TRAYS WHICH GREW.

You know how it is—if you share anything with a friend it seems to grow bigger? That is the way it is at the Hospitality hotel.

The boy and the girl adventurers looked in astonishment at the brownies with the trays. The trays were being brought in for the banquet, and they were growing larger, and the brownies seemed to be growing bigger. Even the food on the plates and on the trays was growing, too. It was all most mysterious.

"Grow, grow, grow," the brownies all sang in a sing-song fashion. "Grow, grow, grow, so, so, so, for we're to have a banquet."

In another moment a great gong sounded through the hotel and there was heard a great scurrying.

It was then that the boy and the girl looked about them in the hotel. The staircases were great high, winding ones, and the floors were of beautifully polished woodwork, though they could see some scratches on the floors which looked as though there had been a dance or a ball given there recently.

Pictures hung on the walls in enormous gilt frames, and in the hallway where they stood was the biggest coat and hat rack they had ever seen with so many coats and hats hanging there they felt they could never count them all.

The great scurry had kept up. Now the trays had not grown for a few moments. But they were enormous now, and the brownies were very much larger and the food looked as if it had been prepared for many, many people.

Now the hurrying and the scurrying sounded nearer, and from all parts

"Off With the Roof."

of the great hotel the little creatures came hurrying.

"Welcome, welcome," they shouted.

The boy and the girl almost felt embarrassed that so many creatures were coming to welcome them.

The boy felt perhaps he should make some sort of a polite little speech. He thought a moment and then he said: "I do hope we haven't taken any of you away from other engagements."

"No, not a bit of it," they all began to say. "Not a bit of it. We always have had time to welcome guests. That's what we love above everything. That's why we live in the Hospitality hotel."

"Is this the only hotel of its kind?" asked the girl of a brownie who was standing right by her.

"Not exactly the only one, though there is no other just like it," said the brownie. "But I'll show you about before bedtime. Now we'll watch the banquet being made ready."

Again the great gong sounded, and once more the trays began to grow and grow until all the trays grew together and appeared like a long, long table with all sorts of food upon it. No longer were there any trays, every one was now a part of the great table, and as the table became a banquet table all the hosts and hostesses and the boy and girl and Master Thoughtfulness moved to one side. They could do this very easily, for the great hallway seemed to grow wider and wider all the time, too!

"Where have the brownies gone who held the trays?" asked the boy. He had no sooner said this than the girl added: "Why, they've disappeared. They were growing larger and larger, and then they went away entirely, but how strange we didn't see them go."

"Not strange at all," said a voice from under the long table. And there arose, rather slowly, the largest creature they had ever seen. He was fully as long as the table, and when he stood up he had to call out to a night watchman:

"Off with the roof, off with the roof. I'm standing up!"

"Yes, Night Watchman," he called, "off with the roof."

"Who are you?" asked the girl.

"And how do you do these things?" asked the boy.

"Because I'm Sir Hearty Cordiality," he answered.

Well, Wasn't He Right?

A teacher was questioning a class of boys on the subject of birds. Having received correct answers to the questions about feathers, bill, feet and wings, he put the question: "What is it a bird can do that I am unable to do?"

"Fly," was the answer he hoped to get. For several moments the boys thought, but gave no answer. At last one held up his hand.

"Well, my lad, what is it?"

"Lay an egg," said the boy.

"Ireland will fight to the bitter end for complete independence." — Archbishop Mannix.

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE SOUTH

By James Henry Rice, Jr.
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THE SHRIKE OR BUTCHER BIRD.

Order—Passeres; Genus, Lanius; Family, Laniidae; Species, Ludovicianus.

Lanius in Latin means butcher; and Ludovicianus, means of Louisiana, whence came the type specimen. A common name for the Shrike is Loggerhead, which means dunce or blockhead; all which names are misleading, false to the birds true nature and do small credit to the intelligence of the people responsible for them as will presently be shown.

Typical of the South.

No bird is more typical of the South, the true South, for the Shrike ranges from southern North Carolina to Florida and west to Louisiana. Beyond this its range is exceptional. The gray, black and white of the plumage, with habit of perching on tops of trees, poles or fence posts, in order to have unrestricted vision over the hunting ground nearby, taken together with the flight after the manner of woodpeckers, made the Shrike a conspicuous object. There is no bird for which he is likely to be mistaken, except perhaps the Mockingbird, to which there is a superficial resemblance.

