

The Stranger Baby.

The stranger baby had gone to sleep when he was first put to bed, partly because he was told to do so—he was in the habit of doing as he was told—partly because he had been bathed and fed and looked at until he was very tired. He went to sleep, however, with one hand tightly clasping the edge of a picture book, and with a determined notion of waking up to think things out after the house was quiet. It was, as far as that is concerned, not an unusual thing for him to think things out in the night, and he had more than usual to think of that night. There was a pink and white blanket, which he disliked unreasonably, and a blue and white comfort, which he loved at first sight. There was also a pillow, the first one he had seen for ever so long, and a thing of discomfort and inconvenience to him. Stranger than any of these things there had been in his experience that day a long street car ride, a bathtub, unlimited quantities of bread and butter with the privilege of licking the butter off the bread, a strange collection of blocks and animals and his beloved book. There had been, moreover, a man and woman who had seemed determined to make an impression upon him, and a dozen other women and twice as many children who had looked at him and talked about him and called him by a new name. It was a wonder, indeed, that he went to sleep at all, but he was a determined bit of a chap, and managed it somehow, waking as he had planned after the house was quiet so that he could think out what he really thought.

And so at last he sat up in his bed with the book in his hand. The new moon tipped up on its toes to peck in at him through the high window, but he was too absorbed to notice it. He sat very still with his eyes wide open. Once or twice he turned the pages of his book and always he held it tightly. It was not, however, so easy to think out what he thought as he had hoped it would be. It was all too complicated, too new and too uncertain. He felt that something unexpected was likely to happen at any time. As a matter of fact, something unexpected did happen almost immediately. A hand felt about his head in the dark and finally found his hand as it held the book. In a moment a pair of arms were round him, and he was being hugged, an unheard of procedure to be taking place in the middle of the night. In another moment he was being coaxed and bullied and tempted into lying down and going to sleep again. Of course, he had no chance to think with that sort of thing going on. And for some peculiar reason he did not seem to mind very much. It was rather pleasant just to fall back into that blue and white comfort, and to hold the friendly hand and go to sleep again. He remembered the other nights when he had liked to sit up in bed and think things out and they seemed lonely and far away. It never occurred to him, as he went to sleep, that in the big bed at his side a woman was picturing to herself row after row of small white beds with lonely babies sitting up in them in the night thinking out what they thought about things.

A parliamentary committee that investigated found that the production of all London's electric power in a few central stations would save 6,000,000 tons of coal a year and greatly lessen the smoke evil.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an you run and stop it or go and help attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Wrapping Paper Waste.

One of the commonest things in daily life is a piece of wrapping paper. It is torn on the package which it envelopes and is thrown away, wasted. So accustomed have the people to today become to paper bags and wrappers that they no longer consider them as items of value. Yet in the aggregate the paper bill, of a store if one of the heaviest factors of expense. The customer, of course, pays the bill, just as he pays the rent and coal and light bills, the clerk's hire, the cost of goods and the cost of delivery. It all goes in the charge on the item that is sold over the counter or sent home by wagon or messenger.

The greater part of the paper wrapping done in the stores today is needless. Goods already boxed or covered are carefully done up in paper before being delivered. It looks neater thus, and conceals the identity of the article. Storekeepers and managers follow this practice because customers demand or expect it. It has become a custom of trade to send out nothing that is unwrapped. The result is an enormous waste of paper and boxes made of paper, which, going into the bills and charges, adds heavily to the cost of living.

Most of the wrapping paper used in this country is made of sulphate of a form of wood stock treated with chemicals that in large measure comes from abroad. The war in Europe has curtailed this stock and caused a heavy increase in the price of "kraft," as this sort of paper is styled in the trade. Consequently, the paper bills of retailers have advanced heavily during the last two years, and, as already stated, this advance has gone into the general account and has been paid by the consumer.

It is to the interest of every individual who buys goods to demand economies at the stores, to ask that goods already boxed be not wrapped, or that in the wrapping cheaper grades of paper be used. If everybody in the state would adopt this attitude and make it known to the retailers from whom they buy that they prefer their purchases to be delivered with a view to economy, the total cost of buying in the city would fall appreciably.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, which supplies the bulk of electrical energy consumed in Portland and vicinity, owns and operates a total of ten huge power plants—five hydro-electric and five auxiliary steam plants. They have a combined capacity of 87,550 horsepower, and for the year 1915 these plants generated an aggregate of 186,372,552 kilowatt hours. The company has 25 sub-stations, 366 miles of high tension transmission lines and 6,750 miles of distribution wires. It furnishes current for five other electric railway systems in this territory.

A New York firm has advised Consul Stuart Lupton, of Guatemala city, of the sale of one of its military aeroplanes to the government of Guatemala. The price of the machine was \$11,500. The American builder was put in touch with the Guatemalan officials by Consul Lupton.

Until recently every officer in the Russian army was of the nobility, the middle class being excluded from this honor. This was contrary to the system of Napoleon, who preferred his officers of plain origin, as he declared it gave them more ambition to work for titles.

