

# Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By Mary Graham Bonner

### ARRIVAL IN CITY

Douglas and Dorothy had just arrived in the city. They had lived in the country where their neighbors were the cows and pigs and chickens, and where the view from their window was of long stretches of green fields and tiny brooks and the wandering streams here and there.



How Excited Douglas and Dorothy Were.

Now they were in the city where wonders were no longer wonders, but actual facts; wonders that really, really happened, a fairyland in actual truth.

They had thought of this journey for so long that it almost seemed beyond belief that they had actually taken it and that their long looked-forward-to and promised visit to their beloved Uncle John was at last about to begin.

Here they were in a big station. Uncle John was there to meet them and he had shown them how he had found out all about their train from the booth they called "Information Bureau."

He had waited on a bench while upon a big blackboard was written the trains due to arrive and the time at which they would arrive.

He had waited in line with many other people and how excited Douglas and Dorothy were when they caught sight of him.

They had been right on time. "To think that these trains and tracks never get mixed and are hardly ever late," said Douglas. How thrilled they were at the entrance to the city. They heard of trains arriving and going out all the time.

"I can see how people would want to come," said Dorothy, "but not how any one would want to leave here."

"We shall start our adventures this very day," said Uncle John. "Now we are going in a train with many cars which run along on tracks right through the ground."

"Ugh," shivered Dorothy. "It will be dark and I'll hate it. Let's have another adventure first."

"No," said Uncle John. "It won't be dark at all. In fact it will be bright enough to read story books while sitting in the cars if you wish to do so. You'll find lots of people reading."

"See," said Uncle John, "when you get there if what I have said is not so."

They were going now toward some stairs. "The trains are even lighter than these stairs and this platform," said Uncle John, as they approached the platform at the foot of the stairs.

Oh, what a big, busy, bustling cavernous place it was. There were trains stopping, there were some going whizzing past as if they were running away. Douglas and Dorothy with Uncle John got into one of the long rows of trains which had stopped and almost were trampled upon by several people. What a rush they were all in! How different from the country! The cows could always wait a few minutes to be milked.

But at once they were off again. A banging of doors, after the guards had called out to everyone to "Watch Your Step."

They had never had any one say that to them in the country. It was nice to think that everything was so thrilling and dangerous that one had to watch every step in the city. That was a most wonderful feeling for two children to have who had never been near a city before in all their lives!

Now they were off. And every once in awhile they stopped, while people rushed off and guards called out names of stations.

Then they went rushing madly through semi-dark tunnels which they looked at through the front platform of the first car. Dotted all along were queer mysterious lights, purple, red, green, blue, all signals for the motor-man.

"It would be rather fearful if anything happened to the motor-man in one of these dark tunnels," said Douglas.

"Oh, what a thought," said Dorothy, who was both terrified and fascinated by the subway.

"You needn't worry about that," said Uncle John. "Should anything happen to the motor-man—or should he drop his hands, the cars would all automatically stop—and that means stop of their own accord. That is a modern wonder."

### STATE STUDENTS FROM WIDELY SPREAD AREA

Reports from the registrar's office show that there are students from five foreign countries and twenty States now enrolled at State College, at Raleigh. There is an even dozen of the foreign students, and a half of this number are from South Africa. There are three from China, and one each from England, India and Hawaii. The foreign students form not quite 1 per cent of the total enrollment, which is approximately 1,400.

As would naturally be expected, the majority of the students are from North Carolina, since it is a State-supported school. There are, however, 133 from other States. South Carolina heads the list with 47. Virginia comes next with 21. Third place goes to Massachusetts, which has 6 representatives. Other States appear in the following order: Alabama, Mississippi and Missouri, 4 each; Florida, Georgia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, 3 each; Minnesota, Illinois, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky, Tennessee and District of Columbia, 2 each; Texas, 1.

Of the counties in North Carolina, Wake heads the list with a large majority. There are six counties with no students at all. There are fifteen counties with 20 or more students, and these counties furnish about 40 per cent of the total enrollment. The fifteen leading counties are Wake, 145; Guilford, 52; Mecklenburg, 48; Buncombe, 47; Iredell, 36; Alamance, 28; Forsythe, 25; Catawba, Lenoir and

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