

Special Page for The Bee's Busy Little Honey-Makers



In the Bee Hive

Stories by Our Little Folks

(Prize.) Old Glory

By Mary Bennett, Aged 15, Bancroft, N. Y.

Dear Busy Bee, I am writing again to try my luck. So I am writing a poem.

Flag of our country, far above
Over the land and the sea!
The steadfast light on Glory's height,
The banner of the free!

Purity speaks from your folds of white,
Truth from your sky of blue,
Courage flames forth in the crimson stripes
And leads to victories new.

Faithless like stars in the arching sky,
In glory your stars shine on,
And promise the peace that never shall cease
In the land by the valor won.

(Honorable Mention.) Thanksgiving

By Madon R. Chase, Aged 10, Plover, Neb.

In England, at Yorkshire, a little colony of people, later called "Pilgrims or Puritans" lived. They were compelled to go to the king's church. They didn't like this kind of worship, so they met in a church of their own. The king had put soldiers on guard. If they were found the families were often separated and put in prison.

When it was no longer safe to meet in a church they met in the people's homes. Still they were often caught and imprisoned. After a time they became a little wiser and didn't keep a light. They also didn't sing or offer services, laugh or chat together about the king and his men, as they would be apt to be caught and taken away and punished.

At last they held a meeting and decided to leave England and go to Holland. They had a hard time to get away, but at last succeeded. After being in Holland a time they were surprised to see how their children took up the Dutch ways in both dress and manners. Their parents were afraid that they would forget their English customs. They soon began planning, and on September 6, 1620, set sail for America. They started in two ships, the *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower*. In the two ships they carried 120 men, women and children. At sea the *Speedwell* sprung a leak and was forced to return. The company numbered 100 after leaving 20 on shore. At last they landed at Plymouth Rock, December 21, 1620.

They worked very hard, at last succeeding in building a house large enough for all. By spring 51 of the Pilgrims had died. At one time the living were hardly able to bury the dead.

In the spring they had built seven more houses, a fortress on top of a hill and had cleared 26 acres of land. Since some of the Indians were kind, the kind ones showed the Pilgrims how to plant corn and other things, as well as showing them how to make other things such as canoes, stone axes and to weave mats.

That fall the harvest was plentiful and they thought they would set a day of thanksgiving and have a feast. The Indians were invited, too. They brought turkeys, wild game and popcorn. The feast lasted three days.

From that day to this we have set aside the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving in memory of the Pilgrims and to remind us to be thankful for all we have and love, which is a great deal more to be thankful for.

Our Play House
By Madon R. Chase, Aged 10, Plover, Neb.

One sunny bright afternoon in May I heard a rap at the door. I ran to see what it was and found my friend, Una Fisher. She was there to see if I could help her make a play house in the basement. Papa said we could have some boxes that are there and I have some things down there that papa gave me that we could use. We can be dandy. Ask your mother if you can come," said Una without stopping.

I ran quickly into the bedroom where I found mamma asking, "Oh, dear! I am, meaning to whisper, but instead I said it as if to wake her. But I asked her and she said I could go. Una and I had lots of fun and played in the play house until supper time.

A Parisian Bee
By Madon R. Chase, Aged 10, Plover, Neb.

Dear Busy Bee: This is my first letter. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. My daddy was in the Y. M. C. A. and he is back. But when he was in Paris he sent my sister and I a French dress and it was lacy cloth and it is warm and when he came home he brought my sister and I a French doll and he brought many other things. I look at the letter of other children every Sunday. Well my letter is getting long, so I will close.

The Golden West

By Madon R. Chase, Aged 10, Plover, Neb.

I will send you a poem, which I wrote in school. Our teacher told us to write a poem. The following is the poem which I wrote.

The golden west
Is where I love it best.
It is a land of golden grain,
It also is plentiful rain.

The golden west
With its beautiful mountain crests
And on the wonderful prairies
Is where I love to tarry.

The golden west
With its great green vest,
With crimson cactus flowers in numbers,
Is where I long for in my slumbers.

Lost in a Forest

By Madon R. Chase, Aged 10, Plover, Neb.

Dear Busy Bee:

This is the first time I have written to you.

Once upon a time there was a little girl named June. She lived in a deep forest with her mother, father and baby brother. June's father had to work hard every day chopping down large trees. One morning before he left he told June to bring his lunch in the middle of the afternoon and not to stop on her way for she may lose the path and get lost. He had promised to scatter grain on the way and June was to follow this.

