

PLUPY, "THE REAL BOY"

and Plupy had promised to make him a visit of a week after he had finished his visit at Ed's.

After breakfast Plupy returned to the house, and helped remove such furniture as was not entirely ruined, to storage in Beany's barn. Pewt helped him and so did Pop and Bill and Bug, Whack, Puzzy, Tady, Skinny, Diddly, Pile, Skippy and his other friends.

They were very kind and sympathetic with Plupy. It was a dreadful thing to be burned out and lose everything.

Plupy fully appreciated his position and did his best to be solemn, melancholy and sad. As he contemplated the ruins he passed the back of his hand across his eyes and mournfully shook his head, and looked heroic and resigned.

It was really very hard to play the part of a crushed martyr, for Plupy was having the best time he ever had in his life. He told again and again to an ever widening circle of listeners, how he had heard the bells and jumped from his bed, feeling sure that the time had come to play the man; how he had rushed through the