

DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE FOR EVERYBODY

Daddy's Good Night Story

By GEORGE HENRY SMITH



MRS. SQUIRREL was sitting on a little bank of moss at the foot of a tree eating a nut when she spied Brer Rabbit coming down the lane. When he came up to where she was, she asked: "What are you so sad about?" "How do you know I am sad?" asked Brer Rabbit. "By the way your ears droop," answered Mrs. Squirrel. "You are very nervous," replied Brer Rabbit. "I am sad because we have nothing to eat in our house." "Why don't you do as we do?" answered Mrs. Squirrel. "We have our winter's food stored in our house." "Yes," said Brer Rabbit, "you live on nuts and they are easily stored, while my family lives on such things as cabbage. Even if we lived on nuts, I would have no way of getting them out of the trees." "Well," replied Mrs. Squirrel, "if you want to get some chestnuts I will tell you how to get them out of the tree." "How is that?" asked Brer Rabbit, pricking up his ears. "You get hold of Mister Goat," said Mrs. Squirrel, "and get him to butt the chestnut tree and he will shake the nuts off for you." "Not a bad idea," said Brer Rabbit. "Have you seen Mister Goat around here lately?" "He was up on top of that hill a little while ago," answered Mrs. Squirrel. Brer Rabbit skipped up the hill as fast as he could and as he came out of the briar patch he saw Mister Goat feeding on the roots of a tree. "Oh, Mister Goat!" began Brer Rabbit, "would you come and shake some chestnuts out of the tree for me?" "I couldn't think of it," replied Mister Goat, gruffly. "How handsome your fur is this morning," began Brer Rabbit. "Go away from here," replied Mister Goat, "and do not bother me." "I wish I had horns like yours instead of those great big ears that are always getting in the way," said Brer Rabbit. "What was it you wanted me to do?" asked Mister Goat, as he stopped eating. "How beautiful your eyes are this morning." "If you don't stop talking like that I will have to butt you," said Mister Goat. "Oh, please don't! please don't!" whined Brer Rabbit, as he began to back off, followed by the goat. "I'll butt your head clean off," said Mister Goat, following Brer Rabbit, who by this time had gotten behind a chestnut tree. "I don't want to hurt Brer Rabbit," said Mister Goat to himself. "I guess I'll just butt that tree and scare him." With that he backed off and butted the chestnut tree so hard that the nuts fell all around him. "Thank you! Thank you!" exclaimed Brer Rabbit, as he skipped out from behind the tree. "I'll be back for the nuts later."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Peter's Adventures in Matrimony

By LEONA DALRYMPLE

Author of the new novel, "Diane of the Green Van," awarded a prize of \$10,000 by Ida M. Tarbell and S. S. McClure as Judges. Copyright, 1913, by Newspaper Feature Service.

The truth, plain and unvarnished, about the "girl in the case" distinguishes this new series by Miss Dalrymple. Her character studies will not appear unfamiliar to the majority of readers, who will trace the fortunes of Peter with growing interest.

Following the engagement, "Peter" begins to be disillusioned; the flurry of a fashionable wedding is distasteful to him, and he rebels mildly against the exactions of his bride.

VI. The Wedding Night

IT was his wedding night. Downstairs Jack Hunter, a most perniciously attentive best man, was telephoning something or other about cabs and ushers. Across the hall doors were fusing in audible discontent with his tie, and mother, in the fashion of mothers, was flitting helpfully from dad to me and back again, her white hair piled beautifully upon her head and her silken gown rustling. What gives the beautiful mother-look to some women's eyes and not to others? Mother always has it. Presently mother slipped her arm about his shoulders and laughed a little, though her eyes were very bright and moist. Mother, thank the Lord, was never one to dissolve in little tears. "Peter, my dear boy," she whispered, "I know somehow that the words were a prayer for my happiness with Mary."

Strenuous Training. "I understand that Jawbatt is training hard for his fight with Brooker." "Yes. He has three photographs as sparring partners."

