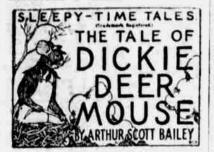
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CHAPTER XIL

A Little Surprise.

Simon Screecher lived in the apple orchard, in a hollow tree, where he could sleep during the day safe from attack by mobs of small birds, who had the best of reasons for disliking him.

By night Simon wandered about the fields and the woods, hunting for mice and insects. And since night was the time when Dickie Deer Mouse was awake, and up and doing, it would have been a wonder if the

two had never met. observed. One thing is certain: Dickie Deer

Mouse was not cager to make Simon Screecher's acquaintance. Whenever he heard Simon's call he stopped said.

and listened. If it sounded nearer However, he jumped almost out of Simon Screecher know that he was the next time it reached his ears, his skin one night, when he heard worried, Dickie Deer Mouse promptly hid a wailing whistle in a tree right over "I hav

handy.

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upon all-fours again he couldn't see family. So matters went along for some a single place to hide. And Dickie actually began to So he stood stock still, hardly think that perhaps he didn't need to daring to breathe.

To Dicky's dismay, a mocking with a sly smile. He had hardly finished that relaugh rang out. And somebody said:

"I see vou!" It was Simon Screecher himself came from a hemlock not far away. And the next moment Simon's cousin that spoke.

Dickie Deer Mouse looked up and Solomon Owl sailed through the spied him, sitting on a low limb, moonlight and alighted near him. He was not so big as Dickie had Dickie Deer Mouse couldn't help supposed. But it was certainly thinking that it was a great night Simon. Dickie knew him, beyond a for the Owl family. And he was doubt, by his ear-tufts, which stuck up from his head like horns. Screecher did not act overjoyed at "What made you jump when I seeing his cousin. whistled?" Simon Screecher asked

mon Owl in his deep, hollow voice. Simon Screecher replied somewhat don't know," Dickie answered

unless it was you Simon Screecher chuckled. "You're a bright young chap," he ing, for I notice that you belong to

Deer Mouse more uneasy than ever.

ably when Solomon Owl moved to a perch behind him, "Yes-but not nearly so big as it but will prevent cramps. Simon Screecher looked almost was when I first came to this neighborhood to live," Simon told him cross-eyed, as he tried to watch

everything that happened. And he looked so fretful that for a moment mark when a loud wha-wha, whoo-ah Dickie Deer Mouse actually forgot his fear and laughed aloud, (Copyright, Grosset & Dunlap.)

Romance in Origin Of Superstitions

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himself in any good place that was his head. And when he came down he declared stoutly. "Ours is a big no sooner seated himself comfort- lieved that the wearing of a brass They had to have their hair cut The Greeks attributed a certain ing is not only good for rheumatism cicansing virtue to bronze and hence comployed it in expiatory rites. There Brass and bronze are both alloys was evidently some connection conof copper and both metals were inceived to exist between bronze and in the word "orichalcum" its cousin German grass and the For bronze was used in the sun. ceremonies with which the Greeks greeted an eclipse of the sun and the Latin word orichalcum, derived from the Greek word meaning mountain copper and supposed generally to signify brass, became soon cor-

the turquoise; however, it should not he worn if it turns green when it 2 comes in contact with the flesh; in

However, nowadays it is the custom to dip the turquoise into water in order to make it match a green dress, so Dame Fashion has almost rooted this old superstition.

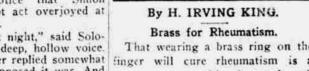
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Symbols for Today

The birthstone of those born on at anniversary of this day is the lapis lazuli, which is said to be a sure cure for melancholy if worn on a (Copyright, 1921, by the McClure News-paper Syndicate.) gold chain around the neck. It is

a symbol of steadfast devotion. Lavender is today's color, asd is Nine months after the armistice

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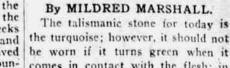
pepulation that wearing brass rings priests might not be shaved with was signed there were 35 per cent said to exert a steadying influence

even down to the middle ages; though Strabo calls brass orichalcum specifically and describes its

rupted into aurichalcum; that is copper simulating gold, the color of the sun. In short brass is a mystic metal from the age of bronze, believed through long centuries to passess special virtues and ought. certainly to be equal to a case of

ordinary rheumatism.

this case, it is sure to bring bad luck,



the same time.

sourly that he supposed it was. And might keep his eyes on both his parts of the country; and down south into which entered the worship of

But Solomon Owl made matters in the ears will ward off the same iron razors, but only with razors more women at work in the country on those who wear it. very hard for Simon. Simon had disease. In some sections it is be- of bronze, and with bronze shears. than there were in 1914.





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You're a bright young chap." he

be so careful, and that maybe Simon Screecher was not so bad as people

him.

the brightest families in Pleasant Valley-what are left of them." These last words made Dickie

body's aware that they are one of

But he made up his mind not to let

"I have a great many relations,"

observed. "But that's not surpris- cousin and Dickie Deer Mouse at there is a belief among the colored sacred rites. Roman and Sabine the Deer Mouse family, and every-

"It's a pleasant night," said Solo-

That wearing a brass ring on the conservative people looked upon the finger will cure rheumatism is a rew fangled metal with suspicion common superstition in nearly all and retained bronze for all purposes

manufacture. To the ancients brass was but another form of bronze. The bronze age preceded the iron age. It was an era when, though non was known, there were a few iron weapons even at the siege of Troy-bronze was the metal in common use for weapons and purposes of general utilitty. When iron came into its own

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