

**Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale**  
 BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER  
 GIRL'S UNSELFISHNESS.

**Uncle Walt's Story**  
 BY WALT MASON  
 THE FIRST TIME

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"I CONFESS that the thought of death always raises gooseflesh on me," said the melancholy boarder. "The only comfort is that a man dies but once."

"That's what makes it so unpleasant," observed the star boarder. "If a man died at regular intervals, say once a year, he'd soon get used to it, and regard it as part of the day's work. A man dies and that's the end of him, so far as this world is concerned. He has no chance to come back and bore his friends with a long story about it. If he had that chance it would make a great difference. The ordinary citizen will undergo anything, if he can sit around and talk about it afterward."

"The first time we are up against anything disagreeable always is the worst. We can get used to anything, and enjoy anything, if we have enough of it. We are born optimists, my dear Mrs. Jiggers, always looking around for a grain of comfort, and manufacturing one if there is none in sight."

"I'll never forget the first time I went to see the dentist on professional business. I had been entertaining a rip-snorting toothache for several days. The agony was so great that it would take the pen of a Dante to do justice to it. Yet I couldn't muster up enough courage to go to the dentist's. I had heard so many stories of the atrocious suffering one undergoes at his hands that my warlike spirit faltered. But finally the man who occupied the room next to mine came to my apartment, armed with a large iron poker, and said that I had kept him awake for three nights, and the limit had been reached. If I didn't chase myself out of the house he would make a night's rest he would proceed to make a few dents in my skull."

"Thus turned adrift into the temple, the first man I met was a dentist, and he simply forced me to his parlor. He was a friend of the family and wouldn't take 'no' for an answer."

"He had to carry me up the stairway to his office. I had become so weak in the legs. I supposed he would read me limb from limb, but he really was a painless dentist. In three or, perhaps, four shakes he was holding before my eyes the tooth which had caused all the anguish, and I was enjoying solid comfort once more."

"Since that experience I look upon the modern dentist as a public benefactor, and my one regret is that I can't drop into his office every day or two and have a few teeth pulled. But all my original teeth were extracted by the painless process long ago, and the dentium vitae teeth I am now wearing are strangers to aches and pains."

"The first time a man is married he is so excited that he forgets the wedding ring or the fee for the preacher, or some other essential. For days before the event he is in such a fever that his friends have trouble holding him down; and when at last the fateful hour arrives he doesn't seem like a responsible human being. I always feel sorry for a young bridegroom, he looks so rattled, and he has such a strong resemblance to a total loss."

"But the next time he gets married he is as cool and intrepid as though he made a practice of acquiring a bride before tea every day, and if he goes to the altar three or four times in the course of his useful career, marriage seems to him no more interesting than receiving an automobile catalogue by mail."

"And this is true of everything, Mrs. Jiggers. A man even gets used to a family boarding house, where collections are made strictly in advance, and, this being admitted, no further argument is necessary."

**Birthday.**  
 Little Robert D., two and one-half years old, of Franklin, has a ten-year-old cousin, Gordon, who is his baby mind, is the hero in all that takes place, and whatever Gordie says or does is all right. Robert's mother had been telling him about Christmas, and why it was celebrated."

"One evening after a strenuous day of play with the big cousin, when mother put Robert to bed, she said: "And why do we have Christmas, Robert? Whose birthday is it?"

"Santa and Gordie's," promptly replied the youngster. — Indianapolis News.

**Ring Repetee.**  
 "Ah shush does pity you," said a colored pugilist to his opponent as they squared off. "Ah was born with boxin' gloves on."

"Maybe you was," retorted the other; "and Ah reckons you're going to die de same way."

**Pretty Raw.**  
 Walter—Was the dinner cooked to suit you, sir?  
 Dicer—Yes, all but the bill. Just take that back and boil it down a little.

**High cost of loafing is the mother of high cost of living.** — Harry P. Stranghugh, president National Carriers' Association.

**Wanted to Be Good.**  
 Dear Lord, I prayed five-year-old die one evening before retiring, please make a good little girl out of me and if at first you don't succeed, try, again.

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**COSTA RICA RUSHES PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.**  
 PANAMA, Mar. 4. — Military preparations for war against Panama were being rushed by the government of Costa Rica, it is said in newspapers reaching this city from San Jose. Predictions were made that twenty thousand Costa Rican soldiers will be under arms before the end of the present week, and it is stated the steamer Roxanna is ready to sail from Punta Arenas to Golfo Dulce, on the western end of the frontier, with 1,000 soldiers, ten cannon and 15 machine guns.

