

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF OLD DOG SPOT

CHAPTER XIV. Kissing His Master. Johnnie Green went visiting one summer, after having been done. Much to old dog Spot's disgust, Johnnie did not take him on his journey. But it was not Spot's fault that he was left at home. Had he not been shut up in the harness room in the barn when Johnnie drove the old horse Ebenezer out of the yard Spot would have followed beneath the buggy.



It was hours before Farmer Green set Spot free. When Farmer Green at last flung open the door of the harness room Spot rushed out and dashed into the road. To his sorrow he couldn't smell a trace of Ebenezer's track. So many other horses had passed by the house since morning that Spot couldn't even tell

Old dog Spot had no appetite, which way Ebenezer had gone. In desperation Spot ran up the road a little way. Then he turned around and down the hill as far as the gristmill. By the time he reached the mill pond Spot gave up the chase. He knew it was hopeless, and seeing several of Johnnie Green's friends swimming in the pond, he joined them.

The boys welcomed him with shouts. And the water was just as cool as ever. But somehow Spot didn't find swimming as pleasant as he always had before. He missed Johnnie Green. There wasn't another boy there that gave Spot the same thrill by whistling to him, or patting him, or romping with him that Johnnie Green gave him.

After a while Spot shook himself and trotted back to Farmer Green's place. He felt homesick. But when he reached the house somehow he felt worse than ever. It was terribly quiet. It was just like a Sunday morning, when everybody was at church. Farmer Green and the hired man were working in the fields. Mrs. Green was busy in the house—too busy to stop and talk with old Spot.

"It's frightfully dull here," Spot groaned. "I wish somebody would shout." And just to break the silence he lifted up his nose and tried to bark. It was far from a cheerful noise that he made, for he only succeeded in giving a mournful howl. And that sad sound made Spot gloomier than ever.

"Well," he muttered, "there's nothing else to do, so I'll go and dig up that choice bone that I buried in the orchard last week." He found the bone where he had hidden it. Yet it did not look half as inviting as it had when he covered it with dirt a few days before. He stared at it dully. Then he put it back in the hole and patted the dirt over it again. Old dog Spot had no appetite.

He found no pleasure in anything. No longer was there any fun in chasing woodchucks. The cows might have stayed in the cornfield all day long and Spot wouldn't have bothered there. He didn't even get any sport out of teasing Miss Kitty Cat.

Strangest of all, he couldn't find any comfort in lying down for a quiet nap. The moment he tried to pass the time away in that fashion he began to think about Johnnie Green and what a nice boy he was. And then he would get up and walk around and around the house. Hour after hour Spot spent in that fashion. It wasn't many days before he had worn a path in the grass, all the way around the farmhouse. When Farmer Green noticed it he didn't scold Spot. He patted his head and said, "Cheer up, old boy, Johnnie'll be back one of these days."

"It wouldn't be so bad," he said to himself, "if there was only somebody to play with. If there was a puppy here on the farm I'd have some one that would be ready to romp whenever I felt like it. And then Johnnie could go away visiting every summer and I wouldn't miss him half as much." Spot forgot that a puppy wouldn't stay a puppy forever.

