

THE TALE OF PETER MINK BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XV. Peter's New Coat.

Perhaps you never heard how Mr. Mink lost his tail in the woods, and how Jimmy Rabbit found it and wore it until Mr. Mink came along and took the tail away from him.

Peter Mink knew all about it, anyhow, for Mr. Mink was his uncle. And Peter knew that Jimmie Rabbit was still on the lookout for a fine, bushy tail.

So one day when Peter met Jimmy Rabbit he told Jimmy that if he would go to a certain place near Broad Brook, he might find something that would interest him.

"You'll find a small place where the earth has been stirred up," Peter said, "if you look exactly where I tell you to. There's something hidden there. And I won't say just what it is. It might be a tail; and then again, it might not." Peter told him, "Anyhow, if you go and dig in that place, you'll know you're busy away when you find what's there."

Now, Jimmy Rabbit ought to have known Peter Mink well enough to suspect that there was something wrong. But the moment he heard



But I saw him when he buried it the word "tail" he couldn't start for Broad Brook fast enough.

It took him some time to find the place Peter Mink had described, for a light snow had covered the ground. But at last Jimmy discovered the loose earth, exactly as Peter had said.

Jimmy Rabbit was just going to begin to dig when some one called his name. And he jumped back quickly and looked all around. At first he could see no one. But after a moment he saw some one beckoning him. It was Paddy Muskrat. He had crawled out of the hole just in time to stop Jimmy Rabbit before it was too late.

"What are you going to do?" Paddy Muskrat asked. "I believe there's a tail hidden there. I need one, you know. And Peter Mink told me—"

"Peter Mink!" Paddy interrupted. "I'd advise you to have nothing to do with Peter Mink. Because he's a bad fellow. He'll get you into trouble."

"Do you know what's hidden beneath that dirt?" I'll tell you; it's a trap! Johnnie Green set it there, thinking he could catch me in it. But I saw him when he buried it. And I wouldn't go near it for anything."

As soon as Jimmy heard the word "trap," he couldn't get away from that place fast enough. He turned and ran off in great bounds, and he never even stopped to thank Paddy Muskrat for warning him. Now, that was not like Jimmy at all. But you see, he was frightened.

Paddy Muskrat was a wise little chap. And though he had said he wouldn't go near the trap for anything, he thought it was about time somebody fixed the trap so it couldn't do any harm. And very carefully he scraped the dirt away from it.

"There!" he said to himself. "Now everybody can see it. And no one will get caught." Then he jumped into Broad Brook again and swam away.

Not long afterwards a slim figure came stealing through the woods. It was Peter Mink; and he had a bag in his hand. He expected to use the bag, too. For he was very sure that he would find Jimmy Rabbit just in the trap and he intended to put him in the bag and drag him away.

Peter was disappointed when he saw that the trap was empty. And he wondered what had happened. "Well, here's the bag, anyhow," he said to himself. "I've got a hole in the bag for his head, and two more for his arms, and drew the bag on. It fitted him very well."

"Why, here I've a new coat!" he said. "I see now that the bag would have been much too small to hold Jimmy Rabbit. So it's just as well he didn't get caught in the trap."

And Peter Mink walked away. He liked his new coat. But probably it wasn't the kind you would care for at all.

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CUT THIS OUT

OLD ENGLISH RECIPE FOR CATARRH, CATARRHAL DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES

If you know of some one who is troubled with Catarrhal Deafness, head noises or ordinary earache, cut out this formula and hand it to them and you may have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps a lifetime of misery. English scientists for a long time past have recognized that catarrh is a constitutional disease, and necessarily requires constitutional treatment.

Sprays, inhalers and nose douches are liable to irritate the delicate air passages and force the disease into the middle ear which frequently means total deafness or else the disease may be driven down the air passage towards the lungs, which is equally as dangerous. The following formula which is used extensively in the damp English climate is a constitutional treatment and should prove especially efficacious to sufferers here who live under more favorable climatic conditions.

Secure from your druggist 1 ounce of Parmitin (Double strength). Take this home and add to it 1 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. This will often bring quick relief from distressing head noises. Closed nostrils should open, breathing become easy and hearing improve. As the inflammation in the eustachian tubes is reduced, Parmitin used in this way acts directly upon the blood, and causes the surfaces of the system and has a tonic action that helps to obtain the desired results. The preparation is easy to make, costs little and is pleasant to taste. Every person who has catarrh or head noises or is hard of hearing should give this treatment a trial.

