CHAPTER 1.

Fatty Coon at Home.

Fatty Coon was so fat and round that he looked like a ball of fur, with a plumelike tail for a handle. But if you looked at him closely you would have seen a pair of very bright eyes watching you.

Fatty loved to eat. Yes-he loved eating, better than anything else in the world. That was what made



Fatty said nothing more

him so fat. And that, too, was what led him into many adventures.

Close by a swamp, which lay down in the valley, between the Blue Mountain and Swift River, Fatty Coon lived with his mother and his brother and his two sisters. Among them all there was what grown people call "a strong family resemblance." which is the same thing as saying that they all looked very much alike. The tail of each one of them-mother and children, too-had six black fings around it. Each of them had a dark brown patch of fur across the face, like a mask. And-what do you think?each of them, even Fatty and his brother and his sisters, had a stiff, white moustache!

Of course, though they all looked so much alike, you would have known which was Mrs. Coon, for she was so much bigger than her the House. children. And you would have known which was Fatty-he was so much rounder than his brother and

Mrs. Coon's home was in the hollow branch of an old tree. It was a giant of a tree-a poplar close by a brook which ran into the swamp -and the branch which was Mrs. Coon's home was as big as most

Blackie was Fatty's brother-for the mask of his face was just a little darker than the others'. Fluffy was should have done it. But I'm wise,

his mother brought home for him. as he had finished eating his share do it. tache carefully-for all the world off in search of something more.

Sometimes he went to the edge of the brook and tried to catch fish by over to the swamp and hunted for though he did not yet know how to catch a duck, he could always capture a frog or two; and Fatty ate them as if he hadn't had a mouth-

ful of food for days.

To tell the truth, Fatty would eat almost anything he could get-nuts, cherries, wild grapes, blackberries, bugs, small snakes, fish, chickens, honey—there was no end to the different kinds of food he liked. He ate everything. And he always get into your thought channels the

"Is this all there is?" Fatty Coon asked his mother one day. He had gobbled up every bit of the nice fish that Mrs. Coon had brought frome for him. It was gone in no time

might have all the dinner he

"Yes-that's all," she said, "and I should think that it was enough for young coon like you.

Fatty said nothing more. wiped his moustache on the back of his hand (I hope you'll never do that!) and without another word he started off to see what he could find to cat.

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Are Some Plants Always Green? (Copyright, 1928, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

The general rule of nature is that plants lose their green leaves during the winter when there is only a small amount of sunshine for them to utilize by means of the chloropyl or green coloring matter in their foliage. The ma-jority of trees "hibernate" during this period, living upon the strength which they have stored up during the warmer months. But nature modifies its rules with respect to varying climates. Trees designed to flourish in more rigorous temperature naturally have to make use of every particle of sunshine they can get. For this reason they do not lose their leaves when autumn arrives, but keep them the year round—giving rise to the term "evergreen," by which we have come to know them. The leaves of these plants are much stronger than of trees which are bare during the winter, and are also of a distinctly different shape-being designed to withstand the assaults of the wind and snow. For this reason they are quite nar-row, comparatively short, and guite nuemrous, thus enabling the

evergreen" to make the best pos-

sible use of even the weak winter

More Truth Than Poetry



SHREWD STATE CRAFT

In Bulgaria punisment is visited on their wives when husbands blunder in states

When Bulgar legislators Did things that they should not, They used to call 'em traitors And have 'em promptly shot.

But yet, as oft the case is, The opposition groups, Sent in to take their places Proved even bigger stupes.

When Bulgar arms retreated In stricken disarray, The generals defeated Were hung at break of day. But this served not to soften The brutal blows of war. The flag was struck as often As it had been before.

But now witen Bulgars blunder They do not take their lives, But with a sword they sunder The jug'lars of their wives. And every Bulgar beldame Now gladly undertakes To see that husbands seldom

Make any fool mistakes.

It fills her soul with terror, Lest haply he'll be led To make some trifling error And she will lose her head. She's fearful of disaster And tries in consequence To give her lord and master A little common sense.



