Closs's Column

EUROPEAN FAIRY STORY

Once there were three brothers, Big Brother, Middle-Sized Brother and Little Brother.

Big Brother liked to walk the streets in his uniform and was sure to let everybody know he was the biggest of the three brothers.

Middle-Sized Brother also liked to promenade in his uniform, and although everybody knew he was not the biggest of the brothers, he too, commanded respect.

Little Brother had no uniform because Middle-Sized Brother had hidden it. It was humiliating to have to wear short pants, but Little Brother wore them until the day he met the Traveling Sales-

"How handsome you would look in a uniform, Little Brother!" ex- are apt to do, and lo and behold, even be mistaken for Big Broth-

So Little Brother finiggled around, and by high-powered mar- felt, had cheated him out of his ble swapping he bought the uni-inheritance and threw cold water form. For days he strutted before on all his schemes for regaining it. the mirror, lacking courage to wear the uniform in public. His dle-Sized Brother were indignant self admiration grew daily, how- that Little Brother would presume ever, and one day he walked into to court the Girl, especially as she the public square in uniform.

Some of the girls oh-ed and ahed, but Big Brother and Middle-Sized Brother frowned. They went into a huddle.

"I don't like this one bit," said Big Brother. "Why his uniform looks as good as mine. And I believe his buttons are newer."

"We must take it away from him at once," said Middle-Sized Brother. "It's ridiculous, wearing don't agree on things. I don't ea uniform at his age. Besides, it's ven like him. I'm afraid of him! dangerous. He'll get into trouble. He-he might even beat me! I Worse than that, he'll get us into positively will not marry him!" trouble. We'd better take it away CLOSS (gal. 2)____s ublc from him right now."

want a black eye."

"Then I'll take it away from dle-Sized Brother?" him. I don't mind black eyes. And I think he ought not to wear a uniform at his age. Gives him this marriage-

want you getting into a scrap with him. He's nearly as big as you are now, and sure as hell I'll have to wade in and stop the fight. He kicks up such a damn racket when he's crossed! After all, he's growing up now. We might as well let him wear the old thing. People know pretty well that I'm Big Brother and you're Middle-Sized to the Girl. Everybody knows we Brother. can handle him if it's necessary."

So Little Brother wore his uniform. Of course wearing a uniform doesn't look very official if one doesn't wear a sword, so Little Brother had to buy a sword. if you just look for it. Now here's Then, too, swords are out of date, except for looks, so he bought an automatic. After that he bought We've told him that we approve, a rifle, a bayonet, and a machine so we'll have to give it to him. gun. And, of course, a tank and an aeroplane and a big gun.

Each time he bought something new Big Brother and Middle-Sized know where I can get a nice sharp Brother would go into a huddle. And each time they would come out with a frown. But Little Brother only polished up his buttons and oiled his guns and swag- you'll never know the difference, gered a little more noticeably.

There were times when Little us all!" Brother would spend so much on his new hobby that he didn't have ing, let them cut off her hand and enough left for food, at which time send it to Little Brother. After he would complain to Big Brother all, there wasn't very much she

and Middle-Sized Brother that they were rich and he was poor and they ought to help him.

"You ought to give me that corn field back of your house," he would say, "You know you only have it because I lost it in the crap game. It doesn't really belong to you. Here you are both living in luxury and I am starving. Blood's thicker than water. You're both responsible for me because I'm the Little Brother . . . and if you don't come across, I'll get in my little tank and I'll drive straight across your flower garden, that's what I'll do!"

So they let him have his own way, and upon occasion helped him. Especially if they saw him getting into his little tank.

He grew up, as Little Brothers claimed the salesman. "A great he courted the same Girl that Big big boy like you ought to wear a Brother and Middle Sized Brother uniform. Your legs are much too were courting. She didn't like him, long for short pants. Why, in a but he was so big and rough that uniform you would be as big as she was afraid to be rude to him. either of your two brothers. It just Too, his Step-Brother had appearhappens that I have a uniform ed on the scene and was pushing that would fit you. Your credit's the match. Step-Brother would improving with age, and who like to marry her himself, but knows? In a uniform you might knew he hadn't a chance. He pretended great love for Little Brother, because he was secretly jealous of Big Brother. Big Brother, he

At first Big Brother and Midwas not overly fond of him. They'd see him in hell before they'd allow such a match. But Little Brother, backed by Step Brother, was insistent. Big Brother and Middle-Sized Brother went into another huddle and came out agreeing that the match might be a good one after all.

