



**SLEEPY-TIME TALES**  
**THE TALE OF HENRIETTA**

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CHAPTER X.  
**The Big White Egg.**  
When Henrietta Hen's callers crowded about her nest in the hay-mow they expected to see something wonderful. But when they craned their necks and peered into the little hollowed-out snugery in the hay-



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They couldn't help being disappointed. And when they didn't burst forth with cries of surprise and praise Henrietta Hen looked quite unhappy.

"I thought," she said, "you'd never behead a bigger nor a whiter one than this."

"They admitted that the egg was big and that it was very, very white. And if their praise was faint, Henrietta never minded it."

"Are you going to let Farmer Green have that egg?" one of the company inquired.

"No doubt Johnnie Green will grab it as soon as he finds my nest," said Henrietta with something like a sigh. "If I could only keep this one I wouldn't care how many others he took."

Polly Plymouth Rock turned to old Whitey, a hen who had come with her to the haymow.

"What do you think?" Polly asked. "Is Henrietta in danger of losing this egg that she thinks so much of?"

"She needn't be alarmed," old Whitey answered. "If Johnnie Green robs her of this one, I'll miss my guess."

"Oh! I'm glad to hear you say that!" Henrietta Hen cried. "Now I won't need to worry—that is, if you know what you're talking about."

"That, of course, was a most impolite way for Henrietta Hen to speak to anybody of old Whitey's age. Whitey was the oldest hen in the flock. And what she didn't know about such things as nests and eggs and roosts wasn't worth knowing."

Polly Plymouth Rock didn't like Henrietta Hen's remark. She opened her mouth. And no doubt she would have said something quite sharp in reply. But old Whitey stopped her.

"Never mind!" said Whitey. "The day will come when Henrietta Hen will agree that my guess is a good one."

Still Henrietta Hen felt uneasy about that big, white egg.

"I do hope Johnnie Green won't find this nest of mine," she remarked. "If he does, I fear he'll take my beautiful egg away from me."

"Lay another!" said old Whitey. "Lay another and he'll take that and leave this one."

"I suppose I may as well try your scheme," Henrietta replied, "since nobody suggests anything better."

"My idea's a good one, or I'll miss my guess," said old Whitey.

There was some snickering among Henrietta Hen's callers as they bade her good afternoon and left her.

"They're laughing at old Whitey," she said to herself. "She hasn't the slightest notion that they could be giggling at her. 'Old Whitey must be wrong,' she thought. 'But I may as well take her advice, for I don't know what else to do.'"

Not long afterward Henrietta Hen came fluttering down from the hay-mow, squawking at the top of her lungs for old Whitey. And as soon as she found her, Henrietta cried, "Come up to my nest right away. I want to ask your advice."

Although she didn't say "Please!" old Whitey went with her.

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**My Marriage Problems**  
Adele Garrison's New Phase of  
**"REVELATIONS OF A WIFE"**  
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**Why Made Pleased Dicky with Bess Dean?**  
Ted Cosgrove had no chance to answer his brother's mischievous prediction concerning their comparative catches of fish. Before he could speak I heard Bess Dean murmur softly:

"You don't care if you don't catch many fish tonight, do you, Teddykins?"

That she knew I must have heard her, and cared no whit for my knowledge, was patent. Masculine opinion—the only kind to which she ever pays any attention—was out of hearing in the persons of Dicky, Ted Cosgrove and Fred. But I was standing very near her, and I clenched an involuntary fist in the darkness at the willful cruelty of the girl. Ten years older than the lad, versed in the wiles of a woman of the world, Bess Dean was doing her best to fascinate him, and I guessed, with what airy indifference she would close the chapter of his young devotion when she should leave the mountains.

The boy caught his breath. I did not need eyes to see the expression his face held as he turned it toward her. And when he answered her, his voice was slightly hoarse:

"I don't care about anything in the world except—"

Fred's voice, high-pitched, tantalizing, struck in:

"Cat got your tongue, Teddyboy? Or are you just jealous because I'm catching all the fish? Here's number three, and in another half minute—"

"Never Mind Him."  
"Shut up," Ted growled. "Everybody isn't such a nut as you are. Go on and catch all the lullheads in the dam if you want to, but don't spend so much time bragging about it."

"Never mind him."  
Bess Dean's voice was as caressing as the stroke of a violin bow in the hands of a maestro. And I knew that it was as effectively playing upon the heart-strings of the raw country youth.

It was such an unfair thing, I said to myself wrathfully. It was an experience that might spoil the boy's whole life—his trust in women. With one of the sudden Quixotic impulses which come to me sometimes, and which as I often bitterly regret, as I feel justified in them, I resolved that I would spoil her game in the only way that lay open to me.

I knew that above all things she desired Dicky's company, and would have traded a thousand Teds for the chance of a mild flirtation with my husband, especially if I knew that it was going on. Whether or not I would have been capable of so Spartan a resolve if Dicky had not so clearly shown his enmity at the girl's pursuit of him I do not know. But the knowledge of his indifference to her, and of the imminence of the girl's departure from the mountains,

strengthened my resolve, and the appearance of Dicky with fishing poles—baited for him and for me—gave me the opportunity for a daring ruse.

**Dicky Is Game.**  
"Ready, Madge?" Dicky's tone held a careless, proprietary note, and I felt a remorseful twinge at the thing I meant to do. But the thought of Ted Cosgrove's mother, and more potent still, a flash at the possible future when some unscrupulous woman might feed her vanity upon my own boy's heart, smothered my conscience.

