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The BROWN MOUSE

By HERBERT QUICK (Copyright by The Binks-Merrill Company) CHAPTER X—Continued.

"Incompetency!" The disgraceful word, representing everything he had always despised, struck through Jim's mind as he walked home.

It is a little early for Sunday school picnic. "This is a school fight in our district," said the colonel. "It's Jennie's baptism of fire, I reckon, and say, you're not using the courtroom. are you?"



Madame County Superintendent, I should say."

get down among the people. It's the only way I have of getting the truth."

CHAPTER XI Fame or Notoriety. The office of county superintendent was, as a matter of course, the least desirable room of the courthouse.

presence of the principals grouped about Jennie at the big lawyers' table. They were talking about the methods adopted by Jim in his conduct of the Woodruff school—just talking.

By the time at which gathering darkness made it necessary for the hall to be lighted, the parties had agreed on the facts. Jim admitted most of the allegations. He had practically ignored the textbooks. He had burned the district fuel and worn out the district furniture early and late, and on Saturdays. He had increased domestic economy and man training to some extent, by sending the boys to the workshops and the girls to the kitchens and sewing-rooms of the farmers who allowed those parties."

He had used "a great deal of time in studying farm conditions. He had induced the boys to test the cows of the district for butterfat yield. He was studying the matter of co-operative creameries."

Jennie turned to Jim. "Now, Mr. Irwin," said she, "while you have been following out these very interesting and original methods, what have you done in the way of teaching the things called for by the course of study?"

"Well," said Jim, "to stand or fall on an examination of these children in the very textbooks we are accused of neglecting."

The Chicago paper had a news item which covered the result of the examinations; and the great sensation of the Woodruff district lay in the Sunday feature carried by one of them.

"Have you a lawyer?" asked the county superintendent of the respondent. "A what?" exclaimed Jim. "Nobody here has a lawyer!"

"Well, what do you call Wilbur Smythe?" queried Newton Bronson from the midst of the crowd.

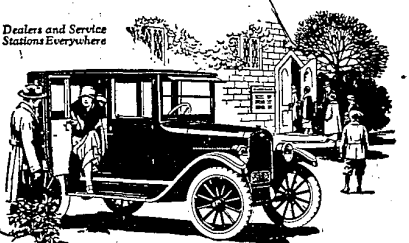
There was a little tempest of laughter, as if from Smythe's expense, which was quelled by Jennie's rapping on the table. She was beginning to feel the mouth of the situation.

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