## JUST ABOUT A BOY.

A Brooklyn Lad's Predicament and What a Lie He Told Cost Him

The boys in the lower party Van Buren street, Brooklyn, just off Tompkins park, have been building bonfires. Frame houses line the street on both sides, and the residents have complained to the police of the danger to them from fire. One of the boys had had strict orders from his father never to share in the building of these fires, and, being an obedient boy, he never collected the material for the fire or contributed the matches. His father had not forbidden him, howeyer, to furnish some raw potatoes for a feast by baking them in the em-

It was this consciousness of innocence that made the boy stand when a policeman hove in sight around the corner the other day. All the other lads skedaddled. The policeman came up with a stride. "Did you build this fire?"

"No, sir," said the lad without the least show of fear. The policeman began to respect him, but it would not do to relax his severity.

"Whatchegotinyerhan?" he said sternly, and running his words all together to impress the boy.

The boy began to see that the presence of the potato was prima facie evidence in the policeman' eyes of guilt, but he was still conhuman belief. scious of innocence, and he replied frankly:

"Just a potato."

"Whatyergointodowithit?"

The full gravity of the situation now dawned upon the boy's mind, and under the sternness of the policeman he saw that something had to be done. Visions of the jail that every boy dreads had begun to float before his eyes, and he made an effort to resort to desperate means.

"Oh, I'm going to eat it." you out raw potatoes?" said

a junction laxing a little and at running his words together in a His manner gave

tone, and he replied with secretly amused the from a long way off. As you lo n cu.u..... ... 'of which the lad

"On, yes, I eat 'em. You see, I like 'em.'

"Where do you live?" asked the cop, turning his head to hide a smile. The boy told him, and boy and cop went over to a basement door. To the servant who answered the ring the policeman said:

"Does this boy live here?"

"Yes, sir." 

charge you on your honor, tell me center are the mouth and som truly, does this boy eat raw potatoes? The policeman was nearly burst-

ing with laughter, and the servant stood there in blank astonishment. The boy was wildly desperate. He in paper. was surely booked for jail, all because he had been honest enough not to run when the policeman came.-The only one who could save him was that servant. He must give her a tip, and quick as a flash he spoke fore the girl could ask the police- least. When he has sucked all the land. In time the animals become second story. One simulates a half

#### THE GREEDY STARFISH. SKINS OF FOLES AND OTTERS. A Wonderful Feeder With an Appetite Most Valuable of the Furs Found In the Mostly Recruited From the Sea-Must Be For Oysters In the Shell.

attached.'

moment of distress.

Pacific Coast Region

The gray bearded captain of a The most precious of all Pacifio dredgeboat sat sunning himself on coast furs is the sea otter. There brigade, seated in his street shelter the quarter rail of his craft, and he was a time when this animal was and scowling at the curious public was telling a visitor sime facts very plentiful off the California about that pest of the oyster plantcoast. The Russians are largely reer's life, the starfish. "It's queer, sponsible for their destruction at mighty queer," said he, "to see how little the average well educated man knows about the creatures one gets to know so well in my line of business. Take starfish, for example. Some sea otters are still captured off Here, this very morning, a thin faced chap, who wore spectacles and acted for all the world like a school- off the California coast sea otter jollity for which seamen have almaster, picked up one of the dead hunting, but Alaskan waters are the ways been celebrated. The brigade stars on the pier there and asked me chief source of supply of this class of which they are members has been

are always found afloat, and the the origin of the fire brigade move-

and told him my men were so hur. pelt. ried when they hoed and weeded A first class sea otter skin in the they could to prevent the conflagra-them out from the oyster plants raw is worth \$500 to the hunter. tion spreading. Their only equipthat they generally broke the stems. The best sea otter pelts taken off ment consisted of a few ladders and "Yes, sir, the star is a beautiful the California coast will yield \$250 hand squirts about equal to those and a wonderfully made animal. each to the hunter. There may be used by our gardeners, and they When you pick it out of the dredge elements, however, in the pelt which could not venture too near the fire and hold it up, it seems utterly help-less. Yet no creature in the sea is kan pelt to \$20, and that of the Cali- on their uniforms. In spite of the more tenacious of life, more cun- fornia coast to \$5. The coast of terrible fires that from time to time ning or more destructive of the life Japan has been a good hunting arose in London, no serious effort around it. Its greed is almost past ground for sea otter, and during the seems to have been made to render "Very few fishes, so far as can be have sailed from San Francisco and the end of last century, when a learned, prey upon them, the storms seldom tear them from their deep hiding places, and they multiply skins are marketed in Russia, where the question was again brought forwith astonishing rapidity. If some the fur is in demand.

