

TWO SIDES OF IT!!



DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE
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THE BRAZILIAN OPOSSUM.

"My tail is really the important thing," said the Brazilian Opossum. "It really and truly is. Now, there are some people, for example, who don't have tails at all.

"In fact, now that I come to think of it, I don't know of anyone with a tail. Not a single, solitary person. And not even crowds of people have tails.

"They have stories, tales of adventure and such things, but quite different from our tails, which are, as everyone knows, the most important part of our bodies.

"So I think I should tell people, and all creatures who don't know, a little about myself.

"In the first place I am an opossum. One would imagine that from my name, and the rest of my name tells some more of my story. It tells that I am from Brazil and that is why I am known as the Brazilian Opossum.

"That is as fine a name as anyone could hope to have.

"There are some other creatures I greatly admire. They are the monkeys—that is—certain of the monkeys.

"I admire the ones who use their tails in climbing, who make use of their tails as people make use of their arms and legs.

"Oh dear, oh dear, how sorry I do feel for people who don't know enough to have a tail.

"I suppose, of course, they can't have tails, or they would have had them before now. I imagine they can't sell them in the shops, which seems a great pity.

"I am sure if some good shopkeeper should put up a sign:

"Tails for Sale," there would be a great rush to buy them and the policemen would have to be called to keep the people from falling over each other.

"No, there can't be any shops of that sort, or the people would have had tails.

"And evidently their mothers and their daddies must have been careless not to have said when they arrived:

"Here, you go straight back and get tails before you come into our house."

"Probably their grandfathers and grandmothers were careless about their daddies and mothers. Probably no person ever took the trouble or the time to see that they had tails. It must be a great loss to them.

"I can't understand it, but at least they have my sympathy. For here I am, the lucky Brazilian Opossum with



"Tell You Some Things."

my fine tail, which I can fling this way and then that way, and which I can twist about any branch of any tree and so have it help me to climb, just as many of the monkeys use their tails."

"It's good of you," said a voice, "to feel so badly about people not having tails," and the Brazilian Opossum saw a funny looking little creature standing in front of him.

"I'm Peter Goblin," said the little creature, "and I've been hiding behind that tree while you were talking. I was not listening to secrets out of school as I could tell from the way you talked you didn't mind being heard at all.

"Then top, I knew I could come and tell you some things you hadn't heard.

"People don't want to have tails. They don't care much about climbing trees either. Boys and girls like to climb trees, but they don't wish for tails.

"I've never heard a boy or a girl wish for a tail, and I know boys and girls pretty well," Peter Goblin said. "They don't know me so well, but I do know them well, and I know they never wish for tails.

"It may seem strange to you, but it is true. So Mr. Brazilian Opossum, you can be as happy as you like over your tail which is indeed useful to you, but don't waste your time feeling sorry for creatures who haven't tails, for they don't really want them."

"Strange," said the Brazilian Opossum, "how creatures can be happy without tails. Still it is good of you to come and tell me, Mr. Goblin. I won't waste my time feeling sorry for them any more."

"That's right," said Peter Goblin, "for it would be a waste of time and you'd become quite unhappy yourself, and that would never do!"

Why Dahlia Was Peeved.

L. W. Liermann, a machinist, 158 John street, has discovered that teasing a dahlia makes it white. Liermann had a red dahlia bush at his house. He decided to experiment with

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it. He fed it plant food, cuddled it in a hothouse and did a lot of kind things for it. The dahlia paid no attention to him, but went on blooming as usual. Then Liermann started out to annoy the bush. He left it out in the cold. He took away its dinner. He waked it several times during the night and turned it around so it would lose all sense of direction. Finally the bush grew peeved. In a burst of wrath the flower bloomed out white.—Oak-

land Correspondence San Francisco Chronicle.

Why Green Vegetables Are Good.

Though green vegetables and fresh fruits have little food value, they are universally desired by mankind. The Journal of the American Medical Association says this is explainable by the fact that they seem to be a safe-

guard to health. The recent studies of C. B. Osborne and L. B. Mendel on the properties of green leaves show that these contain large quantities of the vitamins which, though not food, are necessary to health. According to these investigators spinach contains far more of the vitamins that promote normal growth than do whole wheat, soy beans, eggs, meats, milk or potatoes.

A TOUCH OF LINEN WITH GINGHAMS



Mothers, it will soon be gingham time. What little miss wants to stay in a stuffy old wool dress when the warm days will permit wearing a fresh gingham? This new model shows that white collar and cuffs are to again add freshness.

SUMMER FROCKS FOLLOW TAFFETA LINES



Summer frocks are carrying out the same lines as are now being worn in taffetas, as this new sketch from the metropolitan shops shows. Of course the big wide summer hat will rule supreme once the hot days get here, but it is surprising the number of small hats shown for summer for 1920.

CARPENTIER IN U. S.



George Carpentier, European heavyweight champ, his bride and fleet manager here in the U. S. He comes to fill theatrical and movie engagements and arrange for a title clash with Jack Dempsey. This picture was taken as he landed.

PLEASINGLY PLAIN FROM BRIM TO SOLE



From the brim of her transparent hat to the tip of her new French-last pumps this young lady is Easterized in 1920. Her frock of taffeta with its full over-drape on the short skirt has the same hand-embroidery design as that used on collar and cuff of soft dawn silk.

AIMS AT PAPER WASTE



Waste of white paper in printing government reports which are never read has attracted the fire of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah. He had photographed nine big bags of mail which came to his office in one week—all documents of no importance.

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