

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

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AN EXCITING MINUTE

HE LONGEST lives whose wits work fast, Nor stop until the danger's past.

Everyone of the Little People on the Green Meadows, in the Green Forest, and around the Smiling Pool knows that this is true. It is those with the quickest wits who have the longest lives. Almost every day everyone of them has to depend on his wits to get him out of danger, unexpected danger. There isn't time for thinking. He must act first and do this thinking later. Such times may come to you and to me, but they are not likely to come often. We go days and days and days without meeting any real danger. But with the Little People it is different. Right when they think themselves safest they are likely to have to use their wits and to use them quickly to save their lives. That is one reason why we should do all we can to help them and protect them and never give them reason to fear us.

Now it didn't seem possible that there was the least bit of danger for anyone, as Buster Bear swam about in the pond of Paddy the Beaver that hot summer afternoon. It was as quiet



Buster Bear Was Splashing Through the Rushes on the Other Side of the Pond and the Air Was Filled With Ducks.

and peaceful there as a place could possibly be. Then along came a mischievous Little Breezy and carried the smell of Farmer Brown's Boy to Buster Bear swimming out there in the pond. That doesn't seem like much for Farmer Brown's Boy couldn't possibly have hurt Buster Bear if he had wanted to, and he didn't want to do anything of the kind. But when Buster Bear was a very little cub he was taught that man is not to be trusted and is a creature to be feared, the only one, in fact, to be afraid of. Buster never had got over that fear.

LIFE IS A FIRE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

LIFE is a fire, and memory the embers, If it be joy or pain that one remembers, A little while the fire flames and flashes; It shall not be long before it all is ashes. We would not care if care would soon be over; Alas, the world has many a weary rover Within whose heart, if going or returning, Some ancient hurt keeps on forever burning. Yet love was ours, and home, and happy faces, Yes, joy was ours in other times and places, Love quickly flames, and nothing flames so brightly, Or fades so soon, if love has loved too lightly. We can't forget that some old vow was broken— Let us recall at least the vow was spoken. The hand of time in time the hurt would soften— Perhaps we stir the fires of hate too often.

Life is a fire, and memory the embers, If it be joy or pain that one remembers, If it be pain, then leave the past to perish, If it be joy, rekindle and cherish. Life is a fire, and mortals must rebuild it, Not with the pain but with the joy that filled it. The coals of hate are not the coals for blowing, But keep your hope, your faith, forever glowing.

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So the instant Buster caught the faint smell of Farmer Brown's Boy, his wits said: "Get away from here as quickly as you can! This is no place for you! That is the dreadful man-smell. Get ashore at the nearest place and run!"

Buster didn't stop to think. He turned and made for the shore right where Paddy the Beaver and the Quack family were hiding among the rushes. Now they knew perfectly well that Buster Bear wasn't coming on purpose to hurt them. They knew he didn't know that they were there. But that wouldn't help any if one of his big feet landed on one of them. Buster Bear was frightened, and now they in their turn were frightened. Buster's fright was needless and foolish, but theirs was not. You see, they knew by the way he was coming that he wasn't going to be polite and ask them to get out of his way. No sir, Buster was too frightened to be polite; he was in too much of a hurry.

The wits of Paddy the Beaver worked quickly. They always do. He didn't have to stop to think to dive. He just dived without any thinking, and by the time he could do any thinking he was safely out of the way of Buster Bear. At the first splash Buster made as he headed for the shore, the Quack family started to swim out of the way. But Buster Bear was coming too fast for them to get out of his way in that manner. Mr. Quack's wits just opened his wings and sent him up into the air like a rocket. He didn't stop to think to fly; he simply flew. Mrs. Quack did the same thing, and the ten young Quacks, now almost as big as their parents, like dutiful children, followed.

It all happened in just a little minute, it seemed to Farmer Brown's Boy. One minute everything was as quiet and peaceful as could be, and the next Buster Bear was splashing through the rushes on the other side of the pond, and the air was filled with ducks flying in all directions and quacking with fright. It was a very exciting minute, and just to add to the excitement, Farmer Brown's Boy stood up and yelled. That yell seemed to double Buster Bear's speed. The mud and water flew as he dashed through the rushes to the shore and disappeared in the Green Forest, running as if he never would stop. In no time he was quite out of sight, but Farmer Brown's Boy could still hear him crashing his way through the Green Forest. Then once more everything became quiet and peaceful. Farmer Brown's Boy washed the mud from his face and neck. Then he hid and waited patiently. Presently Mr. Quack came on whistling wings and flew twice around the pond. Seeing no one, he dropped down on the water with a splash and then quacked loudly. At once Mrs. Quack and the young Quacks appeared, and soon they were busy talking it all over.

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Dante's High Poetic Rank

Dante, in his writings, summed up the thought and the spirit of the Middle Ages. In his Divine Comedy is reflected the medieval Catholic view of the church and salvation, of the past and future of mankind, of earth, hell, purgatory and paradise. In other writings he sums up medieval theories of the relations of church and state. By using Italian for his greatest work, Dante helped make the Florentine dialect the standard for literary Italian and gave a great impetus to the literary use of national languages instead of Latin. It is equally important to note that Dante is by common consent one of the world's greatest poets.

Detroit's Depression Restaurant



THE Penny Pantry of Detroit, a philanthropic restaurant venture where a full meal is served for ten cents or less, is proving its popularity by serving thousands every day. Except for a few meat items, which are two cents, everything on the menu, which includes bread, vegetables, coffee, etc., sells for one cent. Backers of the venture, refusing to divulge their names, say the enterprise is entirely non-profit taking. They want to feed the needy without attaching the stigma of charity.

