



THE SANDMAN'S STORY

THE ENCHANTED MOUSE. One day the wife of a poor man caught a mouse in a wire trap.

"Good madam," it said, "I am an enchanted mouse and have in my paws a gold coin which I will give you if you will promise never to take the bread and cheese in my pantry again."

"That I will," said the mouse, "and promise to keep the other mice away also."

"The wife opened the trap and the mouse ran into a big hole in the wall.

"What are you doing?" asked her husband, who came in at that moment.

"I have a favor to ask of thee," the mouse put its head out of the hole and asked: "What do you want of me?"

"I caught you in a trap," said the wife, "and let you go without wishing my husband says I should have wished that he is tired of living in this house."

"Very well," said the mouse, "close your eyes, turn around three times and then open your eyes and you will have the wish."

"The wife did as the mouse said, and when she opened her eyes there was her husband sitting in a large easy chair smoking a pipe.

"See," he said, "isn't this better than the poorly furnished but we lived in, and I have a full pipe, too?"

"Yes," replied the wife, "we should be content now, for we shall be warm in the winter and the house so well built."

"But, husband," pleaded the wife, "we are comfortable here, what more do we need?"

"Do as I tell you," said the husband, "and the wife went to the hole in the pantry wall and called—

"Mouse, mouse, pray come to me, I have a favor to ask of thee."

"What is it?" asked the mouse, putting his head out.

"My husband wishes a castle," she said, "he is tired of living in this house."

"Close your eyes, turn around three times, and then open your eyes," said the mouse, "and you will have your wish."

"The wife did so, and when she opened her eyes she did not know where she was; everything was so beautiful, but her husband came and took her by the hand and led her through the large rooms.

"Isn't this better than the small house?" he asked her.

"I shall never be comfortable here," said the wife, "it is too grand for me."

"But even this did not satisfy the husband, and one day he said: 'I should like to be an emperor and rule a country; go to the mouse and ask him to grant it.'"

"But I do not want to be an emperor," said the wife, "pray do not ask it, and, besides, the mouse is only a prince in his own right; he could not grant such a wish."

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MECHANIC CHOKES A HAMMER

Half-Hearted Artisan May Be Positively Gripped on Handle—Be Positive and Earnest.

You may tell a good deal about a mechanic's efforts and purposes by the way in which he handles his tools.

You may see up a half-hearted artisan by the grip on his hammer handle. If he takes it near the extreme end he means business and hits the nail a substantial blow; if he grips it up near the hammer head, making you half expect the poor thing will open its iron jaws and gasp, why then you may be sure of a tyro and a shirker.

Little things of the kind indicate clearly the manner and determination with which a boy or man tackles any job or hobby. Go to it with a grip on everything that means a positive and earnest effort.

TEACH POULTRY IN SCHOOLS

Younger Generation Kept Interested and More Efficient Poultrymen Are Brought Forth.

In every school district in Oklahoma there has been a poultry association organized through the efforts of the State Poultry association.

The teacher gets information regularly from the central body, and poultry topics and poultry literature are furnished the school through the central organization. By this means the younger generation is kept interested and more efficient poultrymen brought forth each year.

This is all done in a state that is far behind our Missouri valley states in production of farm products. This idea might work out for good results in many of our rural school districts.—Twentieth Century Farmer.

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CROKINOLE IS SKILLFUL GAME

Soreness of Fingers May Be Entirely Overcome by Putting Propelling Digit Against Carom.

A great many persons do not thoroughly enjoy the skillful game of crokinole for the reason that their fingers become sore from shooting. To overcome this entirely put the propelling bent finger gently against the carom, or nearly so, and there will not only be no sting to the finger in sudden contact with the carom, but the direction of the shot may be far better controlled. Let the finger nail meet the exact center of the carom edge for absolute accuracy.

Cutting Out the Frills

The simple life was, as we all know, most extremely demonstrated by Diogenes, the cynic philosopher of Greece. He lived in a barrel which he carried about with him, ate the plainest food, and dressed most scantily. On his belt he carried a cup for drinking, modern tramp fashion, until one day he saw a boy drink out of the palm of his hand, when Diogenes threw away his cup.

He Understood. "I don't see why horses are afraid of automobiles," said Dick. "Well, I do," replied his ten-year-old companion. "They look like bug gies a-going without horses."

"What if they do? That is no reason," replied Dick. "Now look here, Dick! You know you'd get scared if you saw my suit a-walking down the street and me not along to make it go."

Something Like It. Bobby was rehearsing the patriotic lines he was to speak at the Sunday school Fourth of July celebration. "It—oh, yes—it gimpleted well for our great and glorious—"

"Gimpleted? Gimpleted? Why, Bobby!" the teacher interrupted. "Angured, Bobby, Angured." "Oh, yes; angured! I knew it was something they bored with."

Self-Help. A couple of little boys were discussing matters personal to themselves. One of them asked: "Do you say your prayers in the morning or at night?" "At night, of course," said the other. "Anybody can take care of himself in the daytime!"

Not the Kind She Wanted. "I would be willing to work for you," he declared, "until my fingers dropped off."

I haven't any doubt of that, she replied, "but what I want is a husband who will be able to do a little brain work for me."

Couldn't Remember Place. Harry had misplaced his pencil, and his mother told him he should have a place for everything and keep everything in its place.

"I do," replied the little fellow, "but I can't always remember the place."

