

Stolen by Apes.

This is the story of Rufus, who got his funny little name in a far off East Indian army post, and it tells how he came near being adopted by a tribe of baboons just about the time when he got his name.

Rufus is quite a big boy now. When his father, who is a captain in the British Indian army, comes home after parade, Rufus can carry his big sabel quite like a soldier, and he can go around by the back of the command, which is the name for the big yard where his father and lots of other soldiers live, and walking very heavily upon the veranda of his own home, he can make his mother believe that a very important visitor has arrived at the front door.

There was a pause, and Rufus said, "Mom, did they reduce Sergeant Brown to the ranks?" "No," said Rufus' mother. "Wasn't it as much as a sergeant's rank that he had?" "Yes," said Rufus judicially, "I guess it was, and it wouldn't be fair to punish me without punishing the other and it wouldn't be military to punish a woman."

And Rufus' mother only laughed and said, "Bless my little man's heart!" "Cincinnati Enquirer." "The Mouth as a Purse." Of all the unpleasant habits of which women are guilty, none is more unpleasant than that of putting coins in the mouth.

"It was when the regiment was stationed in a little fort up the hills near King William's Town," says she. "There had been fighting with the Kaffirs, and that the minute it was over and I and Nurse O'Brien set off in bullock carts to see your daddy. When we got there, they were all so glad to see you, because you were the first white baby ever seen in that part of India. We had taken your perambulator along, and Nurse O'Brien was to wheel you about in the forest."

"I was in the jungle where trees and bushes had been cleared away, as they were cutting the forest. Rufus might not come too near. That was before Nurse O'Brien married Sergeant Brown," continued Rufus' mother. "Of course," said Rufus' mother. "Her name was Brown then, wasn't it?" "Correct," said Rufus' mother. "When Rufus called her 'young lady laugh.'"

"Now," she continued, "whether it was Nurse O'Brien or the sergeant, I don't know, but the fact that you were carried off by the baboons hasn't ever been settled." "Wasn't it ever settled?" inquired Rufus. "I rather think it was," replied his mother, "though they haven't yet agreed to that between themselves. At any rate, every one knew that when Nurse O'Brien pushed your perambulator about the forest, Sergeant Brown always walked along and talked to Nurse O'Brien. It was a very wild, lonely place, our fort, was not nearly as nice a station as this, where you have lots of little white babies to be watched."

"Wasn't there any school there?" asked Rufus. "Not a sign of one," replied his mother. "Not a school within 200 miles. Why, they couldn't have had a school for just one little white baby, you know." Rufus was silent and indicated a sigh which might have been taken as even this poor hardship could be borne by patriotic infants.

"Nearly every night," continued his mother, "the baboons used to come all round the fort, jumping in the trees and howling like a pack of wild dogs." "Like this," said Rufus, howling beautifully. "Just like that," said his mother. "Well," she continued, "one night you were out in your perambulator, and Nurse O'Brien and Sergeant Brown were talking very busily. Suddenly there was a awful howl right at their elbows, and the perambulator was overturned."

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Well Done. How the Hodkins game were kept off the Post has been an interesting story related by the Philadelphia Record, and condensed below:

Some people are very fond of telling a story that has a catch in it, and so taking their listeners in. Here is a sample of what I mean:

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