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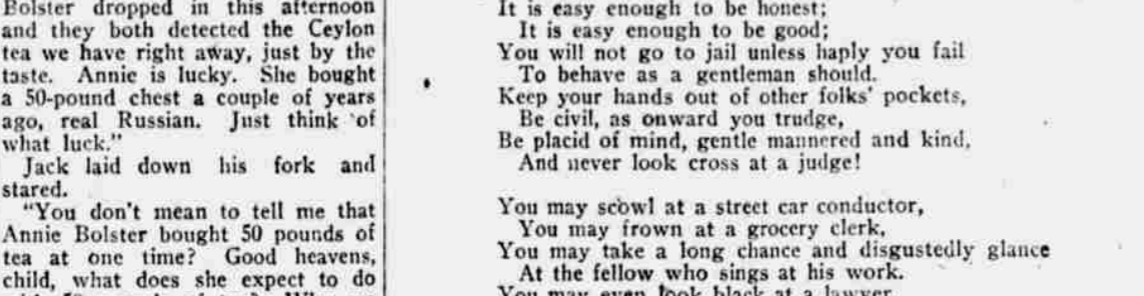
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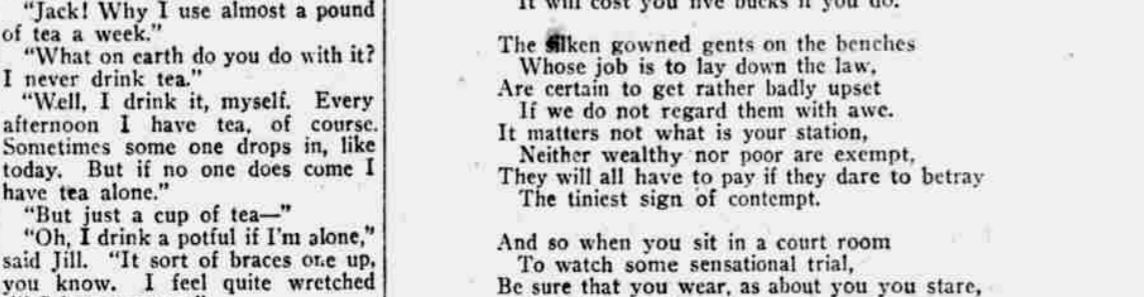
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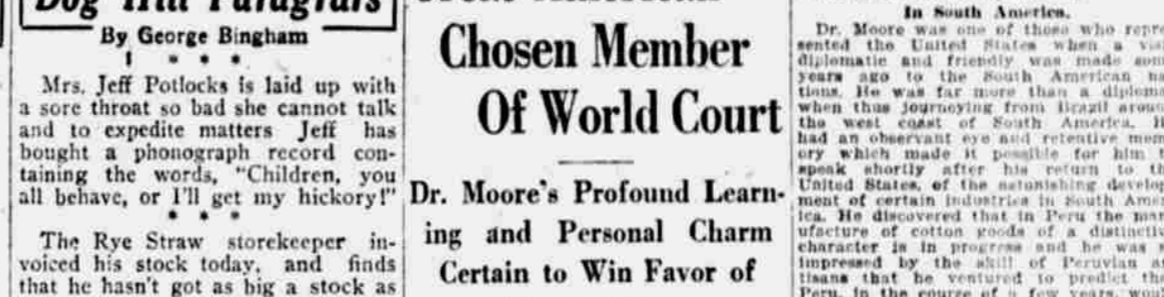
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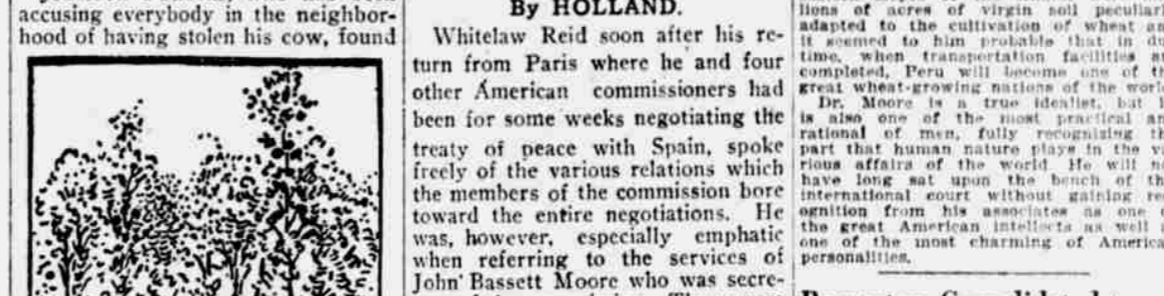
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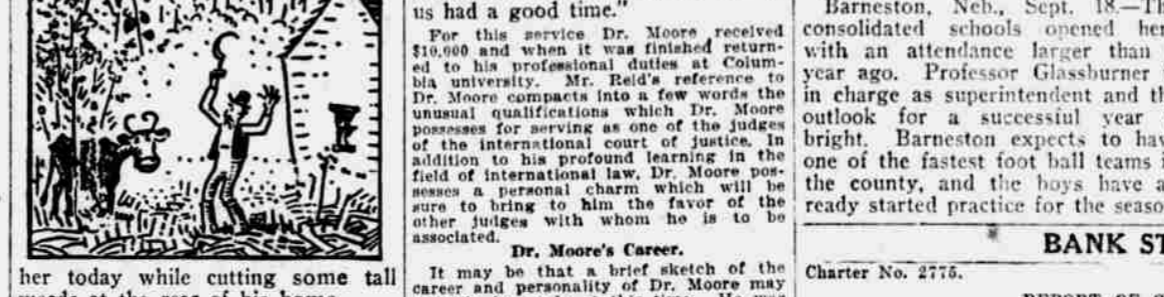
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Jack and Jill

