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**SPORTS RECEIVED W.M.S. MEETING**

Lloyd Crawford was hostess of the W.M.S. of St. David's on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Elliot opened the meeting with a poem, "Creeds".

There was not a cloud in the sky, but suddenly rain fell in sheets—pouring across the roof, splattering in the windows, smelling fresh and cool. The sick doctor's family rushed to the window. There in front of the house stood the town's fire truck, with the volunteer firemen playing hoses on the roof. They were making it rain for "Doc" and they didn't stop until the air in his room was cool.

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**RAIN TO ORDER**

The heat was unbearable one September day during the last long illness of a well-loved, small-town doctor. His family had tried everything to make him more comfortable, but there was little they could do. His wife kept murmuring, "If only it would rain!"

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**IN A COUNTRY LANE**

By Lillian Collier Gray

The first fires one makes "just to take off the chill" are pleasant and cosy, even though you know full well that it is only a matter of a short time until you will have to have them going day and night. And even though it spells death to the summer, autumn is an exhilarating season, with its white frosts, northern lights, bright foliage and splashes of bronze and purple along every ditch and roadside. I don't believe I've ever heard or seen so many blue jays around here as there are this fall. Has that any special significance, such as an abundance of nuts meaning a cold winter, I wonder?

The approach of winter reminds me that soon it isn't going to be so easy and agreeable to run out to the hen-house a dozen times a day. It will mean getting into rubbers, a coat, mitts, and wading through mud or slush or snow. One of the biggest inconveniences of winter is the necessity of bundling up before one goes outdoors. And bundling up isn't an inconvenience for just the time and trouble it takes, but it makes you feel so terribly hampered. I think I'd like to go south partly because I'd not need to be all muffled up in a lot of clothes.

Speaking of hens—one lives here who should undoubtedly be psycho-analyzed. Although, I don't know, maybe a hen is lucky not to belong to that class of living matter that finds it necessary or desirable to consult with psychologists and psy-

chiatrists. Because these scientific experts are always changing their minds about things anyway. One generation submits to having the latest discoveries tried out on them, and then along comes something new and quite contradictory for the next generation to experiment with. That is really true, even though we do not give it a great deal of thought. But do you not remember how not so many years ago a whole generation of babies were brought up without any cuddling or loving because psychologists declared that was bad for baby? You must lay the little one down in his crib, and if he hollered, you were not on any account to go near him much less lift him up and shush-shush his hurt feelings. Dear knows how many babies lay with safety pins sticking into their little anatomies just because Dr. Sudabob or Britherscut said you would ruin baby if you humoured him. Then along came a flock of problem children, and gradually somebody tumbled to the idea that Sonny hadn't been cuddled enough. From now on babies must be rocked and cuddled and allowed to express themselves. Which creates the most problems—too much repression or too much expression it might be interesting to know. And it is almost time the child psychologists dug up some entirely new ideas.

But this preamble has taken me a long way from a problem hen. I told a friend about her, and this friend observed sagely, "There is nothing so persistent as a hen." Kind of reminiscent that remark, of Sir James Barrie and his, "There is almost nothing with so keen a sense of humour as a fallen leaf." Anyway, this Chicken-biddy is the persistentest of persistent types. Also, she is high-brow, very. When it began to appear that she was going to fulfill her natural function

in life, she picked a wide board that protruded about eight inches down from the ceiling. She reached this board by taking off full sail from the slanting tin top that covers the nests where her normal sisters go to lay their eggs. Here, high above the common crowd, Chicken-biddy laid her egg, which promptly rolled off the board and was consumed by the biddies below. Bad habits it was she was teaching her sisters.

Well, I hunted up the step-ladder, and an armful of paper bags with which I stuffed up the space between the board and ceiling. "That fixes you," I told Chicken-biddy. But I didn't understand the persistence of a hen. Not far from the wide board, a narrow one also protruded, a piece about three inches wide, that any sensible hen would like just for a roost. A day or two after stuffing up the larger space, I went in the laying house to be met with the spectacle of Chicken-biddy perching on the narrow stick. What is more, she laid her egg just as I appeared, just to show me. Of course, she laid it in the air, and her sisters had another feast. And now that space is also stuffed up. Chicken-biddy may go mad from frustration. Or maybe she'll just stop laying, just to show me!

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