

SLEEPY-TIME TALES

THE TALE OF BROWNIE BEAVER

CHAPTER III

Sticks and Mud

Like the dam that held the water to form the pond where Brownie Beaver lived, Brownie's house was made of sticks and mud. He cut the sticks himself, from trees that grew near the bank of the pond; and after dragging and pushing them to the water's edge he swam with them, without much trouble, to the center of the pond, where he wished to build his house. Of course, the sticks floated in the water; Brownie found that part of his work to be quite easy.

He had chosen that spot in the center of the pond because there was something of a good deal like an island there—only it did not rise quite out of the water. A good, firm place on which to set his house—Brownie Beaver considered.

While he was building his house Brownie gathered his winter's food at the same time. Any one might think he would have found it difficult to do two things at once like that. But while he was cutting sticks to build his new house it was no great trouble to peel the bark off them. The bark, you know, was what Brownie Beaver always ate. And when he cut sticks for his house there was only one thing about which he had to be careful; he had to be particular to use only certain kinds of woods. Poplar, cottonwood, or willow, birch, elm, box elder or aspen—those were the trees which bore



Why don't you do the way I did? he asked.

bark that he liked. But if he cut down a hickory or an ash or an oak tree he wouldn't have been able to get any food from them at all because the bark was not the sort he cared for. That was lucky, in a way, because the wood of those trees was very hard and Brownie would have had much more work cutting them down.

A good many of Brownie Beaver's neighbors thought he was foolish to go to the trouble of building a new house, when there were old ones to be had. And there was a lazy fellow called Tired Tim who laughed openly at Brownie.

"When you're older you'll know better than to work like that," Tired Tim told him. "Why don't you do the way I did? I dug a tunnel, in the bank of the pond; and it's a good enough house for anybody. It's much easier than building a house of sticks and mud."

But Brownie told Tired Tim that he didn't care to live in a hole in the bank.

"Nobody but a very lazy person would be willing to have a house like that," Brownie said. "Tired Tim only laughed all the harder. 'Old Granddaddy Beaver has been talking to you,' he remarked. 'I saw him taking you over to the dam yesterday and telling you to work on it. Of course, that's all right if you're willing to work for the whole village. But I say, let others do the work! As for me, I've never put a single stick nor a single armful of mud on that dam; and what's more, I never intend to, either.'

"My tunnel in the bank suits me very well. Of course, it may not be so airy in summer as a house such as you're making for yourself. But I don't live in my house in summer. So what's the difference, to me? In summer I go up the stream, or down—just as it suits me—and I see something of the world and have a fine time. There's nothing like travel, you know, to broaden one's mind," said Tired Tim.

Brownie Beaver stopped just a moment and looked at the lazy fellow. He was certainly broad enough. Brownie thought. He was so fat that his sides stuck far out. But it was no wonder—for he never did any work.

"You'd better take my advice," Tired Tim told Brownie. "But Brownie Beaver had returned to his wood-cutting. He didn't even stop to answer. To him, working was just fun. And building a fine house was as good as any game."

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THE GUMPS

FORE!! FORTY FORE!!

Drawn for The Bee by Sidney Smith.



More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



A PRISON TRAGEDY

The state comptroller has refused to approve any more bills for hair tonic at Sing Sing.

When Dog-Face Donovan, with whom the taste for stimulants was chronic, was much depressed with prison gloom, he primed himself with dandruff tonic. The commonwealth the dope supplied which served to furnish Dog-Face quicker with all the makings of a tide. Than even bottled red-eye liquor.

The warden, when the boys would shrink, would keep a hair-oil bottle handy.

Which put them in the trim for work as well as whisky, gin or brandy. It served them in their daily duty. And on his books he charged the stuff to "Drugs, and Requisites to Beauty."

The cost in time became so great. The auditor believed held better. The interests of the state. And so he wrote the following letter: "Dear Warden: Please inform your crooks. Their tastes are rather too Byronic. They think too much about their looks. I disallow those bills for tonic. No hammers on the rock pile ring. No more the balls and chains are polished. Since in the confines of Sing Sing the hair-oil reason was abolished. Each convict with a scowling face. Goes laggardly about his duty. For prison is a dreary place. Without those 'Requisites to Beauty.'"



