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Busy Bees :- Their Own Page

T is always interesting to read the stories from Busy Bees who live in ! other places than Omaha. This is the only way in which many of our little friends may know one another. Mildred White, who is a former queen of the Pusy Rees, often asks why she does not see stories from the Busy Bees who wrote for the page a year ago. Mildred is a most enthusiastic Busy Bee still and although she has served her time as queen she is still as interested as ever in her little friends whom she only knows through the page. The editor is pleased to see a story from Alice Thomas, who lives at Deer Trail, Colo. Alice has been one of the faithful Dusy Bees for several years and it is always a pleasure to see her stories. There are several new members who have written letters and stories this week and they are most welcome. Margaret Brown is one of the new Busy Bees and she has told as in her story of a faithful horse that she and her brother Roy liked so well. There is a gentleness that shows in Margaret's story in which all Busy Bees might find a lesson; that is kindness to our animal friends. Remember it is very warm weather and we need to give them good care and kind treatment.

Little Stories by Little Folk

(First Prize.) Aunt Mary's Purse.

By Alice Thomas, Aged 11 Years, Deer Trail, Colo. It was a week before school vacation. Milly Darrel's Aunt Mary came to spend the summer. She had the nicest purse. Milly thought she would take it to school with her. Milly's mother was sewing. It happened her aunt was sleeping. Milly's mother called her and told her it was time to go to school She said good-bye to her mother and aunt. She ran into her aunt's room, picked up the purse and ran out the pack door. to school. After school was out she put on her hat, took the purse. "Come my way home," said one of her friends. "All right," said Milly, After she

reached her friend's house she said good-byc and started home. But, alas, where was the purse? She ran all the way back to school. She could see nothing of it. While they were at supper purred contentedly and soon fell asleep. the doorbell rang. Aunt Mary went to the door. There stood a little boy with a purse in his hand. "Say, I found this purse up near the school. I think it's Milly's, isn't it?" Aunt Mary took

take anybody's things again.

(Second Prize.)

An Experience on Our Farm. By Margaret Betty Brown, Aged Years, Harlan, Ia.

Bess was our old mare. She had the noblest, nicest """ ---- "oy and 1 would bring sugar to Bess and it. Its name was Star. When it was two years old papa said it would have to He said that just as soon as he had be "broken in."

was no one around that would train colts but old man Fleck. He was just as mean as he could be.

Papa might have done it, only it was thrashing season and he was helping his neighbors.

But papa needed a horse and it was Old Man Fleck or walt, and he chose Old Man Fleck.

When Roy and I found it out we went down to comfort Star. "Betty,"- said Roy, "Let's us train Star."

"Oh," I whispered, "let's." We scrambled over the gate and Star

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RULES FOR YOUNG WRITERS

lection basket more interesting and it jumped in and began to play with the money. A man soon found the mischlevous kitten and picked it up. Kitty

A Wise Cat.

By Mollie Corenwan, 505 South Seventh Street, Omaha

We have a large tomcat which we call the purse, thanked the little boy, shut Tommy. We had three cats besides him the door, and went into the dining room and as my father didn't want so many holding up the purse. "Milly," she said, cats, he thought he would take two away. 'did you take this to school"' Milly So one day he took Tommy and another hung down her head and answered, cat by the name of Rose. Rose was a "yes, ma'am." Her mother told her she very smart cat and we thought that if was very much ashamed of her. But any of them would come back at all it there was nothing more said about it, would surely be Rose. He let them off and it taught Milly a lesson never to at Fourteenth and Castellar streets. About two weeks after on a Saturday

what was my surprise to see Tommy standing in our butcher shop, waiting for something to eat. It was a great surprise to all of us, because that stupid 12 Tom could find his way back. But sometimes the fool has more sense than the wise one. We gave him away once more to a cousin of mine that works in a store. . The next day I telephoned to

him and asked him how Tommie was. opened the sack he ran off. My father Roy and I both felt had because there said if he comes back he will keep him.

A Brave Girl.

By Nellie Ferris, Ared 12 Years, Cres-cent, Ia. Red Side. Once upon a time a little girl coming

and knew there was no room for another

some from school saw a crowd of boys and dogs teasing a kitten. They were playing near a pond. They would plck up the kitten and throw it in the pond and laugh at its efforts to get out. The little girl ran in among the boys and dogs and rescued the poor half-drowned kitten. She had plenty of pets at home

She Was Queen of the Busy Bees



how I could earn enough to buy bread a great portrait painter. With one stroke with, but now I think we can manage to he could change a smiling face into a get along quite well." sad one."

glad?

vithit uth."

