

# BEDTIME STORY

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

## AN UNDESERVED BAD NAME

FROM somewhere in the Old Orchard sounded a clear, "Kow-kow-kow-kow-kow." It was quite unlike any verse Peter had heard that spring and he exclaimed, "Who's that?"

"That's Cuckoo," said Kitty the Catbird. "Do you mean to say you don't know Cuckoo?"

"Of course I know him," retorted Peter. "I had forgotten the sound of his voice, that's all. Tell me, is it true that Mrs. Cuckoo is no better than Sally Sly the Cowbird, and lays her eggs in the nests of other birds? I've heard that said of her."

"There isn't a word of truth in it," declared Kitty emphatically. "She builds her nest, such as it is, and she looks after her own children. The Cuckoos have been given a bad name because of some good-for-nothing cousins of theirs who live across the ocean where Bully the English Sparrow belongs, and who, if all reports are true, really are no better than Sally Sly. It's funny

tinge. Beneath he was white. His tail was a little longer than that of Mourner the Dove. The outer feathers were black tipped with white, while the middle feathers were the color of his back. The upper half of his bill was black, but the under half was yellow and from this he was called the Yellow-billed Cuckoo. He has a cousin with all black bill who is called the Black-billed Cuckoo.

Cuckoo made no sound but began to pick off the hairy caterpillars and swallow them. When he had eaten all those outside, he tore open the nest and picked out those inside, then he flew off as silently as he came.

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## THROUGH a WOMAN'S EYES

By JEAN NEWTON

### DOLORES

"DOLORES, one-time famous London dancer who was internationally known as a great artist's model, died today in a London hospital, whence she was taken from her basement home.

"For years no woman was more feted than Dolores, who was famous for the wonderful symmetry of her figure and the classic beauty of her features. She was the darling of the distinguished and it is said she knew King Edward VII and Sarah Bernhardt. At the time of her death in squalid poverty, she was only about forty years of age and had been married four times."

It is inconceivable, remarked the first woman to comment on that news item, that people in the midst of success and glory, riding "atop of the world," should not make provision at least for a comfortable existence for the rest of their days. And yet the story of Dolores is by no means an uncommon one. The transition from the very top to the very bottom is a road oft traveled, and the fact is that usually it is plainly marked for all except those who are taking it.

Accident, reverses, misfortune can, of course, fall to the lot of any human. But in practically every case where the once dazzlingly successful ends in misery and degradation, their lives have been punctuated with indifference, even arrogance, toward the dictates of prudence, foresight, the spirit of building for the future in the coin either of health, spiritual resources, the power to give or to enjoy happiness or economic safety.

The dazzling success comes usually in youth—and youth under those circumstances is very apt to be flippant about tomorrow. That is why the old and the wise are more inclined to fear for the future of the young who seem to be darlings of fortune than those who seem fated to struggle. They know the dangers of the high road so dazzling that it is easy in the glare of brightness to overlook the pitfalls.

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Cuckoo Made No Sound, But Began to Pick Off the Hairy Caterpillars.

how a bad name sticks. The Cuckoos have been accused of stealing the eggs of other birds, but I've never known them to do it, and I've lived neighbor to them for a long time. As a matter of fact they are mighty useful birds. Farmer Brown ought to be tickled to death that Mr. and Mrs. Cuckoo have come back to the Old Orchard this year. Do you see that cob-webby nest with all those hairy caterpillars on it and around it up in that tree?"

Peter replied that he did, and that he had seen a great many nests just like it and had noticed how the caterpillars ate all the leaves near them.

"I'll venture to say that you won't see many leaves eaten around that nest," replied Kitty. "Those are called tent caterpillars and they do an awful lot of damage. I can't bear them myself because they are so hairy. Very few birds will touch them. But Cuckoo likes them. There he comes now; just watch him."