irate crab or lobster bites off one of the fox among the fur bearing ani gade under James Braidwood. a clev. the star's rays, a new growth speedily replaces the old one. Its digest- mals of the Pacific coast. Six kinds er and fearless Sootsman. are hunted for their pelts, which ive system is so powerful that beside it the cast iron organs of the os

trich seem as the stomach of a weak the raw. dyspeptic. Oyster shells, the most fatal and indestructible more

> best "red" not being worth to the being absolutely necessary for trappers more than \$2.25 per skin brigade service. Before being If we except the natural black fox, lowed to assist at an out with the highest priced fox pelts are the fire the recruit has to pass through "silver" and the "blue." A trapper a regular course of instruction and gets for a perfect silver fox pelt as drill and is taught how to overcome he strips it from the carcass about or avoid the difficulties and dangers \$90 and for the best blue fox p it that present themselves at every

An effort is being made on the tude of duties, and in all these Aleutian islands to farm the ! fox. Some of the small island to being a find on the staff of any a the group suitable for the purphess tion. The daily drill is very try to of farming have been leased by and soon tells tales on any recruit some of the old terms hard shelled victim, stretches itself some of the old trappers of the Hul- who does not start with a first rate back, having wrapped up the food son Bay and Alaska Commercial constitution. The rescue drill is the

as a storekeeper wraps up a bundle companies for a nominal rent, and most interesting and probably the these have been stocked with foxes. most exacting and taxes the nerves "Then the star crawls away to The animals are stockaded and re u- and the muscles of the men to the some secluded spot and lets the larly fed by the farmer, who is use utmost. A building is supposed to

# LONDON FIREMEN.

A member of the Metropolitan fire who peep in at him or hurrying from one station to another, with his ax and helmet slung over his shoulder, is not seen to advantage. the time they founded a settlement He looks surly, and that is precisely at Fort Ross, at the mouth of the the feeling that is most seldom dis-Russian river, in Sonoma county. played by firemen. They are an interesting body of men. Most of the California coast, and there are a them have been sailors, and, as a few small vessels specially engaged rule, they retain the free and easy if I had 'any with the root and stalk of fur bearing animals. Sea otters in existence for only 30 years, but

"I suppose I looked stupid for a hunter can capture them in no other ment takes us back to very ancient minute or two, because he informed way than by shooting. The deeper history indeed. There were brime next that those were the blos- and colder the water they are found gades before the great fire of 1666, soms of a very beautiful sea plant. in the better the fur and the higher when each parish employed a few I was mad at his dumb ignorance the price the hunter secures for the men whose duty it was to attend outbreaks of fire and do whatever

> past 25 years several small craft the fire brigade more efficient until San Diego to Japan, outfitted for ot- brigade was formed by the insur-By ter hunting. Almost all sea otter ance companies. Thirty years later