THE GUMPS---

HE HAS BEEN MIN'S NIGHT AGAIN SHE NEARLY FELL OUT OF THE BOX TRYING TO ATTRACT MRS ZANDER'S ATTENTION AND AFTER THE PLAY SHE WALKED SLOWLY TO THE FOYER TO GIVE HER A CLOSE-UP AT HER SCENERY--

WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK

HOW DO YOU DO MRS ZANDER-- HOW DID YOU ENJOY THE OPERA? ON I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT-- YOU CERTAINLY LOOK CHARMING TONIGHT MRS ZANDER-- I NEVER SAW YOU LOOK SO WELL-- AND YOU'RE ON THE GO CONTINUALLY-- I DON'T SEE HOW YOU STAND IT-- ON IT'S JUST SECOND NATURE WITH ME MRS GUMPS-- YOU CERTAINLY LOOK LOVELY TONIGHT YOU'RE BEING SAVER--

Holdings a Husband

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife The Strange Phrase Marion Spoke to Madge. I worked rapidly on the list for Lillian of the clothing Marion would require in North Carolina, and was glad, indeed, that I had just finished it when Lillian returned to the library. She was toiling so swiftly and efficiently herself that I would have felt much chagrined if, in Dicky's parlance, I had "gummed-up the game" by my slowness. She came in swiftly, bearing a large manuscript envelope in her hand, which she laid on the table before me. As she did so, I handed her the list I had prepared. She looked at it in pleased surprise.

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE The Curse of Fear As a child I would look on the pies that the cook Set up on a shelf overnight, I would anchor my eye to a succulent pie But never dared take one small bite. The fragrance that rose to my quivering nose Excited my ardent cupidity, But I knew what I'd get if one morsel I et, And I yielded to craven timidity. I once in a bank heard the clink and the clank Of the gold in the saucer like tinkle, I might have reached through, grabbed a thousand or two, And hit the high road for the hills. I stood there a while with a wide wolfish smile, A prey to the greed that devoured me, And then walked away from the tempting display-- Timidity utterly covered me. One-day an old man left a bran-new sedan Unlocked just outside of my gate, I might have climbed in and gone out for a spin And brought up in a neighboring state. I had got away clean in the little machine, 'Ere the cops could be set to pursuing it, Yet I stood there, alick, till the owner came back-- Timidity kept me from doing it. I learn with concern that the money I earn Departs upon high powered wings, For mine isn't made by the masterful aid Of Ponzi's and house-building rings. The fact that I'm sure all my life to be poor Is due to my hopeless stupidity, For the notion of jail makes me cover and quail-- I am crushed by my weakling timidity.

Romance in Origin Of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING. Watch Charms. The wearing of little figures as ornaments attached to the watch chain is an open and frank revival of a custom of the primitive man and of the peoples of the ancient civilizations who wore emblems and symbols by way of protection against evils which they believed might be averted through the intervention of the powers or divinities to whom the symbols especially appealed. The wearing of charms was universal among the Egyptians and the Romans. With the spread of Christianity the custom was transformed into the wearing of religious emblems and so continued through the middle ages. After the reformation, the custom of wearing any sort of charm was discounted by most of the Protestant sects and especially to our Puritan forefathers was it anathema. But it gradually revived again--in this country shortly before the revolutionary war--and revived in its old, heathen form the New England maidens, who would have considered it a mark of superstition to wear a gold cross strung around her neck, wore quite innocently a gold hand closed in a peculiar manner which had its own significance. The heathen significance, she would rather have died than allowed to repose upon her chaste bosom. Now we wear all sorts of symbols, Christian and pagan. That they have not entirely lost their original meaning for us is evidenced by the fact that we still call them "charms" and many a man would have a vague fear of coming bad luck should he lose from his watch chain the little gold pig, the little gold hand or what ever is his pet "charm."

