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ED. LAMB'S B. JAY

The Pet of Willets Street is Billy the Blue Jay.—He Has a Snap For a Winter Home

One of nature's truest pets is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lamb. Early in June Mrs. Lamb found a very young bluejay in her yard. He was minus most of his feathers and unable to fly. Thinking he should be returned to his parents, Mrs. Lamb attempted to compel Mr. Bluejay to go down the garden path. Instead of doing so, he walked into her outstretched hands. Ever since then the bird has been their great joy, and as they say, "Billy can all but talk."

Billy has his own cage in the yard, coming and going as he pleases. He never fails to come at his regular feeding hours. The neighbors all know him and Billy has the privilege of helping himself to the finest grapes, for he is "Mrs. Lamb's bird."

The bird's greatest delight is on Sunday morning when the Lambs are reading the Sunday paper. Then he will play with the papers, sit on Mrs. Lamb's shoulder or walk round the brim of Mr. Lamb's hat. He takes great delight in traveling round and round the hat, peeking over the edge to see if he is noticed.

Billy will come like a shot out of the sky when his name is called, always answering, even if far away. Sometimes if he is far away his call will come plainer, and suddenly it seems as though he must have darted from the clouds. Strange as it may seem, Billy appears to get lonesome sometimes, then he will come and sit on the clothes line and softly call until Mrs. Lamb answers. Wherever he is he always seems to be delighted to see them or hear their voices.

This bird is a humorous fellow. He will bring small pieces of paper or tiny twigs, hiding them in a crevice of a bench or chair in the yard, and if he is spoken to will disappear into the sky with a shrill cry. Not only a peculiar fellow and a joker, Billy is a hopitable bird as well. One morning he brought four other bluejays into his cage. All the birds were happy until the meal was finished. Then all but Billy became panic stricken and Mr. Lamb pulled all the tail-feathers from one "crazy" bird, trying to get it out of the cage. Like the German dog, some day, perhaps, Mr. Bluejay will ask for a piece of bread, but we doubt if either Mr. or Mrs. Lamb will be surprised. Mr. Lamb will build a house for his pet this winter in hopes to keep Billy all the year.

FLORIDA

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There's a land of sweet enchantment,
Like a Gem set in the sea,
Decked with flowers from gulf to ocean
Charmed by feathered minstrelsy.

Myriad lakes, of crystal beauty,
Dot the landscape far and wide;
And her rivers—gently flowing—
Bear us on to meet the tide

Of the boundless swelling ocean,
And the grandeur of the sea,
With its message of the ages,
And its hidden mystery.

There the winds but come in zephyrs,
From the gulf, or from the sea,
Laden with the breath of blossom
And the music of the bee;

And the mocking bird is singing,
Where the orange blossoms grow;
And there is no frigid winter,
With its sleet, and ice, and snow.

There the days are bright and sunny,
And the nights are cool and sweet;
And the busy care-worn traveler
Seeks her out with eager feet.

That he may renew his Vigor,
Drain'd by years of constant strife,
In the money maddened Northland,
Where they take each other's life.

Not with sword, or leaden missile,
From the deadly pocket-gun;
But by "PUSHING" to the limit
From the morn till setting sun.

Oh, my heart has grown aweary
With our "hustle" and our strife,
In this pushing one another
In a race that is not LIFE,

But is only an "Existence,"
Full of harrassment and care;
Till the heart-strings almost sever,
And the soul is in despair,

Yes, I'm longing for the Southland,
The peninsula by the sea
With its luscious fruits so tempting,
And its zephyrs call to me.

There the "Fount of Youth" is hidden,
To those blinded by their care;
But to those whose eyes are open,
Flowing freely everywhere.

For there's TIME enough for labor,
And there's TIME for pleasure too;
And there's no need of "high pressure"
In the things we have to do.

And I think I'll have to answer
To this call that comes to me;
Go and join the happy dwellers,
In the Southland by the sea.

GONE TO ITS HOME

The Oakland Piano Given Away by The Eccentric Won by Miss Minnie Wilson of B'ham.

Minnie Wilson,	82,825.
Bessie Patchett,	65,750.

Birmingham, Mich. Sept 23rd, 1911.

We the undersigned committee appointed to count the votes for the fourth and final count in the Eccentric Piano contest, declare the above to be a correct count of all the vote cast this day, Saturday, September 23rd. 1911.

H. M. SHEPHERD,
D. A. SMITH,
EUGENE BROOKS.

The Total Vote.

Minnie Wilson	393,725
Bessie Patchett	120,050
Bessie Russell	5,375
Lillian Render	1,800
Helen Shaw	550
Mrs. Robert Allison	200
Helen Brown	25
Maud Berry	25
Berdella Martin	25

After four mouths of steady work, worry and excitement, the decision made by the final count in this office last Saturday Sept. 23rd. gave this valuable piano, to the winner, Miss Minnie Wilson, who won the prize by so large a majority, that there could be no question as to her being IT in big capital letters.

The day of the count, the interest in contest became quite interesting, and to some of the contestants, it was a nervous strain and worry, until the final vote was counted and the result announced, giving the piano to Miss Wilson, without any fear or doubt as her majority was so great, that no one could have a thought that it was not won by her fairly, honestly and by hard work.

The Publisher's Music Co. of Chicago, Ill. put on the Contest, and through their Manager, H. V. Jones, and his able and efficient co-laborers, everything promised by them has been carried out to the letter. We cheerfulys reccommend this firm to any brother Editor, for a fair and square deal, if they are thinking of putting on a contest. The piano, "Oakland" they present, is second to none and fills every claim made for it Never a subscriber called to see this instrument but what was surprised at, and delighted with its value, finish, tone and style.

