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As Animal Story For Little Folks

The Foolish Bears

There had been a great time in the Bear family deciding where to spend the summer.

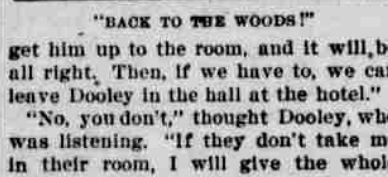
They at last decided to go to the mountains and write to the hotel kept by Mr. Monk for board.

"The terms are cheap," said Mr. Bear. "but I see they don't take children. Whatver should we do about 'TINY'?"

"Oh, leave that to me," said the wife. "There is no reason why they should not take our baby. He is so very good. If we could get him in once, I know they'd let him stay."

"Yes, and it says," continued Mr. Bear, reading, "that no pets are allowed in the rooms, and you know we have to take Mr. Dooley, the parrot, with us."

"Oh, I'll fix all that," answered his clever wife. "This is the plan: We will put TINY in your dress suit case and



"BACK TO THE WOODS!"
got him up to the room, and it will be all right. Then, if we have to, we can leave Dooley in the hall at the hotel."

"No, you don't," thought Dooley, who was listening. "If they don't take me in their room, I will give the whole thing away."

Well, the day was set, and after a long journey they all reached Counton and went up to Mr. Monk's hotel. Mr. Bear took the parrot and registered. "Mr. and Mrs. Bear."

"Any children?" asked the clerk. "None whatever," answered Mr. Bear. "Well, you can't take that parrot upstairs," said the clerk.

"Oh, no, of course not," said Mr. Bear sweetly. "We expect to leave him on the porch."

"Leave nothin' on the porch!" yelled Dooley. "Take that kid out of the bag."

"Shut up!" yelled TINY from inside. It was all spoiled. The secret was out. Mrs. Bear took TINY out of the bag, while the clerk leaned over the counter and grinned.

"Back to the woods!" yelled the parrot. "What did I tell you?" said Mr. Bear sweetly. "It pays best to be honest."

"I think so too."—Pittsburg Dispatch

Seven Thousand Sheep Burned to Death at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 31.—Seven thousand sheep were burned to death at the East Buffalo stock yards tonight. The long sheds in which they were confined were swept by the flames before any of the animals could be released.

The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The sheep were confined in two long sheds, 200 feet in width and covering a total area of 600,000 square feet.

Running parallel with them were the hog and cattle sheds. The fire fanned by a brisk wind, destroyed the two buildings in an incredibly short time.

Well Out of It.

Lawley (expert shorthand reporter)—I say, James, the boy from the newspaper office has called for the report of that lecture. Is it finished?

James (a novice)—All but a short sentence in the middle of it, and I can't for the life of me make out from my notes what it is.

Lawley—Oh, just put in 'great applause' and let it go.
James acts on the suggestion and the lecture is sent for publication with the doctored part reading: "Friends, I will detain you but a few moments longer." (Great applause.)

A Poplar Tree Worth \$1,500

The great value of timber is shown in the case of a tree recently cut near Waynesville. "This giant of the Alleghany Mountains was a curly poplar so large that 12 horses were required to haul away the butt cut, which was 12 feet long. The lowest limb was 80 feet from the ground. This single tree contained 25,000 feet of first-class lumber, most of it useful as veneering and its value was \$1,500. The single tree was worth more than the entire mountain farm upon which it stood."

Found a Cure for Indigestion.

I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find that they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different remedies. I am nearly fifty-one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to now.—Geo. W. Emory, Rock Mills, Ala. For sale by M. L. Marsh.

"Was his marriage a success?" "I should say it was. He has tried to secure a divorce in South Dakota, New York and England, and his marriage still holds."

Thoughts come back; beliefs persist; facts past by never to return.—Goethe.

RESULT OF CHICAGO CALAMITY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—For the first time since Chicago has possessed bells to peal, whistles to shriek and horns to blow, the old year was allowed silently to take its place in history and the New Year permitted to come with no evidence of joy at its birth.

