

# YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

### Where the Frogs Winter—Sweetmeats For the Elephants—The Little Brown Dog.

Where do you suppose the frogs go for the winter? They have soft, smooth skinned bodies that would freeze to death if exposed to the open air temperature. On the bottom of the pond they have made a bed for themselves in the ooze and mud, huddled close together to keep one another warm.

Water, as you know, freezes at 32 degrees F. In a pond, just as in your bathtub, the water on the top is the warmer and the water at the bottom the colder. The reason is that warm water is expanded and is lighter than cold, so that it rises to the surface, while cold water, which is contracted, is heavier and sinks to the bottom.

But as water freezes it begins again to expand, and that is why ice is lighter than water. The water under ice forms a layer about four or five degrees above the freezing point, and the animals sleeping there through the winter are sheltered in it. There they live and sleep until the spring sun warms them, and there they are warmer and safer than if they, being water animals, were so foolish as to try to sleep anywhere else. Some small water bugs do creep ashore to hide in the cracks of rocks and walls, but they are little creatures that can fit into such places. The bigger animals would die of the exposure.

The frogs, the fresh water mollusks, know where to go for the greatest comfort, and there they stay their appointed time. It would never do for an amphibious frog, for instance, to make a mistake, as a boy might, and to crawl out of his comfortable bed before he is called. Nevertheless, when they are called in the springtime, the frogs and mollusks obey the summons. They don't lie abed longer than they need to, and that is the moral of this talk about their winter life and ways.—Our Animal Friends.

### Sweetmeats For the Elephants.

During one of England's many "little wars" in India some elephants were employed in dragging the guns up a precipitous pass.

A big, powerful elephant was the first, and his driver encouraged his efforts with all sorts of endearing words. "Well done, my dear." "Wonderful, my life." "Try again, my dove." "My son." "That is right, my wife."

At last the elephant got the gun up, and his delight was extreme. He caressed his keeper and threw the dust about in a most playful manner. Now it was the turn of another elephant, a younger and smaller one. He did his best and was struggling up with his gun when the big elephant, reaching over the top of the cliff, held out his trunk to help his brother over his difficulty.

The younger elephant intwined his trunk in his brother's and was thus pulled up in safety. When on the top, the two elephants embraced each other and seemed delighted to have done their task so well. Their driver then made the animals salaam (bow) to the general. "Give them each 5 rupees' worth of sweetmeats, driver. They have worked well," said the general.

### A Tame Raven.

As to the raven's power of speech, the following story, which is given on the authority of Captain Brown, who vouches for its truth, will show how aptly it can talk:

A gentleman, while traveling through a wood in the south of England, was startled by hearing a shout of "Fair play, gentlemen; fair play!" uttered in loud tones. The cry being presently repeated, the traveler thought it must proceed from some one in distress and at once began to search for him. He soon discovered two ravens fiercely attacking a third. He was so struck with the appeal of the oppressed bird that he promptly rescued him. It turned out that the victim was a tame raven, belonging to a house in the neighborhood, and the cry that he uttered so opportunely was one of many that he had been taught to utter.

### Took Him Off His Feet.

A civil word is the cheapest thing in the world, yet it is a thing which the young and happy rarely give to their inferiors. See the effect of being civil on a rough little street boy. A lady was walking down a street and as she sharply turned the corner ran very hard against a boy who was small and ragged. Stopping as soon as she could, she said, "I beg your pardon."

The small, ragged boy looked at her with amazement. Then, taking off his cap, he bowed very low and answered, "You can have my pardon as well come, miss, as you may run agin me an knock me clean down, an I won't say a word."

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### The Little Brown Dog.

Little brown dog with the meek brown eyes, Tell me the boon that most you heart's desire, Or a cozy rug by a blazing fire, Or a sudden race with a truant cat, Or a gentle word or a friendly pat? Is the warmest hall you have always near The dearest of all the things held dear, Or is the home you left behind The dream of bliss in your dog's mind? But the little brown dog just shook his head As if "None of these are best," he said.

A boy's clear whistle came from the street; There's a wag of the head and a twinkling eye, And the little brown dog did not even say, "Excuse me, ma'am," as he scampered away. But I'm sure as can be his greatest joy Is just to trot behind that boy.  
—May Ellis Nichols in Wide Awake.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

#### An Act Supplemental to an Act Entitled "An Act to Amend the Constitution of North Carolina," Ratified February 21, 1899, the Same Being Chapter Two Hundred and Eighteen of the Public Laws of 1899.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact: Section 1. That chapter 218, public laws of 1899, entitled: "An Act to Amend the Constitution of North Carolina," be amended so as to make said act read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

Section 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age, and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

Section 2. He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district, in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, that removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in the same county, shall not operate to deprive any person of the right to vote in the precinct, ward or other election district from which he is removed until four months after such removal. No person who has been convicted, or who has confessed his guilt in open court upon indictment, of any crime, the punishment of which now is, or may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 3. Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed, and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the general assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

Section 4. Every person offering to vote shall be able to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language; and before he shall be entitled to vote he shall have paid on or before the first day of May of the year in which he proposes to vote his poll tax for the previous year as prescribed by Article 5, Section 1, of the constitution. But no male person, who was, on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States who had then resided, and no legal descendant of any such person shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications herein prescribed: Provided, he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1902.

