

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

We Are Seven. Daisy's Canary, a Story for Juniors - Queer Little Singing Squirrels Found in the New Hampshire Woods.

We Are Seven. SIMPLE child. That lightly draws its breath...

with many a curl. That clustered round her head.

She had a rustic, woodland air. And she was wildly glad.

"Sisters and brothers, little maid. How many may you be?"

"And who are they? I pray you, tell." She answered, "Seven are we."

"Two of us in the churchyard lie. My sister and my brother."

"You run about, my little maid. Your limbs they are alive."

"Their graves are green, they may be seen." The little maid replied.

"My stockings there I often knit. My kerchief there I hem."

"And often after sunset, sir, When it is light and fair,

"So in the churchyard was laid; And when the grass was dry,

"And when the ground was white with snow.

"How many are you, then?" said I. "If they two are in heaven,

"But they are dead; those two are dead." Their spirits are in heaven!

Daisy's Canary. His name was Goldy. Daisy called him so because he was all over bright gold.

That made her laugh, and then her mamma told her that Nurse White,

who was one of the most careful old ladies any one ever knew,

was very pleasant. While abroad Daisy saw many interesting things.

All went well, and at last they returned in good health and spirits.

Upstairs still in the case of a golden...

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate Their Department of the Farm - A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

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will give my ideas of what constitutes good milking and a good milker.

"Why, what a question!" said the old nurse. "Birds and babies are very different things, child."

"Well, I can't put any other bird in Goldy's place," said Daisy, rising to her feet.

"Please excuse me," said Daisy. "Give him to some other little girl who never knew Goldy and does not know what a bird can be."

"But what was Daisy's delight when, on reaching home, she found Goldy in his cage and his song trilling through the house!"

When he escaped from Nurse White's he had flown to Daisy's home and been caught by Jane and Sarah.

"I think I am the happiest little girl in the world just now," Daisy said.

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"Not long ago I read several interesting accounts of them in The Sun. I have never heard a singing mouse, but I heard a singing squirrel.

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As to the quality of his melody, I should compare it to the single note of a canary unusually prolonged, with no variations except in rising or falling.

In a Siberian Village Church. Every village almost in Siberia has its church.

There are some cities in Siberia, boast of churches and cathedrals.

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AN old wedding ring. HAT a symbol of love is that circle of gold.

And a sign and a seal of our reverence, too. Had a part in our creed when that old ring was new.

And our kisses were pressed on its slim finger tips.

But the metal that's purest wears quickest away.

That that hand never lacked to the hungry and cold.

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SUMMER GOWN.—From "Toilettes."

And the summers may come, and the summers may go.

Suit Yourself, says Fashion. A great secret of being well dressed is being dressed according to your style.

Rev. Dr. C. Carpenter, before Minnesota Dairy Association.

A Hog Cholera Outbreak.—A recent outbreak of hog cholera near the Twin Cities, when there were no diseased hogs known to be within a hundred miles or more, may prove a valuable lesson if properly understood and utilized.

Abolish the Feed-Trough.—The feed-trough, or, rather, the feed hopper, that is kept full of food, is the lazy man's method of feeding, and it is not only expensive, because it induces the hens to eat at all hours of the day, but it causes them to fatten and become subject to disease.

Enamel Paint. Juliana would like to know how to make and apply enamel paint.

clever ones, of the sort of bodice belt that is shown in the accompanying picture, though when the uses of the two sorts are considered the relationship is not so plain.

Fashionable Chit-chat. Taffeta ribbons in bright colors and extra wide are stylishly striped with white gauze.

