



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Bedtime Stories For the Children.

#### UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE ALARM CLOCK

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"Ting-a-ling-a-ling! Ting-a-ling-a-ling!" went the alarm clock in the hollow stump bungalow of Uncle Wiggily. Longears the rabbit gentleman, "Ting-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling!"

"My goodness me!" exclaimed Uncle Wiggily. "I didn't know it was time to get up so soon. Why, it seems as if I had just come to bed." But in the next room he heard Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady housekeeper, stirring around. She must have heard the clock, also. "I'll be ready for breakfast in a little while," Uncle Wiggily called, as he began dressing.

"Aw-aw-aw right," said Nurse Jane, trying to speak and yawn at the same time, which is quite difficult to do—almost as hard as standing on your head and peeling a bag of potatoes. "I didn't think it was time to get up yet," went on Nurse Jane.

"Nor I," said Uncle Wiggily, "but the alarm clock rang."

And when he and Nurse Jane came downstairs, why it was hardly daylight. None of the other animal folk were up, and even Mr. Cock A. Doodle, the rooster gentleman, who crowded to awaken all the farm people—even he had not come out of his coop.

"Well!" Uncle Wiggily exclaimed. "I guess our clock must be fast and ahead of time. I'm going back to bed."

So he did, and Nurse Jane, also, had a little more sleep before it was time to really get breakfast.

But the next morning the same thing happened. The alarm clock went off too early again, and Uncle Wiggily and Nurse Jane arose before the stars had stopped twinkling like the rabbit gentleman's nose.

"There is no use talking about it," Uncle Wiggily said, "that clock is all wrong. It doesn't tell the right time. I'll fix it!"

"What will you do to it?" asked Nurse Jane.

"Why, I'll take it apart, clean it, and put it together again, so it will go properly."

"But can you fix a clock?" asked the muskrat lady.

"Well," replied Uncle Wiggily, as he tied a shoe lace around his left ear, so as not to forget to buy some peppermint candies when he went to the five and ten cent store. "I never have tinkered with a clock. But I can fix my automobile, when the German holomana sausage tires need pepper sprinkled on them to make them go faster, and I can eat lollypops when I go up in my clothes basket airship. So I think I can make this alarm clock over so it will keep better time."

"Well, I certainly hope so," spoke Nurse Jane. "It is no fun setting up in the middle of the night by mistake."

Uncle Wiggily started to fix the clock. He took off the face and Nurse Jane washed that nice and clean. Then the rabbit gentleman took off the hands of the clock and put them carefully away where they couldn't tickle him and make him laugh when he began to take out the wheels.

Next Uncle Wiggily took the insides out of the clock, and he was looking at the different wheels, wondering which one he had better fix first, when, all of a sudden:

"Zip! Bang!"

Something flew out of the clock and

### UNCLE DICK'S CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

My Dear Nephews and Nieces—

By the time you get the Corner this week, you will have commenced your holidays, I expect. Now I hope you will all have a really happy, and enjoyable time. Make the most of them, and don't have any cause to afterwards look back with regret, wishing you had used them to do this or that.

I should very much like you to start your holidays by doing a kind deed. Will you all make a special effort to send in a face cloth which I want you to make in the sewing contest, as they are very much needed by the Red Cross Society, to be sent to the hospitals in France and Flanders. You would thus be doing a kindly action towards the wounded soldiers. Some of you have already sent me in some very well made cloths, but I want many more still, and of course will give the handsome story book as a prize.

I am sorry there has been some delay in the engraving of the Certificates of Merit, which were awarded to some of you last week, but they are now nearly ready, and will be sent off in a day or two. I am sure you will all be pleased to win one as they are not only a certificate of good work done but are prettily designed and printed.

I shall be very pleased to receive any photographs of my nephews and nieces, and may publish some which are suitable. Just write your name and address on the back of the print. With best wishes and heaps of love

From your

UNCLE DICK.

P. S. You are sending me in a great number of most interesting letters each week, and I only wish I had space to publish more of them than I do, but later I may do so. I have something very interesting to tell you next week.

