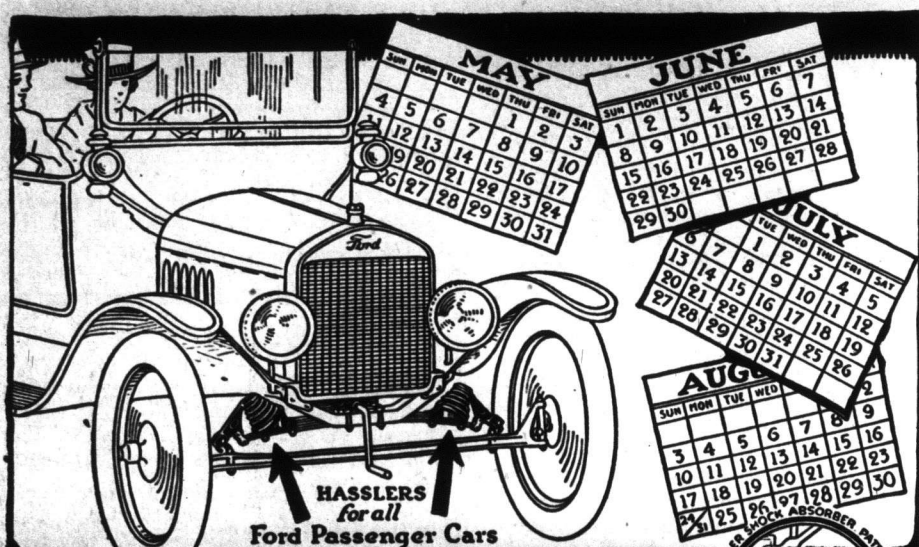




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Young People

Alan's Great Surprise

By Frances Margaret Fox

When Laura's and Mary Anna's big brother, Alan, was a little fellow, he had to go to bed at eight o'clock every night except Friday and Saturday. He thought it was a hard thing to do, especially in the spring and early summer. Perhaps if he had been a country boy, it would not have seemed so hard; but he lived in the city, where dozens of other boys were his near neighbors. The other boys went to the same school that Alan attended, and they were allowed to stay up and to play outdoors until nine o'clock every evening, and sometimes later.

Long after Alan was in bed, with his head on his pillow, but with his eyes wide open, he used to hear the boys playing ball in front of their houses, or hide and seek round the houses, or shouting like Indians, just for fun.

Spring, summer, fall and winter, it was all the same while Alan was a little boy; his bedtime when he went to school was eight o'clock.

Alan was well, and he learned his lessons easily. Both his father and his mother told him that he was well and that his eyes were bright and that he learned his lessons so easily because he went to bed early every night. He thought they were mistaken, but he did not say so. Instead, he kept his thoughts about it to himself.

Then one day came his great surprise. It was in June, a few weeks before the long vacation, and just the kind of day

A moment the teacher waited, thinking that others would stand; but no one else rose. Alan stood alone. He felt utterly miserable and wretched until the teacher said, "You may be seated, Alan."

Then came the great surprise: The teacher made a speech; she said she knew that Alan always went to bed early. How did she know it? Because he always came to school fresh and rested, bright of eye and ready for work. She said she could tell who sat up late and who went to bed early by the work they did in school. She could pick them out and name them if she chose.

When the teacher said that, several little girls turned red, and at least one boy looked foolish and ashamed. But the teacher did not mention any names; she only said that she was sorry that Alan was the only one who dared to stand. Then she advised all except Alan to open their books and study their lessons. But she told Alan to go home and have a good time; he had earned a holiday.

Alan walked a step at a time, a step at a time, politely,—until he reached the big outside door; then he flew down the steps and ran home at the top of his speed, to get into the automobile on the front seat beside Lee for a ride into the country!

The Fairy in the Forest

By Antoinette De C. Patterson

It was the dearest, queerest little old lady in the world who had moved into the big house next to Madeleine's. Soon Madeleine grew to love her devotedly,



Whatever can it be?

when everyone wishes to be outdoors, even the teachers. Birds were singing, and the air was sweet with the smell of roses. A gentle breeze wandered into the schoolroom, as if to call the boys and girls outside to play.

The children were not studying their lessons as if they cared at all who George Washington was, or where the highest mountains are, or the longest rivers, or the largest cities, or how to spell the hard words.

Alan was thinking of his big brother, Lee, who did not have to go to school in the afternoon, because he was in the high school. The high school boys were supposed to study at home in the afternoon but nevertheless, Lee had planned to take the baby sisters, Laura and Mary Anna, in the automobile for a ride into the country. Little brother Alan was thinking of that when the teacher said to all the children, "You may lay aside your books for a moment, if you please."

Quickly all the children closed their books and sat straight, glad to listen to what the teacher had to say; they were expecting a surprise. The next moment Alan wished that he was anywhere else except in that schoolroom, because this is the question that the teacher asked:

"How many boys and girls in this room are in bed before nine o'clock every night except Friday nights and Saturday nights? All who are please stand."

Alan despised a lie; so he stood beside his desk and tried not to notice that the boys who were his neighbors were snickering behind their hands.

and to watch for every chance that might serve as an excuse for a call. Miss Phyllis, as everyone called her, had a wonderful doll, named Gabriella, who had three hundred and sixty-five different costumes,—one for each day in the year,—which, of course, added much to the pleasure of Madeleine's visits. Sometimes Gabriella would appear as a great lady, with a white powdered wig and a long satin train; sometimes in simple dress of a Red Riding Hood; and again as a prince in a long black velvet cloak, with the dearest little silver-bright sword!

And then, too, back of Miss Phyllis's house was a forest with a little brook in the heart of it—and oh, such soft green moss! The old lady called that special spot Fairyland, and told Madeleine that that she should not be surprised at any moment during her wanderings in the woods to come across the fairy queen herself.

"How I should love to be with you when you see the queen!" said Madeleine.

Her friend smiled. "Perhaps you may dear child," she answered. "Who knows?"

"Have you ever seen her?" Madeleine next asked.

"Yes, once,—very, very long ago,—though my mother said at the time that I was dreaming. The fairy was like a beautiful princess, and the gown she wore was of blue gauze, of the shade of evening, and all studded with tiny stars. For a wand she held one of those bluegrey flowers that we children called quaker ladies; and I knew she was the queen of the fairies by the crown she wore."