

# BEDTIME STORY

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## BILLY MINK HAS SOME GOOD HUNTING

BILLY MINK loves to hunt. He is one of the best hunters among the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows. Not even Reddy Fox is a better hunter than Billy Mink. In the first place, Billy has a wonderful nose. He can follow the scent of a mouse; quite as well as can Reddy Fox. Then, too, Billy possesses sharp ears. The instant Billy caught the scent of Robber the Rat at the edge of



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the hole in the floor of that barn he forgot all about the hens over in the henhouse. He popped up through the hole in the barn floor, and his nose found the scent of Robber the Rat stronger than ever. Billy began to follow it just as Bowser the Hound follows the scent of Reddy Fox. It led straight over to a grain bin.

Just as Billy reached one end of the grain bin a big gray rat with two others at his heels scrambled out of the other end of the grain bin, and with squeaks of fright scampered away. How they had known of his coming, Billy didn't know. Probably they had smelled him, for Billy has quite a strong scent of his own. Anyway, they had discovered his presence.

With a bound Billy was after them. Almost at once the three rats separated. Billy didn't hesitate. He followed the largest one. He followed him with his nose. That was all he needed to guide him.

Now that rat knew every nook and corner and every hiding place in that big barn. Also he knew that there was no place big enough for him to get into which Billy Mink could not get into, and fear gave

## Dining Ensemble



This ensemble for dining is of black and white. The high-waisted dress has a lower section on black crepe, topped with a semi-tailored bodice of white satin with a draped diagonal treatment. The tunic coat stresses the pre-war period. The pointed turban, gloves and pumps are of black suede.

speed to his legs. Behind and under boxes, over grain bins, squeezing through narrow places, and racing across open spaces, the rat ran with Billy behind him. At last he was cornered.

Instantly that rat changed completely. He whirled about and faced Billy Mink, showing savage teeth. He was big and strong, and he intended to fight. For just an instant Billy Mink stopped. Now a rat is quick, but Billy Mink is quicker. That rat was no coward. He fought, and he fought hard, but he fought in vain. He could not get those wicked-looking teeth of his into Billy. In less time than it takes to tell it, the fight was over, and Billy Mink has his dinner.

Now Billy knew all about Robber the Rat and his relatives. He knew that they were outcasts among all the little people of the Green Meadows and the Green Forest. He knew that not a single thing could be said in their favor. He knew that the Great World would be a better place for everybody if there were no brown rats in it.

"There is good hunting here," muttered Billy, as he turned to go back to his new home under the woodpile. "As long as there is such good hunting here in this barn, I'll

## Train Coaches Used as a High School



In October, 1935, an earthquake wrecked the high school at Helena, Mont., and the 1,000 pupils are now going to classes held in 18 passenger coaches which were loaned by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railways. The cars were set on a siding, and boardwalks built to connect them. They are heated by a central plant. In most of them the students sit on the familiar plush seats, although in science and some other classes the seats have been replaced by tables.

keep away from the henhouse." Then he went home and curled up for a nap.

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## MEASUREMENT

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

PROUD science prates of depths of seas, As though it were the depth of these That be sounded—with delight Measures a mountain crested white, Its most remotest mysteries, And calls its poor dimension height.

But these the measures men must know: How deep another mortal's woe, That men may lift him up again. Though science will be silent then, Men must quit measuring the snow, The ocean floor, and measure men.

Yes, surely mortals might employ Themselves with life, and not some toy: Might better measure heights of bliss, The heights that otherwise they miss, Might find the world's God-given joy, And of the world that follows this.

We waste our time too much on things, While thought is all that loves and sings— Though down within the depths it went, Regains the heights most excellent, And to the poorest mortal brings The joys beyond all measurement.

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onion may be sprinkled over the lettuce before plating the eggs.

Here is another that the men like: Take one head of lettuce, three or four green onions or a slice of Bermuda onion finely minced, three or four slices of sweet or sour pickle and one hard cooked egg. Use the lettuce in nests on the salad plate, shred the coarser part and mix with onions, pickles, and finely chopped egg. Serve with french dressing.

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## PAPA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is haughty?" "Stiff neck." © Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

## ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON

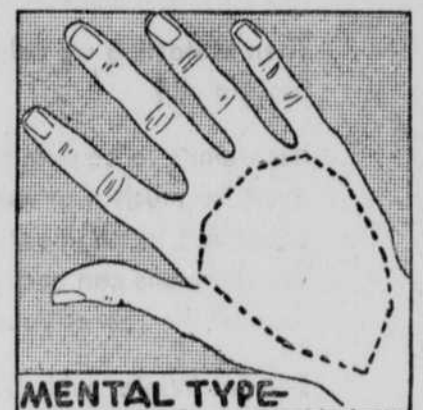


Dear Annabelle— IS IT TRUE THAT EVERYTHING COMES TO HIM WHO WAITS? PATIENCE. Dear Patience— EVERYTHING EXCEPT A TAXI ON A RAINY NIGHT! Annabelle

## THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

By Leicester K. Davis

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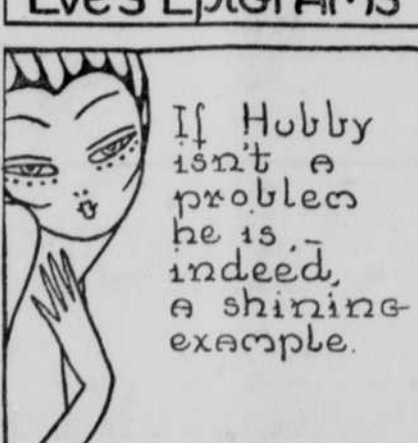
ONE may successfully veil the true man or woman from the eyes of the world in many ways, but the identity which the hand reveals cannot be concealed. Closely observe the hands you see. Impress upon your mind the characteristics which disclose their owners' traits and personalities.

**The Mental Type of Hand.** In the systems of palmistry practiced by the ancient Greeks, this type was also called the hand of the philosopher, and with good reason. You will recognize it by its long and markedly angular appearance. The Mental Type of hand is invariably thin, with fingers long and inclined to boniness, with prominent knuckles which give the fingers a knotty look. The nail joints of the Mental Type are often of unusual length, slightly tapered, with broad nails.

The thumb of this type is always of great length, this being most noticeable within the space between the second and the nail joint. The palm and undersides of the fingers are quite flat. Possessors of the Mental Type of hand are invariably great readers and of a scholarly turn of mind. They are nearly always conservative and deeply analytical in approaching any problem, refraining from an expression of positive opinion until painstaking research and deduction have produced incontrovertible evidence.

In the hand of this type with

## Eve's Epigrams



If Hubby isn't a problem he is, indeed, a shining example.

## Store Root Crops and Make Profits

Simple, Field Location Is Needed; Do Not Dig a Trench.

By C. H. Nissley, Professor of Vegetable Gardening, New Jersey State College, WNU Service.

By storing such root crops as beets, turnips, parsnips and rutabagas in the field as soon as the weather becomes cold, many farmers are able to take advantage of a profitable market for these vegetables during winter.

The storage operation is simple, but a well-drained location is necessary. Do not dig a trench, but place the vegetables on the surface of the ground in rectangular piles with 25, 50, 75 or 100 bushels in each. The proper size of the pile depends upon the number of bushels to be taken out for sale at one time.

After the roots have been neatly arranged in the pile, cover them with straw, salt hay or double layer of burlap. Then place a three- to five-inch layer of soil over the roots to prevent the wind from uncovering them. As the weather becomes colder, more protection will be needed to prevent the roots from freezing.

Ventilation must also be provided in order to allow moisture given off by the roots to escape. The ventilator may be a roll of straw or hay placed on top of the mound, and some growers use a short stove pipe or a tile in both ends of the mound.

Cabbage, too, may be successfully stored in the field. Pull the plants up by the roots and place them on the ground upside down so that the roots extend upward. From three to ten rows of cabbages may be placed in one trench.

In the three-row system, two heads are placed along side each other with the heads of the third row between and above the other two rows. When storing six rows in one trench, place the cabbages in three rows together on the ground, two rows on top of the second and a third row on top of the second layer, forming a pyramid. Then cover the cabbage with burlap or a thin layer of salt hay or straw and add soil as for storing root crops.

## Last Drawn Milk Richer, Is Why Stripping Pays

Which is richer in butterfat, the first-drawn or the last-drawn milk from a cow? Or is there any difference?

Invariably, the last-drawn milk is considerably richer. That is why it is so important to strip cows thoroughly at each milking. Incomplete milking not only tends to damage the future production of the cow but it also is very unprofitable.

According to the dairy extension service at Iowa State college, convincing experiment along this line recently was conducted. A sample was taken of the first milk, then of the strippings and finally of the total milk mixed together. The first milk showed a butter fat test of 0.27 per cent. The strippings tested 6 per cent. The composite test for the entire milking was approximately 3 per cent.

A cow tester for the Palo Alto testing association reports that the average test of the last milk drawn from a number of cows in different herds was 9.2 per cent. He points out that a half pound of such milk left in each cow at each milking would amount to 2.85 pounds of butterfat per month or about 57 pounds on a 20-cow herd. —Wallaces' Farmer.

## Facts on Milk Flavors

Although there are many factors which may affect the flavor of milk by the time it reaches the doorstep of the consumer, there are only two principal causes of off-flavors in milk at the time it is drawn from the udder. Perhaps the most common of these flavors is due to the feed eaten by the cow. Chief among the offenders in this group are weeds such as wild onions, ragweed, and bitter weed. Certain green forage and root crops such as rye and green alfalfa cause pronounced off-flavors in milk unless the grazing periods are properly spaced. Other green feeds affecting milk flavor are cowpeas, beef tops, rape, cabbage, turnips and kale, states an authority at the University of Kentucky.

