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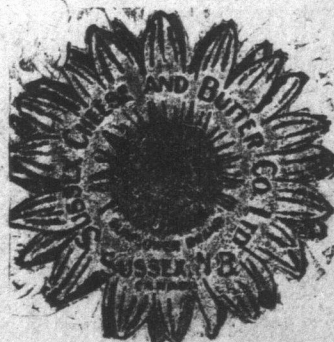
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## A Castle in the Air

STORY OF LEGACY PROVES TO BE UNTRUE.

Man Without Degree Poses As Doctor.

From basking in the reflected glory of a supposed inheritance of \$70,000 in cash and two ancient manor houses, in England and Scotland, worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000 more, to the prisoners' dock in a police court at Winnipeg, Manitoba, was the sudden transition undergone by a Saskatchewan man, who was formerly owner of a fox farm at Wilkie, Saskatchewan, and later practised as a physician at Codette. Branded as a liar, and convicted on seven charges of fraud, he was sent to Stony Mountain Penitentiary for two years with hard labor. Accused Arthur Francis Blake, is stated to have built and equipped a hospital at Nipewin, a pioneer town in Northern Saskatchewan, and a few months ago he announced himself the beneficiary under a most unusual will, which, he claimed, had been made by his uncle. What is declared to be a gigantic hoax, perpetrated with a criminal motive, was carried out by Blake while living in Saskatchewan in February last. Claiming to be Captain A. F. Blake, with military distinction and honors, and holder of the Belgian Croix de Guerre, he presented himself to be the inheritor of his late uncle's estates of Kilmerton Castle, in Forfarshire, Scotland, and Wootton Manor, Sussex, England, providing he carried out certain strange clauses in the will. He claimed that his uncle, Colonel Arthur G. Blake, made the following stipulations:—

1. He must visit his mother's birthplace in Umballa, India.
2. Visit the spot in South Africa where his father was killed during the Boer War.
3. Remain in Canada until Nov. 20, 1927.
4. After that date make his home at Wootton Manor, having carried out the other conditions.
5. Marry some time before Jan. 1, 1930.
6. Encourage the Sussex fox hunt and be a member of the same.

Blake stated that his father was Captain Thomas Gerald Blake, only brother of The Duke who had just died. His father had given his life for the Empire on the South African field in the 1901 campaign. The police found that although he practised as a doctor, no one had proof of Blake's professional standing, and that he had been obtaining his instruments under false pretences. His landlady was also short of a considerable sum for board and lodging. Blake was arrested in Winnipeg, charged with cashing a number of worthless cheques. At the trial he said he had built a

hospital in Saskatchewan, pictures of which were published. The hospital, he added, had never been opened. He substantiated an account of his military exploits during the Great War, which credited him with several decorations and a bag of 26 enemy planes and balloons. According to word received in Winnipeg from the chief constable of Fifeshire, Scotland, the whole story of the legacy is a pure invention. A Kilmerton Castle exists, it is true, but it is occupied at present by its owner, Lady Low, whose family has never heard of Blake. A warrant for Blake's arrest is out, and is to be served by Saskatchewan Provincial Police as soon as the Manitoba term is finished. Further inquiries from Scotland Yard brought the information that Blake had served a sentence of ten years' penal servitude when convicted of theft as a cadet in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The fake heir, however, spoke of this purely "political wrangle," and declared that other "Black and Tans," were sentenced with him, and "several of us got out in four months."

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Now let me try to remember where

and how we ended the last story. Oh, yes, the Big Brown Bear had just cautioned the little rabbit not to wake Buster and Bouncer, his two small cubs. Mrs. Bear was singing a lullaby, wasn't she? Of course she was. Mother bears can croon a song as well as any one. Heeding the uplifted paw of the kind old bear, the little rabbit tiptoed across the floor and sat down in a big chair. All the chairs were big, for Mr. and Mrs. Bear were large animals, and as yet Mr. Bear had only bought a trundle bed for his two small cubs.

"Just met Peter Possum eating persimmons," said the bunny boy in a whisper. "He was hanging by his tail, eating the soft, sugary berries."

"Yes, he's mighty fond of them," answered the Big Brown Bear. "But I know a little rabbit who is just as fond of lollipops."

"Ha, ha," laughed the bunny boy, smacking his lips. "Wish a lollipop tree grew in our garden."

Just then somebody rapped tippety tap. "Who's that, I wonder," exclaimed the Big Brown Bear, taking his corn-cob pipe from between his teeth and ambulating over to the door. "Come in," he added a moment later, and in walked the Billygoat Ferryman, the old goat, captain of the ferryboat that crossed the River Sippl to Bunnybridge, you remember.

"Hello," he exclaimed, on seeing the little rabbit. "Gosh! cautioned the Big Brown Bear, 'whisper, if you please. Mrs. Bear is putting the children to sleep.'"

"I won't make any noise," answered the Billygoat Ferryman. "By the way," he went on, "I need a barrel of lollipops. All the school children in Bunnybridge are going on a picnic Saturday. Guess the old ferrygoat will be crowded. We're going to the Whispering Glen far from the haunts of mortal men."

"Ha, ha!" laughed the little rabbit, but the next minute he spoke in a whisper as the Big Brown Bear raised a warning paw. "I know where the Whispering Glen is. Half way in the Fairy Bunny Forest. I went there once with Uncle John Hare."

"Yes, that's the place," continued the Billygoat Ferryman. "We land at a wharf on the opposite side of the River Sippl; then it's only half a mile and a bump and a smile to the Whispering Glen. Fine place for a picnic."

"May I come along?" asked the bunny boy, oh so wistfully.

"Sure you may," answered the Billygoat Ferryman. "We start early Saturday morning. Now, how about the lollipops?" he enquired turning to the Big Brown Bear.

"Have a barrel already packed," answered that good natured animal, with a smile. "Picked them only yesterday."



Off went the Billygoat Ferryman with his candy load.

"Well, I brought along a wheelbarrow," said the Billygoat Ferryman. "Roll out the barrel and I'll take it along."

In a few minutes the Big Brown Bear had lifted the barrel in the wheelbarrow, and off went the Billygoat Ferryman with his candy load. Then putting on his khaki cap, the little rabbit said good night and hopped back to the dear Old Bramble Patch where Lady Love, his pretty bunny mother, was waiting at the little gate in the white picket fence for her bunny boy. And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.

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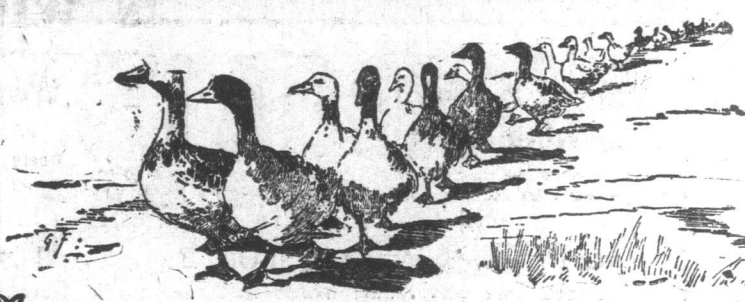
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