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# The Indian Helper.

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## "GET THERE."

The tallest tree with smoothest bark  
Is most difficult to climb,  
But if you scratch and dig and work  
"You'll get there every time."

When you have anything to say  
Don't play the pantomime,  
Rise up at once, and don't delay,  
"You'll get there every time."

If you would wealth or riches reap,  
Save every cent and dime,  
And all you get be sure to keep;  
"You'll get there every time."

If up the hill of knowledge bright,  
It is your wish to climb  
Just you keep at it day and night.  
"You'll get there every time."

—Adapted.

## ARE THE INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS THE FRIENDS OF BIRDS?

Read, and see if you think the same about  
the killing of birds as the kind lady who  
wrote the following:

MY DEAR MR. MAN-ON-THE-BAND-STAND:  
—I am very much interested in your charm-  
ing little paper, THE INDIAN HELPER, and  
look for its coming with pleasure each week.

I was particularly glad to see a remark of  
yours not long ago, on the subject of wearing  
feathers in hats.

Now it is on this very subject that I wish  
to speak to you.

I do not believe every one knows what a  
hard fight the poor little birds have, to live.

First there are the squirrels and wood-mice  
that destroy the eggs.

Then the rats that feast on the young birds,  
and the cruel hawks that make such havoc on  
the full-fledged songsters.

Does it not seem hard that, with all their  
difficulties, man too, must turn around and  
oppress the poor little fellows?

What boy in America has not at one time  
in his life made a collection of birds' eggs?

How many bird babies are taken from their

comfortable nests to be raised by hand, where  
in nine cases out of ten they die?

And then the boy with his shot-gun, or bow  
and arrows, pops off hedge-sparrows, robins,  
cat-birds, swallows, in fact anything.

He does not want them.

He cannot eat them.

He simply wishes to see what he can hit.

Men are the same way, when they go gun-  
ning they do not confine themselves to *game-*  
birds alone, but fire at anything that comes to  
hand.

And look at the girls and the women!

You rarely meet one without a bird-trimmed  
hat.

Think of the millions of birds killed every  
year for this cruel fashion! Have the birds  
no friends?

Will no one be bold enough to stop this  
cruel slaughter?

Some time ago some scientific gentlemen  
looked into this matter, and found that fifteen  
million birds were destroyed every year to  
trim the hats of girls and women.

This is terrible!

Think of the effect it must have on the  
fruit-trees, where caterpillars and other in-  
jurious insects are at work!

And so the great Audubon Society was  
founded, and I am going to ask every boy and  
girl in Carlisle to join it and help to put down  
this cruel barbarous custom.

You can help a great deal, all of you, sim-  
ply by signing the pledges and carrying your  
influence to others.

There are many of you who go away to  
farms in the summer.

Spread the movement and make the people  
believe that the Creator did not make these  
feathered beauties to be destroyed by the  
ruthless hand of man.

I send you a few of the pledges, and I have  
signed one myself to show you how it is done.

Why don't you get up an Audubon Society  
out there? You have debating clubs and all  
that. You might meet once a month or so  
and note the progress through the month.

Do not fail to send the pledges, when signed,

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The Red Man for April will contain President Cleveland's views on the language order; What the N. Y. Times has to say editorially upon the same; An interesting letter from the Crow Agency, Mont., physician, in regard to hospitals on reservations; Appeals from other agencies; The test of Time, in regard to "English in Indian Schools;" The Beautiful Indian Territory and the opening of same for settlement; Record of the Osage Students from Carlisle; Speech of Joshua Given, Kiowa, before our pupils; How Indians get their names; An evening with Japan, or what Mr. Kanzo Uchimura, a young Japanese, said to us in a speech; Bills on Indian matters before Congress; Discussion in Congress on the Mission Indians; Carlisle Indian boys on farms; Frances E. Williard's remarks to us; The visiting Apache chiefs; Description of Richard Davis' marriage, with letters from him and his employer; Editorial matter upon Indian topics of the day; What pupils write home; besides notes on the happenings at the school during the month.

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The Harness makers will be pleased to read the following from our dear friend Susan Longstreth, of Philadelphia, for whose sister they recently made a set of harness:

"How proud and happy Prince was when he first wore the new Carlisle harness. Last Seventh day he was sent to town for some things which had to be brought in the cart. Now that conveyance has always been his particular aversion. He felt his dignity lowered by being harnessed to it. When he came back with his load he looked so disgusted that sister quite pitied him and thought his

load must have been too heavy for him. But when he was arrayed afterwards in the new harness, he held up his head and looked so proud and so pleased that she thought he would have liked to go a mile or two on the Darby road to show his new harness to all the horses in the neighborhood. It was amusing to see the change in him. Sister is much pleased with it. It looks so substantial, good and strong."

