

Opal's Pets in Fairyland

35 New Pets & 3 Trees

Opal mentions thirty-seven pets in the Fairyland Around Us. She also gives names to three trees, two of which are in her published childhood diary (ages six & seven). Several names also appear in her ten year old diary and in Fairyland Around Us.

Many of these animal friends are just mentioned in passing. Several of the pets may be in her early diary. She gives a few of them longer stories, but Fairyland was intended to be a book of science and nature, not an autobiography like her childhood diary.

Opal uses three books to find names for her pets. One book is the Bible. Another is a book called simply, Ancient History. She also uses Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars (you cannot make that up!) It also adds to the authenticity of her diary, as a young woman is not likely to fake using Caesar's Gallic Wars. You can read more about her pets' names in the research notes of the Fairyland Diaries.

All Page Numbers in Original Book - Online from Boston Library

https://archive.org/stream/fairylandaroundu00whit_0#page/n9/mode/2up

PETS IN BOTH HER 10 YEAR OLD DIARY & FAIRYLAND AROUND US

Josephus Jacobus Benjamin Solomon Rehoboam - a mouse p. 161 August 23
Cicero - a chipmunk in 10 year old diary & chipmunk on p. 263 & a squirrel p. 187
Aristotle - a toad - p. 93 July 21st - p. 105 Aug 21 - p. 263 Cathedral
Marie Antoinette - a chicken p. 263 - Cathedral

TREES

Raphael P 200 January 9th - cedar tree - perhaps same tree in childhood diary
Charlemagne P 196 Sept - oak tree she has talked to since a little girl in childhood diary
Theocritus 9 year old diary - because, "Who perseveres, succeeds at last."

BIRDS

Hadrian - Swift - p 105 Aug 21st - eaten - 6.5 inches - "almost as big as Salome"
David and Jonathan, two pet Doves p 47 - May 9th
Hermes - Roadrunner - p102 Aug 20

DOGS:

Isaiah March P 44 - (also in childhood diary)

Shep May P 57

Rover Dec 23 P 199 - (also may be in childhood diary in taunt by chore boy)

SKUNK(s)

P 33 - Twilight - Julius Caesar Napoleon

Photo of JCN https://archive.org/stream/fairylandaroundu00whit_0#page/170

P 57 Along the road - Solomon Rheoboam (the pet skunk)

(a mouse is also named Josephus Jacobus Benjamin Solomon Rehoboam)

MICE

P. 156 Nakomis, the little field mouse

P. 161 Josephus Jacobus Benjamin Solomon Rheoboam p161 August 23 a fat meadow mouse (not nearly so big as his name) - she brings him in the house, like the raccoon!

P 187 Fleet-foot - pet White-footed Mouse

CHIPMUNKS

Pandora P 195 Sept. 28th - P 200 January 8th - p 263 Cathedral

Cicero - in 10 year old diary - both squirrel on p 187 and a chipmunk FAU p 263

P 187 July 29th - Cathedral p 263 -

SQUIRRELS

January 8 P 201 - Romeo and Juliet

July 29 p 187 Pliny photo - p 93

July 29 p 187 Cicero

Jackanapes p 192 September

COW

Lily, the Jersey cow Sept 28 p 195 - may be in early childhood diary too - the cow in her early diary is named Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Jersey cows are often brown and Lily is a girl's nickname for Elizabeth.

RACCOON

Achilles July - P 188 - brings into the house - twice - she gets into trouble with her mother and finds a way to bring the racoon inside

TOADS

Aristotle - p 93 July 21st - p 105 Aug 21 - P 263 Cathedral

Pliny p 93 photo Photo https://fairylandaroundu00whit_0#page/n93

Plato P 263 Cathedral

Simeon Peter p 79 July 2 (Little James from New York calls him Hippo - p 79 July 2)

FROGS

Belshazzar p 57 May, Heron Town

Bufo Boreas July p 91

Rana Aurora July p 71 (that's his scientific name). Sometimes the scientific names o' folks make very suitable everyday names — so I have found.

BATS

p 37 - "Once I had three bats ...Aristotle Plato Pliny" fairylandpage/36/

Day 59 JULY 16, 1905 - Aristotle dies eating mosquitos in childhood diary

CHICKEN

Marie Antoinette p. 263 - also in 10 year old diary

LAMB - Mary Jane P 44 March

PORCUPINE Michael Angelo July p 192

PET DEER - Maurine - photo p 174 July p 191 October p 196

TURTLE - Plato (the pet turtle) - May p. 57 - Heron Town story where he is eaten

COLLARED LIZARD - Salome - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_collared_lizard
p 105 - August 21 & August 25th eats Aristotle a pet horned toad
Moses P 105 August 21 - (the baby Grass Snake) eaten by Salome
Hadrian - Swift - p 105 Aug 21st - eaten - 6.5 inches - "almost as big as Salome"

WEASEL - P. 187 - Nero - not a pet, in fact Opal says that weasels are wicked fairies and "not deserving of proper names". Nero eats Opal's pet mouse Fleet-foot.

