

**SLEEPY-TIME TALES**  
**THE TALE OF FATTY COON**  
 BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XIV.

**The Barber-Shop Again.**

Although Fatty Coon never could get Jimmy Rabbit and his brother to play barber-shop with him again, Fatty saw no reason why he should not play the game without them. So one day he led his brother Blackie over to the old hollow sycamore. His sisters, Fluffy and Cutey, wanted to go too. But Fatty would not let them. "Girls can't be barbers," he said. And of course they could find no answer to that.

As soon as Fatty and Blackie reached the old sycamore I am sorry to say that a dispute arose. Each of them wanted to use his own tail for the barber's pole. They could not both stick their tails through the hole in the tree at the same time. So they finally agreed to take turns.

Playing barber-shop wasn't so much fun as they had expected, because nobody would come near to get his hair cut. The smaller forest-people were all afraid to go inside that old sycamore where Fatty and Blackie were. There was no telling when the two brothers might get so hungry they would seize and eat a rabbit or squirrel or a chipmunk. So Fatty knew it wasn't wise to run any such risk as that.

Fatty offered to cut Blackie's hair. But Blackie remembered what his mother had said when Fatty came home with his moustache gone and his head all rough and uneven. So Blackie wouldn't let Fatty touch him. But he offered to cut Fatty's hair—what there was left of it.

"No, thank you!" said Fatty. "I only get my hair cut once a month." Of course, he had never had his hair cut except that once, in his whole life.

Now, since there was so little to do inside the hollow tree, Fatty and Blackie kept quarreling. Blackie would no sooner stick his tail through the hole in the side of the tree than Fatty would want his turn. And when Fatty had succeeded in squeezing his tail out through the opening Blackie would insist that Fatty's time was up.

It was Fatty's turn, and Blackie was shouting to him to stand aside and give him a chance. "I'm going to stay here just as long as I please." The words were hardly out of his mouth when he gave a sharp squeal, as if something hurt him. And he tried to pull his tail out of the hole. He wanted to get it out now. But alas! it would not come! It was caught fast! And the harder Fatty pulled the more it hurt him.

"Go out and see what's the matter!" he cried to Blackie.

But Blackie wouldn't stir. He was afraid to leave the shelter of the hollow tree.

"It may be a bear that has hold of your tail," he told Fatty. "And somehow, that idea made Fatty tremble all over."



Fatty and Blackie scrambled out of the hollow sycamore.

could never hear him calling from inside the tree. So Fatty gave up all hope of her helping.

"Please, Mr. Bear, let go of my tail!" he cried, when he could stand the pain no longer.

The only answer that came was a low growl, which frightened Fatty and Blackie more than ever. And then, just as they both began to howl at the top of their voices Fatty's tail was suddenly freed. He was pulling on it so hard that he fell all in a heap on the floor of the barber-shop. And that surprised him.

But he was still more surprised when he heard his mother say—

"Stop crying and come out—both of you!"

**Common Sense**  
 By J. J. MUNDY.

**The Need of Enthusiasm.**  
 It is much better to be too enthusiastic than to be a dead one, so far as enthusiasm is concerned. While you are enthusiastic you are going to DO things.

When your enthusiasm is gone what is going to lift you out of your lethargy and fit you to meet requirements of the present day and age?

Enthusiasm is the spark which sets off your explosive power.

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no matter what you are engaged in doing.

**I'M THE GUY**

I'M THE GUY who sits at your desk to phone and scrawls all over important memoranda.

When you saw me about to sit down at your desk, why didn't you take your old notes, or why didn't you tell me they were important?

You ought to leave a pad on your desk for me, and others like me who try to improve their odd moments by pushing a pen or a pencil.

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**Dog Hill Paragrafts**  
 By George Bingham

Frisky Hancock emptied out his pockets to-day. He says it is surprising how much can accumulate in six months if a fellow puts everything he thinks he wants to save in his pockets.



The benches at the Hog Ford church have been re-arranged so that the congregation won't have to turn clear around when anybody comes in with a new dress on.

A good deal of sickness is expected in this community as soon as medicine gets down within reach of all.

**Where It Started**  
 Rifling Guns.

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