In an official proclamation issued this afternoon by Mayor Carter H. Harrison, he made the suggestion that the usual New Year's eve celebration be for this time omitted. The idea found a ready response in the hearts of the people and the mayor's words, in fact, only gave utterance to the unexpressed thoughts that had filled them all.

The list of dead continues as it was given out last night, in the neighborhood of 560. It is generally accepted at this time that the most accurate estimate is 564. This number will be increased somewhat, as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of casualties at the present time is approximately 1,000. There are among the missing the names of many who are at their homes and of some who were not at the theatre at all. In the first excitement following the calamity these people were reported by their relatives as among the missing and numbers of them have since returned to their homes and no report of this fact has been made to police headquarters. Their names, however, still swell the list. The names of the dead who are still to be identified have been abstracted from the list of the missing and it is probable that the extent of the catastrophe will be fully revealed.

There was animated discussion today among firemen, employees of the theatre and architects as to the cause of the fire. Accounts differ today as widely as they varied last night. Theatrical people are practically united in declaring that the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are flatly contradicted by scores of people in the audience who declare they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for several minutes before the explosion took place.

The Colonel's Eyesight.
The story of the Kentucky colonel who went to Hot Springs for treatment for his eyes was recalled the other night by a few incidents at the Union station.

The Kentucky colonel saw his sweetheart in company with another, and when he questioned her she denied it. He was for some time in a study whether to believe his sweetheart or to believe his eyesight, and his implicit confidence in the woman led him to take the treatment for his eyes.

The clock at the hour of 7 p. m. showed the hour to be 5 p. m. A young man stopped on the corner of Jackson Place and Illinois street and waited for a car. While there he noticed several people look at the clock, walk a few steps, turn and look again, and all invariably stopped and look a third time. He became interested and stopped several persons, asking them why they had looked so many times at the clock. Six persons said they thought the hour was later than that shown by the clock, but they couldn't believe they had looked a third time. Most of them thought they must have made some mistake even the second time.

A Second Noah's Ark.

An old lady recently bargained with a London cabman standing outside a railway station to take her into town. The sum being agreed upon the dame returned into the station, and soon reappeared with two parrots in cages, which she handed up to the cabman. Again she journeyed to the platform and brought out two cats. A third trip she made, bringing back a daintily dressed fox-terrier, and a fourth expedition was interrupted by cabbie exclaiming: "Beggin' your pardon, ma'am, but you ain't expecting a flood, I s'pose?"

"Dear me, no," was the reply; "what ever made you ask that question, cabbie?" "Oh, it's all right, ma'am," said Jabo, "I though I'd ask, 'cos I ain't certain as 'ow my horse can swim, and I fancied by the look of your luggage that you were a takin' my keb for a Noah's ark!"

No Pity Shown.

"For years fate was after me continuously," writes F. A. Guldage, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for burns and all aches and pains. Only 35c at all drug stores."

The monkey lost his hold and fell into the crocodile's waiting jaws. Even then his wife did not desert him. "I just dropped in for dinner," he said, with an engaging smile.

Wilmington has licensed fifty-seven saloons to continue after the 1st of January. On that date twenty-three saloons go out of business in Raleigh.

COTTON IN UNOPENED BOLLS.

