

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

"I'll bet God laughed when he got his first monkey day," remarked a youngster, when told God made the monkey.

A beautiful custom prevails in many parts of Europe of planting a tree upon the birth of every child. It saves a true and good of all ages.

It may be realized sport to attach tin cans to a dog's tail, but the world has never produced a small boy with boldness enough to try the experiment on a mule.

"You want a flogging—that's what you want," said a parent to an unruly son. "I know it, dad, but I'll try and get along without," said the independent young hopeful.

There are two little girls of the same name in New London, Conn. The other night one of them said her prayers, and for fear they might be credited to the other child, she added, after the Amen, "No, 10 Orange street."

A schoolboy spelled do-c-o-m-a-d and pronounced it "do-c-o-m-a-d." What do you mean by calling that do-c-o-m-a-d? "Cause it is," answered the boy. "It's do-c-o-m-a-d. All fractions are do-c-o-m-a-d. There isn't a bit of fun in any of them."

A little girl, while out for her afternoon walk, saw a pompous-looking man strutting down the street. With child-like sympathy the little thing ran up to him, touched his light on the arm, and said: "Excuse me, sir, but are you anybody in particular?"

Boy who found a hair in his bread, said to his mother before company, "Mother, here's a hair in the bread." "Yes, but it's a hair," replied he. "If it wasn't a hair it wouldn't be on it."

The gentlemen at a dinner-table were discussing the familiar line, "An honest man's the noblest work of God," when a little son of the host spoke up and said: "It's not so. My mother is better than any man that was ever made."

"The only real bitter tears," says some one, "are those shed in solitude." You may bet your life that philosopher never saw a ten-year-old boy coming out of the woodshed in company with his father and a skate strap.

I must tell you of a conversation I overheard at Manhattan beach between two children who were playing in the sand together. The small boy said to the little girl: "Do you wish to be my little wife?" The little girl, after reflecting: "Yes." The small boy: "Then take off my boots."

Little Nellie, a four-year-old, was punished by her mother the other evening for some misdemeanor. The little one set quiet for a few moments and then began scolding, winding up with: "Well, I never could see the use of mothers! Always spanking little girls, and it don't do any good, anyhow!"

A little boy in New Haven was saying his prayers the other night, when his little brother teased him. The boy struggled between his sense of duty and his inclination for a time, but finally compromised by saying, "Please, Lord, excuse me while I punch my brother Johnnie's head. Johnnie's head having been duly punished, the prayer was finished."

A gentleman, being threatened with an unbecoming fever, said to his little son, who in an affectionate mood wished to embrace him, "You mustn't hug me, you'll catch the fever." Why, standing back, the little fellow looked in amazement at his papa, who, by the way, is a pattern of propriety, and quickly asked, "Why, papa, what do you say?"

A sweet little Norwich miss of 8, who had monopolized all the compliments for beauty in the family circle since her birth, was recently asked: "Is your new baby brother handsome?" "Yes, your new baby brother is handsome." "Was he handsome?" "But he is not, though."

One day Billy, that my brother, he and Sammy Dobby was playing by a mill, and Billy said: "Now, Sammy, let me play with you. You was a runaway; you be the pig and the down and wolver, and I'll be a bull and beller like everything." So they got down on their hands and knees, and Sammy he went in the mud and roared, while Billy belched like distant thunder. Billy and Sammy he came out muddy; you never seen such a muddy little fellow, and he said: "Now you be the pig and let me beller." But Billy he said: "I ain't a very good pig 'fore dinner, and I ain't the time 'nuff for you to beller when yer mother sees yer do."

ARMY OFFICERS SACRIFICED.

The Pacific of Frontier Fighting.—The Chief of Indian Warfare.—Names of Officers Killed in Thirty Years.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Our readers may form an idea of the lives our Indian war has cost us in the years, the Sentinel has caused to be prepared, from an official source, the subject of list of officers of the regular army who have been lost in Indian warfare. While some names may have been omitted, the number is sufficiently large to warrant the question, "O'ho!"

The list, and date of death, is as follows: Brigadier-General E. R. S. Canby, Lava Beds, Cal., April 11, 1873.

Lieut. Col. William H. Lewis, Ninth Infantry, at Fushun Wouan's Fork, Kan., September 28, 1873.

Lieut. Col. George A. Custer, Seventh Cavalry, at battle of the Little Big Horn, Montana, June 25, 1876.

Major Joel H. Elliott, Seventh Cavalry, Washita river, Indian Territory, November 3, 1876.

Assistant Surgeon Ben. Tappan, Cottonwood Springs, Arizona, March 23, 1880.

Capt. Fred H. Brown, Eighteenth Infantry, Fort Phil. Kearney, Dakota, December 21, 1880.

Capt. Wm. J. Peterman, Twenty-ninth Infantry, Fort Phil. Kearney, December 21, 1880.

Second Lieut. Horatio B. Ringham, Second Cavalry, Fort Phil. Kearney, December 21, 1880.

Second Lieut. George W. Grinnom, Eighteenth Infantry, Fort Phil. Kearney, December 21, 1880.

Second Lieut. Lyman S. Kibbe, Second Cavalry, Fort Walla Walla, Kansas, July 1, 1881.

