

The Busy Bees

Their Own Page

HOW to retain memories of a pleasant summer in the country or mountains for the long winter months is a question often asked by the Busy Bees. Why not make a collection of the wild flowers that you find? Besides, the delight of the picking expeditions, their preservation will bring you added pleasure long afterwards.

Press the flowers between blotters, placing a heavy book on top and leave them until they are dry. The colors will not fade. Then mount them on thin pieces of Bristol board—paint a pretty cover for the back and you will have the loveliest flower book in the world. The pieces of Bristol board can be fastened together by pieces of ribbon or cord run through holes in the top of each leaf.

Instead of pasting the flowers themselves to the board, it looks much neater if you take some gummed labels and cut them in very thin strips. These will hold the flower securely in place and keep the book from looking sticky.

A leaf book is just as interesting. See how many different kinds of leaves you can collect and how much you can find out about each one. Then make your leaf book the same as the flower book.

The Busy Bees are reminded that the time for the election of a new King and Queen of the Busy Bee Kingdom is drawing near. Votes for a King to be chosen from the Red side and for a Queen, who is selected from the Blue side, will be received until the last day of this month. The new rulers will be announced the first Sunday in September. For whom will you vote?

This week the prize book was awarded to Virginia Spurr of the Red Side. Honorable mention was won by Loree Wolf of the Red side and Veda Rees of the Blue side.

Little Stories by Little Folk

(First Prize.)

The Lily of the Valley.

By Virginia Spurr, Aged 11 Years, 114 North Kimball Avenue, Grand Island, Neb., Red Side.

There was once a fairy who wore a white hat and a green dress. One day she went to visit another fairy. It was winter and the fairy grew very cold. In one place the ice was broken and she did not see the hole in the ice and stepped in it. She was so cold she could not get out. The God of the Woods found her and changed her into a Lily of the Valley. Ever after that this flower has been seen in the spring.

(Honorable Mention.)

The Wrens' Ball.

By Loree Wolf, Aged 11 Years, Pierce, Neb., Red Side.

Once there was a maple tree on the side of a hill. In the tree lived Mr. and Mrs. Wren.

One day they planned to have a ball. Mrs. Wren wrote a few invitations to her neighbors. They asked the canary bird to sing while the rest danced.

At last the night came for the ball. Everyone was there who was invited. They all had a good time.

(Honorable Mention.)

The Hopeless Penny.

By Veda Rees, Aged 12 Years, Norfolk, Neb., Blue Side.

"What, ching, clang?" The penny which had dropped from Alice's hand rolled around the corner. Oh, Oh! Where has my penny gone? There were a few tears in Alice's eyes at the thought of losing her precious penny. She looked around and it was nowhere to be seen. Little Alice gave a few sobs but tried to be brave and not cry aloud. Just then a kind man came up to her and finding her in trouble, gave her five pennies to make up for the lost penny. To the mountain the penny lay hopelessly lost and hid under a leaf. But the penny found a companion near by in an old knife. Being very homesick the penny began to tell him about its many adventures.

The first thing I knew was that I was being chopped out of a mine. I was taken to a smelting furnace and heated very hot until I nearly burned up. I traveled from hand to hand and finally was taken to a mint where I was made into a bright and shining penny. I was stacked up high with many hundreds of others. One day some people were sight-seeing and they gave me to a man who gave me to his little girl. She bought a stick of gum with me after which the grocer used me to help buy his new home. Then the next man gave me to a little boy for a sock. This little boy gave the penny to his sister, who has just now lost me. And goodness knows what will become of me now!

(Honorable Mention.)

Neighbors Leave Dog.

By Laura Mvrdal, Aged 9 Years, Papillion, Neb., Blue Side.

Now I am going to tell you a story that is true.

Once upon a time we had some old neighbors and they were going to move to the city. They had an old dog and they didn't know what to do with him so they gave him to us. His name is Curly. He has black curly hair, but it is getting white. He is 12 years old. Whenever there are any chickens in the yard we call him and he gets them out for us. Then sometimes we get a piece of wood and we call him and he comes to us and begins to pull. He puts it in his mouth. When papa gets hold he pulls hard, but when the baby get hold he just holds it in his mouth. He can shake hands. Well, I must say I am getting pretty long so I will close. This is the second time I have written.

