

**Plucky Polly.**

They were a happy party of children—Kenneth, Arthur, Alice, and Polly—as, one bright, cool, summer afternoon, they drove along a country road in a capacious pony cart. The road which they followed, although near the sea, ran partly through pine woods and thickets, and was bordered here and there with a tangle of wild rose and bay bushes, with no houses in sight. Suddenly the cart rolled into a clearing and approached a railroad track. Kenneth, who was driving, and had been cautioned about the danger near railroads, listened for a train. Everything was silent, so he chirruped to Rob Roy, the sturdy pony, encouraging him to cross the rails. Just in the middle of the track the pony stopped stock-sill and refused to budge.

"He is balky," said Arthur. "Let's go out and see," cried Alice. They tumbled hastily out; and found, to their dismay, that one of Rob Roy's hoofs was firmly fastened in a "frog" in the track, holding him so that he could not move from the spot. The children tried with all their might to release him, but in vain did they tug and lift. Then the awful thought struck Polly that it was almost time for the afternoon train, and what would become of Rob Roy and the cart? She exclaimed: "We must flag the train!"

The others screamed in scorn: "Flag the train? With what? A pocket handkerchief?"

"No," said Polly stoutly—and she was only seven—"I'll flag the train with my red flannel petticoat; red is the danger signal, you know." And she whipped off the petticoat and ran down the track, followed by a string of loyal supporters, Kenneth being left to guard the pony.

Truly, there was a train, puffing along at its usual speed. The engineer leaned from his cab window, gazing with surprise at this group of hurrying children waving a red flag. Of course he stopped the train, while the children were quickly surrounded by questioning passengers who raised a hearty cheer for Polly when she breathlessly told of the pony's perilous position and of her desire to save him. Strong hands released Rob Roy from his iron fetter, and the grateful children climbed into the cart, the passengers went aboard the cars, and the train steamed away, passengers and brakemen waving a parting salute to the intrepid four.

That evening at a dinner party one gentleman remarked to the father of the heroine: "That was a clever thing which your Polly did this afternoon."

"What do you mean?" her father said.

"Why, didn't you know that she flagged the down train to save the pony?"

Then the whole story came out. They had been, each and all, afraid to mention the incident that afternoon, fearing they might be forbidden to drive Rob Roy any more, and not dreaming that any one on the train would think that what they did was worth mentioning.

As the pony's accident was not due to any fault of the children, their father allowed them to continue their drives, but they were urgently warned to avoid railroad crossings in the future.—Annabelle Lee, in St. Nicholas.

**The Orchard Oreole.**

A very pretty little story comes from Hartford, and it is true. A nest of the orchard oriole (improperly called the "English robin") was discovered by the owner of the lot whose child wanted the young birds and the child was duly gratified. The nest was taken home, to the delight of the child and the grief of the parent birds, and the fledglings were placed in a cage outside the house. To the surprise of the

person who had put them there, he found one day, that the mother-bird had discovered her lost children, and was feeding them through the wires of the cage. This proof of parental affection in a bird was continued, till at length the person who had removed the nest from its place and put it in the cage was moved to restore it to its place on the tree, with the young birds in it. The unbounded delight of the old birds proved a full compensation for the sense of his—or, rather his child's loss, by the restoration of the young birds to their mother.

The Iowa Democracy is to be reconstructed on the Bryan plan, if anybody cares to know. It is only fair to say, though, that Bryan received a larger percentage of the vote of that State in 1900 than it gave Parker in 1904.—Duluth News-Tribune.

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7 20	4 15	Raleigh	Ar.	9 45	5 85		
7 35	4 25	Caraleigh Mills		9 55	5 20		
7 45	4 30	Sylvaola		9 50	5 13		
7 54	4 39	Barnes		9 20	5 04		
8 00	4 45	Hobby		9 14	4 57		
8 15	4 52	McCULLERS		9 10	4 52		
8 25	4 56	Banks		8 58	4 25		
8 30	4 59	Austin		8 55	4 21		
8 50	5 07	Willow Springs		8 50	4 15		
8 55	5 15	JOHNSON MILL		8 40	4 03		
9 05	5 17	Cardenas		8 38	4 00		
9 20	5 22	S. C. F. & N. Junction		8 33	3 55		
9 35	5 26	Fuquay Springs		8 30	3 52		
9 40	5 31	Buckhorn		8 20	3 35		
9 45	5 36	Rawls		8 17	3 20		
10 00	5 45	Chalybeate		8 10	3 20		
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