

"Hooray! Hooray!" shouted Ned and Earl, but Hal hesitated.

"Don't you think it might scare him too much?" he asked.

"Naw! A bit of a scare doesn't hurt anyone," declared Tim, "It'll only take the sissy out of him and make a man of him."

So Hal reluctantly consented to go on with the plan. Tim was a sort of leader among all the boys of the neigh-



Shadow Tricks.

[Try to make these shadows on the wall on Halloween.]

borhood, and very few of them ever opposed him.

Night came. Three boys with three Jack o' lanterns with glaring eyes and grinning horribly, hid behind a clump of trees on one side of the bridge. Two boys, one big, one very little and timid, though nearly as old as the other, came along the road on the other side, chatting merrily.

All of a sudden the Jack o' lantern boys heard a pitiful voice.

"Where are you Tim?"

No answer.

"Tim!"

Still no answer.

"Tim, where are you?"

Just then came the whistle of a killdeer, and out marched the three awful goblins.

A wild cry rang out,—then over the bridge-rail and into the water plumped Jack o' lantern Number One.

Hal was running over the bridge, shouting out.

"Hello, Chris! Hello! It's only us! It's only fun—see! Nothing but pumpkins."

In a moment down went the other Jack o' lanterns, and soon all the lads were gathered about timid little Chris, who had sunk down into a pitiful heap on the road, and was sobbing his heart out.

All of the lads were sorry, for they were not bad lads—only fond of fun.

"I thought we shouldn't do it," said Hal, hugging and petting Chris. "I'll never play a nasty trick again as long as I live."

"Nor I," said Earl.

"Nor I," added Ned.

"See here, boys,"—and Tim was the speaker, "I'm the only one to blame. I was a mean chump to even think of such a thing, and I beg your pardon, Chrissy."

"It's all—right—now," sobbed Chris.

"And say," went on Tim, "It's up to me to make up for all this. Mother made me a lot of pumpkin-pie and stuff for us to have a party, so we'll all go over right now and dig in, then we'll all go home with Chris."

"And we'll put one of the Jack o' lanterns up on the gate-post, eh Chris?" suggested Ned.

"That will be fun," agreed Chris.

"What a silly I was to be afraid of a pumpkin!"

So, "All's well that ends well," and the lads spent a merry evening after all.

WEIGHTY DECISION.

"Did you make those biscuits, my dear?" asked the young husband.

"Yes, darling."

"Well, I'd rather you would not make any more, sweetheart."

"Why not, my love?"

"Because, angel mine, you are too light for such heavy work."

Wife of absent-minded professor—Do you know, darling, you haven't kist me for a fortnight?

Absent-minded professor—Great Zeus! Whom have I been kissing, then?

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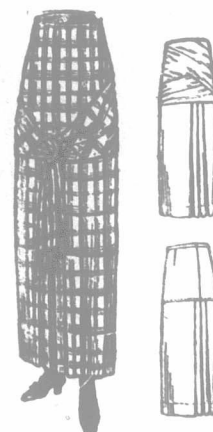
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