THE WAY TO GET IT QUICK

If Jesse James were alive today he would probably be the busines agent for a builders' union.

THE MAIL'S DELAY

Send your Christmas presents early. Remember that Mr. Burleson will be on the job till March 4.

BUT A HOUSE IS NOT ALWAYS A HOME Evidently the voters of Oklahoma think that woman's place is in

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I'M THE GUY

Dog Hill Paragrafs By George Bingham

walk too fast in a small town, be

cause if he does he will soon b

When Frisby Hancock got through

making a speech at the Improvement

association meeting last evening

Fletch Henstep was the only one

that applauded right loud with his

feet. It is believed they belong to

Slim Perkins walked into the store

at Bounding Billows last Saturday

and called for a nickel cocoanut, but the man told him the Lord had quit

Ex-Yanks in Job Layoffs

letters to employers

The American Legion is sending

throughout the city requesting them

to give preference of work to ex-service men in view of present labor

Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns

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and Glossy

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I'm the guy who takes the credit for your work.

That's me! When I see something well done I tell the boss I did it. one of Fatty's sisters, because her I am, and I make you do it. If you fur was just a little flussier than the other children's. And Cutey was the other sister's name, because she was work that you d for me, and when Now, Fatty Coon was forever there's a kick, I have to take the looking around for something to eat. calling down. It makes me ripping He was never satisfied with what mad, but I haven't a come-back, bemad, but I haven't a come-back, because I cannot say you did it, and No matter how big a dinner Mrs. I can't lay it onto you, because Coon set before her family, as soon you'll see you weren't supposed to

tache carefully—for all the world that it's fifty-fifty. You do the work like some old gentliman—and hurry and I take the credit or the blame. That's fair enough. I'll say.

If you don't think so, I should worry. If you don't consider it acthooking them out of the water with ing on the level, tell it to the boss. his sharp claws. Sometimes he went Perhaps he'll believe you. It's immaterial to me what you think or do. duck among the tall reeds. And Just suit yourself. I'm going to though he did not yet know how to get all the credit I can. opyright, 1920, Thompson Feature Service.

Common Sense

J. J. MUNDY. .

Look Behind the Clouds. When you are prone to look on ife as a drab and dreary existence, pictures you can recall of happy

events in your past life.

Think of the things which have given you the greatest pleasure and see if you do not feel happier and more pleased with life.

Until you get control of your mind that question so many times; and she wished that for once Fatty might have all the discountry of get control of your mind and are able to shut out the unpleasant things, you may have many might have all the discountry of gravilars.

gray days. When the future looks full gloom you do your work in a half-hearted manner and you are in no condition to change the dark spots of

But when you can shut out, at will, all thought of disappointment and forboding and put in its place happy anticipation, you have an incentive to make you work to some good purpose, and get more out of

There is a whole lot of good, a whole lot of happiness, but it is to each one for him or herself to find the golden horizon beyond the bank of clouds.

Get your share of sunshine by radiating a happy thought and it will Copyright 1929, International Feature Service, Inc.

Parents Problems

How can children best be taught the right attitude toward their school

This can best be done by example. If the parents respect the attainments and the opinions of the teachers, and co-operate with them, the children will do the same—provided the teachers "like children."

Council Votes to Continue Paving on Leavenworth City council has decided to con-tinue the delayed paving of Leavenworth street from Forty-eighth to Sixtieth street. This work was de-layed when the late Charles E. Fanning threw up a contract with the Moberly Brick company, Moberly,

A. C. Arend, city engineer, has obtained the approval of the council for a contract with this Missour concern to furnish the brick for this paving at \$1.37 per square yard, to be delivered in Omaha early in January and laid beginning April 1. The stretch of paving involves 18,-000 square yards.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

see Dr. Paige and get our reserva- tions which made him offer so much tions for the north.

question of departure for one day, and have gone with him on the canoe trip to Blue's Bridge, a trip on which leading to her.

