

**A STORY WITH A MORAL.**

"I wish mamma would come and tell us a story," said Neddie, "or Aunt Addie."

"I'll tell you a story," said Walter, "of a birdy flying around out there." "Those birds flying around out there."

"Let's hear then." "Well, one day last week they got married; that brown one's name is Ruffle, because she has a whitey brown ruffle around her throat, and the other one's name is Cherry, because she eats so many of 'em. So they went and got married; a big robin married them."

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Yesterday they went to housekeeping and this morning they quarreled; it was because Ruffle wanted the south room for the nursery, and Cherry thought it ought to be his study. He was a minister, you see."

"Birds don't be ministers," said Neddie.

"Likely they don't. They have meeting every morning. Cherry is a minister anyhow."

"Well, go on."

"So they talked about that for two hours, and Ruffle wanted her way and Cherry wanted his; and Ruffle said he was a selfish old bird, and Cherry said she was a silly young bird who didn't know what was nice; and at last Ruffle wouldn't speak to him at all, and after a while he wouldn't speak to her, and Ruffle wouldn't eat any breakfast, and Cherry went off by himself and got a worm and eat it up, and didn't give Ruffle a bite. After a while he flew away and didn't come back in all day long; toward afternoon Ruffle began to be lonesome, and she didn't know what to do; then she began to grow so scared to think that Cherry didn't come, and she thought he had gone away and left her for good and all; and she cried and said it was because she was so ugly in the mornning, and if he would only come back, he might have the south room for a study just as well as not; it was what it ought to be. And just at that minute Cherry flew in, and he said: "My dear, I have brought you a rose leaf for the bed in the south room. I knew you would like it. And she said, Oh, my dear, I've decided that you ought to have the south room for a study. And he said, No, he could do without it. And she said, Yes, it was just the place. And they kissed each other, and sat down and ate a strawberry for supper that the Robin who married them had just sent in, and that's all."

"It hasn't got a moral," said Neddie.

"Mamma's stories always have morals."

"So has mine. The moral is when they both didn't want to have their own way all the time, but wanted to do what each other wanted to do, then they were happy, like when I played ball with you, Neddie, that afternoon when I wanted to read 'Rollo and His Travels.'"

"We were not very happy," said Neddie. "I cut my boot, and you tipped the sand over, don't you remember?"

"Yes, but that was after we stopped playing ball, and you got mother's knife that she told you not to touch, and I leaned on the tippy edge of the table when father said I must never do it. That had nothing to do with the 'giving up' part."

"Walter," said Neddie, slowly and gravely.

"Well!"

"I can't think your story about Ruffle and Cherry is true. 'Cause how would you know about it?"

"What of it," said Walter; "it's got a moral to it, anyhow."—*The Pansy.*

**A DRY SHAMPOO.**

"I've got to shampoo my hair, and, oh, how I dread the cold that is certain to follow!" sighed the delicate girl.

"Do you dry it carefully?"

"Always, but it makes no difference. I never wash my hair without suffering from a cold and neuralgia."

"Well, then, why don't you try a dry shampoo?"

"No water?"

"Not a drop. Have several clean brushes, an old silk handkerchief and

some good bay rum. Part the hair through the middle and again across behind the ears. Brush gently in long even strokes, but firmly enough to reach the scalp and remove all dust and dandruff; then separate the hair in small strands, shaking each well to dislodge any remaining particles of dust. Brush again, using another clean brush, and finish by wiping each strand with a clean, soft handkerchief. You will be delighted to see how bright the hair is. Apply bay rum to the scalp with a small sponge and rub it in well with the finger tips. Bay rum is a valuable tonic as well as an aid in keeping the hair soft and dry. A better preparation even than bay rum is the prepared rum and quinine which any druggist can put up for you."

"It sounds awfully comfortable," said the delicate girl. "I'll give it a trial anyhow."

**CHILDHOOD'S DANGERS.**

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The death rate among infants and young children during the hot weather is simply appalling. For example, in the city of Montreal alone in one week, the death of one hundred and six children was recorded. Most of these deaths were due to stomach and bowel troubles, which are always alarmingly prevalent during the hot weather, and most, if not all, of these precious little lives might have been spared if the mother had at hand a safe and simple remedy to check the trouble at the outset. As a life saver among infants and young children, Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in every home. These Tablets prevent and cure diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera infantum, and all forms of stomach trouble. If little ones are given the Tablets occasionally they will prevent these troubles and keep the children healthy. The Tablets cost only 25 cents a box, and a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the home may save a little life. They are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug, and may be given with safety and advantage to a new-born babe or well-grown child. If your dealer does not keep the Tablets, send the price to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and a box will be sent you by mail, post paid.

**A JAPANESE WEDDING.**

A Japanese wedding is a quaintly pretty ceremony. The bride, dressed in a white silk kimono and white veil, sits on the floor facing her affianced husband. Near them are two tables, upon one of which are two cups, a bottle of sake and a kettle with two spouts. On the other are a miniature plum tree, typifying the beauty of the bride; a miniature fir tree, representing the strength of the bridegroom, and a stork standing on a tortoise, signifying long life and felicity. The bride and bridegroom drink alternately from the two-spouted kettle in token that they will henceforth share each other's joys and sorrows. After the wedding the bride's veil is laid away, to be used as her shroud when she dies.—*American Queen.*

No more touching compliment could be paid than that of the child who had overheard a conversation at the table on the qualities of a wife. Stooping over to kiss his mother, he remarked: "Mamma, when I get big I'm going to marry a lady just 'xactly like you."

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