

THE PANACEA OF NATURE.

The nearer our children live to good Mother Earth the better; and the picture here produced of Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra of Kent enjoying life in a cornfield is emblematic of our claim.

Neither of them is too young to sample the panacea of Nature and to benefit from what springs from it, or to be taught to recognise the golden sheen of corn or the silver shimmer of barley.

To learn one's letters in youth is good but cold comfort, but to sing of buttercups and daisies, to realise the scent of blossoms and violets, to help to toss haycocks and build corn stooks and to straddle on the back of "Dobbin" bedizened with nose-gays, as he draws home the last load of the harvest, is entrancement indeed, and is knowledge which makes men.

Let our little Royalties enjoy the delights of Nature to fit them to sympathise to the full with their fellow-creatures.

FRESH AIR FOR SICK CHILDREN.

We are glad to note that Sir Henry Gauvain is a warm supporter of placing children's hospitals in the country or at the seaside, and states after 30 years' experience that there are few difficulties in regard to the honorary medical staff, as any county hospital of repute should always have a resident medical officer available, and as far as urgent blood transfusions are concerned there are always voluntary blood donors in the country.

Sir Henry based his opinion on personal experience, referring to the time when, after a major operation, he returned to the country and spent every day on a balcony amid beautiful and health-giving surroundings.

The relief, comfort and acceleration of recovery greatly impressed him as a patient, and more than confirmed his views of the benefit of fresh air in sickness.

If you want to grow beautiful roses you must first grow them in your heart.—Dean Hole.

CARE OF PET ANIMALS.

The R.S.P.C.A., Our Dumb Friends' League and the National Canine Defence League are co-operating with the National Veterinary Medical Association and the P.D.S.A. on the question of dealing with animal pets. Transport, personnel and equipment have been pooled, and the Societies are collaborating under the A.R.P. Department of the Home Office.

The following general recommendations have been made for dealing with their household animals:—

1. Send or take them into the country in advance of an emergency.
2. Provide dogs with muzzles and leads, and cats with baskets, if travelling by public conveyance.

3. If you decide to keep your animal with you, find out at once the nearest veterinary surgeon or local centre of an Animal Welfare Society in case their help is needed.

4. Animals will not be permitted to enter public shelters. If you have a suitable private shelter you can take them with you, but muzzle your dog and put your cat in a basket, for frenzied animals are dangerous and difficult to handle.

5. If you and your family have to leave your home at short notice, and cannot take your animals with you, in no circumstances leave them in the house or turn them into the streets. Your animals cannot accompany you under the Government Evacuation Scheme. It is needless to destroy your animals if you can find neighbours to take care of them, but if their painless destruction is necessary take them to the nearest veterinary

surgeon or local centre of an Animal Welfare Society. With the exception of "destruction," all this advice is good. We hope the combined societies who care for animals will forthwith arrange a system for their care and protection. Rich landholders have ample space, and why could not "landgirls" undertake this national duty? They will be looking after the animals destined to feed the community. Surely the least we can do is to care for the species whose love we value and which are not destined for the pot.



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