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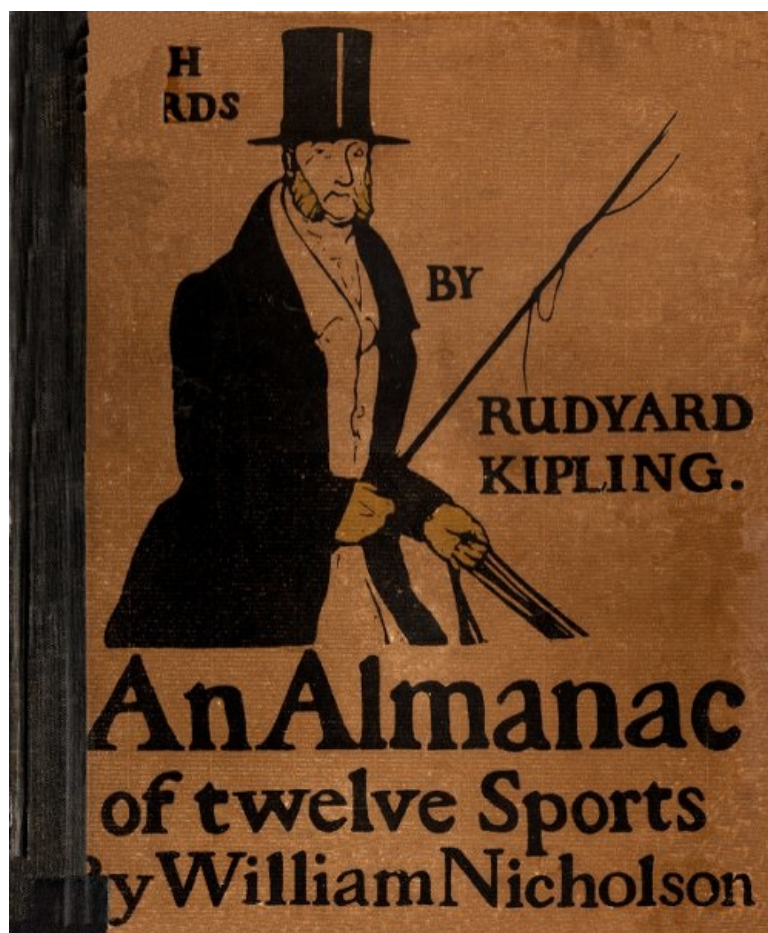
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1898.**January.**

Sunday 2 9 16 23 30
Monday 3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday 4 11 18 25 —
Wednesday 5 12 19 26 —
Thursday 6 13 20 27 —
Friday 7 14 21 28 —
Saturday 1 8 15 22 29 —

February.

Sunday 6 13 20 27
Monday 7 14 21 28
Tuesday 1 8 15 22 —
Wednesday 2 9 16 23 —
Thursday 3 10 17 24 —
Friday 4 11 18 25 —
Saturday 5 12 19 26 —

March.

Sunday 6 13 20 27
Monday 7 14 21 28
Tuesday 1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday 2 9 16 23 30
Thursday 3 10 17 24 31
Friday 4 11 18 25 —
Saturday 5 12 19 26 —

April.

Sunday 3 10 17 24
Monday 4 11 18 25
Tuesday 5 12 19 26
Wednesday 6 13 20 27
Thursday 7 14 21 28
Friday 1 8 15 22 29
Saturday 2 9 16 23 30

May.

Sunday 1 8 15 22 29
Monday 2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday 3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday 4 11 18 25 —
Thursday 5 12 19 26 —
Friday 6 13 20 27 —
Saturday 7 14 21 28 —

June.

Sunday 5 12 19 26
Monday 6 13 20 27
Tuesday 7 14 21 28
Wednesday 1 8 15 22 29
Thursday 2 9 16 23 30
Friday 3 10 17 24 —
Saturday 4 11 18 25 —

Here is a horse to tame—
 Here is a gun to handle—
 God knows you can enter the
 game
 If you'll only pay for the same,
 And the price of the game is a
 candle—
 One single flickering candle!