Intentions Not Realized. "I understand that your wife and several other women have organized a secret society." "They did. But it did not remain a secret long."

Occasionally. "Does he ever tell the truth?" "Well, yes. He tells it often enough to make it unsafe to bet a hundred to one that he is lying."

Better Equipped. "Do you believe all men are born equal?" "Not by a jug full! Some babies can squawl twice as loud as others and they get what they want."

The Real Difficulty. "First Lawyer—But is that statement susceptible of proof?" "Monterey, lawyer certainly. But we may have trouble in substantiating the proof."

Experienced. "He—Do you think you could learn to love me?" "She scolded out of view. My successful specialty is in falling in love at first sight."

Learn this Verse And Spell Correctly

SPELLING is a difficult matter with many persons in spite of the efforts made by Andrew Carnegie to simplify the formation of words by arranging letters in rotation. The words containing "ie" and "ei" bother most spellers and so an obliging college professor has compiled certain rules and a jingle that goes with them which seem to offer a solution of the difficulty. The verse is designed to perform the same sort of service as the ever useful "Thirty days hath September."

The object of the jingle is to state every case in which the "e" comes before the "i" in all other cases the "i" comes first. It thus becomes a very easy matter, when in doubt, to run through the verses and decide at once what the spelling in any case is. The rules may at first seem mixed and not plain; but it is easily understood, and a person who commits it to memory never needs have any further trouble on the score of "ei" or "ie."

It is simply to be noted that there are five cases in which "e" comes before "i":

1. When the sound is long "a."
2. When the sound is long "i."
3. After the letter "c."
4. When (with four exceptions), the sound is short.
5. In a list of twelve words not included in the above four cases. In all other cases "i" comes before "e."

When sound is like a—long a or i. Or after letter c. Save mischief, kerchief, friend and sieve. When like short i or a. In either, neither, seignior, seize, Obsolete, and in sheik. In veil, and also clerk. In explanation and defense of his plan this benefactor of stenographers says: "Reasonable pains have been taken to make the rule comprehensive, but as there is a chance that some exceptions have failed to be noticed, a few remarks may be necessary."

1. It is understood that the rule does not apply to words ending in "ie" or "ei" as in "lie" or "plumage." These hardly give trouble in spelling.

2. There are a great many Scotch words in which "ie" are pronounced long "e," but many of them have variant forms, and I judge they would hardly be used by Americans unless they were copying from a book. I have, however, included "sie" as it is in use as a golf term.

3. Fjory forms a possible exception to the long "i" rule, but Webster and Worcester make a three-syllable word. Fied is evidently a participial form.

4. There is, of course, no call to include derivatives from those words in the list, though such words as seignior and seize are not perfectly obvious.

'Till the Novelty Wears Off

By Tom Jackson.

THIS is the month which starts the year, when men, at least a few, resolve to keep a diary all of the twelve months through. They begin, all right, all right, and think it fun immense to write in it small items of their doings and expense.

Yes, little things like this they note: "Aunt Kate and all her bunch will graft another week on us—Spent fifteen cents for lunch—Saw Harry Suede sitting on young Charley Smithers' lap—If there is space inside his head I'll bet it's full of sap—To-night I sat three hours in a friendly game of puke—Rest of the week I'll have to walk and cut out cats and smoke."



Went to call on sweet Nellie Jones—Her maid said she was ill—Her little brother shouted out: Her new teeth won't stay still; they keep a-slipping in her mouth and do the loop; until they're anchored to her gums, she'll have to feed on soup.

They keep on writing things like this for seven days or nine, and then the diary passion fades and goes in a decline. The book beneath a bureau falls, or roasts upon a shelf. If you have tried to keep one you know how it is. The diary habit is all right when it is fresh and new, like resolutions made this month, which soon seem out of view. One cannot change the ways of man. It does no good to scoff. He can't enthuse about things when the novelty wears off.

READ THE TORONTO WORLD

Cornwall Mayoralty By Default Brantford Guilty on Six Counts Brockville Local Option Fight Keen Kingston Painful Scene At Penitentiary

CHATHAM FAVORS BUYING GAS PLANT

Public Meeting Hears Mayor Price of St. Thomas and Engineer Jeffrey.

