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(Advertisement.)

An ordinary axe has a marked tendency to "fly off the handle." Sometimes the wood shrinks because the weather is dry, the wedge works loose and off comes the axe. Then, again, just plain, ordinary hard work often causes the head to fly off. Whatever the cause, it always means loss of time, serious inconvenience and often a dangerous accident.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Point Well Taken.

A certain New York judge has a little niece of whom he is very proud. A few days ago she came to him and said, with a very serious air:

"Uncle, there is a question about law I want to ask you."

"Well, dear, what is it?" patiently inquired the judge.

"Uncle, if a man had a peacock, and it went into another man's yard and laid an egg, to whom would the egg belong?"

The judge smiled indulgently and replied:

"Why, the egg would belong to the man who owned the peacock, but he could be prosecuted for trespassing if he went onto the other's property to get it."

The child seemed very much interested in the explanation and then observed innocently:

"Uncle, did you never think that a peacock couldn't lay an egg?"

Catching Soft Clams.

As we walk along the shore at low tide, on the lookout for seaweeds or interesting animals, little jets of seawater will be seen spurting up from holes in the sand. Let us dig rapidly down under one of these tiny openings and we will catch the spurter, the common soft clam; but if we are not quick enough he will burrow so rapidly as to disappear entirely and only send a last spout of water into our faces, as if in defiance. Place the shell in a glass of sea-water, and when the clam gains confidence he will extend from his shell the long tube-like siphon, and the two openings in the end of it, with their fringed borders, will be seen.

Now take a compound microscope or a magnifying glass and watch the water above the siphon. You will see that it is moving. With the minute life forms it contains, the water sweeps in swirling currents toward one orifice of the tube and plunges suddenly down it; then, after passing over the gills and body of the clam and giving out nourishment, the water is expelled through the other tube, and we see it rising slowly from the opening. If, however, the clam takes a fancy to contract his shell and so hasten this motion, we will see a little fountain shoot up and sprinkle the surroundings, just as they were observed to do on the shore.—From Nature and Science, in August St. Nicholas.

A Chance for Grit, Anyhow.

"I go a great deal on family," remarked the Ward McAllister of the community. "I tell you there's lots in blood; family counts for everything."

Ah! does it? Abraham Lincoln's father was so poor that the negroes called him "po' white trash," and Abe himself was born in a log hut with cracks in the wall so wide that you could throw a dog through them, and his mother's name was Nancy Hanks.

The father of John Adams ran a corner grocery. John Quincy Adams, however, had "family" back of him, for his father, John, had been President of the United States.

James K. Polk grubbed roots on a new farm in North Carolina until he got too strong to work for his father, then he managed to secure a job in a country store.

Andrew Johnson married "family" for his wife knew enough to teach him how to read.

John Keats was the son of a hostler and was born in a livery stable.

Rare Ben Johnson laid brick while he was learning Latin.

Charles J. Bonaparte is a "family" man, but Napoleon Bonaparte once remarked: "I am my own ancestors."

Did you ever happen to hear who was the father of Homer, or of Shakespeare, or of Gladstone, or of Socrates, or of Walt Whitman?—Portland Oregonian.

Cicadas Not Locusts.

The cicada is often incorrectly called "locust"—a term which should be applied only to grasshoppers. The cicada is a peculiarly interesting insect in that it has the longest life-period of any known insect. Some kinds live even seventeen years, and are known as the seventeen-year cicada.—From Nature and Science, in August St. Nicholas.

On Grandpa's Farm.

(See Mrs. Ransier's letter on next page)

Oh, don't you know the fun on grandpa's farm!

For grandpa says: "Let 'em; it ain't no harm;"

An' Cousin Bob leads us, and cries: "Here goes!"

An' mamma—she just says: "Such clothes!"

We've a Crusoe's island an' a robber's cave,

An' a Tower of London, an' don't you know.

When one of us wants to let on he's brave,

He crawls under the saw-mill, scared and slow!

Oh, you don't know half the fun out there!

For grandpa he never tells us: "Take care!"

An' Cousin Bob laughs, and says to "carouse,"

An' mamma, you see, is off in the house.

We fish in the brooks, and play in the sands,

An' try to catch tadpoles out of the springs;

We hide in the bushes like Injun bands,

An' fight with the hornets, and get their stings.

Oh, there's plenty of fun on grandpa's place

For grandpa—he says: "Now, scoot on a race!"

An' Cousin Bob grins an' says: "There she blows!"

An' mamma she only just says: "Such clothes!"

—Our Little Folks' Magazine.

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