

Little Stories for Bedtime

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

Jimmy Skunk Takes Word to Mrs. Peter.

When old Granny Fox found Frickly Porky with his thousand it appears all pointing at her standing between her and Peter Rabbit she was the angriest old fox ever seen. She didn't dare touch Frickly Porky, for she knew well enough what it would mean to get one of those sharp, barbed little spears in her skin. To think that she actually had caught Peter Rabbit and then lost him was too provoking. It was more than her temper, never of the best, could stand. In her anger she dug up the leaves and earth with her hind feet, and all the time her tongue fairly flew as she called Frickly Porky, Jimmy Skunk and Unc' Billy Possum everything bad she could think of. Her yellow eyes snapped so that it seemed almost as if sparks of fire flew from them. It made Peter shiver just to look at her.

Unc' Billy Possum, who by slipping up behind her and biting one of her heels had made her let go of Peter, grinned down at her from a safe place in a tree. Jimmy Skunk stood grinning at her in the most provoking manner, and she could do a thing about it because she had no desire to have Jimmy use his little bag of perfume. So she just talked herself out, and then, with many parting threats of what she would do, she started for home. Unc' Billy noticed that she limped a little with the foot he had nipped so hard. He couldn't help feeling just a little bit sorry for her.

When she had gone the others turned to Peter Rabbit to see how badly he had been hurt. They looked him all over and found that he wasn't much the worse for his rough experience. He was rather stiff and lame, and the back of his neck was very sore, but he would be quite himself in a day or two. "I must get home now," said he in a rather faint voice. "Mrs. Peter will be sure that something has happened to me and will be worried almost to death."

"No, you don't!" declared Jimmy Skunk. "You are going to stay right here where we can take care of you. It wouldn't be any fun for you to try to go to the Old Briar Patch now, because if you should meet Old Man Coyote or Reddy Fox or Whittell the Marsh-hawk, you would not be able to run fast enough to get away. I will go down and tell Mrs. Peter, and you will make yourself comfortable in the old house behind that stump where I was hiding."

Peter tried to insist on going home, but the others would not let him.

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but the others wouldn't hear of it, and Jimmy Skunk settled the matter by starting for the dear Old Briar Patch. He found little Mrs. Peter anxiously looking toward the Green Forest for some sign of Peter.

"Oh!" she cried. "You have come to bring me bad news. Do tell me quickly what has happened to Peter!" "Nothing much has happened to Peter," replied Jimmy promptly. "Then in the droll way he told all about the fright of Granny Fox when she first saw the terrible creature rolling down the hill and all that happened after, but he took great care to make light of Peter's escape, and explained that he was just going to rest up there on Frickly Porky's hill for the day and would be home the next night. But little Mrs. Peter wasn't wholly satisfied."

"I've begged him and begged him to keep away from the Green Forest," said she, "but now if he is hurt so that he can't come home he needs me, and I'm going straight up there myself!" "Nothing that Jimmy could say had the least effect, and so at last he agreed to take her to Peter. And so, hopping behind Jimmy Skunk, timid little Mrs. Peter actually went into the Green Forest, of which she was so much afraid, which shows how brave love can be sometimes."

Next story: "A Plot to Frighten Old Man Coyote."

VACATION DAYS--By Paul West



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Torp Stebbins figured this out today:

Only 6 days more of vacation, but it really isn't even that, it including Saturday & Sunday, which ain't vacation days really, bring it down to really only 4 days, or 5760 minutes if a feller kept awake all the time & didn't wait any time on sleep or eat or anything foolish like that. When time's as short as that it strikes us as about the silliest thing we know for a feller to set down & wait any of it figuring out how little they are, say we.

A Mene Trick.

Ex' Brigham plaid a very mone trick on Lance Bagert this morning, over to the swimming hole, they making a bet which could stay under the water longest. When Ex went under he swam along till he got behind the bank & then he crawled out & went away. Lance set that timing him about 10 minutes then when Ex did come up he got scared & begun to cry. Old man Griggsy who come by just then said "What is the matter?" & Lance told him Ex was drowned. Griggsy said well it didn't make any difference rite there, because it was further down the creek than his farm & wouldn't pollute the water, but he advised Lance to call sumone & get Ex out before he stopped up the creek entirely.

So then Lance hollered for help & everybody's coming off, being glad to get out of working. They

jumped in & looked for Ex, but couldn't find him, & then they said they would drag the creek, & got grapping irons & things. By this time they was a big crowd, & Ex himself had come up some ways. He must see he come over to see what it was. When he found that was after his body he was very proud, but when Constable Balch seen him & grabbed him by the ear he wasn't quite so proud.

The only person to get much out of it except the herd men, who got some of the fonder off, was Fatty Bellows. They had brot down some loves of bred to flote out over the watter so as to see where Ex's body was layin', & when they got threw with them they gave them to Fatty to eat.

Moats & Gossup. Bull Hickey seen his mother buy a collar & necktie this morning. He says he bets a dollar if he hits to wate to school next week & he is very much ashamed. They are a new family moved hear named Charley Perguson. He says where he came from he herd it was very easy in school hear & wants to know is it so. Wate till he finds out, say Van Ness's mother said today who that if she started scrubbing his face tomorrow & kept at it steady she would get it clean enuff by next Monday so Miss Palmer wouldn't talk him for a quilled boy.