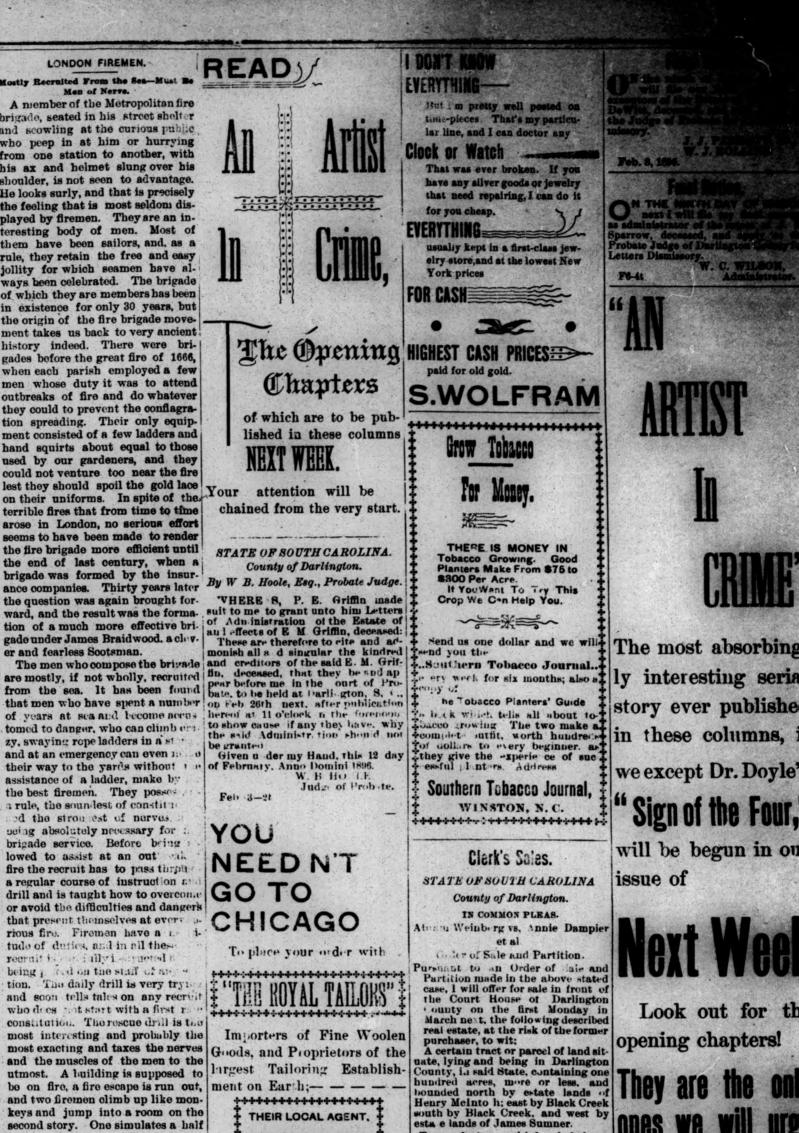
ward, and the result was the forma. suit to me to grant unto him Letters tion of a much more effective bri. of Adu inistration of the Estate of aul effects of E M. Griffin, deceased: Next in value to the sea otter is tion of a much more effective bri-

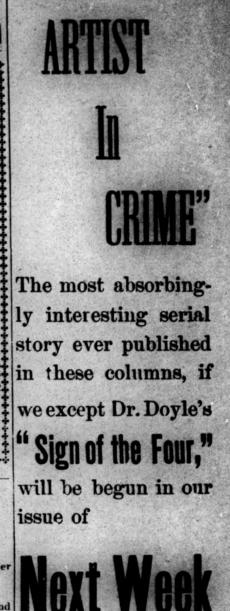
range from 20 cents to \$90 each in are mostly, if not wholly, recruited

These are the silver, cross, red, that men who have spent a number blue, gray and white. Something of years at sea and become accos very rare among foxes is a black tomed to danger, who can climb era coated animal, and the fur of such zy, swaying rope ladders in a st a fox commands a fancy price, often and at an emergency can even me running as high as \$150. To supply their way to the yards without 1 the demand for black fox furs fur- assistance of a ladder, make by riers prepare an imitation by dyeing the best firemen. They posses the fur of the red fox, which is the a rule, the soundest of constitucheapest pelt of t. o fox family. se ed the strou est of nerves.

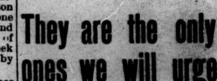
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whole thing digest. The shells and ually a "squaw" man-that is, one be on fire, a fire escape is run out, ment on Earth ;- other irritating substances do not living with a native woman, who is and two firemen climb up like monseem to inconvenience him in the settled with his family on the is- keys and jump into a room on the

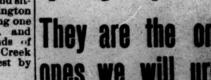




opening chapters!



Look out for the



which can assail the insides of a y land animal, do not cause the star a "It seems to scent food or pr down on a shoal oyster bed you can see a big star from a point 100 feet away change his course and ga straight to where a fat oyster lies Their gliding movements a stealthy, but swift. Once they f upon the bivalve its days-yes, its minutes-are numbered. You se the underside of this fellow-the

bright, yellow side, I mean. The back, as you notice, is purple, com about \$22. ered with blunt spines. Well, the long narrow slits raliating from combined. The star simply of itself-lays bare its eter al ac my, so to speak-and, infolding the

man what he meant: "Oh, yes, you know I eat 'em,

don't you? Why, you can both see for yourselves. I like 'em. I eat 'em, skins and all."

