

# CHILDREN'S STORY

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The reckless tongue is quite the worst of all the things I know. So watch your tongue and guard your tongue.

And let your tongue be slow. A QUICK tongue is apt to be a reckless tongue, and a reckless tongue is one that says things without stopping to think if they be true or of what harm they may do by being repeated. The tongues of some people seem to be reckless all the time. Gossipy tongues almost always are reckless. Other tongues become reckless when their owners lose their tempers. It was this way with the tongue of Longlegs the Eiron that beautiful summer day. Longlegs lost his temper and then he said things which he wouldn't have said if he had stopped to think.

You see Longlegs was very hungry and he waited patiently for a long, long time for his breakfast. You know Longlegs is a fisherman, and he is one of those who wait for their meals to come to them instead of going after them. Little Joe Otter is a fisherman, but he is the other kind. He is such a famous swimmer that he can chase and catch fish. Longlegs isn't a swimmer at all, so he has to wait for the fish to swim near enough to where he is standing for him to catch one by darting his long neck downward like lightning and snapping up the fish in his great spear-like bill.

So on this particular morning when Longlegs had waited and waited so patiently and at last a school of minnows had come swimming in almost within reach it had been more than he could stand to have Rattles the Kingfisher suddenly dart down and seize the biggest minnow Longlegs had counted as surely his, at the same time frightening away all the other minnows.

"You're a thief!" he screamed at Rattles. "You're a robber! That was my fish!"

Rattles the Kingfisher chuckled. It wasn't a pleasant chuckle to hear because Rattles hasn't a pleasant voice. In fact it is a very unpleasant voice. He didn't reply at once because he was too busy swallowing that big fat minnow. It was so big that it stuck in his throat, and he had to twist and squirm and wriggle and gulp and gasp to get it down. But at last it was down. Then he looked across at Longlegs and chuckled again.

"If it was yours why didn't you catch it?" he asked. "I didn't even know you were over there. Not that it would have made any difference," he added with another harsh chuckle.



Rattles the Kingfisher Chuckled.

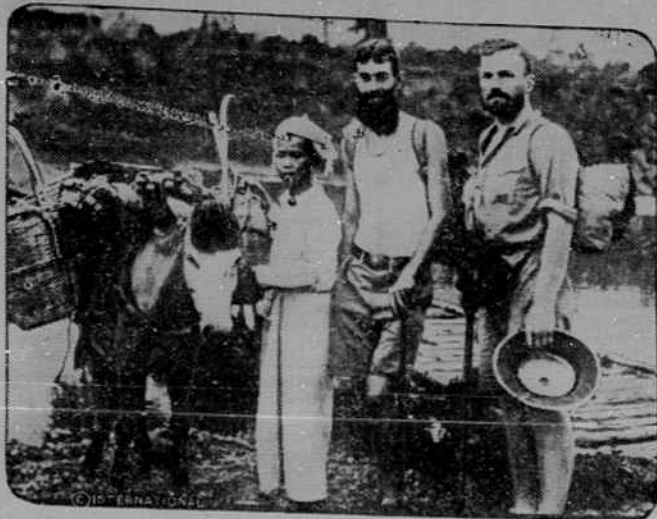
"For fish belong to whoever can catch them, and that fat minnow didn't belong to you because you hadn't caught it."

"It did too!" retorted Longlegs, and his voice was as harsh as Rattles' voice. "I was just going to catch it when you stole it. You're a thief, I tell you. I'm going to tell everybody that you're a thief. You stole my breakfast!"

Rattles chuckled again. You see, having that big fat minnow in his stomach he simply couldn't lose his temper. You know, temper is very largely a matter of an empty stomach. The stomach of Longlegs was empty and so his temper was very, very bad, while the stomach of Rattles was full, and so his temper was very, very good.

"Go ahead! Go ahead. Longlegs!" said he. "You tell everybody that I'm a thief, and I'll tell everybody that you are a long-legged, long-necked, cross-grained, bad-tempered, lazy do-nothing, who waits for his meals to come to him instead of going after them. Everybody knows that I never stole anything in my life, and everybody knows that you are just what I have said you are. It is true I haven't many friends, but it is because I don't want them. But it is just as true that you haven't either. It is easy enough to call names, and I guess I can do that as well as you can. So go ahead. Calling me a thief doesn't make me one, and you know as well as I do that that minnow didn't belong to anybody until it was caught. Just to pay you for losing your temper, I'm going to stay right

## Americans on Old Caravan Route



A. A. LEE of New York (center), formerly of Pittsburgh and Cleveland, and A. F. Kane of Milwaukee, as they appeared with their small native attendant and pack mule, en route from China to India via an old Chinese caravan route. The party journeyed overland from Saigon, French Indo-China, to Calcutta, and is shown halting for a swim in western Yunnan, China.

