

# The Story of My Life by "Billie Button"



MY name is Billie Button, and my home is now at La Crosse, Wisconsin, but I expect to make a trip pretty soon and where I'll bring up Heaven only knows. On the waist of Sidney Christopher Sparks, at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, maybe, or perhaps bedecking the dress that little Lucille Dunwoody, of Tulare, California, wears to her birthday party.

But while I am waiting for my call to start on the succession of journeys that will bring me to my final destination and career of usefulness, I've been asked by Mr. MacWillie, of the Wisconsin Pearl Button Company, to tell you the story of my life.

Now, I'm not a Kipling or an Ernest Seton-Thompson, but if you'll be patient and let me spin my yarn in my own way, I think you'll find it interesting, for I don't believe you have ever seen anything just like it in print before.

Now for a fresh start. My name, as I told you, is Billie Button—of the Pearl-Button family, if you please, distantly connected with the Ivory-Buttons, the Bone-Buttons, and the Brass-Buttons, but with quite a different history, I assure you.

In telling you about us Pearl-Buttons I am going to go clear back to the beginning of things, in the days of Old Mother Clam, on the mud flats of the Mississippi. I'll have something to say about how the festive clam lives—and dies—how its shell gets into the button factory and what happens to it there. There will be interesting chapters on my experience in the big, modern plant of the Wisconsin Pearl Button Company, at La Crosse.

And while my adventures may not bring you all the chills and thrills that follow Deadwood Dick or Sherlock Holmes, I believe that you will find them sufficiently varied and interesting to keep you from napping and to make you look forward to each successive chapter with a real hankering.

See here, though, THIS isn't my STORY—it's only the ADVANCE NOTICE of it, written (in true fifteen cent magazine fashion) by the author. The real story will start with next month's calendar.