



THE BABY OVER THE WAY

By
May Riley Smith

Across in my neighbor's window,
With its folds of satin and lace,
I see, with its crown of ringlets,
A baby's innocent face.
The throng in the street looks upward,
And everyone, grave or gay,
Has a nod and a smile for the baby,
In the mansion over the way.

Just here in my cottage window,
His chin in his dimpled hands,
And a patch on his faded apron,
The child that I live for stands.
He has kept my heart from breaking
For many a weary day;
And his face is as pure and handsome
As the baby's over the way.

Sometimes, when we sit together,
My grave little man of three
Some vexes me with the question,
"Does God up in Heaven like me?"
And I say: "Yes, yes, my darling,
Though I almost answer 'Nay,'
As I see the nursery candles
In the mansion over the way.

And oft when I draw the stocking
From his little tired feet,
And loosen the clumsy garments
From his limbs so round and sweet,
I grow too bitter for singing,
My heart too heavy to pray,
As I think of the dainty raiment
Of the baby over the way.

Oh, God in Heaven forgive me
For all I have thought and said!
My envious heart is humbled:
My neighbor's baby is dead!
I saw the little white coffin
As they carried it out today,
And the heart of a mother is breaking
In the mansion over the way.

The light is fair in my window,
The flowers bloom at my door;
My boy is chasing the sunbeams
That dance on the cottage floor,
The roses of health are crowning
My darling's forehead today;
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Long up to the ranch with us
we'll explain matters there."
"But I can't go to the ranch. I'm
in a great hurry. I am going to get a
doctor for a man who's badly hurt."

The cowboy grinned dryly.
"Oh, the man ain't hurt yet," he
said, but he will be pretty soon, and
when he is, he won't need no doctor.
Doctors ain't no use to boss thieves
when once we git our hands on 'em."

"Horse thieves! What are you—
why you are mad!"
"Talkin' 'bout you. That happens
to be our horse you are riding, and as
you didn't buy him it stands to reason
you stole him."

"But I did nothing of the kind. It's
a lie."
And then Martin told how he came
to have the horse in his possession,
but the cowboys only shook their
heads and smiled incredulously. "You
can tell that to the boss when we get
to the ranch," one of them said.
"Mebby he'll believe it. Mebby so."

Joe perforce accompanied the cow-
boys to the ranch. There they were
met by the owner, a young man of
good appearance, and to him Joe told
his story, hoping it would be believed.
However, when he had finished, the
other slowly shook his head and re-
plied:
"You tell a very plausible story, but
I am a little afraid to believe it. I am
afraid I can't do anything for you,
but I will think it over. In the
meantime we will hold you. Go into
that room there."

Martin went into the room indicat-
ed and sat down in a dejected attitude.
It was bad enough for a young man of
irreproachable character to be sus-
pected of such a crime as horse-steal-
ing, but that was nothing compared to
the prospect of being hung to the near-
est tree. He had not been in Texas
long, being only there for an outing,
but he knew that a horse thief, and
sometimes those who were merely
suspected of the crime, were summarily
dealt with there.

He had been sitting so for a long
time when suddenly a woman's voice
broke a deathlike stillness, and he
raised his head to listen.
"Oh, Rob," she cried, "I have just
had the greatest experience! It would
have been perfectly lovely under other
circumstances."

"It must have been lovely anyway,
judging by your appearance. You look
as though you'd been wallowing in a
pond."
"I have. Not wallowing, exactly,
but I fell in, and the handsomest,
sweetest young man came along and
pulled me out. Oh, dear! I wish I
could know him."

Rob was silent and thoughtful for a
little while, then he said:
"Would you know the man, sister,
if you were to see him again?"
"Of course. But I shall never see
him. More's the pity."
"Did he have a horse?"
"Not then. But I saw a man give
him one, or sell it to him, or some-
thing, directly after he left me. But
why do you ask that?"

Robert Meade, the owner of the
ranch, took his sister to Martin, and
of course, she recognized him at a
glance. Then Meade understood the
whole situation. The horse thief, find-
ing himself too hard pressed by the
cowboys, put Martin in possession of
the horse to throw the suspicion on
him.

Martin not only established his in-
nocence and regained his liberty, but

he became a guest at the ranch, and
finally bought an interest in the busi-
ness and stopped permanently.
He never forgot his experience of
that day, and he never regretted it,
either, for otherwise he would likely
never have won Susan for his wife.

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The Events of a Day.

BY THOMAS P. MONTFORT.
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"By George! but I wish I had a
chance to know her! She's about the
prettiest girl I ever saw."
Joe Martin ended with a sigh, for,
although he was not aware of it, he
had already taken the first step to-
ward falling desperately in love with
Susan Meade.

He had seen her for the first time
in his life while walking slowly along
a trail that led across the cattle range
of western Texas. Hearing a woman's
screams, he had turned off to the east
a few yards where he had found Miss
Meade in great distress.

In reaching out over a little slough,
trying to get a choice water lily, she
had lost her balance and tumbled into
the water. She had quickly regained
her footing, but the bank was so high
and steep that she could not ascend it.
So, drenched from head to foot, and
standing in water waist deep, she was
compelled to wait for some one to
come to her rescue.

