

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF BENNY BADGER

CHAPTER II Hunting for Something.

It was a pleasant summer's night. Anyone would have supposed that it was just the sort of weather that Benny Badger might have chosen for digging holes. But he must have thought that he had dug enough holes for the time being. He wandered about as if he had lost a hole somewhere and couldn't find it. And whenever he spied a hole made by one of his smaller neighbors he stopped and looked at it closely. But none of them seemed to be the one he was looking for. At last, Benny examined a good many holes, and then passed on again, before he came to one at last that was different from all the rest. If you could have seen the look of pleasure on Benny's odd face when he caught sight of this particular hole you would have known at once that his search had come to an end.

Now, as a matter of fact, Benny Badger had not lost a hole. His strange behavior did not mean that it meant that he was searching for a fresh hole, which some ground squirrel had dug so short a time before that there couldn't be much doubt that the small owner was then living in it.

To be sure, Benny might have dug his way to the furthest end of each hole that he found that night. And doubtless he would have enjoyed such a pastime as far as finding a plump ground squirrel at the end of every tunnel—that would have



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been a different matter. No such pleasant sight would have greeted Benny's eyes. And on this evening he wanted to find some reward when his digging came to an end.

He knew as well as he knew anything in the world that newly scattered earth never lay down about the doorway of an old hole.

And that was the reason he passed by so many holes with hardly more than a swift glance.

But when at length he found what he had been looking for—a hole with fresh brown dirt scattered carelessly around it—Benny Badger showed by every one of his actions that he didn't intend to move on until he had burrowed to the very end of it.

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Then Benny Badger looked all around to see whether anybody might be watching him. But there was no one in sight. And if there had been Benny Badger would have done no more than tell him that he had better run along about his business, because it would do him no good to wait—none at all.

And if the onlooker had happened to come so near as to bother Benny in what he intended to do, that unfortunate person might have wished that he had taken a bit of friendly advice in time and made himself scarce.

But, of course, Benny Badger was not so foolish as to give any such warning, for there was no one there to hear it.

Parents' Problems

Should children be deprived of food (dessert, etc.) as a punishment? No, this should not be practiced. Children require the entire should be pleased (though it should be enjoyed), but for nourishment; depriving them of it for a punishment would interfere with such teaching.

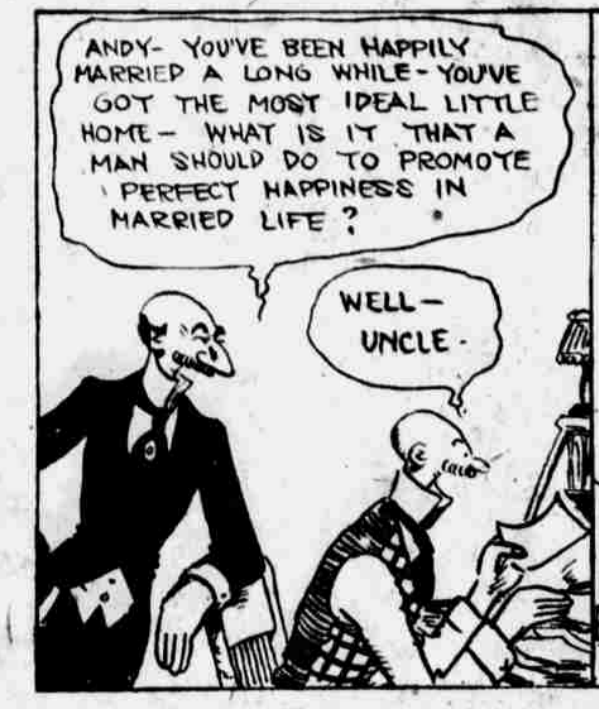
Head of Louisville Railway Company Dies

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 22.—Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville & Nashville Railway company, died at his home here today. He was 85 years old and had been president of the Louisville & Nashville since 1911.

Mr. Smith was regarded as one of the foremost railroad men of the country and was well known in railroad and shipping circles in the south. He began his railroad career as a telegrapher in charge of wire service in the civil war.

Chinese Government Will Aid America in Case of War Washington, Feb. 22.—China will stand by the United States if this country is ever in need of a friend to aid against any enemies across the sea, Dr. Hsieh, secretary of labor of China, told a gathering of congressmen and business men interested in Chinese relief measures, he commented on the bitterness he said existed in China over Japan's demands following the war.

