

### SLEEPY-TIME TALES

## THE TALE OF BROWNIE BEAVER

BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

**CHAPTER I**  
**A Queer Place to Live**  
The village near one end of Pleasant Valley where Farmer Green often went to sell butter and eggs was not the only village to be seen from Blue Mountain. There was another which Farmer Green seldom visited, because it lay beyond the mountain and was a long distance from his house. Though he owned the land where it stood, those that lived there thought they had every right to stay there as long as they pleased, without being disturbed.

It was in this village that Brownie Beaver and his neighbors lived. It was a different sort of town, too, from the one where Farmer Green went each week. Over beyond Blue Mountain all the houses were built in a pond. And all their doors were under water. But nobody minded that because—like Brownie Beaver—everybody that dwelt there was a fine swimmer.

Years and years before Brownie's time his forefathers had come there, and finding that there were many trees in the neighborhood with the sort of bark they liked to eat—such as poplars, willows and box elders—they had decided that it was a good place to live. There was a small stream, too, which was really the beginning of the Swift River. And by damming it those old settlers made a pond in which they could build their houses.

They had ideas of their own as to what a house should be like—and very good ideas they were—though you, perhaps, might not care for them at all. They wanted their houses to be surrounded by water, because they thought they were safer when built in that manner. And they always insisted that a door leading into a house should be below the surface of the water, for they believed that that made a house safer too.

To you such an idea may seem very strange. But if you were chased by an enemy you might be glad to be able to swim under water, down to the bottom of a pond, and slip inside a door which led to a winding hall, which in its turn led downwards into your house.

Of course, your enemy might be able to swim as well as you. But maybe he would think twice—or even three times—before he went prowling through your crooked hall. For if you had enormous, strong, sharp teeth—with which you could gnaw right through a tree—he would not care to have you seize him as he poked his head around a corner in a dark passage of a strange house.

It was in a house of that kind that Brownie Beaver lived. And he built it himself, because he said he would rather have a neat, new house than one of the big, old dwellings that had been built many years before, when his great-great-grandfather had helped throw the dam across the stream.

The dam was there still. It was so old that trees were growing on it. And there was an odd thing about it; it was never finished. Though Brownie Beaver was a young chap, he worked on the dam sometimes, like all his neighbors. You see, the villagers kept making the dam wider. And since it was built of sticks and mud, the water sometimes washed bits of it away; so it had to be kept in repair.

If Brownie Beaver and his friends had neglected their dam, they would have raked up some day and found that their pond was empty; and without any water to hide their

**WHY—**  
Does a Lightning-Rod Absorb Thunder?  
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Strictly speaking, a lightning-rod does not really absorb the thunder, because the material from which the rod is made cannot act as a deadener for sound of this nature. But the fact remains that no thunder is heard when lightning is carried off by the rod itself. This is because no lightning "discharge," in the usually accepted sense of the word, occurs.

The purpose of the rod is to prevent the accumulation of a destructive charge, capable of breaking through the air between the thunder-cloud and the house or other object on the surface of the earth which is equipped with the protective apparatus. The pointed end of the rod, thrust upward towards the cloud, withdraws the electricity in a practically continuous current, and its function is analogous to that of the safety valve on a boiler. The latter prevents steam from rising to a pressure where it would burst the walls of the boiler and the former keeps the electricity from gathering in a quantity sufficient to cause a sudden and disastrous discharge. Without this discharge there is no production of thunder, and the rod therefore prevents the cause of the thunder, rather than deadening or absorbing it after it has been created.

## More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE

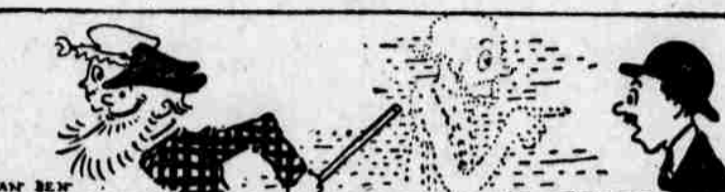


### TOO LATE NOW

When Doctor Oster said that men Of forty years or more Could never do the work again They'd done in days of yore, And that when middle-age decay Began to sap their powers, I was best to ease them on their way To better worlds than ours, We sadly bounced an arvil off Our aged granddaddy's chest, And, with a faint reproachful cough, He entered into rest.

