

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF SNOWBALL LAMB BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XX. The Swimming Hole. After the affair at the swing, it was as much as a week before Johnnie Green saw anything of his neighbor, Red.



It was almost a week before Snowball felt like butting anybody.

when other sheep bullied him, Snowball edged away from them; and once he would have run into them head first.

Somewhat he couldn't forget that frightful job he had received when he knocked Johnnie Green out of the swing.

At last, however, he tried a gentle butt one day against the side of one of his mates. And finding only pleasure, and no pain in the trick, he became once more one of the most active butters in Farmer Green's whole flock.

Now, Johnnie Green had noticed that for a few days Snowball was unusually well behaved. And Snowball's gentleness did not please him.

For Johnnie had hoped that some time Snowball would butt the neighbor's boy, Red.

So Johnnie began to whistle a merry tune a little later, when he chanced to see Snowball charging the hired man as he crossed the pasture.

Not long after that, Johnnie Green went swimming. He found other boys at the swimming hole, which they had made by damming Broad Brook where it cut across the end of the meadow.

Among the swimmers was the boy Red. It was the first time Johnnie had seen him since that well-remembered day when Snowball had butted Johnnie.

When Johnnie spied Red in the water he thought for a moment or two that he would find Red's clothes on the bank and tie knots in them.

That was a favorite trick of Red's—tying hard knots in other boys' clothes. Sometimes he even wet the knots, to make them harder to untie.

But Johnnie Green decided that he wouldn't knot Red's clothes. Besides, Red seemed to be keeping a watch-

ful eye on them. Johnnie slipped out of his own clothes quickly and soon he had dived off a flat rock and joined the boys in the swimming hole.

Red had called "Hullo!" pleasantly enough. And then Johnnie was so—he said something in an undertone to the others. Anyhow they all grinned. And one boy cried, "I didn't expect to see you down here. I thought you'd be swimming. Wouldn't you rather swim than swim?"

Johnnie Green gave a sickly smile. "Why didn't you bring your lamb with you?" another inquired. "Doesn't he follow you any more?"

But Johnnie Green had ducked down where he couldn't hear and was swimming under water. When he came up everybody yelled at him. That is, everybody yelled except Red. He looked very innocent, as if he didn't know what the joke was.

Well, Johnnie Green had a good swim, anyhow. And the boys soon stopped teasing him. They had several swimming races with a good deal of splashing mixed in. And there was so much fun that nobody noticed when Red crept out upon the bank and slipped away behind the drooping willows that overhung the stream.

The boys saw him plainly enough a little while afterward. Fully dressed he stood on the bank and jeered at them. And they knew what that meant. It meant that he had tied plenty of knots in everybody's clothes.

All the boys, except Johnnie Green, yelled at him. "We'll fix you when we catch you!" they cried.

As for Johnnie, he said never a word. In fact he didn't even look angry. On the contrary, he smiled. For he saw something that his friends had overlooked.

Some distance behind Red, Johnnie saw the willows part. And a white face peered out. It was Snowball's!

Parents' Problems

What should be done to break a little bit of the habit of "chance his mind" the minute after deciding a thing?

Let him know that he must abide by his decision, no matter how unimportant it might really seem to allow him to change. Give him a reasonable amount of time in which to make his decision. It must be a real decision. Not a word should be said, or he allowed to be said, about the transaction after it is finished. He will get a distorted idea of the relative proportion of things if he is allowed to think that one is exactly as important as another. Lead him away from trifles by dwelling with him on the advisability of doing the things really worth while, and be absolutely oblivious of the minor things.

Common Sense

Are You Impetuous?

Have you ever thought that impetuosity may be the quality you have which stands in the way of your being as proficient as you should be in many ways?

Isn't it true, that when you have something to do, you jump right at it—you want to do something in a physical way?

If you have a task you go at it in a nervous, hightstrung way, without stopping long enough to get your bearings, or think what you want to do and how you are going to do it.

You wonder sometimes how some persons, who never seem to be in a hurry, accomplish so much. You will find that they planned ahead, and prepared for each step in the way of accomplishment before they attempt to do it.

When they get at the work they are not all unstrung, but are prepared to give their time and attention to the performance of the task at the first point, and they are not pushing themselves and trying to think at the same time.

In your hurry-burry routine it would be well for you to stop and think of the unnecessary, nervous energy you expend in your work, and then stop and do more planning and less work with your hands.

Your mind should be your best worker.

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