

LITTLE BUSY BEES THEIR OWN PAGE

ELECTION time I share for the Busy Bees. It is time to select the new king and queen. As the faithful Bees know, this voting privilege is extended to all who write for the page. Think over the stories you have enjoyed most and send in your vote right away for the boy and girl whose stories please you most.

Right here the editor would like to ask the writers to read over carefully the rules. Some are forgetting and writing on both sides of the paper; others discard the pen and ink and use instead the forbidden pencil.

Out in Pueblo, Colo., there is a boy who writes that he enjoys reading the stories of the Busy Bees very much, and also that he would like to join the Post Card band. This boy, who has written an interesting letter, has, however, neglected one important particular—he has not signed his surname. If he will send his full name the Post Card exchange will be glad to put it on the list.

The prize winners this week are Thelma Fredericks of Grand Island and Alice Davey of Davey, Neb.

Any of the Busy Bees may send cards to anyone whose name is on the Postcard Exchange, which now includes:

- Jean De Long, Ainsworth, Neb.
- Irene McCoy, Barnston, Neb.
- Lillian Mervin, Beaver City, Neb.
- Mabel Witt, Berlington, Neb.
- Anna Gettach, Bennington, Neb.
- Minnie Gottsch, Bennington, Neb.
- Agnes Danpke, Benson, Neb.
- Maria Gallagher, Bennington, Neb. (Box 13)
- Ida May, Central City, Neb.
- Vera Chassey, Central City, Neb.
- Louis Halse, Central City, Neb.
- Rhea Friedell, Des Moines, Neb.
- Aida Bennett, Elgin, Neb.
- Enrico Bede, Falls City, Neb.
- Ethel Reed, Fremont, Neb.
- Hulda Lundberg, Fremont, Neb.
- Morton Capps, Gibson, Neb.
- Marguerite Bartholomew, Gothenburg, Neb.
- Irene Voss, 467 West Charles street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Lvda Roth, 666 West Koenig street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Ella Voss, 477 West Charles street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Irene Costello, 116 West Eighth street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Jessie Crawford, 466 West Charles street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Pauline Schulte, Deadwood, S. D.
- Martha Murphy, 323 East Ninth street, Grand Island, Neb.
- Hugh Rutt, Leshara, Neb.
- Heater F. Rutt, Leshara, Neb.
- Ruth Temple, Lexington, Neb.
- Anna Neilson, Lexington, Neb.
- Elythe Kreis, Lexington, Neb.
- Marjorie Temple, Lexington, Neb.
- Alice Gramsmeier, 144 C street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Marian Hamilton, 2029 L street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Elea Hamilton, 2029 L street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Irene Disher, 209 L street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Hughie Disher, 209 L street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Charlotte Boggs, 227 South Fifteenth street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Mildred Jensen, 708 East Second street, Fremont, Neb.
- Helen Johnson, 354 South Seventeenth street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Altha Myers, 224 North Sixteenth street, Lincoln, Neb.
- Louise Stiles, Lyons, Neb.
- Estelle McDonald, Lyons, Neb.
- Allice Scherer, Nebraska City, Neb.
- Harry Crawford, Nebraska City, Neb.
- Harvey Crawford, Nebraska City, Neb.
- Louise Hasen, Norfolk, Neb.
- Helen Reynolds, Norfolk, Neb.
- Letha Larkin, North Sixth street, Norfolk, Neb.
- Emma Marquardt, Fifth street and Madison avenue, Norfolk, Neb.
- Genevieve M. Jones, North Loup, Neb.
- William Davis, 221 West Third street, North Platte, Neb.
- Louise Raabe, 250 North Nineteenth street, Omaha, Neb.
- Frances Johnson, 323 North Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, Neb.
- Marguerite Johnson, 323 North Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, Neb.
- Emile Brown, 222 Boulevard, Omaha, Neb.
- Helen Goodrich, 409 Nicholas street, Omaha, Neb.
- Mary Brown, 222 Boulevard, Omaha, Neb.
- Evie Hendee, 409 Nicholas street, Omaha, Neb.
- Lillian Wirt, 416 Cass street, Omaha, Neb.
- Lewis Poff, 316 Franklin street, Omaha, Neb.
- Juanita Innes, 229 Fort street, Omaha, Neb.
- Wassett Ruf, 134 Binney street, Omaha, Neb.
- Meyer Cohn, 84 Georgia avenue, Omaha, Neb.



