

FOR THE JUNIORS

THE STORY OF THE NEST.

By May Betteridge, Aged 13,
Minnedosa, Man.

Hon. mention in our recent Bird Competition.

ONE fine day about the twenty-fourth of May, I was walking out in our machinery yard, and when quite near the binder a little bird flew past me. I looked in the place where the twine was kept, and there I saw a few sticks and straws. I knew then that the bird was building its nest there.

I waited quietly for a little while and the bird came back. I found out it was a Wren. The nest was a new one for father uses the binder every year. The nest was made of sticks and straw, there were a few feathers in it too. It was very neatly made and I don't believe very many people could do it half so well. The first egg was laid on the next day, the rest on the following four days.

The eggs were a sort of light brown, dotted with dark brown. There were four in number. The birdies were hatched about the eighth of June. My, but they had open mouths, they were always ready for something to eat.

I had great fun teaching them to fly; I used to take them in my hands and try to make them fly; they

seemed to like it. I did teach one to fly.

It was nice to look at the mother teaching her little ones to fly. She didn't seem to like to have me fooling with the birdies because she always sat close and scolded me, but after a while when she saw I did no harm she didn't mind me so much.

One day, about the twenty-first of June the first one learned to fly.

About the thirtieth of June I went out to see my pets, but behold, they were all gone; I missed my little playmates very much.

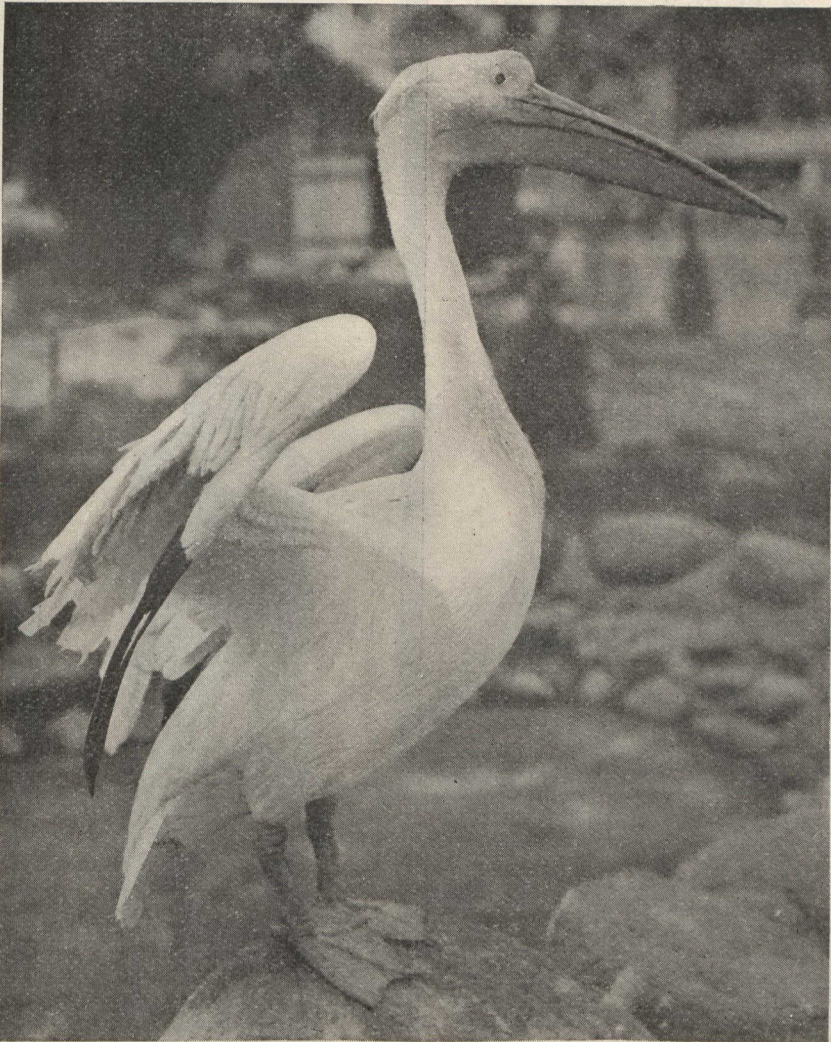
THE WAIL OF THE CAT.

MY master's off to seek the woods,
My lady's on the ocean,
The cook and butler fled last night,
But where, I've not a notion.

The tutor and the boys have skipped,
I don't know where to find them;
But tell me, do they never think
Of the cat they've left behind them?

The dog next door has hidden bones,
They're buried in the "arey";
The parrot's boarding at the zoo,
And so is the canary.

The neighbours scatter, free from care,
There's nothing here to bind them;
I wonder if they ever think
Of the cat they've left behind them?



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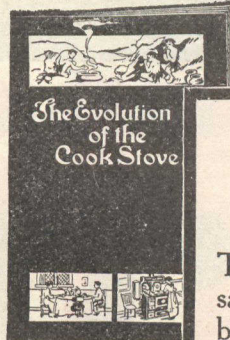
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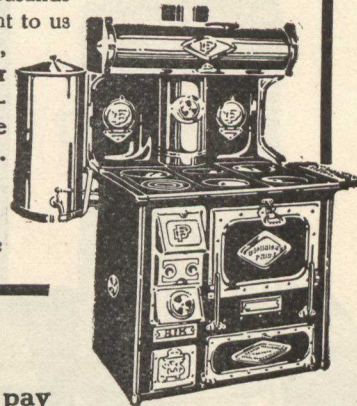
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