

The SANDMAN STORY

ABOUT MR. YAK

"YES, I've been asked to tell my story," said Mr. Yak, "and I am indeed glad to oblige."

"I like to think that people are interested in knowing about me, and I always like it when children come to the zoo and when they ask what I am."

"It is nice to have people interested in me."

"Of course it is nice to have people interested in me or three, but when I said that it was nice to have people interested in me I meant it the way I've heard creatures talk—I meant that it was nice to have people interested in me. I said 'one' because that sounds better and more superior."

"Well, we come from Tibet and Central Asia, and we are hitched to wagons in the home country and carry people about in these wagons or carts."

"We also carry bundles and we pull plows. We do a lot of work at home."

"Yaks give milk and from our hair splendid ropes can be made, and be-

immensely. He didn't complain and long for other weather."

"King Cobra is changing his skin for a new one, but he is so cross. Last year when he did this they had a horrible time with him."

"The old skin didn't come off across his eyes and the keepers tried to help him with it, but gracious, he'd try to attack them, and they had to keep on their guard."

"As it was they ran great risks in what they did. But they were brave and splendid about it."

"King Cobra didn't really deserve such attention, for they were trying to help him and he was ready to kill them!"

"That wasn't very decent of him, was it?"

"Well, they forgave him and put bushes with twigs and underbrush in his cage so that he could rub against these and help pull off his skin, but he wasn't grateful in the least."

"He is certainly a bad creature."

"But here I am, a good creature, and many of us have given rope, and food and lace and cloth and fly swatters, and no end of gifts to people, as I've said."

"I am grateful for my happy home in the zoo."

"Well," said Billie Brownie, who had been listening to Mr. Yak's story, as you may imagine, "I do like you, Mr. Yak. I like your name. I like everything about you. Is there anything else you can tell me?"

"I believe I forgot to tell you the most important thing of all," said Mr. Yak.

"I belong to the oxen family. And of course, perhaps I should not be boastful about not being a weather grumbler on the cold days when others are complaining, for when Yaks are free and wild they live near places where there is always snow."

"Well," said Billie Brownie, "I like the winter, too, and now that we're speaking of it I will sing you my winter song which I made up on my way here this afternoon. I do hope you will like it, and if you do it will be a great honor if you will allow me to dedicate it to you."

"That means, Mr. Yak, that I would like to put on the top of the song that it is TO MY GOOD FRIEND MR. YAK."

"Oh, indeed, such a compliment," said Mr. Yak.

"Wait until you see if you like the song," said Billie Brownie, and then he sang this song:



"We Come From Tibet and Central Asia."

cause they saw us hitting flies so successfully with our tails many of our tails have been made into fly swatters. "If we meet an enemy we fall on him to show him that we think he ought to go down before us."

"But for the most part we're very good natured. Weather doesn't bother us. In fact we like the cold, cold weather which some of the animals don't like at all. And we're happy in the zoo."

"We believe that lace and all sorts of wonderful things have been made from our hair, and you will admit that it is handsome hair."

"It has been said somewhere that women had beautiful hair, but goodness me, Yaks have beautiful hair, too. Women shouldn't keep all the glory to themselves."

"Now Methusalem, the Giant Tortoise, shows a good disposition. He enjoyed the last snowstorm we had

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

THE "DRESSER"

IN POPULAR usage the word "dresser" designates a piece of furniture which belongs in a bedroom—a chest of drawers usually, with a mirror, the place where mildy makes her toilette. And many people who have never given the word a second thought will be surprised to learn that this is merely an American colloquialism without foundation in fact or etymology.

"Dresser" comes from the French "dessoir" and its original and legitimate significance is an adjunct of the ditcher. For the original dresser was a sideboard on which meat was dressed before being served in the dining chamber. And the word is so used in England today. How the corruption to its use in this country came about is not known, unless it may be explained by the fact that the early colonists, living sometimes in one room, and being dependent frequently on one article of furniture for various purposes, built drawers in which to keep their clothes under the bench on which their food was dressed, and so gave the serr dresser a new significance which has survived to the exclusion of its original meaning.



"If you know what I mean," says Soliloquizing Lil, "the little bit of bad in the best of us makes the worst of us when it gets the best of us."

GASSED



Jackson—"I hear the goof who has

been going with that talkative Miss Gabb is quite sick." Williams—"Yes; the doctor says he's showing the effects of having been gassed."

Pop Was Up in the Air

It was past midnight and ominous tramp of heavy feet was heard on the stairs.

"What is that?" she cried, clinging to her airman lover.

"Sounds like your father coming down out of control," he replied in the jargon of his profession.

Eather Ralston



Charming Eather Ralston, featured "movie" actress, the "Mrs. Darling" of "Peter Pan" was practically brought up in the theater. Her parents were principals of "The Ralston Family, Metropolitan Entertainers." Eather at the age of two already had made her debut as part of the act of her parents. She has been seen to good advantage in many important productions.

Uncommon Sense

By John Blake

SAVING POWER OF TALK

IF THE outbreak of crime which followed the war had been regarded as perfectly natural, and excited no comment, civilization itself might soon have disappeared.

