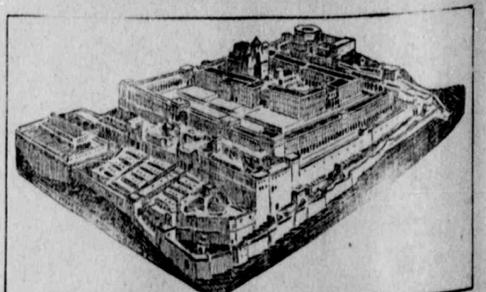
key, Guy was afraid that the appearance of the key would excite suspicion, so he had it hinged in the middle in order to permit of its being doubled up for carrying in the pocket. This historic key now hangs in the library of the house of commons in London.

LIBERTY ARCH IN KOREA.



The Koreans are laboring under the innocent delusion that they are independent, though they still have a king, with all that implies in an eastern country. The king appears to be a pretty decent sort of fellow, however, and apparently knowing enough to be otherwise, and so the Koreans are content. Still there is an almost humorous suggestion in the recent erection of an "arch of liberty" a short distance from the west gate of Seoul, near the rock at Peking pass, where the Korean kings for centuries publicly acknowledged Chinese suzerainty by meeting there the imperial envoys, from whom they received their investiture as sovereigns and to whom they paid tribute. Korea's independence only dates from 1895, when the Japanese compelled the king to renounce the suzerainty of China and to proclaim Korea independent at the altar of the "Spirits of the Land," the most sacred altar in the country.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE AS IT APPEARED 2,500 YEARS AGO.



In the illustration is shown a model of King Solomon's temple as it is supposed to have appeared 2,500 years ago. The model is of wood, made to a scale of one foot to every 200 of the plateau and constructed in pieces to facilitate removal. It is now at Jerusalem, where it was made by the talented archaeologist, the late Dr. Schick.

SNIPS AND SNAPS.

Thornwell Haynes, American consul at Rouen, France, suggests that there is a good field for the lightning rod man in France.

Boston is erecting its first "neighborhood hall," where there will be restaurants and recreation rooms for all who care to patronize.

It is generally accepted in the scientific world that frog spawn may be carried to the clouds and then hatched out, but it has not yet been shown why they fall as frogs instead of tadpoles.

At Heddliffe gardens, Kensington, London, there is a line of artists' studios a quarter of a mile in length all under one roof.

The government bureau of animal industry is of the opinion that the whole system of keeping pigs could be reformed to advantage, and an effort will be made to make the American hog a cleanly animal.

Dryden lane was named after the great family of Drydens who once lived there, and Clare market after Lord Clare.

The real carrier pigeons, as distinguished from the common homing pigeon, is the originator of the mask and goggles worn by chauffeurs. The bird's bill has on it a large fleshy caruncle and a smaller one around each eye.

The French system of public highways, extending to every section of the country, is not surpassed by that of any country in the world.

The variety of plant life in Central park, New York, is almost bewildering, but the superintendent declares that the park's beauty will soon be a thing of the past unless fresh soil is brought to it.

The dreaded fer-de-lance of Martini-que disdains to give the friendly warning of the rattler, and when his foe flees pursues him.

It is twenty-five years since Mrs. Jennie Drinkwater Conklin gave the name of "shut-ins" to the suffering sisterhood, and out of sympathetic desire to cheer the afflicted ones bound in the

fellowship of suffering has grown the "Shut-in" society.

The American shoe for men is far superior in appearance and comfort to the French article, which is hard and boxy. The American shoe for women is an improvement on the English article, which is provocative of corns.

Pet pigs are taking the places of pet dogs in many families in Cumberland county, N. J. This is in line with the

assertion of the department of agriculture that the pig would become a cleanly animal with a little encouragement.

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