

**SLEEPY-TIME TALES**  
(Chestnut Hill)  
**THE TALE OF MRS. LADYBUG**  
 BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

**CHAPTER XIX.**  
**The Dinner Bell.**  
 There was great excitement in Farmer Green's orchard. The neighbors came a-flying and a-running and a-crawling from all directions. And little Mrs. Ladybug was the cause of the hurry-hurry.



She had appeared with a strange, flaring object hanging by a cord from her waist—if she could be said to have a waist. The queer, dan-

Strange to say she seemed pleased with the stir that she had made. A thing had a handle at its upper end. And when Mrs. Ladybug moved a jingling, jangling sound might have been heard.

In no time at all a crowd had gathered around her. And some of the more curious and ill-bred pointed at whatever it was that puzzled them.

"What's that?" they asked Mrs. Ladybug.

Strange to say, she seemed pleased with the stir that she had made. It's a dinner bell," she explained. They gazed at it in wonder, until at last somebody spoke up and demanded, "What's it for?"

"To give the alarm with!" she replied.

"What alarm?" chimed a chorus of voices, high and low.

Mrs. Ladybug smiled an odd sort of smile as she answered, "The fire alarm, of course! Everybody's always talking fire to me. It makes me frightfully uneasy. There's so little one can do alone in case of fire. But now—"

When anyone says "Fire!" I'm going to ring this bell with all my might."

Well, people didn't know what to say—then. Later, however, they gathered about in groups and talked a good deal about Mrs. Ladybug and her dinner bell.

Miss Moth said that she feared Mrs. Ladybug would disturb her rest if she rang the bell in the daytime, when Miss Moth was accustomed to sleep.

Buster Bumblebee hoped Mrs. Ladybug wouldn't ring it at night, because he had short enough night's sleep as it was. And Freddie Firefly exclaimed that it would be very annoying to him if Mrs. Ladybug gave the alarm of fire whenever she saw his flickering gleams on pleasant evenings in the meadow.

If others were troubled, Mrs. Ladybug herself was much pleased by her dinner bell. She liked to hear it tinkle as she worked. She said it was a cheerful sound and so long as she wore it she never needed to worry about being lost. It was as good as a cowbell for letting the world know one's whereabouts.

There was only one thing that annoyed her. Since she hung the bell from her waist nobody had mentioned fire to her. Nobody had said a word about her children's burning. It seemed as if none of her neighbors wanted her to sound a fire alarm. And if there was anything that would have given her joy, it would have been to seize the handle of her bell and ring it madly.

There were even some people that complained of the tinkle it made among the apple trees.

"Peppery Polly Bumblebee laughed at them.

"You've brought this trouble upon yourselves," she told them. "How can you expect Mrs. Ladybug to keep the tongue of the bell still? She can't even keep her own from wagging!"

No doubt Peppery knew what she was talking about. She had a very sharp tongue, herself.

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**Romance in Origin Of Superstitions**

By H. IRVING KING.  
**The Obstructed Crescent.**

It is a general superstition throughout Europe and the United States that if you see the new moon through trees or shrubbery you will have trouble all that month. In some parts of the country they have a rhyme which goes:

See the new moon through a glass See sorrow while it lasts.

That is, you will have had luck for a month. The reason is easy enough to see. The new moon, the crescent, is the favorite form of and symbol of the moon-goddess; call her Isis, Artemis, Diana or what you will. From the moon-goddess in her crescent form emanate the beneficent influences which mean good luck and prosperity.

Now, if when you first see the new moon in the sky, first hail the crescent goddess in the monthly beginning of her manifestation, there interposes between you and her the boughs of trees or the branches of bushes, or the barrier of glass it is evidently a sign that while that moon

lasts—for that month, in short—you are cut off from the beneficent influences of the goddess. Consequently sorrow and bad luck. This is the survival of a very ancient idea and in this connection it may be well to quote the words of William Wells Newell—partly quoted before—with regard to survivals. "The modern survival exhibits those fundamental conceptions out of which grew the complicated rites and elaborate mythologies of ancient religions.

