

OBJECT LESSON WAS ENOUGH

After the illustration Mrs. Jones Was Able to Understand Just How It Happened.

Mr. Jones believed that no one need ever fall down. It was pure carelessness, he said. Anyone who walked straight, and did not dawdle round, was in no danger of losing his balance. He said so to Mrs. Jones many times, but she only smiled in a provoking way.

One bitter cold January morning he changed his mind. Everything outdoors had a coating of ice. The path leading from the barn to the house was as smooth as glass and slanted treacherously on either hand. On one side of it was an old cellar, where the house had once stood. Jones was coming from the barn, after doing the morning chores, with a pail of milk in each hand. He was just opposite the cellar when—splat!—out flew his feet and down he went on his back. The next instant he had slid in a shower of milk over the edge of the cellar hole, and landed on the bottom with a thump that fairly took away his breath.

IMPRESSES THE OFFICE BOY

Chicagoan Enthusiastic Over Scheme Which He Claims is Great Success in New York.

Gerald Jones came here from Chicago. Consequently there are a number of things about New York which he compares with the same things in Chicago—much to the disadvantage of New York. One that chiefly irritates him is the office boy habit here, the Cincinnati Times-Star's New York correspondent writes. Gerald Jones enters the office of a friend of his. A small, cynical boy meets him at the mahogany rail. Mr. Jones declares that he wishes to see his old college pal, F. Norval Smith. The small boy demands a card, and hands him a blank form. "Write here what you want to see him about," says the small boy.

ALL FOND OF FINE APPAREL

Soberness of Costume Not a Marked Trait With the Men Who Helped Make Nation.

John Hancock, thin in person, six feet in stature, was very fond of ornamental dress. He wore a wig when abroad, and a cap when at home. A man who visited Hancock one day at noon, in June, 1782, describes him as dressed in a red velvet cap lined with fine white linen, which was turned up two or three inches over the lower edge of the velvet; a blue damask gown lined with silk; a white silk stock; a white satin embroidered waistcoat, black satin small clothes, white silk stockings and red morocco slippers.

FINE POINT ABOUT THE LAW

Somewhat Curious Problem Has Been Raised by the Decision of a Learned Judge.

Suppose you owned a dog and a neighbor asked the courts to compel you to keep it from barking and yelping day and night, interfering with his business and causing him and his family loss of sleep, and suppose the court handed down a decree requiring you to restrain your dog from barking, yelping and howling, "except in cases of burglary or fire," how would you set about obeying the order? If you fix it so the dog cannot bark at all and burglars invade your domicile or fire breaks out and the dog cannot bark, you may be robbed or murdered in peril by disobeying the injunction that your restraint of the barking, yelping and howling shall extend only to those periods when there is no burglary or fire.

LIGHT TO LEAD WAY

Signs May Be Used to Lure Crowds From Broadway.

Dr. William C. Covert of Presbyterian Church in New York City Tells of Modern Advertising Methods and Urges Their Adoption.

New York.—Electric signs on Broadway with the legend: "Why not go to church?" may compete with similar signs advertising beverages, hostelry, and breakfast foods, in New York, April 19-24, if some of the publicity plans for the conservation congress of the Men and Religion Forward Movement succeed.

TO WEB LEAP YEAR OR NEVER

Taft's Aid, Sailing, Declares Life Will Be Lonely and Miserable Unless Some Girl Proposes.

New York.—"Don't forget that I've got my flag up and if I miss marriage this leap year, I shall be doomed to a bachelor life and misery forever." This is the parting hint to the girls by Maj. Archibald Butt, military aid to President Taft. He sailed for the Mediterranean and will be absent six weeks. "I'm not engaged," he said. "They've always got me engaged to somebody whenever I leave Washington. But I shall not have much trouble in denying the last report, as Miss Doggity Williams is already very busy in denying it.

UNCLE SAM ADOPTS "BABY"

Tiny Mail Sack Originating in Chicago Already Saves \$500,000 for Government.

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago has a new "baby." It was born in the postoffice and has been adopted by Uncle Sam. It weighs only one pound, but as a typical Chicago "doer" it is as big as a mastodon. Already it has saved its great foster parents a half million dollars and it is less than a month old.