A long slim, dove-like appearing bird alighted close to the caterpillars' nest. Above he was brownish gray with just a little greenish

tinge. Beneath he was white. His tail was a little longer than that of Mourner the Dove. The outer feathers were black tipped with white, while the middle feathers were the color of his back. The upper half of his bill was black, but the under half was yellow and from this he was called the Yellow-billed Cuckoo. He has a cousin with all black bill who is called the Black-billed Cuckoo.

## Do You Know—



That plaster of paris is derived from a mineral called gypsum. It is found in many parts of the world, but as a large part of Paris, France, happens to be built over whole beds of gypsum that city was the first to discover its use. Therefore small statuettes modeled from it were spoken of as being made of plaster of paris.

## Mother's Cook Book

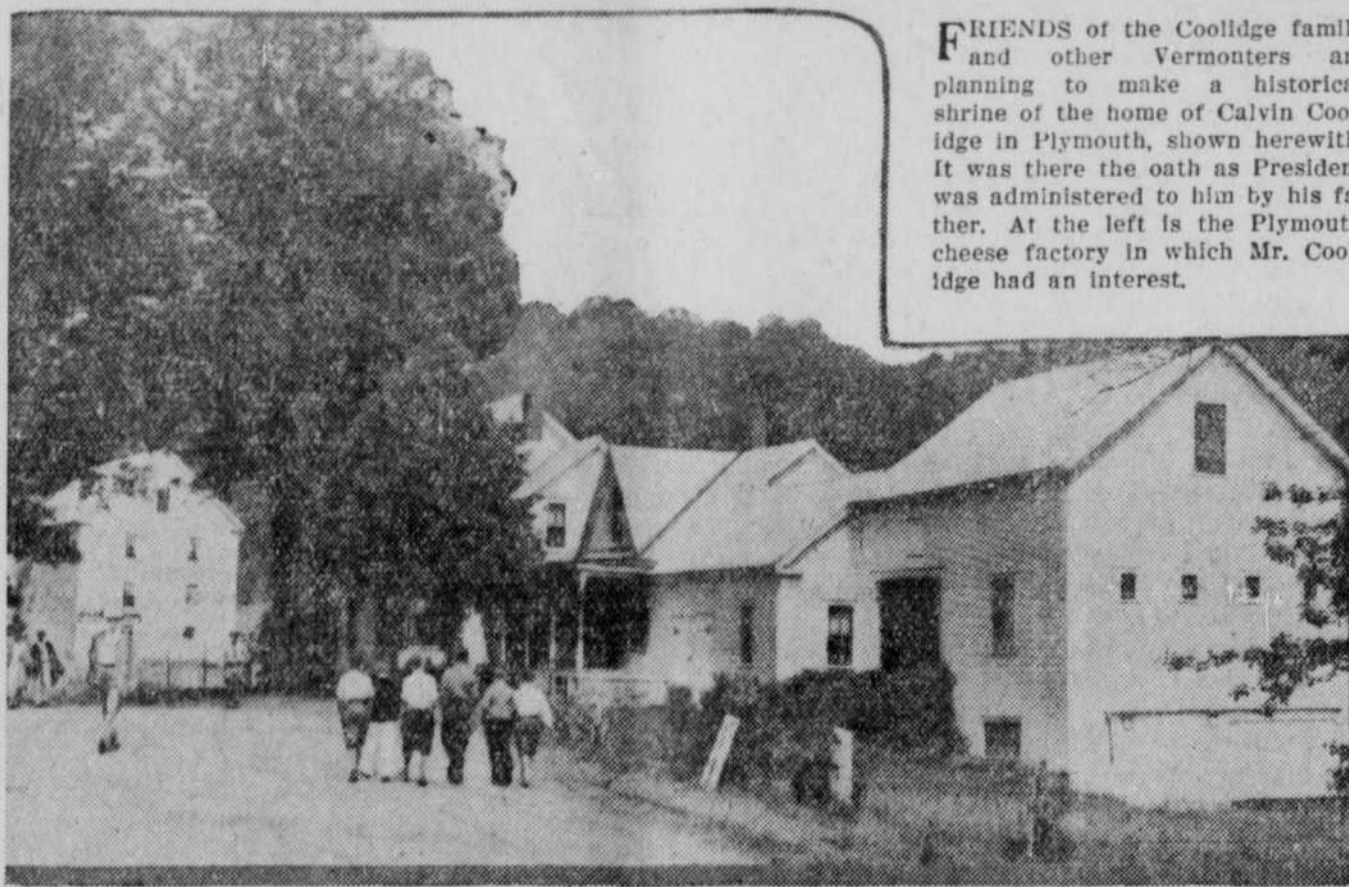
### GOOD THINGS NEW AND OLD

THE following is a recipe which will appeal to the busy housewife because it is easy to prepare and is different:

**Cherry Jelly From Canned Cherries.**  
Take two cupsful of juice from canned cherries; if rich add water to make the two cupsful; add four cupsful of sugar and bring to a boil; add one-half bottle of pectin, stirring constantly and bring again to a full boil, then remove from the fire. Skim, pour into glasses and cover with a thin layer of paraffin. When cold add more hot paraffin to make a heavy seal.  
Mashed banana put through a sieve, added to orange juice, sugar

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## Coolidge Home to Become a National Shrine



FRIENDS of the Coolidge family and other Vermonters are planning to make a historical shrine of the home of Calvin Coolidge in Plymouth, shown herewith. It was there the oath as President was administered to him by his father. At the left is the Plymouth cheese factory in which Mr. Coolidge had an interest.



**Just a Little Smile**

### TOUGH

Blinks—To hear him talk you'd think up some bigger whoopers from the depression.  