Detachments of troops numbering 1,500 men declared to be along the Sixoala river, on the Atlantic side, ready to capture Boacas del Toro, and then march upon David, capital of the province of Chiriqui. This advance, according to the newspapers, was to begin March 1st, but information received here would seem to indicate that it had not begun.

**Report of the Condition of THE CENTRAL BANK & TRUST CO.**  
 OF Mt. Holly, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, February 21st, 1921.

**RESOURCES.**  
 Loans and Discounts \$51,935.15  
 Demand Loans 2,550.00  
 Overdrafts, unsecured 219.27  
 Furniture and Fixtures 1,879.64  
 Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies 17,115.02  
 Checks for clearing 119.00  
 Expense 4,003.73

Total \$81,852.41

**LIABILITIES.**  
 Capital Stock paid in \$25,000.00  
 Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 5,611.27  
 Bills Payable 6,000.00  
 Deposits subject to check 35,221.45  
 Time Certificates of Deposit 8,539.00  
 Savings Deposits 2,953.29  
 Cashier's Checks outstanding 206.50

Total \$81,852.41

State of North Carolina—County of Gaston, March 3rd, 1921.  
 J. S. Q. McCraw, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 1921.  
 R. K. WEBB, Notary Public.

**CORRECT—Attest:**  
 J. W. HOLLAND,  
 P. L. RANKIN,  
 O. U. HOFFMAN,  
 Directors.

**Report of the Condition of THE BESSEMER CITY BANK,**  
 at Bessemer City in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, February 21, 1921.

**RESOURCES.**  
 Loans and Discounts \$146,969.08  
 Overdrafts, unsecured 44.85  
 Furniture and Fixtures 1,000.00  
 Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies 11,332.58  
 Checks for clearing 567.93

Total \$159,914.44

**LIABILITIES.**  
 Capital Stock paid in \$10,000.00  
 Surplus Fund 5,000.00  
 Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 1,719.54  
 Notes and Bills Redeemable 34,725.00  
 Deposits subject to check 60,588.50  
 Time Certificates of Deposit 46,367.96  
 Cashier's Checks outstanding 643.44

Total \$159,914.44

State of North Carolina—County of Gaston, February 21, 1921.  
 I. O. M. Vernon, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. M. VERNON, Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 1921.  
 Carl G. Carpenter, Notary Public.

**CORRECT—Attest:**  
 JOHN J. ORMAND,  
 I. A. WHITE,  
 R. C. KENNEDY,  
 Directors.

**Report of the Condition of THE MOUNT HOLLY BANK,**  
 at Mount Holly in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, February 21, 1921.

**RESOURCES.**  
 Loans and Discounts \$216,577.71  
 Demand Loans 19,686.30  
 Overdrafts, unsecured 252.64  
 United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds 250.00  
 Banking Houses 18,216.41  
 Furniture and Fixtures 6,415.50  
 Cash in vault and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers and Trust Companies 12,498.56

Total \$270,827.12

**LIABILITIES.**  
 Capital Stock paid in \$5,000.00  
 Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 5,594.10  
 Bills Payable 32,000.00  
 Deposits subject to check 84,200.75  
 Time Certificates of Deposit 116,458.77  
 Cashier's Checks outstanding 93.50  
 Accrued Interest due depositors 500.00

Total \$270,827.12

State of North Carolina—County of Gaston, March 3, 1921.  
 I. J. A. Costner, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 1921.  
 Annie Bekk, Notary Public.

**CORRECT—Attest:**  
 A. P. RHYNE,  
 J. W. HOLLAND,  
 J. M. SPRINGS,  
 Directors.

Charter No. 7536. Reserve District No. 5.  
**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK**  
 At Gastonia, in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business on February 21, 1921.

