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**TWO WOOD PILES.**

"Ho, hum!" sighed Roy Miller, as he sauntered out to the back yard and stood looking at the wood which had just been drawn into the yard. "That all has to be sawed and split and piled. For once I wish I had an elder brother." And he shrugged his shoulders as he started towards the shed for the saw.

Roy was not the only boy in the neighborhood who had to face a pile of wood that afternoon. As he came out from the shed he noticed that Luke Stafford and Jim Brent were both at the same kind of work. These two boys lived just across the street from each other, and before Roy went to work he stood and watched them a few minutes.

Jim was busy piling the wood he had already sawed and split, and made it an even, regular pile that any boy might have been proud of.

"That's the way, Jim always works," Roy thought, with an admiring glance at the result of his friend's labor.

Just then the minister passed by the Brent's front gate. "All done but sandpapering, Jim?" he inquired with a smile.

Jim blushed at the implied compliment and answered: "Pretty nearly, sir."

Roy's attention was attracted by the voice of Luke Stafford, across the way. Luke's load of wood had been in the yard for about a week, but none of it was piled, and only a few sticks lying in a heap beside him had been sawed. Now he called out, in drawling tones: "Mother! how many sticks do you need today?"

The sharp contrast between the two boys he was watching struck Roy as decidedly comical, and he sat down upon his own load of wood, and laughed. Then he picked up the saw and went to work with a will.

"I may not be able to rival Jim," he said to himself as he sawed, "but I'm bound I won't be like Luke, not if I have to stay up and saw at night."

When Mrs. Miller came to call Roy to supper, she looked in surprise at the wood which he had put in order. "Why, Roy, how much you have done!" she said. "I'm glad to see you have taken hold of your work so heartily and well."

"Oh," replied Roy, "I didn't relish the undertaking when I began, but I had an object lesson."

"What was that?" asked his mother, looking interested.

"It was the contrast between Jim's and Luke's wood," replied Roy, pointing as he spoke.

And Mrs. Miller, who knew both boys, looked and laughed, and then said: "I like the choice you made of patterns."

And the pattern proved to be one which lasted with Roy. If he were tempted to shirk any task after that, he was sure to hear Luke's lazy tones as he asked: "How many sticks do you need?"—*The King's Own.*

**THE GAME OF CAT.**

The cat is usually a piece of broomstick, about six inches long and pointed at both ends. Any similar piece of wood would answer the purpose. The game is played by two players, who toss for innings. A small ring has been previously marked out upon the ground and at about twelve feet distant a line or offing is drawn.

The first player stands near to the ring, holding a stick about two feet long. The other player stands at the offing, and pitches the cat at the ring. If the cat alights in the ring, the first player

is out. If it falls on the line, he is allowed one "tip." If it falls outside the ring, he is allowed three "tips." The player tips the cat by tapping one end of it with a stick, and as it jumps in the air, he tries to strike it as far as possible. After taking his "tips," he makes a rough estimate of the distance he has struck the cat, and bids the other player take a certain number of jumps. If the latter, starting from the point where the cat lies, can reach the ring in the right number of jumps, the first player is "out." But if he cannot, the first player counts the number as so many toward the game, which may be fifty or one hundred, according to agreement. If the out-player can reach the cat as it is flying, he puts the other player out.—*Ex.*

**ADVICE TO MOTHERS.**

"Keep your little one's stomach and bowels right, and they will be healthy, happy, and grow well." This is the deliberate opinion of a physician of world wide reputation. One mother who followed this advice—Mrs. Albert Boisvert, St. Claude, Que., proves the truth of it. She says:—"I have the greatest faith in Baby's Own Tablets for young children, and I always keep them in the house. Both my little ones were troubled with constipation and sour stomach. I gave them the Tablets and they are now perfectly well. Once in a while I still give them a dose to prevent the trouble coming back." If all sensible mothers follow this advice there will be fewer cross, peevish, sickly babies in the land. These Tablets are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by medicine dealers everywhere, or sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

**THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING.**

Place your butter in a jar and cover it with water to within an inch or two of the top; add a piece of salt the size of a hazel nut; cut off portions daily. Butter treated in this way will keep firm and fresh for days.

Never place feather beds or pillows in the sun, for the sun, acting on the oil in the feathers, is apt to give them a rancid smell. The right plan is to air the beds and pillows on a dry, windy day, in a shady place out of doors.

Lace will not thicken if washed in naphtha. Immerse in the fluid and let the lace remain for an hour or two. Then gently squeeze between the hands rinse with clean naphtha, and pull into shape. It will dry almost immediately.

A soiled wall-paper may be cleaned by merely rubbing it well with a flannel cloth dipped in oatmeal. This is a useful thing to remember when funds do not permit the repapering of a room quite as soon as it seems desirable.

To clean a copper kettle fill the kettle with very hot water, and then rub it over with very sour milk, or, better still, with buttermilk. Afterward polish it with a leather. A kettle cleaned in this way once or twice a week will always look bright and new.

An easy way to mend lace curtains is as follows: If there are holes too large to darn, take a piece of net as nearly like the curtain as possible or cut a piece from some discarded curtain. Dip it in starch water, lay it on the hole or worn place, and when nearly dry press with warm irons. The patch will remain until again laundered, and will not be discernible.

**WHY CROUP IS FATAL.**

When croup attacks your child you must be ready for it. It comes as an accompaniment to an ordinary cough, or it may attack without warning. All ills of children develop quickly, and when any kind of cough appears there should be something at hand to stop it with promptness. Many a child has choked to death with croup because the right remedy was not convenient. Every one should know that the right safeguard for a child's cough or any cough is Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam. With this soothing compound in the house, croup is always easily checked and relieved.

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