

THE SECRET

They say that almost anything is apt to happen in the spring.

It's true that when we are asleep up through the earth the flowers creep.

And somehow all the birds know when it's time to fly.

But I believe that little breeze that chuckles as among the trees.

Must know the secret. It might be that he would whisper it to me.

If I came very, very near.

And if I came near enough to hear because they say that anything is apt to happen in the spring.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially For The Free Press by GWINDOLINE F. CLARKE

There and it itself could make a better job of spring than the weather is doing right now. I feel almost too tired to get up and see the sun.

Oh to be in England, now that April's here, or anywhere at all for that matter so long as the sun is shining.

Of course I don't feel this way when I have time to think about it, which, after all, isn't very often.

Two weeks we finished up by having the calves in three days. All Ayler's says, I expect when the weather gets warm (if it ever does) that the calves will be in the air.

It seems too that the children should have had such rough weather for their holiday. I had heard that the children had looked forward to a little camp.

Two days later, the thermometer is rising—incidentally our spirits—birds are singing, frogs are singing, kiddies need no persuasion to go out.

"The Board" of Health is sitting around the quays of New York harbor, and the city is being encircled by a wooden barricade placed around the enclosure where emigrants are packed.

The Free Press Short Story

THE BLACK TROUT

By JAMES P. LONG

When Marj Williams came in from the lake, she was dripping with water, and her hair was matted with mud.

Only that morning Marj's father had taken her to the lake to catch trout. She had been out there for an hour.

Now the trip was gone—just because her father's companion and her father's younger brother Jack drew the line at taking a girl along.

He seemed pleased with the idea that she should go with him. He had been out there for an hour.

There is no question about it. Marj will take you when she comes back. She will take you when she comes back.

Don't forget Jack, that thug-like fellow who had been out there for an hour.

After supper Marj slipped out and hurried to the Connelly place. When she had finished her work, she went to bed.

There were no waves close in. The wind was blowing strongly from the point out across the lake. The water was choppy.

SLATS' DIARY

Friday—well me and Jake tried a little smoking again today.

Saturday—well me and Jake tried a little smoking again today.

Sunday—well me and Jake tried a little smoking again today.

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Saturday—well me and Jake tried a little smoking again today.

THE DOCTOR SAYS IT WITH BOOTH

A strange fact about the medical men of England is that they don't care to be called by their professional titles.

A Harley specialist of great renown was going to see a patient in a remote village.

The specialist shouted back in a gruff voice: "Good morning, wholesale dealer in boots and shoes!"

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