Then the boy smashed his teeth into the potato, and that Brooklyn cop was mean enough to stand there and make the boy eat half of it. The cop could endure it no longer, and with a laugh said:

"See here, youngster. if I catch you eating any more of them things I'll send you up sure." And then he rolled off.

The worst of the experience to that boy was not his fright nor the lecture his father gave him to the effect that it would have been better to tell the truth all the way through, even after he became scared, nor the inconvenience the raw potato caused him, but the fact that since then when he turns up his nose at some dish at the table his parent says:

"Well. I guess that any boy who likes raw potatoes can eat that dish contents had been once removed. or go without."

All of which illustrates the truth of the fact that sometimes, especially for boys, it does not pay to tell a lie.-New York Sun.

## And It Came to Pass.

## ... 'i street this morn-.n attract. In h attention on achung around his Just how it is to be made no one is ".... was printed: bicycle."

y who wheeled by unequee a coin in his hat, as his but without avail. It is hardly pos-

helplessness was calculated to touch sible to make a bottle that might a heart of stone. Adam Oldtimer of 2375864 Jones

avenue was arrested this forenoon for walking on the street. He was fined \$10. He is the second man this week who has thus wantonly endangered the lives of honest citizens moving about on their bicycles.

New York Ledger.

A River of Death.

small degree for the pestilences

which formerly desolated the penin-

The meeting of the Pn ..... tic Fox Hunting club yesterday was a marked success. Mr. Mercury Golightly received a few scratches in a Ganges carried to the sea every year fall when taking a ten rail fence or his hunting cycle, one of the spira. jumping springs breaking, but oth erwise there were no accidents. A trial was given to the new Canine's Delight dog wheel for the hounds. and it was pronounced satisfactory The intelligent animals took to 1 readily and worked the pedals fierce. ly. It is reported that a man in Connecticut is soon to bring out a sula. fox wheel, to which the beast will e fastened with a small strap, having two minutes' start of the hounds and riders .- (Hourly Gazette For 1945.)-New York Tribune.

Only two courses were served at the most elaborate Homeric feasts. | income by odd pence.

folds the package and disgorges the managed. Furriers are watching takes the role of rescuer. The forshells, sand and gravel. He is then the experiment with considerable mer of course remains quite still, ready for a fresh meal.

"The damage they do us is incal-A Horse That Law Too Mac. A Washington professional culable. Winkles, dril's, drumfish and poaching fisherme i all annoy has an intelligent hou a. The us, but they are nothing when com- tleman named is in the habit of pared with these five pointed ras- ing on occasional sprees, and w. cals. But with all that, still I ad- he does the horse knows at or mire them. Their untiring care of that his driver does not want to the baby stars until big enough to home and takes him to a country shift for themselves, their knowing house about seven miles from the ways in time of danger and their city.

quick hunting instincts all command The professional man, when about the respect even of an enemy. If to spend an evening among the is not nearly so great. An item of those college chaps would study the boys, sends word to his wife that he stars of the sea more-there are has been called out of town, and in is that of jumping from a window some 40 varieties—and the stars of this way has been able to keep the over 20 feet from the ground into a the sky less, they wouldn't get such fact that he drinks a secret from e... sheet held out by their comrades bethe sky less, they wouldn't get such fact that he drinks a secret from e". ery one except the companions with low.-London Sketch. stiff necks."-New York World. whom he goes on sprees. A Field For Inventors.

The offer has been made by distil! A few evenings ago the wife and a lady visitor started for a drive. ers and brewers of a reward for the The horse noticed that something discovery or invention of a bottle that could not be refilled after it. was wrong with the way the lin were grasped and started for the country place, supposing that the Brewers and distillers complain that owner was intoxicated again. No they suffer serious losses becaus amount of pulling or whipping could unauthorized persons buy up empty bottles, refill them, closely imitate be made to change his course, and the labels and style of putting up about dark he halted in front of the resort. "Here, Tom," called the and put these unwarranted producproprietor, "---'s drunk again" tions upon the market as genuine goods. A nonfillable bottle is there-Come, help me carry him in. And fore among the needed inventions. Dan, put up the horse." Now the lady is visiting 1. able to give the slightest idea. One mother in Virginia, and it will ta frtunate. This poor of the largest distilleries in the a strong pledge upon the husban country claims to have been looking part to induce her to return .- Wa for years for inst this sort of thing, ington Star.