#### A BEDTIME STORY

Snowball and the Catnip

Once upon a time Snowball, the white kitten, was sick and her friend Spotty, the dog, was almost ill, too, worrying about her. Snowball didn't want to play and she wouldn't eat anything, and Spotty wouldn't burst himself trying to eat the kitten's share. The cat lay most of the time in her basket and Spotty brought her everything he could find to make her well, but poor Snowball would pay her attention but only turned away her head.

At last her mistress noticed that something was the matter and Spotty heard her say she must get Snowball well, and he made up his mind if another cat came he would fix it, for he didn't want anyone to come between his friend and himself.

The next morning while he was eating his breakfast, Snowball's mistress had something to do and went out and shut the door. At first Snowball didn't pay any attention to what it was, but soon she began to smell something very nice and it made her almost well and she began to eat. She ate a little, and he made up his mind if another cat came he would fix it, for he didn't want anyone to come between his friend and himself.

When he saw Snowball acting so funny he was frightened and tried to stop her, but the more she smelled the catnip the more she liked it and the thought his friend had gone mad, and so he ran fast as he could to his mistress, took hold of her dress with his teeth, and led her into the room barking very loud.

When they reached Snowball, she was still flying around purring as happy as could be. "Spotty," said his mistress, "don't you know what makes Snowball act so? I gave her some catnip and that will make her better." Poor Spotty. He just took one look at his crazy friend and then ran out into the yard, where he stayed all the rest of the day, and even Snowball's "meow, meow," couldn't bring him in to see her. —Vancouver World.

#### PRIZE WINNER'S LETTER

Dear Uncle Dick—

Thank you so much for the prize. Yes, it arrived quite safely, thank you, this morning.

I was so surprised and delighted to learn on Saturday that I had won it.

Thank you also very much for answering my letter in the letter column of Saturday too. I am trying to get for more of Jumbo, then I told you some more nephews and nieces for the Corner, and have succeeded in getting four from St. Andrews so far. Wishing you every success and thanking you again.

I remain your interested reader,

ESTELLA LAWFORD.

#### A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR A DRAWING

You have been making some very good drawings to illustrate the story about Uncle Wiggily, the Rabbit Gentleman, but some of you are not sure as to what to sketch so I am therefore offering by contest somewhat. I will give a special sketch made by our artist to the boy or girl not over 15 years of age, who sends me in by Thursday, July 1st, the best pen and ink sketch of Uncle Wiggily by himself. Make the drawing about 4 inches by 4 inches, and send to Uncle Dick, The Standard, St. John, N. B., and I will publish the prize winner's picture and name next week.

#### REPLIES TO LETTERS RECEIVED BY UNCLE DICK

Fredda Banks—I trust ere this you will have received your book, and like same. I wish I could come and help you to pick some strawberries!

Willie Evelyn Sample—Your prize was sent off alright, and I should have received it ere this. If you get no further word let me know, and I shall see that another prize is sent you in its place.

Douglas Woodworth—You have made a very good drawing. Douglas, but I think you will agree that Edith has shown more observation by drawing Uncle Wiggily. You are a clever artist though.

Eva McDougal—I am sorry that you did not send in the correct answer, but you have made quite a clever coloring of the picture.

Florence Macaulay—I am very well indeed, and am pleased to learn you upon your success at school. The face cloth is well done, but of course the results will not be published until next week.

Clara Akerly—Thanks for the face cloth! It is nicely made, and will help some poor wounded soldier. I am sending you a Kaiser Button. Try the picture this week.

Arravella Butti—I am afraid you would be very disappointed if my picture appeared in the Corner. Send me yours however, as I want to publish some of them later, in the Corner.

Hilda C. Case—I am pleased you liked the button. You have used the right colors but allowed them to run somewhat, try to prevent this, by always having your brush with a nice point in it.

Eugene H. Monahan—You will notice that there has been some delay in the engraving of the certificates of merit, but you will get same in a day or two.

Kathleen Hand—You have written a very good story about the picture, but the answer was incorrect as you will notice. You should not let the picture rest in a rough surface whilst coloring, but smooth it down with a table, as you do good coloring otherwise, Kathleen.