Jinks—Yeah! He feels abused because he now has to mow his own lawn instead of hiring it done so he will be free to get his exercise playing golf.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Difference

"I see in the Weekly Banner of Spruceville that Lem Higgins has 'fallen asleep.'"  
"Dead, eh?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, the only difference between Lem as he is now and as he was for twenty years is that he doesn't snore any more."

### Identity Substitution

"Are you interested in pugilism?"  
"I must admit that I am," answered Senator Sorghum. "A good picture of a knockout always reminds me of what I should like to do to a colleague who has irritated me in debates."—Washington Star.

### Modern Farm Knowledge

Stranger—Farm products cost more than they did a while back. How do you explain it?  
Farmer—Well, when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raising and the entomological name of the bugs that eat it and the chemical name of the stuff that will kill the bugs—somebody's got to pay for all this knowledge, ain't they?—Pathfinder Magazine.

### Dad Had a Supply

Mother—Johnny, will you go down to the cellar and split some kindling?  
Johnny—Wait till Dad comes. I heard him tell Mr. Smith that he bought twenty-five dollars' worth of chips last night.

### HAPPY BIRDS!



Bob—Do you know I envy the birds?  
Ida—Yes, they're so gay and free, fly here and—  
Bob—Yes, and have only one bill the year round.

### Frank Little Tommy

Caller—Won't you walk with me as far as the car, Tommy?  
Tommy—I can't.  
Caller—Why not?  
Tommy—'Cause we're going to have dinner as soon as you go.

### Poor Kid!

Old Lady—Aren't you ashamed to be seen smoking cigarettes?  
Urchin—Well, wot can yer do, lady, when the ole man pinches yer plpe?—London Weekly Telegraph.

### The Loafer!

"How did that fella get out of taking his turn at cooking?"  
"He agreed only to cook the fish we catch."—Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

### IT'S A WAY THEY HAVE



Customer—So your wife wants all money.  
Chinese Laundryman—Yep; shee money me gottee.

### Hopeless Case

Clerk—You promised me a raise if I was satisfactory.  
Employer—But you are not, sir. No man is who reminds me of a promise.