The bird's habit, when rarely a Sparrow is taken, of impaling the prey on a thorn is the one by which the Shrike is characterized, whereas, at the most this is an occasional lapse from virtue. Not only does the Shrike impale Sparrows, Mice, Shrews, Voles and Moles are similarly treated. Lacking talons, he can not carry off his prey and must take this method of preserving it for future use.

However, as every plowman knows the Shrike is the most persistent of insect catchers. He is on the job from dawn to dark. He will perch alongside the plowman, and dart down whenever a grub, cutworm, mole cricket, or other insect is turned up by the plow. He never seems to get enough. Day in and day out, the Shrike stays close to where plowing is going on. Shrikes also become quite tame. I have had them take bollworms from an ear of mutton corn, when it was in my hand. They will perch on the gardener's shoulder, after a long and somewhat critical acquaintance has shown them that he is a friend.

Have Keen Vision.

Once let a stranger come in with the gardener and it is all over. They still remain nearby, but at a respectful distance, as much as to say:—"We have found that first fellow all right; but his friend is too little known for us to trust him yet."

They will off in a drop down fifty yards away from their perches and pick up a grasshopper, it being evident that the insect was plainly seen in the grass before the bird left his perch.

Moreover, no farmer claims that the Shrike injures any crop, or fruit. The food appears to be wholly animal, chiefly insects.

Mr. Wayne says that mating begins in February and nest building is begun toward the last of that month, but that, owing to bad weather, the first nests are often abandoned; hence it is rare to find nests with full complements of eggs prior to the last of March. "The number of eggs of the first brood is generally six; of the second five, and the third four; or sometimes five. The eggs are white or grayish white, speckled or spotted with olive brown or lavendar."

The nest is a bulky affair, constructed of sticks, vines, cotton and weeds. It is placed in thick bushes, thorn bushes, thick live oaks, or scrubby under growth. Mr. Wayne has found nests all the way from seven to sixty feet above the ground.

He states that he has heard many Shrikes sing sweetly, although song is a gift, which Shrikes are supposed to lack. In times gone by I have heard them sing.

Very Shrewd Bird.

So the Loggerhead Shrike is not merely a butcher, but a useful bird, very shrewd, with interesting characteristics, and with few bad habits. While he may take an occasional Sparrow, he pays for this by the capture of millions of insects, first and last. Of all the birds of the field, he is one of the best to study and cultivate.

The Shrike belongs to a numerous family, scattered over both the Old World and the New. Africa possesses the greatest number of species and these African birds are brilliantly colored. One of the finest collections was brought back by Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, when returning from Abyssinia, and he showed it to me before the birds were exhibited in the National Museum, where they now are. There are several species in North America, but we have only one; and of that one we have reason to be proud.

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The government of Venezuela has established a school of radio telegraphy at Caracas.

SLACKER AUSTRIANS MAY HAVE TO PAY TAX

(By The Associated Press.)

BUDAPEST, Apr. 19. — Austrians who did not see service in the war are to be compelled to pay a special tax, the proceeds of which is to be devoted to the care of disabled Hungarian soldiers or the dependents of those who were killed in the war.

Hungary has about 250,000 disabled fighting men and, including the orphans, widows and refugees, the government has to provide for more than 2,000,000 persons. This number is about one-eighth of the entire population of Hungary.

More than 4,000 families, who fled from Transylvania when that section of Hungary was annexed to Rumania by the peace treaty still are living in railway cars in the various yards in this city. When one family manages to find rooms in Budapest, the vacated cars are immediately claimed by newly arrived refugees.

Through the efforts of American welfare missions about 75,000 children are being fed in Budapest alone. Complete outfits of clothing have been distributed to them many times.

GOVERNOR-ELECT AND EX-GOVERNOR ADDRESS MEET

(By The Associated Press.)

GREENSBORO, April 20.—Addresses by Governor-elect Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia, and ex-Governor T. W. Bickett, of North Carolina, featured the morning session of the ninth annual convention of the United States Good Roads Association here today.

G. A. Nelson, of Alabama, one of the charter members of the organization, was to outline the history of the organization and recite some of its accomplishments. Other addresses were to be made by R. Prowse Halsard, of New York, A. G. Batchelder, of Washington, D. C., and Edward M. Grantz, of Pittsburgh.