"Dicky," I made my voice as inconspicuously gay as I could. "You know we shall certainly scran if we fish together. Husbands and wives always do. It's as dangerous as teaching each other to drive a car. You take Bess as a partner, and I'll stick to Ted. Then we'll have to be polite, no matter how many fish we girls lose, and a fine time will be had by all."

There was an instant's silence, broken after a second by Fred's raucous call, "Number four," and the swish of a fish on the rocks as the fortunate fisherman jerked his pole back. Then Dicky spoke shortly, almost sullenly:

"Suit yourself. Come on, Bess; if you dare trust yourself to my tender mercies after that recommendation."

"I don't see what else there is to do, do you?" she answered with a sort of rueful gaiety, and I knew that she was conveying to Ted with diabolical cleverness the assumption that she would prefer his company alone. This she was doing under cover of a saucy retort which she no doubt meant to pique Dicky's interest.

"No. We've been paired off by a designing woman," Dicky's voice had lost its sulkenness, and had taken on the note of gay irresponsibility I knew so well. "Adieu, false plunger! You'll rue with bitter tears this shaking me for a younger and handsomer man."

"Good-bye, Teddy." Bess Dean moved off at Dicky's side with a gay wave of her hand to the boy. "Don't let Mrs. Graham catch all the fish. If she beats me I'll never forgive her."

And I, standing by the side of the undeniably sulky Ted, distinctly read the inner meaning of her little speech, and wondered if there might not be a soupçon of truth in Dicky's parting words.

**Parents' Problems**  
Should a child of 4, who enjoys it, be wheeled in a go-cart?  
No, unless the distance to be traveled is very great. A child of 4 should play about when outdoors; exercise is needed for proper growth. If the child is listless, not caring to run about and play, take her to see the family physician; it may be that her diet is not right.

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**Jack and Jill**

They were beginning to dream about the vacation plans. "I have the most splendid idea, Jack," said the perfect wife. "We can spend our whole summer at the shore without costing a cent."

Jack looked up from his evening paper, and dropped his pipe in astonishment. There was no further need of looking up hotel advertisements.

"My goodness! You are getting back to pre-war prices?" "Don't make fun of me," pouted Jill. "It's very simple. We can easily sublet our house here, to some nice old couple who will be very careful of my linen and silver."

"Careful, did you say? And easily?" Jack was incredulous. "Of course with rents in the city so high. Then we will lease an eight-room cottage at some quiet resort an hour's ride from the city."

"That's my great idea, Jack dear. I understand business as well as you, sir, even if I don't read the financial page every night."

"It sounds like a scheme to get rich on \$10—but go on."

"You mean that! Anyway—there are my dearest friends, who all attended our wedding: Ruth, Helen, Annabel, Grace, Dorothy and Lois. They are just the jolliest girls in the world."

"What are you going to do with them now that you have them?" "We'll give a bedroom to each two girls. There are six girls. Each pays, as her share of the expenses of the rent and the meals, just a tiny fraction more than one-sixth, the extra two persons cost virtually nothing. And there you are!"

"How about cooking and house-work?" "Each girl can do her share. It will be such fun, dances and occasional hotels for supper, rolling chairs on the board walk and movies at night under the starlight sky."

"You mean to say," demanded Jack, "that I'd be the only man there?" "Oh, dear, you wouldn't be in the way. You could have a swim every night when you came down on the train, and on Saturday maybe two."

"Would I have to teach them swimming—six of them? You know all girls demand that from the only man on the beach?" "Oh, no; you'd swim with me."

"And you know, when we went to dances I'd have to divide my dances among six or seven, to be the polite host? And when it came to ice cream soda and movies and candy, I'd insist on paying for six extra checks, or I'd look cheap. We must hold our end up."

"Oh, but Jack, that would mount up terribly—with six extra to pay for. We couldn't afford that, you know," and she began counting upon her pretty little fingers. "No, I'm afraid it's only a dream. And besides I think dancing with six girls every evening would tire you out for your work next day."

Jack chuckled. "So do I. It would be cheaper to buy an extra electric fan, a new ice cream freezer, and stay here—with a week-end trip every Sunday. We would rather dance the six together, wouldn't we?"

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**Friday Is Holiday.**  
The city council yesterday took official cognizance of next Friday as a holiday.

**Common Sense**  
By J. J. MUNDY.  
Age and Work.  
Don't think so much about your age, how old you are getting to be and how many men and women of your age are incapacitated.

Do not feel that you must slow down—that you cannot expect to hold up with younger persons because of your greater age.

Many men let down in their efforts, not at all because they are unable to keep up, but because they think a man at a certain age ought to be going backward.

Why should you think about your age in connection with your work when you are perfectly able-bodied and can do as much as you ever did, more, when you use your head more?

Naturally you get more tired in a day than when you were full of the surplus strength of youth, but by wise use of your rest periods you ought to do better work with a clearer mind.

During the war men who thought they were in the "has been" class found they were as capable of doing as good a day's work as the younger men, and they are still doing it.

You are as old as you feel and you can make yourself feel as old as Methuselah if you are the sour, serious kind.

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**Where It Started**  
Sales of Land.  
The first sale of land of which there is any record was that of Ephron to Abraham (Genesis xxiii). The sale was for 400 shekels of silver. The weighing out of the money

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