Late in the afternoon June started out with her basket. She followed the grain for a little ways, but later it was not to be seen, for the birds and wood pigeons had long picked it up. June did not stop for this. She thought she could easily find her way.

She stopped to pick pretty bright colored flowers and the more she picked the further into the woods she wandered until the sun went down and the stars came out one by one, but it was so dark in the forest she could not see. She sat down by a large tree and began to cry. She was also growing hungry. She took out a sandwich and ate it. Bye and bye June began to grow sleepy, she laid her head upon her arm and was soon fast asleep. She was awakened suddenly by voices which sounded very familiar to her. It was her mother and father and baby brother.

A Naughty Boy
By Madon R. Chase, Aged 10, Plover, Neb.

Dear Busy Bee: How are you? If you write to me I will answer you.

I guess I had better begin my story. Once there was a naughty boy and his playmates called him "Rough." He always kicked dogs and teased little children and swore. His parents did not know about it. One day his playmate was over to play and he called the naughty boy "Rough." His parents heard him and called "Rough" in.

When he went in he lied to his parents and told them the boy was a bully. When the boy outside heard him he decided to lick him good and proper.

The next day going to school, "Rough" was overtaken and beat up. That taught him a lesson, but not only one.

One day he was up a tree and was going to drop on a cat. He got too far up and missed the cat and he broke his arm. When he went home he had to tell them what he did and some other people had complained about him so he got a good licking from his father and mother.

When he got well his arm was stiff and he did not dare pick on any little boys now.

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE
By DADDY

CHAPTER V.
Balky Sam in the Way.

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Lo and behold the runaways could see that the guards were still snoozing beside the gate. Hal had put them sound to sleep with his lullaby. And nearby were Balky Sam, Lonesome Bear, Johnny Bull, Billy Goat, Rollo the monkey and the birds also deep in slumber. Penelope the gate, was auto waiting to aid in the escape.

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they should do. It was their business to stop the runaway and they reached for the guns they had dropped when they fell asleep under the spell of Hal's lullaby.

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Instantly Lonesome Bear grabbed one of the guards in a mighty hug, while the monkey snatched away his gun. The other guard stooped to pick up his weapon, and just then Billy Goat landed on him behind. Wham! the guard was sent flying into the tangled wood, and he went in farther when Johnny Bull snatched at his coat tails. In just a second both the guards were put out of business. Hal and Penelope and Peggy and Billy rushed through the gate and jumped into the auto. The driver already had his engine started, and away they went.

"Drive as fast as lightning," cried Penelope. "Jonathan Cash's motor is as swift as the wind."

Now the castle guards came running up, and behind them were Aunt Prue and Jonathan Cash. They saw Hal's auto going away, and at once Jonathan called loud for his own swift motor. In an instant it came rushing down the driveway, stopping at the gate to pick up Jonathan, Aunt Prue and several of the guards. Another moment it would have been speeding after the runaways if Balky Sam hadn't done a funny thing. He pretended to be dizzy and staggered out in front of the motorcar. There after whirling round several times he dropped as if dead right in the gateway. The car couldn't get by him, and Balky Sam was up against the wheels so that it couldn't very well go over him.

Jonathan Cash and his driver fretted and fumed, and the guards pulled and tugged at Balky Sam, but there he lay, while Hal's auto bore the runaways farther and farther away.

Balky Sam was tickled by the way his trick was working, and he opened one eye to wink at Johnny Bull. One of the guards saw that wink and he knew that Balky Sam wasn't dead. The guard had his rifle and he gave Balky Sam a smarting jab with it. That brought Balky Sam back to life in a hurry, and likewise it made him mad all over. A mighty leap and a kick, and he sent the guard flying up among the trees.

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have any idea of giving up the chase. They couldn't catch Penelope before they got to the gate, so they had a way of speeding word ahead. A shrill blast from a watchman's whistle sent a warning down the driveway. There another whistle and another and another, each guardman blew with all his might. The guards at the gate woke with a jump. They were amazed to find the gate open. And they were astonished when they looked up a driveway and saw Penelope, the lovely bride, in all her wedding finery, being dragged along by Hal and Peggy. But amazed and astonished as they were, they knew what

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Chimney Swifts Tell How They Build and Hide Their Little Nests

Sixteenth Story of the Night

By MARGARET MSHANE.

Whip-poor-will ceased speaking and stopped off the branch. He spread his wings and took flight in a twinkling. Moonbeam thought was the funniest he had ever seen. He zig-zagged in and out of the low, thick shrubbery. One minute he was lost to sight. Another minute he was directly in front of her, a short distance ahead. Sometimes he would fly near the ground and then spring suddenly in the air. Each time he changed his direction entirely.

