

The SANDMAN STORY

PETER GNOME AT PARTIES

THE people in Fairyland were always very much interested in hearing what the children were doing, and their games and their frolics and Peter GNOME often used to go to children's parties and watch them at play.

It really wasn't rude of him for he put on his invisible robe so no one could see him and he wasn't in the way at all.

He had a beautiful time early one morning watching two children playing the telephone game.

They each had a little toy telephone and they played that they were tele-

phoning people just as they had heard their mothers talk.

"Hello," said one, "please give me 145 Party J." And the other answered:

"Yes, this is 145 Party J. Did you wish to speak to me?"

"Oh, yes, my dear, how are you this morning? Well, I had the loveliest time yesterday afternoon. I called you up to tell you all about it."

Next he saw two children sitting in a big box and the big box was in a still bigger puddle and they were playing that they were on a boat.

Another little girl was playing "house" with her friend and she was saying:

"Dear Mr. Iceman, why didn't you leave ice for me today? Do you know now where I can get any?"

And the other girl who was supposed to be the iceman answered in a gruff voice:

"Go to the North pole and you'll find some, lady."

Some other children were starting out with their dolls for a trip and



Had Watched Scampering Wild Rabbits and Flocks of Wild Beasts.

They were saying to their little dolls: "We have to pay to ride on the cars, but you are young enough to travel free."

Then Peter went to a zoo where most of the people about spoke another language, for he went a long, long way this time. But the animals still grunted and squealed and chattered in their own way to Peter's great relief.

Coming back he sailed on an old schooner and had a most adventure-some time.

He sang to himself at times and this was one of the songs he sang:

The ocean and the sky
And our boat plowing steadily on
While trees and land and streets
Are quite completely gone.

It was quite true, too, that they had left trees and streets in the far distance now for quite a while.

He listened to the sea gulls saying the same things over and over and he thought how much they were like some people who said the same things over and over.

But they were so graceful and so beautiful and they always made the scenery more interesting. Then he liked to hear their funny laughing voices and he thought their good appetites showed how healthy they were.

He certainly would tell them in Fairyland, how he could see, when he looked from the top of the mast, only where the sky and sea met all around. There was a blue ridge in the distance and beyond he couldn't see.

He thought of all the curious things he had seen on this trip—the donkey and dog wagons and how much they had to work. But then, too, he had been in one little place and every day the dogs had all met together on the beach and had gone in swimming and had played and had a beautiful time.

It had seemed just as if they had named an hour to meet on the beach.

He had seen woolly white sheep lying on stones, on rocky hills, and he had watched scampering wild rabbits and great flocks of wild birds.

He had made friends with a dear little dog as they had warmed themselves before a fire when every one was out and the little dog had felt so blissful lying on his back by the warm fire and having Peter GNOME rub his chest.

Oh, Peter had made many a visit and had seen many a quaint and interesting sight at home and far away, but the best thing of all was always, he thought, to go back home again!

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"DEVIL-MAY-CARE"

"OH, THE devil may care!" This is a phrase which we sometimes hear used as an expression of indifference, or applied to a person who takes things not very seriously or intensely, who does not worry and cannot be ruffled, who is irresponsible and "easy going."

It was as descriptive of a certain person that the expression had its origin. Its contribution to modern speech is part of the great legacy left to posterity by Charles Dickens. In his well-known "Pickwick Papers" he finds the quotation in which the term was first used, as follows:

"He was a mighty free and easy, roving devil-may-care sort of person, was my uncle."

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GABBY GERTIE



"The synthetic thrill in kissing is dangerous—to your bridge-work, unless your car boasts shock absorbers."

Signs on Roofs

Billboards are so strictly regulated in France that signs are painted on roofs and walls of farm buildings.

Popular With Biographers

There are said to have been published over 1,500 books on Lincoln. Lincoln, Christ and Napoleon have been the subject of probably the greatest number of books written in the field of biography.

Women Architects Rare

Women architects are rare because schools don't favor their admission. It is said that increasing numbers of women are employed in the drafting rooms of large architectural firms.

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

VERVAIN

ABOUT all that seems to have survived in this country of the once high esteem in which vervain was held in magic and folk-medicine is its reputation as a cure for fever and ague—a reputation which the doctors say is entirely undeserved. But let science say what it may, superstition still calls vervain "favor-wood" and this is little enough as salvage from its once great estate of magical properties.

