

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF THE MULEY COW BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER X. A Slight Mistake. Mrs. Woodchuck was glad that she had gone to Aunt Polly Woodchuck's house to tell her the news about the Muley Cow. Aunt Polly was all in a flutter, she was so eager to see the Muley Cow in her new poke bonnet.



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He told me the news only his morning. I asked him to describe the poke. But all he could say was that I'd be surprised when I saw it.

"That's the way with men folks," Aunt Polly Woodchuck declared. "They never know anything about the styles—except that queer Mr. Frog the tailor."

Both ladies giggled at the mere mention of Ferdinand Frog. And while they were busy giggling, Mrs. Woodchuck's son Billy helped himself to a piece of carrot from Aunt Polly's store of roots and herbs.

"I must have a look at the Muley Cow this very morning," Aunt Polly told her caller. "Won't you come with me?"

Mrs. Woodchuck said that nothing would please her more. So she ordered Billy to scamper home.

"You'll have to wait till I put on my best poke," Aunt Polly said. "If the Muley Cow has a new one I don't want to call on her in my second best."

So Mrs. Woodchuck waited. And at last they set off together to find the Muley Cow. They hadn't gone far before old Mr. Crow hopped down on a hammock near them.

"If you're looking for the Muley Cow," he squawked, "You'll find her down near the lane. And she's wearing her new poke, too."

They thanked him. And as soon as they had passed on Mrs. Woodchuck remarked what a busybody he was.

"Always poking his bill into other people's affairs!" Aunt Polly sniffed. Still, his advice saved them a good many steps. For they found the Muley Cow just where Mr. Crow had said they would.

But she wasn't wearing a poke bonnet at all. They noticed that as soon as they caught sight of her. "Perhaps it has fallen off her head and she doesn't know it," Aunt Polly suggested.

"I'll ask her," said Mrs. Woodchuck. And she hurried up to the Muley Cow. "Where's your poke?" she cried. "You haven't lost it—have you?"

As she spoke she noticed a peculiar something about the Muley Cow's neck. It was a sort of huge wooden collar, with a long stake that stuck out in front of her.

The Muley Cow acted very quumpy. "Don't be impertinent!" she snapped. "Excuse us, please!" Aunt Polly Woodchuck said to the Muley Cow.

"We heard you were wearing a poke; and we wanted to see it. You know, I always wear a poke in summer. In fact, I put on my best one before leaving home."

The Muley Cow stared at her in a puzzled fashion. And at last the truth dawned upon her. "You've made a mistake," she said. "You've misunderstood. It's not a poke bonnet that I have. It's a poke—this thing around my neck."

Well, Aunt Polly and Mrs. Woodchuck didn't know what to say. And they felt so uncomfortable that they turned away and started off. "Wait a moment!" the Muley Cow called to them. "How did you hear about this poke?"

"Old Mr. Crow told me," Mrs. Woodchuck replied. "I thought so," said the Muley Cow. "And I'd like to have a talk with him."

Warrant Out for Banker's Arrest

Ex-President of Cass County Institution Accused of Indirect Borrowing.

Plattsmouth, Neb., March 28.—(Special.)—A warrant for the arrest of Charles C. Parmele, former president of the now defunct Bank of Cass County, charging him with indirect borrowing from the bank, was issued today by County Attorney A. G. Cole.

The complaint charges that Parmele on three occasions, the first in October, 1919, indirectly borrowed money from his bank. The total is alleged to be about \$13,000, the county attorney said this morning. "We expect to prove that Mr. Parmele loaned the money to Will Jean, with whom he is associated in real estate business, and that he thus received benefit from the money, and consequently violated the banking law, which prohibits an officer of a bank borrowing money from it," said Mr. Cole.

"The state banking board requested that the complaint be filed and will help prosecute it."

The Bank of Cass County was closed last fall.

Stromberg Hog Raiser Tops Market at \$9.70 a Hundred

Dr. M. D. Strong, hog raiser and shipper and veterinarian of Stromberg, had the honor of topping the hog market yesterday when he brought in 83 head averaging 202 pounds that brought the top price of the day of \$9.70 a hundred.

Dr. Strong said he had done pretty well this season with his hogs on the local market and was pleased with the prices he had received. He said he expected to send in another consignment of porkers in a few days.

Profit Made on Pulp-Fed Cattle From Wyoming

Seven loads of pulp-fed cattle were brought to the local market yesterday by Earl T. Bowers of Worland, Wyo., that averaged around 1,000 pounds and were sold to feeder buyers at prices from \$7.15 to \$7.25 a hundred.

