

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF CHIRPY CRICKET BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER IV. Too Much Music.

It was just beginning to grow light in the east when Chirpy Cricket crawled into his hole in the pasture, after his fiddling with his favorite cousin. Having spent a good deal of the previous day in listening to the humming of the musical Bumble Bee family, who lived next door to him, Chirpy was more than ready to rest.

All was quiet at that hour of the morning, except for the creaky fiddling of a relation of Chirpy's who didn't appear to know that it was time to go home. But Chirpy Cricket didn't mind that. Fiddling never bothered him.

He never knew whether he had fallen asleep or not. He may have been only day-dreaming. Anyhow, all at once he noticed a rumbling sound, which grew louder and louder as he listened.

"There at it again!" Chirpy Cricket exclaimed. "The Bumble Bee family have begun their music. I do hope they aren't going to have another all-day party, for I don't want my rest disturbed."

But he soon found that the Bumble Bees were not tuning up for nothing. Before long they were humming and buzzing away as if they hadn't a care in the world.

"I declare," Chirpy cried, al-



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though there was no one but himself to hear—"I declare, they're dancing again! It can't be long after sunrise, either. And no doubt they won't stop till sunset."

He began to feel very much upset. He could understand why people should want to make music by night, and hop about in a lively fashion, too. But by day—ah! that was another matter.

Being unable to rest, on account of the uproar from the Bumble Bees' house, Chirpy crept out of his door and stood blinking in the pasture. Soon he noticed a plump person sitting on a head of clover which the cows had overlooked. Chirpy couldn't see clearly who he was, coming up out of the darkness as he had. But he was glad there was somebody to talk to, anyhow.

"Good morning!" he greeted the person on the clover-top, adding in a lower tone, "They're a queer family—those Bumble Bees!"

To his great dismay, the person to whom he had spoken began to buzz. And leaving nearer him, in order to see him better, Chirpy Cricket discovered that he had been talking to Buster Bumble Bee! Buster was a blundering, good-natured chap. And to Chirpy's relief, instead of getting angry he merely laughed.

"I didn't mean to hurt your feelings," Chirpy told him. "If I'm disagreeable this morning, it's because I need a good rest. And your family's humming disturbs me."

"Why do you think we're queer?" Buster asked him.

"Don't you call it a bit odd—having a dance at this time of day?" "Bless you! They're not dancing in there!" Buster Bumble Bee cried. "That's the workers steering away the honey. They're always buzzing like that. Perhaps you didn't know that our workers can't work without being noisy. To tell the truth, they wake me every morning. And often I'd rather sleep."

"Will they keep this racket up all summer?" Chirpy inquired. "On all pleasant days!" Buster Bumble Bee said.

"Then," said Chirpy Cricket, "I'll have to move to a quieter neighborhood. This humming every day would soon drive me frantic."

"I don't blame you," Buster Bumble Bee told him. "I've often felt that way myself."

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Jewel, Flower, Color Symbols for Today

By MILDRED MARSHALL. The garnet, today's talismanic gem, and also the natal stone of those born on an anniversary of this day, was believed by the ancients to be strangely potent in aiding in the solution of a mystery or in aiding its wearer to decide the best course to take when in a doubtful situation.

Doubts aroused by friendship were also solved by it, and it was looked upon as a help in helping lovers to straighten out their difficulties.

Today's lucky color is crimson. It was a custom in Oriental countries for the high priests to wear crimson robes on this day, since they believed that this color gave them mystic powers.

The camelia, believed to be potent in bestowing great beauty on women who wear it, is today's flower. (Copyright, 1921, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

Parents' Problems

How can children be taught not to cry when hurt? Little boys can be easily taught not to cry when hurt by being told that it is not manly. Small girls are less open to argument, but they too respond to an appeal to their bravery. If an increase of self-control is met with an increase of sympathy, the problem will be the more quickly solved.

THE GUMPS---



THE DEEP SEA FISHERMAN



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Girl Says Mexican Held Her 2 Weeks

Declares Man Seized Her on Street and Kept Her in Darkened Room

Declaring she had been held prisoner two weeks by Raymond Robaro, Mexicas, 2115 North Thirteenth street, at that address, Anna Avrela escaped and caused the arrest of the man by a ruse yesterday.