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J. E. POOLE, Editor and Proprietor.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Still it rains. —This is the year of the deluge in West Texas. —More new shoes at T. G. Carney & Co's. —Mr. J. L. Jones went over to Throckmorton Wednesday. —Judge Hamner is holding court at Throckmorton this week. —Pure Louisiana sugar house molasses at S. L. Robertson's. —Mr. A. H. Tandy left Monday to look after his ranch in Oklahoma. —Parched coffee, nine pounds for a dollar at T. G. Carney & Co's. —Our district court will convene on Monday the 24th day of this month. —Mrs. D. M. Winn spent a few days in the country this week with Mrs. F. M. Morton. —Plenty of the very best binder twine for all at Sherrill Bros & Co. —Mr. J. B. Jones closed his school on Paint last week and is off on a visit to the east. —Dr. Lindsey made a professional trip to Throckmorton this week. —We are still selling nice bright syrup at 27 1/2 cents per gallon. T. G. CARNEY & CO.

—Mr. M. S. Pierson left Monday for Emory where he will look after his business interests for a time. —Mrs. Ed J. Hamner and children returned home Friday evening of last week after a lengthy visit to relatives at Galveston and Austin. —Always something good to eat at S. L. Robertson's. —Mrs. R. E. Sherrill, Mrs. J. S. Rike and Miss Lillie Rike left on Monday for Graham where they will visit relatives. —The mail hack to Seymour had to turn back Wednesday on reaching Brushy creek on account of high water. —If you have a dollar to spend and want full value for it go to T. G. Carney & Co's store with it. —Young man if you want to win an extra smile from your best girl go around to Uncle Jake's and get her a bouquet of his roses and honey-suckle. —Just received at J. F. Collins & Son's, Albany, Texas, a large lot of poultry netting, prices low down. —Her friends at this place received cards a few days ago announcing the marriage, to take place on the 12th inst., of Miss Esther McConnell to Mr. A. B. Burton, at Crockett, Texas. —Dr. Lindsey reported the arrival of a fine 12lb. boy at the home of Mr. Dave Garren on Friday of last week. The Doctor remarked that "of six children this is the first boy and Dave is nearly tickled to death. —IF YOU HAVE CASH TO PAY FOR GOODS GO TO S. L. ROBERTSON'S. —Rev. French McAfee of Albany, Rev. W. G. Peyton of Anson, in connection with Rev. R. D. Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place, began a series of meetings here on Wednesday night, which will be continued for a week or ten days. —Our shoe trade has been so large as to already require an additional order to fill up our stock with missing sizes and styles. These have just been received and our stock is again complete in all styles and sizes for men, women and children. T. G. CARNEY & CO.

—Frank Vernon brought us some samples of wheat and oats from his father's farm the other day that show promise of a good yield. The oats is of good height, vigorous stalk and large full heads. There are two samples of wheat, one taken from a piece sown in the fall and the other from a piece of spring sowing. They furnish a strong object lesson. The fall sown wheat is fully one third better than that sown in the spring. —Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug Store. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed. O. NICHOLSON Wichita Falls, Tex

—Several of our citizens have gotten up a machine to exterminate prairie dogs and red ants. It consists of a bellows arranged to blow a stream of air through a retort in which sulphur is burned and force the fumes into the dog and ant burrows, thus asphyxiating the occupants. —If there is anything you wish in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats and etc., come to us for it. Prices cut no figure with us, we are here to sell goods. T. G. CARNEY & CO.

