

LITTLE-GIRL, BIG-BOY, AND THE GARDEN ELF

(Written for the United States School Garden Army, Department of the Interior.)

The "Humbug" and the Bee Aeroplane.

Part I.

"He-ho-ho-o-o, he-ho-ho!" Big-Boy's clear voice echoed through the garden and awoke responses from hundreds of drowsy small voices that called back in small pipings and fluting notes. Little-Girl heard the call, and she came bounding down the garden path. Even the Little Green Elf Man awoke to the magic and leaned down from his leafy nest.

"Did you ever hear of Tri-ung-u-lin who rode off on the back of a honey bee?" he asked.

"On the back of a bumble bee?" inquired Big-Boy.

"No, not bumble, bumble," said the Elf Man almost crossly. "A honey, ho-n-e-y bee. You see I can spell. I owe my education to the Dictionary Man."

"Oh, do you know our Dictionary Man? Our dear, square, chunky little Dictionary Man with his student's cap?" said both children at the same moment.

"Indeed, I do. How else could I read the United States School Garden Manual? The Dictionary Man taught me the science of words."

"But you know secrets not in books—you said so?" announced Big-Boy.

"Indeed I do—and they are going to remain secrets. We-e-l-l, perhaps I shall tell you a few. For instance, about Tri-ung-u-lin. The creature is so tiny that one must look through the Magic Glass to see him. But of what an assurance. Even I am not of such presence that I could force myself into a giant's home without being eaten up. I might ride on a frog's back and jump off into the bushes if he turned about, but I have not courage or impudence of Tri-ung-u-lin, who rides off on the back of a bee as neat as you please."

"Listen! This Tri-ung-u-lin is a hum-bug. Ha! ha! a hum-bug! He rides and pays no fare. He roams and he pays no rent! He eats and he pays no board! A hum-bug. It was this way that I saw him. I was watching a very respectable and industrious bee gathering nectar from a flower when I saw a tiny insect crawling up the flower stalk from the ground. And before you could say 'Tumble Bug' he had scrambled to the back of the bee and was holding on with six sprawling little legs."

"Just like a boy stealing a ride on the back of the cart when the driver isn't looking," said Big-Boy.

"Exactly," replied the Elf Man.

"The bee didn't know he was there and after she had ab-stract-ed from the flower all the nectar she could carry, she flew away to her hive. This pro-fiteer went with her and actually introduced himself into her home without an invitation."

"Not really?" Little-Girl was standing on her tip-toes in excitement.

"Yes, really," nodded the Green Elf Man. "The Tri-ung-u-lin set himself to work to get breakfast, and he liked his food so much that he decided to stay. The bee didn't notice him because she was so busy making bee food from nectar and pollen she got from the flowers for her bee babies that she had no time for visitors. He-ho-hum!" and the Elf Man yawned, and inside of his mouth looked like the tiny rosy bell of a baby morning-glory.

"Are you tired, little Elf Man?" asked Little-Girl.

"Indeed, no, it is only the impudence of this member of the Beetle Family. I am yawning to get more ox-y-gen into my system."

"Oh, I know. You are taking your deep-breathing ex-er-cises. We learned them at school in our Health Crusade. Watch us!" Then Little-Girl and Big-Boy opened their pink mouths, and yawned, "He-ho-hum," and their teeth and throats reminded the Elf Man of big beautiful lilies drenched with dew. You see, they had kept all the Imps of the Poisonous Gases out of their bodies by keeping their mouths and teeth perfectly clean.

"Well, to tell you more about Tri-ung-u-lin," said the Elf Man, "Soon he had eaten so much that he became soft and helpless—just as a child will become if it eat too much and takes no ex-er-cise. He lost his six legs and he just lay there and ate and ate until after a while he turned into a hard blister beetle like his father was before him, and then he rolled out of the bee home. Mrs. Bee didn't care because she hadn't noticed him at all, so he went away without so much as saying 'Thank you.'—By Cecilia Reynolds Robertson.

(To be continued.)

SPEECHES LAID OUT BY TEAMS

Five teams of speakers, prepared to inform and aid in setting up local organizations for the united financial campaign of the Interchurch World Movement, will go from Portland to each county in Oregon early in April, according to arrangements made by the local interchurch organization and presented to the advisory council yesterday.

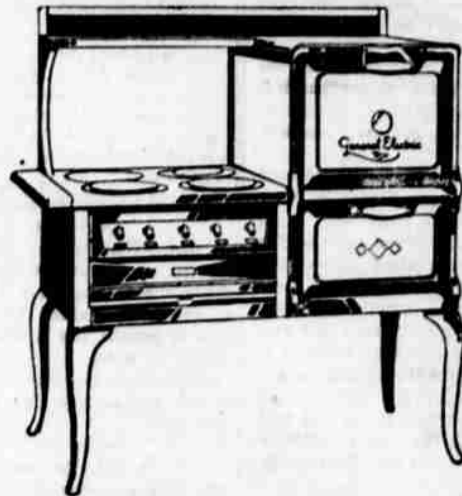
Team No. 1 will hold conferences at Astoria April 7, St. Helens, April 8, Hillsboro, April 9, Tillamook, April 10, Carlton, April 12, McMinnville, April 13, Dallas, April 14, Albany April 5 and Salem April 16.

In the big conventions of the lumber industry held during the past few months women have had a prominent part for the first time. Their participation in the proceedings has served to direct attention to the fact that they have become an important factor in the sales and other branches of the industry.

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