"We can't seem to get anything but Ceylon tea at the grocery," said Jill.

"What kind do you want, anyway?" answered Jack. "I didn't think it made any difference. Isn't all tea just alike—black or green or mixed?"

"Certainly not, you absurd boy," said Jill, smiling across the table at him. "Mrs. French and Annie Bolster dropped in this afternoon and they both detected the Ceylon tea we have right away, just by the taste. Annie is lucky. She bought a 50-pound chest a couple of years ago, real Russian. Just think of what a haul!"

Jack laid down his fork and stared. "You don't mean to tell me that Annie Bolster bought 50 pounds of tea at one time? Good heavens, child, what does she expect to do with 50 pounds of tea? Why we don't buy more than a half-pound in six months, do we?"

"Jack! Why I use almost a pound of tea a week."

"What on earth do you do with it? I never drink tea."

"Well, I drink it, myself. Every afternoon I have tea of course. Sometimes some one drops in, like today. But if no one does come I have tea alone."

"Oh, I drink a potful if I'm alone," said Jill. "It sort of braces one up, you know. I feel quite wretched till I have my tea."

"You do, eh? Well, let me tell you, darling, that you've got the most awful habit in the world. Why, I never suspected it. I was reading in a scientific magazine the other day that one of the things that is ruining England and Ireland and other foreign countries is the tea habit. It is awful. There isn't any cure for them—tea fiends, they call them over there; just like we refer to dope fiends in this country. Why, honey, tea is worse than whisky—really."

"Giggled." "How absurd," she said. "I'm in dead earnest, Jill dear, and you positively must cut down on this tea business."

The next day was what Jack called Jill's weekly "trick" day. "Do you think that every day?" she asked. "Sure," said Jack. "Half a dozen of 'em. They brace me up."

"By the way," said Jill wickedly, "don't forget to remind me to stop into the fancy grocery. I'd better go over there this morning."

"What—going to buy a lot of stuff for me to tote home?" "No, dear," she said with a sly smile. "I've got to get some Russian tea."

He shot a hasty glance at her—and grinned gustily.

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



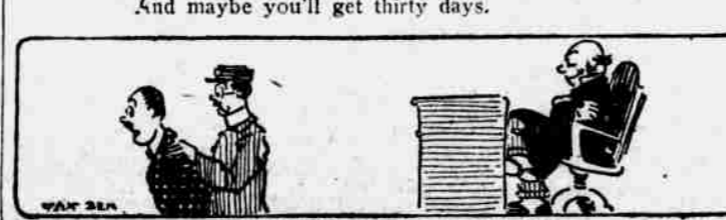
WATCH YOUR GLANCE! A Chicago judge fined a man five dollars for giving him a "nasty look."

It is easy enough to be honest; It is easy enough to be good; You will not go to jail unless haply you fail To behave as a gentleman should. Keep your hands out of other folks' pockets, Be civil as onward you travel, Be placid of mind, gentle mannered and kind, And never look cross at a judge!

