

## SCOUTS HAVE CONTEST MAKING BIRD HOUSES

Boy Scouts of the Calumet district, Chicago, are busy now working to win prizes in their annual contest for building bird houses. Bird houses will be judged upon the following points:

1. Workmanship.
2. Suitableness for bird it is built for.
3. Weatherproof.
4. Ease with which it can be cleaned.
5. Beauty.

The contest will close 12 o'clock noon, March 12, 1921.

If you are interested in building birdhouses, write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for Bulletin 609, "Bird Houses and How to Build Them."

## Are You Planning A Valentine Party? Some Suggestions

### Valentine Baskets

Purchase at the stationer's some scarlet bristol board or book cover paper. Make a heart pattern that is about five by five and one-half inches in size. Place this on the red paper and trace lightly around the edge. Guided by this line cut out the red heart.

Make a number of cuts one-quarter of an inch long all around the edge of the heart. Bend up the little tabs thus made, and to them paste a strip of the red paper two inches wide. This forms the body of the basket, consisting of bottom and sides.

Cut another strip of red paper about three-quarters or a half inch wide. Fill the basket, after the paste has been allowed to dry thoroughly, with red and white candy—peppermints and wintergreen, for instance. Set a basket at each plate.

### Heart Strings.

From the scraps of red paper left over after making the baskets, cut a large number of small hearts. String these closely and at even intervals on red ribbon. These ribbons may be hung from the chandelier, spread on the table cloth and strung pleasingly about the room or rooms in which the festivities will take place.

### The Luncheon.

Mary Dawson and Emma P. Telford suggest a very good menu for the Valentine party lunch: Heart-shaped sandwiches, olives, salted nuts, cake, ices or ice cream, and punch. They suggest that heart-shaped paper doilies be used under plates and dishes, and for a centerpiece a large, fluffy, red-paper, heart-shaped surprise pie with red ribbons running to each plate.

A pleasing drink for the occasion is pineapple lemonade. Make the lemonade in the usual way, and to each glass add one tablespoonful of finely grated pineapple.

To the end of each red ribbon hidden in the surprise pie should be attached a small token suggesting some characteristic of the person who will pull the string. Save the surprise pie until the end of the lunch—the suspense will add to the fun.—Boys' and Girls' Newspaper Service.

"A hedgehog on the ground is a sign of a late winter."

"And a banana peel on the sidewalk is the sign of an early fall."



## The Funny Man

Oh, the funny man that works for Dad!  
He's the funniest man we ever had. He comes to our home every morn, He digs potatoes and hoes the corn, He hangs the washing on the line, And rings the bell for dinner time. He hangs his hat over our dishpan, Isn't he a funny man?

He made a swing just for me  
In our back yard in the apple tree. He swung me as high as could be, He swung my brother as high as me.

Then he swung my brother Joe  
Just as high as he could go. Then he swung my sister Ann; Then we all swung the funny man.

He does all the chores about the farm,  
And takes care of the pigs around the barn.

He runs from the bees when they begin to swarm,  
And makes the fire to keep us warm.

He picks the apples when they are mellow,

And gathers the pumpkins when they are golden yellow. He puts them down in the cellar. Isn't he a funny fellow?

—Betty Estelle, Junior High School

## A MARBLE FACTORY

Clarksburg, W. Va., Jan. 19, 1921. Dear Harry: Our writing teacher told us to write to you.

I suppose you would like to know about our city. In our city we have many factories. Some of them are: The National Carbon works, The Chemical Works, the Western Steel company, and the Hazel Atlas Glass company. I suppose you have seen fruit jars with Atlas Mason printed on them. They make them here and many thousands and a day.

We also have the Travis Glass company which makes milk bottles. They send these all over the world even to China.

We also have The Akro Agate company. It makes marbles to be sent everywhere. It is probably the only one in the United States.

Clarksburg has many gas and oil wells. We are surrounded by hills. These hills are full of coal. This causes Clarksburg to be called "A Fuel City of a Fuel State."

Hoping to hear from you soon.—Yours truly, JOHN DELANEY.

"Have you had any experience as a sardine packer?"

"Yes, sir, I was a street-car conductor for three years."