Year.

Henry worked all day and went to "Huh!" exclaimed Johnny, who hapschool in the evening. He earned almost pened to be in the parlor. "Our teacher than the air-maybe a tree, pole, building, enough to support his little family. can do that!"

P. S.-I am a new Busy Bee and wish to join the Blue side.

Responsibility.

(Chicago Inter Ocean.) It's a very responsible thing to be The oldest child in a family. You have to be careful the livelong day Of everything that you do or say. Cause each of the little ones looks to you and copies things that you say and do. I have noticed, too, that-strange and sad-

They copy you most when you are bad. They never behave as a small child And copy you only when you are good. Oh! I just wonder why there has to be An oldest child in a family. MARTHA COLEMAN SHERMAN.

Dear Editor: I thought I would like to join the Red side. Please send me a

red button. Well, I believe this is all as am sending a story. NELLIE FERRIS. Crescent, Ia. Dear Editor: I would like to join the

Pink side. Please send me a pink button. Well I believe I will close. Crescent, Ia. GERTRUDE FERRIS.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNSTERS.

Precautions to Be Taken to Avoid Archaic Naturalization Laws Against Being Strack by Light-3,000,000 Helpless Victims

Allens That Come to This Country

and Who Want to Stay Here and

Make Their Home Are Met

with Many Legal Obstacles.

By BANULPH KINGSLEY,

Bureau of Industries and Immigration.

Because of the inadequacy of our ar

chaic, 115-year-old naturalization process.

almost 3,000,000 permanent American resi-

dents, according to a recent investigation.

are denied the protection of citizenship.

other cases they are oppressed, black-

Have Wrong Impression.

Many Americans think that most of

our foreign-born non-citizens intend uiti-

mately to return to Europe and that they

do not wish to become citizens. But five-

eighths of our immigration population re-

main here permanently, and practically

all of those, judging from a recent inves-

tigation, would gladly become American

Thousands of industrious and self-re-

specting American residents are appar-

tection of American citizenship by the

needless waste of time resulting from

our present clumsy and inefficient natur-

ently prevented from obtaining the pro

citizens if they could.

retary of Education, New York State

nime.

The question of personal safety during a thunderstorm is perhaps the most interesting to the majority of people. If in a building which is isolated in the open country or is higher than surrounding buildings in a group, avoid chimney or other flues, open windows or draughts, especially warm currents of air directly below a high tower or flag pole, peak or angle of the structure. Keep away from overhead wires entering a building -although these are generally protected by lightning arresters, the current is not always "arrested."

If in the open, avoid trees, wire fences In some cases they are harshly discrimior poles, and if you happen to be the nated against by unjust state laws. In most prominent object in the landscape, as in an open field or on a beach, do not raise a steel rod umbrella or in fact entire impunity and without redress. any umbrells, as you may become a living lightning rod without an approved the child of another, were shot reck ground connection. If you should hap- lessly and indiscriminately in the streets pen to be caught in such open space. or Hastings, N. Y., about a year ago, with lightning discharges coming very their assallants knowing that the local close, as may be determined by the lesauthorities had no interest in their welsening intervals between flash and re- fare. Two thousand non-citizens in two port, it is better to be flat on the northern New York mining fowns have ground and risk a soaking than to of- been consistently blackmailed for the fer a possible path for a discharge. The last six or seven years by local police reason for this is that the body, being and magistrates who knew their victima warm, offers a better conductor than the were helpicas politically. surrounding air, and but a few feet flat ground.

Questions as to the action of lightning acts. Nine states and one territory re- States. in striking a building are frequently asked, and are somewhat difficult to answer without going into a lengthy discussion of the various kinds of discharges and other matters of a more or less technical nature. Let us, however, take the most frequent case, that of the ordinary "forked lightning," as seen at a distance, which at close range becomes the blinding flash, with the accompanying instantaneous crash, often causing disastrous results to life and property. This discharge is caused by a difference of potential between earth and cloud. The tection of American citizenship. one is heavily charged with positive electricity, the other with negative, with the air between acting as an insulator. If the air is sufficient to keep apart the two currents no discharge will take

place, except from one cloud to another. Now, as the storm moves on it comes closer to the earth or meets some object in its path which offers less resistance etc. The electrical pressure is so great that the slight decrease in resistance of-

cause the current to jump the intervendischarge. This explanation will be

Now let us assume that instead of the object before mentioned, such as a tree. pole, building, etc., we have a perfect conductor of electricity, as a steel building, steel tower or pole in electrical con tact with the earth; the current passes

explosive discharge,-New York Sun.