THE GUMPS---

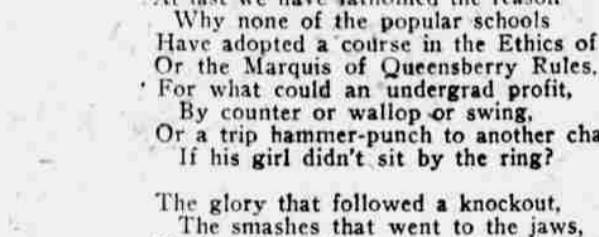


ANDY—YOU'VE BEEN HAPPILY MARRIED A LONG WHILE—YOU'VE GOT THE MOST IDEAL LITTLE HOME—WHAT IS IT THAT A MAN SHOULD DO TO PROMOTE PERFECT HAPPINESS IN MARRIED LIFE?

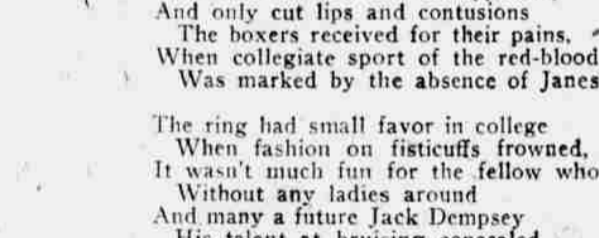
WELL—UNCLE—



THE FIRST THING HE HAS TO DO IS TO LEARN TO TAKE THE SHORT END WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.



APOLOGIZE FOR HIS WIFE'S MISTAKES—PRAISE HER SHORT COMINGS—FORGET HER EXTRAVAGANCE AND BRAG ABOUT HER ECONOMY—GO OUT WHEN YOU'RE TIRED—STAY HOME WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GOING OUT.



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More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE. At last we have fathomed the reason Why none of the popular schools Have adopted a course in the Ethics of Force Or the Marquis of Queensberry Rules. For what could an underdog profit, By counter or wallop or swing, Or a trip hammer-punch to another chap's lunch If his girl didn't sit by the ring?

The glory that followed a knockout, The smashes that went to the jaws, No flutter could start in a feminine grin, Or waken sweet oos of applause; And our cut lips and contusions, The boxers received for their pains, When collegiate sport of the red-blooded sort Was marked by the absence of James.

The ring had small favor in college, When fashion on fisticuffs frowned, It wasn't much fun for the fellow who won Without any ladies around, And many a future Jack Dempsey, His talent at bruising concealed, And went after fame in the stiffened game, That is played on the gridiron field.

But now that it's shown that a prize fight A social occasion can be, And popular pug exchange haymaker slugs At many an afternoon tea, The mills at the schools are attended By all the society wags, And the gym's full of chaps with blue dents on their maps, Who are studying hard to be champs.

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Dog Hill Paragraphs

By George Bingham. Dock Hocks says he well recollects the old days when a fellow could go to the grocery store on Sunday morning, get a box of blacking that had a scared dog on the top label, and shine his own shoes in front and as far around both ways as he could reach.

Little Fiddy Flinders had to sit up until past bedtime last night as he didn't get started on the all-day sucker the Tin Peddler gave him until nearly noon.

Frisky Hancock has already had the veil of mystery of next August lifted for him, as he has read in the almanac where that month was going to be hot with occasional thunder storms.

What were the wave offerings mentioned in Leviticus, etc. 21?

Who were the Nazirites?

Why were the 70 elders appointed?

ANSWERS. 1. In order that, being separated from secular affairs and living by the tabernacle, they might give exclusive and undivided attention to it.

2. As a memorial of the 12 tribes, which the 12 loaves or cakes represented before the presence of Jehovah.

3. They were offerings of the first fruits, intended to show that all the blessings of providence, of whatever kind, merited thankfulness on the part of man.

4. Devotees or persons who had vowed to the Lord to perform peculiar devotions, or to abstain from certain permitted indulgences, thereby to gain some particular favor from heaven, or to pay the penalty for some fault.

