

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF OLD DOG SPOT BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XXII. The Circus Grounds. The Green family are their lunch on in the carroll on Main street after the circus parade had passed.



"They needn't think they can keep me here," Spot growled.

body. Even Johnnie Green's appetite wasn't equal to all the goodies that his mother had provided.

"People were already starting for the circus grounds on the outskirts of the village, Johnnie Green noticed them uneasily.

"We don't want to be late for the show," he reminded his father. "We will get there in time," Farmer Green assured him.

And they did. Soon they followed the crowd through the village streets until they came in sight of the "big top," and the great tent with flag flying above it, and smaller tents all around it.

Farmer Green turned the boys into a yard nearby, where he unharnessed and fed them. Then he tied one end of a rope to Spot's collar and fastened the other end to a carriage wheel.

"There," he said. "Now we're ready."

Old dog Spot didn't want to be left behind. He tugged at the rope and whined.

"Be quiet!" Johnnie Green's father said to him. "You followed us to the village and now you'll have

Dog Hill Paragraphs By George Bingham

Film Dillard, who has been confined to his bed with illness for the past two weeks, was not missed much from the postoffice porch after



a day or two, but when he came up town this morning he was surprised at the rapid growth of the weeds during his absence.

After reading an advertisement which described all the symptoms of about a dozen diseases, Fletcher Henstep decided he had better go to bed and send for the doctor.

The circus that was at Tickville last year is coming back next week and Frisby Hancock is going in order to see if he can recognize his watch.

"This is a fine pointer," the man remarked to a friend of his who was with him. "He hasn't any collar, so he must be anybody's dog. And he might as well be mine. I could use him hunting this fall."

Spot wagged his tail. He didn't quite understand what his new acquaintance was saying. But it seemed to be something nice.

"I've been tied up once today, and once is enough," Spot growled. Slipping out of the man's grasp, Spot ran out of doors.

Both men followed him. For a few minutes they chased him. One of them tripped over a guy rope and sprawled on the ground. And to escape Spot dodged under a canvas wall where it lifted slightly at the bottom.

He found himself in a huge tent where hundreds of people sat all around on tiers of seats. Men and horses were capering about in the center of the place. And somewhere a band was playing.

He was under the big top. (Copyright, 1921, by The Metropolitan Newspaper Service.)

Romance in Origin Of Superstitions By H. I. KING

Bonfires. Bonfires as we know them in this country now are not expressions of popular superstition but they have their origin in superstition, and in Scotland and Ireland in quite recent times the bonfires lighted at certain dates were clearly survivals of the ancient superstitious rites as are, likewise, the midsummer fires lighted in certain parts of England.

In the old days, says one writer, these fires "blazed on every hill and in every farm. No field was fruitful into which a burning brand had not been thrown, no horse or cow which had not been touched by fire that night."

These "needfires" were of old set burning in all parts of Europe, though the date upon which they were lighted appears to have differed in different localities. As a rule, however, they were midsummer fires and were supposed to symbolize the reaching of the sun to its highest

point in the heavens. Even today in many parts of continental Europe bonfires are lighted upon the evening of St. John's Day.

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WHY—Is Malted Cheese Called a "Welsh Rabbit"? The name of the dish composed of melted cheese, with the addition of sundry sauces and piquant flavorings, is usually spelled "rarebit," an error due to the fact that persons who would see no resemblance between their favorite midnight repast and a hare which came from Wales concluded that it must be a "rare bit." Even such authorities as Worcester and Webster were formerly guilty of this mistake, until an examination of continental colloquialisms showed them where they erred.

Where It Started Coroners. The word "coroner" comes from the Latin "Corona," a crown; hence a Coroner was a Crown officer, or officer of the King. As early as 925 A. D. Coroners are mentioned, but there is no specific mention of their duties. The present office was created in England by Act of Parliament, 1276, in the reign of Edward I. (Copyright, 1921, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

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