

Little Stories for Bedtime

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

Jenny Wren Has an Idea

Jenny Wren had been gossiping with Drummer the Woodpecker. You know, Jenny is one of the greatest gossipers in the Old Orchard. Of course, the thing they gossip about most was the unpleasant state of affairs in the Old Orchard since Bully the English Sparrow had come out from the city to make his home there.

"Something ought to be done about it," sputtered Jenny Wren. "Did you ever see such quarrelsome, unpleasant people?"

Drummer slowly shook his head. "No," said he, "I never did. While I don't wish them any harm I do wish that they could be made to leave the Old Orchard. Why, if things keep up this way next year we'll all have to look somewhere else for homes. No one will want to come back here. I suppose you heard how Bully was whipped yesterday by Scrapper the Kingbird?"

"Heard about it!" exclaimed Jenny. "Why I saw it, and I never was so tickled in all my life. It served him just right. I wonder if we can't get Scrapper to drive Bully out of the Old Orchard altogether."

Drummer thought this over for a few minutes. Then he shook his head. "I don't believe it's the least bit of use to ask him," said he. "Scrapper is always ready to fight when he sees any real danger or some one comes poking around his home as Bully did yesterday. But Bully isn't likely to bother him again, and as he lives way down in the far corner of the Old Orchard he isn't likely to come up here looking for trouble. You know, he never comes far from home. You might ask him, but I don't believe it will be of the least bit of use."

"Nothing gained in this world without trying," replied Jenny. "I'll go ask him right away."

In almost no time at all she was back. "It was just as I thought," said she. "He says that this is a free country, and that Bully has just as much right here as we have. As long as Bully doesn't bother him he has no quarrel with him. We've got to think of some other way of getting rid of him."

"Of course," said Drummer, after they had thought and thought, we don't want any real harm to come to Bully or Mrs. Bully, but if something could happen to their home perhaps they would go away. Now, if Sammy Jay should take it into his head that their eggs would make him a good breakfast they might, they just might, get discouraged and move away."

"Nothing doing," replied Jenny, promptly. "That hole where their nest is in is too deep for Sammy to reach the eggs, as you ought to very well know, for you made it. But the idea is a good one. Now, I wonder if Chatterer the Red Squirrel wouldn't be interested if he knew that there are eggs there. I believe I'll just put a flea in his ear, as the saying is. Of course it doesn't seem right, but we have



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got to do something. We can't go on this way. Of course I wouldn't even suggest such a thing to Chatterer as stealing those eggs. That would be too dreadful. But if he should hear that there are eggs there he might, he just might, take a notion that he wanted them. There he is now over on the Old Stone Wall. I believe I'll just fly over and pass the time of day with him."

With a jerk of her funny little tail off flew Jenny Wren in the direction of the Old Stone Wall.

Next Story—Jenny Wren Gossips with Chatterer.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Woodlawn P. T. A. Meets.

The Woodlawn Parent-Teacher association will hold its first regular monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. It will be a "get-together" meeting for the purpose of furthering closer acquaintance between parents and teachers. Miss Alice Joyce will speak on her European travels and studies.

Club Notes.

Chapter C. of the P. E. O. Sisterhood will hold its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. P. Bush, 1243 East Thirty-ninth street, north. This will be a business meeting with a study of the constitution led by Mrs. W. H. Seitz. Roll call will be answered with favorite poems.

Mrs. J. D. Spencer, 582 East Twenty-first street, north, will be hostess to the Red Squirrel for the meeting of the Forum, a recently organized committee of women who meet for the discussion of current topics. An inter-

esting program has been prepared. The annual luncheon of the Oregon Alumnae association will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock in the Oregon grill. Mrs. Isabel J. Elythe will preside and the honor guest will be Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, who was recently made a regent of the state university.

Woodstock Association.
The Woodstock Parent-Teacher association held its first meeting of the season of 1914-15 at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon, September 25.

Mrs. C. H. Ingham, president, called the meeting to order. The constitution of the Oregon Congress of Mothers was adopted and other routine business was transacted.

