CHAPTER XIX.

Bobby's Mistake. After a good deal of searching

sunning himself on an old stump calling to him at last.

One in a while Bobby wheeled have something to say to me?" And feeling quite happy and carefree, Bobby began to sing one of his most sprightly songs. For Mr. Turtle was a slow old fellow. It



Good morning, Mr. Turtle!" Bobby cried

question, especially when he was dozing.

began to sing old Mr. Timothy Tur-tle came to life instantly. And he where the old fellow was. And at was so angry at hearing that rollick. last Bobby gave up looking for him. ing song that much as he wanted But he thought it strange that to, he couldn't speak. Somehow the Timothy hadn't waited to hear the words seemed to stick in his throat. rest of his song. And for a few moments Timothy was afraid he was going to choke.

Now Bobby Bobolink was such a lively person that he couldn't keep tle wasn't going to speak immedi-

ately Bobby leaped from the bush where he was perched and began flying joyously over the swamp. All the time he sang with all his Bobby Bobolink discovered Timothy might, making so much music that Turtle in a pool in Cedar Swamp, he could not hear Timothy Turtle

"Good morning, Mr. Turtle!" above Mr. Turtle, so that the old bobby cried. "Is it true that you fellow might enjoy his best notes. He little knew that Mr. Turtle was crying to him to stop, for goodness' sake! And, noticing that Timothy's mouth was moving, Bobby Bobolink

"He looks terribly fierce; but of not to stop singing."

It was no wonder that Bobby Bobolink thought as he did, be-cause his neighbors were always orgging him to sing something for

sing some songs for him," Bobby thought. And, wishing to please Timothy Turtle, Bobby Bobolink sang as he hadn't sung all summer

At last Timothy Turtle felt that he couldn't bear to hear another to the bottom of the swamp, when he buried his head in the mud.

And there he stayed until he dared ope that Bobby Bobolink had stopped singing, or gone away to distant part of the country. "Has anybody seen Timothy Tur-

his friends. But they only laughed.

still long. Especially when he was old and tough to have much the singing he liked to be on the move. matter with him," they said. "If So when he saw that Timothy Tur- he's ill, it's nothing but ill temper." (Copyright, Grosset & Dunlap.

I remember a reunion we had had

forgetting me. No fear now his not

I gave myself up to rapturous an-

mother toward my new home ven-

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everything and everybody, I had reached my husband's side and was

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cupancy of the room which I had and faithful Katie had kept him from "I'd order an extra good dinner, remembering me, after so comparawit hall of your mother-in-law's fav-orites," demurely suggested Lillian, thrilled, my arms strained at the when, in hurry and worry. I had de- prospect of so soon clasping him in parted from my usual reserve, and my arms. had told Lillian something of the

in culinary matters to Mrs. Ticer.

"I think that would be splendid." I said, remembering that my motherin-law was indeed especially fond of chicken, and vainly trying to pump up an enthusiastic hope that Mrs. all the rest of the world was as a Ticer's treatment would be success- shadow.

artistic creation, and 1 waited patiently until she had outlined a most tempting meal, a culinary dream of delight.

I said when she had finished. "Now, suppose you plan to have it ready about half after seven. That will be about 15 minutes after they reach the house if they get the first train. course, if they are delayed until

the last one-"My dinner will be spoiled," Mrs. Ticer objected. "Don't you think you'd better make that 8 o'clock? Then it will be safe for both trains. them again with the reflection that no matter what my decision would be, Mrs. Ticer-if she were like any

other cook-would put the possibility of spoiling one of her dinners before any other consideration, and stick obstinately to the schedule she stick obstinately to the schedule she

"Junior Wants Mama!"

"I'll have it right on the tick," she promised, and with this assurance I and to be content, though I had visions of what irritation would be my mother-in-law's if she should arrive

sooner see Junior, and her disap-pointment when she finally convinced herself that he was not on the train was almost teary.