Section 5. This amendment to the constitution is presented and adopted as one indivisible plan for the regulation of the suffrage, with the intent and purpose to connect the different parts, and to make them so dependent upon each other that the whole shall stand or fall together.

Section 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot and all elections by the general assembly shall be viva voce.

Section 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office, he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office, as \_\_\_\_\_, So help me God."

Section 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or confessed their guilt on indictment pending, and whether sentenced or not, or under judgment suspended, of any treason or felony, or of any other crime, for which the punishment may be imprisonment in the penitentiary, since becoming citizens of the United States, or of corruption or mal-practice in office unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a manner prescribed by law.

Section 9. That this amendment to the constitution shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1902, if a majority of votes cast at the next general election shall be cast in favor of this suffrage amendment.

Section 10. This amendment to the constitution shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the State, in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as is provided in the law regulating general elections in this State, and at said elections those persons desiring to vote for such amendment shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words: "For Suffrage Amendment" thereon; and those with a contrary opinion shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "Against Suffrage Amendment" thereon.

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May 21st, 1900.	Daily	Daily	Sunday	Daily	Daily
Leave Weldon	11 50	8 75	.....	.....	.....
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1 00	9 55	.....	.....	.....
Leave Tarboro	12 21	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Lv. Rocky Mt.	1 05	9 52	6 37	5 15	12 0
Leave Weldon	1 59	10 25	7 10	5 57	2 49
Leave Selma	2 35	11 10	.....	.....	.....
Lv. Fayetteville	4 30	12 22	.....	.....	.....
Ar. Florence	7 25	3 24	.....	.....	.....
P. M. A. M.					
Ar. Goldsboro	.....	.....	7 55	.....	.....
Lv. Goldsboro	.....	.....	.....	6 45	3 30
Lv. Magnolia	.....	.....	.....	7 31	4 25
Ar. Wilmington	.....	.....	.....	8 30	6 00
P. M. A. M. P. M.					

### TRAIN GOING NORTH.

NO. 78	NO. 104	NO. 24	NO. 40	NO. 4	
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	
Lv. Florence	9 50	.....	.....	.....	
Lv. Fayetteville	12 20	.....	.....	.....	
Leave Selma	1 50	.....	.....	.....	
Arrive Weldon	2 35	.....	.....	.....	
P. M. A. M.					
Lv. Wilmington	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lv. Magnolia	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lv. Goldsboro	.....	.....	.....	.....	
P. M. A. M. P. M.					
Leave Weldon	2 35	6 23	.....	.....	
Ar. Rocky Mt.	2 30	6 10	12 07	11 23	1 22
Arrive Tarboro	.....	.....	6 46	.....	.....
Leave Tarboro	12 21	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lv. Rocky Mt.	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ar. Weldon	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
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RATES TO MOREHEAD.

The following special rates of fare (season 1900) from stations named to Morehead City and return. In effect June 7, 1900:

STATIONS.	SEASON TICKET.	SATURDAY NIGHT.
Goldsboro	\$4.00	\$1.50
Best's	3.75	1.40
LaGrange	3.50	1.30
Falling Creek	3.25	1.20
Kinston	3.00	1.10
Caswell	3.00	1.00
Dover	2.75	.90
Core Creek	2.70	.85
Tuscarora	2.65	.80
Newbern	2.00	.75
Riverdale	1.75	.70
Croatan	1.70	.65
Havelock	1.00	.60
Newport	.60	.35
Wildwood	.40	.25

STATIONS.	GERMAN AND BALL TICKET.	SUNDAY EXCURSION.
Goldsboro	\$1.25	\$1.25
Best's	1.10	1.10
LaGrange	1.00	1.00
Falling Creek	.90	.90
Kinston	.80	.80
Caswell	.80	.80
Dover	.75	.75
Core Creek	.70	.70
Tuscarora	.65	.65
Newbern	.60	.60
Riverdale	.55	.55
Croatan	.50	.50
Havelock	.45	.45
Newport	.35	.35
Wildwood	.25	.25

Note important! Season Tickets sold daily good to return until Oct. 31, 1900. Week End Saturday Tickets sold on Saturday only, good to return until following Tuesday.

German and Ball Tickets sold only to ten or more on one ticket good to return next morning.

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