

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF TOMMY FOX BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XIX.

Tommy Fox Learns a New Trick. New, there was a road that ran through the valley, along the bank of Swift river. And when Mrs. Fox reached it, with Tommy close behind her, she turned again—this time to the left—and ran along in the beaten track which the roses and sleighs had made.

Tommy Fox thought it very strange that his mother should lead him to the road, where they were sure to find people driving. Tommy followed her. But he was very unhappy. They swung into the road just ahead of a farmer, who was driving along in a sleigh. The sleigh bells tinkled merrily as the



And Mrs. Fox could tell what was happening back there in the road. She trotted smartly down the road. But the jingling of the bells did not sound at all pleasant to Tommy Fox. It only frightened him all the more.

The farmer in the sleigh did not see Tommy and his mother, for the snow rose high on both sides, and the road wound in and out. Little did he know that Mrs. Fox and Tommy were scampering along in front of him. Of course, he couldn't catch them, anyhow. Tommy knew that much. But if they ran very far down the road they would be sure to meet some other man.

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If I had followed my first impulse I should have fled shrieking down the stairs at the sudden appearance of Grace Draper in the house I was inspecting with a view to its purchase. All my old aversion to the girl, my very real terror of her, swept over me until I found myself as near utter panic as I ever had been in my life.

But pride, that most potent of stimulants, came to my rescue. Of all people in the world, this woman was the one before whom I could least afford to show any sign of a white feather. Unthinkable that she should see me quail even for an instant. I summoned every bit of will power I possessed, and spoke to her coolly, steadily.

"Ah! Miss Draper, is it not? I hardly recognized you at first. But your voice hasn't changed." I had spoken only the simple truth, but with any other woman than the one before me I would have tactfully refrained from commenting upon the marked alteration in her appearance. But there was no room in my heart for truth toward Grace Draper, and I am afraid there was meanness enough in my soul at that instant to rejoice at the change which had come to her.

Grace Draper Had Changed. For she was no longer the vision of beauty which Dicky had so admired in the first year of our marriage when she had been the model for so many of his illustrations. At that time her beauty had been faultless, and I had always felt myself at a marked disadvantage beside her. But ever the few years since then, though they had touched me lightly enough, had decidedly aged her, probably because of the combination with them of a code of life far removed from mine, and of the penalties which she had suffered for her crimes.

She was still attractive, her figure was still lithe, but it and her features were far too thin, while the brilliant coloring which of old was one of her chief attractions had been replaced by rouge. I guessed that beneath it was an unbecoming pallor, materially detracting from her old charm. There was a hardness, a touch of cheap vulgarity about her also, which made her only a caricature of the woman she once had been. But her lustreous dark eyes were still beautiful, full of unquenchable fire and spirit. But despite them, however, my old jealousy of the girl slipped from me forever. I no doubt had cause to fear her, but in this moment's concentrated gaze at her I knew that never could Dicky be attracted to her again. I knew, also, without vanity that the tables had turned, and that now I had the advantage of her in personal appearance.

That she realized the same truth as she looked at me—may, more, more, more, that I had seen it also—was evident in the sudden curling of her lips back over her teeth, while into her eyes for a fleeting second there came the expression of something catlike preparing to spring.

Linda "a Good Scout." How I ever held my ground before that look I do not know, but stand motionless I did, looking calmly into her eyes. But when the savage look faded and was replaced by something inscrutable, I knew that nothing in my action had changed her intention. She had forced herself into passivity. "It is hardly to be expected that I should be unaltered, is it?" she asked with a little smile, which, in spite of my aversion to her, I had

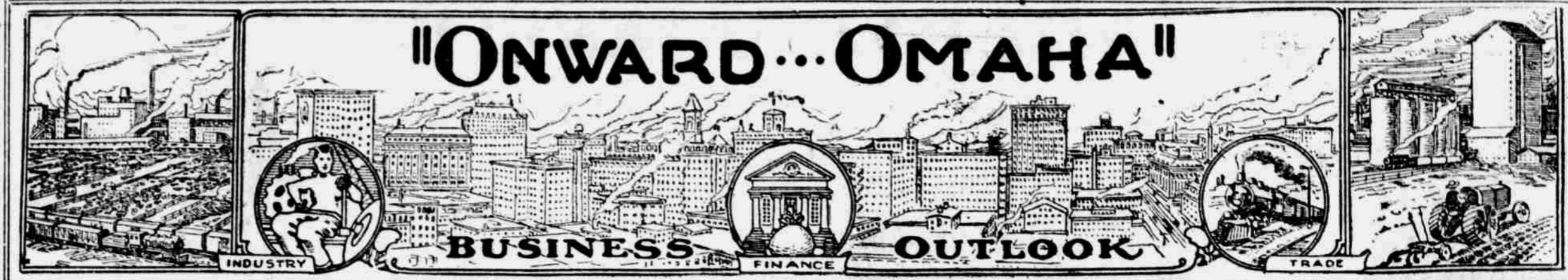
to have that dog chasing them, without going where they were sure to find other enemies. Tommy heard the dog baying. And he knew dogs well enough to know that that dog felt very sure that he was going to catch them. But pretty soon Tommy heard the dog talking in a very different fashion. He gave a number of short barks which meant that he was in trouble.