SAFETY DURING A STORM CITIZENSHIP HARD TO GET seeker makes is typical and in pathetle 'America does not recognize ma as a

citizen. Nevertheless, I am one. In case of war, I would fight for it. Even though I am not naturalized, I consider myself a citizen." EVERYTHING TO HAMPER THEM

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Many other objectionable situations arise from our present naturalisation process. These include what seems to be considerable grafting by court clerks in issuing the citizenship papers. A number of permanent American residents who have sought citizenship in New York City have implied strongly that \$15 is the price of naturalization in various New York courts.

Cases Not Properly Handled.

Judging from statements of other citizenship-seekers, the highly important work of conducting the educational test is frequently illegally assigned by the judges to their ill-educated and unintelligent court clerks, who have no training or judgment in deciding who is eligible and who is not,

mailed, sometimes even assaulted with But the clearest idea of what is wrong with America's present naturalization process is possibly best obtained from a Three non-citizens, the wife of one and study of the present American naturalization laws. If you live in the country you make a succession of long, expensive, time-consuming journeys to the nearest county seat. If you live in the city you stand for days in a succession of shuftling, alow-moving court corridor lines. The declaration of intention, the purpose of which is to identify the would-be citizen and to fix the time of his Ameri-

can residence, is an entirely useless formality, this information being already a New Jersey and New Hampshire do not matter of record with the immigration rise is necessary to attract lightning on allow European heirs of non-citizens to authorities at the port or point of the benefit under workmen's compensation applicant's original entry into the United

strict the employment of non-citizens on The most essential feature of the pres public works. Other states restrict nonent naturalization process is the educacitizen ownership of land. Numerous tional test; and the United States governcitics will not allow non-citizens to take ment is apparently so indifferent as to out licenses to carry on various trades. the educational qualifications of its fu-Eight states permit American non-citizens | ture citizens that it provides absolutely to vote after from thirty days to six no facilities for their educational prepamonths' residence without the slightest ration. Local boards of education in a aducational preparation. All the other few cities conduct adult night schools. states, after obliging them to give up but the vast majority of would-be cititheir allegiance to their birth country sens are obliged either to study by themkeep them waiting for several years- selves at home or to join one of this without being citizens of any country at country's numerous fraudulent citizenship all-before giving them the political pro- schools.

A Typical Example.

A typical fraudulent citizenship school, which was closed recently by the New York State Bureau of Incustries and Immigration, had a membership of 390. The members were attracted by means of deceptive advertisements promising government positions, sick benefits, freedom from arrest. One member had pawned his wife's ornaments to pay the tuition fees. The school masked a life insurance selling scheme. Education consisted merely of a superficial weekly lecture. Sympathetic understanding of the enlightened and broad visioned philosophy on which our American democracy is based can hardly be obtained from such a source. Few foreigners also can obtain this understanding by studying at

alisation machinery. One citizenship-seeker went down to home alona. Next to the lack of educational prothe New York' county court house in 1910 and took a place at the end of the visions, the most objectionable feature naturalization line. The line was so long of our present naturalization system is that, although this particular citizenship- the needless repetition of court appearceker stood in it al' day, he had not ances. The work of naturalization was reached the court clerk's desk by the time imposed upon our American courts more that the court closed for the night. Re- than a century ago; and no one apparturning next morning he went through a ently has since had the initiative to take second weary day of vain waiting. Dur- the function away from the courts and ing this second day a court idler came up place it entirely and wholly in a separate and whispered to him that a front place government department where it obin the line could be bought for a dollar. viously really belongs. Most judges se-When the would-be -citizen refusel to cretly regard naturalization work as an pay the money, the whisperer went fur- imposition and an interruption of their ther down the line and drove the bar- regular judicial duties. They crowd it gain. Fearing to be thrown out of work into as brief a time as possible by holdif he stayed away from business any ing a "naturalization court" several longer, this man did not return to court days every month. Only a few cities the third day. Although he intends to hold naturalization court at night. live in this country all his life and bring

Formalities Archaic. up his children as Americans, he hi n for citi-

"So you are glad to see me, are you, fered by such object is sufficient to Willie?" said the minister who was dining with the family. "Why are you ing space and we have the destructive "Becauth." lisped the little fellow, "we cleared to those who have seen the spark alwayth have a good dinner when you gap from coils used on automobiles.