Mr. Bowers said the cattle brought in were fed on contract and that both he and the owner had made a profit although the stock showed that they had gone through a pretty tough winter. "From what I have heard," said Mr. Bowers, "cattle and sheep on the range have managed to get through the winter without much loss, but all the feed has been consumed and some of the ranchers and sheep men have been compelled to purchase hay and other feed to carry them through the recent spring storms."

Texas Finds Good Demand for Feeders in Nebraska

T. W. Frazier of El Paso, Tex., was a visitor at the stockyards yesterday, having come in from western Nebraska, where he has been contracting for stocker cattle to be shipped to Texas and the southwest.

Mr. Frazier said that on account of the financial stringency movement of cattle from the southwest to ranges of the northwest had been somewhat limited this season. He said there was a good demand for stockers and feeders in western Nebraska.

"The small ranches of western Nebraska have been able to get loans to purchase a few cattle but the big concerns have had trouble in getting sufficient cash to carry on operations on a large scale," said Mr. Frazier.

Reed of Washington Files for State Representative

Lincoln, March 28.—(Special.)—Charles A. Reed of Washington, Neb., today filed for state representative.

Chesterfield CIGARETTES of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos—blended. Includes illustration of a woman and a child, and text: "Taste is a matter of tobacco quality. We state it as our honest belief that the tobaccos used in Chesterfield are of finer quality (and hence of better taste) than in any other cigarette at the price. Light & Myers Tobacco Co. 'I like 'em!' 'They Satisfy!'"

Wall Paper. HOW often have you felt the desire to have your home beautifully decorated—to have it the way you want it. Our unusual purchase this year of the best of the newest designs at such low prices permit you to realize your ambition. The new color schemes include self-toned and contrasting combinations, novelty figures, irregular stripes, flower buds, floral motifs and lattice work designs from France, England and America unquestionably unusual and artistic. Try and make your selections today. It's very imperative that you do, if you don't like to be disappointed on the date you wish your work to be done. Sam Newman Painting and Paperhanging 214 South 18th Street JA ckaon 0043

—Feet as Varied as Are Faces. Mother Nature puts a dab of individuality in everything she makes. No two things which she makes are exactly alike; there is the same variation in Feet as there is in Faces. The foot must be fitted with a shoe that conforms with its natural shape and supports the foot while walking. Above all, the proper fitting of shoes depends entirely upon FOOT KNOWLEDGE—this is the very foundation of STRYKER'S FOOT COMFORT SERVICE. Foot knowledge which forms a clear conception of the needs of the human foot—and this knowledge correctly applied in each individual case. A Staff of "Foot Fitters" to serve you; men with a complete knowledge of both Feet and Shoes! W. S. Stryker Douglas Shoe Store, Inc. 117 North Sixteenth Street Opposite Postoffice "Foot Fitters"

Bowen's Value-Giving Store. Introductory Showing This Week of New Spring Draperies. The H. R. Bowen Co. are making an early display and offering of newly created drapery fabrics this week. Shoppers will find it of interest to call and see this wonderful showing. Velvets and Damasks, Linens and Cretonnes, allover patterns in rose, blue and gold, sunfast and tubfast fabrics, portieres and overdrapes. Table and Couch Covers in tapestry, damasks and velours, double-faced Velvet Portieres in two-tone combination effects. Exceptional curtain values in voiles and marquisettes, imported lace curtains and filet weaves. DAMASK—Yard..\$2.98 to \$8.00 SILKS—Yard..\$1.15 to \$5.00 VELOURS—Yard..\$2.98 to \$8.00 SUNFASTS—Yard...59¢ to \$5.98 CRETONNES—Yard.....39¢ to \$1.75 Beautiful Patterns in Lace Curtains. Beautiful new patterns in lace curtains in filet weaves, some trimmed with lace edges, others with scalloped edges, priced from \$1.98 to \$9.85 pair. Many new arrivals in imported lace curtains, in colors of white, ivory and ecru, from \$9.85 to \$25.00 pair. Many beautiful curtains in voiles and marquisette, in plain and ruffled, some hemstitched with silk in blue, rose and gold, from \$1.98 to \$9.00 pair. Extra large and complete assortment of Nets in Filet weaves and shadow effect, 36 to 50 inches wide, white, cream and ecru colors, for—39¢ to \$3.98 Yard. Scrim, Voile and Marquisette in plain dots, silk stripes and colored effects, in all the newest and latest patterns, at 19¢ to \$1.35 Yard. H.R. Bowen Co. Howard St., Between 15th and 16th