"Well, this performance means something very important," Moonbeam said to herself. "Things on wings always have good reasons for their actions. May-



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be this portends trouble. I will just follow him and see for myself."

Calling to Whip-poor-will to wait for her, she flashed her silvery gleam far ahead of her, glided softly into it and sailed through the dark wood. Soon she was at the stile of her waiting friend.

"Well, Whip-poor-will," she exclaimed, "what a funny way you have of traveling. My word! I would have sworn by de-quation ages ago. Why do you not fly straight? Don't you know you make your journey twice as long going in that way?"

"Who ever heard of a bird taking

a straight course any place. You must be thinking of Bees, Moonbeam. They are the only people on wings that I know of who follow a direct path while traveling. They take a bee-line every place they go, because they could not go any other way."

"A bee-line. What in the world is that?" Moonbeam interrupted.

"Why it is the shortest distance between two points. The bees can go that way because they have no nests to hide, and the location of a bird's nest is the greatest secret of a bird. If we traveled like the bees, and like you would have us do, finding our nests would be the easiest thing in the world. We could not possibly hide them. Then all of the mean people of earth, who like to shoot us or steal our eggs, would have no trouble locating our homes and children. They would just have to follow our straight course."

Mrs. Whip-poor-will and I have a most puzzling way of traveling. This is because our nests are located in low places, easily found. But we zig-zag in and out among bushes and trees, high and low, and it is impossible for any person or any four-footed animal to follow us.

"You, Moonbeam, are the only one we could not fool. But we do not mind you because you will always be our friend."

"I suppose now, Miss Curiosity, you would like to know where I am going?"

"Well, as I was speaking with you in the branches I saw the top of the head of one of my cousins, a chimney swift, extending out of that big chimney. Suddenly I decided to go over and investigate."

Looking ahead of her Moonbeam saw a large, tall pile of rough stones. It was a very old chimney

she was sure, for the stones were weather-beaten and some of them had dropped out.

She followed, quickly after Whip-poor-will. Reaching the chimney they sat on its top and Moonbeam peered curiously into the dark abyss.

There she saw several small blackish birds. One was clinging to the inside of the chimney wall. He was propped against its side with his tail, and he rested in an upright position. Another was clinging to a bracket, which hung against the opposite side of the chimney. She wondered how it could hang on that wall so securely.

Her fitting gleams awakened several of the birds.

Heads darted quickly up from underneath protecting wings, and all stared fixedly at Moonbeam, apparently making up their minds whether she was friend or enemy.

Whip-poor-will, watching from the rim of the chimney, swooped down and joined the circle.

The birds were only half awake, so they did not feel much like talking.

They told Moonbeam, however, that their tails were the most wonderful props. "Their tips are very sharp," they said, "and we can stick them into any tree or wall. We rest comfortably this way for hours at a time, and all the while we are building our nests."

"Your nests are wonderful. Chimney Swifts. How do you manage to hang them so securely on the wall?"

"Mother Nature has placed a strong glue in our mouths, and with this glue we can fasten our nests very securely to anything. We mix them of twice action by sticking them in a little open work socket,

and then we quit them to the wall of the chimney.

Most all birds weave their nests with hair, grass, and twigs. They have to do this to make them hold together, but with us we just get them fast. They stick forever, and after we have abandoned them, for the season.

With this wonderful device a Mother Nature we are able to build homes swift, so if you look around you will certainly find this one chimney.

Our nests are not as beautiful as some other birds' nests, but they are substantial and comfortable.

A nest is the only home we have, you know, and safety and comfort are the two main factors in the location of our site. That is why you see us here, in this old chimney, and we are most secure. When you would see the top of a chimney here, would they stagger?"

Birds inherit their habits of nest-making. Every bird will build a nest in a suitable location and the same way is true of our mother. This has always been so, and even though the birds might migrate to other countries, this instinctive way of nest-making would remain the same.

We hope that this tale, and the facts we have given you, will be of some use to you.

Love and kinship to you always, and I hope to hear from you soon. The locality I live in is the same as you live in, so all the birds are the same. The locality I live in is the same as you live in, so all the birds are the same.

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will complete the sentence and describe the picture?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES.

"The Lone Star Puzzle."
The diagram shows how the map of Texas is produced by a grouping of ten pieces cut out from the "Lone Star."

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