The girl was seized by Robaro as she left work at 114 North Eighteenth street two weeks ago and taken to the Mexican's home, where he kept her in confinement in a darkened room under the belief that she had some money, the girl told police. Shortly before noon yesterday Anna told Robaro she could get \$4 owed her for work at the place where she says she was kidnaped. The girl, under threats of death, she claims, was permitted by Robaro to go to the house, with instructions to get the money and meet him at the postoffice. She met him, but with her was Policeman James Crawford. When arrested a revolver and knife were found on Robaro. Crawford filed charges against Robaro and will seek his deportatio to Mexico.

According to suicide statistics in the United States the day on which most acts of self-destruction are committed, is Monday, between 9 and 12 p. m.

More Truth Than Poetry



THE BLIND COP

Funny guy, Policeman Casey, he can see straight through a wall. An' can spot a prowlin' sneak-thief watchin' out to make a haul. He can look right round the corner in the middle of the night, and get on the job like lightnin', when a roughneck starts a fight. He seems to be watchin' when there's trouble anywhere, but he never sees us bathin' in the fountain on the square.

Mix-ups do not last a minute, if they're started on our street. When them tough nuts want a riot, they get off 'o Casey's beat. We don't dasst to swipe an orange off a pushcart any more. Or get rid 'o bogus quarters in the blind Eytalian's store. Casey'd grab us in a minute if we pinched a chunk 'o coal. But he never sees us stripin' to git in our swimmin' hole.

When the streets is like an oven in a cellar bakin' shop, An' a feller keeps on waitin' till he thinks he's goin' to flop. We sneak down behind the statues, peel our rags off to the skin. Wait until there's no one lookin', but the sparrows, an' git in. Casey always passes by us half a dozen times a day, but he's lookin' out for trouble that might start across the way.

He's a tough old bird, is Casey; when a guy starts in a scrap He is loaded in the wagon with an awfully messy map. Even kids will holler murder when he grabs 'em by the hair. After they've been rollin' 'tween underneath the school house stair. Nothin' that his job is stoppin' ever gets away from him, but he doesn't ever see us when we strip to take a swim.



PROVERB

In our journey back to prosperity the more waste the less speed. TOUGH.

The return of Bill Haywood to Leavenworth is going to make imprisonment there unconstitutionally "cruel and unusual" for the rest of the convicts?

A NEW ONE. We have heard of salting gold mines, but until recent developments in Mexico we never heard of salting oil wells.

Dog Hill Paragrafs

By George Bingham. Slim Flinders says in church every body that has their eyes shut is not asleep every time, especially about



the time the hat is being passed around. The Wild Onion School Teacher, in his usual helpful talk last Friday afternoon, in his frank manner admitted that there are still a lot of things that he does not know. This statement came as a clap of thunder out of a clear sky.

Frisby Hancock has completed his moonshine still on Musket Ridge with the exception of putting up the smokestack. Copyright, 1921, George Matthew Adams.

Do You Know the Bible?

(Cover up the answers, read the questions and see if you can answer them. Then look at the answers to see if you are right.)

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

1. Who is called the "saint of the Lord?"

2. Where is reference made to the foreigner?

3. What mighty man of valor was thrust out of his father's house because of his illegitimacy?

4. Who were Jaanes and Jambres? 5. Unto whom was it promised that his sons should be kings over Israel until the fourth generation? 6. Who killed Zechariah, king of Israel?

Answers. 1. Aaron. See Psalm cvi. 16. 2. Exodus xii. 45. 3. See Judges xl. 1-2. 4. Egyptian magicians who used their art to deceive Pharaoh. See Exodus vii. 9-13; 2 Timothy iii. 8. 5. 2 Kings xv. 12. 6. 2 Kings xv. 10. (Copyright, 1921, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

Common Sense

By J. J. MUNDTY. Are You Easily Discouraged? If you are the easily discouraged sort do not attempt any really big undertakings, for you will make a failure.

No matter what your line of endeavor in the worth-while things you are bound to meet opposition, and discouragement, problems of which you had not dreamed and at first consideration they seem unsurmountable.

If you are unwilling to think—hard and long—tenaciously on the point you wish to bring about, do not start anything big in scope, because everything worth getting comes through a lot of thought and study.

To the man, or the woman, who has a big object in life, a good objective, a plan for the future with motive sufficiently high, the most delightful occupation is constructive thought and action toward carrying out the idea to a finish.

Success is a hard road to travel, but if it is where you want to go, you won't find it so hard unless you are easily discouraged.

