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**An unusual degree of tol**

**THE PRAIRIE DOG  
and BURROWING OWL**

*Prairie dogs are gregarious little creatures. They prefer to live in large colonies and make their homes by digging a burrow in the earth. But although they are neighbourly by nature they have a liking to change quarters frequently. Sometimes, when they abandon one burrow for a new one, the Burrowing Owl steps in and takes possession. This blatant filching of his old home seems to worry the Prairie Dog not at all, for he lives at peace with these interlopers, and in doing so exhibits a degree of tolerance not usually associated with wild animals.*

