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August 6, 1948.

Dear Granddaughters:--

What would you have done if you had been where you had nothing to read, nobody to talk to, your surroundings were not conducive to thought as to what you ought to preach about Sunday morning, you had neither the stationery nor the proper circumstances to write to anybody, and you were not sleepy enough to take a nap? Well, maybe that is a rhetorical question, just leading up to the statement that under those circumstances I wrote out the enclosed narrative, with blanks for the insertion of the names of animals and birds to complete the story.

With most of the animals and birds I think you are familiar. I did not use the names of the toucan, the trogon, the laughing jackass and such unusual members of the feathered family. I could have done so, of course, and this will illustrate how the thing is actually done. Suppose the young man had done something that displeased the young lady and she wished to retaliate in kind, she might have said, "Well, ----- play at that game", and manifestly -- yes indeed, quite manifestly.

Aren't you glad that you do not have to do anything with any of the foolish puzzles I send you? My brother Parker showed some interest once and I sent him one, I don't remember just what kind exactly, though it had a fill-in job about it, and when he got all he could he sent it back for me to fill in the rest. And it took me some time, for I had forgotten some of it, and it is a lot easier to make puzzles like this than it is to solve them.

Things are going along much as usual here. Today I packed several hundred pounds of used clothing for overseas relief, and though I spent a good part of the day at it, there is still some of it to do tomorrow. And Sunday I am supposed to be the preacher, as our pastor is at the Young Friends conference at Twin Rocks.

And Sunday afternoon Bertha May will be here with the woman she is taking care of, and keeping house for this woman, her father and her daughter. The woman is completely helpless except that she can use one hand a little bit.

Have some toes -- why does one finger get ahead of its proper time,; instead of toes they should have written othe and added an r -- letters to write, and I'd better get at them.

With love to all of you, and with pleasant anticipations of being with you for an important even on the 5th., I am

Affectionately always,

BerthamayandEsthermaryPearson,
13 Marion Avenue,
South Glens Falls, N.Y.

A BIRD OF A STORY
THOUGH YOU MAY THINK IT BEASTLY.

(All blanks to be filled with the names of animals or birds.)

The other evening in the park
Resting from my long walk
I saw two lovers in the dark
and heard their earnest talk.

"My ----" he said, "I cannot ----
To live without you longer.
To keep me waiting is not fair."
His voice grew strong and stronger.

"Do --- think marriage is a ----?
I think it very serious,"
She said, then rang out through the park
His words in tones imperious.

"My love, if I can't have you soon
I'll wish that I were dead."
He sure was crazy as a ----.
"I'll shoot myself", he said.

"You can't --- me", the maiden said.
"I think that you are ----."
I saw her ----- then, bow her head,
And then I heard her cryin'.

"Don't cry, you little -----" he said.
I saw him ---- away.
"You act", she said, and raised her head,
"Just like a country ---.

"As stubborn as a ----" she smiles,
"If you would wed so soon
Are you for the ----- Isles
For our sweet honeymoon?"

He said, "I have made no --- plans.
That's where I hope to go."
The maiden threw up both her han's.
"That takes a lot of ----."

"If over seas we cannot sail
As to my heart I press you,
Let's take a shorter trip by -----
I'm ----- to possess you.

"Let's to the ----- at once
As I think we both want to.
I'm sick of waiting like a dunce.
He'll tie the knot right pronto."

The girl said, "You are cruel. Me
Of every joy you're -----
I want a trip across the sea."
And then she started sobbin'.

"I'm ----- sorry" said the boy,
 "So sad I cannot -----.
 You say I've taken all your joy;
 Your thought I cannot follow.

"I think I'm playing in hard luck.
 Though still on you I dote,
 You seem to want to pass the ----
 And make of me the -----."

The maiden said, "Go fly your ----.
 Get out, of here, you ----.
 You make me mad enough to fight.
 Your talk's a lot of -----."

Again she bowed her head and cried.
 "No ----- tears", he said.
 "Don't ----- with me now." He tried
 Bravely to toss his head.

"I'll go. I'll join the ---- line now,
 But don't ---- over me.
 I still will --- your steps, and How!
 I'll --- the ---- pack. See?

"You've treated me too ----; you ----
 And ----- me to death.
 You -----; I'll not take any more,
 No, not a single breath."

She raised her eyes and up she sat,
 She gave them just one ~~mm~~ -----
 And he was back, quick as a ----,
 Perhaps a trifle quicker.

You see, he showed no -----, but sat
 And cried, "I've had my fill, dear;
 Let's sit right here and have a ----.
 I thought your words would -----."

She -----ed her head and laid it down
 Right on his top vest button.
 He kissed her till she tried to frown
 And said, "Don't be a -----."

He placed a ring upon her hand.
 "This ---- our hearts together.
 I'll ~~wander~~ ---- it with a kiss, this band,
 For fair or stormy weather."

And then he kissed and kissed again.
 She gave a little cough
 Apologetic, and ~~mmm~~ said then,
 "You'd better ----- off."

He freed her from his arms and said
 "You are your mamma's daughter.
 I'll quit", her cheeks were rosy red,
 "If you think that I -----."

Next day her home was trimmed a lot
 With flowers and with -----,
 The prelate tied the nuptial knot,
 And now a house they're hunting.

If help is wanted in seeking for the names of the animals and birds whose names are to fill these gaps, here are the two lists, not as they appear but in alphabetical order.

Animals.

Ape
 Badger
 Bear
 Boar
 Buck
 Bull
 Cat
 Cow
 Crocodile
 Deer
 Doe
 Dog
 Ewe
 Glutton
 Gnu
 Goat
 Lion
 Lynx
 Monkey
 Mule
 Otter
 Seal
 Sloth
 Stag
 Tapir
 Wolf

Birds.

Bunting
 Canary
 Cardinal
 Chat
 Crow
 Duck
 Flicker
 Goose
 Grouse
 Gull
 Jay
 Killdeer
 Kite
 Lark
 Loon
 Quail
 Rail
 Raven
 Robin
 Ruff
 Swallow
 Tern
 Veery