—Miss Mamie Davis, about sixteen years of age, a daughter of Mr. J. E. Davis, was thrown from a horse last Sunday evening and severely hurt on the head, the scalp being torn and skull slightly fractured. Her physician says she is in a precarious condition, but may make a good recovery. The Free Press hopes that such will be the case. —Ladies should not fail to see the new line of granite ware just received by Sherrill Bros. & Co. direct from factory. It is the best kitchen ware ever made and is now sold at greatly reduced prices. —The W. P. and H. M. Society request us to announce that the society will give an ice cream supper on Monday, May 31st. Ice cream will be served from 10 o'clock a. m. to 10 p. m. Price 15cts per saucer, two for 25cts. They invite everybody to come, and solicit a liberal patronage. —We hear some farmers advocating the advisability of stacking their grain after harvest and delaying the threshing for a few weeks, or until they get their cotton and other crops worked out. It is said that if the usual custom is followed, and threshing is commenced at once after harvest a good deal of cotton will be choked out and ruined before threshing is finished. It is also said that wheat that is allowed to stand in the stack several weeks is heavier and brighter and classes better in the market. It may be well for farmers to talk this matter over and come to a general understanding so that they can all work together. —Mr. R. D. Morgan of Corsicana and Mr. Johnson of Albany were here one day this week. We understand that they claimed to have reliable information that if the bill permitting the H. & T. C. Ry Co. to buy the T. C. and Waco & N. W. Railways became a law the T. C. would be extended to Haskell at once, and, that acting on this, Mr. Johnson proposed to lease the Lindel hotel and Mr. Morgan wanted to purchase 1000 to 1500 acres of pasture land, and also talked of going into business in town. They left without doing anything definite as far as we could learn, but expressed their intention of coming back in about two weeks. —Mr. W. J. Sowell, after the return of himself, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Cason from their fishing expedition to the mouth of Buffalo last Saturday, was expatiating on the fine catch of fish they made, when we gave expression to our skepticism and informed him that we never put any faith in big fish stories unless we were furnished a sample of the fish. He said that he was always prepared to resent any calling in question of his veracity and that when their wagon got to town he would vindicate his honor in a proper manner. The subject rested at that until later in the afternoon when he fired a six or eight pound fish at us, completely annihilating any skepticism we ever entertained as to Mr. Sowell's veracity on the subject of fishing, and, later on, when our better half had manipulated it in the frying pan and we had satisfied our gastronomic proclivities, we were in a frame of mind to apologize for ever doubting the gentleman and to thank him for the way in which he vindicated himself. Wire Nails and Staples. J. F. Collins & Son, Albany, Texas, have just received 3 car loads of the improved Baker wire, also about one car load of nails and staples. All bought at bottom prices, and they will sell you these goods at bottom prices, wholesale or retail; 870 pounds of this wire will make a mile of fence 3 wires, which beats all other wires. Advertisers Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining at the Post Office Haskell, Texas, for 30 days. Dennis, Mr. W. B.; Dea Landis, Henry S. I.; Hoffman, G. N. I.; Loyd, Mr. G. W. I.; Smith, Miss Mary; Starna, Mr. Gus I.; Wilson, Mr. G. B. I.; Woods, Mr. J. S. I. If not called for within 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office. When calling for the above please say advertised. Respectfully, C. D. LONG, P. M. Haskell Texas, May 1, 1897.

Dallas Fair Exhibit. Mr. Editor: In your untiring efforts to advance the material interest of Haskell Co., I notice you are seeking to have our farmers get up for the next Dallas Fair an exhibit of the products of the county. This promises to be one of the most prosperous years we have ever enjoyed and it will be an auspicious time for securing an attractive exhibit. We sincerely trust that you may be successful in enlisting the interest and co-operation of our people so that the result will be an exhibit placed in Dallas next fall which will advertise Haskell county far and wide as the banner county of Northwest Texas for the home seeker. We believe that we have as good, a county as can be found anywhere for the successful pursuit of stock-farming. But this is not the only thing for which we are adapted. Under favorable conditions, we can show fruits and vegetables as well as staple products which will vie with those of any land. Of the many hundred samples of wheat on exhibition at the New Orleans Exposition in 1885, that grown in Callahan Co. a near neighbor of ours, took the first prize over all competitors. Ours is a better county than Callahan. We may have the best county under the sun, but no one will know it if we do not herald abroad what we can do. It is not alone the real estate broker and land owner who is benefited by such advertisement. In the development of the county and the increase of its resources, each unit composing the whole receives benefit. It is an observable fact that in the older settled counties of our state, those of its citizens are most prosperous and well to do who came there first and helped to develop the country and make it what it now is. In striving in all legitimate ways to increase our resources and add to the aggregate wealth of our community, we directly help ourselves. We hasten the day when we will have more schools, a railroad and all the conveniences of modern civilization. Let our citizens second your efforts as far as may be in their power. If each of them who can, will contribute some one product or specimen of agriculture or horticulture of noticeable merit, the aggregated result will show to Texas and the world that we have a county which grows products that can not be surpassed any where, while the lands that produce them can be bought outright at half the price of one year's rent in the black land belt of Texas. S. W. SCOTT.