In former times the vervain was highly esteemed as a love philter and is so today in some sections of Europe. At a German wedding a wreath of vervain is presented to the bride and is supposed to aid her in holding the affections for her husband. In England the herb is thought to be efficacious in staunching a wound, and in France, if gathered in the waning of the moon it is as much regarded for its curative properties as it is in the "fever and ague" districts of the United States. But the French employ an incantation while gathering it which is not done in America. That is the reason, perhaps, why in France it cures not only fever but various other sicknesses.

In the days when witches were more common than they are now vervain was one of the herbs which they gathered to work their magic with; but also it was regarded as a charm against witchcraft—as it is today in some sections of Europe, including rural England. All the superstitions regarding vervain are an inheritance from the days of the Druids with whom it was a sacred plant, and if it has lost a portion of its magical reputation today it is probably due to the fact that we have forgotten how to gather it properly. The Druids gathered it only "when the dog-star arose from unsmoked places."

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Habits of Wild Horses

Horses are gregarious, that is, their tendency is to herd, and as a rule they graze with the wind, presumably from the same instinct that impels them to face away from a storm. Some believe that in their wild state they depend on wind-carried scent to warn them of danger from the rear and trust their eyes for news of danger coming against the wind.

Goats Carry Fever

Malta fever, or, more technically, undulant fever, epidemic along the Mediterranean coasts, particularly on the island of Malta, is carried by goats. It is common in the United States, principally in Texas, where goats are raised. Recently Dr. Edward Francis contracted the disease. He also was a victim of "rabbit fever" (tularemia), named after Tulare county, California, where, in 1910, it

Myrna Loy



Myrna Loy, one of the most colorful and exotic girls on the screen, is a native of Helena, Mont. She was educated in a school for girls at Los Angeles, and studied dancing with Ruth St. Denis, and later participated in theatricals, which resulted in her being induced to enter motion pictures. Her latest appearance has been in "The Desert Song."

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

CAN ANIMALS THINK?

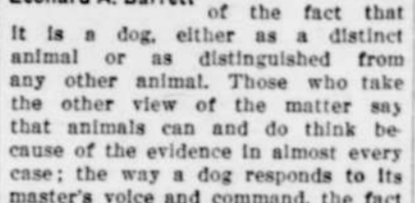
Can animals think? Many arguments, pro and con, have been advanced in answer to this question. Those who believe that animals cannot think argue that in order to think it is necessary to be conscious of one's personality; and quote in support of their position the statement of the famous philosopher whose words have become a classic, "I think, therefore I am."

For instance, a dog is not conscious of the fact that it is a dog, either as a distinct animal or as distinguished from any other animal. Those who take the other view of the matter say that animals can and do think because of the evidence in almost every case; the way a dog responds to its master's voice and command, the fact that a dog knows its master as distinguished from other persons with whom it may come in contact. While the question is being debated, the fact remains that instinct is so much like reason, it is very difficult at times to detect the difference between them.

Whether an animal responds to either instinct or reason, every person who has had a pet knows that no one could wish for a more hearty appreciation from any animal than that which is expressed, as a response to acts of kindness and consideration, by a favorite dog. A dog's sense of protection is very highly developed. It will brave any danger in order to protect its master. The Eskimo dogs have become famous for their endurance and bravery in rescue work in the frozen country of North America. The domestic value of Newfoundland dogs is very great. But, the dog which appeals to us more strongly than all is the one which has become the household pet. When that dog dies something seems to have happened which we can neither define nor explain. When we endeavor to discover just what it is we are missing, we realize it is the element of faithfulness and loyalty, dumb though it was, it was very real.

An organization for the protection of animals exists in almost every city and country. The chief responsibility of these organizations, which are supported by contributions from an interested public, is two fold; first, to inculcate a desire for the protection of animals; second, to arrest any person who overburdens, abuses or in any way acts cruelly toward them. Such organizations deserve hearty commendation for their work. Animals may be dumb, but their response to our interest in them more than pays for the effort.

