

Children's Newspaper

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The Editor's Table

THE DISCOVERY

THE fate of the Discovery, Captain Scott's famous Antarctic ship, has for some time been in the balance. But now comes the good news that she is to be preserved; she has been taken over by the Admiralty from the Boy Scouts.

The Discovery is to be used as a drill ship for the R.N.V.R., but she will still serve youth. For the Sea Scouts, and similar youth organisations, will have facilities on board provided for them by the Admiralty during the forenoons on weekdays and throughout weekends. The Sea Scouts will also be allowed to keep their boats alongside the Discovery.

All who foster the spirit of adventure will rejoice that this little ship of valiant memory will continue to serve and inspire the young people of Britain.

Important omission

ON the occasion of a recent wedding in London a friend of the bride sent her a telegram containing simply the Biblical reference: "1 John 4: 18." In this verse is the text: Perfect love casteth out fear.

But in transmission the "1" was omitted from the telegram, converting Epistle into Gospel. So the message which the bride received, as set down in John 4: 18, was: "Thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband."

Thirty Years Ago

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SOMEBODY looking into the treasures of a great library just given to the American Nation has found this letter from Abraham Lincoln, addressed to his Secretary for War.

My Dear Sir, Please have the Adjutant-General ascertain whether 2nd Lieut. — of Co. — infantry is not entitled to promotion. His wife thinks he is. Please have this looked into.

A. LINCOLN

JUST AN IDEA

As Montaigne wrote: The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts and the great art of life is to have as many of them as possible.

Eentsy-teentsy

THE famous American humorist Thurber has written of an old aunt who lived in fear of "electricity leaking out all over the house."

The official responsible for drawing up regulations about hygiene in catering establishments seems to have had similar nightmare visions—of birds leaking into kitchens—for one of them refers to the necessity of "minimising the influx of birds through walls, floors, and ceilings of kitchens."

In Parliament, not long ago, Colonel Bromley-Davenport asked the Minister to explain how "these eentsy-teentsy birds do this?"

The only big-scale kitchen invasion by birds that we can recall was that of the four-and-twenty blackbirds that got baked in a pie.

Prince among bowlers



The young bowler is Prince William of Gloucester, aged 12, who is at school at Broadstairs. Here he is seen being coached by Mr. Ernest Webster, a former Lancashire cricketer.

Think on These Things

CHAPTER 3 of the First Book of Kings tells how Solomon dreamed that God offered to give him anything he desired.

He asked for an understanding heart, and God granted his wish, pleased that he did not ask for long life, or riches, or victory over his enemies.

As a ruler, Solomon had need to understand the problems of his people. He asked God for wisdom, knowing that the happiness of others depended on it.

Those who are leaders, in any walk of life, need the wisdom that comes from knowing the Word of God. Without this, all their other gifts are as naught.

F. P.

A dream come true

A DREAM has come true for Dr. Albert Schweitzer. With the £12,000 Nobel Peace Prize he was awarded last year he has built a stone village for lepers in French Equatorial Africa.

Such nobility in spending is characteristic of one of the most selfless men in the world.

FOR HIGHLAND MARY

A PLAQUE is to be erected to the memory of Mary Campbell—Robert Burns's Highland Mary—on a site at Auchamore Farm, Dunoon, where she was born.

Robert Burns first met Mary Campbell in the Spring of 1786; she was a servant at a house not far from his farm at Mossgiel. In the autumn of the same year she died. Here are the first and last verses of the poet's lament for his lost love.

O pale, pale now, those rosy lips,
I aft have kissed sae fondly!
And closed for aye the sparkling glance,
That dwelt on me sae kindly!
And mould'ring now in silent dust,
That heart that lo'ed me dearly!
But still within my bosom's core
Shall live my Highland Mary.

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Fount of pure English

THE Bible as the fount of pure and effective prose was commended recently to young writers by Mr. Charles Morgan, President of the English Association.

"If you read it and hear it read aloud day after day and night after night," he said in an address on learning to write, "your ear will become so experienced in the splendour and sweetness of our language that it will intuitively reject vulgarism."

"You may not in consequence write great prose, but at least you will have a vocabulary; you will have grasped that the first principle of narrative is movement; of description, lucidity; of drama, conflict; of vision, attack."

All students of English—and the best writers know themselves to be learners ever—are agreed that they could have no finer model than the Authorised Version.

THEY SAY . . .

THERE is value in tradition. When people know what men and women had to endure in the past, it gives them courage and strength to face up to any difficulties they may have to meet.

Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout

WE dentists are doomed to live from hand to mouth.

President of the British Dental Association

IN no other country can as many people turn a tap and get water as in Britain.

Lecturer to the South Shields Historical Society

LET's face it. The new-born baby doesn't give a hoot for politeness.

From the children's page of an American Journal

THE aim of every parks chief is to ensure that the man in the street can go into a park and see something in bloom at almost any time.

Mr. Thomas Trigg, retiring Director of Leeds City Parks

Out and About

THE sea was rough in the night, and this sunny morning sand and pebbles of the beach look as if they have been scrubbed.

But waste oil discharged by ships is collected in lumps on the new seaweed slung on the beach; it is on the bits of driftwood; it is among the stones, though you may not see it until it gets on your feet and clothes. All too likely a stroll along the shore will reveal one or more gulls or other coastal birds dead, or pining to death as they do when unable to fly, their feathers hopelessly clogged with the oily scum.

C. D. D.

REGRET

THERE is a haunting phantom called Regret, A shadowy creature robed somewhat like woe, But fairer in the face, whom all men know By her sad mien, and eyes for ever wet.

No heart would seek her, but, once having met, All take her hand, and to and fro They wander through those paths of long ago, Those hallowed ways 'twere wiser to forget.

Christina Rossetti

Under the Editor's Table

Many people live for the present. It is a gift.

Boys like a job where they can get their hands and faces dirty. Other sorts make them look black.

A track failure caused a diversion on the Brighton-London railway. It did not among the passengers.

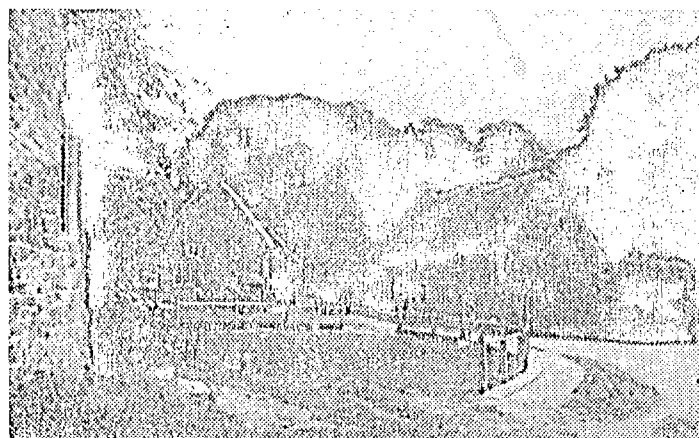
We still have not enough police. Not a copper to spare.

PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If a clap of thunder is a weather report

You can't ride an elephant like a horse, someone says. There aren't any like horses.

It is not decided whether bee-stings are good for rheumatism. People must take pains to find out.



OUR HOMELAND

An old-world corner of Wrocton, Oxfordshire