

# Little Stories for Bedtime

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

**Joy Among the Old Corn Stalks.**  
The happiest place in all the world—You know it; of course you do. It's the place called home—your very own.

Now haven't I told you true?  
Of course I have. There isn't any place like it for pure joy and happiness. There may be much finer homes than your own, but right down, deep in your heart you know perfectly well that not even in the finest of them there is so much real happiness as in your own dear home—not for you anyway. Now, the home of Danny Meadow Mouse wasn't much to look at. It was just a little round house of corn stubs and grass in the middle of a pile of old corn stalks on the edge of Farmer Brown's corn field, but to Little Mite, the lost baby of Danny, whom Farmer Brown's boy had brought back again without knowing it, it was the most beautiful place in all the Great World.



As he scrambled down among the corn stalks to the little path that led to the little round doorway his father at the top of his tiny little squeaky voice, "Here I am! Here I am! I've come home! I've come home!"

Out tumbled his brother and sister, Teeny, Weeny and Midget, and crowded around him and rubbed noses with him, which is the Meadow Mouse way of kissing, and told him how glad they were to see him and how they had really been in the Great World and what it was like, all talking at once and making such a squeaking as that pile of old corn stalks never had known before.

Little Mite wondered why his father and mother didn't come out to greet him and as soon as he got a chance he asked where they were.

"They are out hunting for you," replied Teeny. "They've been out every day since you went away, and we've all been so miserable and lonesome. You won't run away again, will you, Mite?"

"Never!" declared Mite. "Never so long as I live!" And he really meant it.

"Won't this be the best surprise for father and mother that ever was?" cried Midget, dancing about excitedly. "You go inside the house, Mite, and we'll play outside. Then when they go in they'll find you there. Oh, won't it be fun?"

So when they thought it was about time for Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse to return Mite went inside. He wondered what they would say to him and what they would do to punish him, for he knew that he deserved to be punished. You see, if he hadn't disobeyed in the first place he wouldn't have been lost. But he was so glad to be home again that he didn't mind the thought of punishment. Nothing could be worse than what he had been through.

Danny and Nanny were late in get-

ted: "By the way when you're farther cums hoam, Holliver, you tell him if he wants any of his pigs & chickens they are in the pound & he can have them out by paying for their keep a day."

"Bol sed 'They aint ours, I betcher," but Constubul Balch took him over to the pound, & share they was 't pigs & hoke lot of chickins, & Bol sed "By gosh, I betcher they cum out three that hoal I maad under the fence for myself to get out of."

"Of course, Constubul Balch would ent let Bol have the pigs & chickens, he getting 5 sents apiece for anything he gets in the pound, & when Bol's father cum hoam Bol had to tell him about what had happen and Now Bol says he wd be wout get out of the yard aen till the end of vacation. If he doant he is going to becum a hermit & never speak to another living sole as long as he live out of revenge. Andy Anderson says they arent any fun in that, he having tride it on his family all 1 day, not even asting for a seeking and one of the finest of the Pacific coast. It will, of course, be devoted to vaudeville.

**Good for Wait.**  
Wait Wite, who has been practicing making frenes with Old Griggys's new dog, the one he got to bite the fellers if they went after his ery froot, reported this morning he had something to show us, Old Griggys being the cause of it. They noticed right away that Teeny, Weeny and Midget seemed very much excited. Danny stopped to ask the reason, but Nanny hurried into the house. Such a squeal as there was then! Danny rushed in to see what had happened and then—well, I don't believe that there ever was such a time before in a Meadow Mouse home. Nanny was crying and laughing at the same time, Mite was crying a little, and even Danny had to blow his nose very hard and wipe his eyes.

So while Wait plaid with Dragun the rest of us got up in the trees & enjoyed Griggys's froot which we may report is javeen better than usual this yere. They was quite a number of stummick akes this afternoon, but what's a littel thing like that? Griggys will be surprised when he comes hoam this evening. Maybe he will blame it on the dog.

### THEATRICAL NEWS

**Grand Opera Vaudeville Act Brings Forth Repeated Encores.**

Program Good Throughout.

Seldom is a vaudeville act, much less a grand opera vaudeville act, granted such an ovation as yesterday's matinee audience at Pantages accorded the Imperial Grand Opera company. Not content with three regular numbers, an encore and several curtain calls the audience continued its applause long after the motion picture began and even after the picture music started. The regular numbers included "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore" and "Cavaleria," with the sextette from Lucia for an encore.

### FRATERNAL NOTES

**George Wright Relief Corps Holds Birthday Party Tonight.**

Pleasant Time Expected.

This evening George Wright Relief Corps will give a birthday party to all its members and members of the post born in July. The gathering will be at the hall in the courthouse and will be followed by cards and refreshments.

### GRAND OFFICERS HONORED.

On July 23 an open meeting was held in Bandon by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to receive William Galloway of Salem, grand master, and Mrs. Kate Lando of Marshfield, grand president of the Rebekahs. Speeches by the guests, a literary program and a supper completed the evening. Over 100 people were present.

### Make Weak Eyes Strong; Keep Strong Eyes Well

Those who use Dr. Thompson's Eye Water in the care of their eyes never stop singing its praise. It cleanses them of every foreign particle; it strengthens the tissues; removes the cause of inflammation. Keep your eyes healthy and they will help keep you. Should be used as regularly as a tooth brush. One 25c bottle will convince you. At your druggist, or sent postpaid by John L. Thompson, Sons & Co., 153 River St., Troy, N. Y. Booklet free.

### Comedy Is Delightful.

A really delightful comedy is "The Man on the Box," by Harold Mac Grath, with Max Figman in his original role of Lieutenant Warburton, at the Peoples for the entire week. The production is by Jesse L. Lasky, and although the lighting at times is not up to the Lasky standard the remainder of the picture is most excellent.

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