

Short Stories

"WHY?"

Johnny Cricket wasn't a bad little cricket, but, dear me, he was never contented. If his mamma said not to go to a certain place, Johnny Cricket was very unhappy until he reached that very spot and saw why she did not want him to go there. Johnny Cricket was never satisfied with what he had; he always wanted more.

One day his mamma went in search of food and told Johnny Cricket not to venture on the other side of the great high hill.

"But why?" asked Johnny Cricket, who always wanted a reason for things.

"Because I think it's best," replied Mamma Cricket, and, kissing him good-bye, she hopped away.

No sooner was she out of sight than Johnny Cricket began to wonder why he ventured on the other side of the hill.

There wasn't a thing in sight, and Johnny Cricket was just about to turn back when his cousin, Billy Grasshopper, called him to come over to see him jump.

Johnny Cricket forgot all about his mamma's warning and hopped down beside Billy Grasshopper and back and forth over the meadow they hopped, chirping and laughing merrily.

"There's nothing out in this meadow to frighten us that I can see," said Johnny Cricket. "And there's nothing to see. Now, why did my mamma tell me not to come over here I'd like to know!"

"Oh, bother! mamma was always telling us not to do this and that," cried Billy Grasshopper. "Best way's not to pay any attention. There's nothing but birds flying around here

that could harm us, and we can easily see them flying above our heads in time to get out of the way."

The two naughty little meadow boys hopped upon a blade of grass and looked into the sky. There wasn't a bird in sight, and they were both singing merrily when Billy Grasshopper was jerked off the blade of grass and found himself in the sharp claws of a great big, black cat with glassy green eyes.

Johnny Cricket was so frightened he couldn't move, and that would have been the end of those two naughty fellows if a pretty little white poodle dog hadn't bounded through the grasses and taken Miss Pussy so by surprise that she dropped Billy Grasshopper and hunched up her back and spit at the pretty poodle, who nearly barked his head off trying to frighten her and chased her away.

Poor Billy Grasshopper and Johnny Cricket crawled under a leaf and hid, for they knew if they hopped away Miss Pussy again would try to catch them, so they crouched under the leaf until the poodle chased Miss Pussy out of the field.

"I guess that's why mamma said for me not to come over here," whispered Johnny Cricket, his heart beating against his little brown coat.

"Well, she's right!" exclaimed Billy Grasshopper. "As mamma generally are, and I guess the sooner we find it out the better for us."

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CAN YOU QUALIFY?

What is the firing order of cylinders?

Number of points of lubrication on your car?

Give three reasons for overheating the engine?

What is the purpose of the various speeds of a transmission?

Gasoline and oil consumption per mile?

Road speed in miles per hour at which engine will perform most efficiently and economically?

On average road, driving at a speed of 25 miles per hour, what distance is required to bring your car to a dead stop?

AUTOMOBILE GOSSIP

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The Bridegroom Comes Into His Own.

"If you read the descriptions of weddings," laments the New Republic, "in the records of social events you will notice that the bridegroom is scarcely mentioned. He is as unimportant as a woman in her own obituary notice. It is impossible to find out what he wore, how he acted, whether he looked foolish or resigned."

The Springfield Republican carries out the suggestion of the New Republic and submits a specimen of the kind of "writeup" that a bridegroom ought to receive, as follows:

"One of Springfield's prettiest nuptial events of the year took place at 6 o'clock last night at St. Mark's Church, when Mr. Alfred Jones MacDougall became the husband of Sallie Jane Barton. Mr. MacDougall was unquestionably the city's snappiest-appearing bridegroom of the present season, if not the past dozen seasons. The Rev. Jerome Joshua Jenkins, rector of St. Mark's, performed the ceremony."

"Mr. MacDougall wore a full dress suit of the very latest model, rented for the occasion from the local representatives of Curtis, Jolson and Jones. His shirt was done with a plaited effect and was of rare material, a family heirloom. His collar was of the high, choker model, not even the tips being turned. Heavy light pink woolen socks and low cut patent leather shoes completed the costume. He wore a high silk hat to and from the church. A purple carnation adorned his lapel. Although his studs did not match, one was old, another new, the third borrowed and the one under his vest was blue—apparently the one which came back from the laundry in the exquisite shirt. Mr. Williams, the best man, also acquired the suit for the event from the local Curtis, Jolson and Jones agency. It was fully as swank as that of the bridegroom himself. Mr. Williams carried a solitary American beauty rose. The gloves of both bridegroom and best man were whitened to a pearl-like shade."

"Mother thinks a lot of you, Mr. Noodle."

Archibald Noodle looked at his fiancée's little brother with a smile of gratification on his face. He felt in his pocket and fingered a coin doubtfully.

"She said you were a born politician. The coin changed hands.

"Yes," continued the youngster; "she said you'd been hanging round our Maggie for twelve months, doing a lot of talking, but you hadn't committed yourself yet."

VAGARIES OF LIFE

A man's hair turns gray five years earlier than a woman's.

Eighty-five per cent of lame persons are afflicted on the left side.

According to life insurance statistics thin people live longer than fleshy persons.

An eminent oculist maintains that in only one case in 15 are both eyes in good condition.

A man begins to lose height at the age of fifty years and at ninety has lost an inch and a half in height.

A French scientist contends that a raw food diet increases the white blood corpuscles which play an important part in combating disease germs.

Statistics show a man of fifty has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500, walked 800, amused himself 4,000, spent 1,500 in eating and been sick for 500.

When the minister adds one and one the total is one; when the divorce judge takes one from one the remainder is two.

One defeated candidate says there is no honesty in politics. Perhaps not, but the supply seems to be equal to the demand.

BOOKS AND PRINTING

Paper was first made of straw at Meadville, Pa., in 1828.

Ten thousand gross of steel pens can be made from one ton of metal.

Printing in raised characters for the blind has been in use more than 130 years.

The largest book in the world, an atlas in the British museum, weighs nearly a ton.

The first lead or graphite pencil was made in England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

The use of a blank space in separating words in writing was not begun until the Tenth century.

The wood of 500 trees must be manufactured into paper to provide material for the publication of a novel that reaches a circulation of 25,000 copies.

During the more than a century of its existence the British and Foreign Bible society has distributed more than 25,000,000 copies of the Bible in more than 400 languages and dialects.

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