"Do you s'pose something's happened that they won't come at all today?" she queried with lips that she kept from quivering only by a

tremendous effort. "I don't know, Marion." I answered truthfully. "The train from the south may have been so delayed that they will not be able to make

said to himself:

course he's only commanding me

"It must be that Mr. Turtle want ed to see me so he could ask me to

note. And, flopping off the stump, he splashed into the water and sank

tle?" Bobby Bobolink kept calling as But the moment Bobby Bobolink soon as he noticed that Mr. Turtie

"I hope he isn't ill," Bobby told

"Timothy Turtle is altogether too

Revelations of a Wife

Lillian and I, helped materially by stirred by the quickly falling baromthe Ticers, spent a busy afternoon eter of her face-"I am very sure getting everything in readiness for they will be on the next train.

the advent of my family, so unthe advent of my family, so unxpected by us all. Through Mrs. for the tedious wait, I with far less licer we were able to obtain a com- confidence than I had expressed to fortable room at a neighboring farm- the child. And for the first time since house for my father, and another for Dicky's telegram, I found myself Dicky and me for the brief period with leisure to realize the exquisite Dicky would remain. This left the pleasure so fast coming to me, the rooms at the Ticer home as we had reunion with my baby boy. originally planned them, with the exception of my mother-in-law's oc- when he was just learning to talk,

auxieties that beset me concerning ticipation, sternly banishing all worry Mother Graham's appearance on the as to the attitude of Dicky and his

scene at just this time. "You don't know the lady," I ture, and before I realized the flight answered dryly. "If she's in the of the hour the whistle of the last mood I suspect, she'll take the at- train sounded, and Marion and titude of daring you to please her in made a dash for the platform.

However, with the determination passengers alighted, and I saw to leave no possible chance of placa- Dicky assisting his mother, with tion untaken, I broached the subject Junior held securely in one arm, of my mother-in-law's captiousness while my father directed the porter and a mountain of luggage. Suppose I have a chicken din-?" she said with the faith in my little lad querying: "I as the dish of honor which "My mamma! Where my mamma? fowl as the dish of honor which

most country people have. A Tempting Meal.

me, and for a single blessed instant And I'll have scalloped potatoes and some new asparagus out of our own patch, and—" Mrs. Ticer was off tric automobile was built by Fred in the fine frenzy which attends any Kimball of Boston, in 1888.

Thank you so much Mrs. Ticer."

I opened my lips to protest, closed

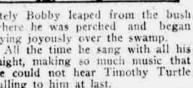
"Probably that would be best," I tired or overworked; if they ache; if assented, after a minute. "But you'll picture shows make them feel dry be sure to have it ready at 8 sharp, and strained, get a bottle of Bon-will you not? For after that long opto tablets from your druggist, journey they will be simply starved." journey they will be simply starved."

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But the first train—every exit from which Marion and I watched like hawks—brought no passengers whom here. Lillian's small daughter here. Lillian's small daughter wight the

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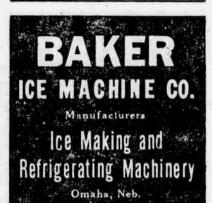
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The old saw that imparted the information that too much work made a dullard out of an otherwise sharp lad, long ago proved its truthfulness. Give a boy a hoe and tell him his job is to hoe all day and that he's got to make it snappy, he's going to rebel, and after he has wielded the hoe in a somewhat desultory manner for a while, he'll heave the instrument of torture into the nearest patch of high weeds and hie himself off to the old swimmin' hole for real enjoyment.

On the other hand, give a boy a hoe, tell him he must work until a certain task is done and then he can be free to go swimmin' or to some equally pleasant pastime, the boy makes the hoe fly to the annihilation of all weeds, for he has a goal to reach. The sooner his task is done, the sooner its rewards.