You may scowl at a street car conductor, You may frown at a grocery clerk, You may take a long chance and disgustedly glance At the fellow who sings at a lawyer, You may even look back at a lawyer, But when judges you happen to view, Do not ever appear to be wearing a sneer, It will cost you five bucks if you do.

The stolen gowned gent on the benches Whose job is to lay down the law, Are certain to get rather badly upset If we do not regard them with awe. It matters not what is your station, Neither wealthy nor poor are exempt, They will all have to pay if they dare to betray The tiniest sign of contempt.

And so when you sit in a court room To watch some sensational trial, Be sure that you wear, as about you you stare, A meek and subservient smile. For your eyes may collide with the judge's, And if you're too bold with your gaze, Or your glance is malign, you'll be sure of a fine, And maybe you'll get thirty days.



AS THEY SAY IN LONDON The golf that most Americans play is simply topping. IT'S NEVER VERY POPULAR Lenine found the empty dinner pail a pretty good rallying cry. OTHERWISE ENGAGED The Turks and Greeks cannot come to the disarmament conference on account of the war.

Romance in Origin Of Superstitions

By H. I. KING. Few people realize what a great mass of persistent superstition underlies our modern culture—how, through the temples of Isis and Osiris are crumpling by the banks of the Nile; the oracles of Delphi are long silent; the "stars glimmer through the loops of time" in the Roman Coliseum. Thor and Odin reign no longer in the Norseman's heaven and Stonehenge lies Druidless upon Salisbury Plain. The superstitions involved in the days when these belonged to a living present and not to a hoary past remain still with us, descended from all these various sources, apparently indestructible and forming a part of the lives of the people in the present day.

The superstition regarding the dragon fly, or, as it is popularly called, the devil's darning needle, is an inheritance from Norse mythology. In Scandinavia the dragon fly is called the troll's needle, or troll's spindle, and is regarded by Norwegian children much as it is by the American child. In our name we have simply substituted "devil" for "troll." Who has not, when a child, brushed away with fear a hovering devil's darning needle, lest it should "sew his mouth up," or "sew his ears up?" The superstition differs but it is generally the mouth. The mouth is the original form of the superstition and the reason for this is apparent. The trolls hated noise above all things; it reminded them of the days when they fought with the gods and Thor threw his hammer after them. Children are apt to be noisy and thus awaken unpleasant recollections; whereas the troll's needles sew up their mouths to keep them quiet. In Icelandic literature the trolls were giants; but in Norse literature that later became dwarfs, which was probably the result of their unsuccessful attack upon the gods. A belief in the trolls still lingers in the Scandinavian peninsula. They are the "hill people," the "little neighbors" who live in the interior of hills and correspond somewhat to the "brownies" of Scotland. They are in general well disposed but easily offended, especially by any noise, and sally given to petty larceny. In America the devil's darning needle superstition is confined entirely to children, but among them is universal.

After dinner in Argentina many housekeepers serve, instead of coffee, a basin of soup, which strangers find some difficulty in swallowing.

Parents' Problems

How can a girl of 10, who likes to talk, be taught to like also to listen? By giving her something interesting to listen to, by appealing to her sense of fair play. Other people like to talk, tell her; if they give her a hearing, she should in turn give them a hearing, listen as she likes them to listen. Call her attention to the bores that excessive talkers make of themselves. Never shut her off unceremoniously or make fun of her proclivity. Practice with her the rules of the game, the give-and-take, the forbearance, the courtesy, the sympathy, of the art of conversation.

Where It Started

Shaving. The earliest-known mention of shaving is in the Bible (Genesis xii. v. 4) "And he (Joseph) shaved himself." The Romans introduced shaving the beard in 300 B. C. Scipio Africanus was the first Roman to shave daily. The practice of shaving spread throughout Europe in the time of Charles II.