### Setting New Record



Evelyn Ferrara, of the Illinois Women's Athletic club, setting a new American record in the discus throw with a heave of 111 feet, 11 inches, at the recent Central A. A. U. meet in Chicago.

here by the Smiling Pool, and you ought to know, if you don't, that I can beat you fishing every time. If you'll take my advice you'll go over to the Big river. You'll fill your stomach sooner there, and then you'll feel better."

Longlegs opened his mouth for an angry retort, then closed it without saying a word. He knew that what Rattles said was true, and to tell the truth he was a wee bit ashamed. Finally he spread his big wings and flapped away in the direction of the Big river. Rattles the Kingfisher chuckled noisily. Then he fixed his bright eyes on the Smiling Pool to watch for minnows.

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### London

The city of London is said to have been originally Llynidin, a Celtic name signifying "town on the lake." The Romans called the place Londinium, adapting the native name to a Latin form, and the modern name is subsequent corruption.

## BONERS



Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope.

**BONERS** are actual humorous tidbits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

A metaphor is a thing you shout through.

Queen Elizabeth was a virgin queen, and she was never married. She was so fond of dresses that she was never seen without one on. She was beautiful and clever with a red head and freckles.

False doctrine means giving people the wrong medicine.

Blockheads were the part cause of the War of 1812.

A democracy believes in God and a republic doesn't.

Everybody needs a holiday from one's year end to another.

The press today is the mouth-organ of the people.

A planet is a body of earth surrounded by sky.

No Good for Him

A soft answer may turn away wrath, but never an insurance agent.—Chicago Evening Post.

## AN OLD MAN'S ENVY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

ALL an old man's tasks are done, One by one  
All his races have been run.

Now he sits beside the fire,  
Old Grandsire,  
Little now his limbs to tire.

All of youth's task lie ahead,  
Roads to tread,  
Things to master, and to dread.

Age is like an ancient mill,  
Gray and still,  
All the grist ground that it will.

Youth can never quiet sit,  
Smoke a bit,  
With all life ahead of it.

Youth must up and on its way,  
While the gray  
Sit and think and smoke all day.

Youth must up and sow the grain,  
Shift the crane—  
And I hear youth's voice complain.

All an old man's tasks are done,  
And his fun—  
Let me tell you this, my son:

Nothing would seem hard to do  
If you knew  
How an old man envies you.

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### JUST A FEW SAUCES

A WELL made and appropriate sauce will take an ordinary meat dish out of its class, making it a real creation. The following are a few that are different:

#### Breton Beef Sauce.

Take one tablespoonful each of sugar, horseradish and made mustard, mix with four tablespoonfuls of vinegar.

#### Lamb Sauce.

Pour one-fourth cupful of boiling water over four tablespoonfuls of chopped mint leaves, let stand until cold, then add two tablespoonfuls of vinegar and enough orange marmalade to make a thick sauce.

#### Unusual Meat Sauce.

Mix together two tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of grated chocolate, one-half cupful of preserved currants, one tablespoonful of shredded orange peel and the same amount of capers. Pour over these ingredients a cupful of vinegar and let stand for several hours. Before serving strain off the extra vinegar.

#### Olive Sauce.

Mix together one tablespoonful each of melted butter and flour, add one cupful of good stock. Stir and cook until smooth and thick. Add a scant teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce and one dozen finely chopped olives. Season with a little salt and pepper. Let the mixture simmer gently for three minutes.

#### Egg Sauce for Fish.

Mash the yolks of three hard cooked eggs with two tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of rich cream and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Another is prepared with a white sauce, two hard cooked eggs chopped fine and salt and pepper to taste. Allow two eggs to each pint of white sauce. This is good served with cauliflower.

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## Sets High Standard for Pig Marketing

### Record of Illinois Farmer Cited as Example.

Whereas few farmers raise more than 70 per cent of the pigs farrowed, Charles B. Shuman, a graduate of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, has hung a record during the past three years of raising and selling 84 per cent of the pigs farrowed on his Moultrie county farm.

His rate of marketing has run so high that during the three years his sales have averaged almost eight pigs a litter. Out of 568 pigs farrowed in 62 litters, he has sold 475. He is co-operating with the extension service of the college in demonstrating swine sanitation and other approved practices.

Last summer Shuman fed 52 head and sold them September 23, when they were six and a half months of age, averaging 204 pounds each. They paid well for their feed. They were fed corn, wheat, oats, tankage and soy bean oil meal. They used 391 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds' gain, according to the report which Shuman made on them to E. T. Robbins, live stock extension specialist of the college.

### How to Make Effective

#### War on the Groundhog

Groundhogs cause damage both by eating the crop and by the piles of stones and gravel which spoil the mower blades.

Readers are asking how this pest may be destroyed. Guns and traps are most in use. Carbide gas may be used, but is not effective unless all the holes are well sealed. One of the cheapest and easiest methods, if one has a car, is to use carbon monoxide gas. This gas, which is very dangerous, is made in the motor and is released through the exhaust pipe.