(Honorable Mention.)

A New Sister.

By Alma Van Buren, Aged 10 Years, Kearney, Neb., Blue Side.

There was a carnival in town. We went to the carnival with the neighbor lady. We stayed there quite a while. When we got home, what you you think we saw? The dearest little baby you ever did see. She weighed 6 1/2 pounds. We were so glad we wanted to see her all the time, but the nurse wouldn't let us. She is only a little older than three weeks now. She has dark hair and blue eyes. She is the third child in our family. All three are girls.

Thank you very much for the book you sent me. I have read it and liked it very much.

(Honorable Mention.)

Rescue Kitten.

By Vert Lese, Aged 11 Years, Genoa, Neb., Red Side.

One day my little brother and I were out playing when we hear a little kitten meow and my brother looked around and said, "See what I have found." It was pure, so we fed it and saw it has gone away. I will have to close as my father is getting long. I wish to join too Red Side. Good bye!

(Honorable Mention.)

Disobedient Tommy.

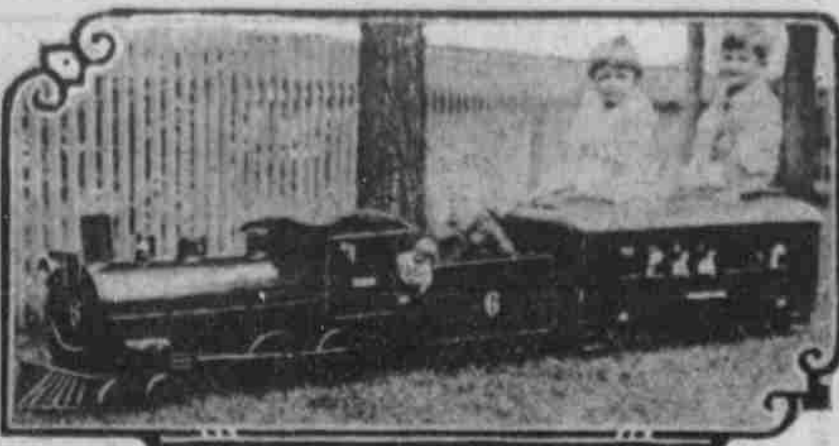
By Marjorie Dickson, Aged 9 Years, (Neb.), Red Side.

Tommy was told to stay home while his mother went upstairs. She said if he

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Kiddies Keep Daddy Busy Making Toys



G. F. Harris of 223 Caldwell street, mail carrier, finds enjoyment devoting much of his spare time making toys for his children, Clifford and Clara, 5 and 1 years of age, respectively. The illustration shows the children taking a "wid" on their train, made by Mr. Harris. This little train adds to the popularity of the Harris play-yard, Mr. Harris made a toy table and other articles, and he declares the time is well spent. Clifford wants his father to make an airplane and Clara wants an automobile. Mr. Harris is kept busy supplying their wants.

when one day papa came into the house and told us that someone had stolen our little pig. We were all very sorry because we were going to butcher it in a few days. I will close because my story is getting long. This is the first time I have written a story. I hope to see it in print.

Pink Favorite Color.
By Catherine Treadway, Aged 10 Years, Boone, Neb., Blue Side.
This is the first time I have written to the Busy Bees. I enjoy reading their letters very much. I am 10 years old and in the sixth grade. We have six little kittens and a little puppy. We have also two little coats. I wish to join the Red Side because I like blue better than red, but pink is my favorite color. I hope to see my letter in print.

Reads Page Each Week.
By Hilda Oeler, Aged 13 Years, Macedonia, Ia., Blue Side.
This is my first letter to the Busy Bees' page, and if my letter doesn't go to pay Mr. Waste Basket a visit, I will write again.
I read the Busy Bees' page every Monday and enjoy it very much.
I will close for this time, hoping to see my letter in print.

An Interrupted Party.
By Mary E. Grosvenor, Aged 12 Years, West Point, Neb., Blue Side.
The birdies had a party.
Up in our apple tree,
Their gowns of brilliant colors
Were beautiful to see.

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A Robin was the Hostess.
Dressed up in brown and red,
And gracious words of greeting
To all her guests she said.

