

# Daddy's Bedtime

Story — How the Greeks Visited the Daughter Of the Sun.



Promised to Turn the Pigs Back into Greeks.

"THIS is the best time of all day," said Evelyn on daddy's lap. "What with storms, cruel treatment and bad winds the brave Greek Odysseus lost all his ships except his very own," daddy began. "So, very sad at the loss of so many brave companions, he rowed and rowed his one boat till he came to a beautiful island where lived Circe, the daughter of the sun."

"Tell us about her, daddy?" cried the children.

"She was a beautiful magician who trained wild animals to obey her. She had a wonderful menagerie, and also sang very charmingly. When Odysseus climbed a hill and looked about in the very center of the island he saw a palace in a bower of trees. It looked pleasant, but he had learned to be careful, so he sent half of his men ahead to explore and kept the rest with him. When the Greeks reached the palace a lot of lions, tigers and wolves ran up to them. They weren't fierce, but tamed by Circe's art. Playful as dogs, these dreadful animals wagged their tails, stood on their hind feet and licked the Greeks' hands, while Circe's voice floated out of the palace in a beautiful song. This was all too pleasant, and the leader of the men began to fear trouble. So he called loudly, and Circe came out and invited the Greeks into her palace. They all gladly went except the leader, who felt danger. And he was just right, for when Circe had feasted the Greeks she touched them with her magic wand, and they all turned into pigs that ate the acorns on the ground."

"What did the leader do?" cried Jack.

"He ran back to the boat and told Odysseus, who decided to enter the palace and try to save his comrades. On the way he met a graceful youth, who proved to be Mercury, the gods' messenger boy. He warned Odysseus, fortunately, about the magic arts of Circe and gave him a wonderful sprig of a certain plant that had the power to resist magic. So that when Circe had feasted Odysseus, who was hungry, and touched him with her wand he drew his sword and rushed right at her. This frightened her so that she begged for mercy, promising to turn the pigs back into Greeks. And she kept her word. Then the sailors came up from the boats, and all the Greeks, even Odysseus himself, enjoyed living on the island so much that they almost forgot about going home. But one day they remembered, and Circe told them how to pass safely a very dangerous coast beyond hers. So they all put to sea again, daddy finished, with two big hugs.

"Couldn't you tell us now, daddy?" begged Evelyn.

But daddy smiled and looked at the clock.

## Our Query and Reply Department



Will you kindly inform me how the fleet of the allies can bombard the Bulgarian coast? I have been looking at the map, but cannot understand how the allies can get into the Black sea as long as Turkey dominates the pass at Constantinople.

Look at the map again, but be sure the map is one which was printed since 1913, when Bulgaria gained territory on the Aegean sea from Turkey.

Will you kindly give me the definition of the word "nationality"? A claims it is the country of which you are a citizen, regardless of your place of birth. B claims it is the country of your birth, regardless of the country you owe allegiance to.

The word "nationality" designates the nation to which a man belongs, but when a man whose birth and racial affiliations are in one country adopts the citizenship of another the word becomes ambiguous. Its original meaning contains the idea of both birth and allegiance. The Century Dictionary defines the word as follows: "Nationality—The fact of being a member of a particular nation; relationship by birth and race to a particular nation—as the 'nationality' of an immigrant." The word is also used in the sense of "nationalism." Flake speaks of the "intense sentiment of nationality" developed by the Jews of ancient times, meaning the devotion and strong attachment to their nation or country.

What is the age of the emperor of Austria, and how long has he reigned? I think that I have read that he is the oldest king or emperor in the world.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria was born Aug. 18, 1830, so was eighty-five years old on Aug. 18 last. He was crowned emperor of Austria in 1848, when eighteen years old, and has reigned as such for sixty-seven years. When what is called the dual constitution was adopted in 1867 he became king of Hungary. The emperor is the oldest monarch now reigning in the world.

How did the expression "robbing Peter to pay Paul" originate?

It is said to have sprung from a proceeding in 1550 during the reign of Edward VI, when the lands of St. Peter's church at Westminster were appropriated to raise money for the repair of St. Paul's in London.

Was it ever proposed to name one of the United States after Benjamin Franklin?

That name was actually used for a few years. In 1785 the settlers of what is now east Tennessee adopted a constitution and organized a state called Franklin. John Sevier, a prominent man of the period, was chosen governor, and a legislature was elected, which met at Jonesboro in 1785. But North Carolina claimed owner-

ship and jurisdiction over that region, and trouble arose which caused the Franklin state movement to be abandoned in 1788. The next year North Carolina ceded the region to the United States, and the territory of Tennessee was organized.

Is it correct to say that there are no national holidays in this country?

There are no legal national holidays in the United States, not even the Fourth of July, because the right to declare its own holidays rests with each state. The power of congress to establish a holiday is limited to the District of Columbia and the territories. The proclamation of the president designating Thanksgiving day affects only the District of Columbia and the territories and other lands under federal control. The governor of each state issues a Thanksgiving proclamation for his own state.

Congress has recognized certain days as holidays for commercial purposes, and by common consent Washington's birthday, Fourth of July, Labor day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are observed in about all the states, although in some they are not legal holidays.

How did the saying originate about the danger of swapping horses in the middle of a stream?

The origin of the proverb is not known, but it was Abraham Lincoln who made it famous. When congratulated by a visiting delegation upon his nomination for a second term on June 9, 1864, Mr. Lincoln said, "I have not permitted myself, gentlemen, to conclude that I am the best man in this country, but I am reminded in this connection of the story of an old Dutch farmer, who remarked to a companion that it was not best to swap horses when crossing a stream."

Being a Spanish war veteran, how must I go to work to secure a pension?

A survivor of the war with Spain is entitled to a pension on account of any existing disability in the line of duty in the military or naval branch of the United States. The employment of an attorney is optional with an applicant, who may write to the commissioner of pensions, Washington, stating his claim, the organization in which he served and length of service. He will then be furnished with the proper blanks and fully advised as to the evidence necessary to complete his claim.

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