

### Little Stories for Bedtime

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

**Farmer Brown's Boy Missed a Duck**  
"Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack!" Sammy Jay, who had stopped in the big maple tree in Farmer Brown's dooryard for a minute, shook his head in disgust. "You ever hear such noisy things as the ducks in all your life?" he muttered to no one in particular.



"Since you ask me, I must say that I have," replied Chatterer the Red Squirrel, poking his head out of a hole close by Sammy.

"I didn't ask you," snapped Sammy, who had given the frightened little jump at Chatterer's unexpected appearance and was provoked, as some people are when they are startled.

"Well, who were you asking?" demanded Chatterer, who was the only one near enough to hear.

"I wasn't asking anybody; I was talking to myself," snapped Sammy. "A bad habit! A very bad habit!" replied Chatterer, shaking his head gravely.

"Some day you will give away a secret that way. But getting back to those noisy ducks," they are no more noisy than you are when you are excited. By the way, Farmer Brown's Boy seems to be troubled about something. I wonder if it has anything to do with those foolish ducks."

Sammy Jay turned to look, and right away he forgot his ill temper. Farmer Brown's Boy and seem to be troubled about something. He had driven all of the ducks into a corner of the henyard, and he was counting them. Three times he counted them, and there was a frown on his face as he began once more. He took off his hat and rubbed the top of his head thoughtfully.

"There certainly was one more this morning, for counted them when I turned them out," said the boy.

"Quack, quack, quack," said the ducks.

Farmer Brown's Boy grinned. "I suppose if I could understand the duck talk you would tell me all about what has happened, but seeing that I don't understand a word you say I suppose I have got to find it myself."

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**Capitol Hill Association.**  
The Capitol Hill Parent Teachers' association held its first meeting for the season yesterday evening, with a large attendance of enthusiastic parents and teachers.

The principal talk of the evening was made by many practical suggestions on how to make the association more efficient, a number of which it was decided to follow out. The school board has promised to wire the schoolhouse for electricity, thereby making it possible to have stereopticon lectures and other evening entertainments. A committee was appointed to look into the matter of playground apparatus. The next meeting of the association will be held the second Thursday of the month at 2:45.

**Clinton Kelly Association.**  
Wednesday afternoon of next week the Clinton Kelly Parent Teachers' association will hold its first meeting of the fall term. Dr. W. L. Ogburn, Lowell Bradford, Harry Wedbridge and A. A. Hauck of Reed college will speak on some of the proposed measures to be voted upon at the November election—the "Right to Work" bill, dentistry, prohibition and capital punishment. In anticipation of a large attendance the assembly hall has been secured for the meeting. It is expected that this opportunity of hearing these issues discussed by well informed speakers will be taken advantage of by many besides the parents and children in the schools. Special music will be interspersed with the speeches.

**Class in Rhetoric and English.**  
Mrs. Mable Holmes Parsons, associate professor of English at the University of Oregon, will organize a class in rhetoric and English composition tomorrow evening. The course is one of the many offered by the extension department of the University of Oregon, and is of interest to all who are invited to meet with Mrs. Parsons in room B, Central library, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, October 10. The class is open to the public and is free unless universal credit is desired, in which case the nominal fee of \$2 to cover postage is required.

**Chapter of P. E. O.**  
Chapter F of the P. E. O. Sisterhood held a business meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gooding, 327 Hall street. There was a good attendance and a box luncheon was a pleasing feature of the afternoon. The guests of the day were Mrs. Colista M. Dowling, Mrs. O. W. Haines, Mrs. H. A. Duffield and Mrs. Pelton. A business session was held.

**Women's Club Meets.**  
The first meeting of the season of the Albany Women's Club was held yesterday afternoon at the public library. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. A. C. Schmitt as leader. Mrs. C. W. Tebbault read a paper on "Antony and Cleopatra." The club will meet once every two weeks hereafter.

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You cannot find a big ad in the papers today, for Lucore hasn't enough pianos left to pay to advertise; that is, we are dead sure there will not be any pianos left by tomorrow night. Certainly the great stock has been disposed of quickly. Sale positively closes. The creditors get their money and everyone is happy. Tomorrow night at 9 o'clock is the last minute you can buy a piano at less than manufacturer's cost, 338 Morrison street. Open until 9 o'clock. (Adv.)

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**Team Wins Prize.**  
At the Klhikst county (Washington) fair, which is being held this week at Goldendale, a team of black mares owned by Sam Hill was awarded first place in the gentlemen's driving class yesterday. An interesting feature in this connection is that the winning team wore a harness which had been made several years ago in mittie was appointed to look into the matter of playground apparatus. The next meeting of the association will be held the second Thursday of the month at 2:45.