THE OLD PRE-VOLSTEAD DAYS

The percentage of pep in the spirit of '76 can considerably higher than 275.

TOO BAD HE DIDN'T

If Carpenter had licked Levinsky with one wallop maybe Dempsey would have again responded to the call for ship builders.

AND NO WONDER

This is a campaign in which the coal wagon attracts for more attention than the ice wagon.

Common Sense

CONSIDER THE FUTURE.

By J. J. MUNDY.

At times you worry a lot about what you will do in your old age.

You know the small amount you save systematically today will not provide enough for the time ahead when you may be physically unfit to work.

Whenever you get to thinking you end by saying to yourself, "why worry? Something is bound to turn up to help out."

With this conclusion you proceed to go right on in your carefree way.

Of course, you cannot improve your position by worrying.

But you might improve it materially if you would take yourself in hand for a heart-to-heart talk, and think and plan work for a bigger income and stick to your determination to prepare yourself for greater things.

But it means make a start and, having started, the grit and the determination to carry out your purpose.

The giving the matter hurried

thoughts now and then availeth nothing. A serious problem to face.

Give it serious consideration, and earnest, whole-hearted endeavor will get results, so go ahead.

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Parents Problems

Should boys be allowed to play practical jokes?

"Boys will be boys!" Teach them not to go too far; not to give pain; make clear that a joke is funny, something at which every one concerned can laugh. Further than this do not go in the way of restraint.

Harry Silverman Coming.

Harry Silverman, former musical director in Omaha, will return to this city next Sunday, according to a telegram received yesterday by Harry Watts, manager of the Strand theater.

Mr. Silverman has been director of the orchestra in the California in Los Angeles since last August.

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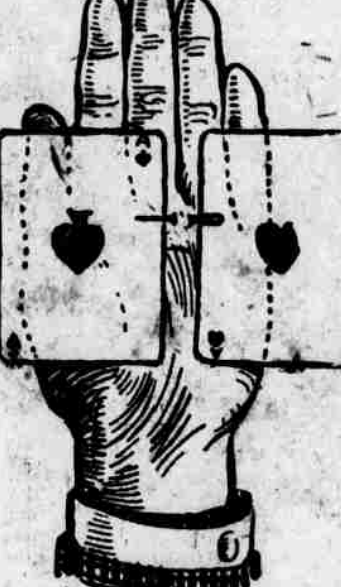
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Tricks THAT YOU CAN DO

MAGNETISM, the professor tells us, is at the bottom of every good card trick. This isn't true, but we mustn't expect to hear "nothing but truth" from a magician.

"Take this pack of cards, for example," the professor continues. "I'll rub them on my hand



to generate electricity. I now place my hand so and the cards so."

He places his palm downward on the table. One at a time he tucks under it 15 or 20 cards, arranging them in the shape of a many-pointed star. Slowly he raises his hand. The cards rise also, clinging to the palm as if, indeed, they are magnetized. A spectator is asked to count 10. At the 10th count the cards fall from the hand.

You might not think the secret hidden in a tiny sewing needle, but that needle is the whole trick. Always careful, the magician, boiled the needle before he was ready to do the trick, and kept it from germs by wrapping it in a bit of bandage. Just before the time to do the trick he thrust the needle under the skin and out again where the skin is tight and thick just under the fingers of the left hand.

In arranging the "cards he placed the first two as shown in the illustration. The other cards were tucked under these cards. It will be surprising to the reader to find how many cards may be held in this manner and what a wide spreading star they will make.

To let the cards fall on the floor at the count of 10 the professor pushed on them with his fingers hard enough to break the skin. It is hardly necessary to say that the palm must not be toward the audience at any time

during the performance of the trick.
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Dog Hill Paragraphs

By George Bingham



TOBE MOSELEY'S mule has just completed eating a load of hay, and started in this afternoon on Columbus Ailsop's straw hat.

To settle an argument Jefferson Pollocks went over today and looked at the Tickville train with his own eyes, and says after all is said and done it don't look so much like a wheat thresher.

Sap Spradlen says if the hoot owl don't stop asking him questions every time he passes the Dog Hill graveyard on a dark night he is going to take to going around the other way.