Texas Farmers Make Successful Experiments.
In a card to The Dallas News, W. G. Venable, of Sherman, Texas, gives the result of some experiments in handling the unopened cotton bolls that have formerly been a total loss to the farmers of the state. He says:

"W. T. Block, a farmer living near Gunter, Texas, brought to the Gunter gin a load of cotton bolls, having mashed them with his hands as he pulled them from the stalks, and they were fed, burs and all, directly into the gin stands. The load of bolls weighed 1,740 pounds, the outcome was a bale of cotton weighing 595 pounds. Messrs. Stephens Bros. & Allison, of Gunter, expressed a sample to Messrs. Birge, Forbes & Co., of Sherman, and they graded it as strict ordinary. Messrs. Stephens Bros. & Allison bought the bale, paying 10¢ cents per pound for it, thereby netting the farmer \$63.86. I saw the scale weights and ticket for the bale myself and I can produce forty men in Gunter who will vouch for the correctness of the above statement. I went on down to Celina, Collin county, and was showing Mr. Cunningham the above figures and he told me that they had been experimenting along the same lines, having turned out that day, December 17, a bale weighing 506 pounds from a wagon load of bolls weighing 1,510 pounds, that brought 1.35 cents, bringing its owner, L. M. Clark, \$57.43.

"These are not hearsays, but cold-blooded facts, and figures that can be verified by writing to any of the above named parties or any other citizen of these two towns, and it is of the greatest importance that these facts be presented to the farmers and gin men of our state, that they may go to work before it is too late to save the thousands of bales of cotton that are locked up in unopened bolls in our broad fields, thus greatly adding to the material prosperity of our great state."

Russala's Cotton Crop.

American cotton growers will be interested in the reports which the Department of Commerce and Labor has received from Russian consular sources that last season was not favorable for cotton growing in that country, the crop being 18.1 per cent. less than that of 1902. One of these reports made public says, in part:

"The area devoted to American cotton has diminished 32.5 per cent., while that devoted to native cotton has increased 32.2 per cent. The cotton plant suffered a great deal from the grasshoppers during the fall of 1901. The Russian planters, fearing a recurrence of this pest, did not plant cotton in the zones affected. The system of borrowing money on the cotton crop has also caused the cultivation of this crop to decline. If cotton has been 'bult' on the market, when the time comes for its delivery the producer loses. On the other hand, there is such a competition between the buyers that they do not derive as much profit as they otherwise would. The broker, once he has received his commission, is not troubled about the condition of the cotton, since it is already paid for, while the producers seeing that he will receive no great benefit, mixes stones, dirt, tow, etc., in the cotton. Another cause of the decline of the culture of cotton is the fact that the soil has become exhausted through continual cropping."

Farmers All Rich in Texas.

"There was never a time in the history of our State when the farmers had as much money as they possess this year," said C. K. McClure, of Brenham, Texas, at the Riggs House. "Herefore only a minority of our agriculturists have been able to boast of having ready cash, but this year a large percentage of them are in funds. Another thing is that our farmers are beginning to use the banks instead of putting their cash in old stockings or hiding it away in secret places; they are going to their county seats and depositing it in banks as business men ordinarily do. This has much to do with the big showing our financial institutions are making. Their deposits are far ahead of what they used to be and the deposits of many small country banks make an aggregate that is astonishing."

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Which is the Best Government?

Which teaches us to govern ourselves.—Goethe.

THE CHICAGO DISASTER.

Baltimore Sun.

A fire at the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, Wednesday, supplemented by the panic that is usually produced by the unnecessary and alarming cry of "Fire!" caused the death, it is said, of some 636 persons, converting a holiday matinee performance of "Blue Beard, Jr.," for the amusement of children, into a melancholy disaster. The scene of the chief loss of life, it appears, was in the balconies to the street. In the balconies many were suffocated by smoke and burned by inflamed gas, being unable to gain exit by the stairways which were obstructed by the mad rush of others. Here hundreds of bodies were found, piled eight or ten feet deep in an inextricable confusion, the fierce fight for life being illustrated by the postures of the dead. Frantic fear demoralized the escaping playgoers, with the result that many of them—particularly the women and children—were trampled upon and killed. But for the panic, which too often converts normally humane persons into senseless and selfish brutes, the proportion of killed and injured would probably have been comparatively small. Had the exit from the upper floors been attempted in a quiet and orderly manner all, or nearly all, would have had a fair chance of escape. Only a trifling percentage of the mortality was caused directly by the fire. It was panic and the brutal selfishness always developed by panic, it appears, that swelled the list of dead and injured to such extraordinary dimensions.