What Johnny Does With His Eyes. Teacher—Now, Johnny, what is the third letter in the alphabet? Small Johnny—Don't know. Teacher—You don't? Well, what is it you do with your eyes? Small Johnny—Squint, m'other says.

In Woman's Realm

For the Afternoon a Costume of Taffeta Silk is Among the Best—May Be Had in Practically All Styles and at All Prices—Pretty Bonnets Have Been Provided for Delight of the Little Miss.

A quiet and simple afternoon costume, of taffeta silk, follows the mode in a conservative way and justifies its reserve by its charm. It is a design especially youthful, with the lines of its full skirt unbroken and the fullness a mere matter of width shirred in at the waist. Such attractiveness belongs to the young and lends its own air to the wearer.

The little coat disposes of its fullness above and below by shirring at the waist line. It dips at the front and back of its skirt and cascades revers. The sleeves are full but of a simplicity to match the skirt. Two bands of velvet ribbon finish them and appear also on the coat revers. A narrow sash of the silk ties in the most casual manner at the front, with its ends hanging a little below the bottom of the coat.

Two bonnets for the little lady of four to seven years are shown in the picture. They are both inexpensive and both very pretty. They are thoroughly practical, too, and are chosen from many displayed by a manufacturer who specializes in headwear for children, so we may be sure that their style is correct.

At the right a shape of milan braid in black has small flat roses applied to the crown at the front, back and sides. Each one is set in sprays of small rose foliage, flattened against the shape and held firmly by a millinery glue which keeps them in place.

Mounted in this smartened by a high flaring collar at the back, and its open throat gives a glimpse of lace in the blouse worn under it.

The suit as pictured is made of black taffeta, but the design would be successful in any color of silk, with velvet ribbon to match, used for trimming. For general service nothing could be better. The coat is available for wear with lingerie gowns and separate skirts, and the skirt may be worn with any sort of blouse, so that each does double duty. In selecting taffeta suits the plainer models will take themselves very useful in this way.

Taffeta appears to have taken the world of fashion by storm, and there is no one happier at the Eastertime than little maids who bubble over with frank joy in new finery. They are

underbrim, which is bent into a point at the front. Here and at each side a small rose is set on the edge of the brim. A sash and ends of faille ribbon add any color desired to the bonnet, which is shown in white and in light colors. The sash is finished with loops and ends at the right side.

are suits and suits of it. Also there are numberless frocks that run after strange gods in panner and bustle draperies or hoops placed in the skirts. These are the unusual things which may become popularized. In the meantime the unpretentious suit is already popular and is prettily developed in many colors. It is charming in champagne and gray and appears along with blue, rose and the darker colors as well as black. There is nothing that will give better value as a part of the outfit for summer than the suit made of taffeta, and manufacturers have made them in a wide range of prices.

Beauty Hints. Careless washing and imperfect drying are the reasons for more red, unsightly hands than anything else. The slightest dampness of the skin in cold weather will make the hands chapped and crack. Hot water should not be used more than once a day at most for washing the hands, and then they should be rinsed in cold.

At night, before retiring, when the hands have been well washed and dried, rub in a fair quantity of a good cold cream or camphor ice. Then powder them lightly with a fine talcum and slip on loose old gloves reserved for this purpose. This will whiten the hands and keep them soft and smooth even in cold weather.

An Outsider. "Does she care for you a little bit?" "I fear me not." "Oh, be not dependent." "I can't help it, Horatio. Her pet dog shows no signs of becoming jealous of me."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

New Ideals. Within the last ten years throughout the country the children's court has sprung up as a necessary and legitimate part of the community's activities. Denver has developed a court in which the judge was a striking figure, and his personality has gained for the court wide publicity. The juvenile tribunals of Chicago and Boston are examples of courts in which the old idea of punishment has given way to that of prevention and scientific reformative treatment.

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Avoids Wasted Space, While Providing the Greatest Possible Accommodations.

ATTRACTIVE INSIDE AND OUT

Care Bestowed on Designing of Decorative Features Make It Distinctive and Original—Attractive and Cozy Arrangement of the Floor Plans.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

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The square-built house is one of the best plans for general efficiency in a cold climate. While many people prefer to have various little wings and alcoves that extend out from the plan, the addition of these increases the outside wall space to a large degree and consequently makes the house much harder to heat than it would be if it were built with square corners.

It is also possible to get the most room for a given cost if the outside lines are square. No space is wasted and the floor room will be found to be unusually large even when the house is built on a rather small lot.

Many different and attractive ways of finishing both the exterior and the interior can be found in houses built in this way. It can be seen by studying the perspective view and the floor plans of this design.

The general outline of the house shows a compact, sensible plan, but there are many decorative features that make this house very distinctive and original. For instance, the method of constructing the bay windows at the two front corners of the house on the second floor, with their attractive brackets, is a most pleasing and decorative method of finishing these corners.

Out of 273 fires 227 were started by engine sparks. The fact becomes one of vital interest to the federal authorities since the loss in the national forest reserves of the West alone amounted to \$877,000 in 1914. This represented among other things the destruction of 240,000,000 feet of merchantable timber, injury to private lands, destruction of young trees, etc.

Locomotive Is Blamed. Locomotives, it has been proved, are the largest contributing cause to forest fires. An investigation recently made along the White mountain and southern Appalachian mountain ranges shows that of 509 fires occurring in 1914, 319 were due to sparks from the smokestacks of locomotives. In the state of Virginia 90 per cent of the fires were traced to locomotives. Out of 273 fires 227 were started by engine sparks.

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