

**Answers to the Test on
"OUR MOST FAITHFUL FISH FRIEND"**

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| 6. T | 12. T |
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THE LITTLE WHITE MAIDEN . . .

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the music of sighs than of laughter.

"Come," said the Little White Maiden to one little star. But the star just winked at her and shook her silver head.

"I have watch to keep," she said at length, "and duty can be more delightful than laughter when one has known it all her life."

All the others whom they approached merely winked and twinkled at them but would not leave their post. So the Little White Maiden, lonely and bewildered, sailed along with the Wind.

"And I told her," (the Wind said,) "about a world beneath the stars. A little world where the colors of the rainbow could be found in the flowers, where sweetness is so free, and laughter so wholesome. I told her of a little garden where children played all day and plucked flowers by a little lake. I told her of the music of their laughter when they were delighted and the wisdom of their words when they were kind. And I told her of the sweetness of their breath when they are asleep and the tinkle of their laughter when they dream of beautiful things. 'Look everywhere you wish,' I said to the Moon Maiden, 'but nowhere can you find sweeter music than the sound of children's laughter when they are happy.'"

The Little White Maiden clapped her hands in glee and asked to be taken down to this little garden. So they sailed down, down, down, till they came to this little garden with the clear bit of lake. She lingered by the beautiful flowers

BOOKS TO READ . . .

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quite funny. Did you ever think that 'foxes' might wear 'sockses'? Many of the poems in the book, **WHEN WE WERE VERY YOUNG** are about the things that little boys and girls love to do and about the things that little girls and boys dream of. All of the poems were written for a real little boy who lives in London, England. His name is Christopher Robin. Some other time I shall tell you a secret about Christopher Robin.

I do wish some of you boys and girls would write to me about the kinds of books you would like to read. Look in the first number of **THE YOUNG CITIZEN** and turn to the page where it tells you just what I would like to know. I am waiting to hear from you.

Lovingly,

MOTHER GOOSE.

while they slept, kissed their delicate petals, caressed their tender stalks, and sank to rest in a little throne of green which lay by the lake. Suddenly, there was the sweet tinkle of a baby's laughter, coming clear and beautiful in the perfumed air. The Little White Maiden clasped her hands in ecstasy, her face beautiful beyond words.

She is there now. Would you like to see her? But you must be good and think only of beautiful things so that the sound of your laughter would be unutterably sweet when she pauses to listen for it. Here, by this tiny pool, look closer, for she is there, the Little White Maiden. Do you see her? Yes, in the daytime she is a little Sampaguita, sleeping in a bed of sweetness. But in the night, she wakes up from her rest and leaves her fragrant bower. She flits about the cradles within the silent houses, waiting for the thread of melody which tinkles from the land of dreams and trickle out of the sweet, soft lips of slumbering children.

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