## Common Usse. not be emptied and refilled by in-

genious persons. Even though it could be so arranged that it could in a story once told of the moderanot be filled at the neck ; piece tor of a Scotch presbytery. This man's opinion differed wide could readily be cut out, then cemented in again in such a way as ly on a certain question relating to more than at other times, but when practically to escape detection .church discipline from that of the

Before the English occupation of India it was estimated that the for his guidance.

1,000,000 dead bodies It was then considered by the Hindoos that the happiest death was one found in its may be right in this matter, for case with 'hem all .- Temple Bar. waves, and all pious Hindoos who thou knowest that we are very decould do so were carried to its banks and placed in its waters to die. The cided."-Youth's Companion. decaying carcasses along its banks

The English View. were probably responsible in no The lady with the high brow advanced with an air of timid confidence. "I'm soliciting funds," said she, "for the aid of the Patagonian

Germany is now the best educated missionaries." nation of the continent, yet only 100 "Now, what do you want to be years ago German teachers in many sending missionaries to Patagonia parts of the country were so poorly for?" asked the practical gentleman paid that they used to sing in front querulously. -"The whole country of houses in order to add to their isn't worth 2 cents an acre."-Indianapolis Journal.

nutriment from the ovster, he un- domesticated and are then easily suffocated person, while the other interest .- San Francisco Chronicle. while the latter raises him and car-

ries him down the ladder to the opening of the shoot. Here the rescuer places the supposed victim head downward in the net, and, throwing himself into the same position, pro ceeds to work his way to the ground, taking care that the asscent is not too rapid. There are of course other methods of rescue, and if the persons to be rescued retain their consciousness and calmness the danger

drill that tries the nerve of the men

### A Cat's Love of Home.

The difficulty of taking cats about makes this exclusive attachment often a source of mutual pain. A pet dog, being generally taken on the journeys of the family, is delighted at the sight of trunks and signs of departure, but the cat, who learns to know that she is to be left behind, grows melancholy and restless when she sees them. Mine give me so much frouble by their importunity when I am about to leave home that I have the packing done in an unoccupied room and keep the door shut. In this way I once kept Princess from knowing my plans until the carriage was at the door and the luggage was being put on. She was up a tree before the house v hen this happened, and, taking in The Scotchman's disposition to what was going on as she saw me regard his own judgment as the best come out in my bonnet, she rushed that can be found is well illustrated down to the ground with a nowl of anguish like a cry of physical distress. In my absence she bestowed TOBACCO her society on her master much TOBACCO tress. In my absence she bestowed

we were both away she remained associates with whom he was osten- alone, as she never associated with sibly consulting. At last he said the servants. She had her preferthat he would lay the matter before ences among them and would at the Lord in prayer and then wait long intervals ray a short visit to Contract Work of all Kinds one whom she liked in the servants' "O Lord," said the moderator fer. hall and the sewing room, but nevvently and with perfect sincerity of er staid more than a few minutes, purp se, "O Lord, grant that we and this has been more or less the

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The Awkwing man. Minnie-Have you ever danced JNHN SISKRON'S SHOPS

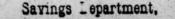
with Mr. Clummes? Mamie-Yes. He isn't very light on his feet, I must say. Minnie-He certainly was not very light on mine.-Indianapolis

Journal. She-I suppose if we women had clubs that kept us out half the night | hand at low prices. you men would rebel violently. He-Not a bit of it. We'd join

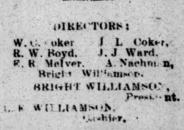
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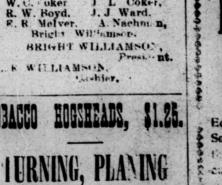


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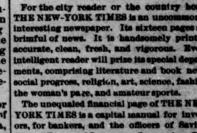
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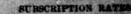
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