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Dog Hill Paragrafts

By George Bingham

Mrs. Jeff Potlocks is laid up with a sore throat so bad she cannot talk and to expedite matters Jeff has bought a phonograph record containing the words, "Children, you all behave, or I'll get my hickory!"

The Rye Straw storekeeper invoiced his stock today, and finds that he hasn't got as big a stock as he had last year, which shows that he has sold several things.

Jefferson Potlocks, who has been accusing everybody in the neighborhood of having stolen his cow, found



her today while cutting some tall weeds at the rear of his home.

Jewel, Flower, Color Symbols for Today

By MILDRED MARSHALL. The most mysterious and potent of all gems—the crystal—is today's talismanic stone. The ancients believed crystal afforded a true vision of the future; that looking into its depths one could discern a passing agent of events hidden from the mortal eye by the curtain which veils tomorrow.

Certainly the possessor of a bit of crystal will be fortunate today if the superstition is correct, for the gem is also the natal stone of those who were born on some anniversary of this day. Where there is doubt in regard to some future course, consult your crystal and, whether or not you actually behold a vision, the ancients insist your perplexity will mysteriously vanish. For those in love or beset by business difficulty the crystal is invaluable today.

White combined with silver, will be lucky today. For women it insures a happy marriage. The cosmos is today's significant flower. White is used as a decoration, happiness will dwell and anxiety for the future will disappear. Courtship will be successful if pursued under the influence of this flower.

Canadian Hunger Striker Breaks Fast After 42 Days

Lethbridge, Alta., Sept. 18.—Capt. E. L. Janney, formerly an officer of the Royal Air forces, who started a hunger strike in jail 42 days ago, as a protest against alleged "illegal and inhuman treatment" accorded him by jail officials, broke his strike yesterday by eating some dry toast and drinking a beverage.

Accidents Will Happen

If someone is injured while on your premises and you are sued for damages—will you feel entirely at ease and smile—when a judgment is rendered for the plaintiff? Such injuries occur almost daily. A fall caused by tripping on a break or crack in your sidewalk forms splendid grounds for a suit.

At the best, law proceedings are most expensive, and if you win the case there still will be your attorney's fees to pay.

Public Liability Insurance protects you, pays the judgment against you and also your lawyer's fees.

Let us do the worrying and assume the responsibility. The cost is small. Harry A. Koch Co. "Pays the Claim First" 640 First Nat'l Bank Bldg. Atlantic 0360 Insurance Surety Bonds Investment Securities

Great American Chosen Member Of World Court

Dr. Moore's Profound Learning and Personal Charm Certain to Win Favor of His Associates.

By HOLLAND. Whitelaw Reid soon after his return from Paris where he and four other American commissioners had been for some weeks negotiating the treaty of peace with Spain, spoke freely of the various relations which the members of the commission bore toward the entire negotiations. He was, however, especially emphatic when referring to the services of John Bassett Moore who was secretary of the commission. These were Mr. Reid's exact words: "Moore did almost all of the work; the rest of us had a good time."

For this service Dr. Moore received \$10,000 and when it was finished returned to his professional duties at Columbia university. Mr. Reid's reference to Dr. Moore summarizes in a few words the unusual qualifications which Dr. Moore possesses for serving as one of the judges of the international court. In addition to his profound learning in the field of international law, Dr. Moore is also a personal charm which will be sure to bring to him the favor of the judges with whom he is associated.

Dr. Moore's Career. It may be that a brief sketch of the career and personality of Dr. Moore may properly be made at this time. He was brought up as a democrat and as a very young man came into personal contact with Senator Thomas B. Bayard of Delaware, the states which was Dr. Moore's birthplace. When Senator Bayard became secretary of state, he called the young diplomat to the State department as his assistant secretary. Later he was to serve again under a republican administration. Still later he became counselor for the State department in the early part of the administration of President Wilson. Columbia university granted him the degree of doctor of laws for his services in the State department. These and his association as secretary with the Board of International Peace and Arbitration with Spain and one or two other somewhat honorary appointments constituted his career.