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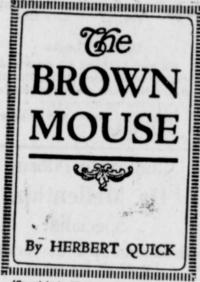
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Raymond?"

ranks.

to Jim.

Raymond blushingly.



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CHAPTER XXI

There was a rousing chorus of "Aye!" in which Mr. Carmichael, foljust what he should say.

this district."

said Columbus Brown. Jim looked at it under any consideration; but I'm Bonner's little boy in one of the front seats and shook his head at Columbus warningly.

said B. B. Hamm.

a minute, Jim?" asked Ezra Bronson.

"Why, where's he gone?" "They's some other visitors come in," said a little girl, pulling her apron in embarrassment at the teach-

er's absence. Jim had, after what seemed to Jennie an interminable while, seen the county superintendent and her distinguished party, and was now engaged in welcoming them and endeavoring to find them seats-quite an impossible thing at that particular mo-

ment, by the way. "Don't mind us, Mr. Irwin," said Doctor Brathwayt. "This is the best thing we've seen on our journeyings. Please go on with the proceedin's. That gentleman seems to have in mind the perfectin' of some so't of organization. I'm intensely interested."

"I'd like to call a little meetin' nere," said Ezra to the teacher. "See in' we've busted up your program so far, may we take a little while long-

"Certainly," said Jim. "The school will please come to order."

The pupils took their seats straightened their books and papers, and were at attention. Doctor Brathwayt nodded approvingly as if at the

answer to some question in his mind. "Children," said Mr. Irwin, "you may or may not be interested in what these gentlemen are about to do-but I hope you are. Those who wish may be members of Mr. Bronson's meeting.

Those who do not prefer to do so may take up their regular work." "Gentlemen," said Mr. Bronson to the remains of Mr. Carmichael's creamery party, "we've been cutting bait in this neighborhood about long enough, I'm in favor of fishing, now.

How many here favor building a cooperative creamery if we can get the farmers in with cows enough to make it profitable, and the equipment at the right price?"

Each man held up a hand. "Here's one of our best farmers not voting," said Mr. Bronson, indicating Laymond Simms, "How about you.

of them ever shown in Halsey

"Ah reckon paw'll come in," said

"He will if you say so," said Mr.

Raymond's hand went up amid a rip-

ple of applause from the pupils, who

seemed glad to have a voter in their

"Unanimous!" said Mr. Bronson. "It

is a vote! Now I'd like to hear a

motion to perfect a permanent or-

ganization to build a creamery. Mr.

Irwin will you please act as secretary."

making notes. The meeting appointed

committees, fixed upon a time for a

future meeting, threw a collection of

ty cash fund, made the usual joke

about putting the secretary under

"It's a go this time!" said Newton

"I think so," said Jim, "with those

men interested. Well, our study of

creameries has given a great deal of

language work, a good deal of arith-

metic, some geography, and finally

"My mother has a delayed luncheon

But Jim demurred. Getting off at

question if he was to be ready to show

the real work of the school in the

you were here. It shows the utility

of the right sort of work in letter-writ-

ing, language, geography and arith-

"It certainly does," said Doctor

Brathwayt. "I wouldn't have missed

certainly sorry for that creamery

shark and his accomplice-to be routed

by the Fifth Reader grade in farm-

The luncheon was rather a wonder-

ful affair-and its success was unqual-

ified after everybody discovered that

the majority of those in attendance

felt much more at home when calling

"What d'ye think of our schools?"

'This has been rather extraor-

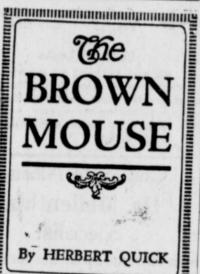
afternoon session.

ing."

bond, adjourned and dispersed.

Jim sat down at the desk and began

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A New Era Dawns. saved the people from a swindle. Rather good work, Raymond!' lowed closely by Mr. Bonner, made his exit. B. B. Hamm went forward and ready for the party," said Jennie to shook Jim's hand slowly and con-Jim. "Please come with us-please!" templatively, as if trying to remember this time of day was really out of the

"James E. Irwin," sald he, "you've saved us from being skinned by the smoothest grafter that I ever seen."

"Not I," said Jim; "the kind of school I stand for, Mr. Hamm, will save you more than that-and give you the broadest culture any school ever gave. A culture based on life. We've been studying life, in this metic-in learning things about farmschool-the life we all live here in

"He had a smooth partner, too,"

"If I hadn't herded 'em in here to ask you a few questions about cooperative creameries," said Mr. Talcott, "we'd have been stuck-they pretty near had our names. And then the whole neighborhood would have been sucked in for about fifty dollars a name."

"I'd have gone in for two hundred," "May I call a little meeting here for

"Well," said Professor Gray, "it's not fair to judge, Colonel, on what must have been rather an extraordinary moment in the school's history. I take it that you don't put on a representation of 'The Knave Unmasked' every morning."

asked the colonel.

"It was more like a caucus than I've ever seen it, daddy," said Jennie, "and less like a school."