If you count your discouragements, your sacrifices, your self-denial as such, you won't make a success either, for it takes the attitude of joy in effort to go over the top where success is.

WHY—

Do Quicksands Draw Objects Down? Everyone who has been to the seashore is familiar with the sensation which follows when one stands for some little time on the wet sand, particularly that portion of it which is not tightly packed, and in which the foot makes only a slight impression on the sand. Then, as the water commences to collect, the person sinks down little by little, until the feet are covered as far as the ankles and it takes a conscious effort to withdraw them from the casting of wet sand which surrounds them.

Practically the same thing occurs in what we call "quicksands," although here the action is far more rapid because the sand is more loosely packed and the weight of the water and the sand combine to produce a sucking effect upon anything which presses down upon them. A person who blunders into one of the sands—a sort of natural trap for the unwary—involuntarily presses down upon the sand under his feet in order to secure a purchase or leverage, but the wet sand opens under him, almost with the rapidity of water, and he sinks further and further, apparently sucked in by the sands but really falling through them by reason of his own weight. Probably the most dangerous sands of this kind in the world are the famous Goodwin Shoals, off the coast of

MOVIES

Downtown Theaters. Strand—Jackie Coogan in "Pec's Bad Boy." Rialto—Constance Talmadge in "Lessons in Love." Moon—"Wee Gold." Empress—Mary Miles Minter in "All Soul's Eve." Sun—"Blind Wives." Neighborhood Theaters. Grand—"The Oath."

After a long term of inactivity Monroe Salisbury will star himself in a new picture to be produced by his own company. The play will have a Spanish setting and Salisbury's representative is now in Mexico gathering data.

Marcia Manon has gone in for equestrian activities. Recently her husband presented her with a saddle mount and last week she was one of the honor guests at a southern California horse show.

Fimland's latest rumor is that Tom Moore is leaving Goldwyn to accept another offer. For several weeks now he has been in New York with his wife, Rene Adoree, and on returning to the coast he is expected to announce his plans.

At last David Warfield agreed to enter the films. Metro, through Marcus Logw, has secured his services for both "The Music Master" and "The Return of Peter Grimm." He is scheduled to work at the studios in Hollywood.

No longer will Ann Forrest be a Lasky luminary. Her contract has expired and she is joining another producing firm. Her last Lasky work was done with James Kirkwood in "The Great Impersonation."

AT THE THEATERS

MOST unusual, novel and original is the wonder act, presented by Andrews and May as a featured act of the Empress show, which closes its engagement with tonight's performance. Another featured act, the exclusive singing number offered by Van and Cantwell, who render a most interesting repertoire of the latest popular songs, numbers, and whose voices furnish wonderful harmony. Varietale artists are Ackland and Mac, at Scotch lsd and lasie. "No sink, dance, play the bagpipes and drums. Miss Mac is a finished star of the art of terpsichorean and her toe dancing is something new to the vaudeville style.

Wet Gold

It Sizzles With Thrills This Drama of Adventure at the Very Bottom of the Ocean.

BLIND WIVES

A drama for men and women—Not for the child mind.

Romance in Origin Of Superstitions

By H. I. KING. Snakeskins. To the ancients an eel was merely a water-snake. In fact philologists derive the word eel primarily from a Sanskrit word meaning snake. Thus in superstitions and folk-lore eels and snakes are one.

Here are a few popular superstitions regarding snakeskins (or eel-skins), the localities from which they are gathered ranging from Maine to Virginia and Kansas: An eelskin worn around the waist will cure or prevent, cramp and rheumatism. For sprains wear such a skin around the waist. For rheumatism wear one around the leg. Snakeskins worn around the wrist or the leg will cure rheumatism. The skin of a snake worn around the waist prevents backache. When you go in swimming wear a snakeskin around your ankle and you will not have cramps. A dried snakeskin stuffed into the ear will cure toothache.

These superstitions are merely survivals from the serpent worship of our far-off ancestors, a cult which persists among civilized man today in the form of these and many other current superstitions. The idea of the curative properties of a snakeskin is inherited directly, it would appear, from the conception of the snake with Aesculapius, the Greek god of medicine.

The survival of serpent worship in the form of popular superstitions recalls the words of Frazer regarding such survivals. He says they show "the existence of a solid layer of savagery beneath the surface of society, unaffected by the superficial changes of religion and culture," which he regards as "a standing menace to civilization," adding "We seem to move on a thin crust which may, at any moment, be rent by the subterranean forces slumbering below."

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