

"Please give me a shilling postal note, two letter cards, and the change in stamps and tell the store people they forgot to send my sugar."

"Could you please give me a shillings-worth of stamps? I haven't a penny in the place, but we'll be going to town on Friday and I'll cash a cheque then, and I'll send the money down on Saturday."

Little Jenny came with a parcel to post, and sixpence grasped tightly in her hand. The postage on the parcel was eightpence. What would you do? Turn her away? Oh dear no, not in a country post office. You write her mother a note telling her she owes you twopence and send the parcel off.

The school bus goes and the children dwindle away, so, for a short time, you can catch your breath again.

At four o'clock you begin to wonder if the 'phones will stay quiet long enough for you to concentrate on your daily balance and your statements.

But first you must calculate just how much you have to put in the cash box out of your own purse to make up for those who have received service with no payment. No matter how many defaulters there may be, the post office money must be right. So you put an I.O.U. in your bag, "Mrs. Hamish owes me 1/3, Miss Entwistle 4d, Mrs. Brown 2d."

And, at that moment, it is likely, a figure will come dashing in. "Am I too late? Gosh, I am. Say," wheedlingly, "you wouldn't give me a money order, would you? Just to save me another trip in? Eight miles is a good way to come to find you are too late, you know. And I would have been here sooner only I've got a cow down with milk fever. Say, be a sport, will you?"

I growl and tell him my balance has been started, but once again my better nature comes uppermost and, remembering how far he is from home, I grudgingly give him his money order while I mutter darkly that he'd better not try this sort of thing again.

Then I find that I must hurry to get the outgoing mail sorted, tied and ready for the afternoon service car.

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FINALLY at five o'clock you hasten to shut the doors, plug the 'phones through to the night exchange, and finish off the balance and statements.

On this, my first day, I did so, and sighed wearily. Just then the line to the nearest town began to ring repeatedly, so I decided that I had better answer it.

"I say, Outback, do you know that you didn't sign on this morning, and so far you haven't rung up to sign off to-night?"

"Does that mean that I haven't been working to-day?" I wanted to know.

"Well, according to our records it would seem like it!"

"You don't mind if I tell you something?"

"No. Go ahead."

"Well, I just want you to know I've done the hardest day's work I have done in my life. My girl, let me tell you that you have not lived until you have done one day's work in a country post office that has a telephone exchange as well!"

But she was completely unimpressed.

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