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- 1 Mr. Birch picked up a fishing rod, a short one with a spring in it,
- 2 and started out the back door with it.
- 3 The rod was rigged with a reel
- 4 and a line at the end of which there was a spark plug.
- 5 Mr. Birch walked out behind the house until he stood just west of the clothesline, facing the barn.
- 6 Raymond followed right after his father.
- 7 He stood watching his father prepare to cast.
- 8 The barn was about fifty feet away.
- 9 Mr. Birch cast,
- 10 and the plug hit the barn.
- 11 As soon as his father had cast,
- 12 Raymond ran enthusiastically down to the end of the line.
- 13 While Mr. Birch reeled in the line,
- 14 Raymond ran along,
- 15 following the jumping movements of the plug.
- 16 Mr. Birch cast again.
- 17 Raymond stood by his father
- 18 and watched as the line was wound in.
- 19 Honey came over to them.
- 20 Raymond dropped down on his knees,
- 21 petted and talked to the dog
- 22 and ruffled her ears.
- 23 Mr. Birch cast again
- 24 and reeled in the weight.
- 25 When it got caught he said, 'Unhook me, Butch.'
- 26 Raymond ran immediately down to the end of the line
- 27 and picked up the weight.
- 28 He did this very happily.

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29 He caught hold of the plug  
30 and hung to it  
31 as his father reeled it in.  
32 Mr. Birch said, 'I've got a big fish this time.'  
33 Raymond smiled happily at this.  
34 When he got back to his father,  
35 Raymond grabbed Honey,  
36 carried her to the house,  
37 and raised her clear up to the kitchen window  
38 so that she could be seen by Mrs. Birch,  
39 who was working at the sink inside.  
40 Honey was fat enough to be quite a weight for Raymond to hold up that way.  
41 Raymond put Honey down  
42 and jumped a time or two as if for the sheer pleasure of jumping.  
43 He wandered about,  
44 coughing a little.  
45 His father cast again,  
46 and reeled in the plug.  
47 Raymond said, 'Hey, daddy, what's under this?'  
48 He pointed to a slanting embankment next to the house.  
49 His father said, 'Well, I guess the drain comes out under there.'  
50 As Mr. Birch cast again,  
51 the plug came off.  
52 He said, 'Well, I lost the plug,'  
53 and added, 'we'll have to find it.'  
54 Raymond immediately ran down toward the barn  
55 looking for the plug.  
56 His father walked toward the barn

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57 to search for it.

58 Raymond picked up a big rusty spike

59 and said, 'Here's a weight, daddy.'

60 This was offered as a joke.

61 Mr. Birch answered mildly, 'That would be just a little heavy.'

62 Just then he found the plug.

63 They walked back together where Mr. Birch had been casting.