## TWO-PIECE FROCK HAS REAL CHARM

Pattern 1922  
This is one of those tremendously chic two-piece frocks which do their stuff so quietly and subtly you have to stop and look carefully to find out where all that style really comes from. Front pleats that all turn in, are one of its clever little tricks, and pleated sleeves that grow into a devastatingly smart epaulet on the shoulders are another. The rest of it is mostly very good proportions and a demure and becoming little round collar. The original was made of red and white checked ging.



ham and worn with navy blue accessories. It was stunning!  
Pattern 1922 is available in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40. Size 16 takes 5 yards 36-inch fabric. Illustrated step-by-step sewing instructions included.  
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### EVEN

"What's a joint account, pop?"  
"It's an account where one person does the depositing and the other the withdrawing."

### MODERN DANCE STEP



"What is the name of the dance Beth just did?"  
"From the way she was shaking I should say it was a St. Vitus dance."

### Plenty of Milk

Jane is very fond of milk, and when she returned home from a visit on the farm she was relating her experiences, especially in having more milk than she could drink.  
"You just ought to see the lot of milk they've got," said the child.  
"They have three whole cows full every day."—Indianapolis News.

### And Not Always Politely

"People are not nearly so formal as they used to be."  
"No," said Mrs. Chuggins. "Nearly every time I go out in the car policemen to whom I have never been introduced don't hesitate to speak to me."

### Should Be

Diner—This salmon isn't nearly so nice as that I had a week ago.  
Waiter—It should be, sir; it's from the same fish.

## PAPA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is graft?"  
"Lemon juice."  
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and cream, makes a most delightful frozen dish.

**Noodle Jelly Charlotte.**  
Cook one and one-half cupsful of half-inch wide noodles in salted water ten minutes. Drain and add butter, using two tablespoonfuls. Beat two eggs thoroughly, add two tablespoonfuls of water and add to the noodles. Place in a buttered baking dish and bake in a hot oven. Serve with jelly. Served with chicken or lamb it takes the place of potatoes.

**Steamed Apricot Pudding.**  
Cream two tablespoonfuls of butter and a tablespoonful of sugar, add one beaten egg. Sift two cupsful of flour with two teaspoonfuls of salt. Add the dry ingredients alternately with one cupful of milk. Grease one pound baking powder cans and fill two-thirds full with alternate layers of the batter and apricot jam. Place on rack in a kettle with boiling water and steam tightly covered two and one-half hours. Serve hot with a lemon sauce.

**Dried Apricot Jam.**  
Take two pounds of dried apricots, let soak over night. Simmer well covered a half hour. Drain the fruit crush thoroughly and mix with three pounds of sugar, or seven cupsful. Put to boil and when at full boil continue one minute, remove from the fire and add one bottle of pectin, stir and let stand a moment and skim. Then pour into glasses and cover with paraffin.  
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## Question Box By ED WYNN The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Winn:  
Who started the idea that "13" was an unlucky number?  
Sincerely,  
SUE PENSTITION.  
Answer: In 1803 a man was arrested for killing a woman. He was tried and convicted and given life. He blamed it on the jury and the judge. That's how it started. He

## AFTER A VACATION

By ANNE CAMPBELL

HOW lovely is our little world  
When we have been away!  
The grass at dawn with dew is pearl'd,  
The hollyhocks are gay.  
No porch is half so welcoming  
As ours when evening comes,  
We missed the happy blossoming  
Of blue delphiniums.

Our world seems much more glamorous  
Since we came back again.  
Outside we hear our clamorous  
And saucy friend, the wren.  
Our little pear tree grew, we know,  
And where the shadows fall,  
There is a splash of golden-glow  
Against the garden wall.

The world of home is loveliest  
When we come back once more  
To find that love has stood the test  
And waits beside the door.  
There was no beauty quite like this,  
Although we traveled far;  
A kindly hand, a welcome kiss,  
And home's familiar star!

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figured 12 men on the jury and 1 judge made "13."

Dear Mr. Wynn:  
I am about to take lessons in roller skating. My instructor told me to buy three skates. Why should I buy three skates when I have only two feet?

Yours truly,  
JIM NASIUM.  
Answer: As you are just learning, the professor figures you will not always be on your feet.