Common Sense

Prepares Yourself. If you have a certain thing to do, at a certain future date, the sooner you thoroughly understand the details of that something, the better. Do not wait until the eleventh hour to find out what is required. Perhaps I should have asked you of preparation and then gets all fussed up in the doing. That is one reason for being prepared before the demand is made for your help or your services. No one can do justice to any cause who does not have time to study conditions and figure out the best way to accomplishment. When you see or hear something you like and which you would like to be able to do, why not get at it and learn all about it from the bottom up, just as a matter of interesting information? No one was ever really well prepared to do a certain thing--but they had a chance in some way or other to make use of it. It may not be in the way you expect, but no real knowledge is lost. It is only better to have time to do so well that when emergency arises you can step into the breach and keep things going. (Copyright, 1921, International Feature Service, Inc.)

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Where It Started

Shaking Hands. The handshake as a greeting is a survival of an age more cruel than our own. When strangers met there was no security that they would not immediately start carving each other on sight. Hence, when the meeting was presumably friendly, each extended his right hand to be grasped by the other, thus insuring safety from the dagger. History is silent on the subject of left-handed men in this connection.

Killed in Auto Crash

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 17. (Special.)--Nelson Reid, formerly a resident of Liberty, this county, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid, was killed in an auto accident at Agra, Kan., according to word received by relatives at Liberty.

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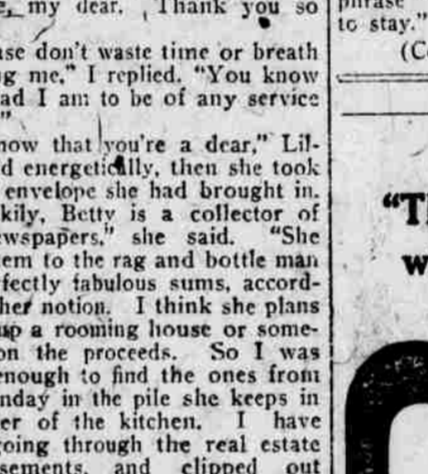
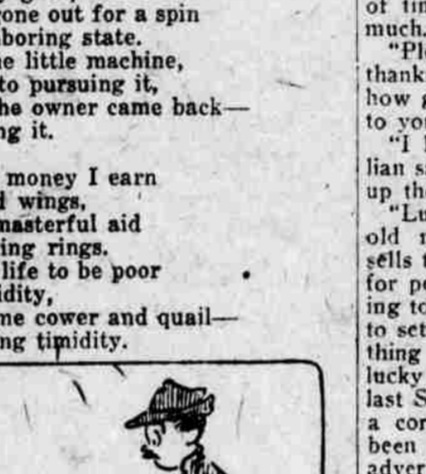
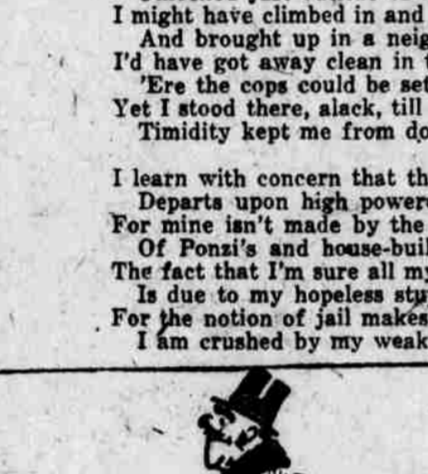
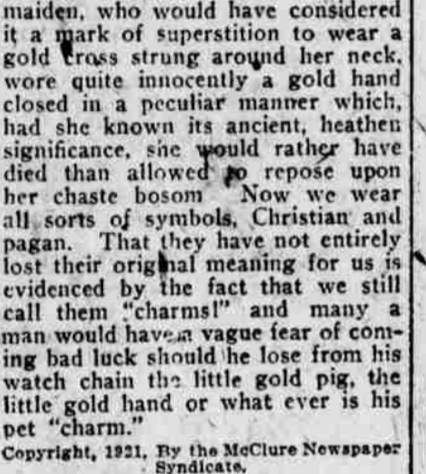
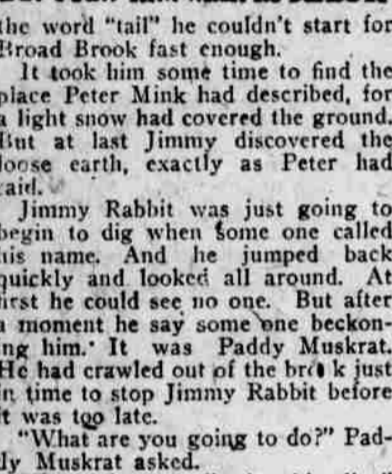
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