Tommy had been playing truant from school and had passed a long, beautiful day fishing. On his way back he met one of his young cronles, who accosted him with the usual question, "Catch any- through this into the earth silently, the thing?" At this Tommy, in all the conpressure is relieved and in the great majority of cases there is no violent of

sciousness of guilt, quickly responded: "Nope-ain't been home yet."

stood while Roy saddled and bridled So she said poor kitty you must die, but aim. I will see that you are not teased by the

still. I kicked a little. Star bolted and galloped down the lane.

"Oh, Roy," I screamed. "Hang on." he yelled.

We galloped straight down to the four corners and then Star turned up a narrow lane.

On we flew until I saw the threshers ahead of me. I yanked until Star bolted into the field. He began to mind when I pulled the rein.

Papa caught Star and got me. It was name Fanny. time to stop work and our hired man ode Star home.

Old Man Fleck lost his job! Dear Editor-I am a new Busy Bee. will tell the Busy Bees more next time about Roy and I and our pets.

(Honorable Mention.) Odds and Ends.

Esther Christiansen, Aged Years, 3350 South Nineteenth Street, Omaha, Neb. By 12

There was once a maiden, very pretty, but very idle and careless. When she was spinning she would not

trouble to unravel a knot in the flax, but tore it out and threw it upon the floor beside her.

Now, she had a maid who collected these odds and ends of flax, washed them and spun them, and made herself a pretty dress out of the material.

The idle maiden was soon to be married and on the eve of the wedding the maid put on her pretty dress and danced nerrily.

The bride, who was watching her, said to the young man: "See how that girl as she dropped a tear of joy, "You are a there hows and bends, dressed in my ast-off odds and ends." When the bridegroom heard the story

and found how idle she must be and how industrious the poor girl was, he, gave up his bride and chose the other tirl for a wife instead,

A Dog with a Kind Heart.

By Elsie Stribling, Aged 8 Years, 3224 Cuming Street, Omaha. Blue Side, Major is a large dog and a kind one. A poor dog that had lost his master once came to the house. Major seemed to pity him and did not drive him off. The folks fed him and he soon began to look strong and happy. Then Major's mistress said now that dog is well and he must go away. She took a broom to drive that strange dog away. At this Major walked up to the poor dog and put one paw over his neck, then he gave a severe look at his mistress as if to say, if he goes I go, too. The poor dog was let stay till his master came claim him.

I am a new Busy Bee and wish to join the Blue Blde.

A True Story.

By Gertrude Nich, Ashland, Neb. Dear Editor-I am sending a true story if a kitten that went to church. One Sunday evening at the Methodist church a cute little Maltese kitten came walking up the aisle. After the sermon he minister asked if anyone would like to join the church.

Then the kitten went up the aisle and stood in front of the minister as though it would like to join the church. But in a few minutes it found the col-

Should Roy get on or 1? Ladies first. I | dogs. So, with tears running down her It was little Lola's first ride on an got all settled. Now-let go! Star stood cheks, she held the poor thing under electric car. "Mamma," she asked, "what makes the 1905..... Myrtle Anderson, 3606 Haskell St. Windsor water till it was out of the reach of boys and dogs. houses run so fast?" "What," asked the teacher, "is the A New Busy Bee. meaning of the word 'wafer' ?" By Geneva Johnson, Aged 9 Years, Wausa, Neb. "A wafer," replied Maurice, aged 9, Dear Busy Bees: I am a new Busy Ree a kid without any father or mother." and belong to the Blue side. My father takes The Bee and I read the Busy Bees' "Is your sister taking music lessons?" page every time. I have two sisters, and asked the visitor. I think I shall get a cat. The cat I shall "She's takin' somethin' on the plano, small Tommy replied, "but I don't know whether it's music or typewritin'." Henry, the Bootblack. Mamma-"When that naughty little By Edith Kenyon, Aged 10 Years, 2239 Cuming Street, Omaha. boy threw stones at you, why didn't you Henry was a kind, good boy. His father

was dead and his mother was very poor, back?" He had a little sister about 2 years old He wanted to help his mother, for she use? You couldn't hit the side of a could not always earn enough to buy food barn." for her little family.

