

THE WONDER AND THE WISH

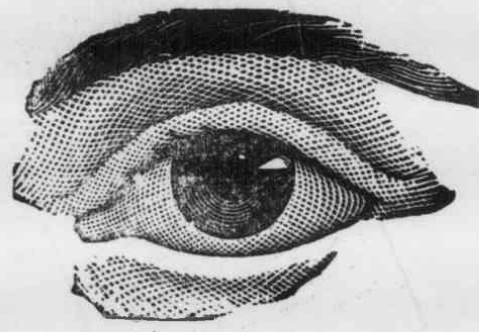
By Helen Mar D'Auby
Said John to Bess, as they walked out,
One day in springtime, early,
"I'd like to know just all about
These little lichens curly,
And just where all the green things
stay,
To be so mighty ready
The minute winter's gone away,
To grow up strong and steady."
"Just see those pussy-willows, bright,
So green and soft and furry.
I wonder if they slept last night,
They seem in such a hurry
To get ahead of everything,
In spite of windy weather;
And hear those robins, how they sing,
So glad to be together.
And talk about the summertime,
And plan about the making
Of nests, where cats and boys can't
climb,
It's quite an undertaking;
And I don't wonder they should meet,
To talk the matter over,
But where they sleep and what they
eat,
With not a leaf of clover.
Or bit of fruit, or any grain,
To me it's very funny;
I'd wait for softer winds and rain,
And weather warm and sunny."
"Why John," laughed little Bessie,
then,
"How very queer you're talking,
Why don't you fly, now, surely when
You ought, instead of walking?
Those robins, up there, in the sun,
Us two, are closely eyeing,
And wondering why we walk or run
Instead of gaily flying.
And Pussy-willow pities us,
Our feet all dressed in leather,
And heads all wrapped, with such a
fuss
About a little weather.
The water-cups down at their feet,
Dark red, green and yellow,
Are laughing at us—hear their sweet
Low gurgle, soft and mellow;
They like to wet their shiny throats
And let the water dimple
Against their pretty satin coats,
And think us very simple.
It's just like this, don't you suppose,
With birds, and trees, and flowers,
Their lives and thoughts, nobody
knows
Much more than they know ours.
But don't you wish, we really might
Make them feel half so bonny,
When spring-time comes, so glad and
bright
As they make us feel, Johnny?"

LAKEVIEW NEWS

Mrs. P. L. Gardner and son, Holt, motored to Raleigh to spend the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Andrews.
Misses Hazel Blue and Mary Black, the efficient teachers of Lakeview school, spent the week-end at their respective homes.
Louise and Leroy Woodard, of Wilson, are visiting at the home of their uncle, Mr. R. W. Woodard.
Mr. William Whisnant has returned to his home in Monroe after a brief visit in town.
Miss Pearl McNeill is at home after a visit to Mrs. I. C. Sledge at Pinehurst.
Mrs. M. B. Mayfield has returned from Texas where she was called on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Burgess. Mrs. Burgess is pleasantly remembered in Lakeview, having spent some time with Mrs. Mayfield.
The Literary Club which meets every Wednesday evening, enjoy the radio concerts and lectures after the regular program.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McQueen and Miss Pearl McNeill motored to Raleigh Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gibbon spent several days in Raleigh returning home Tuesday.
Mr. Littlefield, of Saco, Maine, father of Miss Alice Littlefield, who has been spending the winter here, celebrated his 90th birthday Tuesday.
Mrs. L. L. Johnson, of Aberdeen, was a caller at Mr. R. W. Woodard's Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fore spent the week-end at Mrs. Fore's home in Siler City. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gibbon.

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JACKSON SPRINGS NEWS

(Continued from first page) wide contest to be held Monday between the representatives of different townships. We have heard the results. Paul Long of the gap creditably in the declamatory contests made vacant by Paul developing a case of chicken pox contest was won by Holt McKelvey of the Pinehurst school and a student here. Allan McDonald, year old grammar grade student West End won the grammar story-telling contest. While the Pinehurst spellers walked away with spelling honors.

Several of the athletic contests be held over at West End Wednesday afternoon, due to dissatisfaction. However, we are expecting our boys to bring home the honors again. Both boys and girls have a chance at the relay races. If students lose the contests they support the winner and continue friendly rivalry with the Pinehurst students.

Heavy rains Friday brought to cotton planting in this section fell north of here at Candor, Arcand and Eagle Springs. In some places it covered the ground and was as goose eggs in other places. It had not advanced enough to be aged much, and only a small portion of the peach crop had survived unusual cold weather.

Geo. Ross was a Raleigh visitor last week.

Mrs. J. G. Cole has been brought to the home of her son, W. S. Cole.

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CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1922
Amount of Capital paid up in Cash, \$233,401.13;
Amount of Ledger Assets December 31st of previous year, \$148,887.99; Total, \$382,289.12
Premium Income—\$233,401.13; Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$148,887.99; Total, \$382,289.12
Business written during year—Amount, \$382,289.12
Business in force at end of year—Amount, \$382,289.12

Loans made to Policyholders on real estate as collateral, \$148,887.99
Net Value of Bonds and Stocks, \$148,887.99
Cash, \$148,887.99
Interest and Rents due and accrued, \$148,887.99
Premiums uncollected and deferred, \$148,887.99
All other Assets, as detailed in Schedule A, \$148,887.99
Total, \$382,289.12
Less Assets not available for redemption, \$148,887.99
Total admitted Assets, \$233,401.13

Net Reserve, including Disability Reserve, \$148,887.99
Present value of amounts not yet due on contracts, etc., \$148,887.99
Policy Claims, \$148,887.99
Estimated Amount payable for unexpired terms, \$148,887.99
Taxes, \$148,887.99
Accident and Health Department, \$148,887.99
All other Liabilities, as detailed in Schedule B, \$148,887.99

Total amount of Assets, \$382,289.12
Capital paid up in Cash, \$233,401.13
Unassigned funds (surplus), \$148,887.99

BUSINESS IN THE STATE

Policies on the lives of citizens in force December 31st of previous year, \$382,289.12
Policies on the lives of citizens issued during the year, \$148,887.99
Total, \$531,177.11
Deduct ceased to be in force, \$148,887.99
Policies in force December 31st, \$382,289.12
Premium Income—Ordinary, \$233,401.13

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