The Blue-boys looked so pretty,
In coats of richest hue;
And orioles in yellow
Were very lovely, too.

The martens and the thrushes,
Wee sparrows by the score,
Came flying to the tree top,
Till it would hold no more.

And when they had assembled,
They all began to sing,
Which made the apple orchard
With sweetest music ring.

But very unexpected,
A hawk came swooping down,
And in his eyes were flashing
A very ugly frown.

'Tis like to know," he shouted,
"Why you have slighted me,
I'm just as fond of parties
As anyone can be."

Before the trembling hostess
A single word could say,
The wings of all the birdies
Had borne them far away.

About Ferrets.
By Pearl Bryan, Aged 14 Years, Little Sioux, Ia., Red Side.
I am going to write and tell you about my pet ferret. He is brown and white, just as sleek as can be. I feed it bread and milk, also beefsteak. I am going to give a description of ferrets.

The ferret is a native of Africa and it has been brought to America and domesticated. It has been in confinement over twenty-five years. They resemble

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PROFESSOR SHEPARD AND SOME OF HIS WIRELESS APPARATUS.

Stories of Nebraska History

BY A. E. SHELDON

(By special permission of the author, The Bee will publish chapters from the History of Nebraska, by A. E. Sheldon, from week to week.)

Lone Tree
Lone Tree was a solitary cottonwood standing on the north side of the Platte river about three miles southwest from where Central City now is. Its massive trunk, ten or twelve feet in circumference at the base, rose like a column fifty feet in the air and was crowned with spreading branches which in summer cast a grateful shade. It was a landmark which could be seen for twenty miles across the level Platte valley, and the early traveler, viewing it afar off, hastened to enjoy its protection and shade.

The Indians knew the tree and named it long before the white man came. The legend is that their chiefs held council within its shade. The first white traveler up the Platte must have noticed it. The overland trail on the north side of the Platte ran within a few yards of the tree. The great emigrant trains made a camping ground near it and hundreds of those who passed that way carved their names in its tough bark, climbing higher each year to find room for new names and initials, until its rugged trunk was covered to the height of thirty feet with these inscriptions. Lone Tree ranch was established in 1855 at a little distance from the tree. Later the postoffice there and the Union Pacific station three miles away each bore its name. In 1865 a great storm laid the old landmark low, its strength having been sapped by the hundreds of sharp knives which carved its bark. Part of its trunk was taken to Lone Tree station, now called Central City. Here it stood on the depot platform until it was nearly all carried away in fragments by tourists.

Thousands of travelers from the east and the west who crossed the plains in the early days kept the old tree in their memories, and the early pioneers in the Platte valley remembered it as a rare old friend. Though the old logs decayed until even its stump is gone, it still remains in the minds and hearts of the people who were gladdened by it as it stood, solitary and majestic, by the long, hard, lonely trail in those far away days.

In the year 1911 the people of Merrick county, through their county board, voted the money to place a stone monument made in the likeness of a cottonwood stump in the place where the Lone Tree once stood. There it stands today in perpetual witness to the worth of a tree.

INDISPENSABLE MAN IS KILLED AT THE DARDANELLES

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug. 5.—Private Horace Gee, who became known throughout England as "the indispensable man" as the result of a debate in Parliament, has been killed in action in the Dardanelles.

After he had enlisted, the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce petitioned Parliament to release him from military service, on the ground that his services as an expert maker of needles were indispensable to the boot trade of central England. The matter was brought up in Parliament and the government was compelled to defend its refusal to release Gee, stating that the shortage of needles had not so far affected the rate of production of army boots.

GERMAN THEATER OPENS UP AT CONSTANTINOPLE

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 5.—A German theater has just been opened here, and bids fair to be as popular as any Turkish house. A caste of Turkish actors, under German leadership, is engaged in mastering and presenting classical German plays, as well as a number of comedies, in the Turkish language.

Parts of "Faust," "Schiller's," "The Robbers" and "William Tell," as well as an excellent translation of Goethe's "Egmont," have been successfully given thus far. Heretofore the modern Turkish theaters have presented, almost exclusively, French drama, and with small success. The great tide of pro-German feeling in Constantinople at present is materially aiding the new venture.

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