

DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

Perky Squirrel's Riddles By DADDY

Jack and Janet find Perky Squirrel very busy getting ready for winter.

CHAPTER II When Work Is Play

THIS is a fine day for play," said Jack and Janet to Perky Squirrel.

"It is a finer day for work," answered Perky Squirrel, hunting for nuts to store away in his hollow tree.

"Can't you stop your work to play a game with us?" Perky Squirrel asked, blinking his snappy eyes at the children.

"I can stop long enough to ask you a riddle," he replied. Jack and Janet liked that answer, for they enjoyed trying their wits on riddles.

"When is work play and play work?" asked Perky Squirrel. "It is when you do it for fun, and play is when you do it for work," answered Perky Squirrel.

"Perky Squirrel giggled and chuckled when he saw how hard their brains were struggling with his riddle.

"While you are trying to solve that riddle, I'll teach you a game," he said.

"Do you see that hole in the trunk of the hollow tree?" Yes, Jack and Janet saw the hole in the hollow tree.

"It was the hole in which Perky Squirrel had been storing the nuts he found on the ground." The game is for you children to see how many nuts you can throw into that hole.

Jack and Janet thought that would be a most interesting game. Jack picked up a nut from the ground and threw it at the hole.

The nut hit the side of the tree and bounced back. Jack tried again, and this time the nut went plopping into the hole.

"Eh! Eh! That is fine," chuckled Perky Squirrel. "Now you try it, Janet."

"So Janet picked up a nut and at the first trial she threw it right into the hole in the tree.

"Very good," chuckled Perky Squirrel. "Now let us have a race between you two children. I will keep count of how many each throws into the hole."

Jack and Janet were eager for the game, so they scurried around finding nuts and threw them into the hole in the tree.

They soon became such good shots that as quickly as they found a nut they would throw it into the tree at the first attempt.

Perky Squirrel kept count by drawing a mark in the ground on the left side of the tree for each nut thrown in by Jack and a mark on the right side for each nut thrown in by Janet.

He seemed to be having even more fun out of the game than the children, for he kept chuckling to himself all the time.

Soon Jack and Janet had cleaned up all the nuts near the tree and they went farther and farther away, gathering up nuts by handfuls and bringing them back to be thrown into the hole.

Jack would be ahead according to the count of Perky Squirrel, and then Janet would go ahead.

So they played the game until they had gathered up every nut for a long way around.

"It is a game," announced Perky Squirrel. "You will have to come back tomorrow after more nuts have fallen and play it again." Jack and Janet

were ready for that, as they had found the game much fun. "And while you have been playing the game have you solved my riddle?" asked Perky Squirrel. "When is work play and play work?" Jack and Janet had forgotten all about the riddle. Suddenly Janet's face lightened up and she laughed aloud. "I know," she cried. "Your work was to gather a winter's supply of nuts. We made play of it when we threw the nuts into the hole in the tree."

TO KEEP SCHOOL OPEN Only One Class Dismissed in Frankford Because of Scarlet Fever Although one class of sixty-five pupils in the John H. Webster Public School, at Frankford avenue and Ontario street, were dismissed yesterday afternoon when a case of scarlet fever was discovered among one of their number, the school itself is in session today. Henry W. Kind, superintendent of the district in which the school is located, said this morning that there was nothing unusual about keeping the school open, since the children and all the members of the class in which the disease was found, had been sent home and an immediate fumigation of the room ordered. "It is the practice of the board not to close the school on such occasions," Mr. Kind said, "since the children in all the classes are examined every week by physicians for contagious diseases." The room will be fumigated some time this afternoon.

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