PERSONAL MENTION

"Broncho Billy" Here. G. M. Anderson, one of the "wild west heroes" of the moving pictures, who is known to screen fans as "Broncho Billy" is in Portland today and is registered at the Multnomah, from San Francisco. Those who have seen the "Essanay Film company's" photo dramas, may recall the excellent horsemanship displayed by Broncho Billy. Few know, however, that it was not so long ago that he was unable to navigate successfully on the hurricane deck of an old express horse. When the movie was young, Anderson blew into an eastern city and applied for a job. He was "busted."

"Can you ride a horse?" "Sure." So he was placed atop a lively nag and when it began to trot, off he fell. It was his first broncho busting experience. On weekdays down in the Nile country of California, he performs all manner of daring feats of horsemanship and is considered one of the king pins as a "hero" in wild west films.

Admires President Wilson. Colonel Jerry Collins, former registrar of the land office at Helena, Mont., and one of the well known lawyers and political figures of the state, paid Portland a flying visit yesterday and while in the city was the guest of Attorney Clarence E. Moulton. Colonel Collins spends a large part of his time traveling now that he has an office in Washington, D. C., as well as one in Helena, and quite incidentally

the arrangement gives him ample opportunity to keep tab on both state and national politics.

Following the lead of Oregon, Montana now enjoys the direct primary. The first one was held last week and while the vote was light the new nominating system worked excellently, he said.

"Montana is Democratic," he explained. "Our congressmen and senators are Democrats, as well as are our state officers. As for the people, there is every indication that it will go Democratic again. The people realize that Wilson as president, has done good and his statesmanship has won him and the party many friends. In Montana we are very proud of Senator T. J. Walsh. Although he has only been in the United States senate for a year and a half he is already recognized as one of the leading lawyers of the senate, and is considered one of the leaders. He is a big broad man who is working for the entire west."

"This administration and congress strongly favor public land legislation that will help the west. In this connection we have a friend in Secretary of the Interior Lane, who understands our needs and is trying to get them filled."

Going Back to California.

Rev. John Q. A. Henry of Los Angeles, who has been filling the pulpit at the White Temple Baptist church during the absence of Dr. Hinson, today took apartments at the Cornelia. He will make the hotel his headquarters for the few remaining days he has in Portland before he returns to California.

John L. Webster, a realty dealer of Omaha, is at the Benson. F. B. Lathrop, a mining man of San Francisco, is registered at the Benson.

Among late arrivals at the Benson are E. M. Williams and W. E. Watter of The Dalles.

Benjamin Sheldon of Medford is a guest at the Benson. G. L. Morrison, a Hoed River merchant, is stopping at the Multnomah.

L. E. Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Violet Nutting are registered at the Multnomah from Albany. J. C. Deardorff of Toledo, O., an auto man, is at the Multnomah.

J. G. Startup of Honolulu is a guest at the Benson.

J. S. Emerson and John Hambury are registered at the Oregon from Vancouver, B. C.

W. C. Morse of Seattle is at the Oregon.

Joseph Harris, a hop grower, is registered at the Imperial from Salem.

L. E. Force, a lumberman with headquarters at Seattle, is stopping at the Imperial.

A. W. Norblad is among the Astoria arrivals at the Imperial.

Charles T. Dwyer, manager of the Mt. Hood railway, registered at the Imperial from Hood River.

Miss E. Battey of Pasadena and Dorothy Battey of Hood River are stopping at the Benson.

Lewis B. Bignold of Montesano, accompanied by Mrs. Bignold, are putting up at the Cornelia.

Mother Supported Family.

Albany, Or., Aug. 29.—"Get out and give me a chance to get another woman," is an allegation in the complaint for divorce filed yesterday by Mrs. Kate Stevens against Horace Stevens. The couple were married in Linn county, June 4, 1898. There are five children for whom the plaintiff asks custody. Margaret E. Herrin, grand chief of the Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., is to have a rally, dinner and social September 17 at The Dalles. Officers of the grand lodge of the D. of H. and of the A. O. U. W. will be present. A large class of initiates is expected. The Dalles is the ideal place in the state for the D. of H.

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FRATERNAL NOTES

Order Dedicates Four New Buildings During the Past Year.

New Hall at Richmond.

Frank S. Grant, Grand Chancellor, and L. R. Simpson, G. K. M. & S. 31, the Knights of Pythias, will dedicate this evening for Richmond, Ore., where the grand chancellor will dedicate a new Pythian hall. On September 23rd these officials will dedicate another castle hall, erected by the Knights of Pythias at Gaston, Ore. During this year four new buildings have been erected and dedicated in this state by the Knights of Pythias. These buildings represent a cost of \$75,000, one alone costing over \$40,000. There are in course of contemplated construction three more castle halls.

Tuesday evening Grand Chancellor Grant visited Wasmata lodge, Hood River, where a social event was held at the home of one of the members.

May Sell Property.