SOME DINNER DISHES

THESE recipes have been gathered from various sources; some will like to try them as they are not common:

Salmon With Sauce Piquant.

Take three-quarter-inch-slices of salmon, place in a saucepan with hot fish broth, adding a touch of fruit juice or vinegar. Simmer fifteen minutes. Remove from the broth, wipe dry, place on a hot platter and serve with the sauce prepared as follows: Melt a quantity of butter, flavor to taste with tarragon vinegar, pepper, mustard, fennel and any spices liked. Stir over the heat until cooked, move to the back of the range and add the yolk of an egg to thicken. Serve at once.

Bisque of Herbs.

Chop together a handful of lettuce, sorrel, spinach, a small onion, a little celery and and chervil and cook with two tablespoonfuls of butter until soft, stirring constantly. Add three tablespoonfuls of flour with four cupfuls of cauliflower water; add a beaten egg and serve with croutons.

Fresh Perch.

Prepare six fresh perch and marinate them in two tablespoonfuls of olive oil, a sprig of parsley, a little pepper and salt, all-spice, bayleaf and other spices. Keep the fish in the marinade for an hour. Remove, roll in crumbs which have been seasoned with spices and cook until a golden brown. Serve with a butter sauce.

Stuffed Egg Plant.

Cut egg plant into halves lengthwise, remove the inside and make of this a stuffing by chopping fine and adding chopped parsley and onions. Stuff the egg plant with the mixture and place in a casserole with plenty of melted butter. Simmer over a slow fire until all is well cooked. Cover the top with bread crumbs, add a little melted butter and keep hot until served.

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BONERS



In the Olympic games they ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits and threw the Java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath.

BONERS are actual humorous tidbits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

The sun sets in the west and hurries round to the east to be in time to rise the next morning.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, veins and caterpillars.

Man is the only animal who can strike a light.

Joan of Arc was cannonised by Bernard Shaw.

A conjunction is a place where two railway lines meet.

Where are the kings of England crowned? On their heads.

The different kinds of senses are commonsense and nonsense.

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Even the Great City Has Its Old Swimming Hole



YOUTHFUL New Yorkers take advantage of the cooling waters of the Hudson river to offset the mid-summer heat and are shown here enjoying the free bathing facilities at 181st and River side drive, just above the George Washington bridge.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard winter, 57c; soft white and western white, 50c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 48c.

Hay—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland; Alfalfa, Yakima, \$13.00.

Butterfat—Pound 11@13c.

Eggs—Ranch, 15@16c.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.00@5.00.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.00@7.00.

Lambs—Spring, \$3.75@4.10.

Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, western red and northern spring, 49½c; bluestem, 59½c.

Eggs—Ranch, 16@18c.

Butterfat—Pound 15c.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.50@5.10.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$5.50@5.75.

Sheep—Spring lambs, \$5.75@6.50.

Spokane
Cattle—Steers, good, \$6.00@6.50.
Hogs—Good to choice, \$4.00@4.50.
Lambs—Good to choice, \$3.50@4.00.

The first chinook salmon of the season was caught at Nehalem recently by Ed Skillman.

The schoolhouse and teacher's home at Bly was destroyed by fire recently. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Auto license applications thus far received by the sheriff of Josephine county are nearly double those issued at this time last year.

Unemployment was relieved to a great extent at Stayton recently when the Mountain States Power Co started work on its \$45,000 power plant.

Farmers living along the Willamette sent a delegation to county officials at Eugene recently to see what can be done toward getting flood protection.

Voters of Albany school district have voted down a proposition to establish kindergarten schools, by a 5 to 1 vote. The vote was: Yes 114, no 558.

Salaries of all Medford city employees receiving \$100 a month or less have been reduced 10 per cent and those receiving over \$100 per month 15 per cent.

The Spaulding Logging company of Salem will resume operations in July on a small scale. The first work will be on 800,000 feet of logs now in the pond.

The canning plant of the Eugene Fruit Growers association started working on Royal Anne and Bing cherries. The crop is not large in Lane county this year.

Chemawa grange, which was second in the drill competition at Silverton, is planning to enter the drill contest at the Pacific International Livestock show at Portland this fall.

The sheriff's office at Klamath Falls has started a drive against sheep-killing dogs. Forty-five sheep were killed by dogs on a ranch near there. Several of the killer-dogs were captured.

The Owen-Oregon Lumber company of Medford started the operation of its sawmill recently under the same profit-sharing plan now in force in the company's logging camp in the Butte Falls district.

David Zable, young Nyssa rancher, suffered loss of his right eye when struck by the tines of a Jackson fork at Lem Wilson's hay ranch recently. He suffered deep cuts and is in a serious condition.

The Lost lake road has been opened to the public by forest service officials. The road is in fair condition, but motorists are warned to look out for soft spots, to avoid cutting up the road as much as possible.

For the first time in the past two years the local chapter of the Red Cross at The Dalles is canning pears for distribution to needy families. This is part of the program for the care of the needy this winter.

Mike Weavestead, who has been known in La Grande for the past 40 years as Mike Nelson, was instantly killed near the picturesque mining town of Carson where he was looking after mining interests.

More than \$18,000 has been expended by Wasco county in the last eight months for the care of needy families. The largest single month's expense was in November, when \$1638 was spent for food and fuel.