

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

SIR ROBERT RADISH

"Listen, little Radishes," said Sir Robert Radish, "for I have something to tell you."



One Little Radish, Nudging Another.

"We're very anxious to hear what you have to say to us, Sir Robert Radish," said the little Radishes very politely.

"I will give a lecture and at the lecture I will tell you what I have in my radish mind to tell you," said Sir Robert Radish.

"I think," he continued, "that is the best way to do it. In that way all the Radishes can hear the lecture, and perhaps if I just told those of you who are listening now, there would be some missing it and that would be a pity."

"He flatters himself, doesn't he?" said one little Radish, nudging another.

"Oh well," said the second little Radish, "I suppose one gets to be that way if one is a lecturer."

"Perhaps," said the first little Radish, "but, at all events, he doesn't want one to miss his talk. He feels that his talk is to be important."

"Doubtless it is, doubtless it is," said the second little Radish. "Let us attend the lecture."

"Well, it will have to depend on where he gives it," said the first little Radish.

"He'll consider Radishes when he's picking out a lecture hall," said the second little Radish.

"And now Sir Robert Radish was talking again.

"As I said before," he commenced, "I would like to give my talk or my lecture before as many Radishes as possible. That is why I will not give it now."

"There are a good many Radishes not quite old enough to care about such things as education and lectures."

"These Radishes will be old enough in a very short time. So I think that one week from today I will give my lecture. If by any chance I am called away on important business I will tell one of my brothers to give the lecture and will tell him what I have all ready to say."

"Yes, there is always a chance that I might be called away on important business."

"One of the dining-room tables might need me, or a nice little saucer and a piece of tea. There are any number of business appointments I might have at the last moment."

"Even, some salt and a mouth might want me."

"But the lecture will be given one week from today, and as the Radish children are so large I'd like those of you listening to me now to tell the others of the lecture."

"So the little Radishes promised, and Sir Robert Radish talked no more but took a Radish nap."

A week later Sir Robert Radish was still on hand.

"Well, friends and relatives," he said, "I didn't have to go away after all."

"Perhaps a good many of us will go together. Doubtless that will be the way."

"But today, when I have time, I will deliver the lecture of which I spoke a week ago."

"I am glad so many of you are old enough and wise enough to listen. For I think what I have to say is interesting."

"Now, you know that many people suppose that plants will not grow in different places from those they have naturally belonged in. But that is wrong."

"Many plants are found to be growing in certain kinds of climates and places which really do not agree with them, whereas a change will."

"It is the same with plants as with people. Then, too, many plants used to the sea air will change their ways if they're transplanted to the mountain air."

"Of course the plants are transplanted into earth."

"But when I speak of air, I mean that they're put where the air is very different and of course all makes a great deal of difference."

"Often plants like a change of scene and of air. Often a new place will agree better than an old place. But most interesting of all is the way plants will change their habits in various places. Now, the Water Cross is a relative of ours, and when the Water Cross is brought to an inland mountainous place it has small radishes on its roots in a very short time, showing how family ways will come out!"



"I Will Deliver the Lecture."

"Why must you call in three outside mechanics just because I have a flat tire?"

"Now, Doc, you hold consultations, don't you?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WERE NOT KEEN OBSERVERS

Washingtonians Might Have Saved Time Had They Looked Over Situation More Carefully.

A few years ago a Washington office building boasted an office that excited the awe and admiration of all who saw it. It was ornate, elegant, tasteful, decorative and all that sort of thing—in one word, nifty. It had a reputation; every other office in the building was compared with it, and few reached a rating as high as 50 per cent.

But in the fullness of time the occupant thereof moved on—specifically to New York, where all good Washingtonians go if they can stand the climate—and the office was closed. The glory of this particular building had departed, until, recently, another sumptuous, luxurious and pomme de terre establishment blossomed out therein. Naturally, of course, old timers in the building began comparing it with the one that had excited so much comment in the past. It was about 50-50. Some thought it was even more elaborate; others thought it wasn't so much.

And who knows how long the debate might have gone on, bootlessly and futilely, had not the discovery suddenly been made that the two offices had the identical furniture, even to the waste basket?

PHONOGRAPH AIDS HER GOLF

Player Makes Public Method of Improvement on Which There is No Patent as Yet.

Take your phonograph along when you play golf and it may be that you can play better golf.

If you have been making the course, perchance, in 100 strokes, you may be able to reduce your game to, say, 80 strokes—or thereabouts.

Such a demonstration was eminently successful on one of the leading golf courses in Cleveland recently. It was conducted under the guidance of Miss Edna Tenloper, golf expert, musician, society pet and personal friend of President Harding.

Miss Tenloper told about it not long ago while in Los Angeles, says the Express of that city. She was entertaining a number of friends in her home. Also, she had just purchased a dozen or more new phonograph records. Some of the friends wanted to go out to the country club and play golf, and they wanted to remain and hear the records.

Miss Tenloper solved the problem by taking a small phonograph to the golf course and continuing to play the new records while her guests ruffled gayly over the green. And she declares that every one of them played the best golf of their lives.