There are a great many of the unfortunate ones in this world, greater in number than those who are blessed with good digestion. To some people the greatest misfortune is not to be able to eat everything set before them. "I suffered for years with Dyspepsia and everything I ate disagreed with me. I was induced to try Simmons Liver Regulator and was cured. I now eat everything." —M. Bright, Madison Parish, La. Nichols Russell, HOUSE PAINTER — and DECORATER. Does Artistic Paper Hanging, Fine Graining and Varnishing, Fine Carriage Painting and Striping, and other work in that line. Guarantees Satisfaction. Call at Lindel Hotel.

I Can save you money when you need: MACHINE OILS, CALIFORNIA DOG POISON, WALL PAPER, WAGON OR BUGGY PAINT, TABLETS, WRITING PAPER, LANTERNS, LAMP COODS, or any kind of DRUGS. I want your trade, A. P. McLEMORE. P. S. Condition Powders 15cts lb

The mail hack from Abilene failed to get in last Saturday on account of the swollen conditions of the streams, and again Wednesday there was a similar failure for the same reason. —Miss May Fields left Thursday for Wills Point and will spend several weeks there and at other points visiting relatives. She accompanied Mr. Joe Fields, who was returning home. —We keep our stock of staple and fancy family groceries filled with the choicest and best of goods and sell them at bottom prices. T. G. CARNEY & CO. —Mr. T. J. Lemmon made his little boy supremely happy the other day by buying a Shetland pony for him. They rode down town side by side Wednesday and the pony looked like a two or three months old colt trotting along by its mother.

MORE GOODS, Fresh Goods, NEW GOODS

Constantly arriving to keep up the assortment in our stock and supply our customers with all the latest things that come out.

A fresh shipment of STYLISH DRESS GOODS, LAWNS, NOVELTY PRINTS just received.

Also a nice line of GENTLEMENS' DRESS SHIRTS & UNDERWEAR.

We have also replenished our stock of SHOES AND SLIPPERS to supply some missing sizes and late summer styles.

We will continue to keep our stock freshened up from week to week so that our customers can depend upon finding at our store anything they want and all of it the latest and best, and we Guarantee our Prices to meet all competition.

F. G. Alexander & Co.

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THE EXHIBIT A GO. Haskell County to Be Represented at the State Fair. COMMITTEES APPOINTED. In response to the call published last week, a number of our most enterprising citizens met at the court house last Monday to discuss the proposition to send and exhibit of the products of Haskell county to the State Fair the coming fall and, if deemed advisable to do so, to organize for the purpose. The meeting was organized by the election of Mr. A. C. Foster as chairman and Mr. J. E. Poole as secretary. The chairman stated the object of the meeting and called for expressions of opinion and suggestions from those present. Mr. R. E. Sherrill expressed himself as fully in accord with the movement and ready and willing to help it along in any way he could—said he would be able to furnish some nice specimens of fruit. Mr. H. R. Jones was heartily in accord with the proposition to make an exhibit and suggested offering premiums for the choicest specimens of products furnished by farmers. Messrs A. C. Foster, F. G. Alexander and Dr. J. G. Simmons spoke briefly and Mr. J. E. Poole offered some suggestions. All were in favor of making the exhibit and were of one opinion as to the benefits to be derived from it. It was decided to appoint an executive committee whose duty should be to raise the necessary money to purchase exhibition jars, solicit and procure specimens of all products of the county, preserve and arrange them properly and see to placing them on exhibition at the fair at the proper time. Messrs R. E. Sherrill, F. G. Alexander and J. E. Poole were appointed as such committee. It was suggested to them to call on other citizens for assistance when needed, which it was thought would be cheerfully and promptly rendered. This, it was thought, was a better plan than to have a large committee in town. It was on motion decided to have an auxiliary committee composed of enterprising farmers located in various portions of the county to solicit and procure samples in their respective neighborhoods and deliver same to the executive committee in town for safe keeping, arrangement, etc., and the chair was instructed to name such committee and he appointed the following farmers as such auxiliary committee: J. E. Davis, R. M. Smith, M. A. Clifton, B. H. Owsley, B. E. Nolen, T. A. Mays, E. A. Rose, L. C. Irick, A. R. Davis.