Marion Edith Dykeman—Yes, I received the painting alright, and am pleased you like the stories. I have received the sketches you speak of.

Francis Glenn Adney—I know you are a boy Francis, why did you mention the fact? Did I make a mistake? You have done a good picture this week, but in coloring I would suggest that you run over the larger surfaces first with a wash of water, and then when nearly dry apply the colors. You will then get a more even coloring.

Agnes Short—You have made a nice face Agnes, but of course the results will not be published until next week.

Annie Patterson—I'm using chalks, always let your picture rest on a smooth surface, and run the colors all one way so as to apply them evenly, and prevent the streaks. Don't forget to fill your coupons in Annie.

Geneva A. McMinn—Welcome to our Happy Corner, Geneva. I am sending you a Kaiser Button. You are quite a clever artist, and I shall be pleased to have more work from you.

Carlisle B. Seelye—I am pleased to know what father is, and would be pleased to hear what he thinks of OUR Corner.

Willie L. Sharp—You have made a very good attempt, and if every boy and girl sent in two face cloths like you, I would have a splendid number to give to the "Red Cross Society" to have sent to the battlefields.

Elsie Robertson—You have made a very good coloring. Elsie, but did you spray it over with some wood spirit afterwards? I am sorry Kathleen spoils her's. Are you sending in any face cloths for the wounded soldiers? Try and do so.

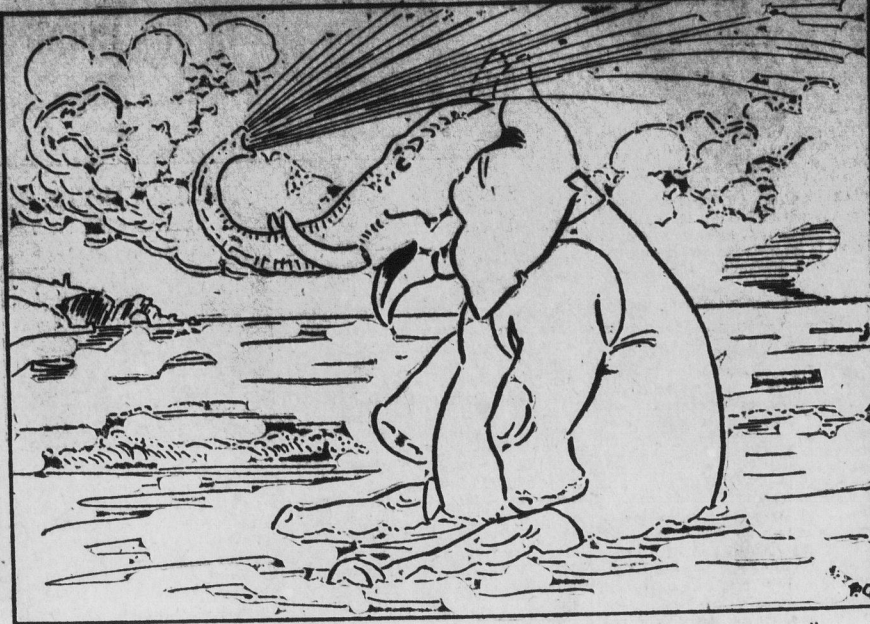
Edward Ritchie—That's right Edward, go on trying. You will see you have succeeded in winning a certificate of merit this time. You are a clever little artist, but try and do the coloring more evenly. What pretty little rabbits you must have, I should like to see them very much.

Myrtle Cox—I am sending you a certificate of merit for good work done, as soon as they are finished being engraved. Thanks for your good wishes.

Edith Mitchell—Will you please call in, if able, on Tuesday morning, and get the special sketch made by our artist, as you are the prize winner. Just ask for me. Call about 11 o'clock.

Florence Heider—I am sending you another prize, by registered mail. Let

#### THIS WEEK'S CONTEST PICTURE



Again comes Jumbo on the scene. Just as the holidays appear; And what is more, he's all serene. And knows as well as you they're here.

Like you he thinks he'll take a spell. Of happy days from care quite free; So here is Jumbo, fit and well. He's bathing as you all can see.

