

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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THE BROWN RAT

"It's all because we're not fussy," said the Brown Rat.

"We're not popular. We're just ordinary, common, plain rats.

"There is nothing about us that is interesting. We're not nice as some rats are—that is no one seems to say a good word for us.

"And I don't know that I can boast about myself, except of course I'm smart and so are all of us smart.

"But we're not beautiful as some rats really are—the Australian rat I've heard was really quite handsome.

"No, we're just ordinary rats.

"But we're clever. It is clever of us not to be fussy. If we were fussy it would be difficult.

"As it is we always get along. No one likes us. No one invites us to come about. We aren't pets. We never will be pets.

"We're not supposed to be interesting.

"There is nothing about us that makes people say to us that they want us to come around, or that we are cunning, or anything of that sort.

"They do not say:

"Dear little rat, or dear big rat, come here and see me."

"Yet they urge other animals to come to them.

"Oh, well, such is rat life. We cannot mind for we cannot help it.

"But we are clever. We often follow people about and go where they



"I Don't Know That I Can Boast About Myself!"

live. We are to be found in many, many places.

"We aren't fussy and that is really clever.

"I must explain this remark of mine. We do not mind if it is hot and we do not mind if it is cold. We do not mind if the season is a dry season or if it is a rainy season.

"We will put up with anything. We will not spoil ourselves.

"We will not let our health suffer from hardships. No, we will put up with anything and so we have never been driven away.

"It is because we have been so without complaints that we could stand all we have stood.

"We have let nothing worry us. We have been quick and spry and energetic and smart.

"We have not cared whether we were wanted or not. We have not let our feelings be hurt.

"If we weren't popular—we'll just had to realize that and keep out of the direct way of people.

"We didn't sit down and cry about it.

"We just make the best of everything and are clever and smart and shrewd and so because of all of these qualities we will always be around.

"You can't do much with a creature who is clever, who will not let discomforts put him out, who will not mind how he is hated, who will stand for anything, and who thinks quickly, too.

"You can't do much with such a creature, I say."

"Such a creature am I, and such a creature is every brown rat.

"So, friends, or enemies, you will always have some ordinary, plain brown rats living in the world whether you like it or not.

"Wise people have said so. I am not the only one who says so.

"Others who have studied the ways of all creatures have said this about us.

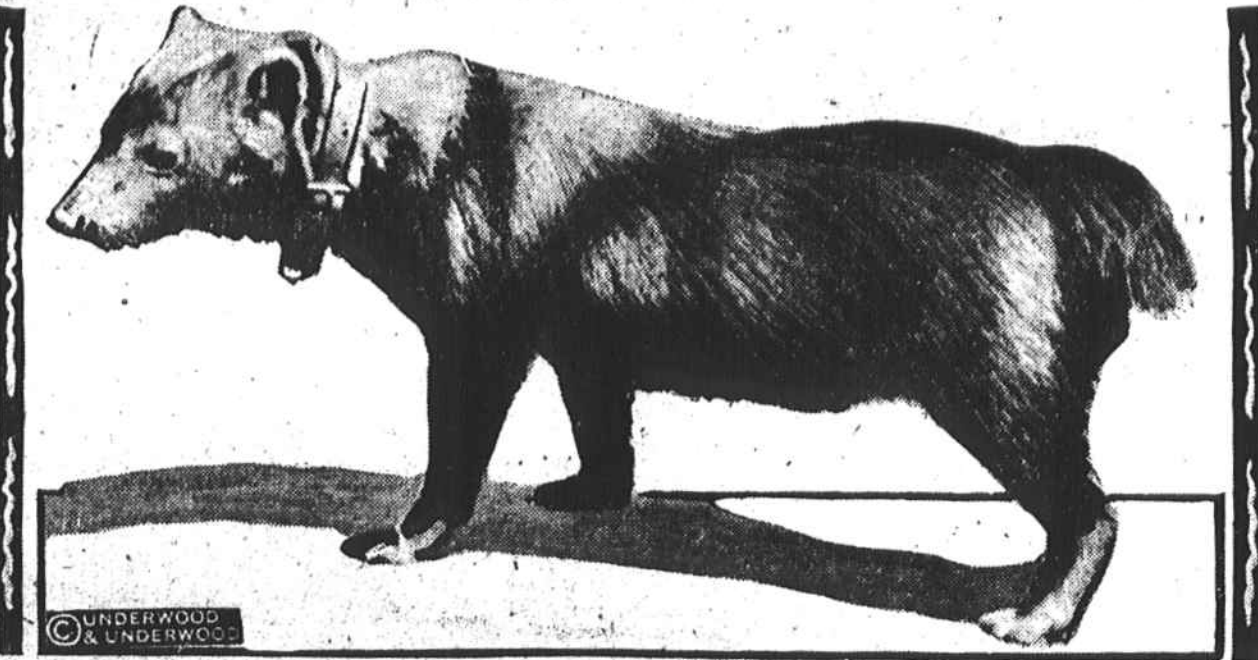
"Oh, yes, there is nothing you can do about it. So you had better make the best of it as we make the best of not being liked."