But people will talk.

And their talk, even if it is gossip, or has to do only with scandal, is an effective force in the world.

The discussion of modern plays—which may be pernicious and may not be—will bring people to consider them carefully, and in that way settle the problem by and by in the way it ought to be settled.

The fact that every so-called "crime wave" is widely discussed puts an end to it after a while.

Through the newspapers the officials and lawmakers heed the voice of the people.

In the people they recognize their masters, and by and by they are stirred to activity, and the bandit finds his trade no longer safe.

One of the best things about modern life is constant discussion of all important happenings—and for that the world has to thank the newspapers which keep them informed about these happenings.

Any wrong that can be kept secret is dangerous.

Any evil, discussion about which is tabooed, will spread.

But let everybody have his way, let families talk around the fireside and men across their desks, and women at afternoon teas, and by and by the evil will be removed.

Often public discussion of every-day events sounds like idle chatter, but out of that idle chatter comes thought, and thought brings results after a while.

Public talk and exchange of ideas have righted many a great wrong; brought about many a revolution against tyrannical rule, and improved the conditions of life since the beginning of the world.

Sometimes the talk is led by a speech or a book by a great reformer, but more often the reformer gets his idea from the talk he hears, and merely gives it point and effectiveness by his superior use of words.

It was a wise statesman who discovered that the suppression of the right of free speech was dangerous.

The British government has acted with great intelligence in permitting people to talk as freely as they like, and in so doing, thereby letting off steam which if confined might have resulted in an explosion.

It is common enough to sneer at talk and talkers, and to believe that nothing was ever settled right by endless palaver.

Yet talk has been the stabilizing and sane force in human history always, and the more liberally it is employed the sooner will we discover the way in which we must go to be saved.

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Hard Luck
Squire—Did you suffer badly from the floods, Mr. Giles?
Mr. Giles—I should think I did. Why, I was stuck up in the house with the misus for nearly a week.—Passing Show (London).

Sliced With a Spoon
Rufus—Does y'all like greens?
Rastus—We shuh does! Mah wife's out now seein' kin she fin' some of the gulf kind Ah heard mah boss talkin' about.

Famous Grammarian
Priscian was the most noted of Latin grammarians. He belonged to the early part of the Sixth century teaching Latin at Constantinople probably at the imperial court, since he received a government salary.

Resolution
In truth, there is no such thing in man's nature as a settled and full resolve either for good or evil, except at the very moment of execution.—Hawthorne.

When You Stop To Look Back
STOP TO LOOK BACK SETS YOU OFF ON THE ROAD

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An Evening With the Spirits

By RING LARDNER

To the Editor:

The other P. M. they was a bunch of us up in Yonkers talking about what terrible spirits you get around N. Y. now days and I of the birds in the party name Herb says he knew where they was some beautiful spirits and we said lead us to it and he took us down to 58 st. and 5 ave. and they was a doctor's name on the door and I said to myself this guy will probably give us a prescription that will knock us for a goal. But the doc took us in a inside room and introduced us to a lady whom they all call Medie, which I learn was short for Medium so you see the kind of spirits we got and the kind we thought we was going to get was 2 different kinds of spirits. Medie was a Medium rare blonde lady that could lose 30 or 40 pounds and still talk back to Gene Tunney.

Well, pretty soon Medie and the doc and our party went into still another room yet where they was about 20 other guests mostly female that looked like the end of a perfect wash day. A alma mater of Oberlin college ast me to look at a kind of a close line that was stretched across the room and on it was a bunch of toys such as dolls and coolies and etc. with Medie had told her was for the baby spirits to play with when they got cross.

We was all put around in a circle like Yale learning their signals in the 4th quarter. I set next to Jack and his Mrs. from Yonkers and the rest of we skepticals was scattered around amidst the believers.

"Is there somebody here name R?" says Medie so I says yes it was me. "This is Edward" says the spirit and Medie ast me if I had a brother Edward and I says yes. So Medie says—"This is your brother Edward that was killed in an accident a long while ago wasn't he?" So I says yes 3 yrs. ago. Then Edward said Hello there and I said hello Edward how are you and he said hello there and I couldn't refute it so he left the field with the last word and give his megaphone to a Irish comedian.

"Oh, here's Pat O'Brien" says the doc. "He is a funny Irishman that is with us every night, get his brogue."

So then Pat told a Irish story that died even longer ago than Edward, but you don't feel like razing the spirit so everybody laughed the right amount.

Before the darkness had fell I had noticed a bird setting over to the left of me that was a countryman of Nora Holmer and now all of a sudden a spirit spoke to him in Norsk and he answered back in the same strain and I never understood Norway before but as soon as these birds begin to talk I knew they was saying hello Knut hello there and etc. Pretty soon Medie turned to the live cat Jumper and told him his mother was going to die. "She was all right the last time I seen her" says Ellert. "Well she is going to die" says Medie and personally I think she was right as Ellert was around 45 yrs. old and when a man gets that age their mother is seldom never trying out for the Vassar basket ball team.

"Here's a beautiful spirit, who does he want" says Medie next. "He says dear boy."