In this manner, as from a height of observation, we are able to look back beyond recorded history and to trace the principles of historic development. So may be elucidated problems which neither metaphysicians nor historical research has proved adequate to expound. Comparative study of folk-lore has placed in our hands a key which ingenious theorists, proceeding with the imperfect knowledge of antiquity which can be gathered from books, have lacked and for want of which they have wandered in hopeless error."

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New York's 53 social agencies are working on a plan to unite for the purpose of relieving the unemployment situation.

**Jewel, Flower, Color Symbols for Today**

By MILDRED BARBOUR.

The diamond, which might almost be called a victory stone, is today's talismanic gem. Those who wear it will never suffer defeat, according to ancient superstition. Nor will they know regret. As one old legend admonishes.

..... diamonds should wear, lest For vain repentance flow. This stone Emblem of innocence is known."

No harm can befall those whose birth anniversary is it if they wear their natal stone, the topaz. This gem, which is believed to imprison the rays of the sun, is an antidote for worry and anxiety. To wear it, is to dispel all fear.

Pink is today's fortunate color. It is a symbol of happiness, and bodily and mental health. The lavender chrysanthemum is a significant flower today.

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**Common Sense**

By J. J. MUNDY.  
**How Is Your Record.**

Perhaps some member of your family has been dishonest, has suffered a law penalty for some crime which makes you feel that it is useless for you to try to get a job where you will have anything to do with money.

There was a period when men and women were judged more closely from the basis of the reputation of family, much attention being given to hereditary characteristics.

Large security companies which have made a close survey along this line do not go much on this theory. They look up a man's record for several years, say 10 or more.

If the man has been honest and dependable they consider him trustworthy, and if you are honest you will not have trouble to establish it. What sort of a reputation are you building on day after day?

It is going to help or hinder, according to your own deeds. If you are in the habit of taking little things from the place where you are employed, thinking they do not

amount to much to the firm, you cannot be called honest.

If you realize you are not above taking small things or valuable articles as you have opportunity, it is time to reform before it is too late. Copyright, 1921, International Feature Service, Inc.

**Parents' Problems**

When one child in the family breaks or otherwise spoils the toy of a brother or sister, what course should be followed? How should the child who has done the damage make it good?

Much depends on the nature of the child. If usually combative, lawless, the deed in question may be a mere expression of a tendency which he farther, back, and it may not be wise to place much stress on the given offense. To be deprived of the privilege of playing with the other child's toys for a time might be to learn the lesson, in some cases. Children old enough to have an allowance may learn the needed lesson by replacing at their own outlay the broken toy. Or, it may be a minor occurrence that can be passed off as an accident, inasmuch as accidents will happen even in the best regulated nurseries. One must use

discretion in dealing with the particular case.

**Where It Started**

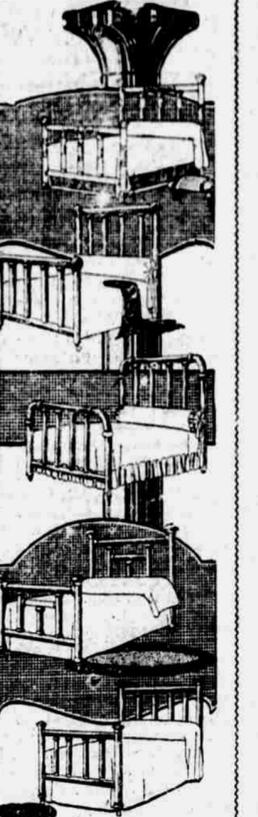
Sealing Wax. The earliest use of wax to seal letters occurred in 1553. The oldest seal of this sort in existence is on a letter dated August 3, 1554, written by Gerrard Mann to the Rheingrave Philip Francis von Daun. The wax used is dark red and bears the writer's initials. Copyright, 1921, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.

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**Dog Hill Paragrafts**

By George Bingham

The Tickville railroad announces that the passenger train will not stop any more at the station in the Calif



Ribs neighborhood. A featherbed will be placed on the platform there for those who wish to jump off.

Gander creek got on a big tear night before last and after overflowing its banks washed away a nice pig trough for Fletcher Henstep.

A large possum was found setting on the steps of the Wild Onion school building this morning. The teacher is yet undecided whether this shows addition in the wild animals toward a better mental development, or whether the possum just didn't have anywhere else to go at that time.