5. Because people having come to Taberah, where their murmurings were punished by fire from heaven, and continuing their complaints against Moses, he asked the Lord to relieve him of the burden of their management, or to appoint some associates in the government of Israel.

At times it has taken on a terrible form—that of an epidemic, and raged with virulence, as in England in the days of James I and in New England in the days of Cotton Mather. Among English-speaking people female witches have been more common than male; which that "learned fool," King James, in his notable work on witchcraft, accounts for by saying that the women being the weaker sex are more easily led astray by the devil.

The family tree of the witch extends back to the Witch of Endor and far beyond her into the time of man's first attempt to comprehend the phenomena by which he found himself surrounded. It was very natural that primitive man should attribute supernatural powers to those who surpassed or perplexed him by superior knowledge or by peculiarities of person or conduct.

It is human nature to be awed by things we can not comprehend and to be suspicious of persons and things of a sinister appearance. What more natural than that some evil-looking old hag should be suspected of being possessed of an evil spirit, or of at least having dealings with such spirits? Especially if she looked that light by her neighbors, should at length come to believe that she possessed the attributes assigned to her. Besides a belief in witchcraft affords the ignorant an easy method of accounting for otherwise unaccountable afflictions to cattle and to persons.

Chinese Minister Arrives Washington, Feb. 22.—S. A. Sze, newly appointed Chinese minister to the United States, arrived today, accompanied by members of his family and official assistants. He previously served as minister to Great Britain.

Where It Started The Bridal Veil. The custom of wearing a veil at marriage originated in the Oriental custom by which marriages were arranged without the consent of either party; the husband was not supposed to see his bride until after the ceremony, so she went to the altar heavily veiled from head to foot. Our modern airy veil is a survival of this principle.

Mounted on the same base is an electric lamp of standard power and another diminutive one to serve as a night light in the room.

Market News of the Day

Live Stock

Omaha, Feb. 22. Receipts were: Cattle—Hogs—Sheep—Official Monday... 9,007 13,339 10,446. Two days this week... 14,007 23,899 20,165. Same days last week... 10,446 13,339 10,446. Same three weeks ago... 10,446 13,339 10,446. Same year ago... 10,446 13,339 10,446.

Cattle—Tuesday a cattle receipts were light, not much over half as large as on Monday. There were only about 5,000 fresh cattle received, and they seemed to be good demand from both packers and shippers. The market was well along to 10c higher all around. Some choice heavy weight steers brought \$22.50, choice to 22c, medium, \$21.50, good to choice heifers, \$20.50, \$19.50, \$18.50, \$17.50, \$16.50, \$15.50, \$14.50, \$13.50, \$12.50, \$11.50, \$10.50, \$9.50, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$6.50, \$5.50, \$4.50, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$1.50, \$0.50.

Quotations on Cattle—Good to choice heifers, \$22.50; fair to good heifers, \$21.50; common to fair heifers, \$20.50; poor to fair heifers, \$19.50; fair to good steers, \$20.50; fair to good cows, \$19.50; fair to good calves, \$18.50; fair to good yearlings, \$17.50; fair to good calves, \$16.50; fair to good calves, \$15.50; fair to good calves, \$14.50; fair to good calves, \$13.50; fair to good calves, \$12.50; fair to good calves, \$11.50; fair to good calves, \$10.50; fair to good calves, \$9.50; fair to good calves, \$8.50; fair to good calves, \$7.50; fair to good calves, \$6.50; fair to good calves, \$5.50; fair to good calves, \$4.50; fair to good calves, \$3.50; fair to good calves, \$2.50; fair to good calves, \$1.50; fair to good calves, \$0.50.

HEIFERS. No. 1, \$17.00; No. 2, \$16.00; No. 3, \$15.00; No. 4, \$14.00; No. 5, \$13.00; No. 6, \$12.00; No. 7, \$11.00; No. 8, \$10.00; No. 9, \$9.00; No. 10, \$8.00; No. 11, \$7.00; No. 12, \$6.00; No. 13, \$5.00; No. 14, \$4.00; No. 15, \$3.00; No. 16, \$2.00; No. 17, \$1.00; No. 18, \$0.50; No. 19, \$0.25; No. 20, \$0.10.