At the afternoon session Senator C. E. Townsend, of Michigan, author of the Townsend bill, will be the chief speaker.

The sessions of the good roads association will be concluded this afternoon, and tomorrow morning the 60th annual meeting of the Bankhead National Highway Association will be opened.

Called Home.

A clergyman was spending the afternoon at a house in the English village where he had preached. After tea he was sitting in the garden with his hostess. Out rushed her little boy bearing a rat in his hand.

"Don't be afraid, mother," he cried, "he's dead. We beat him and bashed him and thumped him until—" catching sight of the clergyman, he added in a lowered voice, "and God called him home."

Careless Doctor.

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Too Exact.

An American politician, who at one time served his country in a very high legislative place, passed away, and a number of newspaper men were collaborating on an obituary notice.

"What shall we say of him?" asked one of the men.

"Oh, just put down that he was at war with Britain in his time."

"Yes," answered another of the group, "that's all right, but are you going to give the date of the attack?"

Enough Said.

The farmer was met by a seedy-looking individual, who called: "Is that your pork on the road down there?"

"Pork?" retorted the farmer. "What do you mean? That's a pig of mine there."

"Ah," continued the tramp, "but there's a motorcar just been by."

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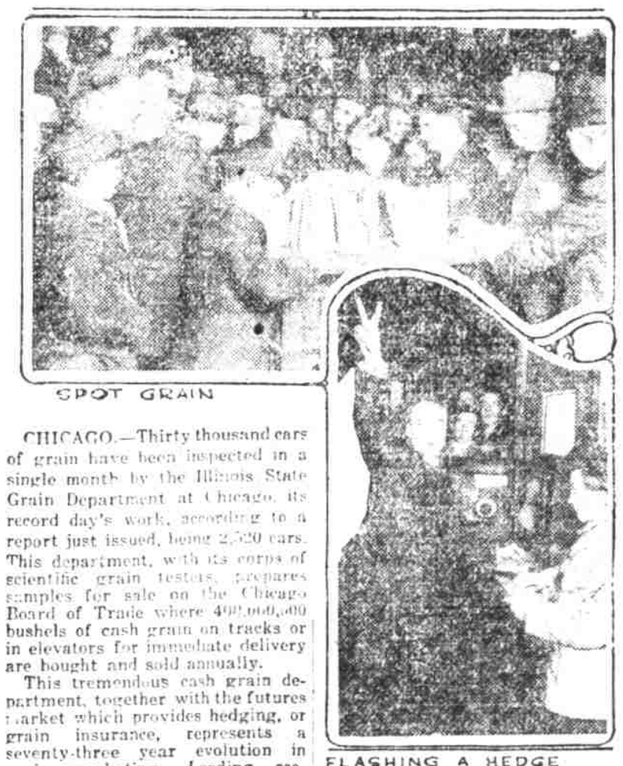

SPOT GRAIN

FLASHING A HEDGE

CHICAGO.—Thirty thousand cars of grain have been inspected in a single month by the Illinois State Grain Department at Chicago, its record day's work, according to a report just issued, being 2,520 cars. This department, with its corps of scientific grain testers, prepares samples for sale on the Chicago Board of Trade where 400,000,000 bushels of cash grain on tracks or in elevators for immediate delivery are bought and sold annually.

This tremendous cash grain department, together with the futures market which provides hedging, or grain insurance, represents a seventy-three year evolution in grain marketing. Leading economists, including Herbert Hoover, have characterized the board as the most economical food marketing machinery in the world. In the face of attacks upon the futures market by organizers, thousands of members of farmers' societies recently have adopted resolutions opposing legislation destroying hedging at least until a giant grain marketing system can be built up as a possible substitute.

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9:20 a. m.	10:30 a. m.
12:15 p. m.	1:20 p. m.
2:30 p. m.	3:35 p. m.
4:50 p. m.	6:00 p. m.
7:00 p. m.	9:00 p. m.

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9:38a	Bhm-Atl-Wash-N. O.	9:38a
10:35a	Washington-Atlanta	10:35a
12:45p	Westminster-Danville	12:45p
4:50p	Atlanta-Richmond	4:50p
5:20p	Danville-Westminster	5:20p
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