

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF MISS KITTY

CHAPTER XX. A Long Journey. By sunrise Miss Kitty Cat had trotted at least a mile along the road that passed the peddler's house.

Having put the first mile of her journey behind her, Miss Kitty stopped beside a little brook and drank her fill of cool, sweet water.

A pretty wood stretched beyond the brook, tempting Miss Kitty Cat to explore it. At that hour of the morning there were many birds twittering among the trees.

Luckily Miss Kitty was quite able to find something to eat, as a surprised meadow mouse soon discovered.

After breakfast, Miss Kitty lingered a while to tease the birds, who scolded her shrilly, calling her a tramp and telling her to get out of their woods.

Of course, Miss Kitty had to stay there for a time after that, to let the birds know that they couldn't frighten her away.

At last, after she had bothered the birds quite enough, Miss Kitty set off for Pleasant Valley once more.

Perhaps Miss Kitty Cat herself couldn't have told exactly how she knew the way back to Farmer Green's place.

It was Blue Mountain. And she knew that on the other side of it lay Pleasant Valley—and her home at Farmer Green's.

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Dog Hill Paragraphs By George Bingham

Poke Eazley and his dog went to town Saturday afternoon and the jailer tried a fine fur in the window of the millinery store.

Fletcher Henstep got soaking wet today while going home in the hard rain after his umbrella.

Sim Flinders has dug another cistern at his house and will keep a supply of drinking water on hand in case of an emergency.

My goodness, why don't you take some of this wonderful clam chowder, Jill? demanded her husband, looking very severely at the dainty face across the dinner table.

Why, Jack, you talk like a public library book. I will not eat clams, Jill. That settled it, and Jack subsided until the next course.

What on earth is this? It's veal cutlet, dear. Don't you know it when you see it?

Well, I saw a lot of innocent looking calves being led into a slaughter house the other day—over on Tenth avenue.

Yes, indeed, said the perfect wife. And I saw their big eyes. They reminded me of calves. Such innocent looking eyes—if it's wrong to kill calves why pick on poor innocent flies?

Next evening his appetite was whetted by a delicious odor as he entered the hallway.

Umm! Umm! Fee—fie—fo—fum I don't dare express an opinion in this house, he said, and sought solace in a western novel of adventure, where the bad man killed 40 men in one gambling brawl.

I smell the smell of a dinner that's come! he exclaimed, after his welcome-home hug and kiss.

It's not chicken, dear. What? exclaimed Jack. He looked at a wicked and triumphant smile.

Well, I've eaten it. And I'll never be able to look a call in the eye again, said Jack, with resignation.

Yes, dear, have some more! It's almost as bad as prying open the big sad eyes of clams to make broth with!

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And there came out this calf.—Exodus 32:24. Moses was the political and Aaron the spiritual leader of the Hebrews.

Once when Moses returned to camp after an extended absence he found the people worshipping a golden calf and dancing around it, and Aaron complacently in sympathy with the business.

"Let not the anger of my lord wax hot, thou knowest the people that it is bent on mischief. They said unto me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us;'"

Aaron must have been an easy-going, good-natured, lenient and kindly soul, and the sternness of the disciplinary Moses threw into bold relief his amiable qualities.

Men never intend to fail, or forfeit their destiny, or fracture their hopes. They merely accept the insinuating suggestions, and flattering implications, the sly and cunning of designing mischief.

It is better to keep at the heart of every day some principles of discipline, and not grow heedless of them.

I believe that quite as many people get into deep trouble from flattery and conceit as from any inherent viciousness.

Let him watch out for every kind of influence, so he shall not be imposed upon by the wicked, nor be silenced by big names, nor be made proud by attention of the many or the great.

Funerals are sad things, but to be a chief mourner at the funeral of dead hopes, once bright and fair, is as sad as anything I know.

"There came out this calf" is no more intelligent as an answer than the calf is as an animal.

Some people cannot say "yes" and "no" on the merits of the case; they are easy marks for the prevailing influence; they do things for no better reason than that they are asked; go, because they are invited; yield, because they are tempted; and are ruined on request.

No age is safe beyond assault; no sanctities are secure beyond intrusion. The reputable wisdom of years is no more proof against seductive influence than is the inexperienced rashness of youth.

You often see a painter or a sculptor photographed beside a specimen of his work. He is proud of it, and rightly so.

No calf comes out, unless the mold for it is made, and not then, unless the gold is poured into the mold.

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