STOCKS AND FEEDERS. No. 1, \$18.00; No. 2, \$17.00; No. 3, \$16.00; No. 4, \$15.00; No. 5, \$14.00; No. 6, \$13.00; No. 7, \$12.00; No. 8, \$11.00; No. 9, \$10.00; No. 10, \$9.00; No. 11, \$8.00; No. 12, \$7.00; No. 13, \$6.00; No. 14, \$5.00; No. 15, \$4.00; No. 16, \$3.00; No. 17, \$2.00; No. 18, \$1.00; No. 19, \$0.50; No. 20, \$0.25; No. 21, \$0.10.

BULLS. No. 1, \$12.00; No. 2, \$11.00; No. 3, \$10.00; No. 4, \$9.00; No. 5, \$8.00; No. 6, \$7.00; No. 7, \$6.00; No. 8, \$5.00; No. 9, \$4.00; No. 10, \$3.00; No. 11, \$2.00; No. 12, \$1.00; No. 13, \$0.50; No. 14, \$0.25; No. 15, \$0.10.

CALVES. No. 1, \$10.00; No. 2, \$9.00; No. 3, \$8.00; No. 4, \$7.00; No. 5, \$6.00; No. 6, \$5.00; No. 7, \$4.00; No. 8, \$3.00; No. 9, \$2.00; No. 10, \$1.00; No. 11, \$0.50; No. 12, \$0.25; No. 13, \$0.10.

HOGS. Today's receipts of hogs amounted to 15,000 head. Shippers were active buyers and the market was strong. The price advanced 1c, much the same price paid by outside buyers. The market was strong and steady, with the average advance not far from a quarter. Best light hogs were sold at top of \$12.50, bulk of receipts selling at \$12.00.

NO. AV. SH. PR. No. 1, \$12.00; No. 2, \$11.00; No. 3, \$10.00; No. 4, \$9.00; No. 5, \$8.00; No. 6, \$7.00; No. 7, \$6.00; No. 8, \$5.00; No. 9, \$4.00; No. 10, \$3.00; No. 11, \$2.00; No. 12, \$1.00; No. 13, \$0.50; No. 14, \$0.25; No. 15, \$0.10.

FAT LAMBS. No. 1, \$10.00; No. 2, \$9.00; No. 3, \$8.00; No. 4, \$7.00; No. 5, \$6.00; No. 6, \$5.00; No. 7, \$4.00; No. 8, \$3.00; No. 9, \$2.00; No. 10, \$1.00; No. 11, \$0.50; No. 12, \$0.25; No. 13, \$0.10.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Feb. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000 head; market strong; fat steers and calves, \$14.00; bulk, \$13.50; heavy, \$13.00; medium, \$12.50; light, \$12.00; yearlings, \$11.50; calves, \$11.00; hogs, \$10.50; sheep, \$10.00; pigs, \$9.50; chickens, \$9.00; turkeys, \$8.50; ducks, \$8.00; geese, \$7.50; geese, \$7.00; geese, \$6.50; geese, \$6.00; geese, \$5.50; geese, \$5.00; geese, \$4.50; geese, \$4.00; geese, \$3.50; geese, \$3.00; geese, \$2.50; geese, \$2.00; geese, \$1.50; geese, \$1.00; geese, \$0.50; geese, \$0.25; geese, \$0.10.

Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head; market strong; fat steers and calves, \$14.00; bulk, \$13.50; heavy, \$13.00; medium, \$12.50; light, \$12.00; yearlings, \$11.50; calves, \$11.00; hogs, \$10.50; sheep, \$10.00; pigs, \$9.50; chickens, \$9.00; turkeys, \$8.50; ducks, \$8.00; geese, \$7.50; geese, \$7.00; geese, \$6.50; geese, \$6.00; geese, \$5.50; geese, \$5.00; geese, \$4.50; geese, \$4.00; geese, \$3.50; geese, \$3.00; geese, \$2.50; geese, \$2.00; geese, \$1.50; geese, \$1.00; geese, \$0.50; geese, \$0.25; geese, \$0.10.

