

**SLEEPY-TIME TALES**  
**THE TALE OF MASTER MEADOW MOUSE**  
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CHAPTER XXIV.  
**Master or Mister?**  
 Living, as he did, near the mill pond, Master Meadow Mouse saw a great deal of Paddy Muskrat. They had a number of tastes in common. They both liked lily bulbs. They



He was back in a few minutes, with a broad smile upon his face. Both enjoyed swimming. They both liked Peter Mink. They were bound to become great cronies—if for no other reason than the last. By spring Paddy Muskrat knew Master Meadow Mouse well enough to ask him a very intimate question. "Why does everybody call you 'Master'?" he inquired one day. Master Meadow Mouse looked at him in a puzzled fashion for a moment or two. "I don't know," he answered. "I don't know why, unless it's because they always have called me that. Don't you think it's a good name?" he asked Paddy Muskrat a bit anxiously. "Oh, yes!" Paddy assured him. "There's no doubt that it's a good enough name. But it's one that's given to a youngster—to a mere child." "I'm not a youngster!" Master Meadow Mouse cried. "Nobody can call me young. I'm almost a year old!" "I thought so," said Paddy Muskrat, as if he knew he couldn't have been mistaken. "You're grown up. And yet they still call you 'Master Meadow Mouse.' If I were you I'd get folks to change that." It was plain that Master Meadow Mouse agreed with him in every way. He had already made up his mind that he wouldn't answer to the name of 'Master Meadow Mouse' any longer. And he told Paddy Muskrat as much. "If they want me to answer after this, they'll have to call me something else," he declared. "Now, what would you suggest?" Paddy Muskrat said he needed time to think the matter over. And he thought that he'd like to consult his wife, who always had an opinion. "Wait here till I come back!" he told Master Meadow Mouse. And diving into the water, he swam home. He was back in a few minutes, with a broad smile upon his face. "I've thought of the very thing!" he exclaimed. "Or, at least, my wife has. She says 'Call him 'Mister' of course!'" "That's fine!" cried Master Meadow Mouse. "I'm sure I couldn't have thought of that if I'd tried all summer. And now," he added, "I must go and tell everybody about this sudden change." So he hurried home. And eating

everybody around him, he explained that he was a year old, and that he had successfully dodged Miss Kitty Cat, Tommy Fox, Solomon Owl, Ferdinand Frog, Peter Mink, Old Mr. Crow and goodness only knew how many other dangerous folk. "I'm grown up now," he told his hearers. "From this time on I expect everybody to call me Mister Meadow Mouse." And everybody said that a new name was no more than he deserved. They all approved his choice. "No! There was just one among all the company that was opposed to the change. He snorted and started to say something disagreeable. And for once everybody told Uncle Billy (or it was he!) to be quiet. And that was the end of Master Meadow Mouse." (Copyright, 1922.)

**Hold's Public too Kind to Beggars**  
 Charity Council Says It's Poor Day When "Panhandler" Doesn't Reap \$5.

Assistance of the public in putting a stop to "panhandling" on downtown streets and in the residence districts was asked for by the Family Relief bureau of the Council of Social Charities, meeting yesterday at the public library. That the public is too glib and kind to floaters was emphasized by members of the bureau, which passed a resolution urging everyone solicited for money to send the solicitors either to the Salvation Army, 1110 Dodge street, or the Volunteers of America, 114 North Fifteenth street. That it's a poor day for the panhandler who makes less than \$5 during his working hours was asserted by members of the bureau. The matter of obtaining a rockpile or a workhouse for employment of "floaters, wife deserters and professional panhandlers" will be referred by the bureau to the central council, with the request that that body take the project up with Mayor Dahlman. A committee of three was appointed to confer with Police Commissioner Dunn regarding the picking up of panhandlers and arraigning them before a police judge. Solicitors who claim to have families should be referred to the Associated Charities, it was decided.

**Gruenig Estate Is Valued at \$1,000,000**

The late Charles Gruenig, real estate man and capitalist, left an estate valued at about \$1,000,000, according to attorneys. Petition for probate of his will was filed in county court yesterday. The will leaves all the personal estate to the widow, Hannah Gruenig, and at her death the property is to be divided among the children, who are Marie G. Hess, Ellen C. McPherrin, Hannah E. Martis, Margaret C. Miller, Gertrude S. Sage, George, Charles, Jr., John, William and David.

The will asks that Mrs. Gruenig, Charles, Jr., and Harry Fischer, an attorney, be made executors for the estate. Mr. Gruenig was formerly interested in the Omaha and the Stora Brewing companies. His sons operate the Gruenig Realty company, First National Bank building.

George, Charles, Jr., John, William and David.

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