



Stories by Little Folks

Grandma's First Ball

"Washington's birthday!" sighed Grandma Knox, folding her wrinkled, old hands wearily.

Grandma closed her eyes and with a dreamy look on her face began: "I was young then, only 14, but I had many responsibilities upon my young shoulders."



DOROTHY ANN CAMPBELL

To be a real faithful Busy Bee you must love all animals and take just as good care of your pets as your mother and father take care of you.

bell, a member of the Bee Hive. Dorothy Ann loves every little chicken in the world and she says they are just as good playmates as any doll she ever had.

My Bookshelf

Drowned Gold—A story of a ship sunk during the recent war. A treasure of great value is in the ship. The adventures and struggles entailed to find the ship and reach the treasure are told by an American shipmaster.

The Violet. It was the month of April. And just peeping from the ground came a little violet.

It had heart-shaped leaves, and a long, green stem, but the flower itself was a perfect gem.

It was in a thick woodland. And the flower you could hardly see. Shaded by ferns and grasses, and a tall, slim, shady tree.

Put alas! one unhappy day some children were at play. Some little child chanced to see the flower.

Riding The Calf

Dear Busy Bee: I am going to write a true story about my brother. One Sunday afternoon my brother was out in the yard and he had a calf that father had given him.

The Teenie Weenies

BY WILLIAM DONAHY

(Synopsis of last week's story: Four Teenie Weenies, having been caught in a woman's pocketbook, are carried many miles away from the Teenie Weenie village.

After their rest the yet out on the long journey home, and for many days tramped towards the Teenie Weenie village.

They managed to pick up bits of food here and there, and at night they crawled into some old can or burrowed into a lay sack for some sleep.

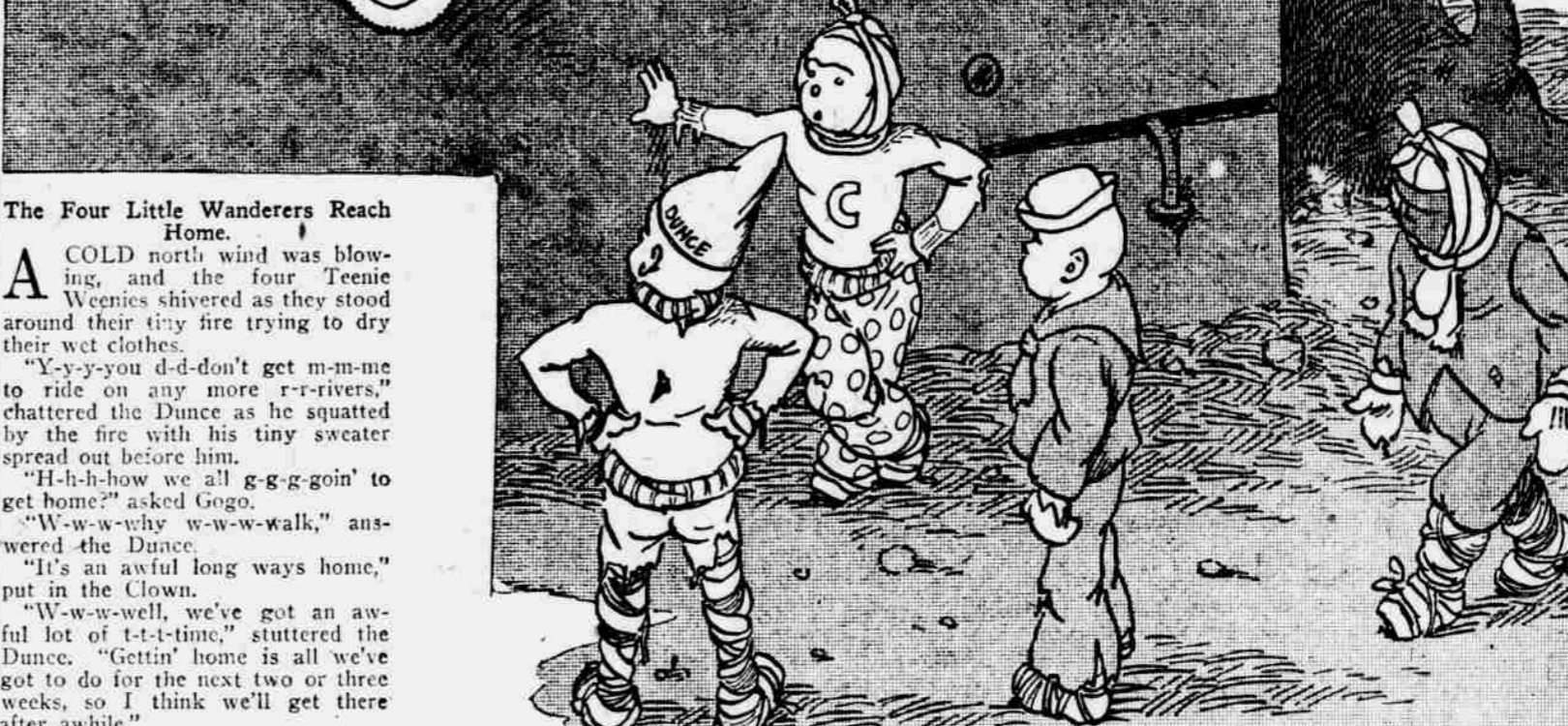
After a few days of walking the little travelers' shoes were quite worn out, and they were forced to bind their feet and legs with bits of cloth and string.