One day a man gave him a dollar for Henry might have kept all, for no one saw had taught him to be honest and never other. to keep what did not belong to him. With the dollar he bought a box, three brushes and some blacking. He then went to the corner of the street and said

to sveryone whose boots did not look nice, Black your boots, sir, please." He was so polite that gentlemen soon began to notice him and to let him black their boots. The first day he brought home 50 cents, which he gave to his mother to buy food with.

When he gave her the money she said

come to me instead of throwing them Johnny (aged 6)-"Huh! What was the Elmer, aged 6, accompanied his father finding a pocketbook which he had lost. to the circus one afternoon. Among the many strange things he saw was one him when he found it. But his mother man standing on the shoulders of an-"Look, Papa." he exclaimed. "There's a two-story man!" The mother of 5-year-old George had

been ill for several days. "How is your mamma this morning. Georgie?" asked a neighbor. "Oh, she's better." replied the little fellow, "but she isn't quite so better as she was yesterday."

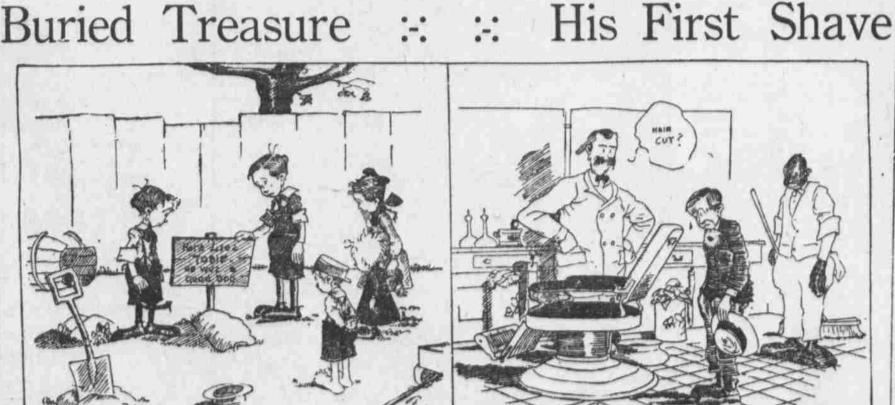
"My grandfather," said the new neigh-

1905......Carl Barowsky, 1st and Spring Sts......Bancroft 1902..... Helen Beloyed, 708 Center St..... Train after filing his declaration of intention in 1899..... Anna Bova, 856 South 21st St. Mason 1911, waited vainly for over a year to be 1902.....Adrion Bronson, 1421 North 34th St......Franklin 1907...... Marie Stella Brown, 3621 Ellison Ave.......C. P. Anney 1903 Nina L. Butts, 4114 North 28th Ave..... Druid Hill some unknown way the records of his 1902..... Williard D. Clark, 2207 South 32d St. Windsor two previous naturalization steps had

1902.....Lottle M. Funk, 1621 Laird St.....Lothrop 1904......Willie Glaseman, 4709 North 14th St......Sherman 1895..... Leon Hansen, 3105 South 15th St..... Edward Rosewater

1903.....Leonard Kohry, 2813 Woolworth Ave......Park 1904.....Elsie Krumweid, 18th and Himebaugh Ave.....Sherman 1897......George T. Lyons, 2225 Ohio St......Lake 1898......Glenn McDermand, 2506 St. Mary's Ave.......Mason 1898......George Dewey Martin, 3318 Taylor St......Monmouth Park 1906..... Theodore Newman, 1413 North 35th St. Franklin 1906 Calvin Wright Pierce, 2710 Florence Blvd. Miller Park 1903..... Vera Potter, 2118 South 46th Ave...... Beals 1900......Ida May Richards, 2611 North 20th St.Lake 1900..... Helen Rivers, 2018 North 26th St. Long 1899.....Cullen Root, 1034 South 30th Ave......Park

1900.....Rosle Rousek, 1457 South 17th St.....Comenius 1904..... Amelia Wagner, 10th and Grace Sts..... Lake



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17. "This is the day we celebrate." Name and Address. School. 1906..... Herman F. Abendroth, 2723 Ohio St..... Howard Kennedy

is still a non-citizer

Denied Protection.