"But I don't want to marry Little Brother!" cried the Girl. "We

"I love you dearly," said Big "No, wait a minute while I Brother, tenderly, "But sometimes think," said Big Brother. "If we these things are best. I'll see that Brother, tenderly, "But sometimes take it away from him, he'll prob- he doesn't beat you. Why, if the ably yowl his head off. He's got a brute beats you, you come tell us nasty disposition. And he'll kick and Middle-Sized Brother and I and bite like he always does. And will take him over our checked a-I've a date for tonight. I don't pron. We can manage him if you have any trouble. Can't we, Mid-

"Yes, sure, we can manage him all right. Only, I'm not quite sure

"I won't marry him and that's "No, don't do anything hasty, final! Furthermore, I've a friend Middle-Sized Brother. I don't who will help me even if you He's not a close friend, and he's a bit Bearish, but-

"Well, if things are like that I'll have to think," said Big Brother. "There must be a solution to this matter somewhere. There always is. Let me think."

After a long huddle with Middle-Sized Brother the two returned

"Ah-ahem," began Big Brother. "You're not going to like this-" began Middle-Sized Brother.

"Stop interrupting," said Big Brother. "We have found the solution. There is always a solution what we'll do. Little Brother demands your hand in marriage. Don't interrupt. You, on the other hand, say you positively refuse to marry him. You don't have to. I knife. Now you simply put your hand down on this rock and I'll chop it off and we'll send it to Little Brother. A year from now and think what trouble it'll save

So the Girl, after much protest-

Home Ec. Girls At Cook'g School

On Friday, September 16, the Home Economics girls of the Roanoke Rapids High School enjoyed and were benefited by the "Star in My Kitchen," Herald Cooking School picture at the Imperial Theatre.

Several high school students received prizes. They were as follows: Misses Darell Davis, Dorothy George, Agnes Abrams, Ruth Lee, Ruth Hale, Edith Matthews, and Louise Davis.

could do about it.

Little Brother did not protest that he wanted her heart as well as her hand. He was very grateful for the hand. Said it was what he'd wanted all the time. Having found he could get what he wanted, he retired to the country, ceased his demanding ways, and never bothered anybody again as long as he lived. He gave up buying guns and let all his pretty and expensive collection rust in the rain that fall.

Or don't you think he did?

or in Norfolk Saturday.

ROSEMARY METHODIST SUNDAY DOLLAR DAY

By C. T. ROGERS, Pastor

The annual Conference of the Methodist Church is only a few This means a busy time for all Methodists. Every obligations and to make a good reof the Roanoke Rapids and Roseence it will be necessary for every member to shoulder his part of the

Next Sunday, at the Rosemary Methodist Church is to be "Dollar Day". At this time every member of the Sunday School and every member of the church is asked to bring a dollar (one dollar or more) to take care of our promise to the orphans, the old preachers and widows, to the benevolences and other causes. The need is great and we are asked to help at once. Sunday, October 2nd is the time, one dollar the amount, and the of the illness of her mother. Rosemary Methodist, Church the Mrs. Mildred Moore was a visit- place; and you won't forget, please.

Our annual conference will meet Rocky Mount.

at Elizabeth City during the month of November. It will be a great gathering, representing half of the State, laymen and preachers. Not only do the preachers take great church is anxious to pay up its delight in making a good report for their charges, but the money port in every way. The churches raised for the many good causes is so much needed our heart remary charges always pay up in joices in the fact we have been full, but to do this at this Confera good report.

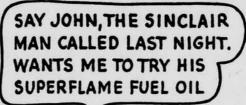
Joe Hinson Dies

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. King and Mr. and Mrs. Willie King were called to Farmville Monday on account of the death of Joe Hinson.

Mother is ill

Mrs. H. E. Gibson was called to Savannah, Ga., Tuesday on account

James Council spent Sunday in

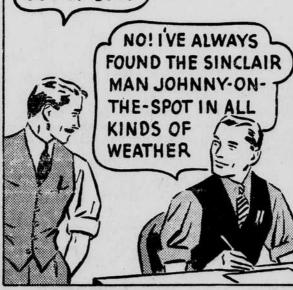




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