Rose City Camp 191, W. O. W. will probably sell its Russell street property to a foreign corporation. The present owners have been under way for the past three weeks and final action will be taken Thursday, September 3. The price offered is not stated, but the members feel justified in accepting the offer, inasmuch as a suitable site can be bought farther out where a building adequate for requirements of the camp will be erected. The camp having outgrown the capacity of the Russell street building, the managers had submitted a plan for a new building to be erected for another story, remodeling of the hall and electrical decorations, and the addition of a billiard hall, reading and writing room and a large hall on the first floor. These conveniences will be added to the new building if the sale is consummated.

Many Applications Received.

Since beginning their mid-summer campaign the Loyal Order of Moose have secured over 700 applications, with many more in sight as soon as the mavericks begin to come up from the coast. The next initiation night is Wednesday, September 3, and it will mark one more step toward that 2000 applications wanted.

Sewing Circle to Meet.

The next session of the D. of D. A. O. U. W. Sewing circle will be held at the residence of Mrs. H. P. C. Hoffman at Evergreen on the Oregon City suburban line, September 22. An especially interesting and enjoyable time is expected.

To Meet Grand Master.

The A. O. U. W. of this city will gather September 25 to greet P. H. Darty, grand master, at the hall, 129 Fourth street. A committee of arrangements is already at work.

Lodges of the A. M. F. are now meeting regularly in Marshfield and in La Grande. The required number of charters are expected in September.

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Taylor, pastor of the Grace Memorial Episcopal church, on the subject, "The Public School and Social Center." A good crowd is expected.

Free Trip is Offered.

The United Artisans are offering members a free trip to the San Francisco exposition—provided they get a certain number of applications. There are some workers among the Artisans who get applications from sheer habit because they can't help it. To such members that exposition trip is a cinch.

AN EXPERIMENT

By Jesse Roberts.

All of us women who are making our own living, and are therefore interested in the possibilities open to women all over the country, should watch closely the result of one or two late appointments by Commissioner Davis.

Miss Davis is at the head of the department of corrections, and she has just made a woman superintendent of women in prisons and reformatories of that city. It is said that she intends to appoint women to every position of a similar nature in her department. She believes in women, for she had a lot of experience as to what women could do in her earlier work as head of the reformatory at Bedford, New York. Her knowledge will be widely followed, and before long a man holding a job as superintendent of women in prisons and reformatories will be unknown.

The new superintendent is a trained and educated woman. She has made a specialty of her subject, traveling abroad the better to discover all that is now practiced in prison management. She comes as an expert, not as a police ward, and what she does will be the result of her knowledge and convictions, for she will be given absolute control. Her responsibility is great, indeed, not only to her special work, but to the women who are placed under her care. Her own performance should Miss Harris prove a success, she will be open to a new profession for women, one of great significance and importance and one for which women would feel a strong desire to accept.

Work with woman beings makes a vital appeal.

Swiss People Are in Need of Money

Effort to Preserve Neutrality Requires Aid of All Men, and as Result Business Stopped.

Albrecht Streiff, Swiss consul in Portland, was authorized this morning by the Swiss minister at Washington to take up a subscription in the consular district of Oregon and Idaho for the Swiss federal fund for the relief of Swiss families in Switzerland who have been placed in want because of the war.

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Judge King's Ready Wit Wins Battle

Trunk Was Not Exactly Empty When He Finally Induced Railroad Agent to Accept It.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Aug. 29.—Representative Kindell, of Colorado, made a speech recently on the parcel post. He believes that he could improve the parcel post service very greatly, and to emphasize his criticisms of it he told a story in which Judge Will R. King, of Oregon, figures. Mr. Kindell said:

"Another sample of freakish Interstate Commerce ruling which happened right here in Washington recently was when Judge Will R. King, general counsel of the United States reclamation service, concluded he would return a borrowed steam trunk to a friend of his living in Hyattsville, Md., 19 miles distant, which was too large in size to ship by parcel post. He had it taken to the depot, paid 17 cents for a passenger ticket, and then asked the agent to check the trunk on said ticket. The agent discovered the trunk was unlocked, although it was roped. He stated he could not check it unless Judge King would assume the risk of damage to its contents."

"This the judge readily consented to do, with a 'ha! ha!' remarking that as nothing was in the trunk he would assume the risk. Upon being informed that the trunk was empty the agent stated that under the rules established by the Interstate Commerce commission he could not check an empty trunk. Thereupon the judge broomed forth a penny, wrapped it in a newspaper in ball fashion, and placed it in the trunk."

"The agent again protested, and reminded the judge that money was not wearing apparel, also that the rules inhibit a trunk being checked unless it contained bona fide wearing apparel. The resourceful Judge King instantly proceeded to take off one of his socks, wrapped it in paper addressed to himself, attached a parcel post stamp, and placed same in the trunk with the deft, 'Now, I trust you will comply with the imperialistic orders of your railroad and the Interstate Commerce commission and check that trunk.'"

"The agent with a look of scorn and defeat suddenly performed his function and checked the trunk. Needless to say the trunk arrived at its destination, the law was vindicated, and the judge was satisfied when his sock was returned to him by parcel post."

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