1898.**July.**

Sunday 3 10 17 24 31
Monday 4 11 18 25 —
Tuesday 5 12 19 26 —
Wednesday 6 13 20 27 —
Thursday 7 14 21 28 —

August.

Sunday 7 14 21 28
Monday 1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday 2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday 3 10 17 24 31
Thursday 4 11 18 25 —

Friday 1 8 15 22 29 —
Saturday 2 9 16 23 30 —

Friday 5 12 19 26 —
Saturday 6 13 20 27 —

September.

Sunday 4 11 18 25
Monday 5 12 19 26
Tuesday 6 13 20 27
Wednesday 7 14 21 28
Thursday 1 8 15 22 29
Friday 2 9 16 23 30
Saturday 3 10 17 23 —

October.

Sunday 2 9 16 23 30
Monday 3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday 4 11 18 25 —
Wednesday 5 12 19 26 —
Thursday 6 13 20 27 —
Friday 7 14 21 28 —
Saturday 1 8 15 22 29 —

November.

Sunday 6 13 20 27
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Friday 4 11 18 25 —
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December.

Sunday 4 11 18 25
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Hunting.

Certes it is a noble sport
And men have quitted selle and
swum for't,
But I am of a meeker sort
And I prefer Surtees in comfort.

Reach down my "Handley Cross"
again.
My run, where never danger
lurks, is
With Jorrocks and his deathless
train
Pigg, Binjimin and Arterxerxes!



January.

Coursing.

Most men harry the world for fun
—
Each man seeks it a different way
But "of all daft devils under the
sun
A grey'ound's the daftest" said
Jorrocks J.



February.

Racing.

The horse is ridden—the jockey
rides—
The backers back—the owners
own
But ... there are lots of things
besides,
And I should leave this play
alone.



March.

Boating.

The Pope of Rome he could
not win
From pleasant meat and
pleasant sin
These who, in honour's hope,
endure
Lean days and lives enforced
pure.
These who, replying not,
submit
Unto the curses of the Pit
Which he that rides (O
greater shame!)
Flings forth by number not
by name...
Could Triple Crown or
Jesuit's oath
Do what yon shuffle-stocking
doth?



April.

Fishing.

Behold a parable! *A* fished for *B*.
C took her bait; her heart was set
on *D*.

Thank Heaven, who cooled your
blood and cramped your
wishes,

Men and not Gods torment you,
little fishes.



May.

Cricket.

Thank God who made the
British Isles
And taught me how to play,
I do not worship crocodiles
Or bow the knee to clay!

Give me a willow wand and I,
With hide and cork and twine,
From century to century
Will gambol round my Shrine.



June.

Archery.

The child of the Nineties considers
with laughter
The maid whom his Sire in the sixties
ran after,
While careering himself in pursuit of a
girl whom
The Twenties will dub a "last century
heir-loom."



July.

Coaching.

The Pious Horse to church
may trot.
A maid may work a man's
salvation.
Four horses and a girl are
not,
However, aids to
reformation.



August.

Shooting.

"Peace upon Earth, Goodwill
to men!"
So greet we Christmas Day.
Oh Christian load your gun
and then,
O Christian, out and slay!



September.

Golf.

Why Golf is Art and Art is
Golf
we have not far to seek—
So much depends upon
the lie,
so much upon the cleek.



October.

Boxing.

Read here the Moral roundly writ
For him that into battle goes—
Each soul that, hitting hard and
hit,
Encounters gross or ghostly foes:

—
Prince, blown by many
overthrows
Half blind with shame, half
choked with dirt
*Man cannot tell but Allah knows
How much the other side was
hurt!*



November.

Skating.

Over the ice she flies
Perfect and poised and
fair—
Stars in my true-love's
eyes
Teach me to do and to
dare!

Now will I fly as she flies

...

Woe for the stars that
mised!
Stars that I saw in her
eyes
Now do I see in my head!



December.

Now we must come away.
What are you out of pocket?
'Sorry to spoil your play,
But Somebody says we must
pay—
And the candle's down to the
socket—
Its horrible tallowy socket!

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