RULES FOR YOUNG WRITERS

1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only and number the pages.
 2. Use pen and ink, not pencil.
 3. Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.
 4. Original stories or letters only will be used.
 5. Write your name, age and address at the top of the first page.
- First and second prizes of books will be given for the best two contributions to this page each week. Address all communications to CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, Omaha Bee.

The Hen.

By Thelma Fredericks, Aged 11 Years, 222 East Fifth Street, Grand Island, Neb.

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Fairy Truth and Falsehood.

By Alice Davey, Aged 12 Years, Davey, Neb.

There was once a fairy whose name was Truth. She had a sister whose name was Falsehood. Fairy Truth was a good fairy, but Falsehood was a wicked fairy.

A Firecracker's Life.

By Russell Myers, Aged 11 Years, 203 South Thirty-second Street, Red Side.

I will tell you my life from the first to the last. The first I knew was that a man had me in his hand. He had made me out of this pasteboard and powder. First he took the pasteboard and rolled it up and then put powder in me. After he had done this he put pasteboard in both ends, but left a small round hole in the center of one end of the pasteboard. Then he took a wick and put it in the hole. Men put me in a small pasteboard box with other crackers and then put us in a big box and put us on a train. We traveled for some

Why the Catch Was Small.

By Alvin Kibler, Aged 12 Years, 711 West Twenty-first Street, Kearney, Neb.

It was a sad day in ponds, rivers, lakes and oceans, for you must know that the king of all the fish had disappeared. They had searched for him, but he was not to be found.

The Twins' Party.

By Viola Hansen, Aged 9 Years, West Point, Neb.

It was just a week before John's and Mary's birthday. So John said, "I am going to ask mama if we can have a party on our birthday, because she always said yes to them."

Nutting.

By Glyde E. Thompson, Aged 13 Years, Wood River, Neb.

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Conundrums.

By Arline Hein, Aged 4 Years, 12 Folk Street, South Omaha, Neb.

What is the difference between a robber and a teacher?

Pointed Paragraphs.

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Finally the train stopped and a man lifted us out and put us in a freight depot. An express wagon came and a man put us into it and took us to a store. The store man put us in his store window. A little boy came and bought me. He kept me in the house all night. In the morning the boy got out of bed, took me in his hand and put a lighted match on my wick and threw me down. Soon I popped and that was the last I knew.

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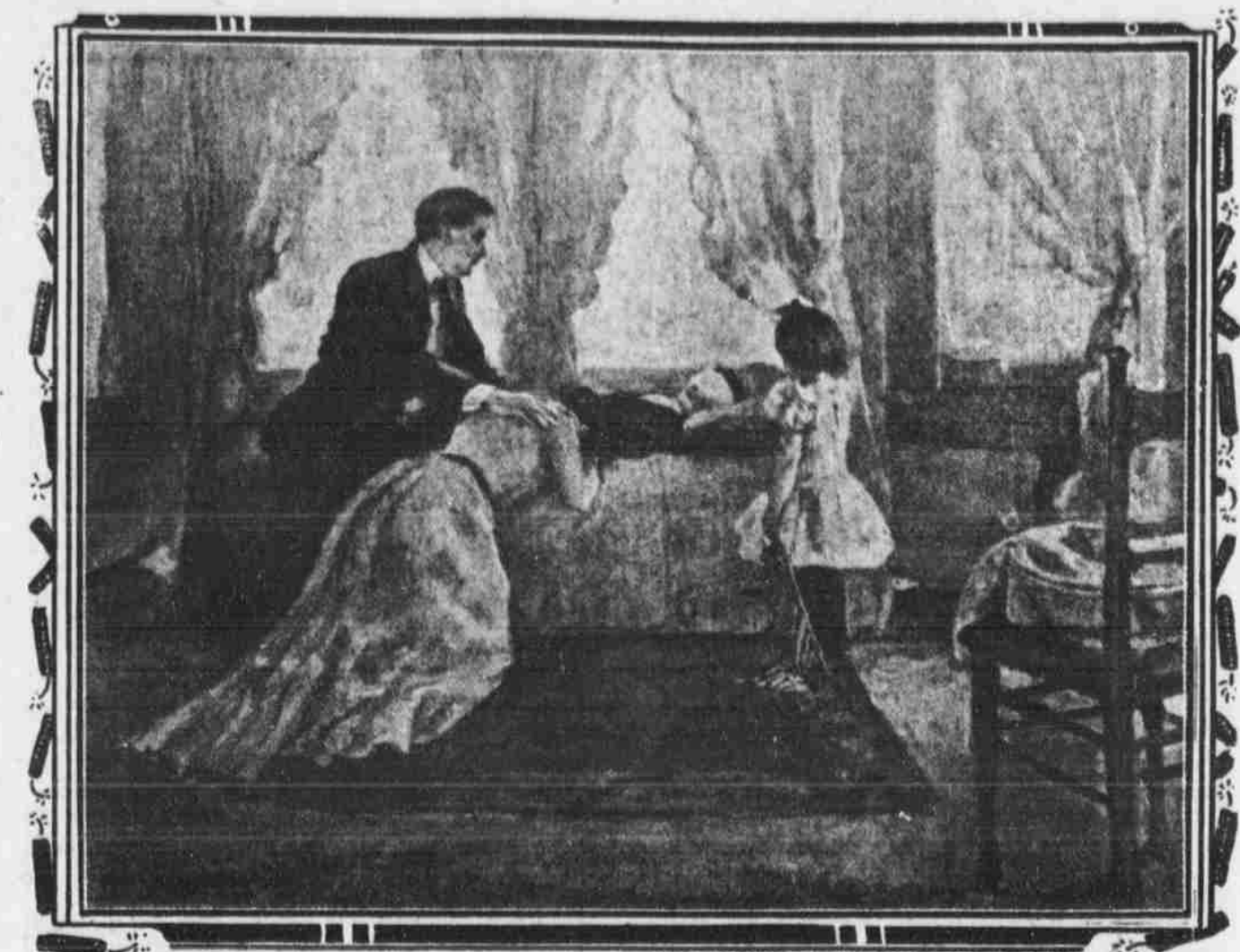
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The Poisoning of Match Makers

