

CHAPTER XVIII.

Too Many Cousins. In high spirits Dickie Deer Mouse hurried on through the woods until he came to the big beech tree. And though many others had been there before him, since the nuts had ripened, Dickie had such a sharp eye for a beech nut that even though it was



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then night, he soon found enough for a hearty meal.

Then he had to have a romp with a few gay fellows whom he met under the beech tree. And so quickly did the time pass that before he knew it the night had turned gray. Day was breaking. And shouting goodby to his friends, Dickie Deer Mouse ran off towards Farmer Green's pasture. He wanted a nap. And having nothing in his summer home that was worth moving, he knew of no reason why he shouldn't begin at once to live in his new

He never felt happier than he did as he scampered in and out among the trees, slipped under the rail fence and streaked across the short grass of the pasture. But when he reached his doorway he stopped in dismay.

Where he had expected to see nobody at all, his eyes bulged with surprise at the crowd that had gathered in his dooryard.

As soon as he had taken several good looks at the company, Dickie Deer Mouse discovered that they were distant relations of his, of all sympathy, the impulse being trans- through a space which appears to be ages and sizes. And at last he succeeded in sorting them into families.

There were three big families. And no one in the whole crowd paid any that which is postulated by modern heed to Dickie Deer Mouse. They seemed to be talking about something most important, and too busy to notice the newcomer.

If the truth were known, the sight of his second and third and fourth cousins did not particularly please Dickie Deer Mouse. But he was an agreeable young gentleman. So he stepped forward and called several his cousins by name. And since ne couldn't say honestly that he was delighted to see them, he told them how well they looked and said that he hoped they had passed a happy

"Here he is at last!" everybody cried. "We've been waiting for you for a long time, because we weren't sure whether we'd found the right

"What place?" Dickie Deer Mouse asked them as he looked from one

to another in dismay.

"Why, the great house that you've found!" somebody cried. "We've heard it has a front hall a hundred times as long as Fatty Coon's tail. So of course there must be lots of rooms in it; and we've come to keep you company and spend the winter. When he heard that news Dickie

Deer Mouse became almost faint. He did not want to hurt his cousins' feelings. But his plan of spending the winter quietly hardly made him welcome the idea of having a dozen half-grown children in his home.

"Who told you about my house?" he demanded with just a trace of dis-

'It was Fatty Coon," several of his cousins explained at once.

And then Dickie Deer Mouse knew that he had made a mistake when he told Fatty of his good fortune. "I'm sorry to say that he has mis-

led you," Dickie informed his relations. "It's true that my front hall is very long. But the trouble is, there's only one chamber." (Copyright, Grosset & Dunlap.)

Romance in Origin

## Of Superstitions

By H. I. KING. Cure for Nosebleed.

In many sections of the country it is believed that wearing a red bean strung on a string around the neck will cure, or prevent, nose-bleed. This is a survival of primitive man's belief in sympathetic magic—specifically that part of it which is classified as homeopathic, or imitative magic and which depends upon the law of similarity. The ancients worked this magic both ways. When it was a case of action in general it was a case of like causes like. But when it was strictly a curative process it was

This belief can be traced far back through the ages and prevails today among nearly all peoples who are in a primitive state. The old Greeks and Romans used to "cure" aundice by means of the stone-curlew, whose large yellow eye, we are assured by Plutarch and Pliny, "drew out" the disease from the patient; and the German peasants today use red birds to "draw out" St. Anthony's fire or relieve patients flush-

ed with fever. Anything red or yellow, is sup-posed to be beneficial in cases where the disease manifests itself by a like color. It will readily be seen, then, how a red bean worn around the neck should, according to the ancient principles of sympathetic magic, cure or prevent nosebleed. The relation between the primitive man's magic and the modern man's science is interesting. Frazer says of sympathetic magic that it "assumes that things act upon each

# More Truth Than Poetry



WORSE AND WORSE

Though bitter our lot, when the Winter blew chill, And coal cost a fortune to buy, We find the existence is bitterer still Now summer illumines the sky. For squandered on taxes and house rent and bread, And similar follies, our cash is, And never a dollar we're getting ahead For golf balls and drivers and mashies.

Unhappy we were, when a new pair of pants Meant getting waist deep into debt, And hocking our salary weeks in advance, But now we're unhappier yet.

Those prices for clothing, examined today Seem hardly a jit or a tottle, When moisture, to dampen oblivion's clay, Costs forty-five dollars a bottle.

It seems pretty hard that a room and a bath Cost as much as an average cow. It always excited our murmurous wrath Yet it doesn't seem anything, now. Our troubles were tough, but they were not complete Till we learned that the scalpers were sticking, The public for ninety-five dollars a seat To see a big pug get his licking.

As long as mere trifles like foodstuff and coal Were soaring about in the sky, We shouldered our load with a song in our soul And never a sob or a sigh. But life's getting harder, and we are amazed To see what a hideous mess it is.

What hope does the future hold out, when they've raised



NATURALLY

We notice that most of the objections to long hits in base ball games come from cities which are not represented on the diamond by Mr. Babe

A TRIFLE COMPLICATED

We fail to see just exactly how England can ally herself with France against Turkey and with Germany against France without to some extent embarrassing herself AND ONCE WAS ENOUGH

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Follow These Questions and Answers As Arranged by J. WILSON ROY.

1. Whom did the angel of the Lord declare was "a mighty man of valour?'

by God to Gideon? 3. What stratagem was used by Gideon to overcome the Midianites? 4. What proud king usurped the priests' privilege and burned incense in the house of the Lord?

ment? 6. Why did Nathan the prophet rebuke David? Answers.

1. Gideon. See Judges vi. 12. See Judges vi. 36-40.
 See Judges vii. 15-22.

5. See 2 Chronicles xxvii. 19-20. 6. See 2 Samuel xii. 1-14.

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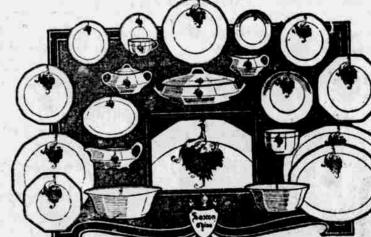
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