

OUR NATIVE MOCKINGBIRD

Sitting by a window I have often marveled at the skill used by the mocking bird when in flight. To me there is not a more interesting bird in the bird kingdom. Maybe this bird is not the most highly colored or the most active; nevertheless, he is skillful and sings a very beautiful song. What fun it is to whistle at him and to receive an answer so nearly perfect that it sounds like a strong echo. It is also amusing to hear him mock other birds or animals.

He is a common bird of the Southern United States and is closely related to the catbird and thrasher. Finding him to be a very friendly bird, I have often encouraged him to come and sit awhile on the window sill and eat the crumbs I have put there for him. Certain actions have led me to believe that this bird has a peculiar instinct. Somedays when I try to urge him to come forward he only fusses and flies around making no attempt to sit on the sill. On other days it takes very little coaxing, provided I keep my distance, to get him to come to eat the crumbs. People have often tried to tell me that the mocking bird is an enemy to mankind. I do not believe this; for does this bird not eat certain insects that harm our crops.

THE FALL DAY WAS FULL OF COLOR

The falling leaves are the silent music of nature. A king in all his royal purple is not arrayed as one of these trees in all their brilliant hues. They wave their colorful branches to the rich and poor alike. As the sun is setting on a bedecked forest of many hues, it enriches the mind in the appreciation of nature. No artist could ever paint a picture with such charm as a fall day.

READING QUIZ GIVEN STUDENTS

A ten-question survey aimed toward getting a general idea of the amount of reading being done in high school and the seventh grade was given to the students by radio on January 3. The answers to the questions were compiled and broadcast the following week.

The teachers report that the questionnaire revealed that the students can't think quickly and that they aren't reading as much as they should.

One question What magazine articles have you read in the past week? disclosed that only about one-third of the students read magazine articles regularly. Three students of the high school and four in the seventh grade gave the correct answer, Cunningham, to the question What comet is now visible? This answer and the small number answering What radio commentator do you hear regularly and What two legislature bodies have recently convened? prove that the students do not keep up with the news of the day. The question What type of book do you like best? showed a difference in opinion between the seventh grade and high school. Fiction led in the high school, while adventure and travel led in the seventh grade by a considerable majority.

STOP AND THINK

The American people are now faced with the problem How far and how much shall we lend or aid Great Britain in her present struggle? The Bailey Bugle will not attempt to answer this question now; others are helping you in your decision. This paper, however, believes that the important factor is that the American people think calmly, deliberately, and non-politically before taking any step. If this is done, all will end well.