WOULD REDUCE TAXES

Purchase is in Connection With Installation of Niagara Power.

CHATHAM, Dec. 31.—(Special).—A public meeting, held tonight to discuss the advisability of the city purchasing the Chatham gas and electric plant, in connection with the installation of Niagara power, was discussed by Mayor Price of St. Thomas and Engineer Jeffrey of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Mayor Price gave the experience of St. Thomas to show that the public ownership and operation of public utilities has been a great success. He instigated the success of hydro-electric power in that city.

Commission Recommends It. Engineer Jeffrey dealt with the local proposition of buying the Chatham Gas Company's entire plant for the sum of \$110,000. After the purchase is made, he said, it will be necessary to add \$50,000 to the plant to make it serviceable for the distribution of Niagara power. The Hydro-Electric Commission was satisfied to have gone through into the equipment and business of the Chatham Gas Company, and had recommended the city to make the purchase. Mr. Jeffrey pointed out that it would eliminate competition and reduce the price of electricity by at least one-half, while the revenue from the gas and electric power business would take care of the debentures, paid for operating, maintenance and depreciation of the plant, and provide a sinking fund which could be applied to extensions and towards a direct reduction of the city tax rate.

Save Two Mills on Dollar. P. S. Coats, treasurer of the Chatham Gas Company, and Engineer Jeffrey both made the statement that the profits from the business over and above expense would reduce the city tax rate by at least two mills. In the event of a natural gas saving out, the company could make the same profits with artificial gas, which is the price paid in St. Thomas.

The feeling of the meeting was strongly in favor of the purchase by the city of the Chatham gas plant at the price recommended by the Hydro-Electric Commission.

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PATHEMIC CASE FROM KINGSTON PENITENTIARY

Fifteen-Month-Old Baby Taken From Convict Mother and Placed in Infants' Home.

KINGSTON, Dec. 31.—(Special).—There was a most pathetic scene at the penitentiary when Clifford Bayford, aged 15 months, was taken from his mother and placed in an infants' home. The parents of the child are serving seven-year terms for extreme cruelty to an adopted daughter. The child was born in the big prison shortly after the mother arrived there. After the baby had been in the home for a few weeks relatives will take him in charge. The father has never seen his baby boy.

When the baby arrived at the home the mother had quite a time trying to comfort the little one who had never seen other children.

Steps were taken to have the mother liberated at the time the baby was born, but with no success. It is expected she will be allowed out on parole some time next year.

WELLAND HAD HEAVY YEAR OF BUILDING

Operations, Including Suburbs, Ran Well Over Million Dollar Mark.

(Special to The Toronto World). WELLAND, Dec. 31.—During the past year the amount of building done in Welland nearly doubled that of 1912. The permits issued by the city engineer show a total of \$611,575.00, which includes only the factories and houses inside the town. There is a large industrial section just outside of Welland, and the estimated building there in factories and residences is \$450,000, bringing the total well over the million mark.

CORNWALL MAYORALTY GOES TO D. J. GILLIES

Reeves Will Be Contested, But Deputy Reeve Is Elected by Acclamation.

(Special to The Toronto World). CORNWALL, Dec. 31.—D. J. Gillies has been elected mayor for 1914 by acclamation, his opponent failing to qualify. Dr. Munro retired from the contest for reeve, leaving the fight between R. Larmour and J. E. Chevier. For deputy reeve M. Hermonston is elected by acclamation. The centre ward councillors are elected by acclamation, but there will be contests in the west and east wards. A bylaw to grant a bonus of \$5000 to the Glenora and Stormont Railway, for the purpose of purchasing a right of way into Cornwall, will be voted on by the ratepayers.

HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHED TO ALL

Bells and Whistles, With Exchange of Greetings, Usherred in the Year.