"Lots of people call me that" says Herb the guy that had brought us there at \$2.00 a crack.

"Yes it is your father and he says he was on the river once in a boat when he was a little boy and he says something about a dog. Did a dog ever swim out and save your father from drowning?"

"Well no" says Herb after a terrible pause. "But a dog barked and roused up the neighbors and they come to the rescue."

"There that's evidential" says the doc and several female voices says wonderful.

"Shish" says Medie "Is there some one here that lost their wife?"

"I did" says Jack from Yonkers. "Hello sweetheart" says the spirit.

"Hello Kate" says Jack. "Hello sweetheart" says the spirit.

"She must've forgot my name" says Jack in my ear.

"She is a beautiful spirit" says Medie.

A long about this time I got restless for a smoke and begin rattling a cigarette paper and a new spirit whanged me on the knee cap with a megaphone and says what have you got there.

"That's Bright Eyes talking" says Medie. "She wants to know what you have got."

"Tell her I got a sore knee" I says. "Be serious" says Bright Eyes.

Well they was a lot more of them that give us all the latest news from Over There like hello dear and hello there and hello mamma and fine! Medie came to and turned up the lights and we all shoved off to 58 st.

"Well" says Herb. "Did you have a brother that got killed 3 yrs. ago?"

"No" I says "But I know a man that has a brother Edward that ought to be killed 3 yrs. ago but what about that dog story?"

"Well" he says "Part of it is true. We use to have a dog once and he use to bark."

Then Mrs. Jack from Yonkers bailed Jack out and we all thanked Herb for taking us to where they was nothing but beautiful spirits and he says if you want the bad kind you can go to a Medie evil.

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Republican National Convention in Session



This picture gives a general view of the Republican national convention in Kansas City. The photograph was taken shortly after the convention was called to order on the opening day of the session. It gives a general idea of the seating arrangement of the delegates and shows the lavish display of flags and bunting that decorated the interior.

These School Children Are "Telling the World"



Twelve hundred and fifty pupils of the John Adams Junior High School in Los Angeles, Calif., forming the world's longest "human message." They are making it plain that they are in favor of a proposed \$25,000,000 school bond issue.

Burning Million Dollars in Drugs



Scene in the cellar of police headquarters in New York when officials burned up morphine, heroin and other seized drugs valued at about a million dollars.

MADE OPENING PRAYER



Bishop S. C. Partridge of the diocese of West Missouri, who opened the Republican national convention with prayer.

BEST AT ANNAPOLIS



Midshipman Charles R. Watts of Zanesville, Ohio, who graduated with first honors from the United States Naval academy this year.

INTERESTING FACTS

Enriched by sale of timber it owned, Urbes, France, has built a public gymnasium, theater and bath.

An ex-officer of the United States navy will have control of military and naval aeronautics in Peru.

The charleston, still popular in France, is blamed there for an unusual number of sprained knees.

Colleges and universities in the United States represent an investment of more than \$2,000,000,000.

American Y. M. C. A. schools in France have as pupils 1,300 Russians, who fled from the Soviet regime.

The number of persons injured by automobiles in New York state last year was 85,862, an increase of 18,041.

Indians of Central America used rubber for making little images and burned it as incense in their temples.

Rome celebrated its two thousand six hundred eighty-second birthday by starting excavations at the site of the ancient Circus Maximus.

Big Turtle Caught at Daytona Beach



This huge sea turtle, believed to be about 200 years old, was caught the other day at Daytona Beach, Fla., by W. E. Blodgett. It weighs almost 900 pounds, is four feet wide and six and one-half feet long.

Carried Snake in Fur

The mystery of a "live" fur that has been carried by a London society woman has been solved. The fur, which was new and of foreign manufacture, seemed bewitched. When ever the owner laid it down it would change its position with almost imperceptible slowness. Finally she took it to the furriers, who after some observation, were equally as puzzled. So they opened it and found—a small snake.

Birds Adopted by States

The National Association of Audubon societies says the following states have adopted birds: Kansas, Western meadowlark; Florida, mockingbird; Kentucky, cardinal; Maine, chickadee; District of Columbia, woodthrush; Louisiana, brown pelican; Alabama, flicker; Missouri, bluebird; Virginia, robin; Maryland, Baltimore oriole; Oregon, Western meadowlark; Wisconsin, robin; Texas, mockingbird, and Nebraska, Western meadowlark.

First Through Canal

On August 15, 1914, the Panama canal was opened to the world. The first passage after the declared opening was made by the steamship Ancon of the Panama railroad service. The time of the passage was nine hours.

Other Man's Shoes

Among ancient Norsemen, when a man adopted a son, the person adopted put on the shoes of the adopter. The phrase, "To stand in another man's shoes," means "to occupy the place or lay claim to the honors of another."—Literary Digest.

From Sheep, Not Cat

Catgut, contrary to its name, does not come from cats but is prepared from the intestines of sheep, according to an answered question in Liberty.

Only Live Volcano

Lassen peak, California, which was in eruption in 1914, is the only volcano in the United States proper that can be considered active.