**Head of Fraternity Here.**  
Dr. George Cook, grand prior of the Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity, a medical society, is a visitor in Portland today. Last night he gave a reception to local members of the fraternity in his apartments at the Imperial, and tonight he will be the honor guest at a banquet which the "frat" men will give in the Elizabethan room of the hotel.

**Contractor Is Improving.**  
Arthur T. Workman, pioneer contractor of East Portland, and one of the original workers for the Morrison street bridge, is at the Portland sanatorium suffering from an aneurism. He is improving daily and the physicians expect him to be out again in a few weeks.

**Halp W. Hoyt in New York.**  
Halp W. Hoyt, former president of the Rose Festival association, who

has been abroad for some time, has reached New York. He is expected back in Portland about October 30.

R. S. Shaw, a lumberman of Astoria, and Mrs. Shaw are among the late arrivals at the Imperial. Richard Kiger of Corvallis, a hop man, is registered with Mrs. Kiger at the Imperial.

Charles T. Early, a lumberman of Hood River, is a guest at the Imperial. J. C. Moreland, clerk of the state supreme court, is stopping at the Cornellius.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Olds of Seattle are at the Cornellius. Mr. Olds is in the mercantile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kaylor of Molalla, Or., are stopping at the Cornellius. Willard E. Brown, northwestern passenger agent of the Florida East Coast railway, is in Portland on business, and is registered at the Multnomah and Chicago. Mrs. Brown accompanies him. He will leave this afternoon for California.

Fred H. Gilman of the American Lumberman, a Seattle publication, is at the Multnomah.

Dr. W. L. Ellerbeck of Salt Lake City is a guest at the Multnomah. James Kennedy, prominent in North Dakota politics, is registered at the Multnomah from Fargo.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon T. Cooke of Mosier, Or., are guests at the Benson. J. Hall of Butte, is stopping at the Benson.

R. M. Tuttle of Seattle, his wife and four children are stopping at the Oregon. W. L. Kent of Seaview, E. K. Jones of Coos Bay and D. N. Upjohn of Salem are valley and coast people at the Oregon.

**FRATERNAL NOTES**  
Knights of Pythias Are Preparing to Initiate Large Class.  
Will Cross Burning Sands.  
Emmet E. Eller, royal vicer of the D. O. K. K., a side degree of the Knights of Pythias, is preparing properly to receive into Ivanhoe lodge tent next Tuesday night a large class of tyros who will cross the burning sands.

Visiting Members Welcomed.  
St. Dominic's court No. 955 of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters will hold its next regular meeting October 12 in its new hall in the Christ-

tian Brothers' Business college. All members are requested to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to members of other courts.

**Washington to Be Represented.**  
Grand Chancellor H. C. Kooms of Tacoma will represent the Washington K. of P. at the convention of the Oregon K. of P. to be held in this city October 12, 13 and 14. He will be accompanied by other members of the grand lodge of Washington.

**Pythian Official Coming.**  
Union B. Hunt, president of the national Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias and former secretary of state of Indiana, will be a guest of honor in Portland and represent the supreme lodge at the convention in this city beginning next Monday.

**Large Attendance Expected.**  
The Knights of Columbus will initiate a large class of candidates October 25 under the direction of John F. Shields, district deputy. Many lodges from all parts of the state will bring in a class of candidates, and a large attendance is expected.

**Artisan Secretaries to Confer.**  
A meeting is being arranged to gather all the secretaries of the United Artisan assemblies in this city for a conference. The campaign now on for membership is extending outside of Portland and to the Willamette valley.

**Dance Tomorrow Night.**  
Tomorrow evening the Daughters of Norway, Tylike lodge, will celebrate their fourth anniversary with a social dance, musical numbers and refreshments. Gustava Grinstad, president of the lodge, is chairman of the entertainment committee.

**Knights of Columbus Ball.**  
The Knights of Columbus will give an annual ball some time in the near future, preferably this month. J. F. Daly, J. Andre Poulhieux, W. E. Roberts, E. T. Madden and M. F. Brady are the committee in charge.

**Organizer Is Busy.**  
S. C. Fletcher, district organizer for the A. O. U. W., has been doing good work for "Big Iron" lodge No. 125, of Oswego, and will have a class of 10 to initiate there shortly.

**New Lodge Hall.**  
The Odd Fellows' lodge of Morgan,

luncheon served in the hall, and an interesting program in the afternoon.

The addition of a little water will give a lustreless finish to oil paint without injuring it as the water will evaporate.

**Lents Grange Meets Tomorrow.**  
Lents Grange will have an all day session at their hall tomorrow, with

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