Detroit Junior High School, Cleveland, Ohio, has a Biography club. The lives of famous American men and women are studied.

## The Lives of Three Girls—A Story

Once upon a time there were three girls that were all very good friends. Their names were Katherine Gilman, Louise Tull, and Evelyn Sweet. They lived in a big town named Newport. They were all about thirteen years old. They were rich families and the girls were always daintily dressed.

It was one day in the summer, when they decided to go downtown. Their mother didn't much like for them to go, but finally they got to go. They didn't take a machine because they wanted to look at the different shops on the way.

So they walked and walked, and turned different corners until they found themselves in a dirty part of the city. They came to a man that looked like a tramp. He must have thought they had money because he started to chase them. The girls ran down a little street that ended very sharp and there

was a lake below. (To be continued.) —A Junior Reader from Joseph Moore School. Watch for the name later.

## BOYHOOD STORIES OF FAMOUS MEN

### Henry Ford.

Henry Ford did not answer present when his name was called at Sunday School.

He had stayed home to win a bet which he had made with his chum. The boy had a new watch and Henry said he could take out every wheel and screw and reassemble them. His companion hesitated, feeling sure that his watch would be ruined, but he finally consented, for the prize was even more attractive than the watch. Henry won the bet.

Some folks do not admire Ford; others declare him a genius. Whatever may be the answer, think of Ford whenever anyone tries to tell you that it doesn't pay to do one thing well.—Boys' and Girls' Newspaper Service.

### How Sad!

"Teacher, I have lost my oral composition."

## "A GOOD TURN DAILY"

National Boy Scout Week  
Feb. 6th-12th.

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THE  
HAUNTED  
HOUSE

## SMILES

"Have you change for a dollar bill?"

"Yep."

"Fine! Would you mind lending me a quarter?"

### A Regular Cloudburst.

"So you have twins at your house, Johnnie?"

"Yes'm, two of 'em."

"What have you named them?"

"Thunder and lightning. That is what Pa said when they came to the house."

Teacher looking at report card—"Glenn, is this your father's signature?"

Glenn—"Yessum, as near as I could make."—The Student, Oklahoma High School, Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Baseball in 1975

Catcher—"Say, I signalled for a grapevine twist under his left ear and you gave me the corkscrew around his right ankle."—Maroon and White, Austin High School, Chicago, Ill.

## THE ADVENTURES OF ARTHUR LIVINGSTON IN AFRICAN JUNGLES

### FIRST CHAPTER

#### Lost in the Jungle

When Arthur Livingstone started from England May 5, 1920, he had only one idea in mind. That was to have a good time and explore and have an idea what the country was like, and to blow himself when he came back—have plenty of yarns to tell and adventures to relate. He thought that he had plenty of business on hand to attend to.

On May 15, 1920, he crossed Gibraltar and into the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile looked good, and as he hadn't any special place to go, he decided he'd try that. On the 28th of May he discarded the boat and took to the desert.

On the second day out from Cairo it was discovered that one of the slaves had taken all of the food and escaped in the sand and distance. The loss was not discovered until nightfall, so they were forced to camp. Upon top of that, a sand storm came up and proved

so fierce that they had to flee into the jungle.

There were plenty of viands and fruit in there, and they did not starve. In a week their party had dwindled till only four were left.

Once a drove of elephants attacked them and killed eight men. One man fell into a lake and was drowned. A gorilla attacked Livingstone and his party and massacred six people. Other misfortunes occurred till only Livingstone, Fritzketta (a missionary), and two guides, Marjorie, a girl, and Watski, were left. Watski fell in love with Marjorie and the missionary married them on the eighth day.

But on the tenth day a terrible loss and a horrible danger looked them in the face.

What was it?

(To be continued)  
ORVILLE SLIFER.  
Junior High School.

In Andean Colombia, according to a report made by an expedition sent out by the American Museum of Natural History, there are to be found no less than 1150 species of land birds. This is a larger number than has been checked up in the United States, Canada and Greenland.

## Pencil Twister

CAN YOU CHANGE THIS CHINESE  
AXE INTO A CHINAMAN?



(Answer next week.)



(Answer to Last Week's.)

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