Mrs. Fox looked over her shoulder and smiled at Tommy. She knew that they were safe. She knew that the dog had not reached the road until the farmer had driven right over his footsteps and spoiled their scent. After the horse had passed over their trail the dog could smell only the horse's footprints, instead of theirs. And Mrs. Fox could tell what was happening back there in the road. She knew just exactly as well as if she had been there herself—she knew that the dog had stopped short, and was running all around, with his nose to the ground, trying to find where she and Tommy had gone. But he never found out.

You see, he wasn't half as clever as Mrs. Fox. It never once occurred to him that Tommy and his mother had turned into the road just ahead of that farmer in his sleigh. And finally the stupid dog gave up the chase and went back to Farmer Green's house.

By that time Mrs. Fox and Tommy were safe at home. Yes—they were even having a good laugh over the way they had fooled the dog. And Tommy had quite forgotten how frightened he had been. In fact, he began to feel very well pleased with himself. For he never once remembered that it was his mother, and not himself, who had thought of that trick. He ought to have felt very grateful to his grandmother, for having taught his mother that clever way of cheating a dog out of his dinner. But Tommy Fox was so convinced that if his grandmother had been there with them he would have thought he had never once stopped to think that she knew all about such things many years before he was born.

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It is estimated that there are 1,250,000 prospective home builders in the United States today. The Omaha builder who quotes these figures states that his firm this spring has been besieged with more inquirers relative to construction work than ever before. The demand is here, but demand, you know, is always at a price, and rises and falls with the scale of costs. The consideration which has held up building, he states, is the matter of costs, which broadly means, Will the present cost of building show a decline?

"According to R. G. Dun & Co., the total building permits in 99 cities of the country for February amounted to \$80,827,443. This is an increase of more than \$30,000,000 over January, or 60 per cent. The total for February of 1920 was \$93,673,918. Considering the reduction of building costs, the volume of building contracted for in February of this year was as great as that of last year.

"In view of this resumption of building activity, it is not probable that the makers of building material will be inclined to grant further reductions of prices. On the contrary, it is quite generally predicted that increases will be in order.

"Money for building purposes is becoming more plentiful. This is indicated by the statements of savings banks and loan associations. An increase of almost 10 per cent in savings accounts shows that prospective builders have considerable sums to use as down payments on residences and other buildings.

"Price concessions are made when business is at a low ebb—and that is the condition in which construction work finds itself in this locality at the present time. It would be contrary to experience for prices to keep on falling after business picks up.

"The person who waits to buy at the bottom of the market is likely to be caught by an upward swing. It is no worse to buy a little above the bottom of the way down than on the way up."

Houses may be rented, but homes are owned. It is so often felt, however, that the financial obligations of home building place a yoke of debt on the family. This is far from the truth, for those who embark on a home-owning expedition are simply inaugurating a thrift campaign. In addition to the satisfaction of owning their own home, they get the idea of saving systematically.

Suppose that building costs should decline further, would a person still be justified in going ahead? Let the builder previously quoted answer that question by telling of a case coming under his direct observation:

"Mr. Jones is now renting an apartment," he says. "He intends to build himself a duplex house, one of the apartments to be occupied by himself and the other to be let to a tenant. If he pays as much per month on the building as he now pays for rent and adds to that the rent which he receives from his tenant, he will have the building paid for in a few years. Even if he spends 10 or 15 per cent more for the building than he might have to pay later this year or next year, he will be farther ahead of the game financially than if he postponed building and continued to pay the high rent which he is now paying. The law of supply and demand will prevent any noticeable reduction of rents for several years to come on account of the great housing shortage, so that both tenant and owner face a long period of high rents.

"Therefore, I believe that this is a good time to build flats, apartments or combination stores and apartments in which the owner himself intends to reside, especially if the prospective builder is now paying rent. It is a good time to build any income property if the income will be sufficient to pay an adequate return on the investment. If building costs are now at the bottom, as many authorities think, it is the right time to construct all kinds of buildings."

Accordingly he advises prospective builders to get their plans well in hand so that the work can go ahead on short notice. The next few weeks will demonstrate which way the cat is going to jump. If March figures show the same rate of increase in general building activity as was shown by February figures, it is a sure thing that no radical reduction of prices can be expected this year, he declares.

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