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Leonard A. Barrett

But those who were inside the diligence had no superstitious terrors to contend with. The artists were huddled up together in the far corner of the vehicle, and the men had spread themselves out, three a side, as comfortably as they could. A couple of bottles of excellent wine had been well come supplement to their rations and put additional heart into them. One of them had produced a pack of greasy, well-worn cards from his pocket with which to while away the time.

A quarter of an hour later the captain in command called a halt; the jolting vehicle came to a standstill with a jerk, and there was much scrambling and creaking and jingling while the driver got down from his seat to see what was amiss. Nothing much, apparently, for a minute or two later the diligence was once more on its way. But only for a brief period. Soon there was an appreciable slackening of speed, then a halt. More shouting and swearing, creaking and scrambling. The men inside marveled what was amiss. It was as much as their life was worth to put their heads out of the window or even to draw one of the tattered blinds to one side in order to peep. But they quickly put cards and wine away; it was better to be prepared for the word of command which might come now at any moment.

They strained their ears to listen and, one by one, a word or two, a movement, a sound, told them what was happening. Their comrades outside were ordered to dismount, to take it easy, to sit down by the roadside and rest. It seems one of the draft horses had gone lame. The men who were inside sighed with a longing for rest, too, a desire to stretch their cramped limbs, but they did not murmur. They were waiting for the word of command that would release them from their inactivity. Until then there was nothing to do but wait. No doubt this halt by the roadside was just a part of the great scheme for luring the English adventurers to the attack. Grimly and in silence the six picked men inside the coach drew their pistols from their wallets, saw that they were primed and in order.



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was first identified. Doctor Francis isolated the germ of the latter, and the ailment is known among the medical profession as Francis disease.

Stepping Heavenward or (?)

Accredited scientific observers are telling us with increasing plainness that under the new ideas of today which have translated liberty into license, multitudes of girls, to say nothing of young men, are being swept away into open and notorious immortality.—New York Journal.

An Adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel

BY THE BARONESS ORCZY

CHAPTER V

It was not everybody at Molsson who sympathized with the Deseeze family when they were arrested. There were all the evious, the dissatisfied, the ambitious, as well as the rag-tag and bobtail of the district, who had linked their fortunes with the revolutionary government and who looked for their own advancement by loudly proclaiming their loyalty to its decrees. For such as these the Deseeze family, with their well-known integrity, their wealth, and unostentatious piety, were just a set of aristos that the principles of the glorious revolution condemned as traitors to the state and to the people.

And on market day Molsson was always full of people; they were noisy and they were aggressive, and while the sympathizers with the Deseeze family, after they had waved a last farewell toward the fast-disappearing diligence, went quietly about their business or returned silently to their homes, the others thought this a good opportunity for airing some of those sentiments which would be reported in influential quarters if any government spy happened to be within earshot.

In spite of the persistent bad weather men congregated in and about the market place during the intervals of business and lustily discussed the chief

CHAPTER IV—Continued

The men now were keenly on the alert, their eyes searching the dim light that glimmered through the forest trees, their ears attuned to the slightest sound that rose above the patter of their horses' hoofs or the grinding of the coach wheels over the muddy road. The forest between Mezeres and Epone is four kilometers long; the road which intersects it plunges down into the valley and then rises up again with one or two sharp bends to the crest of the hill, after which, within the space of a hundred yards, the forest trees quickly become sparse and the open country lies spread out like a map with, on the right, the ribbon of the Seine winding its way along to St. Germain and Paris.

It was in the forest that the enemy would lurk. Out in the open he would find no cover, and could be sighted a couple of kilometers all around and round, if he attempted one of his audacious tricks. The light, which became more and more stiffl as the sun sank lower in the west, made observation difficult; the thicket to right and left of the road looked like a dark, impenetrable wall, from behind which, maybe, dozens of pairs of eyes were peering, ready to attack. The men who were riding by the side of the coach felt queer sensations at the roots of their hair; their hands, moist and hot, clung convulsively to the reins, and the glances which they cast about them became furtive and laden with fear.



There Was Much Talk of Citizen Lauzet.

event of the day. There was much talk of Citizen Lauzet, whom every one had known as a young out-at-elbows ragamuffin in the employ of Hector Deseeze, and who now had power of life and death over the very man who had been his master.

