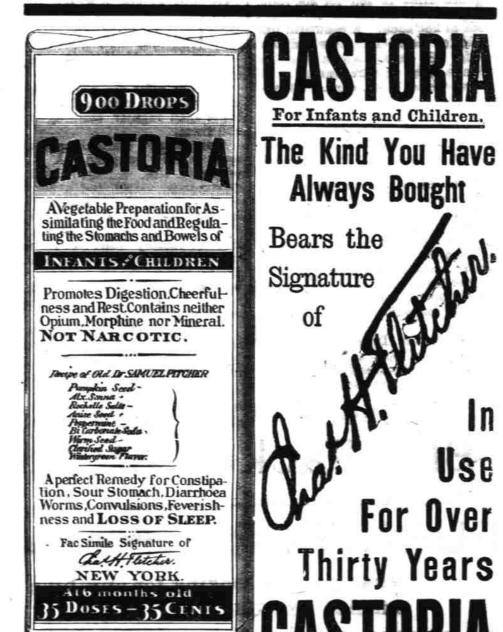


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#### THE LITTLE BEARS WHO PLAYED TRUANT

Fishing with Nipper had grown to be passion. More than once he had played hookey when he was supposed to be in school and gone down to his favorite bend in the Big Pappio and spent the day with hook and line.

One morning while he and Jumper. his cousin, who had come to five with Grandma Bear, were on their way to school Nipper brought up the subject, and, as Jumper had never told on him, he was asked to play truant on the following day and go fishing. "But are there any fish there?" asked Jumper.

"The water is just full of them," replied Nipper, and as Jumper wanted to "show" Jimmy Bear the compact was sealed and arrangements were

The next morning when Nipper kissed his grandmother goodby he said: "You need not worry about me any more, for I'm going to be good and bring home a white card next Friday evening."

His grandmother patted him on the back, and he trotted off after Jumper. Half a mile from home the little bears hid their books and slates under an old log and made a bee line for the bend in the river.

On some occasions Nipper had found other bears fishing at the bend, but this time there was none present, which was very gratifying, and Nipper was soon busy digging angleworms, while Jumper cut the poles.

As Jumper was trimming off the limbs he kept glancing at the water. Nipper saw him and asked what he was gazing at. "Oh, nothing much," replied Jumper, "except that I was just thinking the water is pretty shallow for very big fish." "You just wait and see," replied Nipper. Then he added, "We will be flinging big fellows out as fast as you can count as soon as we get down to business." "I hope we will," was the reply of skeptical Jumper, "but if we don't get some big ones look out for trouble if grandma ever finds out we were here instead of

"Find out fiddlesticks!" replied Nipper. "She'll never know." But Jumper was not so sure of that. In time the worms had been dug and

the lines attached to the poles, and the two little cousin bears sat down to fish. They fished for nearly an hour before either got a nibble, when all at once the bobber on Jumper's line went clear to the bottom. He felt that he had a fish almost as large as a whale and jerked with all his might. When the hook shot up in the air, it was empty, not even the bait remaining. "That looks encouraging anyway!"

exclaimed Nipper. "He jerked just like the big fish I caught one day last week and gave to old Mr. Coon so he wouldn't tell grandma I was up here fishing. I think mine weighed almost fifty pounds," he added, "but I'm not sure, as we didn't weigh it." "One half that big will do for me," replied Jumper as he baited his hook and threw it back in the water. In a little while both bobbers were

dancing about on the water. Occasionally one would go down, but each pull on the line proved that the fish had not taken the book.

Another hour went by, and Nipper got hungry. He stuck his pole in the bank of the river and went to prepare lunch, leaving Jumper fishing. Just as lunch was announced Jumper pulled out-not a fifty pound fish, but a little hickory bass about four inches long, which Nipper said was so full of bones that it would choke a cat to death. After lunch they fished for a long

time without success. Somehow the fish wouldn't bite, although Nipper had assured his cousin that they were plentiful. Eventually, however, Jumper caught another hickory bass, or skipper jack, as Nipper called it. And that was all the fish they got, yet not

all they caught. After Nipper had wound up his line Jumper kept trying to coax the fish. At last he, too, became discouraged and was just ready to quit when his bobber went down, and he pulled for dear life. And what do you suppose he brought up? Nothing but a great,

big, ugly mud turtle. "Mud turtles make good soup," explained Nipper, "and perhaps grandmother will forgive us if we take it

"No, she won't," replied Jumper. "We just got to claim that the mud turtle got after us on our way from school and we killed it with a stick. Don't you dare to tell her we were not at school. If we had plenty of fish, it might be different, but let's take no

It was near sundown when the little bears got home. They heard voices in the sitting room, but supposed it was some neighbors who had called. Nip-

per entered first and was followed by Jumper carrying the turtle. "See what a nice big turtle we have brought you for soup," Nipper said much as a rich man would say to his sons, "Here's \$10 for firecrackers."

"Where did you catch it?" said Grandma Bear. "It tried to catch us on our way home from school," replied Nipper. "That's what made us so late. It ran us all up and down the river for two or three miles, and at last Jumper hit it with a stick and killed it."

"What's that string hanging out of its mouth for?" asked the old bear as she wiped her glasses to get a better

"Guess it must have swallowed something that had a string attached to it," ventured Jumper. "Yes, I guess it did," replied Grand-ma Bear. "I think if the truth were

known there's a fishhook at the other end of the string." "Wonder how on earth it ever got there?" asked Nipper, with a wonder ful show of innocence. But both he and Jumper strongly suspected that their duplicity had been found out, and to make things more uncomfortable Miss Cherry Bark Bear, the little bear's schoolteacher, walked out from

dark part of the room and stood before the two culprits. Nipper didn't propose to give up without a struggle, and he put on a front and said, "Why, dear teacher you beat us home, didn't you?" "But you were not at school today,"

replied the teacher. "Oh, yes, we were," insisted Nipper. "Jumper and I were both there, but perhaps you didn't see us because you have so many other little bears to look after. Of course, dear teacher, we were

Jumper had never been in such a scrape before, and he would willingly have given every plaything he possessed to have had Nipper out in the woods for a minute or two where he could have "evened up." But all he could do was to nervously balance first on one foot and then on the other and wait for something to turn up. And something did turn up.

"Jumper," sternly said his grandmother, "I am much surprised at you. I would not be surprised at anything that Nipper did, but you are different. Do you know that I was at school today? Well, I was. I went to see how you and Nipper were getting along. Well, I was. I went to see how



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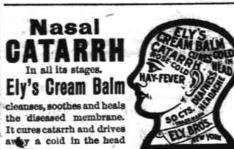
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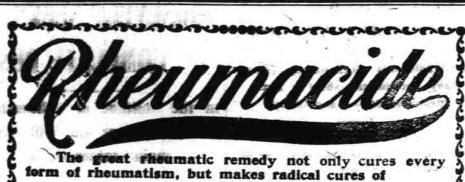
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