

Children's Column.

THE COURAGEOUS SCHOOLBOY.

Philip Robinson was just coming out of the school gates when he suddenly remembered he had left one of his homework books in the classroom. He turned back to get it, and five minutes later Philip was striding toward his home with the book under his arm.

Philip was the only child of Mr and Mrs Robinson. His father had a small engineering business, so he managed to send his son to a High School.

When Philip arrived at school, next morning he was attacked by his special chum, Arthur Brooke, who said very excitedly, "I say, Phil, there has been some money stolen from Mr Manning's desk between four o'clock and half-past four." "Oh, I wonder who can have taken it?" cried Phil, looking rather puzzled. A bell was heard through the hall, and the boys got into their lines and stood at attention.

"Boys," spoke out Doctor MacDonald, "there has been some money stolen out of Mr Manning's desk, a thing that never happened in the whole of my career. I am also grieved to think that a boy under my tuition should do such a dishonourable act, but if the boy who has stolen the money comes to me between twelve and half-past o'clock and confesses, not another word will be said." His kind old face looked very stern as he dismissed his pupils.

The same afternoon the head master came into Mr Manning's room and addressed the class. "Did anybody come back after school yesterday afternoon?"

Immediately Philip stood up saying, "Yes, sir, I did, I forgot my homework book." Everybody looked up dumbfounded, and, of course, they all thought he had stolen the money.

"Come to my room, Robinson," retorted the doctor, as he walked slowly out of the class. He closed his study door, and sat down in his chair, telling Philip to do the same.

"Now, my boy, why did you not confess, when I gave you a chance?" said Doctor MacDonald.

The former looked up and replied, "Because, sir, I did not take it."

The head master got up from his seat saying, "I will forbid any boy to speak to you, as things look very black against you. You may go."

Philip did not protest but silently walked out of the room. He did not say anything to his parents about it.

One day as he was walking home from school feeling very miserable he heard cries of "Help, help!" He looked up, and just saw a head disappear under the water.

Without hesitating he flung off his coat and boots and dived into the water. He struggled violently to get to the bank, and at last he managed it.

Philip rubbed the boy, who happened to be James Keith, one of the scholars of the doctor's school, to try and bring him back to consciousness. He called a man, who was just passing, and asked him to carry the boy to his home, which was not far away.

Philip Robinson told James Keith's mother all he knew, and, without waiting to receive any thanks, ran off home. His mother put him to bed as fast as she could to avoid any illness, and the next day he felt none the worse for it.

Doctor MacDonald heard from Mrs Keith who had saved her son, and when he sent for Robinson, Phil begged the doctor not to say anything until his name was cleared.

One day the head master was sitting by the invalid's bed when he heard him call out in his delirium, "Don't send me to prison, I took the money," and he clutched the bed clothes. The doctor told him it was all right, and he seemed to understand.

When the head master got back to school he at once summoned all the scholars into the hall. The boys knew he was going to tell them some good news by the look on his face.

"Boys," he said "Philip Robinson is not the thief; who the culprit is you will never know. I also want to tell you that Robinson bravely risked his own life to save another boy. I think he deserves three good litany cheers. Now hip, hip," shouted the doctor, and the boys shouted hurrah at the top of their voices. Philip was all smiles as he was lifted up high by half a dozen boys and carried to the platform. The Head rang the bell for silence, and then he spoke.

"You may have a half-holiday in honour of Philip Robinson, and I will also see that he gets a life-saving certificate and a medal."

There were more cheers as Phil was seized and carried into the recreation ground.

There were not a prouder man and woman in England than Philip's parents that day.

The Home.

SOAP.

(1) Ingredients.—5lb of fat, a lb tin of caustic soda, half a cupful of household ammonia, half a cupful of kerosene, 1lb of borax, 3 pints of cold water.

Method.—Dissolve the soda in the water, then add the borax, ammonia and kerosene. Heat the fat and when both are lukewarm, pour the lye into the fat stirring all the time. Line a box with a piece of calico and pour the soap in.

(2) Ingredients.—4lb of fat, 3lb of resin, 3lb of caustic soda, 3lb of borax, 10 pints of cold water.

Method.—Cut a side out of a petrol or kerosene tin and put the cold water into it. Add the soda, resin and fat, and boil for an hour. Take off and add the borax previously powdered. It does not need to be stirred much when boiling, but stir well when cooling. Leave it in the tin and put out in the air where it will cool more quickly and so save time in stirring. The writer does not stir all the time it is cooling; just about every five minutes and 'tis is no need to use washing powders. tin for two days, then turn out and cut up.

From the proportions given, you can make eight large bars of soap. This soap does not harden quickly. It really ought to be kept a month before using. It is really good soap and with it there is no need to use washing powders. Nearly fill the copper with cold water and cut up half a pound of the soap (for a small copper) and put in. Throw in the dry clothes and when the water comes to the boil, let it continue to boil for half an hour. You will find the dirt is all removed from the clothes. There may be a stubborn mark or two which can be easily taken out with a rubbing in the rinsing water. If you have not time to pour boiling water over tea stains in the tablecloths previous to washing day, just pop them in the copper when the water comes to the boil.

TO KEEP SILVER BRIGHT.

To keep silver bright without constant cleaning which is injurious to the plated articles, dissolve a small handful of borax in a tub of hot water with a little soap. Put the silver in, and let it stand all morning; then pour off the suds, rinse with cold water, and wipe with a soft cloth.

CREAM FOR BROWN BOOTS AND LEGGINGS.

Obtain the following:—4oz white wax, 3oz beeswax, 3oz Castile soap, 3-pint turpentine, 3-pint soft water. Shred white wax and beeswax, put in turpentine and let stand until dissolved. Shred Castile soap and boil in soft water, then mix with the other ingredients. Well shake.

