

SLEEPY TIME TALES

JIMMY RABBIT ONCE MORE

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CHAPTER VII.

Belinda Bunny's Uncle Isaac. Miss Belinda Bunny had an uncle, whom the whole family called Uncle Isaac. Indeed, everybody in Pleasant Valley called him by the same name. And everybody agreed that he was about the laziest person in the whole neighborhood. He had no home, but went about visiting his relations, who always groaned when they saw him coming and passed him along as soon as they could, to some other household.

Not there was just one of the forest-folk that thought Uncle Isaac just perfect. This was Belinda Bunny's mother. Uncle Isaac was her own brother. She said he wasn't lazy, always hurried to pack his bag. He was never known to hurry at any other time.

Young Jimmy Rabbit often went to Belinda Bunny's house. But he didn't go there to see Uncle Isaac. He went to see Belinda herself. Uncle Isaac, however, didn't seem to grasp this fact. He always appeared to think that Jimmy Rabbit came to see him on his account. He often struck Jimmy Rabbit that Uncle Isaac was usually waiting for him to call.

"Ah!" Uncle Isaac would exclaim as soon as Jimmy walked into the house. "You're just the chap I want to see. I've a little errand for you to do. I want you to run down to Farmer Green's garden and get me a fine cabbage." Or maybe he would say something like this: "They tell me the peas are ready. Hop down to the garden patch and pick me a peck or two!"

Now, Jimmy Rabbit soon grew tired of doing errands for Uncle Isaac. Uncle Isaac would thank him, and praise him with glowing words. But that was all. He never offered Jimmy a single taste of the good things that Jimmy brought him. So at last one day when Uncle Isaac asked Jimmy to go and gather a handful of bark for him, Jimmy told him that he was afraid he hadn't time to help him.

Uncle Isaac showed at once that his feelings were hurt. And his sister, Mrs. Bunny, exclaimed, "Why, Jimmy Rabbit! You know you want to help Uncle Isaac. He isn't at all well today."

"It's slippery elm that I need," Uncle Isaac explained. "My cough is worse today. That's the only thing that will cure it."

"Why don't you go and get it yourself?" Jimmy Rabbit asked him. "What?" cried Uncle Isaac. "No, go get it soon. I can't do it. You can't do it. It would be very bad for my cough. If I got my feet wet I'd have to spend the rest of the winter in bed." And Mrs. Bunny, his sister, told Jimmy Rabbit that he ought to be glad to do an errand of mercy for anybody as ill as Uncle Isaac was.

So Jimmy Rabbit went off to gather some bark for the invalid. Indeed, Mrs. Bunny said flatly that she wouldn't let her daughter Belinda go out to play unless Uncle Isaac had his bark. She declared that if he didn't get his bark he would need at least two nurses to take care of him. It was a long journey to the nearest slippery elm tree. Jimmy Rabbit hadn't traveled far before he made up his mind that he would give Uncle Isaac something else. He would give him a smartweed, which everybody knows is sharp and biting to the tongue.

Uncle Isaac was a very lively invalid when Jimmy Rabbit returned. "Ah-h!" he exclaimed, when Jimmy came in with his paws laden with a mass of something or other. "Just put it down in the corner. I'll go and put on my slippers and then I'll eat a little of the medicine." He was very fond of slippery elm. And being in a great hurry to taste it, he hurried off to get his slippers without looking closely at what Jimmy had brought him. As he went out of the room Uncle Isaac turned his head over his shoulder. "Thank you so much," he said.

"May I go out with Jimmy now?" Belinda Bunny asked her mother. "Yes," Mrs. Bunny told her. "But don't stay long. Uncle Isaac may want somebody to go on an errand a little later."

The youngsters had gone when Uncle Isaac came back to his feast. He thrust his paws down into the dark corner and stuffed his mouth full of the smartweed.

Mrs. Bunny heard a muffled shriek. "Water! Water! Help! Help! I'm poisoned!" cried Uncle Isaac. Mrs. Bunny tore out of the house and ran to the spring. She was gone only a short time. But when she returned she couldn't see Uncle Isaac anywhere. Her husband, however, had come home. And he seemed in better spirits than he had been in for half a year.

"Where's Uncle Isaac?" Mrs. Bunny asked Mr. Bunny. "Has he gone to bed?" Mr. Bunny shook his head. "I'll go and show his things into his bag and left," he replied. "He's been here six months today."

THE GUMPS

MRS. ZANDER SAW UNCLE BIM AND MISS LOFTY RIDING IN UNCLE BIM'S GORGEOUS CAR - SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS IN TOWN.

I WONDER WHO THAT WOMAN WAS THAT HE WAS RIDING WITH - SHE WAS HALF HIS AGE AND SHE LOOKED SO INSIPID - SUCH A WEAK FACE -

I CALLED HIS HOTEL AND THEY TOLD ME HE HAD BEEN HERE FOR THREE DAYS - HE WROTE ME THAT HE WAS COMING - I WONDER WHY HE DIDN'T CALL UP - I WONDER WHAT HAS COME OVER HIM -

WELL - IF HE DOES CALL UP NOW YOU BET I'LL FREEZE HIM - I'LL SHOW HIM I DON'T CARE - HUH - WHY SHOULD I CARE? HE'S NOTHING TO ME - IF HE SHOULD CALL UP I'LL SAY "WHEN DID YOU ARRIVE?" (SURPRISED LIKE) "HOW DO YOU FEEL?" I HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A NICE TIME - AND THAT'S ALL -

SIDNEY SMITH

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HE LOVES ME, HE LOVES ME NOT



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"Save More, Waste Less," Is Mellon's New Year Message

Secretary of Treasury Urges Greater Economy Both by Government and People of Nation.

Washington, Jan. 1.—An appeal for further economy in government expenditures and for greater saving among the people was made in a New Year's statement by Secretary Mellon. The statement announced, as a summary of the treasury's accomplishments for the last fiscal year, a reduction of about \$1,000,000,000 in public debt, a balanced budget and successful refunding operations which have reduced the early maturing debt to manageable proportions.

"Let us make 1923 a better and more prosperous year than 1922, he urged. "It can be done if all of us will unite and try to save more and waste less."

Asserting that the government has been taking and will continue to take the lead in saving, Mr. Mellon said it is cutting its expenditures "to the limit," to balance its budget and reduce the burden of taxation.

"But much still remains to be done," he continued, "on January 1, 1923, about \$625,000,000 of 1918 war saving stamps come due and must be paid, or exchanged into other government securities, and on May 23, 1923, the remaining Victory notes, amounting to about \$850,000,000, will become payable, while Victory notes called for redemption December 15, 1922, remain outstanding to the amount of about \$250,000,000. It is a matter of first importance that these securities, representing largely the savings of the people, should not be dissipated in idle or wasteful expenditure or in worthless securities. The treasury, accordingly, is bending every effort to encourage the retention of these funds in sound securities, particularly in those of the government itself."

Bathers Must Cover Up. Riga, Jan. 1.—Next summer the Riga strand, one of the famous Baltic seaside resorts, will have new bathing regulations. During the last summer certain hours were set aside for men and women bathers and bathing costumes were not required.

These regulations caused much friction between the police and members of the Latvian parliament, who being immune from arrest, were found on the beach at all hours of day with field glasses. The police department has decreed that bathing costumes must be worn by everybody taking a dip.

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