First Lieut. John L. Jones, Twenty-ninth Infantry, near Fort Phil. Kearney, Dakota, August 3, 1881.

First Lieut. John Madigan, First Cavalry, South Fork of the River, Cal., September 1, 1882.

Santry, Delaware creek, Kansas, September 17, 1888.

Second Lieut. Wm. Russell, Jr., Fourth Cavalry, near Lamapaca, Texas, May 15, 1870.

First Lieut. Charles B. Stambaugh, Second Cavalry, near Miners' Delight, Wyoming, May 4, 1870.

First Lieut. Howard B. Cushing, Third Cavalry, Whetstone Mountains, Arizona, May 6, 1870.

Lieut. Frank Weston, Third Cavalry, died of wounds received in same fight.

First Lieut. Lewis D. Adair, Twenty-second Infantry, on survey of Northern Pacific, October 5, 1872.

Second Lieut. Red T. Stewart, Fifth Cavalry, near Camp Crittenden, Arizona, August 27, 1872.

Capt. Owen Thomas, Fourth Artillery, Lava Beds, Cal., April 26, 1873.

First Lieut. Albion Howe, Fourth Artillery, Lava Beds, Cal., April 26, 1873.

First Lieut. Arthur Cranston, Fourth Artillery, Lava Beds, Cal., April 26, 1873.

First Lieut. George M. Harris, Fourth Artillery, died of wounds week after same fight.

First Lieut. T. F. Wright, Twelfth Infantry, Lava Beds, April 26, 1873.

First Lieut. Wm. L. Sherwood, Twenty-first Infantry, died of wounds inflicted by Modoc Indians, covered of flag of truce, April 21.

First Lieut. Jacob Almy, Fifth Cavalry, San Carlos Agency, Arizona, May 27, 1873.

First Lieut. L. H. Robinson, Fourteenth Cavalry, Cottonwood creek, Wyoming, February 1, 1873.

Capt. Miles W. Keogh, Seventh Cavalry, battle of the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Capt. George W. Yates, Seventh Cavalry, battle of Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Capt. Thomas W. Custer, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Lieutenant and Adjutant Wm. W. Cook, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Assistant Surgeon Geo. E. Lord, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

First Lieut. Algernon E. Smith, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

First Lieut. David McIntosh, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

First Lieut. James Calhoun, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

First Lieut. James E. Porter, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Second Lieut. Benj. W. Hodgson, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Second Lieut. James G. Sturgis, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Second Lieut. William Van W. Reilly, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Second Lieut. John J. Crittenden, Twentieth Infantry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Second Lieut. Henry M. Harrington, Seventh Cavalry, Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876.

Second Lieut. John A. McKimney, Fourth Cavalry, at Powder river, Wyoming, November 29, 1876.

Captain Owen Hale, Seventh Cavalry, Snake river, Montana, September 30, 1877.

Second Lieut. J. Williams Biddle, Seventh Cavalry, Snake river, Montana, September 30, 1877.

Capt. William Logan, Seventh Infantry, Big Hole Pass, Montana, August 9, 1877.

First Lieut. James H. Bradley, Seventh Infantry, Big Hole Pass, Montana, August 9, 1877.

First Lieut. William L. English, Seventh Infantry, Big Hole Pass, Montana, August 9, 1877.

First Lieut. E. R. Theller, Twenty-first Infantry, White Bird creek, Idaho, June 17, 1877.

Second Lieut. Sevier M. Rains, First Cavalry, Craig's Mountain, Idaho, July 3, 1877.

Capt. Andrew S. Bennett, Fifth Infantry (formerly Adjutant Fifth Wisconsin volunteers), Clark's Fork, Montana, September 4, 1878.

Major Thomas T. Thornburgh, Fourth Infantry, at Milk creek, Colorado, September 29, 1879.

First Lieut. Wm. B. Weir, Ordnance Department, on White river, Colorado, October 20, 1879.

In addition to this large list of officers killed, might be added equally as large a one of those who have received wounds in the same thankless warfare. Gen. John Gibbon, who commanded the "Iron Brigade" at Gettysburg, became a target for the Nez Perces at Big Hole Pass, Montana. Col. "Crispy" Forester, of Sheridan's staff, was wounded in the life in his Cheyenne fight on the Arickaree Fork, in Kansas. Among the cavalry captains to-day, Guy Henry, Edward M. Heyl, Henry W. Wissels, Chas. King, J. Scott Payne, and E. S. Godfrey, have been more or less severely handled, while the list of wounded lieutenants would be astonishing to those who fancy the military profession a sinecure in time of peace.

The Text. A poor man and his wife lived in the north of Ireland on a bit of a farm, so small that it did not afford them a living, and they ran behind on the rent. They felt very uneasy and dependent about the debt.

One Sabbath morning the wife declared her intention of going to meeting. Perhaps the minister would have a word of comfort down there. But she came home more cast down than ever.

"What's the matter? Had the minister no good word for ye to-day?" asked the husband.

"Ah! no," replied she. "He held me up to shame before the whole congregation. What do you think he took for his text, man? Why, this: 'Except ye pay rent, ye shall all have periah.'"

"There's no such text in the Bible," said the husband.

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