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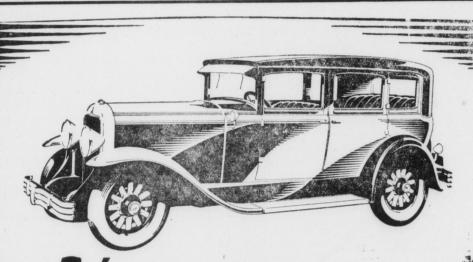
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#### On "Old B'ar's" Land

By HELEN R. BARTON

NOBODY ever had a better champion during all the hazy, kaleido-

people than the lucky bunch who at-tended school number nine in the Hal-Miss Danvers, red, or more accur-

minutive, but dynamic for all her ninety-five pounds, possessed all the warm-hearted, hot-headed loyalty of the race that is famous for its beautiful women, loyal hearts and fighting

Miss Danvers opened school Monday morning and by noon had won every last one of her "kids," even to the slightly hard-boiled "Toot" Wilson, village bully and otherwise hard-luck guy. Miss Danvers won Toots by betting him that she could bat a ball further that he could "pitch" it.

The hard-boiled Toot, who stood almost six feet tall for all his seventeen years, was torn between a desire to "beat" the adorable Miss Danvers, and hold prestige with the gang-or let her win, and increase his standing FSUBURBAN with her. Toot was by way of being an embryo ladies' man.

The ball sang through the air, whistled against the bat so skillfully manned by the lovely rusty-haired teacher and whizzed in a great graceful arc over the school grounds and on "Old Bear" Messer's lawn.

A gasp of amazement-first day of school and the ball lost in Old Bear's yard. Anybody who lost a ball, or anything else on Old Bear's land might as well reconcile himself to the loss. It was indeed lost, and for all time, bats, mitts and other trophies dear to the juvenile heart and stored them on a table in plain view of the playground of number nine school.

"Gee whiz, Miss Danvers-you've never let us on his land—we might as well play something else."

"Do you mean to say a detestable old man lives there and won't allow you children to cross his neglected old lawn to get your playthings?" Miss Danvers' lovely red hair scintillated with fre and her topaz eyes glinted like tiny pin-points.

With lifted chin, she marched to the road, which ran along in front of the school and also the Messer place, and unheeding of the sign on the lawns forbidding trespassing, and ignoring the irate, scowling face of an old man in the window of the Messer place, she looked about for the lost ball, retrieved it and walked haughtily back to the playground, coscious only of the pop-eyed admiration and awe of her school.

At four-thirty the school was deserted except for a slip of a red-haired girl poring over smudgy, scrawly pa-

A step grated on the porch and of possibly thirty-five years strode in-to the schoolroom and stood glowering at the demurely working Miss Dan-"You'll have to teach those kids of

The trespassing notice is plain enough for any dumbell to understand!"

"Well, possibly plain enough for dumbells, but not for me! You've no right to forbid those little kids the privilege of harmlessly retrieving their playthings, Mr. Bear, and-"

"My name isn't Bear!" snapped the red-headed man, "and you'll keep those kids off my land or I'll have to resort to legal measures!"

As irritating as red hair can sometimes be, Thornton Messer was appalled to discover how utterly distracting topaz eyes can be when they are swimming with tears. After a brief uncomfortable moment, he tried to apologize for his gruffness and she only wept the harder.

"Go away," she wailed. But he found a clean handkerchief and after he had dried her tears, they began to hate each other less, to discover that there is a vast bond of human understanding between the red heads of this world.

So the trespass signs held, but the children were amazed to see a tall, red-headed man with strangely stern eyes and face for a chap so young looking, coming across to the school each night, bearing the balls and other playthings they'd lost over the fence. Spring, and Miss Danvers was planning on leaving number nine. She told her school wistfully that she'd

been happy there, that she'd miss them. "And your dear, nice grouchy Old B'ar, too!" she finished, blushing. "Old B'ar? That feller ain't Old B'ar! That-there's his son. He's a

writer or somethin'," snorted Toot, derisively. "Here comes red-head naow."

drawled Tommy Blake, and the chil- Dealer, dren departed grinning as Thornton Messer came striding across the school-yard armed with a big box of candy and a bunch of hothouse flow-

"I heard you telling them," he said, huskily "that you'd miss me. You needn't miss me at all."

"How can I help that?" she countered, blushing. "If you cared enough you might marry me. I love you so-darned lit-

tle peppery red-head!" stubborn red-head!"

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