After the first prize being disposed of, the following young ladies come in for theirs amongst the prizes offered by our merchants of Birmingham.

Of course. Miss Bessie Patchett wins second prize, and chooses Wilkinson & Bassett's offer, goods value, $10.00

Third prize, - Bessie Russell.
Fourth prize, - Lillian Render.
Fifth Prize, - Helen Shaw.
Sixth Prize, Mrs. Robt. Allison.
Seventh Prize, - Helen Brown.
Eighth Prize, - Maud Berry.
Ninth Prize, - Berdella Martin.

Thus ends a successful piano contest that was cheerfully and pleasantly worked out from start to finish.

In this contest there came to this office and to the Publisher's Music Co. the tidy sum of $410.00. The Eccentric gained 118 new subscribers.

We are satisfied.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on Sept. 23, 1911.

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TO BE FOUND IN THE LIBRARY.

Magazines and papers to be found in the public library for the coming year: Harpers Monthly, Review of Reviews, American Magazine, American Boy, Success, Little Folks, Sunset, Technical World, St. Nicholas, The World To-day, Pearson's Magazine, Hampton's Magazine, Popular Mechanics, Youth's Companion, Dumb Animals; Park and Cemetery, donated by the Cemetery Association; Delineator, donated by Mrs. Cooper; Fine Art Journal, Beautiful Homes, Woman's Journal, General Federation Bulletin, The True American, donated by Miss Baldwin; Birmingham Eccentric, donated by publishers. tf

Miss Starr, Ruler of Schools In Birmingham Country, the Youngest Superintendent

Special to The Journal.

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., Sept. 23.—A poll made to learn how many women there are who are superintendents of public schools, shows that Miss Rhoda M. Starr, now superintendent of the local schools, is one of only two women in like positions in Michigan.

The other is Miss Blanche Vaughan, at Portland.

Miss Starr is declared the youngest woman superintendent in the United States, but since women usually do not have candles on their birthday cakes, this point can not be made certain. However, Miss Starr was born on a farm near Royal Oak, just 28 years ago—if that will help the figures any.

Not many women aspire to high places in such an arduous role. Miss Starr is not only superintendent of Birmingham's high school, but is instructor of English in the three upper classes. She is the daughter of Edwin Starr, owner of a large seed farm, three miles south of Birmingham. She attended Birmingham high school and was graduated with the class of 1902.

Entering the literary department of the University of Michigan and specializing in English and history, Miss Starr was graduated in 1909. During her university life she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and an honorary member of the English society, Stiyus.

Miss Starr refined her musical abilities at the University School of Music. She has also high vocal talents.

Miss Clara, a sister, is an Ann Arbor graduate, and Miss Minnie, another, is a special teacher of music and drawing in both Birmingham and Royal Oak schools.

The school board says Miss Starr's executive ability will become widely known. No one could be more popular with the student body.

At Portland, Mich. Miss Blanche Vaughan, '35, has been superintendent of the high school for nine years. Her home is in South Bend, Ind., and, by the people of Portland, she is known as a brilliant woman.

MISS RHODA M. STARR,
Birmingham, Mich., School Ma'ms Youngest High School Superintendent in U. S.

MITCHELL HOUSE

An Old Land Mark Torn Down For a New Business Institution. About the Last!

Considerable interest has centered about the Daines & Bell store, now being torn down to make way for a modern double store. Several of the oldest residents have been asked about it. All have said it was beyond their time. After much research we have found that it was the second building erected in our village.

In 1833, —— Clock occupied the store as a merchant, then owned by Mr. Hoffman and later as the residence of R. J. Mitchell. Clock remained but a short time moving to Ohio. Then Orrin Poppleton occupied the store in August 1840 and remained there until June 1841. He then moved across the road, building a new store, into which he moved in 1842.

George H. Mitchell was born in the Daines & Bell store. His father R. J. Mitchell living in it as a residence, yes many years ago.

The Eccentric was printed in the store almost a generation ago.

On the wall of the second floor still remained a Christmas sign said to have been placed there 54 years ago at a Christmas party. Many relics were found in the attic, hoop skirts, hair-cloth trunks, rope bed of the old style and a queer old fashioned bench.

Few of our residents now realize that when the first history of Oakland county was written our own village was then half a century old.

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MRS. MARY WOOSTER,
MISS GERTRUDE WOOSTER,
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THIRTY-SECOND TOOTH TALKS

No. 1.

This space belongs to me. In it each week I intend to state a few dental facts that will be of vital interest to you. Its up to you to benefit yourself.

Teeth, the hardest portion of the body, should be the last to decay and die. They are generally the first. They are absolutely necessary to maintain bodily health. Do you know that diseased teeth are the direct cause of partial or total loss of sight, smell, taste, hearing, good looks and the enjoyment of life besides much pain and misery.

Every tooth you lose is an engraved invitation for Mr. Trouble to call on you. Ninety per cent of the dentists work is preventable. A tooth filled in time is worth many nights of lost sleep.

Think it over and get busy.

W. N. MOFFETT, D. D. S.,
Central Block. Royal Oak

No. 2.

It is more important to select and employ a competent, conscientious dentist, than it is to have a regular doctor, minister, tailor or any tradesman.

A decaying tooth means wrong conditions in the mouth. Pain does not always accompany decay. Serious damage may have been done and large cavities exist before symptons appear. Any unusual sensation about the teeth is a warning. HEED IT! Decay usually begins at some hidden point. You may not be able to see it but the dentist knows where and how to look for it. Don't wait until pain, abscess, gum boils, etc., drive you to seek aid. The earlier taken the easier remedied.

DO IT NOW.

W. N. MOFFETT, D. D. S.,
Central Block. Royal Oak.

Mrs. R. G. Reynolds will live with herson Ed this winter, in Chicago.

History Extract
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