

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

THE LONG NIGHT. The thing that happened when there was such jealousy for leadership when the boy and girl-adventurers met other adventurers was this.



"Far Down the Road." And night had come on. "I'm lost," the girl cried. "I'm afraid to move for fear I may fall down. Oh dear, the boy went off in the eastern direction, I think, but I don't know east from west now that it is so dark."

"Why did I ever want adventures? Now, we've met each other in the darkness because I was foolish and wouldn't follow the way I should go."

"I was a brute, maybe the road you can grow large in a few minutes because the giant gave him the power to grow large when he wanted to punish people who lusted after, will come and beat me."

"Oh, dear, oh dear, W-H, I don't care if he does beat me, if only he will bring back my companion to me, I never will be mad again."

"How mean it was of me to leave her. Oh, I may never see her again! Oh, it is so dark! So dark! And it's getting very cold. Maybe she's frozen."

"And the girl, who had wandered about a little more, feeling every footstep of the way through the black night, was shivering with the cold of the night and the fear. Her hair was damp with the fog which had come up, and her hands felt cold and clammy and wet."

"I was so stubborn," she said. "Oh, what a little wretch I was, and after the boy brought me on this trip to be so mean and ungrateful! It's not every girl who is given a chance like this to go adventuring. It's mighty few—if any at all," she said.

"I hear a strange sound," she went on. "Hear, boy," she called out. "Is it you?"

But only a rumbling sound answered her.

"They promised us there were no such things as bogies and ghosts, and that there were no wild animals anywhere around, but it is awful being lost from the boy."

At last daylight came. The girl ran along a distance in the warm sunshine and looked about her. She couldn't see any one around, except far down the road she saw a cloud of dust, and then another cloud of dust, and then she noticed a man on horseback.

She stopped and waited. "Perhaps this man can tell me about the boy. He may have seen him."

"He looks as if he were hurrying with good news, or maybe," and the girl's face became suddenly quite white, "maybe is coming to bring me bad news."

But as the man on the horse came nearer, the girl gave a great cry of joy. There in the saddle, behind the man, sat the boy.

"Oh," she shouted, "you're safe!"

"I know you were safe," the boy said. "The man with me whose name is Courier Cooperation, told me that you were."

They both got down from the horse and the boy and girl took hats and jumped up and down.

"We'll have to have a talk and set everything straight," said the Courier. "She doesn't know how I found you, and while she only cares now that you're found, it would be well for all to know each other."

"I've really a lot to tell you. But the main thing is, of course, that at the end of the long night, you each found the other. My story isn't as important as that fact.

"That's the most important of all."

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HOW DO YOU SAY IT? By C. N. Lurie. Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them.

"OFF OF."

THE use of the phrase which heads this article leads often to error that are seen to be ludicrous, when analyzed. For example, one will hear the question: "Where did you buy that steak?" The answer comes: "I got it off of the butcher around the corner." To get a steak "off of" the butcher might suit a cannibal very well but the very idea would shock any one else. In proper usage, omit the "off," say: "I got it (or from) the butcher around the corner."

OFF OF.

There are cases of the misuse of the phrase "off of" that are not ludicrous, as in the instance already cited, but in which the "off" is not needed and instead of saying, "He jumped off of the car," say, "He jumped off the car." A man whose pockets to open a store says: "Will you buy something off of me?" It should say: "Will you buy something from me?"

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs. TO FEBRUARY. Girls, don't you know anybody who has a girl friend? Well, if you do, you'd better tell her that you love her. It's the best thing you can do for her. It's the best thing you can do for yourself. It's the best thing you can do for the world.

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A STRANGE SIGHT

Probably the most curious thing I have ever seen was a man in a white coat and a white cap, who was walking down the street. He was looking at the ground and he was looking at the sky. He was looking at the people and he was looking at the buildings. He was looking at everything and he was looking at nothing.

Paging Luke.

A man was walking down a street in Dorchester the other day and an acquaintance some distance behind was calling out after him. "Hey, Luke! Hey, Luke!" As the man ahead did not show any sign of hearing, a man in a wagon at the street corner shouted, "Stop, Luke and Listen!"—Boston Transcript.

New York Letter

By Lucy Jeanne Price

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. — The subway is no place for a skunk. That not one handsome animal is quite well adapted to the collar of a coat or the lining of a velvet frock. But an animal and of large, he is definitely the topic. Especially in the subway. It's too crowded and there are so many things that are not really skunk-proof. The subway is a place where a skunk would probably be considered as a nuisance. It's not really skunk-proof. The subway is a place where a skunk would probably be considered as a nuisance. It's not really skunk-proof.

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BELIEVE SLEEPING SICKNESS IS BOTULINUS POISON

By The Associated Press. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Feb. 18. — (AP) That many, if not all the cases recently diagnosed as sleeping sickness throughout the country, may have been botulism poisoning was explained today by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of this city.

Dr. Kellogg stated he initiated research based on this theory shortly after three deaths occurred in Grand Rapids from botulism poisoning which laboratory tests traced to preserved spinach. Four cases diagnosed as sleeping sickness occurred here, Dr. Kellogg said, and two of them resulted fatally. They were promptly reported to the government, he said.

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