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We are pleased to learn that Joshua Given has secured a position for the summer as salesman, in Wanamaker's store, Philadelphia. In a letter to an Indian young man with us he says, "If we Indians wish to be recognized as men we must act a man's part. Work for our own support. Show an ambition for a man's part.

Carlisle school has started you and me on the road to manhood and we should keep right on. I can never be too thankful for what the Carlisle school has done for me. I can only show my true appreciation for her kindness by clearing my own way. He is not a man who does not clear his own pathway after he is shown how to do it."

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John Chaves, who has been silent a long time, wrote this week from his home at Laguna, New Mexico. He started off his letter with, "I just came from Paraje, yesterday evening where I had been irrigating my orchard, the place I fenced last fall. I am farming this year, but last fall I worked on the rail-road." This sounds business-like, does it not? He thinks the Pueblos will raise good crops this year as they have had more rain than usual. John says the returned pupils of Carlisle are all well. John Davis is still at Grants, New Mexico, working for a merchant there.

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A letter from Bessie West, says she and Eliza Bell are cooking, at the Neuyarka Mission near her home among the Creeks in Indian Territory.

She has been there two years since she left Carlisle. They have good times going fishing and hunting wild onions, which she helps to cook for the others. Bessie sends her best regards to all her friends.

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The Carlisle Indian School, is published monthly an eight-page quarto of standard size, called **The Red Man**, the mechanical part of which is done entirely by Indian boys. This paper is valuable as a summary of information on Indian matters, and contains writings by Indian pupils, and local incidents of the school. Terms: Fifty cents a year, in advance. For 1, 2, and 3, subscribers for **The Red Man** we give the same premiums offered in Standing Offer for the HELPER. Address, THE RED MAN, CARLISLE, PA.



## "Never give up the ship."

Where is the P. I. society? Is it dead?

Dr. Rittenhouse gave us a grand talk Sunday afternoon.

Capt. Pratt and Mr. Standing went to Philadelphia for a day.

Richenda can make some very pretty little buildings with her new blocks.

Barber-shop at the Little Boys' Quarters, this week, and don't the boys look better?

After learning to do good work one must learn to work *fast*, or be content to keep a low place in his trade.

The Republic and Union Debating Societies will give a joint entertainment this evening. We expect a good time.

**If you want to keep posted on the Indian Question, send us 50 cents for a year's subscription for THE RED MAN.**

Miss Seabrook's help at indexing, and Mrs. Campbell's help at addressing papers came in timely and we are much obliged.

Chester Cornelius, Levi Levering, Samuel Townsend and Dennison Wheelock sang a pretty quartette, Sunday evening.

On Saturday it was too breezy to play a good game of ball, but the way the Dickinson boys played they must like an atmospheric stir.

Most of our teachers and several of the scholars attended the Boston Star concert in town, Wednesday night and enjoyed the treat.

The ball game, Saturday, between our Athletic Club and the Dickinson College nine terminated with a score of 48 to 12 in favor of Dickinson.

One hundred and sixty sets of Double Harness for Crow Agency were shipped Saturday. Forty more are to follow as soon as made.

When Lincoln was a young man too poor to have a decent suit of clothes to his back, he took a newspaper regularly, paid for it in advance, and got a vast amount of benefit out of it.

One of the prettiest sights the Man-on-the-band-stand sees now-a-days is the two little Apache babies, dressed in white, seated on a red blanket on the floor in the middle of the sitting-room. They spend hours there laughing and crowing together—the charm of the school.

If all who intend taking the HELPER another year would **Please Renew Promptly** after receiving notice that their time is out it would save us much time and labor, and prevent delays.

Frank Lock led last Sunday evening's service.

Mr. and Mrs. Standing and Jack, sail for England on the 2nd of May.

Miss Sparhawk's sister has come from their home near Boston, for a visit.

A new spring-wagon made at the wagon-shop is just completed for the farm.

Just as we go to press we hear that our great and good friend, Dr. C. R. Agnew, of New York, is dead.

In separating the INDIAN HELPER mail to go north, east, south, and west, Joe makes a pretty good postmaster.

Luther Kuhns is making a nice tool-chest for himself and will buy a kit of tools, before he goes home this summer.

Ball, back of the hospital; ball, back of the school-house; ball, in front of Girls' Quarters; ball, all around, has been the order of the hour after supper, this week.

The printers were badly beaten at base-ball once this week, but we are not the fellows to give up. No! We intend to "Get There" after a while, as is suggested by the poem on first page.

The last heard from Herman Young and party who left last week for their homes in Dakota, they had arrived safely at the Agency. All were feeling better.

Ten times around the gymnasium is a pretty good run, but the boys are improving all the time with the exercise they daily receive. Some who looked pale and thin a few weeks ago are now looking strong and well.

Perry H. Laravie, a Ponca from near the Santee Agency, Nebraska, came to us this week, on the recommendation of Agent Hill. Perry began his school life in 1882, at the Ponca Agency, Indian Territory, while Mr. Standing was in charge of the school there.

