



THE MOONBEAM AND THE FEATHER

The swan who lived upon the fairy lake and sailed the elves and fairies about on his back had wonderful feathers for a while and then each of you will be happy."

"Well," said he, "the moon goddess upon yonder is my friend. All the fairies are, I'll see that you change plates for a while and then each of you will be happy."

So the moonbeam came to live upon the swan's back and the soft white feather sailed off on the wings of the wind to be a moonbeam.

Now the feather sailed to the moon goddess to learn where it must shine. That night it shone upon a rose. The rose liked the feathery moonbeam and the moonbeam liked the rose. On the second night the moonbeam, silver, soft and cool, shone upon a sleeping bird and liked that, too. On the third night it shone on the face of a beautiful sleeping child.

"Ah, me," sang the feather-moonbeam, "it is beautiful to be a moonbeam. Never, never will I be happy again, a feather on a swan's back."

And then, the next time, the feather moonbeam was sent to shine

upon a toad! There he sat, squat and dreadful, and wouldn't go to bed because he liked the moonlight, and the little feather moonbeam, shuddering, shone and shone upon his ugly back.

"Oh, moon goddess," she cried, "dear, dear moon goddess, send me somewhere else."

Then the moon sent her to shine upon a tin can in a brook. Again the feather moonbeam sighed. For the tin can wasn't lovely and the moon sent her further to shine upon a beggar dressed in rags.

"Oh, moon goddess," she cried, "my heart is unhappy. Must I then shine here?"

"The moon," said the goddess, "is not just for beauty and the fortunate few. Go thou, then, and shine upon the swan's back."

The feather moonbeam glided away and when she came to rest upon the swan's back the moonbeam who was a feather sighed in relief.

"Ah!" she said, "I am wet and my moon-silver is dulled. I care not to be a feather."

"And I," cried the feather, "have shone upon a toad, a tin can and a beggar. I care less to be a moonbeam than a feather."

The moon laughed and the swan laughed. And so the moonbeam became a moonbeam again and recovered its shining silver dulled by the wet and the feather became a feather, glad to be rid of the ugly toad, and, do you know, I don't think they ever changed again.

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One of the wildest storms in years raged throughout New Brunswick last week.

Rev. B. Green, of Portland, Me., was extended a call to Moncton First Baptist Church.

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Geo. Hope of St. John, was fined \$100 for selling liquor without a license.

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Someone, reminiscent of an utterly fagged Christmas Eve at the end of a tremendously crowded day spent in tying up bundles and all other loose ends of Christmas preparation, will say feelingly, "The day before Christmas."

But I do not agree.

The day before Christmas is hard in the sense of being crowded. But a crowded life is in many ways a simple one. You haven't time to think, and there's a certain happiness in that.

The Day After The Day After But to my mind the day that is

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TRAINING OF THE YANKEES

Bill Donovan Maps Out Spring Career for His New York Club

New York, Dec. 27.—William Donovan, manager of the New York American League baseball club, and familiarly known to the belles of Macon, Ga., as "Smiling Bill," is back in town. He is full of training plans for his Yankees and everything.

Bill has been down at Macon looking over the training grounds. While there he ran over and spent a few days with George Stallings, and on the way back home picked up Capt. Til Huston. The captain had been to Dover Hall, the renowned training preserve of the baseball fraternity, where he discovered that a motorboat, his pride and joy, lay beneath the waves. Having rescued the boat, the captain came home with Donovan.

The manager of the Yankees reports that a clubhouse will be built at the training grounds in Macon. Last year the players had to dress in the Hotel Dempsey and walk a mile to the park. After practice, of course, they had to hoof it back.

"This was quite a hardship to O'Gy Fich. It is too bad O'Gy won't be with the squad this spring to enjoy the improved accommodations."

"I plan to take the first squad to Macon about March 1," says Donovan. "However, it is possible that I will take the pitchers south a week earlier, and change the date of reporting for the balance of the team to March 5."

"We will put in about four weeks of training. I plan to break camp on March 31, and start north with George Stallings and the Braves accompanying us. The games we will play with the Boston National League club on the way home will undoubtedly benefit us both."

"Vivok on the grounds at Macon will begin at once. There is quite a bit of fixing for a ground-keeper to do there, as the field is somewhat torn up from fair and sun things."

Donovan looks in excellent condition to play golf, and promises to join the gang in the tournament at Jack Doyle's at once.

CROATIANS WILL NOT ATTEND

Decline Invitations to the Crowning of Austrian Emperor as King of Hungary

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says preparations for the Hungarian coronation are almost completed and that the indications are that the ceremony will be carried out with all the pomp of the days before the war.

On the ground that the coronation should not be celebrated lavishly during such times of stress, the Croatian Opposition party, according to a despatch from Agram, has declined the official invitation to the ceremony received by the Croatian Diet. Dr. Pavelic, leader of the Opposition, formally declined the invitation, the name of three Opposition parties and the members of the Opposition then left the House.

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