CURRANT CAKE.

It saves much time in cooking to make a good keeping fruit cake and to have it to cut from as occasion requires. The following is a really good recipe received from a professional cook:—

Ingredients.—2lb of flour, 2lb of currants, 3lb of peel, 2 cupfuls of sultanas, 1lb of butter, 1lb of sugar, 4 teaspoonfuls of baking soda, 4 eggs, a pint of boiling milk, 4 teaspoonfuls of essence of lemon, 2 of essence of almonds.

Method.—Rub the soda into the flour, then the butter, sugar, and fruit. Beat up the eggs and add the boiling milk to them and the essence. Pour into the centre of the dry ingredients and beat up well. Bake in a moderate oven for three hours. Half quantities may be used for a small family. This recipe will prove a boon to tired housewives, for it is so little trouble to make, no beating of the butter and sugar to a cream. The eggs need only be beaten for a minute. One can sit down and rub the butter into the flour. Some think that the boiling milk will set the eggs, but you mix with it immediately so it has not the chance to do so. This is not an expensive cake considering how rich it looks and tastes, and it keeps for months.

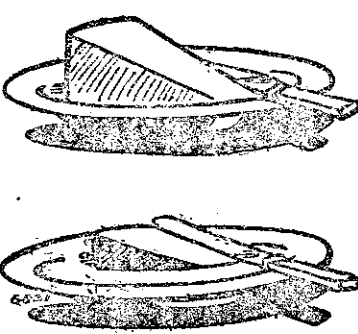
NEWS IN BRIEF.

France's Foreign Legion is to be reinforced by a regiment of foreign cavalry, one of foreign artillery, and a foreign engineers' battalion.

Mr Shaw, the English subject arrested at Seoul, Korea, by the Japanese police, is accused of supplying arms and bombs to Koreans.

Moscow reports that the first electric train in Russia has been built in the Baltic Works, and that it will have a speed of 31 miles an hour.

A tale of two pieces of cheese



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DIGESTS THE DISH

Large numbers of artisans are emigrating from Jamaica to Cuba, where higher wages are offered, and Government work is seriously hindered.

In the last six months fines for violation of the Liquor Laws imposed at Windsor (Ontario), on the frontier, amounted to \$62,500.

All records for the prices of stud rams have been beaten by the sale of a yearling in New South Wales to a South African buyer for 3,600 guineas.

Moscow states that orders have been given to take a census of the Russian population and to collect statistics of the economics of Soviet Russia.

Plans for the expenditure of £8,000,000 (pre-war) on highways in Quebec and Ontario have been approved by the Canadian Government.

A Berlin semi-official communique states that the deliveries of coal to the Entente, in the quantities agreed upon at Spa, are proceeding smoothly.

"Co-operation with Russia is certainly a thing to be striven for, but I doubt whether it is possible with Bolshevistic Russia."—General Ludendorff.

As sugar, reserved for home consumption, at special prices, has been exported from Barbados, imprisonment is now the penalty for this offence.

In connection with the Paris Armistice Day fetes this year, it is proposed that the name of November 11 should be given to one of the streets of Paris.

The Australian Jockey Club, the leading racing institution in New South Wales reported at its annual meeting that during the season it had distributed stakes and trophies valued at \$99,533. The amount passed through the totalisator was £1,150,892, from which the State Government derived revenue amounting to £79,162.

Mr Gloor, the delegate of the International Red Cross, in reply to a request from the Soviet Government for assistance for the Russian Red Cross in return for a promise to respect the Geneva Convention, states that the International Red Cross has learnt with horror of the atrocities committed by the Red army at Proskuroff, and Radvilowka on the personnel of the Polish Red Cross, and requests that an immediate inquiry be held.

Greek authorities have occupied the Custom house at Smyrna.

Count Karolyi is to be editor of a Hungarian newspaper at Prague.

Quebec Government has a surplus for the last fiscal year of £190,380.

Roumanian firms are turning to Canada for their supplies of paper.

Twelve thousand firms will show exhibits at the Leipzig Fair, which is to open shortly.

Para (Brazil) rice crop amounts to 1,293 tons, of which a part will be available for export.

M Poincare has been unanimously elected President of the Council General of the Mense.

Prospects for the Czech-Slovak hop harvest, which begins in the beginning of this month, are good.

The Brazil Government has allotted a large zone of territory to Italian and German immigrants.

Simpler marriage laws, to combat illegitimacy, are advocated by the Roman Catholic community of Trinidad.

This season the area under crop in Australia is 11½ million acres, an increase of 3½ million acres over last year.

German independents and French socialists may now join the Moscow Third International in an advisory capacity.

In the Kattegat the mine-sweeper flotilla has accomplished its work, the waters having now been cleared of mines.

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CORE KILTIES AT MANDEVILLE.

On Friday evening, the Core Kilties Band paid a visit to Mandeville and put on a very good concert. Perhaps the most enjoyable part of their programme was their march through the township giving stirring music and combined with the moonlight and the hills, and the softening shadows of the trees—it was an inspiring sight and sound, and brought the tears of memory to many an old Highlandman's eyes.

Mr M. Roche, vice-president of the band, did much towards making the evening a success. Although not a Scotchman, at such times he would like to be one. Items were contributed by Misses McCorkindale, Savage, and Ashley (step dance), and Messrs J. Thomson, A. Cochrane and J. Woods. Each half of the programme was opened and closed by band selections. Drum-Major Begbie, at the close of the concert, thanked the audience for the good reception given them, and promised to come back at any time to assist any Mandeville project. The dance that followed was most enjoyable. Music was supplied by Miss Savage (piano) with extras by various pipers, Mr Sid Horrell officiating as M.C.

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