COMMISSIONERS COURT. Regular May Term. This court met on Monday with all the members present, to wit: Judge J. M. Baldwin presiding and J. W. Evans, Comr. Pre. No. 1. B. H. Owsley, " " " 2. T. E. Ballard, " " " 3. J. M. Perry, " " " 4. The report of Jasper Millhollon, county treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements during the quarter ending Apr. 30th, and the following balances on hand at said date, in the several funds, viz: Jury fund \$5.62, Road and Bridge fund \$2481.19, Common fund \$00.94, Court House fund \$1043.85, was compared with vouchers, found correct and approved and clerk ordered to make the proper entries in the finance ledger. The reports of J. W. Evans, J. P. Pre. 1 and B. H. Owsley, J. P. Pre. 2 were examined and approved. Report of T. W. Owens, butcher, compared with bills of sale and approved and ordered to be recorded. Quarterly report of W. B. Anthony, tax collector, approved. Ordered that \$109.50 lease on Haskell Co. school land, collected Apr. 20th, be applied to the available school fund of the county. Ordered that the Co. Treasurer transfer from court house fund to interest and sinking fund a sufficient amount to pay off one court house bond of \$1000 and \$500 on another of said bonds, with interest on same from Apr. 10th to date of payment. And further ordered that the Treasurer transfer \$2757.90 from road and bridge fund to common fund with which to pay off outstanding registered indebtedness against said fund. Report of Oscar Martin as assistant Co. Atty. approved. B. H. Owsley tendered his resignation as J. P. of Pre. 2 and same was accepted. Report of G. R. Couch, Co. and Dist. clerk approved. Ordered that J. M. Baldwin, Co. Judge, be granted leave of absence from the 17th to 24th of May. Ordered that the clerk give 10 days notice by publication of the meeting of the court as a board of equalization on 2nd Monday in June. Various accounts were audited and allowed and the court adjourned on Tuesday evening. —S. L. Robertson is still selling everything low for cash. Plant Cotton.

The certainty of a cotton crop in the Pan handle counties under the most adverse climatic condition has been fully demonstrated. Therefore, the farmer who consults his interest will plant a liberal acreage in cotton. The advantages of diversity in crops are so well known that argument is superfluous. A bale of cotton can be compared with a certified check, or New York Exchange, as it commands CASH in any market. This is a distinct advantage which is not enjoyed by any other product of the farm. The large cattle interests in the Panhandle creates a demand for every bushel of cotton seed, in fact the demand was so great in 1896 that hardly enough seed was left in the country to supply seed for spring planting. Only two reasons for planting cotton are cited. A great many more might be given, but they are so well known that it is unnecessary. Make arrangements for seed before supply is exhausted.

We will suggest to the committee, that samples of the various grains in the sheaf should be cut by hand before the grain is fully ripe, so that it will not shatter in handling. The bundles should have two or three ties on them, depending on the length of straw, to keep the straw straight and prevent breaking. They should be hung up with the heads down, and would cure brighter, probably, if kept in the shade. The size of bundle required by the managers of the fair is ten to twelve inches in diameter.