

The Free Press Short Story

VALENTINES ON WINGS

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As a matter of fact, the shortest way home for Lloyd Wetherell was not across the pasture and down the hill road that led past the Broome place. It only seemed shorter because this gave him a chance for a word with Henrietta Broome. Older people might have thought that since he planned to see Henrietta that evening, it was hardly worth while to go half a mile out of the way for the sake of a good morning; but as Lloyd had not asked anybody's opinion on the matter, he followed his own.

began to wonder uncomfortably if she had not read him at a glance, and known he was unworthy of Henrietta. If a girl disappointed a fellow, even if she threw him over, that was no excuse for his flinging his principles overboard. If Clara Reid knew him for the poor siff he had proved himself, no wonder her eyes had hardened as she looked at him.

The Community's Social Side of Life

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HOCKEY NOTES

P. Lesuer, of Hamilton, is billed as referee the Acton-Guelph game to-morrow night. Wonder how Oakville liked meeting up with another picked team at Georgetown on Monday night? It's almost four weeks since there was an Intermediate hockey game at Acton Arena. But they are like February, making up for lost time this week. Guelph is due to come to Acton to-morrow night. It will be a battle royal to decide who will stay in the running. Guelph chalked up a 2-1 win over Acton on Tuesday night to keep them in the running. The Royal City entry has come along well after a bad start. It will be a real battle to-morrow night when Guelph meets Acton, as the result of this game decides which team will stay in the play-offs. Wonder what the sporting editor of the Milton Champion thinks of the Milton Intermediate Team now? Oakville is billed for Acton Saturday night and we're counting on a win. Acton will give a different account of themselves on their own ice surface than the Hamilton affair. We still think Jack Burrill was right when he picked Acton and Oakville for the play-offs, and when these two teams meet it will be some nice hockey to watch.

NO WONDER

"Were you annoyed because I sharpened a pencil with your razor?" asked the attractive wife. "Twice," replied the patient husband. "After I had given up trying to shave I tried to write with the pencil."

WHEN GEORGE AWOKES

George Brown was one of the brightest of blue-eyed, curly-haired little boys. He lived in the country and went to the village school. Of all the studies he liked arithmetic the best, and could recite rule after rule with ease. One evening George went to the school room to a religious meeting with his two elder sisters. The room was nearly full when they entered, and they were obliged to sit directly in front of the platform. Ruth and Helen did not like to sit there, for George was often very restless; which troubled his sisters very much; but for half an hour the little boy was so quiet that his sisters quite forgot him. Then Ruth discovered that he was sound asleep. Her first thought was "What if he should snore?" for he did sometimes. So she made up her mind to quietly awaken him. By this time Helen found out that her brother was asleep, and so it happened that, as the minister finished speaking, in the hush that followed there was a tug at both arms of the sleeping boy. Instead of quietly opening his eyes, George started, sat upright and called out in a clear voice, just as if he were reciting at school: "Invert the divisor, and proceed as in multiplication." Of course everyone laughed, and as for George, the sound of his own voice awoke him thoroughly.

By BETTY BARCLAY

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GREGORY THEATRE. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 "FAST LIFE" A roaring romance of speedboat racing, starring William Haines. Comedy, "A Modern Cinderella." Mickey Mouse cartoon. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 "THE PHANTOM EXPRESS" A railroad mystery melodrama, starring William Collier, Jr., and Sally Blane. Comedy, "Neighbor Troubles." Cartoon, "Bosco's Dizzy Date." Fox News. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 "THE TIGER SHARK" A thrilling sea story, of the adventures of fishermen in the shark-infested waters of the Pacific, starring Edward G. Robinson. Comedy, "Pickin' a Winner." Novelty, "Land of Enchantment." Dinnerware Night. COMING "SON-DAUGHTER" With Raimi Novarro and Helen Hayes. "MAID OF THE MOUNTAINS"

BARR'S SPECIALS. Balance of this Week. Large Pork & Beans 2 for 25c. Pure Pork Lard 2 for 19c. Clark's Tomato Soup 2 for 17c. Best Mince Meat 2 for 25c. Clark's CATSUP 2 for 33c. Fancy Asst. Cookies 2 for 25c. Clark's Spaghetti 2 for 19c. Fresh Corn Flakes 2 for 17c. Golden Bantam Corn 2 for 25c. Quaker Chili Sauce 2 for 25c. 33 oz. Tins Pea Soup 2 for 29c. Choice Quality RICE 2 for 14c. Beats All Bleach 2 for 15c. Pearl or Wond'l Soap 2 for 7c. Small Sized LUX 2 for 17c. Kirk's Castile Soap 2 for 12c. Solid Cooking Onions 2 for 5c. Good Solid Turnips 2 for 5c. Fresh WHEATLETS 2 for 8c. White Cream of Wheat 2 for 10c. Fresh Cracked Wheat 2 for 8c. Quality - Courtesy Service WE DELIVER