And though it often made us weep To see his vacant chair Where afterwards he used to sleep The sunlight on his hair, Though home seemed quite a different place Without the gentle cheer Reflected in his kindly face, For many a happy year, That duty had been firmly met 'Twas comforting to know, And so we stifled our regret, And said, "This better so."

But now we learn that forty years Finds people in their prime And that thereafter their careers May well become sublime, And that with goat-gland's artful aid Can very easily be made As young and strong as new, With an uneasy, haunting doubt Our hearts begin to quake; We fear that easing granddaddy out, Perhaps was a mistake.



### THRIFT

By diligent industry the average citizen can now make two quarters grow where one dollar grew before.

### NOT MUCH HELP

Before getting jubilant over the scheme to run automobiles with onion juice, drop around to the grocer's and inquire the price of onions.

### THE MODERN METHOD

A ball player doesn't need to touch the bases if he has touched the gamblers. Trim, petite and gauzy-skirted, their dominion have exerted

doorways there would have been safe no longer.

They would have had no place, either, to store their wiper's food. For they were in the habit of cutting down trees and saving the bark and branches too, in order to have plenty to eat when cold water came and the ice closed their pond.

Some of their food they carried into their houses through a straight hall which was made for that very purpose. And some of the branches they fastened under water, near the dam. It was just like putting green things into a refrigerator, so they will keep.

Now you see why Brownie Beaver would no more have thought of building his house on dry land than you would think of building one in a pond. Everybody likes his own way best. And it never once occurred to Brownie Beaver that his way was the least bit strange.

Perhaps it was because his family had always lived in that fashion. Copyright, Grosset & Dunlap

### Dog Hill Paragrafs

By George Bingham



THE circus at Tickville last Saturday was right good, but on account of the high cost of peanuts they carried only one elephant.

Clab Hancock says some people are getting so cultured in this day and time they are even afraid to snore out loud in church.

While out riding on his mule a few evenings since Yam Sims accidentally rode off into a ditch just this side of the postoffice. At the time of the accident his mind was away off yonder in Chicago, while the mule was looking at a straw stack on Musket Ridge.

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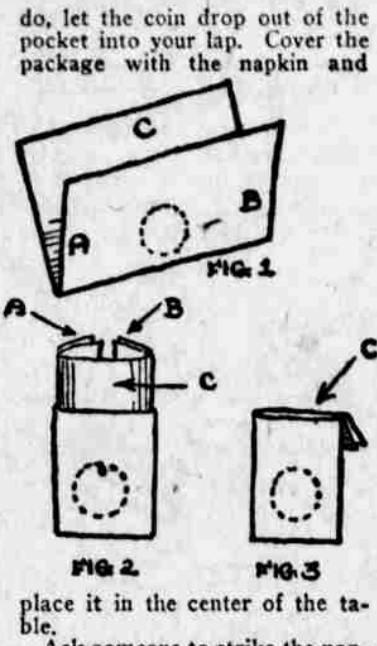
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## Tricks THAT YOU CAN DO

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The coin, apparently wrapped securely, is really in an outer fold. Turn the package over, permitting it to fall to the mouth of the fold or pocket. Grip it through the paper, however, so that it does not show. Tap the package on the table to show that the coin is still there. Reach for a napkin with the hand not holding the package, and as you



place it in the center of the table. Ask someone to strike the nap-

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do, let the coin drop out of the pocket into your lap. Cover the package with the napkin and

kin. As he does so, cry "Presto! pass!" reach under the table and produce the coin. It is necessary to show the package empty by tearing it up. Unfolding it would expose the secret.

## Parents Problems

Should a small boy of four be taught to obey his sister of 17? The boy should be taught to obey certain rules, such as promptness at meals, courtesy, etc. He should obey these, whether his parents are present or not. In their absence his sister should remind him, if he is forgetful, in short, she should not command him, but help him to keep up the proper mark.

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