I'M THE GUY

I'M THE GUY who is always borrowing from my girl.

Why shouldn't I? She likes me and never refuses me. And she never keeps track of all the small change I get from her. She's a good scout, at that.

When it comes to carfare or tickets for the show, or a magazine or candy, I've always conveniently forgotten my money. Sometimes I've borrowed the only one I have, and she can't expect me to break it for a quarter or a half-dollar.

It's wonderful how she falls every time. If she gets tired of lending to me, I should worry. If she doesn't like my company, well, the woods are full of them.

She ought to be glad to go out with me. I know a lot of others that would be. And she wants me to take her out, she ought to be willing to pitch in. I can't afford to, unless she does.

I spend my money on a quiet little game with the boys. I've got to be a good fellow.

When I can't borrow any more off her, I'll have to cultivate someone else who is willing. Until then I should worry.

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South Side Judge Declares War On Men Who Pack Revolvers

First Man to Fall Under Judicial Wrath Is Held For District Court Under \$1,000 Bond.

Too many men on the South Side are carrying revolvers, according to Police Judge Fitzgerald, who announced in South Side police court yesterday he has declared ruthless warfare on "gun toters."

The first man to fall under judicial wrath was John Vaseka, 2423 P street, who faced the judge yesterday on charges of illegal possession of liquor (and carrying concealed weapons).

L. A. Bungert, 2622 M street, caused Vaseka's arrest Monday night at Twenty-seventh and L streets, where he says Vaseka threatened his life.

He was fined \$100 for illegal possession of the liquor and bound over to trial in the district court in \$1,000 bail for carrying the revolver. Peter Lenczurski, 4234 South Twenty-ninth street, was fined \$100 also for illegal possession of liquor when officers testified they raided his home and found three quarts of corn whiskey and a jar of mash.

Silverware Is Stolen

Silverware worth \$150 was stolen from the home of Leo Spreitzer, 5639 South Twenty-third street, Monday night by burglars who broke down the rear door to effect an entrance, he reported to South Side police.

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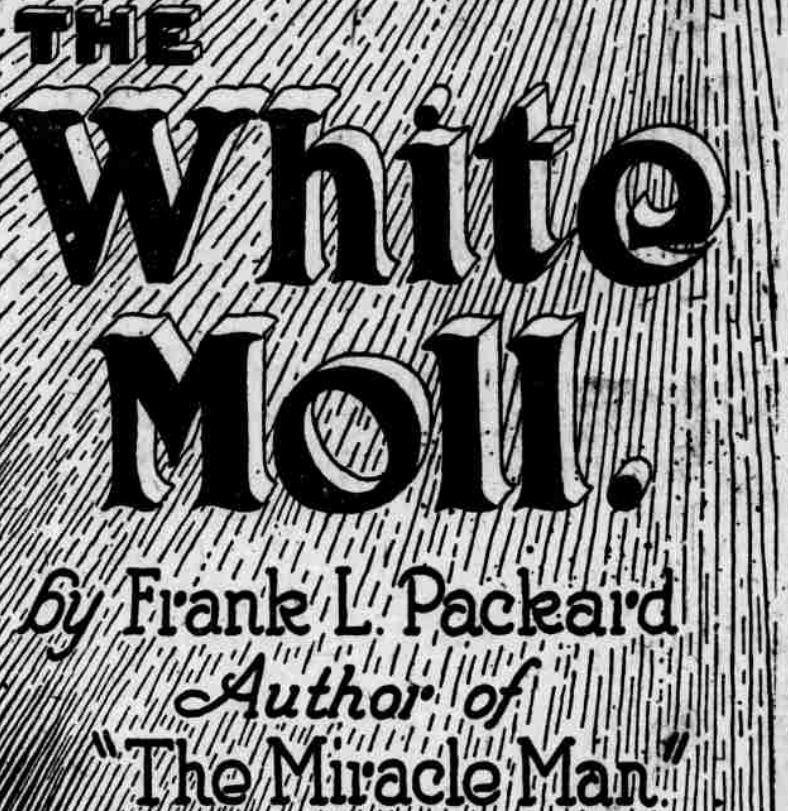
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