

ARE TOYS TOO GOOD?

Suggestion That the Toys of Our Childhood Were Better.

Men are, after all, only overgrown children. Give your little boy money, and the sweetshop and the toyshop will, too probably, eclipse the mute appeal of the missionary box.

And, when the boy grows up, physically, if his income a few grows, he will spend at sweetshop and toyshops. Instead of acid drops he will purchase rare wines and order elaborate dinners.

Even a humble box of bricks, that best of toys, unrolls before his mental vision a prospect of houses, fortifications, harbors, railway stations, geological gardens, and the ingenious constructions of the young architect.

When I look into the toy-shop windows, as I usually do, it seems to me that children are losing the poetic imagination that transformed a dinky play room into a fairyland.

Toys are becoming daily more elaborate, more realistic; less room is left for fiction and romance. Lead soldiers are no longer flat simulators of humanity, but big broad, solid and expensive.

A new Canadian invention for use in the lumber districts is coming into general use in Northern Ontario. It is called a steam warping rig.

They are built in saw shape with steelhead runners for moving overland, are thirty-seven feet long, ten feet beam dooked all over, and have sleeping room for four men in the bow; the bottom and up the bow is covered with steel boiler plate.

The neck of the horse. There are husbands who, among their male companions like to face it supposed that they are just a little tyrannical at home.

Mr. Wheeler. I was taken ill with colic and diarrhoea and my bowels were so much affected that I was unable to help myself for about 24 hours.

The Siamese instruments of torture are made in England and bear the trademark of a prominent Birmingham firm.

They have just begun to discover in England that a wife imports no knowledge, whether to a judge or a lawyer, and there is talk of abolishing its use in law courts.

Although it is fourteen years off, it has already been suggested that a celebration be made in 1907 of the three hundredth anniversary of the first English settlement in America, which was at Jamestown, Va., in 1607.

New York is rapidly rivaling London as the home of the huckster, notes the Journal of that city. "The revenue of the city from issuing licenses to these sleep destroyers is nearly \$150,000 a year.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times comments at some length on the injustice of the verdict obtained by a French examiner to Hosti, against Brennan, the Anglo-American publisher.

The inventor was convicted by McCormick in 1831. Since that time this machine has been brought to such perfection that, it is said, it will cut and bind an acre of grain in forty-five minutes.

On the subject of the recent terrible hurricane is to be a concerted effort to have the Government furnish weather predictions for mariners.

In the water it moves six miles an hour forward or backward, as required, propelled by side wheels.

It will be interesting to observe how much would these recommendations will have with the common people.

Fortitude. "That," said a nervous citizen, "is one of the most remarkable cases of fortitude I ever saw."

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

VALUE OF WOOD ASHES. There is little difference in the fertilizing value of hard wood or soft wood ashes.

THE FARM'S BEST MONEY MAKER. The best money maker on the farm is the hen, says the Tennessee Farmer.

REMOVING POOR BRINE. Not infrequently from insufficient salting and median barrels, or other cause, pork placed in brine begins to spoil.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS OF ALL KINDS thrive and yield better if the soil be first planted in wood ashes.

THE BIRMINGHAM SAYS. "Without any question the best common barrel should find a place in every stockman's barn."

FULL FEEDING. With all stock the highest physical condition is essential to the most rapid growth.

RATTLE-SNAKE WEED. In Monterey as well as Santa Clara County, California, there grows a weed called the rattle-snake weed.

CARE IN FEEDING PROPERLY and regularly will aid materially in securing the best growth at the lowest cost.

BUTTER-COLORS AND PRESERVATIVES. Butter is not necessarily colorless. A distinct yellow tint is often exhibited by a perfectly pure article.

QUAINT AND CURIOS. To the Peruvian Indian cocoa supplies the place of food, drink and tobacco.

THE FIRST APPEARANCE of peanuts in mercantile history was a consignment of ten bags sent from Virginia to New York for sale in 1794.

THE HUNTING GARDENS of Babylon did not hang, nor were they gardens. They were terraces, supported by arches and overgrown with trees.

THE CHINESE PUNISH atrocious crimes by including the criminal in an iron cage, his head passing through an opening at the top at such a height that his knees are bent and he cannot stand nor sit.

THE HIGHEST BRIDGE STRUCTURE in America is the Kinross Creek viaduct, situated on a branch of the New York and Lake Erie Railroad.

AN ODD PROPOSAL. A party of ladies were talking about how their husbands had proposed.

KNOWLEDGE. Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment.

WILL A TREE LIVE FOREVER? What do you think of the idea advanced by some prominent botanist that a tree, providing it meets with no accident, will live forever?

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