#### THE RIDDLES CONTEST

As none of you were able to give the correct answers to the riddles which I published last week, I have been unable to award the prize to any boy or girl. I am however publishing the answers so that those who entered may see which riddles they were wrong in.

No. 1. Each one was a man's name and he was the only man who took a pear.

No. 2. One sews seams nice, and the other seems so nice.

No. 3. O.I.C.U.

No. 4. 235, because a miss is as good as a mile.

No. 5. Because he gets only a quarter a week, and he needs that to get full on.

No. 6. One is hard to get up and the other is hard to get down.

#### Newspaper Fire.

A slight blaze in a few newspapers in a shed at the rear of the Unique Theatre was tramped out by firemen yesterday afternoon. No damage was done.

#### A CLEVER LITTLE ARTIST



I am publishing the sketch sent in by Edith Mitchell, 207 Douglas Ave., St. John, N. B., and am sure you will agree that Edith well deserves the prize. I should have liked to have published the other sketches also, but space will not allow. I am sending Edith the special sketch made by our artist.

## Competitions For Boys and Girls

On Saturday I will publish a picture which I want all boys and girls who are not over 15 years of age to color with either water colors or chalk.

To the young artist who does it the best I will give a first prize of a valuable Art Book.

It's a simple competition, no hard rules, no entrance fees, just cut the picture out, paint or color it the way you think best, save Three coupons the same as the one shown on this page, send them all addressed to

### UNCLE DICK, THE STANDARD, St. John, N. B.

Closing Date of Contest, July 8th, 1915

#### Coupon to be Used in Both Contests

#### STANDARD COMPETITION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age Last Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (Must not be over 15 years of age.)

July 3, 1915.

The Prize winner's name will appear in the Children's Corner of The Standard on July 10th.

#### Special Sewing Contest

In Aid of the Red Cross Society (St. John Branch.)

I am again publishing particulars of the special sewing contest, and I want you all to enter for the prize, as the work you send in will be given to the above society, and the poor wounded soldiers will be greatly comforted by your efforts. Here are the particulars: Make a face cloth measuring ten inches by ten inches, using three ply of ordinary cheese cloth, hand stitched across from corner to corner, and round the edges. Then pin the above coupon to same and forward not later than Wednesday, July 7th, 1915 to

UNCLE DICK, The Standard Office, St. John, N. B.

This contest is open to both girls and boys, as I want you to make as many face cloths as possible, knowing that they are to be used for the wounded soldiers.

To the girl or boy who makes the best I shall award a valuable story book.

#### DO YOU KNOW A GOOD JOKE?

I am sure that many of you know some very funny stories and jokes. If you do, write it out and send same to Uncle Dick, The Standard, St. John, N. B. To the sender of the funniest joke, stating whether original or not, I shall award a special prize. Send in not later than July 15th, 1915. Together with one coupon filled up.

#### RESULT OF THE PAINTING CONTEST

The coloring of the contest picture has been very well done this week, and great difficulty was experienced in deciding which was the best as the ages of the youthful artists ranged from 5 to 14 years of age, and full allowance had of course to be made for the youngest. It has however been arranged to award the prize of One Dollar to

NESTA BEAMAN, (aged 12)

Fairville, N. B.

and highly commend the following:

J. Evelyn Kershaw, McDonald Pt.

Edward Ritchie, Yarmouth, N. S.

Edith Mitchell, 207 Douglas Avenue, St. John, N. B.

Ray Marshall, Marshalltown.

to whom Certificates of Merit are being sent.

#### RESULT OF THE QUESTION CONTEST

The answer to last week's picture question is "They are trying to see Jumbo." You will remember we had a few pictures of Jumbo some time ago, and then during the last week or two many of you wrote me asking for more of Jumbo, then I told you that I would publish more Jumbo adventures again shortly, but most of you seem to have forgotten this altogether in your answers, and given baseball, fire, cricket, and other things as your answer.

I have therefore decided to award the prize of a pretty book to

HAROLD McCLAIR,

8 Market Square,

St. John, N. B.

as his answer was the first correct one received.

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