

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF GRUMPY WEASEL BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XVI. Guarding the Corncrib. Grumpy Weasel never seemed to have anything but bad luck whenever he went near the farmyard.



"Don't you suppose I know that?" Grumpy retorted. "I've come here to guard the corn from mice and squirrels."

"There's no need of your doing er Green's corncrib. And he was not at all pleased to find Fatty Coon there one evening.

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The Way Marion Surprised Her Mother and Madge. Lillian smiled maternally at the grateful young son of the piousproud man whom she had just "put in a corner with his face to the wall."

"Thank you again, and goodbye." He lifted his hat, turned with a perfunctory salute to me, a merry one to Marion, and walked swiftly around the bend in the road.

"So endeth the first lesson," she said with a little intake of her breath which told me how distasteful to her was the whole episode that had been lightened only by the wholesomeness of the boy, Ted. "As I was saying when I was interrupted."

"When do we eat?" I finished her quotation laughingly. "Exactly. I am ravenous. Let's get busy with the fire."

"If you'll just help me with this stone, mother," an exultant little voice sounded behind her. "We can start the fire this minute."

"Why, my blessed baby!" Lillian said, amazement and gratified pride in her face and voice. "Of course you may start it. But I didn't know you could do anything like this. Who taught you?"

"Uncle Robert, first up in the Catskills," she responded, and I knew that despite her almost unshakable poise every fibre of Lillian's being was thrilling to that name.

"There are ways," Grumpy Weasel said wisely. "I doubt it," Fatty replied. "I don't believe the trick can be done."

"They were too spry for me," Fatty told him. He wouldn't have stopped one anyhow, for Grumpy Weasel.

"Which way did they go, old Slow Poke?" Grumpy cried as he jumped down in great haste. "Everywhere!" Fatty told him.

"Can't you be a little more exact? You don't think—do you?—that I can run more than one way at a time?"

"What, my brave little daughter get nervous?" Lillian's voice was like a sibilant, and the child rallied to it as if I have seen her do before.

"I'll do it, mother, I'm sure," she cried, and she cupped her fingers carefully, struck the match, nursed the flame and applied it gently to the dry leaves.

"Should a boy of 7 receive a weekly allowance; and what should he be expected to do with it?"

"Spring fever" is not a disease but simply a sign that many body cells have become tired or lazy after the stress of winter conditions.

"Why, my blessed baby!" Lillian said, amazement and gratified pride in her face and voice.

"What a diplomatic way of asking me to hurry, Marion," her mother said hurriedly, and I guessed that she was masking her agitation at Robert Savarin's name with a lightness she was far from feeling.

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The employe must sense a few obvious truths if we are to get started within a reasonable time in the future. His wages comprise the greater part of the cost of things sold in the open market.

The employe must also practice the doing of a fair day's work for a fair wage. He has not been doing so in many cases. He is not as productive as he was before the war.

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