

## HOW NORBERTO TOOK CARE OF THE FLAGS

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*Norberto was proud of the flags.*

NORBERTO was a pupil in a barrio school. In the school which he attended there was a boy scout troop of which Norberto was a member.

The school had an American flag and a Filipino flag. Every morning at sunrise some member of the boy scout troop raised the flags, and every night the same scout took them down. Each of the scouts took care of the flags in turn. Norberto was happy to have his turn. He loved the flags; he was proud of them.

When it was his turn, he got up early in order to hoist the flags at sunrise. He raised them briskly. Sometimes the morning breeze would catch them and they would wave in the morning air and sunshine.

In the afternoon Norberto was very careful to take them down properly. He

never let the flags trail on the ground. He never let them get dirty. He never let the mud or any water get on them. He folded them carefully. He loved the flags and was loyal to them.

One afternoon Norberto's father asked him to go with him to town to see a movie. "I think a *Tarzan* picture is showing this afternoon, Norberto, and I am sure you would like to see it."

Norberto was very happy and jumped for joy. "O father," he said, "may I?"

"Yes, if you will come quickly," said his father.

Norberto was soon ready to go.

Then—he thought of the flags. It was his turn to take care of the flags. The sun would soon be going down.

"O father," he said, "I cannot go. I must lower the flags at sundown."

"Cannot some of the other scouts do it?" asked his father.

"All of the other boys are gone," answered Norberto. "I was left to take care of the flags. No, I cannot go. Each member of our scout troop has to do a good turn every day. It would not be a good turn to leave the flags out all night."

"Good for you, Norberto," said his father. "I wanted you to go with me, but you are doing a better thing. I am proud of you, for you can be trusted. Taking care of the flags is rendering a service to your country."

So Norberto's father and mother went to see the *Tarzan* movie, which Norberto wanted very much to see, and Norberto staid at home in order to do his duty.

When the boy went to lower the flags

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that evening, he stood under them and looked up at their bright colors. They had never looked more beautiful. He took them down, and put them carefully into the box.

When Norberto's father came home the next day, he brought two new flags, an American flag and a Filipino flag. He gave them to Norberto.

"You may present these to your school, my son," said his father.

Norberto was very proud of the new flags, and he and the other boy scouts took good care of them.

"By taking good care of the school flags and hoisting and lowering them properly," said Norberto to the other scouts, "we are rendering a service to our country. My father said so."

I think what Norberto's father said is true. Don't you?

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO

1. If you were to raise the flags at sunrise?
2. If you were to lower the flags at sunset?
3. If you saw the flags had been forgotten on the flag-poles at night?
4. If you saw the flags up during a rain?

## BOOKMAKING

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were copies of Greek and Latin classics, as well as Bibles and other church books written in Latin. On page 424 is shown a picture of one of these old "illuminated" books.

In the 11th century, paper made from linen rags began to find its way into Europe from the Orient. The use of such paper increased rapidly after the invention of printing, for it was cheap and could be used easily on the printing presses.

Before the invention of printing from movable types, small religious books were sometimes printed from solid blocks of wood. These blocks of wood were the size of the page, and consisted mostly of pictures, with perhaps a small amount of lettering engraved at the bottom.

The method of printing from movable types is called *typograph*. The first book printed from movable type is supposed to have been a Bible which appeared about 1453.

Early in the 16th century the books became smaller in size, thinner paper was used for the pages, and the wooden boards of the cover were replaced by pasteboard. Artist-printers de-

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We shall have a program on Thanksgiving Day.

We will all be thankful.

We all want to be good citizens.

We are going to do our very best each day.

We are always glad to have visitors.

Welcome, everyone!

After the pupils had read the first "issue" of *The San Carlos News*, Miss Mercader said, "I think that is a splendid beginning, boys and girls. We shall have our 'newspaper' each Tuesday and Friday morning."

That is the way *The San Carlos News* was started in the San Carlos Barrio School.

Every boy and girl in that room thinks it is a very good "newspaper."

Perhaps you can have a "newspaper" in your room if you will ask your teacher.

signed beautiful types and printed exquisite books, with elaborate coverings of vellum, silk, velvet, or other beautiful materials, such as ivory and precious stones.

The most famous artists of the day made the illustrations, using not only woodcuts, but copper engravings. The titles of those

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