

A Plan Goes Wrong.

Chirpy Cricket never fiddled faster than he did that night. Somehow he had a notion that the faster he fiddled the more quickly the night would pass. For Freddie Firefly had promised to loan Chirpy his light, because Chirpy needed it when he saw Miss Christabel Cricket to her home beyond the barnyard fence. Chirpy was going to see her safely to her door when the night's con cert was ended. And he could hardly wait until the time came when he would flash that wonderful light

in the eyes of all his friends. "I hope you won't go dancing across the meadow tonight," he remarked anxiously to Freddie Firefly. "You might wander into the swamp and get lost. "Oh, there's no danger of that!"

Freddie assured him. "If you stumbled



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swamp you might put your light out," Chirpy Cricket warned him. But Freddie Firefly laughed and

told him not to worry.
"I always enjoy at least one dance in the meadow each night,", he explained. "They're expecting me over there now. And I don't want to disappoint them."
"No!" Chirpy answered. "And

neither do you want to dissapoint me. So please don't fail to be on hand when the music's finished."

After telling Chirpy that he wouldn't fail him, Freddie Firefly

flitted away. But in spite of what he had said Chirpy Cricket couldn't help feeling nervous and uneasy.

And he fiddled so fast that the other
fiddlers kept complaining. They
said he wasn't playing in time.

Chirpy Cricket was too well-mannered to contradict them. But he had his own opinion, which he kept to himself. He thought his companions were out of time. he exclaimed under his "I near heard such slow

fiddling in all my life!" There was another way, too, in which Chirpy annoyed the others. He kept asking them-first one and then another-what time it was. And of course nobody wants to stop and look at his watch when he is fiddling At last one of his cousins told him,

in answer to his question, that it was time to stop talking and pay attention to the music.

After that Chirpy Cricket tried to be patient. But it was hard not to be restless. And he kept leaping into the air, hoping to get a glimpse of Freddie Firefly's twinkling light. For it seemed to him that Freddie would never return from the meadow.

At last the fiddlers stopped playing, one after another; for the night was going fast. The Cricket family always liked to be home before day-

Chirpy had almost given up hope of seeing Freddie Firefly. But to his great delight Freddie came skipping up just as Chirpy stood before Miss Christabel Cricket, whom he

Miss Christabel Cricket, whom he expected to see to her home.

"I'm glad you've come!" Chirpy greeted him. "I'll take your light now. And I'll return it to you tomorrow night."

"Oh! That would be too much trouble for you," Freddie Firefly said. "I'll go right along with you and your young lady. And after I've lighted her home I'll do the same thing for you."

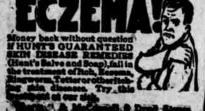
"Oh! That would be too much trouble for you," Chirpy Cricket objected. "Let me take the light, please!" He certainly didn't want Freddie Firefly tagging along with Miss Christabel Cricket and himself. Or course, Freddie Firefly couldn't give Chirpy his light. It was just as much a part of him as his head. And since Chirpy Cricket began to

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that the light had been promised beneficial to those afflicted with nim, in the end Freddie had to explain everything.

It was a great diappointment to Freddie Firefly's light. But Miss Christabel Cricket did

not seem to mind in the least. "You oughtn't to blame Freddie Firefly for not loaning his light," she said. "You know you wouldn't let him take your fiddle." Well, Chirpy Cricket hadn't thought of that. And he had to admit that what she said was true.

And just then the sun peeped over Mountain. So everybody hurried home alone, after all. (Copyright, Grosset & Dunlap.)

#### Jewel, Flower, Color Symbols for Today

By MILDRED MARSHALL.

The lapis-lazuli is both the talismanic gem and the natal stone for meant for sirens, and Cleopatra and wore it as an ornament. It was believed also to be a cure for the unhappiness arising from disappointment in love.

It was also endowed with the ower to cure various forms of fever, with the opposite sex, yet they can according to ancient legends, but after all, for time alone will tell the hose who wished to benefit by it must wear it close to the flesh, Today's color is violet, which the Married Woman, cause you to be

nervousness or sleeplessness.

The daisy is today's symbol; signifying hospitality, it is particularly Chirpy Cricket. He had expected adapted to use as a decoration for to have wonderful fun, flashing social functions. (Copyright, 1921, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

### Common Sense

By J. J. MUNDY.

The Other Sex. When a married woman allows herself to think that a married man, not her husband, is interested in her, she makes a big mistake from all

First of all, it makes her self-conscious, and that spots her at once to the observer whether she is aware of it or not, and she won't act natural, for she can't.

When a man or woman cannot speak to another man or woman without a certain tense, strident tone, it means lack of self-control.

Get yourself well in hand, Mr. today. Among the ancient Egyp- Man or Mrs. Woman. Just because tians it was regarded as a stone a man is a gentleman or a woman is other famous women frequently is any feeling beneath the surface, even if it would please your vanity to think so.

It is too bad that men and women cannot be courteously polite without being misconstrued in dealing story if they are "on the square." Don't let your playful mood, Mrs.

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