GRESHAM PEOPLE AND HAPPENINGS

Mrs. M. G. Munson, a sister of Mrs. M. M. Squire, will leave Portland, New York, next Saturday with her husband for a tour of the coast. They will visit first at Los Angeles, where Mr. Munson's brother is mayor, then come here. On their return home they will visit other relatives at Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kaser, of Goble, are here for the holidays visiting with relatives.

An entertaining dance was given last night in Metzger's hall by the young ladies' orchestra. It was largely attended and successful and lasted far into the wee sma' hours of morning.

Mrs. S. R. Bradford entertained the families of C. E. Risher and Robert Lausdown at dinner on Christmas day.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Brown included Mr. and Mrs. John Brooke and son Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wells and daughter Doris, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barber and daughters Freda and Eva and Miss Florence Brown, all of Portland, Jas. Warrell of Vancouver, B. C., and Robert Fitting of Kootskia, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kern entertained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kern and family, Harold Kern and Miss Isabel Metzger. One of the features of the dinner was a fine fat goose, which was sent for the occasion from Burley, Idaho, by Mrs. W. J. Hollenbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kern.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cannon entertained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Newton of Spokane and Miss Hieslop of Portland. Mrs. Newton is a sister of Mrs. Cannon.

The alumni association of the high school will hold an important business and social meeting on Wednesday evening of this week in Metzger's hall. All members are urged to be present.

Miss Ruby Emery, of Portland, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Emery.

Miss Emma B. Johnson spent Sunday and Monday with friends at Troutdale.

The embroidered centerpiece, which Mrs. E. Boughner offered to her customers during the holiday buying season, was drawn by Mrs. E. A. Forsythe of the Hillview neighborhood. There were several hundred competitors for the prize.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Calkins had all their children and grandchildren present at a family gathering on Christmas day. Besides the home folks, there were present Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heseltine and family of Terry, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Durant and family of Portland and Miss Elsie Calkins, who is teaching at Fort Klamath.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lichty and family spent Sunday and Monday in Gresham, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Meyers and Mrs. Myrtle Myers. Mr. Lichty is employed with the Peninsular Lumber company.

Miss Hazel Fultz was a dinner guest on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. St. Clair.

Mrs. Robert Walker of Grass Valley came last week to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Dahl and family.

Roy H. Gibbs is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbs. Roy is a student at Oregon Agricultural college.

Miss Gretchen Radcliff, of Portland, visited with friends in Gresham on Friday.

Frank Frakes was brought home from St. Vincent's hospital on last Friday. He is reported to be doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Kenney ate Christmas turkey with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frakes and family.

Dr. R. W. Quesinberry of Joseph, Oregon, arrived last night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Quesinberry of Rockwood, to spend the holidays.

Miss Olive Merrill is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. Merrill.

The marriage of Lester Conrad and Miss Mabel Giger took place Sunday at the home of the bride at Yoder, Oregon. The young couple will make their home near Gresham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hevel entertained a happy family party yesterday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. Zeek and family of Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leslie, Jr. and daughter Virginia and Miss Fay Webber of Millwaukie.

A Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Metzger by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Metzger, Ben, Floyd and Walter Metzger.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Raney entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Howitt and son Frederick and Miss Bessie Howitt, Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Sycamore.

Among the Oregon Agricultural students, who are spending their vacations at home, are Floyd Metzger, Miss Marguerite Volbrecht and Miss Laura Davis. The latter has with her a friend, Miss Bonnell.

In Dallas, Texas, a fine old giant oak in the public square was hung with many colored electric lights, and on Christmas eve, under its wide spreading branches, the people joined in the singing of Christmas carols, and were stirred to a finer appreciation of Christmas than they had ever known before.

Marshalltown, Iowa, had three hundred tiny trees throughout the city. There were music, singing, parades of school children, fireworks, prizes for the school children displaying the largest potato from their own garden, for the mother of the finest family of children, and so on.

Springfield, Mass., gave a pageant depicting the birth of the Christ Child. The figures, in historic costume, took part in the program of carol singing and music under the great Christmas tree.

Chinese railroad embankments are protected from floods by planting them with a native grass with tenacious roots that resist erosion.

Statistics show that the number of automobile accidents is decreasing steadily as compared with the number of machines in use.

Russellville, Ark., is enforcing Sunday laws so rigidly that even telephoning on that day is prohibited.

Cabbages were grown by Rams-gate (England) school children to help prisoners of war funds.

In this country 30 to 40 per cent of the cases requiring charitable relief are due to sickness.

Names have been given to 727 minor planets and new ones are being discovered all the time.

The efficiency of the steam turbine has increased 25 per cent in the last two or three years.

Flowers will turn toward an artificial light just as they do toward the sun.

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Sacramento valley recently turned out in force to two of the most successful rabbit drives in its history. District 1902, near Franklin, Sacramento county, offered as an attraction free shotgun shells to all who would attend, and as a result about 4,000 rabbits were slain.

In the construction of a California home, the pipes of an organ are hidden in the grill work of the room, so that only the console is visible, and this may be drawn about the room to any convenient location.

Cough Medicine for Children.  
Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

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