He it noted that Lauzet appeared to have few friends amongst the crowd of drovers and shepherds and the farmers who came in with their produce from their outlying homesteads. With advancement in life had come arrogance in the man and a perpetual desire to assert his authority over those with whom he had fraternized in the past. Those, however, who had their homes in the immediate neighborhood of Mantes dared not say much, for Lauzet was feared almost as much as he was detested; but the strangers who had come into Molsson with their cattle and their produce were free enough with their tongues. Rumor had gone far afield about this arrest of the Deseeze family, and many there were who asserted that mysterious undercurrents were at work in this affair, undercurrents that would draw Citizen Lauzet up on the crest of a tidal wave to the giddy heights of incredible fortune.

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Pavement of Coffin Lids

Attention has been recently called to the strange fancy of a rich Berlin tradesman who had the walks of the garden that was attached to his country villa laid down with a number of coffin lids, which he had had at considerable time and expense to collect. They were of all ages and conditions, from the wooden covering for the peasant to the most elaborate metal-work designed for noble or prince. On his death his son replaced them with ordinary gravel and subsequently presented the most valuable to a local museum.

Useful Little Animal Victim of Ignorance

The shrew is a tiny animal which is to be found in many parts of the world, but not in any great numbers anywhere for the reason that it is, like the snake, greatly misjudged and is killed on sight by persons who are familiar with the superstitions surrounding it. This diminutive animal devours insects of all kinds and in this respect it is of great benefit to farmers in particular and mankind in general. In a book published in 1923 it is mentioned that the common shrew "is a ravenous beast... It bereaveth a cruel mind, desiring to hurt everything; there is no creature that it loveth. They are fraudulent and take their prey by deceit and a lot more."

It was believed that the shrew poisoned cattle. In some English country districts it is still thought that if one passes over the foot of a man or touches a foot of a beast lameness is brought on.

Jury of Grecian Origin? Trial by jury is generally conceded to have originated with the Greeks. In Athens a certain number of free men, selected by lot, heard and decided under the direction of a judge every case to be tried at law, a different group of men hearing each case. A similar system was adopted in Rome. The Normans made use of a primitive form of jury when they conquered England in 1066, calling them "tithings."

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Study of Volcanology

Life Work of Doctor

Volcanology is a "new science"—no longer a part of geology, says the man who is regarded as the greatest living authority on the volcano of Kilauea, island of Hawaii, and possibly the greatest in the world. Dr. Thomas A. Jaggar, head of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, says that volcanology is the forerunner of other sciences based on humaneness and conservation. He himself has devoted nearly 20 years to the study of the volcano of Kilauea and other craters in the islands, and has virtually given up his life to this interest. He suggests, as a possible new science, on the line indicated, "Tavology"—the study of river flows, instancing the Mississippi river disasters and the need for studying their causes and obviating future catastrophes. Doctor Jaggar recently announced that Dr. Howard Powers, of Harvard, and Prof. Chester Wentworth, of St. Louis university, will go to Hawaii to study island volcanoes. Doctor Powers will make a close study of lava flows. Professor Wentworth is going particularly to investigate the origin of the yellow ash, which is prevalent in one of the districts of the island of Hawaii below the giant volcanic mountains.

K-R-O KILLS RATS ONLY

Water as fuel

That water may replace coal as fuel was the prospect offered by a Brazilian delegate at the world fuel conference in London. He stated that, as the result of thirteen years of study, he had discovered a method of using water as fuel.

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Can Say Anything

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

"I'll say you are."

"Yes, but am I?"

Pessimistic Papa

"Daddy," said the little boy at the seaside, "do donkeys have wives?"

"Yes, my boy," replied father, "and only donkeys."

News to Him

"What did you think of Mary's get-up at the dance?"

"I didn't know she fell down."

Must Go Together

Capacity without education is deplorable, and education without capacity is thrown away.—Said.

A good deal of preaching at people is due to inability to think about their case.

—Ancient civilizations had neither potatoes nor sugar and they didn't get very far.

A man may be as much a fool from the want of sensibility as the want of sense.—Mrs. Jackson.

We enjoy ourselves only in our work, our doing; and our best doing is our best enjoyment.—Jacobi.

To be poor is no disgrace—provided no one knows it.

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