A short program, consisting of vocal numbers by Mrs. W. F. Parry, who charmingly sang "Last Night," and little Miss Dora Faber, who, although only a little girl, sings very sweetly.

Superintendent Alderman made a very telling speech on cooperation. The mothers present gave an enthusiastic demonstration of their appreciation of the return of Mr. T. deaux to the principalship of the school. It is not given to ever principal to have the hearty cooperation and warm personal friendship that Woodstock gives Mr. Pridoux.

At the conclusion of the program the meeting partook of the nature of a reception to the teachers. The hall had been decorated with autumn leaves and masses of flowers in the teachers' honor, and a tea table introduced where tea and wafers were served.

Mrs. Kain poured and was assisted in serving by Mesdames French, Tefft and Thomson.

Chapter A. P. E. O.

The opening meeting for the season of Chapter A. of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Jones, 335 East Thirteenth street, north. Mrs. J. W. Ferguson was the assisting hostess. A short business session was held at which resolutions of sympathy for Mrs. H. R. Albee were passed. The meeting then adjourned without carrying out the scheduled program. Mrs. D. S. Williams will entertain the chapter at its next meeting two weeks hence.

Sunday School Workers.

The initial meeting for the season of the executive board of the Portland Graded Union of Sunday School Workers was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. H. Wright, Fifty-second and Hancock streets. A luncheon was a feature of the gathering and the afternoon was given over to making plans for the season. It was decided to hold a mass meeting of Sunday school workers Oct. 11 at 3 o'clock at the Christian church. On that occasion Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner of Chicago, international superintendent of elementary work, will be the principal speaker.

Cupid usually hits the mark, but he selects some mighty poor targets.

SEES MANY CHANGES AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS' ABSENCE



Miss Harriet Ross.

"Imagine coming home after 15 years' absence and finding the street names all changed, most of the old landmarks gone and my former home turned into the Salvation Army Industrial home! It really holds a trace of sadness," is the plaint of Harriet Ross, playing the bit of lavender and old lace character part of the aristocratic aunt in "Kitty MacKay" at the Helix this week.

Miss Ross came to Portland with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ross, when she was a little girl, and she remained all through her school days and until she won a peculiar distinction for herself in the newspaper field. She was one of the first women to set type in Portland, when it was a matter of hand work. She was absolutely the first woman allowed to fill such a position on the San Francisco Examiner. There she gained an enviable reputation as a "swift" so that the boys of the Examiner posted a \$500 challenge with the Chronicle to meet her in a test. The challenge was never taken up and Miss Ross held the title of the champion type setter in San Francisco, a matter of comment at the time in the International Typographical magazine.

Miss Ross insists that mothers should not let their daughters "speak pieces" if they do not wish them to go on the stage, for that was her first step toward the footlights and one that was quickly followed by amateur theatricals in which Miss Ross appeared and some of which she herself gave. Frederick Ward was instrumental in securing her first part, that of

Henriette in "The Two Orphans," in which Georgia Woodthorp was then starring. Later she married Albert Rosmer, who managed her companies for many years. Miss Ross has met with splendid stage success in such notable productions as the all star cast of "Oliver Twist," the original "Joseph and His Brethren," "The Man of the Hour" and "The Fourth Estate."

When her father built his three story hotel at what was then 24 1/2 Union avenue, it was the first three story building on the east side. It is now the Salvation Army home. Miss Ross went to the old Central school, which is now the Hawthorne school. Both her father and mother have passed away. The mother was one of the past presidents of the W. C. T. U. Her sister, Miss Carrie Ross, who taught school in Portland, is now Mrs. William H. Atwell of Washington, D. C., and her other sister, Dr. Louise

Ross, has won medical distinction in the same city. During her Portland stay Miss Ross is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Benefield, 110 East Twentieth street.

Shoots Wife After Quarrel.
Barstow, Cal., Oct. 1.—Ralph Brown shot and seriously wounded his wife yesterday following a quarrel. He was arrested.

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