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It began with the attempt of a father to answer the natural questions of the active mind of a growing boy. It developed into a nightly search for plain, understandable answers to such questions as "What makes it night?" "Where does the wind begin?" "Why is the sky blue?" "Why does it hurt when I cut my finger?" "Why doesn't it hurt when I cut my hair?" "Why does wood float?" "Why does iron sink?" "Why doesn't an iron ship sink?" on through the maze of thousands of puzzling questions which occur to the child's mind. It has grown until the answers to the mere questions cover practically the entire range of every-day knowledge, and has been arranged in such a form that any child may now find the answer to his own inquiries.

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Can you tell What happens when we telephone? How a telegram gets there? What makes an automobile go? How man learned to tell time? How a moving-picture is made? How a camera takes a picture? How rope is made? How the light gets into the electric bulb? How glass is made? How the music gets into the piano? and hundreds of others that embrace the captivating tales of how man has made use of the wonders of nature and turned them to his advantage and comfort? The Book of Wonders does this with illuminating pictures which stimulate the mind and give a bird's-eye view of each subject step by step.

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