The moral of the Chicago disaster—of which there are many analogues in our annals—is that it is the duty of municipal authorities to see that theatre exits are ample, and that it is the duty of theatre-goers to remember in case of fire that panic kills more in a few seconds than fire can kill in as many minutes. Calmness, self-control and deliberation are qualities to be cultivated by all who frequent large assemblies. The worst of fires takes an appreciable time to spread from the stage to the balconies and other similarly situated parts of a theatre, so that a mad rush for exits are rarely justified by circumstances.

A Negro May Whip His Wife.

Charlotte Observer.
Dan Bryce, colored, a barber by trade was charged with an assault on his wife. The complainant, Jane Bryce, said the trouble was caused by a dollar which she had spent buying Christmas tricks. She said her husband gave her the dollar and she thought she had a right to spend it as she saw fit, but Daniel seemed to think otherwise. After making her drink whiskey against her will, said Jane, her affectionate husband knocked her down, bit her left ear, choked her and hurt her in the back.

Dan said he went home yesterday and found his wife out in the street drunk with a lot of other women. The sight so enraged him that he slapped his wife—nothing more.

Mr. Chase Brenizer, who appeared for the defendant, called the court's attention to the fact that in the old times the law gave a man the right to whip his wife, provided he did not use a stick larger than his thumb. "I think, may it please you honor," said Mr. Brenizer, "that this ought to include slapping the wife." The attorney then called the recorder's attention to a recent ruling by Judge Hoke to the effect that a negro had the right under the command law to whip his wife.

The recorder was inclined to the opinion that Judge Hoke had adopted a precedent established by the municipal court of Charlotte. Of course Daniel was discharged.

A Man of Peace.

"The newspaper made the mistake of referring to Major Pepper as a turbulent character."
"Misrepresented him, I suppose?"
"Grossly. A milder, more peaceable man than Major Pepper never lived. He is as kind and gentle as a woman, sir."

"And what did the Major do about it? Anything?"
"Oh, yes. When his attention was called to the lying statement he went around and horsewhipped the editor and wraged his office, and put a bullet through the shoulder of a fellow who tried to interfere. Then he stepped out on the sidewalk and told the crowd that if it didn't like his style he would fight the thieving lot of them."

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lambebo. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by M. L. Marsh.

Why Lawyer's Wife Got New Dress.

Kansas City Journal.
The lawyers at Iola were swapping yarns the other day during a recess in the district court. A lawyer whose wife is marked for her good dressing told how he had come to be such a good provider. Soon after he was married his wife met a girlhood friend. The friend said to her that she wasn't as well dressed as she used to be before marriage. "Oh, you are mistaken," said the wife, "I am wearing the same clothes I did then."

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

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COTTON AND ITS PROBLEMS.

Southern Farm Magazine.

Is there any serious danger of a permanent decrease in the cotton crop of the South, or rather, is there any danger of the South failing to increase its cotton production rapidly enough to meet the increasing demands of the world? It is claimed that there is such danger, and that the present conditions are not temporary, but that they are indicative of the South's inability, without some radical change, to materially increase its cotton crop. It is claimed:

1. That there is a gradual deterioration of the seed, due to the selling of the best seed to the cotton-oil mills.

2. That the tenantry system has lessened the fertility of the soil.

3. That there can be no large increase without a material gain in population, as the industrial development of the South has drawn many hands from the cotton fields to railroads, mining and kindred work.

These points and many others have their advocates. The danger from the boll-weevil is freely admitted, but as that, in its present shape, is a new problem, its influence cannot yet be measured, and it may at this time be omitted from the discussion, although it may prove to be the greatest factor in the cotton question.

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This December 19, 1903.

R. C. BOST, Executor.

By Montgomery & Crowell, Attorneys.