"For my part, mother, I have already decided," I went on. "I cannot humiliate my husband by remight not at least have waived the presenting to her. ready departed on his errands.

make things easier for him was to could have your approval."
save him from at least part of the "When Mother Graham capitusave him from at least part of the impending battle with his mother lates she does it suddenly and heartover the selling date of the house. over the selling date of the house. "Of course, child," she said, "mag-

the was still resolute in her deter-mination not to see Dicky until he My beart sank. She was in no con

lock and threw the door open. "Come in," she said grimly.
"Where is Richard?"

"Gone to the village." "To change that date?"

Instead of answering her at once took a chair and sat down facing full you know."

your own health will stand the change. You ought to be very carefull you know."

her.

"Mother," I said, with a determined note in my voice, and I saw her eyes widen a trifle, "I think you will do me the justice to say that I rarely interfere or even obtrude my opinion in any differences between you and Dicky."

Never mind me." She brushed the question of her own fitness aside as if it had been a troublesome fly, and all her grandmother anxiety was in her eyes. "What's the trouble with Richard Second?"

"Why, nothing down here." I said and Dicky.

Madge Is Direct.

tartly, but weakly, and I saw that set and movers running in and out. she was listening to me closely. unusually just in youre decisions up-on any question," I went on, "and it here to that up there." is to that I am trusting now, for I I stopped short, waiting breath-have come to tell you something of lessly for her reply. Would she take importance, and I wish to ask you the bait I had so carefully prepared? to reserve your decision until I have

me to interrupt you," she said shrewdly. "Go ahead"

"Of course, Dicky did a most Irri-"In other words, you don't want tating thing when he sold that house only consented to sign the deed after you showed me that it was your wish."

I paused for a second to let the remainder of her unreasonable cantankerousness of that time sink in, then went on:

"But as long as our consent has been given, and the date of possession arranged, you and I are bush ness women enough to realize that there are but two courses open to We must either make Dicky repudiate his word or we must

The Way Mother Graham Agreed acquiesce in his decision and make Of course, woman-like, my conscience began to reproach me a lit-tle after Dicky's rueful departure to first, and that one of the considera-

money was possession at that time." I had had sufficient provocation I saw my mother-in-law's lips for any amount of sternness with him, but I began to wonder if L ing over in her mind the facts I was

could see he had set his heart. fusing to sign the deed, thus com-But the opportunity to change that pelling him to repudiate an obligadecision was gone Dicky had al- tion already entered into, no matter eady departed on his errands.

The only way in which I could tions may have been. But I wish/I

With a squaring of my shoulders for what I feared would be a most unpleasant interview, I went to her unpleasant interview, I went to her unpleasant interview. I went to her with the had committed. But, "Who is it?" she asked crisply, and enormity he had committed. But, realized, with a little smile, that however are we going to manage it

My heart sank. She was in no conshould have obeyed her ultimatum dition to teave the balmy spring concerning the date of giving possession.

"It is I," I said demurely, and the
next instant she turned the key in the
lock and threw the door open.

weather she was enjoying and return to the treacherous April winds
of New York, But I knew her obstinacy, so I cast about for some
effective method of combating it.

"There's only one obstacle to our all going," I said slowly, "and that is Junior, provided, of course, that

Never mind me." She brushed the

"Why, nothing down here," I said slowly. "But you realize what a hudly-burly we shall be living in the "Why should you?" she retorted | next three weeks, with the house up-We cannot hope that he will not "I have always found you to be take cold, even if he weathers the

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Revoked by City Council

The city council voted yesterday without consulting us." I began.
"Then he reached the limit in folly and lack of consideration when he gave the date of possession as May gave the date of possession as May first, only three weeks away. I der and suicide last week. William A person has to be careful not to agree with you perfactly on these Murphy, holder of the lunch privilege points, and you will remember that at the Monarch cabaret, then filed an at the Monarch cabaret, then filed an application with the city clerk for a soft drink license for the premises at 107 South Fourteenth street.

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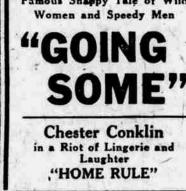
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