



TRAYS WHICH GREW.

You know how it is—if you share anything with a friend it seems to grow bigger? That is the way it is at the Hospitality hotel.

The boy and the girl adventurers looked in astonishment at the brownies with the trays. The trays were being brought in for the banquet, and they were growing larger, and the brownies seemed to be growing bigger. Even the food on the plates and on the trays was growing, too. It was all most mysterious.

"Grow, grow, grow," the brownies all sang in a sing-song fashion. "Grow, grow, grow, so, so, so, for we're to have a banquet."

In another moment a great gong sounded through the hotel and there was heard a great scurrying.

It was then that the boy and the girl looked about them in the hotel. The staircases were great high, winding ones, and the floors were of beautifully polished woodwork, though they could see some scratches on the floors which looked as though there had been a dance or a ball given there recently.

Pictures hung on the walls in enormous gilt frames, and in the hallway where they stood was the biggest coat and hat rack they had ever seen with so many coats and hats hanging there they felt they could never count them all.

The great scurry had kept up. Now the trays had not grown for a few moments. But they were enormous now, and the brownies were very much larger and the food looked as if it had been prepared for many, many people.

Now the hurrying and the scurrying sounded nearer, and from all parts



"Off With the Roof."

of the great hotel the little creatures came hurrying.

"Welcome, welcome," they shouted. The boy and the girl almost felt embarrassed that so many creatures were coming to welcome them.

The boy felt perhaps he should make some sort of a polite little speech. He thought a moment and then he said: "I do hope we haven't taken any of you away from other engagements."

"No, not a bit of it," they all began to say. "Not a bit of it. We always have had time to welcome guests. That's what we love above everything. That's why we live in the Hospitality hotel."

"Is this the only hotel of its kind?" asked the girl of a brownie who was standing right by her.

"Not exactly the only one, though there is no other just like it," said the brownie. "But I'll show you about before bedtime. Now we'll watch the banquet being made ready."

Again the great gong sounded, and once more the trays began to grow and grow until all the trays grew together and appeared like a long, long table with all sorts of food upon it. No longer were there any trays, every one was now a part of the great table, and as the table became a banquet table all the hosts and hostesses and the boy and girl and Master Thoughtfulness moved to one side. They could do this very easily, for the great hallway seemed to grow wider and wider all the time, too!

"Where have the brownies gone who held the trays?" asked the boy. He had no sooner said this than the girl added: "Why, they've disappeared. They were growing larger and larger, and then they went away entirely, but how strange we didn't see them go."

"Not strange at all," said a voice from under the long table. And there arose, rather slowly, the largest creature they had ever seen. He was fully as long as the table, and when he stood up he had to call out to a night watchman:

"Off with the roof, off with the roof, I'm standing up!"

"Yes, Night Watchman," he called, "off with the roof."

"Who are you?" asked the girl.

"And how do you do these things?" asked the boy.

"Because I'm Sir Hearty Cordiality," he answered.

Well, Wasn't He Right?

A teacher was questioning a class of boys on the subject of birds. Having received correct answers to the questions about feathers, bill, feet and wings, he put the question: "What is it a bird can do that I am unable to do?"

"Fly," was the answer he hoped to get. For several moments the boys thought, but gave no answer. At last one held up his hand.

"Well, my lad, what is it?"

"Lay an egg," said the boy.



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Register of Deeds S. C. Holden.

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners is in receipt of a letter from Col. A. D. Watts, Commissioner of Revenue of North Carolina, informing him that the horizontal tax reduction requested by Franklin County some months ago had been approved. The letter follows:

I give you below copy of resolution adopted by State Board of Equalization at its meeting on Wednesday, June 15th, in reference to valuation of real estate for the year 1921.

WHEREAS the boards of county commissioners of sixty-six counties in the State of North Carolina, acting under authority of Chapter 38 of the Public Laws of the Legislature of 1921, have reported to the State Board of Equalization that the actual value of real estate in their respective counties as of the first of May, 1921, are less than the said values were on the first of May 1919 or the first of January 1920, and that the said Board of county commissioners, exercising the powers conferred upon them by the said Act of the Legislature of North Carolina, have, by proper resolution reduced by horizontal percentage reduction, the value of real property in their said counties, which said values so reduced, in the judgments of said boards of county commissioners are, as near as can be ascertained, the actual value in money of the real property situate in said counties and

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WHEREAS the boards of county commissioners of still other counties in the State, acting under powers vested in them by the said act of the Legislature of 1921, have declared that the values of real estate in their said counties, as a whole, have not materially declined in value, but that there are inequalities in values of property owned by individual tax payers in the counties and are seeking to remove such inequalities of values in order that all of the property in said counties shall, as near as it can possibly be done, conform to a uniform standard of value which is the actual value in money of said real estate on the first of May 1921, and

WHEREAS the State of North Carolina levies no tax upon property in the State for the purposes of maintaining the State Government and State institutions now

It is resolved that respecting the judgment of the said respective boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the State and having confidence in their integrity and probity, the State Board of Equalization approves the resolutions adopted by the said respective boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the State of North Carolina as reported to it, except the county of Hyde whose action has not yet been precisely determined, and the county of Dare, whose commissioners have not made a report to the said State Board of Equalization.

Resolved second, that the value of the real estate in the said respective counties, to which the reductions made by the boards of county commissioners shall apply, shall be the values of such real estate as determined by the Legislature of North Carolina at its Special Session in 1920, except where such values were reduced by the Tax Commission of North Carolina pursuant to law.

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