"Don't you think," said Doctor Brathwayt, "that it was less like a school because it was more like life? It was life. If I am not mistaken, history of this community was making in that schoolroom as we entered."

"You're perfectly right, Doctor," said the colonel. "Jim's got too big for the district, and so we're going to enlarge the district, and the schoolhouse, and the teaching force, and the means of educational grace generally. That's as sure as can be after what took place this morning."

"He's rather a wonderful person. to be found in such a position," said Professor Gray, "or would be in any egion I have visited."

"He's a native product," said the colonel, "but a wonder all the same. He's a Brown Mouse, you know."

"A-a-?" Doctor Brathwayt was plainly astonished. And so the colonel was allowed to tell again the story of the Darbishire brown mice, and why he called Jim Irwin one. Doctor Brathwayt said it was an inferesting Mendelian explanation of the appearance of such a character as Jim. "And if you are right, Colonel, you'll lose him one of these days. You can't expect to retain a Caesar, a Napoleon, or a Lincoln in a rural school, can

you?" "I don't know about that," said the colonel. "The great opportunity for such a Brown Mouse may be in this very school, right now. He'd have as big an army right here as Socrates ever had. The Brown Mouse is the

only judge of his own proper place." "I think," said Mrs. Brathwayt, as they motored back to the school, "that your country schoolmaster is rather terrible. The way he crushed that Mr. Carmichael was positively merciless.

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Did he know how cruel he was?" "I think not," said Jennie. "It was truth that crushed Mr. Carmichael."

"But that vote of thanks," said Mrs. Brathwayt. "Surely that was the bitterest irony."

"I wonder if it was," said Jennie. "No, I am sure it wasn't. He wanted to leave the children thinking as well as possible of their victim, and especially of Mr. Bonner; and there was really something in Mr. Carmichael's talk which could be praised. I have known Jim Irwin since we were both children, and I feel sure that if he had had any idea that his treatment of this man had been unnecessarily cruel, it would have given him a lot of pain."

"My dear," said Mrs. Brathwayt, "I think you are to be congratulated for having known for a long time a genius." "Thank you," said Jennie. And Mrs.

Brathwayt gave her a glance which brought to her cheek another blush; but of a different sort from the one provoked by the uproar in the Woodruff school.

There could be no doubt now that Jim was thoroughly wonderful-nor that she, the county superintendent, was quite as thoroughly a little fool. half-dollars on the desk to start a pet- It was too absurd for laughter. For-She to be put in authority over him! tunately, she hadn't hindered him much-but who was to be thanked for that? Was it owing to any wisdom of hers? Well, she had decided in his favor, in those first proceedings to revoke his certificate. Perhaps that was as good a thing to remember as was to be found in the record.

CHAPTER XXII

And So They Lived-

And so it turned out quite as if it were in the old ballad, that "all in the merry month of May," and also "all in the merry green wood," there were great doings about the bold little promontory where once stood the cabin on the old wood-lot where the Simms family had dwelt.

The brook ran about the promondinary," said Jim, "but I am very glad tory, and laid at its feet on three sides a carpet of blue-grass, amid clumps of trees and wild bushes. Not far afield on either hand came the black corn-land, but up and down the bluffy sides of the brook for some distance on both sides of the Kingdragged highway, ran the old woodlot, now regaining much of the unwhich characterized it when Jim Irwin had drawn upon himself the gentle rebuke of Old Man Simms for not giving a whoop from the big road before coming into the yard.

The cabin was gone, and in its place stood a pretty little bungalow, about which blossomed lilacs and peonies and roses and other old-fashioned flowers furnished by Mrs. Irwin. For this was the teacher's house or schoolmanse for the new consolidated Woodruff district, and the old Simms wood-lot was henceforth to be the glebe-land of the schoolmanse.

Jim turned over and over in his mind these new applications of old, historic, significant words, dear to every reader of history-"glebe-land." "schoolmanse"-and it seemed to him that they signified the return of many old things lost in Merrie England, lost in New England, lost all over the English-speaking world, when the old publicly-paid clergyman ceased to be so far the servant of all the people that they refused to be taxed for his support. Was not the new kind of rural teacher to be a publicly-paid leader of thought, of culture, of progress, and was he not to have his manse, his glebe-land, and his "living?" And all because, like the old clergyman, he was doing a work in which everybody was interested and for which they were willing to be taxed. Perhaps it was not so high a status as the old; but who was to say that? Certainly not Jim Irwin, the possessor of the new kind of "living," with its "glebe-land" and its "schoolmanse." He would have rated the new as at least quite as high as

the old. From the brow of the promontory, a light concrete bridge took the pretty little gorge in the leap of a single arch, and landed the eye at the bottom of the front yard of the schoolhouse. Thus the new institution of life was in full view of the schoolmanse veranda, and yet shut off from it by the dry moat of the brook and

its tiny meadow of blue-grass. Across the road was the creamery, with its businesslike unloading platform, and its addition in process of construction for the reception of the machinery for the co-operative laundry. Not far from the creamery, and also across the road, stood the blacksmith and wheelwright shop. Still farther down the street were the barn, poultry house, pens, hutches and yards of the little farm-small, as were all the buildings save the schoolhouse itnave been, for the future.