THAT MOST WONDERFUL BABY

Surely Young Mother Had Good Reason to Be Proud of Her Remarkable Offspring.

It takes a baby to appreciate a baby—or a mother. A writer recounts the conversation between the mother of a very new baby and a caller who had professed a somewhat academic interest in the infant. It was immediately brought forth for inspection. "You know," she exclaimed, "every mother thinks her baby is the best in the world, but mine just proves it."

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

Duck Raiser Found Peppin of Considerable Value. But He Has Discontinued Its Use.

Refusing to eat any kind of food offered to them, Charles Koch of Port Chester, N. Y., concluded that his flock of one dozen ducks had a form of dyspepsia and decided to doctor them himself. His method was not entirely original, for he procured pepsin tablets and dissolving them in water, he contrived to get the fluid down their throats with the aid of a metal tube. Releasing them one by one he sat down in the house to see what happened.

WORTHY OF GREAT MONARCH

King of Sardinia's Tactical Manner of Concealing Kindness Done to Impoverished Fellow.

The King of Sardinia, Charles Albert, was very kind and obliging to the French royalists who were at Turin. The Duke of F..., with whom he was connected, had an employment about the court—he had been severely wounded, and lost a leg in the affair of the Three Days. The king heard that the duke was anxious to visit the king and royal family at Prague, but that his finances were not favorable to so long a journey.

BEEES AT WORK ALL THE TIME

In Many Localities There is No Closed Season for These Indefatigable Laborers.

Although bees are apt to turn out on any sunshiny day, the bulk of their work is done by the first of November and they have retired for their winter's sleep. The beekeeper must now put cushions into the tops of the hives, taking only what honey he is sure can be spared by the bees, and leave them for their hibernation.

OLD EST METAL

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RARE WORD

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IMPUDENT JACK

Delle—I don't speak to Jack any more.

"What's the trouble?" Delle—I told him the ladies' aid approved the way I dressed my hair and he had the impudence to ask if it was ratified.

CONSIDERATION

"Do you want your wife to vote?" "I don't mind," replied Mr. Growcher. "But I hope they don't make election day consume too expensive."

ANOTHER OF THE SPECIES

"Is this a little boy or a little girl?" a teacher asked when the new scholar, a boy with curls, came in.

"He ain't none of 'em. He's a sis-sy," one of the class volunteered.—St. Louis Republic.

THE SPIDER CHEAT

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Many species of spiders are interesting on account of their physical construction or their habits, but the most curious specimens are probably to be found in the woods of Sumatra; and these naturalists call, not without reason, "spider cheats." This insect, in order to trap the flies, etc., on which it feeds, hides on a leaf and spins a web of neutral color, making an illusion so perfect that the prey not only does not fly, but seems attracted by the peculiar termination of the web on the edge of the leaf.

FEED BEANS TO CHILDREN

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BULLET IN HEAD TWO YEARS

Boy Kept Accident a Secret Through Fear of Father's Anger.

Carmel, N. J.—Afraid his father would be angry, fifteen-year-old Ernest Moore carried a bullet imbedded in the bone between his eyebrows for a fortnight without revealing the truth. He admitted it the other day after an attack of insomnia had made it necessary to call a physician. The bullet will be extracted, probably without serious danger to the lad.

SENTENCED; ASKS FOR DEATH

Assault of Girl Begs Spectators for Rope With Which to Hang Himself.

Akron, O.—John Rettig, 48 years old, a widower, was sentenced to eight months in the workhouse and to pay a fine of \$500 and costs for contributing to the delinquency of a 14-year-old girl. Sentence was pronounced by Probate Judge Lytle. Rettig jumped to his feet and begged that someone bring him a rope that he might hang himself.

HOSPITALS FOR BANKRUPTS

Berlin.—A singular foundation is to be established near St. Petersburg through the will of the wife of the Jeweler Ivanhoff, who left 2,500,000 roubles under strange conditions.

YOUTH LOSES SUIT

New York.—Supreme Justice Clark refused to grant damages to a youth who became so scared he fell out of a cherry tree and injured himself when neighbor fired a shotgun at a cat.