St. Joseph Live Stock. St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; market strong; fat steers and calves, \$14.00; bulk, \$13.50; heavy, \$13.00; medium, \$12.50; light, \$12.00; yearlings, \$11.50; calves, \$11.00; hogs, \$10.50; sheep, \$10.00; pigs, \$9.50; chickens, \$9.00; turkeys, \$8.50; ducks, \$8.00; geese, \$7.50; geese, \$7.00; geese, \$6.50; geese, \$6.00; geese, \$5.50; geese, \$5.00; geese, \$4.50; geese, \$4.00; geese, \$3.50; geese, \$3.00; geese, \$2.50; geese, \$2.00; geese, \$1.50; geese, \$1.00; geese, \$0.50; geese, \$0.25; geese, \$0.10.

Omaha Hay Market. Receipts of both alfalfa and prairie hay have been liberal. While the demand is quiet causing prices on alfalfa to decline, the better grades of alfalfa and prairie hay to market. Out and wheat straw easier and lower.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, at \$10.00; No. 2 upland prairie, at \$9.50; No. 3 upland prairie, at \$9.00; No. 4 upland prairie, at \$8.50; No. 5 upland prairie, at \$8.00; No. 6 upland prairie, at \$7.50; No. 7 upland prairie, at \$7.00; No. 8 upland prairie, at \$6.50; No. 9 upland prairie, at \$6.00; No. 10 upland prairie, at \$5.50; No. 11 upland prairie, at \$5.00; No. 12 upland prairie, at \$4.50; No. 13 upland prairie, at \$4.00; No. 14 upland prairie, at \$3.50; No. 15 upland prairie, at \$3.00; No. 16 upland prairie, at \$2.50; No. 17 upland prairie, at \$2.00; No. 18 upland prairie, at \$1.50; No. 19 upland prairie, at \$1.00; No. 20 upland prairie, at \$0.50; No. 21 upland prairie, at \$0.25; No. 22 upland prairie, at \$0.10.

World Poultry Conference Will Be Held at the Hague. London, Feb. 22.—The first world poultry conference is to be held at the Hague from September 6 to September 13, next. Delegates from governments, teaching and experimental institutions, poultry and other societies will attend.

Senate Asks Information On Amory Oil Concession. Washington, Feb. 22.—The senate adopted a resolution by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, asking the president for information relative to the Amory oil concession in Costa Rica granted certain British subjects and to the controversy between Great Britain and Costa Rica growing out of the same.

Coal Strike Ended. Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—The Alabama coal strike ended today. By agreement between the coal operators and the union, the entire question of settlement has been placed in the hands of Governor Kilby, whose decisions will be final.

The whole family should read Bee Want Ads.

Chicago Grain

By CHARLES D. MICHAELS. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Feb. 22.—All grain markets in the United States were closed today in honor of Washington's birthday. Operators who were around the board of trade office were rather bearish.

Winnipeg was open and trading there was light, owing to the lack of news from other markets. A stronger tone prevailed early, with a small advance followed by weakness and a lack of 1c of May wheat for the early top, with the close at the inside at a loss of 7/8c for the day.

Offerings were well taken early, but buyers were eventually filled up. Cash wheat in Winnipeg was stronger and in good demand, with an advance of 2c early reported. In the later trading prices receded 1c from the top. No. 1 northern was 9c over May, No. 2 northern, 6c; No. 3 northern, 2c over and No. 4 northern, 4c under May. The tone of the market there was said to be uneasy, sharply sensitive to bullish news and developments.

Although at prices were stronger and higher, they broke 3/8c, with the close the same as yesterday. Trading was light and it was said that aside from the supply and demand standpoint there was little to look for more than temporary upturns.

Omaha Produce. Fruit and vegetable quotations furnished by the Gilmley Fruit Company. Bananas—Per pound, 10c. Apples—12c; 10c; 8c; 6c; 5c; 4c; 3c; 2c; 1c; 0.50; 0.25; 0.10.

Onions—Spanish crates, \$2.75; yellow, \$2.50; red globe, \$2.25; white globe, \$2.00; sets, red, per lb., 4c; white, per lb., 3c; yellow, per lb., 2c; Idaho Whelan, per cwt., \$2.25.

Sweet Potatoes—Southern crates, \$1.75; Idaho, \$1.50; California, \$1.25; sets, \$1.00; per cwt., \$1.00; per lb., 10c; per lb., 8c; per lb., 6c; per lb., 4c; per lb., 2c; per lb., 1c; per lb., 0.50; per lb., 0.25; per lb., 0.10.

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