ANY cases of slow poisoning have resulted in the United States from the making of matches. The facts are set forth in a recently published bulletin of the United States bureau of labor. The article was prepared by John B. Andrews, secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation, the aim of which is the conservation of human resources. Mr. Andrews is to discuss the same subject at a meeting of the association to be held in Chicago this week.

Story of Spanish-American War As Told by a Blade of Grass.

By Margaret Ludwig, Aged 14 Years, 2812 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Neb.

I was walking through the battlefield one day when I was stopped by a pleasant, squeaky voice. It was the first and last time in my life I ever heard a voice that was both pleasant and squeaky. But this one had both of these qualities.

Little Rag-a-Muffin

BY MAUD WALKER.

LITTLE RAG-A-MUFFIN lay on the floor, utterly miserable. She lay face downwards, so that she could not see anything about her. She was going on about her. But she could hear. And that was almost a pity, too, for the things she heard made her more and more unhappy.

K-O-PLUNK ON THE FLOOR WENT RAG-A-MUFFIN.

Indeed, it was the rival's appearance which had thrown Rag-a-Muffin into such despair on the floor, face downwards.

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The Flag Brigade

By William Wallace, Jr.

HE glorious Fourth was coming! Only a few days more for the boys of the Flag Brigade to wait! And each individual boy of the brigade was full of happy anticipation. They had been waiting for weeks—ever since Tommy Ryan's father came home one evening to say: "Hello, sonny! You'd better be getting ready for the Fourth; it's on its way here."

Then it was that Tommy talked the matter over with his comrades—Frankie Bryant, Jimmy Lamont, Ned Brown, Billy Downs and the clown of the "band," Fatty Hoover. It was Fatty who always "cut up capers" and made his companions laugh till their sides ached.

"Let's have a flag brigade," Tommy suggested, when the boys had assembled in Billy Downs' father's stable. Tommy had called the meeting and was acting as "spokesman."

"Good!" cried Frankie. "I've got three flags at home."

"Yep, let's have a burgade," acquiesced Jimmy, not knowing just what a brigade meant, but knowing it would be something of a patriotic nature. "Must we all have flags, Tommy?"

"Sure," explained Tommy. Then the conversation became general, and very soon a plan for the glorious Fourth was outlined and Tommy was to have full management of its development. "We'll all march, carrying flags, and we'll sing something, too," Tommy said.

"What'll we sing?" asked Ned Brown, who had a lusty voice and loved to sing. "Let's make it 'Anybody Here Needs Kelly.'"

"Oh, no!" protested Billy. "Let's sing 'There's a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight.' For we'll make things hum, won't we?"

"Say, don't you kids know what the Fourth means?" asked Tommy in a disgusted tone. "You fellows would better be learning what was done on the glorious Fourth of July. Gee! The idea of singing such songs! Why, we'll sing national airs—'Old Glory' and such songs."



FATTY CARRIED THE BRIGADE'S STANDARD AND EACH OF THE BAND CARRIED SMALLER FLAGS.