The illustration is applicable to the advancement of a city. The primary objects of any city are to advance in commerce, industry, business and along civic lines. Yet a city that pays attention to nothing but business and grabbing the coin, usually works itself into a rut and there it stays until jarred loose by some

Keeping one's nose to the grindstone is equally as bad as neglecting to do any grinding at all. The ant toils all summer long storing up food and her winter days and nights are spent in ease and comfort. The grasshopper covers a lot of territory, but lives by the wayside while so doing. It never stores up anything for winter, and, anyway, what good is a grasshopper in winter?

Continuous labor brings success and fortune; it also breaks health and causes divorces. The wife whose husband is a loafer has just as trying times, perhaps more, than the wife whose husband does nothing but attend to business.

In the life of every progressive city there should be a season for fun. New Orleans long ago recognized this fact and made Mardi Gras, formerly just a local festival, almost a national event. For two weeks, balls, parties, both public and private, parades, music and hilarity on the streets and in the cafes, make life worth while. Then when the mirth has subsided, the city gets back to work and business goes on as usual. Thousands of tourists visit the city each year to enjoy the

Twenty-seven years ago, Nebraska was in a state of depression because of crop and business failures. The state did nothing but sing the blues night and day. Faces were worn long and to have laughed aloud on the streets of Omaha would almost have caused a riot.

There was a group of Omaha business men who refused to hang crepe. They knew business had gone to the dogs, but they couldn't see how howling or being in the dumps would help. They decided that new life was needed. That a few miles of smiles was better than many miles of crepe. They figured that as long as business was dead they might as well liven up its demise with a bit of fast music, so they hit upon the idea of Ak-Sar-Ben. A bunch of live wires got together and instead of singing the blues to each other, held a parade and carnival.

Nobody will deny that the crowning of King Ak is one of the greatest events in Nebraska. For more than a quarter of a century the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben have imparted joy to Nebraskans and thousands of outof-state visitors in a royal manner. The shows at the Den each week, the annual parade and the ball have done more to bring about prosperity and keep up the morale of active men in the state than anything else.

Not only Omahans, but men of practically every city and town in Nebraska are members. Visitors from almost every state and several foreign countries visit the shows each year. Truly the Ak-Sar-Ben knights with their funmaking are gloom-killers and furnish a panacea for bad business.

The knights, business, professional or employed men, hit the ball during business hours, but they leave business in the office when they congregate at the Den for the weekly frolic. During the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival season, they quit business almost entirely and play. And business is all the better for it.

Ak-Sar-Ben has done more for Omaha than the Mardi Gras has done for New Orleans.

The diversified membership brings about acquaintances among men of different cities and towns and aids in establishing civic and business friendships.

Another big joy time is that of the Ak-Sar-Ben races, guided by Secretary Charles Trimble. This meet will grow as the years pass. Omaha will become known as a racing center, but it will also bring trade abundantly. As the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival is the play period of

the harvest time, so are the races to be the playtime of the summer, when the crops are all in and commerce and industry are preparing for their winter campaign. When the city gets back to business, there is new pep and punch in its affairs. Omaha, in developing its recreation facilities, has

not forgotten its youngsters. There are numerous public parks, equipped so that the youngsters can play out of doors. The Y. W. C. A. maintains Camp Brewster for young women, while the Boy Scouts have Camp Gifford, the gift of Dr. Gifford, for young boys on holiday. All playgrounds and camps are under the supervision of grownups and the play is kept safe and clean.

For those who do not care for physical enjoyment there are the concerts put on by the City Concert club at the Municipal Auditorium each month. The past years these concerts have proven unusually successful. They have brought out much local talent of high order and have been the means of giving pleasure to thousands who love music.

It is the duty of every citizen to boost for the things which afford amusement and recreation, as well as for the things which make the city big in business and industry. There are those who say business and pleasure won't mix, but pleasure after business is essential to progressiveness, and, really American.

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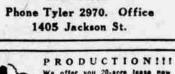
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