First block all the holes so that they are as airtight as possible and prevent the animals from escaping. Drive the car up to the main hole, and in this place to the end of a rubber tube, the other end of which is attached to the exhaust of the motor. Leave the motor running for about twenty minutes, which should supply enough to kill the pests. Readers who have had experiences in this or other methods of eradication are invited to report on results.—Montreal Family Herald.

#### Hot-Weather Pests

Warm weather arouses the reproductive instinct of flies. By midsummer it would seem as if nature has overdone the job of guaranteeing the perpetuation of the species. Certainly it doesn't take so many to be assured of breeding stock from year to year, considering their prolific tendencies.

Warm weather also arouses the activity of harmful bacteria. We are thinking now of those that cause milk to sour, making it unfit for food. Careless handling of milk in warm weather is just as certain to invite trouble as the certainty that sunset will follow sunrise. Clean cows, clean milking, clean utensils, and prompt cooling prevent these bacteria from doing their dirty work.

But flies? How shall we keep their filthy feet from contaminating our food and from torturing our cows? Make it tough for them to find suitable breeding places. Coax them into fly traps. Knock them stiff with fly spray.—Hoard's Dairyman.

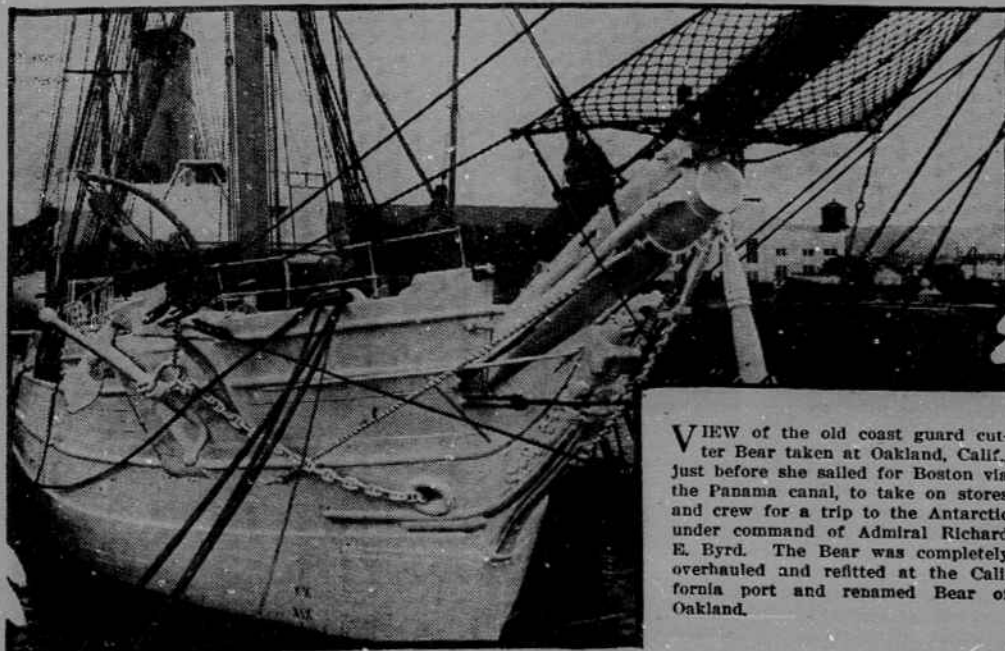
#### Silo Will Beat the Frost

Ensiling corn saves the entire crop. The man with a silo does not dread the early frost, for his silo is ready to receive leaves, ears and stalk. Dry corn fodder which has not lost its leaves, or which has not been leached by fall rains, is excellent feed—but losses are inevitable and can be avoided by ensiling the corn. Ensiling should take place when the kernels are in the glazed stage. The glazed stage is reached when the seed coat has become somewhat shiny, and when the starchy part of the kernel is firm enough to rub up into meal when this starch is removed from the kernel and rubbed between the fingers.—Dakota Farmer.

#### Sowing Millet

It would not be advisable to seed millet, alfalfa, timothy and clover together. Millet is calculated for hay and the plants grow very thick, requiring a good deal of available fertility. All of this would be detrimental to seeding out with the clovers and grass. The same objection may be given for not seeding down with sudan grass. The earlier the grass and clover seed can be sown the better for a good catch and stand. Barley is a good nurse crop. Sometimes land is seeded out about the time millet and sudan grass is sown but the clover and grass seed is sown alone and gets off to a sufficient start to be all right for entering the winter conditions safely.

## Old Cutter Bear Fitted for Another Byrd Trip



VIEW of the old coast guard cutter Bear taken at Oakland, Calif., just before she sailed for Boston via the Panama canal, to take on stores and crew for a trip to the Antarctic under command of Admiral Richard E. Byrd. The Bear was completely overhauled and refitted at the California port and renamed Bear of Oakland.