When two long hours had passed,
and she had called, time and again,
without attracting notice, she lost
hope and began to wonder if she
would have to spend the night there,
or whether it was not possible that
she might remain there until she died
of starvation. Just as she had suc-
ceeded in conjuring up the very gloom-

Joe appeared on the bank.
"What do you mean?"
"My brother has just been severely
hurt and must have the attentions of
a doctor at once. There is no one with
him and I hate to leave him alone, so
I thought if you would just take my
horse and ride to town you could send
the doctor out."

It all seemed reasonable enough to
Joe, so he consented to the arrange-
ment.
"Just leave the horse at a stable
there," the man added, "and tell the
doctor that it's at Hi Blenkins he's
wanted."
"All right," Joe replied, swinging
himself into the saddle, as soon as the
other had vacated it.

"And remember that there's no time
to waste," the man said, "for it is a
matter of life and death."
It was a matter of life and death,
but in a different way to that which
Joe suspected. He understood some-
thing of this, however, when ten min-
utes later he rode full tilt into a gang
of cowboys and found himself stopped
with a dozen pistols pointed at his
head.
While he sat staring amazedly at the
cowboys, wondering what their con-
duct meant, one of their number re-
marked dryly:
"Pow! 'commodatin' of you to
come right to us, young feller, 'stead
o' havin' us chase you all over the
prairie. Saves us a heap o' trouble.
Don't 'pear lack it shows much good
judgment on yo' part, though."
"What do you mean?" Martin man-
aged to gasp. "What are you talking
about?"
"Oh, nothin' partic'lar. You jest go

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further. I am very grateful to you for
your kindness."
"Which means," he said, "that I may
go as soon as I like."
"Don't feel that I am ungrateful and
unappreciative," she answered. "But
you—"
"I know," he said. "It is your ap-
pearance. It is not cruel enough to
take any notice of that. Isn't there
some other service I could render you?
Can't I see you to your home?"
"Thank you, but I prefer to go
alone."
"Then I'll bid you good day."
"Good day."
As Joe continued on his way he re-
called her features, and the more he
thought of her the more eagerly he
wished that he might know her. She,
too, thought of him and wished she
might know him.

"But it can never be," he said to
himself, "for tomorrow I leave for my
home, back East."
"Perhaps I shall meet him again,"
she said to herself, "for one can never
tell what may happen."
She was right. One can never tell
what may happen. Joe discovered the
truth of those words sooner than
might have been expected. And he
discovered it in a way not to be readi-
ly forgotten.

He had gone but a short distance
when he met a man on horseback.
The man had been riding hard, for
his horse was wet with sweat and was
well blown.
"Are you going to town, stranger?"
he called eagerly, bringing his horse
to a stop.
"I am," Joe replied. "Why?"
"I thought you might be willing to
do me a favor," the other answered
quickly.

"Certainly. What is it?"
"My brother has just been severely
hurt and must have the attentions of
a doctor at once. There is no one with
him and I hate to leave him alone, so
I thought if you would just take my
horse and ride to town you could send
the doctor out."
It all seemed reasonable enough to
Joe, so he consented to the arrange-
ment.

"Just leave the horse at a stable
there," the man added, "and tell the
doctor that it's at Hi Blenkins he's
wanted."
"All right," Joe replied, swinging
himself into the saddle, as soon as the
other had vacated it.
"And remember that there's no time
to waste," the man said, "for it is a
matter of life and death."
It was a matter of life and death,
but in a different way to that which
Joe suspected. He understood some-
thing of this, however, when ten min-
utes later he rode full tilt into a gang
of cowboys and found himself stopped
with a dozen pistols pointed at his
head.

While he sat staring amazedly at the
cowboys, wondering what their con-
duct meant, one of their number re-
marked dryly:
"Pow! 'commodatin' of you to
come right to us, young feller, 'stead
o' havin' us chase you all over the
prairie. Saves us a heap o' trouble.
Don't 'pear lack it shows much good
judgment on yo' part, though."
"What do you mean?" Martin man-
aged to gasp. "What are you talking
about?"
"Oh, nothin' partic'lar. You jest go



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he became a guest at the ranch, and
finally bought an interest in the busi-
ness and stopped permanently.
He never forgot his experience of
that day, and he never regretted it,
either, for otherwise he would likely
never have won Susan for his wife.

Won Race with Tornado.
The engineer on a Burlington freight
train from Juniata to Hastings, Neb.,
had an exciting race with a small tornado
the other day and won. The wind
picked up a large barn and car-
ried it straight toward the train for
a distance of a hundred yards. The
engineer saw his peril, put on full
steam and an exciting race followed,
but the wind changed its course before
reaching the track.

Nurse Inherits \$300,000.
Mrs. Ethel Castello, a nurse in the
family of J. H. Bostwick of Kalama-
zoo, Mich., has received a letter bear-
ing the news that by the death of her
late husband's uncle she will receive a
legacy of \$300,000. The uncle was
Martinez del Pino Castello, a wealthy
diamond merchant of Honduras. He
had also given \$200,000 to charitable
institutions.

A Huge White Affair.
An odd hat just turned out by an
artistic milliner was a huge white af-
fair, with a very slight indication of
a crown, bordered with a wreath of
blue ribbon loops, and having hydran-
geas, a pet flower of fashion, under
the brim.