And the brown rat wiggled his whiskers and grinned as he thought of all these things.

Tongue Twisters

- June Jumping Jack jumped joyously.
- Alice asked Aunt Ada for an apple.
- Silly Sally sold solid saucers Saturday.
- Bernice bumped Bobbie's blistering bunlon.
- Bobbie broke Bennie's big black balloon.
- Bertha blew beautiful big blue bubbles.
- Boy-Blue blew Bobby's big black bugle.
- Sally Simpkins sold shoe strings Saturday.

Washington Zoo Gets Singing Dog



An animal described as a "singing dog" is the latest arrival at the Capital zoo. He is described as having "web feet, a head like an anteater, cauliflower ears and at times sings like a bird." The singing dog was brought from a region along the Amazon river in Brazil and it was said that he was caught while he was practicing his scales.

ETHER AWAKENS PLANTS



Dr. David Lumsden, Washington, D. C., a scientist who has explored the secrets of the vegetable kingdom for Uncle Sam, awakens flowers, shrubs and trees and starts them growing, even in the dead of winter, with ether—the same kind that puts a man soundly to sleep.

SHE'S PEACE OFFICER



The deputies say "Yes, ma'am" to the undersheriff at Cody, Wyo., for the undersheriff is Mrs. W. H. Loomis. Her first arrest was a bootlegger with a "mean" reputation; but he meekly said "Yes, ma'am" when she served a warrant on him.

WANT A SHAVE?



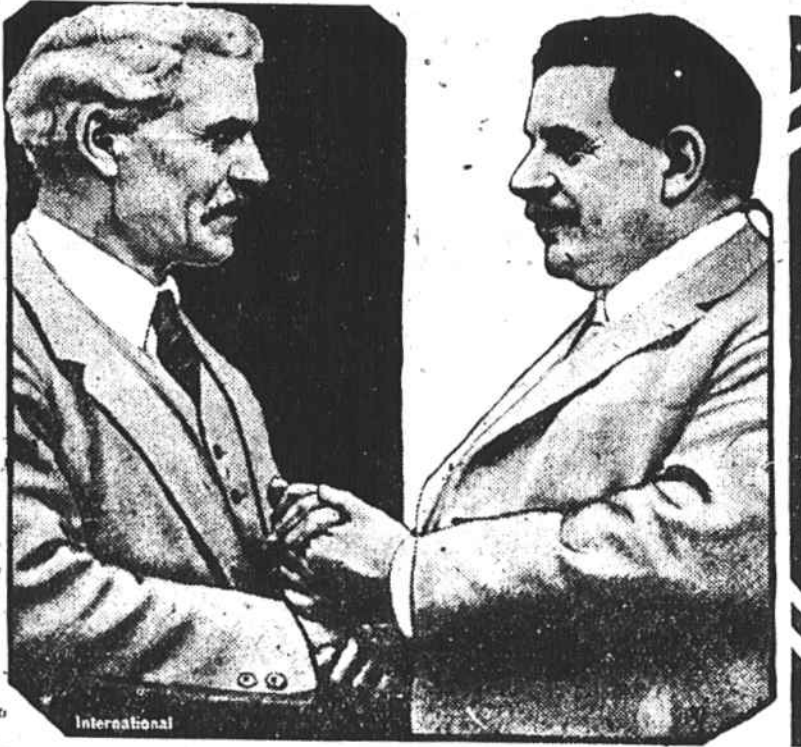
Alderman J. L. McLendon of Atlanta, Ga., gets a close shave with a meat ax at the house party he gave at his log cabin on Dunwoody road to members of the Zeta Tau sorority of Oglethorpe university. Miss Neil Martin, one of the university's pretty

General Pershing in Europe



Gen. John J. Pershing making his last visit to Europe as general in the United States army. He is shown placing a wreath on the cenotaph in London. When the general returns to the United States he will retire to private life.

Two Premiers Grasp Hands



Ramsay MacDonald of England and Edouard Herriot of France, premiers of their respective nations, who conferred at the British premier's residence at Chequers. Each is a representative of the Laborite factions in their countries.

New Outdoor Sport for New Yorkers



Men and women from all walks of life kept score cards on the Democratic convention. Wherever it was possible to hear the proceedings over the radio crowds gathered and indulged in the new sport.

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Oh, Mercy Me!

Stern Mother—Why did you allow Mr. Swatters to kiss you in the sitting room last night?

Daughter—Because it was so cold in the entrance hall, mamma.

Asphalted paper is used as a mulch to keep down weeds in more than 10,000 acres of pineapple plantations in Hawaii.

Tobacco Store Lockout

In protest because contraband tobacco was seized in a shop and the place closed, all other tobacco stores in Beirut, Syria, were closed by the owners for six days until it was reopened.

A man never knows how little he is worth until the sheriff disposes of his property.



A New Way to Make Old Familiar Dishes

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