Adhering to the custom they have observed in the old land, the English and Scotch population of Toronto spent New Year's Eve in a festive manner, the greater part of them attending banquets or dances in various halls throughout the city, every one of which was occupied. The festivities began early in the evening and continued until the early hours of the morning. The Prince George, King Edward, Woodbine and other hotels, many of the citizens who had been so fortunate as to reserve tables in advance, spent the last hours of the old year and the first hours of the new in a most pleasing manner. The various theatres, which gave special midnight performances, were filled to capacity, while the moving picture houses received their share of the business during the earlier part of the evening. Nearly all the skating rinks remained open until after midnight, and were well patronized. Most of the clubs and societies had arranged for a more or less elaborate celebration of the coming of the new year. Even among the pedestrians on the streets, the greatest good-fellowship prevailed and "Good evening" and "Good bye" were replaced by the most appropriate salutation of "A Happy New Year."

GUELPH'S BUILDING PERMITS.

GUELPH, Dec. 31.—(Special).—The building permits for December show a large increase over the same month last year, but the total for this year shows a falling off compared with last year. This is chiefly due to the fact that no new industries or big buildings were in course of construction during 1913. Building permits for December, 1913, \$17,615; for December, 1912, \$17,715. Total this year, \$557,355. Total last year, \$558,459.

LEEDS YOUNG CONSERVATIVES.

(Special to The Toronto World). "BROCKVILLE, Dec. 31.—The annual meeting of the Young Conservative Club of Lanadowne, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. T. Shaw; vice-president, J. H. Warren; secretary, Fred Mitchell; treasurer, Thomas McRae. Resolutions of confidence in the provincial and Dominion administrations were passed. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Hon. W. T. White, Hon. Senator Taylor and John R. Dargavel, M.L.A. Stirling speeches were made by Dr. Edwards, M.P., Kingston, and John G. Mitchell of Ottawa.

MURRAY PLEADS GUILTY TO SIX SERIOUS CHARGES

Brantford Negro, Who Ran Amuck With Gun, Now Before Court—Adjournment Made.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 31.—William Murray, the negro who ran amuck with a gun, again appeared before Magistrate Livingstone today. Six charges were brought against him, and to each he pleaded guilty. He elected to be tried summarily. Murray was charged with shooting with intent at M. Sears, with robbery from J. O'Neill, with shooting at Wesley Turner, with unlawfully shooting at Joe Hartley and Mrs. Saunders and with unlawfully wounding Emma Jones. The offences were committed on the early morning of Dec. 24. The charge of shooting and wounding P. C. Colborn was not presented.

All the cases were adjourned for a week.

DEATH OF MRS. E. C. SAXON.

Was Daughter of Late Capt. Christie, R.N., Who Fell With Nelson at Trafalgar.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 31.—(Special).—Mrs. Elizabeth Saxon, widow of a former local lawyer, died here last night. She was the daughter of the late Capt. Robert Christie of the Royal Navy, who was aboard the battleship Victory when Admiral Nelson received his death wound at the battle of Trafalgar. He was afterwards one of those who guarded St. Helena during Napoleon's stay there.

WELLAND ELECTIONS.

WELLAND, Dec. 31.—(Special).—Sixteen candidates will stand for election to the council. Mayor Goodwin had no opposition, and while opponents were nominated against L. H. Pursel, reeve, and J. H. Crow, deputy reeve, they withdrew. W. J. Best, a member of the water commission, whose term expired this year, was nominated to oppose Mr. Crow, but according to the new municipal law he could not run as he had not resigned from the commission ten days before nominations. Fred Gourlay, J. R. McCallum and William Hanna qualified for election to the water commission. D. Ross, George Collins and J. J. Haffey go back to the school board by acclamation.

LAWYER AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 31.—(Can. Press).—T. H. Fox, a prominent lawyer, was arrested today on a charge of theft. The charge is laid by R. McCracken, who claims that Fox took \$16,000 of his (McCracken's) money. Fox was arrested on a similar charge several weeks ago for which he will stand trial.

NEW YEAR'S HONORS

(Continued From Page 1.)