One day they were quite out of food, and after a long tramp they finally reached a chicken yard, where they saw a pleasant faced duck peering through the wire fence.

"Good evening, madam," said the Clown, making a handsome bow, while the rest of the Teenie Weenies made handsome bows.

"Why, bless my beak!" said the duck, courtying beautifully and blushing a deep orange all over her huge beak, for she was quite pleased by the handsome bows of the four Teenie Weenies.

"Well, we might as well camp here tonight," said the Duce, shivering slightly, for the weather was turning cold.



The Four Little Wanderers Reach Home.

A COLD north wind was blowing, and the four Teenie Weenies shivered as they stood around their tiny fire trying to dry their wet clothes.

"Y-y-y-you d-d-don't get m-m-me to ride on any more r-r-rivers," chattered the Duce as he squatted by the fire with his tiny sweater spread out before him.

"W-w-w-why w-w-w-walk," answered the Duce.

"It's an awful long ways home," put in the Clown.

"W-w-w-well, we've got an awful lot of t-t-t-time," stuttered the Duce.

"Gettin' home is all we've got to do for the next two or three weeks, so I think we'll get there after awhile."

It took the four little chaps almost the whole night to dry their clothes, and when that task was done each one of the Teenie Weenies took

help of friendly cats and dogs the little men managed to keep from starving.

rest of the little people all about their adventure, and you may be sure they listened with all their tiny ears.

Why Do They Call It Pin Money?

This expression originally came from the allowance which a husband gave to his wife to purchase pins. At one time pins were dreadfully expensive, so that only wealthy people could afford them, and they were saved so carefully that in those days you could not have looked along the pavement and found a pin which you happened to be in need of, as you can and often do today.

By a curious law the manufacturers of pins were only allowed to sell them on January 1 and 2 each year, and so when those days came around the women whose husbands could afford it secured pin money and got their pins.

Pins have become so very cheap in these days that we are rather careless with them, but the expression has continued to live, although today, when used, it means any allowance of money which a husband gives a wife for her personal expenses.

Pins were known and used as long ago as 1347 A. D. They were introduced into England in 1540. In 1824 an American named Might invented a machine for making pins, which enabled them to be manufactured cheaply. About 1,500 tons of iron and brass are made into pins every year in the United States.—The Book of Wonders.

Dear Busy Bees: Once we had a horse named Quenee. One day my father went to the mill and there was some hay in the mill and she shield and ran away. She crossed the railroad track and No. 5 was coming and my father jumped out of the buggy and sprained his knee, and a man south of Holdrege got her.—Herbert Swedberg, aged 9, Holdrege, Neb.

Conundrums. What is the most dangerous time of the year to go into the country? When the trees are shooting and the buttruses are out.

Camp Fire Girls

Camp Fire Group Gives Kid Party

The Tatpachon group gave a kids' party Monday at the home of their guardian, Miss Velora Boone. Each little girl brought her doll or teddy bear. The afternoon was spent playing games, after which the guests were given their regular afternoon lunch of milk, animal cookies and stick candy.

New Group of Camp Fire Organized

A Camp Fire group was formed in Bellevue February 17. Miss Margaret Powell is guardian and Miss Letitia Gove assistant guardian. The group is comprised of Misses Ruth Shallcross, Ethel Hanson, Margaret Rickbaugh, Gladys Corning, Ruth Sady, Erna Burka, Eva Weekly, Margaret Olson, Lucille Summel and Ethel Paxton. Most of the members have chosen their symbols and names and all are working for honors. The group has taken the Brook as their symbol. They will endeavor to "be happy, to be joyful and to refresh others," as does the book. They have taken I-Ha-Ha as their name.

Picnic at Spring Lake

The Almoth Camp Fire group held a picnic Tuesday at Spring Lake park. The members carried baskets with provisions and knapsacks. Lorin Brain of Scout Troop 14 loaned the group his canteen knapsack and cooking kit. Arriving at the park, the members slid down a muddy hill, walked along slippery paths, got in firewood, all the while singing, "We were strolling along a musky road gathering firewood. It seemed to say, clean your feet, clean your feet, come clean up the mud and start a fire, we'll soon be eating wienies, wienies, wienies." (Sung to the tune of "We Were Drifting Along the Moonlight Bay.") The Misses Katherine Kerr and Charlotte Riefenburg built the fire, assisted by Mrs. E. S. Freeman, who chaperoned the group. After lunch the members burned the rubbish and a high wind carried a burning plate up the ravine which was covered with dry leaves. Instantly the slope was aflame. The guests rushed forward beating out the fire with sticks. Soon all was normal again. The group is comprised of Misses Katherine Kerr, Jean Hiatt, Lyle Robinson, Ellen Prouty, Charlotte Lentz, Mabel Stoney and Charlotte Riefenburg.