## Eradicating Snakeroot

Although a perennial plant, white snakeroot can easily be eradicated by hand pulling or by cultivation. Cleaning of the land will make conditions unfavorable for its growth and eradicate the pest. The plant poison problem is a serious one in many sections of the country and it will pay farmers and live stock men to either eradicate or keep live stock off wooded pastures, particularly when pastures are short.

## Should Remove Tusks

Tusks should be removed from male pigs that are to be kept for breeding, states a writer in Wallaces' Farmer. A boar with tusks is a potentially dangerous animal at all times. The best time to remove the tusks is when the pigs are only a few days old. Cut the teeth close to the gums, with nippers which are made for this purpose. Be careful not to injure the gums, since an open wound furnishes an ideal place for disease.

## The Bored Are Boring—

People of Outstanding Personality Are Interested, and Never Bore

"YOUNG people of today," a mother writes, "seem to regard it as a sign of immaturity or weakness to be thrilled with anything. Their idea of sophistication is to appear bored with everything, the having-done-all-seen-all attitude that finds it very difficult to be impressed with anything. It is most annoying to find that anything you can offer them for a good time seems to be inadequate, that the thrills of your own youth cannot be repeated for them. It seems to me they miss a great deal."

I would point out to this mother, says a woman writer of international note, that naturally we cannot expect that the thrills of our youth will equally impress the young people of this day. So much that came to us gradually as colorful experiences are a part of their daily background. But there is something definitely true in what she says of a pose, of a deliberate care never to seem impressed, of a pretense at being bored.

It may interest such young people to know that that sophisticated, G. K. Chesterton, said "there are no bores, only people who are bored." In other words there can be nothing interesting about a person who is bored!

That takes us right down to a bedrock fact that can be observed if we will note people of outstanding personality, people whom everybody finds interesting. Without exception they will be people who

are vitally interested. They are never bored, never blasé. They are able to give out what interests others, because through their interest in things and people about them they are constantly taking in. Their main charm is a certain aliveness, a vitality which has absolutely no relationship with being bored.

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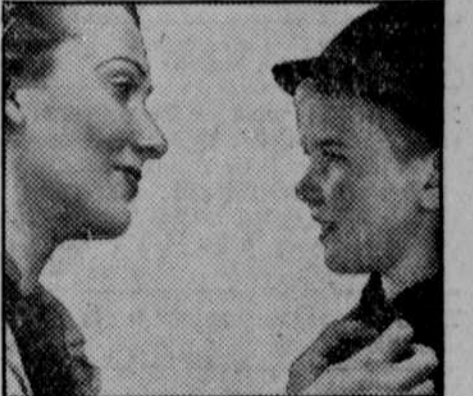
## It Is My Aim

TO KEEP my health! To do my work! To live! To see to it I grow and gain and give! Never to look behind me for an hour! To wait in weakness and to walk in power. But always fronting forward to the light, Always and always facing toward the right, Robbed, starved, defeated, fallen wide astray, On with what strength I have! Back to the way!

—Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

## If You Have a Child

ASK YOUR DOCTOR THIS



## Uncle Phil Says:

A Man in Trouble

No matter how uncouth a man may be, if his character is firm and he faces trouble like a man, your heart warms to him.

Innocence, like an icicle, once melted is gone forever.

Give a newly met man a chance to show his good qualities before rejecting him as a friend.

Life is something much bigger than human consciousness.

Country people are surprised when a city man complains of crowds. They enjoy them.

In youth, credulity is enormous, and skepticism is enormous; there is no middle-ground; and both are amusing.

Great fault of daydreaming about the great achievements one contemplates is that one is likely to go to sleep.

Society's Gain Solitude is not to be considered solely from a selfish standpoint. Society may profit much through the frequent individual adoption of it.

To thoroughly enjoy happiness one must know how it feels to be sad; for a great deal of happiness is mere contrast.

Cultured people are those who are informed on intellectual values; highbrows are those who are ostentatious of their information.

## Ask Him Before Giving Your Child an Unknown Remedy

Practically any doctor you ask will warn: "Don't give your child unknown remedies without asking your doctor first."

When it comes to the widely used children's remedy—"milk of magnesia," the standard of the world is established. For over half a century many doctors have said "PHILLIPS' Milk of Magnesia." Safe for children. No other is "quite like it."

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## Love, Honor and Obey



HOW TO START A SWEET ARGUMENT WITH YOUR WIFE!

GEORGE! ARE YOU GETTING READY? YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU WERE TO TAKE ME TO THE MOVIES TONIGHT?

ALL READY FOR BED