The honors create only one parliamentary vacancy, namely, in Wycombe division of Buckingham, which Sir Alfred Cripps has represented in the Unionist interest the past 28 years.

Another by-election is to take place in Northwest Durham, the appointment of whose sitting member, L. Atherley Jones, to be judge of the City of London court vacates a seat.

Sir Henry Egan, whose name appears in the list of New Year's honors, is one of the capital's most prominent and wealthy citizens, and comes of an old Elytown family. He is a son of the late John Egan, a native of Limerick, County Galway, Ireland, who represented Ottawa and Pontiac Counties successfully in the Canadian Assembly, 1848-57. Born in 1819, he died Jan. 15, 1848. Sir Henry was educated at the Montreal High School. He is now managing director of the Hawkebury Lumber Co., a director of the Bank of Ottawa, British Canadian Bank Note Co. and the Ottawa and Montreal Tramway Co. A Conservative in politics, Sir Henry has several times declined nomination for the house of commons. He is a member of the Ottawa Improvement Commission, and has always taken an interest in charitable and social work.

Sir Horace Archambault, who was born at L'Assomption, Que., in 1857. After graduation from Laval University, he practiced law at Montreal, where he was called to the bar. He was appointed professor of commercial and maritime law in Laval University in 1882, and in 1889 was appointed Q.C. He became attorney-general of the Province of Quebec in 1897, holding office until 1905, and was appointed judge of the court of appeal in 1908.

Sir Douglas Cameron, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, was born in Vankleek Hill, Ont., in 1854, removed to Manitoba in 1880, is a millionaire lumberman, and interested in other financial and industrial concerns, was a member of the legislature (Liberal) for Fort Williams, 1892-5. He is honorary lieutenant-colonel of the 73rd Cameron Highlanders, was appointed lieutenant-governor in 1911, was opposed to reciprocity.

Sir Francois Charles Langier, Charles Jerome Jones, C.M.G., assistant secretary to the governor-general, is of U.P.L. stock. A son of the late Ralph Jones, he was born in Port Hope in 1848, and graduated from Trinity University with a degree in B.A. in 1868. After five years' ranching in Texas, he entered the governor-general's office in 1875. He became chief clerk in 1888, and deputy governor-general for signing of certain public documents in 1905. He became assistant governor-general's secretary in 1909, and later secretary. Mr. Jones was granted the imperial service order in 1902.

Aubrey White, C.M.G., deputy

LIND HASTENS TO PRESIDENT

Envoy Understood to Be Conveying News That Huerta Regime is Practically Ended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press).—With the scout cruiser Chester speeding across the Gulf of Mexico tonight, due to drop anchor about midnight off Ship Island, on the coast of Mississippi, John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, expects to breakfast with the president at Pass Christian tomorrow and lay before him a full report of what has happened in Mexico during the past few months.

To make the run from Vera Cruz to Ship Island as planned, the Chester will be obliged to maintain a speed of 23 knots an hour for more than 24 hours, but her commander, Capt. McVitt, says this can be done. Such a feat would set a new naval record. There has been much speculation as to the exact object of Mr. Lind's journey. He is coming, officials say, to make a verbal report to the president, and in some quarters it has been suggested that, convinced that "crumbling" of the Huerta regime is nearly finished, Mr. Lind desires to confer with President Wilson in regard to the course to be pursued when the end comes.

MAN NOW IN TORONTO IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 31.—(Can. Press).—Mrs. Marion W. Lunney of Minto, Sunbury County, is the plaintiff in a divorce case here against her husband, George W. Lunney, a railway train man, now of Toronto, on usual statutory charge of infidelity made, but the co-respondent is not named, also said to be a woman living in Toronto.

Mrs. Lunney asks for an absolute divorce, custody of her children and alimony. No defence has been filed.

MONSTER TURKEY THIS

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 31.—A turkey shown here today a white, heavy tipping the scales at the tremendous weight of 48 pounds was exhibited. It is owned by John Smith, a farmer, and is said to be the biggest and heaviest in Canada.