The Aytia's Party

Saturday night, February 22, the Aytias held a valentine party at the home of Miss Ruth Rigdon. First, a valentine box was opened, after which the girls were given 15 minutes to write an essay on Lincoln. Miss Bracken's essay won the prize. Miss Anna Gekerman won the prize for finding the greatest number of red hearts hidden through the room. Miss Irene Van Dahl read a story, leaving out certain words which were to be filled in with names of flowers. Mrs. Marie Moore winning the prize. Following the games luncheon was served.

Group Meetings

The Alahi group held their weekly meeting at the home of their guardian, Miss Olga Jorgenson, Wednesday. A hike to her summer cottage at Florence was planned upon for Saturday, March 5, and the group decided to hold a ceremonial meeting next week.

The Lake School Camp Fire group met with its new guardian, Mrs. G. S. Greener, Friday. They worked on their scrapbooks and arranged for a candy sale to be held in a few weeks.

The Park School Camp Fire group had a busy meeting Tuesday. They completed looms for their head bands and practiced the group's songs.

The Luta group met with its guardian, Mrs. C. S. McGill, at the home of Miss Katherine Bloss Wednesday.

The Taspachu group was entertained by Miss Stella Holmes Thursday. The members worked on their head bands and practiced songs for their ceremonial.

The Idaka group held a meeting at Madison school. Their guardian, Miss May Leach, was in charge.

Moon Superstitions

One of the quaintest of moon superstitions, referred to by Vitruvius and Pliny, was that timber could only be cut to advantage at certain phases of the moon. In the royal ordinances of France to the conservators of forests it was directed that oaks should be felled only "in the wane of the moon," or "when the wind is at north." There are still country folk who hold, in spite of lack of evidence, that a Saturday new moon or full moon brings 20 days of wind or rain. The rhyme is still current: If the moon on a Saturday be new or full, There always was rain and there always will.

Conundrums

What animal has most legs in the Ark, and which the least? The elephant, who had his trunk; the fox and the cock had only a trunk and a comb between them.

Dot Puzzle



Complete the picture by drawing a line through the dots, beginning at Fig. 1 and ending at Fig. 2.



the hall to receive them? Father started them dancing and for a few moments my past was done. We danced the minuet mostly and the time soon passed. Then came the ordeal I had been dreading most, supper! Washington offered me his arm and said, "May I have the honor of escorting my brave little hostess to supper?" only they didn't call it supper in those days. Gloria, those were the proudest and happiest moments of my life when I walked into the dining room by his side!

Paul was always trying to help his father and mother in any way he could. One day he would help his mother, the next day his father. One day his mother sent him to town with a basket of eggs. He put down the basket of eggs and went skating. When he was skating he thought, "what did mamma send me after?" "Oh, I know, some candy." Off he started to the store. When he went in, he told the storekeeper mamma wanted to charge the candy. So the storekeeper said, "How much candy, little boy?" "Ten cents worth." "All right," said the storekeeper. After he gave the little boy the candy, Paul hurried home.

For the Live Boys of Omaha

"Y" Lads You Should Know—Hugh Smith

The president of the freshman class at Central High school is one of the strongest leaders at the boys' division of the Y. M. C. A. He is Hugh Smith, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith. His father is purchasing agent of the Union Pacific railway and his older brother, George, is lieutenant colonel of the Central High cadet regiment.

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall to Spend Week With Boys in Omaha

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall of Northwestern university, the internationally-known lecturer and authority on sex hygiene, and the author of many books for boys and young men that are recognized as the last word on this subject, will be in Omaha for the week beginning March 10.

American Hero Week At "Y" Successful

The American Hero week, which was suggested by Dr. E. C. Henry and promoted in all the schools of Nebraska through the efforts of J. H. Beveridge, president of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, was celebrated in the boys' division last week. Over 600 Omaha boys heard the message of becoming real Americans from leading business and professional men of the city.

Burdick Replaces Hedberg as Physical Assistant at Y. M. C. A.

E. S. Burdick, physical director at Mason school, has taken up the duties of assistant physical director of the Y. M. C. A., taking the place of J. O. Hedberg, who resigned March 1.

Knights of Square Table Take New Boys

Several new members were invited into the Knights of the Square Table last Wednesday night at the boys' division of the "Y." This club is composed of 60 younger employed boys and is in charge of Fred Kirkland.

Yates School to Take Second Factory Trip

On Wednesday morning of this week the boys and girls of the Sixth grade of Yates school will be taken on a trip through the Armour packing company by J. S. Arnold, assistant boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A.