IMPROVED SOUND BOX

Anything that eliminates sound waves that are disturbing to the record itself, in phonographic devices, will naturally improve the reproduction of instrumental and vocal music. This is said to be done in a patented phonographic sound box, described in Popular Mechanics Magazine, of the usual shape, having the usual vibratory diaphragm at one end, and between that and the outlet of a series of disks with registering openings, gradually decreasing in number toward the outlet, so that the sound waves are not affected by the sound box itself.

MEASURING THE OCEAN

The Navy department has been working on a device for measuring ocean depths by means of reflected sound waves, but as yet has not perfected it to a point where it wishes to give out information regarding it. A recent German device of similar nature has been developed, by means of which depth measurements, accurate to within one foot, can be made even when the ship is moving at full speed.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

GETTING EVEN

"The Wise Shall Understand. Many shall be purified and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand."—Daniel 12:10.

FLANGES COPPER TUBING

With a new hand tool copper tubing can be flanged without removing from devices to which it is attached.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 2

EZEKIEL, THE WATCHMAN OF ISRAEL

LESSON TEXT—Ezekiel 2:1-3:1. GOLDEN TEXT—Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.—Isa. 55:4-7.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—II Kings 17:13, 14; Isa. 6:1-13; Jer. 1:1-19; Matt. 23:1-39; Acts 20:18-21, 26, 27, 29-31.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Shepherd and His Sheep.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Ezekiel Watches and Warns Israel.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Facing a Hard Task.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Duty of Warning Others.

I. Ezekiel's Call (vv. 1, 2).

1. Commanded to Stand Up (v. 1). Ezekiel was given a vision of the Almighty God, on His throne of glory (ch. 1). Before the vision the prophet fell prostrate upon his face. The essential equipment of a minister for the discharge of his task is a vision of the Almighty.

2. Filled With the Spirit (v. 2). By the Spirit the divine energy entered him and enabled him to execute the commission given to him.

II. Ezekiel's Commission (vv. 3-5).

1. The Moral Condition of the People (vv. 3, 4). (1) A rebellious nation (v. 3). This rebelliousness perhaps referred to their heathen idolatrous practices. (2) Impudent children (v. 4). "Impudent" literally means "hard of face." It means the grossest perversity which caused them to stand up in the presence of the prophets of God without a sense of guilt or compunction of conscience.

2. The Charge (v. 4). He was to deliver the message of God. He was to declare, "Thus saith the Lord God."

3. The Difficulty of His Task (vv. 5-8). He was to deliver the message of God whether they would hear or forbear.

III. Ezekiel's Experimental Qualifications (2:9-3:16).

Before one can preach to others he must have an experience—must be in sympathetic accord with God and His message.

1. Eating the Book (2:9-3:9). This book contained God's woes upon the stiff-necked and rebellious people (v. 10). In order to speak God's threatenings effectively to others we must inwardly digest and appropriate them ourselves. The eating of the book was in his mouth as honey for sweetness. Though his ministry was difficult and the judgment severe, the prophet was in entire sympathy with God's purpose and found delight in His will.

2. Urged on by the Spirit (3:10-11). In order to strengthen Ezekiel for his task, the wonderful symbolism of God's providential agencies which had been before him in chapter 1 was brought to his attention, assuring him that God would accompany him to his new destination.

3. Entering into Sympathy (v. 15). In order to minister to a people one must enter into sympathy with them; must show that the message is from the depth of the heart; that to declare the message of woe is a great grief. Ezekiel mingled his tears with theirs.

IV. Ezekiel's Grave Responsibility (3:17-21).

God made him a watchman. Every minister is a watchman over his flock. Two things were required of him:

1. To Hear the Word at God's Mouth. The source of his message was God's Word. So today the minister is to get his message from God.

2. Sound the Warning (v. 17). After he heard God's message he was to speak it out. The same duty is upon the minister today. Cases in point for his guidance (vv. 18-21):

(1) When God says to the wicked "Thou shalt surely die" (v. 18), and the watchman fails to warn him, the wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood shall be required at the watchman's hand.

(2) If the watchman warn the wicked and the warning is unheeded (v. 19), the wicked man shall perish, but the watchman has delivered his soul.

(3) When a righteous man turns to do iniquity and God gives him over to stumbling in his own sin, his past seeming righteousness will be of no avail, but his blood will be required at the hand of the watchman if he fail to warn him (v. 20).

(4) If the watchman so warns the righteous man that he fall not into sin, the man shall be saved and the watchman hath delivered his soul.

Ministers have most solemn obligations, that of discharging their obligation whether men will hear or forbear.

The Wise Shall Understand. Many shall be purified and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand.—Daniel 12:10.

Being Wise. It is better to be wise and not to seem so, than to seem wise and not to be so.—Plato.

Honest Error. Honest error is to be pitied, not ridiculed.—Chesterfield.

I AM SORRY THAT YOU ARE HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH THIS STOVE, I HAVE BEEN LATE EVERY DAY THIS WEEK.

YES! OUR HOME DEALER WOULD HAVE REPLACED IT LONG AGO.



BY M.C. MEYER

PRECAUTION IS BETTER THAN REPENTANCE

PROMPTNESS is one of the qualifications that all employers demand of their employes. A troublesome stove bought out of town very often is the cause of much disappointment and discord in the home, while on the other hand a stove bought in your home town comes "ready to use," just burn and must give satisfaction, or the home dealer will make it right.

MORAL:—Keep the home fires burning.

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