Omaha-Lincoln Auto Route. Good roads via Fort Crook, Plattsmouth, Union and "O" street road to Lincoln. T. H. Pollock Bridge Co. Plattsmouth

A Business Statement that is a Great Human Record. HOW WAS IT DONE? Records kept by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company show an extraordinary decrease in the death rate among its Industrial, or weekly premium, policy-holders. Comparing 1921 with 1911, for example, there were 55,000 less deaths in 1921 than there would have been if the 1911 death rate had prevailed. What brought about the great saving of life? The general public health movement—progress in medical science and sanitation—other causes, perhaps. But a very great factor has been the tremendous health campaign carried on by the Metropolitan itself. This page tells a part of the story. HELPING 19,000,000 PEOPLE. About 19,000,000 people are insured in the Metropolitan—over 16,000,000 under weekly premium policies. The weekly calls of Agents at the policy-holders' homes provide a wonderful opportunity for health and welfare work. The Company has accepted the opportunity and to-day is at the forefront of public health work in America. 14,000,000 VISITS BY TRAINED NURSES. Free nursing service is given to Industrial policy-holders in 2,800 cities and towns. Trained nurses not only heal the sick but teach right living. About 14,000,000 visits have been made—2,116,875 in 1921 alone. Numerous letters tell of lives saved. DISCOVERING DISEASE IN TIME. Free medical examinations often disclosing incipient disease in time to cure it, are granted to Ordinary (annual premium) policy-holders, subject to reasonable conditions. HELPING THE EMPLOYER TO HELP. Employers insuring their employees under Group policies are advised regarding health conditions and accident prevention, while the employees receive the benefits of nursing service and welfare literature. 238,000,000 PIECES OF LITERATURE. Attractive booklets and pamphlets in great variety, dealing with the important phases of health and disease, and prepared by leading experts, are distributed broadcast. So far, 238,000,000 copies have been distributed—25,000,000 in 1921. In addition, 18,000,000 copies of The Metropolitan, a health magazine, are issued annually. A CITY THAT IS WATCHED. In Framingham, Mass., the Metropolitan is leading the way in a great experiment, watched by health authorities throughout the country, to demonstrate what proper municipal health regulation can do. Deaths from tuberculosis have dropped from 121 per 100,000 to 40 per annum. GROWTH IN TEN-YEAR PERIODS. Table with columns: YEAR, Income for Year, Assets at End of Year, Surplus at End of Year, Number of Policies in Force at End of Year, Outstanding Insurance at End of Year, YEAR. METROPOLITAN Life Insurance Company. HALEY FISKE, President FREDERICK H. ECKER, Vice-President Business Statement, December 31, 1921. Assets—\$1,115,583,024.54. Increase in Assets during 1921—\$134,669,937.37. Liabilities—\$1,068,341,845.04. Surplus—\$47,241,179.50. Income in 1921—\$301,982,699.39. Gain in 1921—\$38,462,919.41. Total Insurance placed and paid for in 1921—\$1,564,789,607. Gain in Insurance in Force in 1921—\$625,695,325. Total Amount of Outstanding Insurance—\$7,005,707,839. Ordinary, (that is, exclusive of Industrial) Insurance in Force—\$3,892,267,274. Number of Policies in Force December 31, 1921—25,542,422. Number of Policy Claims paid in 1921—323,531. Amount paid to Policy-holders in 1921—\$91,348,472.98. Dividends to Policy-holders, payable in 1922, nearly—\$16,000,000. Amount paid Policy-holders and Beneficiaries since Organization, plus Amount now Invested for their Security—\$2,047,692,135.07. THE FUTURE. The Metropolitan will continue its endeavor to offer the best there is in life, health and accident insurance, and to save human life. Continued growth will give the Company still greater opportunities to serve the American people in insurance protection and in the conservation of life and health. GREATEST— IN ASSETS IN BUSINESS PLACED IN BUSINESS GAINED IN REDUCTION OF MORTALITY IN INCOME IN BUSINESS in FORCE IN HEALTH and WELFARE WORK IN GAIN of EACH IN BUSINESS in FORCE IN HEALTH and WELFARE WORK. "The Company OF the People, BY the People, FOR the People."—John R. Hegeman. USE BEE WANT ADS—THEY BRING RESULTS. USE BEE WANT ADS—THEY BRING RESULTS.