senship take place two years after the declaration and contain still other archaio formalities and needlers duplications. Other apparently deserving citizenship-senship because the naturalization rec-

The citizenship-secker is required, for example, to produce two witnesses. He pays their lost wagan, railroad fares ords of the United States are scemingly in a chaotic condition. One of these, and luncheons. These witnesses marely make unreliable personal statements concerning matters which should be accurately determined by government investigators and from government recnotified of the educational test. Finally ords. These superfluous witnesses have he went down to the court house to find to be produced a second time when the candidate is examined by a judge in open court. This court examination itself should be conducted thoroughly by a specially created federal examination bureau and not hastily by a preoccupies

largely in its history. The "examina-

tures date back to the first United

Rectifying Law,

dence" and "oath of allegiance"

States naturalization act in 1795.

original naturalization act has

been twenty times modified.

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tion in open court."

The last annual report of the United State naturalization bureau at Washingjurist The cause of America's obviously inadequate naturalization system is found

"One-fourth of the naturalization courts in the United States are habitually delinquent in filing reports * * * Because the small force of employes in this of-"ice, no assignments are made in exam'nng declarations of intentions since those fi'ed in October, 1910, and in examining certificates of naturalization issued since 1969.

been either lost or destroyed.

A bill providing for the creation of a Thousands Discourszed. federal naturalization investigating com-Thousands of other useful and indusmission was introduced into congress trious American residents are apparently last month. The commission is to condiscouraged from obtaining the protec- sist of five members, to be appointed by tion of American citizenship because of President Wilson. It is empowered to the lack of harmony between the various hold hearings and subpoena witnesses widely divergent state laws. and documents in all parts of the United

A certain Scotchman, who came to this States. Fifty thousand dollars is to be country ten years ago and settled in Chi-, appropriated for the preliminary excago, determined to live here vermanently. penses of the commission. The commis-Wishing to obtain the protection of citi- sion is to report to congress not later zenship, he filed his declaration of inten- than January, 1915. tion and later his petition of citizenship What the commission will ultimately in the courts of Illinois. While waiting recommend is of course not yet known,

to be notified of the succeeding court but as the alien is made such by federal, steps, however, he was obliged for busi- not state law, the question, therefore, of ness reasons to move to New York. In whether his rights should be wholly de-New York he found that there was so termined by federal law is now ripe for little co-ordination between the naturall- discussion. zation laws of the different states that a ;

Is Up to States.

petition for American citizenship filed in If the states are to pass laws, as they lilinois is not recognized in New York. have been doing and are doing now, dis-After considerable inconvenience, waste criminating against the allen in mattern of time and expense, he filed a second of employment, compensation in case of petition in a New York court. Before he injury and in the power to hold property. received notif'cation of the ensuing court then these discriminations, if justifiable. steps his business called him to a third should be uniform. They should be made state. He had to file three different so by the same federal government which. petitions before he could become an The greatest evil in America's present

naturalization process seems, however, to be the failure of the United States government to provide any educational facilities for those who seek citizenship.

Deplorable Stination.

American citizen.

A certain industrious and worthy per manent resident came to this country in 1903 and went to a court house and took out his first citizen's papers in 1997. He then began seeking a means to prepare himself for the educational test in English and civics. He discovered that there was no institution in his town in which he could study either of these two subjects in the evening and that the United States government apparently doos not are how its future citizens prepare themselves. This particular man tried studying English and civics at his home in the , still others are silent on the subject. evenings. But he worked all day in a factory and when he reached home in

the evenings he was always tired. After trying for several years he became discouraged and gave up his course of selfeducation. The statement which this For sale by Beaton Drug Co .- Advertises carnest and disappointed citizenship- | ment.

enters into treatles with the countries from which these aliens come. The federal government requires a knowledge of English and civics in its examination for naturalization. Why not place upon it the initial obligation for stimulating or assisting the state to furnish it? Women now vote in ten states. Naturalization through the male members of

the family, limiting the right of suffrage for women not born here or for American women who marry foreigners, is wholly out of keeping with the political progress of women.

If no state now has the right to admit or exclude allens, why should any state have the right to determine the length of residence necessary for voting, so that in some states it is thirty days; in others six months, in others five years, while

A Life Problem Solved

by that great health tonic, Ejectric Bitters, is the enrichment of yoor, thin blood aind strengthening the weak. Se.