

Children's Corner

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Easy to Use

Easy to Clean

Easy to Store

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Easy to Give

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THE STORY-TELLER.

THEY GATHER AROUND HIM, ONE AND ALL.

A GROUP OF HAPPY CHILDREN SMALL.

THEY MOUTH AS OPEN WIDE; THEIR EYES

SEEM ALMOST TWICE THEIR NORMAL SIZE.

SOME STAND, SOME SIT, AND NOT A WORD

FROM ANY ONE OF THEM IS HEARD.

NEW ALL IS READY QUITE, FOR NOW

THE STORY TELLER HAS HIS BROW.

AND QUESTIONS THEM: "WHAT SHALL IT

BE?

A FAIRY TALE FROM MEMORY?

"OR SHALL I TELL IT IN A SONG,

AND MAKE IT UP AS I GO ALONG?

"WHICH SHALL IT BE, IN PROSE OR RHYME,

THIS TALE OF ONCE UPON A TIME?

"OR WILL YOU HAVE A STORY TRUE?

CHOOSE ANYTHING THAT PLEASES YOU."

A BUSY HUSH GOES ROUND, AND THEN

THE VOICES HUSH AGAIN:

FOR THIS SMALL AUDIENCE KNOWS WELL,

THAT ANY STORY HE MAY TELL,

OR ANY SONG THAT HE MAY SING,

WILL BE THE MOST DELIGHTFUL THING.

"WE'LL TAKE YOU CHOOSE," THEY CRY, AND SO,

HE HELLS A TALE OF LONG AGO.

THEY'RE SOMETHING TOLD ABOUT A GEM

SET IN A SULTAN'S DIADEM.

WHICH SHONE IN SUCH A BRILLIANT WAY

IT CHANGED THE DARKNESS INTO DAY.

AND THERE'S A ROBBER AND A LOT

OF OTHER PEOPLE IN THE PLOT—

A PRINCE A PRINCESS AND A PAGE,

A PARROT IN A GOLDEN CAGE.

AND THERE'S THE PALACE COURT-YARD

WHERE

THE SULTAN WALKS WHEN IT IS FAIR;

AND THERE'S A FUNNY DWARF HE HAD,

TO CHEER HIM UP WHEN HE IS SAD.

OF COURSE THE ROBBER COMES TO GRIEF,

THE GEM WAS IN HIS HAND-KERCHIEF.

THE PARROT 'TIL HE PICKED UP HIS

AND DROPPED IT IN HIS WATER CUP.

AND THEN THE PRINCE THE PARROT BOUGHT

AND FOUND THE GEM THE SULTAN SOUGHT.

SO RUNS FOR ONE LONG HOUR THE TALE,

AND FINDS THE ROBBER SAFE IN JAIL.

THE PARROT HAS BECOME QUITE TAME,

AND CALLS HIS PRINCESS BY HIS NAME.

THE PAGE HAS HAD HIS PAY INCREASED,

WHICH HE DESERVED, TO SAY THE LEAST;

THE DWARF—THE SULTAN'S MERRY DWARF—

HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH A SCARF,

WHOSE COLORS MAKE THE SULTAN VEXT,

AND THAT'S

—FRANK DEMESTER SHERMAN IN RICH-

MOND TIMES.

NEW LONDON, N. C., Dec. 24, '97.

MR. EDITOR:—I will make my first

attempt to write to your paper, papa

takes it and I enjoy reading it very

much. Papa thinks your paper is the

best in the world. I would like to

write you a whole book, but am

afraid for Christmas, and am expect-

ing to go to a wedding soon. I am

the only child at home now, and am

the youngest, so you may know what

papa and mamma's plan has a grand

time. I am a real fond of pets.

I will close, wishing you a merry

Christmas and a happy New Year.

Friendly,

MINNIE CROWELL.

DEAR EDITOR:—As this will be my

second time that I have attempted

to write to your paper, now I will

answer one of the questions that the

little cousin asked. Who taught

George Washington his multiplication

will prevent the demoralization of the

lawful money of the United States by

the issue of the gold coinage and the

payment of its obligations shall use its

options as to the kind of lawful money

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DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION CON-

DEMNED.

We condemn the Democratic adminis-

tration in North Carolina for its failure to

execute the laws of the State now on

our statute books, and call the attention

of the people to the fact that the

Democratic administration in North

Carolina is in harmony with the ultra

and trust sentiment herebefore and now

expressed by the leaders of the Demo-

cratic party.

RAILROADS.

We favor the establishment of such

equitable and low freight rates and

charges for goods shipped from North

Carolina as will enable shippers and

producers to realize at least a fair

remuneration after costs of

operation have been deducted.

We call especial attention to the

possibilities of the trucking industry in

Eastern North Carolina, an industry

which would increase a hundred fold

carrying with it the greatest prospect

to that highly favored section it has

ever known.

We earnestly recommend to our

State Railroad Commission that it

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