And even the schoolhouse, when one thinks of the uses to which it was to be put-kitchen, nursery, kindergarten, hanquet hall, theater, moving picture hall, classrooms, manual training rooms, laboratory and counting room and what not, was wonderfully small -Colonel Woodruff said far too small -though it was necessarily so large as to be rather astonishing to the unexpectant passer-by.

(To be continued)

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COMUS IN COLUMBIA

Columbia, Mo., claims Athens, not Sopher Prairie, as its model. To live a half block from the University of R. C. FICQ Missouri is a very different thing from living 'round the corner from Main Street, Miss Gladys Wheat assures me

her, writing her plays and acting in prices. them, are not to be found in quantity certainly-on any happenstance Main Street. Yet it is significant for other arts as well as that of the theater, so thoughtful artists tell me, that Miss Wheat's Theater studios should be on Missouri avenue, rather than on Broadway. To many mature women, themselves happily busy in some small town, I've put the question; Do you advise the average girl, just starting to work, to go to a big city?" And over and over they reply: indeed, if she is the average girl. But, if she is entering an art or profession,

she will have to go." Yet here is Miss Wheat pursuing a profession that calls on the arts of acting, dramatic writing, and costume and scenic design, a thousand miles from the center of theatrical produc-

She is not merely copying others' successes, either. "My rim," she says, "is to interpret and reflect the child's world in drama as the drama of grown people reflects their world. My personal contribution is the visualizaon of plays written by others. I direct, design and make the costumes, the sets, and the properties. Up to the present time we have produced only plays written for children, and

for production in this theater." She is frank enough to say that financial support does not as yet equal the intellectual, histrionic and literary aid she has received. Even so, her conclusion carries a message for others artistically inclined, who wonder if they must become needles in the haystacks of New York in order to attain. Here is an enterprise. she declares, "carried on in a little community, but carried with ease and

pleasure by big people." Since I'm anything but an expert in the arts of the theater I can't decide whether such experiments as this at Columbia have, geographically speaking, a fair chance of success. But Miss Wheat has set me wondering. Wasn't Comus an Athenian god of drama? And were Comus and his followers worried by the population statistics of Athens? Or were they, like Gladys Wheat, content to build for BANK. Under government supervision. big people?

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Dated and first published this 17th

day of January, 1924. P. E. GORMLEY. Administrator aforesaid. A. A. Tussing, Atty, for Admr.

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Halsey Happenings

(Continued from page 1) Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Moody returned to their home at Harrisburg Friday. They were accompanied by their little. granddaughter, Coralie Moody.

Mrs. Cecil Alford and children arrived from Irving Friday for a visit with Mrs. Alford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gormley. The Gormleys went home with her for the week end.

"The Hunchback," which ran four days and nights at the Globe theater at Albany cost a million and a half of dollars to produce, and it was worth it. During its run it was the subject of much conversation on the streets and wherever people congregate. The Globe is living up to its promise to secure the best in filmland.

Mrs. C. P. Terwilliger of Tangent and Mrs. W. T. Nolen of Shedd took contributions for the children's farm home from Halsey people between Fortmiller Furniture Co., furni- noon and afternoon trains Saturday. ture, rugs, linoleum, stoves ranges.
They got about \$15. Some peopler who were approached refused to contribute, saying: "Why should I help?" Hall's Floral and Music Shop I have nobody at the home." "Alas Cut flowers and floral designs. for the rarity of Christian charity under the sun."

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Powell started by train Friday to visit their daughter, Mrs. T. D. Peters, and family of Opposite Postoffice Portland and later another daughter, Mrs. L. H. Slevoigh and family

of Westport. Shedd high school sold all the seats it had reserved for "Putting It Up to Patty" early in the week. Then the reserved space was enlarged and sold out again. The house was full and the performance was received with applause. Much handelapping also greeted every number by the Davis family band, which furnished the music.

Mrs. Fred Roberts and daughter Lucile returned to Eugene Saturday, after a visit with home folks. Mrs. Freeland and Mrs. Brown Brown were Albany shoppers Satur-

Mrs. W. A. Sweet came from Eugene Saturday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J.

Mrs. L. E. Walton was a passenger to Harrisburg Saturday. She was accompanied by her son, James Rector.

the week end with Charles Straley and family. Ida Mitzner was the guest of home

Mrs. Esther Rike of Corvallis spent

folks Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. D. F. Dean was a passenger to Oregon City Thursday to visit her laughter, Mrs. C. O. Dryden, and famly. She has now gone home to

Banden. Mrs. George Hayes was an Albany

isitor Thursday. Miss Mabel Robinson returned to ner home near Junction City Saturday.

T. R. Henry went to Summit Thursday. Mrs. A. Munson of Albany has been

Mrs. S. E. Bass. Miss Opal Jackson of Harrisburg has been visiting Miss Ida Jackson for a ew days.

visiting at the home of her daughter,

Miss Lois Schroli returned to her home at Noti Wednesday.

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