Quite a party of the school officials visited the Letort Creamery, Saturday morning. Cream? The thickest we ever saw! And butter? The sweetest we ever tasted! The process of separating the cream from the milk, and turning it into butter is very interesting, the sight of which would well repay any one a visit.



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back to me, as I must forward them to New York to be registered, before I can send you your certificates of membership.

Won't you tell your boys and girls this, Mr. Man-on-the-band-stand?

I am sure the birds will thank you, and reward you by giving renewed attention to your crops this year.

Read Longfellow's "Birds of Killingsworth."

Very sincerely,

ETHILDRED B. BARRY.

Cottage Lane,  
Germantown, Pa.

#### The Pledges.

No. 1.—I pledge myself to refrain from killing, wounding or capturing any wild bird not used for food as long as I remain a member of the Audubon Society; and I promise to use my legitimate influence to discourage the killing, wounding or capturing of such wild birds by others.

No. 2.—I pledge myself not to rob, destroy, nor disturb or injure the nest or eggs of any wild bird, as long as I remain a member of the Audubon Society; and I promise to use my legitimate influence to discourage the commission of such injury by others.

No. 3.—I pledge myself not to make use of the feathers of any wild bird as ornaments of dress or household furniture as long as I remain a member of the Audubon Society; and to employ my legitimate influence to discourage the use of feathers for decorative purposes.

#### PICTURE COMPOSITIONS.

As a school exercise some of the classes in the Primary and Intermediate departments are required to draw pictures representing something they have read or studied about, and then to write stories about the same things.

These pictures and story compositions often cause the Man-on-the-band-stand to smile as he looks over the shoulders of the teachers in the evenings while they are correcting papers.

We print a few to show our little white readers how we sometimes stumble in our English. Maybe there would be more stumbling and more for the Man-on-the-band stand to smile at, however, in a little white boy's or girl's composition written in the Indian tongue.

No. 1.

#### Story of Henry Hudson.

Pen and ink picture represents a Dutchman sitting in a large arm-chair under a tree; smoking a pipe:

"We all know about Henry Hudson who discovered at the beautiful Hudson river which his name was after him, but those who have studied about the History knows him, perhaps. He is one of the Englishmen who have been employing the Government at Holland which he came over to our country to make a home he stayed quiet a while and then he took a little boat called Half Moon and sailed down on the Hudson River until

he reached the beautiful Harbor of New York."

No. 2.

#### About the Rabbit.

"I think the rabbit are so pretty to look at them they are nice little ones I like rabbits very much. The rabbits have long ears just like some dogs have and they could jump as much as they want to. The little boys like to catch the rabbits to play with them. I wonder if the Man-on-the-band-stand likes the rabbits or not if he was an Indian boy. I guess he will like little rabbits as the Indian boys do now."

No. 3.

#### The South America.

"The South America is drawing map. It is most useful domestic animal of South America, and the forest of South America contain many valuables all kinds of trees and large plantations are to raising oranges, pineapples, bananas, coffee, rice, are raised in South America. Oh, I like pineapples it is very nice. Once in the teachers' club they had it on the table that's the first times I ever see in my life I never did see any pineapple before monkeys come from the South America too."

No. 4.

#### The Little Pig.

"The little pig have short legs you see he got big mouth. I think the little pig is funny. The little pigs have short body and fat. The pig a good for to eat. The pig is cost money. If any man have good many pigs some he kill for to sell it for money. The little pig eat too much just the reason he got big fat. The pig have big head and little eye. The little pig never keep his house good every time. The little pig I can think about some more but not now."

#### Enigma.

I am made of 18 letter.

My 12, 10, 3, is used to wash clothes in.

My 7, 6, 13, is over our heads all the time.

My 8, 16, 13, is what cross babies do.

My 14, 15, 11, 7, is what Indians like to use on warm days.

My 17, 15, 12, is used to wipe muddy shoes on.

My 5, 1, 4, 2, 12, is what the little Apache girls are learning to do in school.

My 18, 9, 1, 12, is what the little swallows find in chimneys.

My whole is where our Indian boys like to live.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S SQUARE  
WORD:—1. flag; 2. lame; 3. amen; 4. gent.

STANDING OFFER.—For FIVE new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 13 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  inches, worth 20 cents when sold by itself. Name and tribe of each boy given.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please enclose a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For TEN, Two PHOTOGRAPHS, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in wild dress, and another of the same pupils three years after; or, for the same number of names we give two photographs showing still more marked contrast between a Navajoe as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents apiece.

Persons wishing the above premiums will please enclose a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For FIFTEEN, we offer a GROUP OF THE WHOLE school on 9x14 inch card. Faces show distinctly, worth sixty cents.

Persons wishing the above premium will please send 5 cents to pay postage.