





FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

Some Stories About Brave Girls—A Trick with Folded Paper—Four Little Travelers—The Origin of Icebergs.

Four Little Travelers. Mary Alicia set forth for the east. To see where the sun comes up; And Edward Delaney went straight toward the north. To search for a polar pup.

Stories of Brave Girls. During an attack by the Indians on Fort Henry, a small establishment near the Wheeling creek, now Wheeling, W. Va., in the summer of 1777, the powder of the garrison becoming exhausted, Ebenezer Zane, one of the garrison, remembered that there was a keg of the article in his house, sixty yards away.

Origin of Icebergs. Every sailor knows the danger ships run of striking against these glittering mountains of crystal that float southward along the Atlantic coast until melted in the warm waters of the tropics.

The Hour When Death is Nearest. In one of his books the late R. L. Stevenson speaks of a moment in the early morning, when a strange influence disturbs the sleep of men and animals.

The Bear as a Steger. It may not be generally known that the still youthful czar of all the Russias possesses a very fine and admirably trained tenor voice.

A Trick with Folded Paper. A very successful trick which will serve to puzzle your friends, and which you can make with very little trouble, is the Transformed Penny.

London has 49 restaurants in which only vegetable food is served.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Discussion on Strawberries. (Condensed from Farmers Review Stenographic Report of the Northern Illinois Horticultural meeting.) Mr. Hoxie (secretary of the State Horticultural society of Wisconsin) said he wanted to help Mr. Hartley out on what some of you may think, perhaps, a big statement (8,000 quarts of strawberries from one acre) and at the same time I want to score one for Wisconsin.

Mr. Hartwell: The Bunch is all right if it isn't tricky. Just when you think you have it, it isn't there.

Mr. Hartwell: My chief berry is the Warfield.

Mr. Hartwell: There is a good deal in variety, but more in knowing how. I think Mr. Hartwell has pretty nearly how to handle his plants.

Mr. Corbin: The gentleman was inquiring about varieties to fertilize. In my experience Beder Wood is one of the best we have for the Crescent Seedling and for the Warfield.

Mr. Morgan: I want to indorse what this gentleman has said about mulching strawberries. My plan has been to mulch them lightly, just enough to cover them lightly and let them freeze. I let the ground freeze and then put on the straw.

Mr. W. Noyes read a paper on poultry on the farm. In part he said: Select your breeding pen in February from your two and three-year-old hens. Never use pullets.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"HOUSEHOLD ANNOYANCES," LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Lord Don't Thou Not Care That My Sister Hath Left Me to Serve Alone—Bid Her Therefore That She Help Me—Luke 10: 40.

Yonder is a beautiful village homestead. The man of the house is dead and his widow has charge of the premises. It is Widow Martha of Bethany. Yes, I will show you also the pet of the household. It is Mary, the younger sister, with a book under her arm, and in her face no sign of care or anxiety about anything.

As I have heard some people say that, but I do not know that it is true. If it is true I must attribute it to two things. In the early days the farmers used to carry through the winter the business hens, but now they sell them off and carry over the young chickens that do not lay.

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