Dear Mr. Wynn:  
I understand that every musical show has its own press agent. Can you tell me what he gets the name "press agent" from?

Truly yours,  
I. M. SILLY.  
Answer: He gets his name from squeezing chorus girls.

Dear Mr. Wynn:  
What has happened to most of the veterinarians since Automobiles have replaced horses?

Yours truly,  
MANNA WORE.  
Answer: They work in gun factories mending "Colt's."

Dear Mr. Wynn:  
I have just secured a job as chauffeur. I'm to start two weeks from today and am supposed to sleep over the garage. I want the job, all right, but I cannot sleep in a strange bed. What shall I do?

Yours truly,  
X. AUST.  
Answer: As you don't begin for two weeks, ask your boss to let you sleep in the new bed for a few

## WITTY KITTY

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM



The girl chum says instead of counting sheep a way of inducing sleep is to figure up the different shades of fingernail polish seen during the day.

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## Afternoon Suit

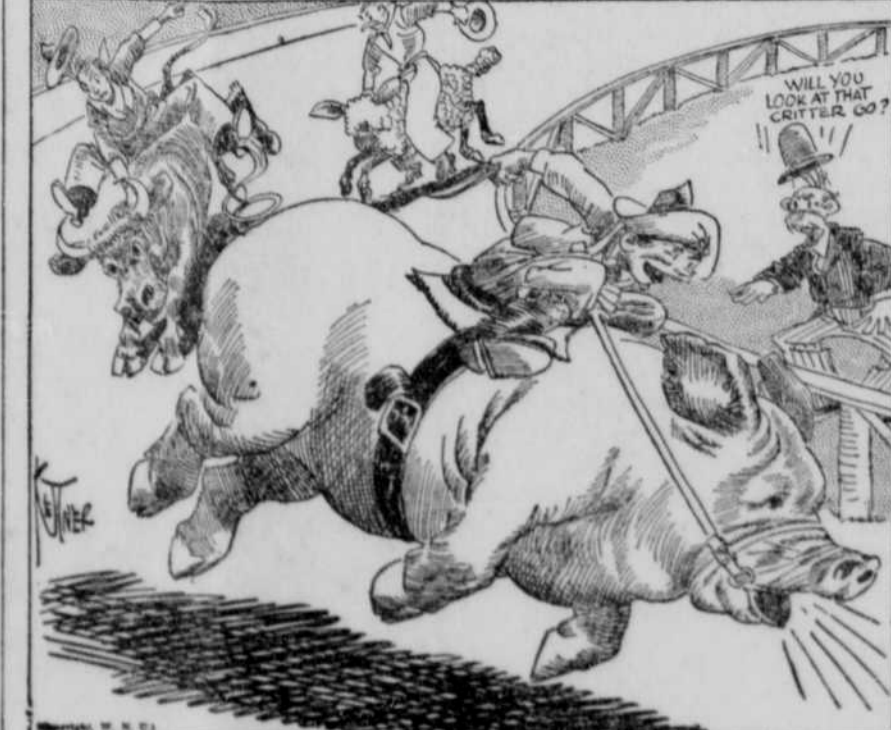


Here is a stylish afternoon suit with a black velveteen skirt and scarf. The plaid wool jacket is black, green and white, with a black calf belt.

nights before you start working, then when you get your job you'll be used to the bed.  
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**Or What Have You?**  
Cattaro, the Yugoslavian village, has been in its time, Roman, Venetian, Turkish, Spanish, Serbian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Russian, French, English and Austrian.

## The Live Stock Price Handicap



"Back in those days when hotdogs were known as smoked sausages," says aging Elise, "it was easier to get the young folks to eat a plate of spinach than to taste one of them."  
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## Missionaries Learn First-Aid Methods



ON THE eve of going to missions in far distant lands, Catholic priests and nuns in New York received instructions in the latest first-aid methods from Red Cross members. They then received certificates of proficiency.

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