**RESOURCES.**  
 Loans and discounts, including redcounts (except those shown in b and c) \$1,584,979.92  
 Deduct:  
 Notes and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold) (see item 54a) \$629,373.79  
 Notes and bills rediscounted other than with Federal Reserve Bank (other than bank acceptances sold) (see item 54b) 136,349.16 \$765,722.95 \$919,256.97  
 Overdrafts, unsecured 1,987.01  
 Customers liability account of "Acceptances" executed by this bank and by other banks for account of this bank, and now outstanding 40,000.00  
 U. S. Government securities owned:  
 Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value) \$500,000.00  
 Owned and unpledged 2,060.73  
 Total U. S. Government securities 502,060.73  
 Other bonds, securities, etc.:  
 Securities, other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged 43,000.00  
 Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, 50 per cent of subscription 18,000.00  
 Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered 12,500.00  
 Furniture and Fixtures 15,973.24  
 Real estate owned other than banking house 14,519.08  
 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 126,164.91  
 Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks 198,178.62  
 Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies, in the United States, other than included in Items 11, 12, or 13 7,212.00  
 Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 15) 11,014.11  
 Total of Items 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 \$216,164.74  
 Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items 5,381.89  
 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer 12,100.00  
 Total \$3,626,507.66

**LIABILITIES.**  
 Capital stock paid in \$300,000.00  
 Surplus fund 300,000.00  
 Undivided profits 1,117,216.67  
 Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 90,686.90 107,529.77  
 Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned—(approximate) 36,315.47  
 Amount reserved for all interest accrued 19,000.00  
 Circulating notes outstanding 295,800.00  
 Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank (deferred credits) 45,114.78  
 Net amounts due to national banks 5,697.80  
 Net amount due to banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries, other than included in Items 28 or 29 51,651.25  
 Certified Checks outstanding 258.60  
 Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding 1,268.80  
 Total of Items 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 \$107,991.23  
 Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):  
 Individual deposits subject to check 2,061,252.85  
 Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed) 12,000.00  
 Dividends unpaid 18,000.00  
 Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 \$2,079,612.85  
 Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):  
 Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) 208,801.22  
 Other time deposits 38,847.12  
 Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 39, 40, 41, and 42 247,648.34  
 "Acceptances" executed by this bank for customers 40,000.00  
 Liabilities other than those above stated Reserved for depreciation 7,600.00  
 Total \$3,626,507.66

**LIABILITIES for redcounts with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 11) \$ 629,373.79**  
**LIABILITIES for redcounts other than with Federal Reserve Bank (see Item 12) 136,349.16**

Total contingent liabilities (54 a, b, c, and d) (not including items in Schedule 23 of report 765,722.95  
 Of the total loans and discounts shown above, the amount on which interest and discount was charged at rates in excess of those permitted by law (Sec. 5197, Rev. Stat.) (exclusive of notes upon which total charge not to exceed 50 cents was made) was \$1,381,992.29. The number of such loans was 741.  
 The amount of money loaned ON CALL OR DEMAND, by this bank on bond and stock collateral, in New York City, including both loans made directly to borrowers and those through its New York correspondents, on the date of this report was NONE.

The amount of money loaned ON TIME, by this bank on bond and stock collateral, in New York City, including both loans made directly to borrowers and those through its New York correspondents, on the date of this report was NONE.  
 Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid by this bank to Chairman of Board (if any), President, Vice Presidents, Cashier, and Assistant Cashiers for month of January, 1921, \$2,908.33 Annual pay of all these officers at January, 1921, rate of pay, \$43,900.00; number of these officers on date of this report was 9.  
 Aggregate amount of salaries or compensation paid to all other employees of the bank for month of January, 1921, \$760.67; Annual pay of these employees on basis of the January, 1921, rate of pay, \$9,200.00; number of these employees on date of this report was 5.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON, SS:**  
 I, Jno. M. Miller, III, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JNO. M. MILLER, III, Cashier  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1921.  
 M. P. KIRBY, Jr., Notary Public.

**CORRECT—Attest:**  
 A. K. WINGET, D. M. JONES, A. G. MYERS, Directors.

**JAP PRINCE LEAVES FOR TRIP TO EUROPE.**  
 (By The Associated Press.)  
 TOKIO, Mar. 4. — Prince Hirohito left Yokohama today for Europe. His departure was marked by an imposing military and naval display. Fifteen thousand soldiers and police lined the streets from the palace to the station and the crown prince passed under beautiful arches which had been constructed in his honor. The special train taking the crown prince from Tokio to Yokohama was boarded by members of the imperial family, cabinet ministers, members of the diplomatic corps and upwards of a hundred Japanese officials.  
 The prince is the first member of a reigning family to take a voyage abroad since Empress Jingo-Kogo crossed the straits to Conquer Korea in the third century. He will visit a number of British ports enroute to England, and newspapers here declare he took with him 1500 trunks, many of them containing gifts for persons he will meet during the trip. The Prince will be accompanied on his journey by an extensive suite, including General Prince Kanin, supreme military councillor, and Viscount Chinda, minister of foreign affairs, and at one time Japanese ambassador to Great Britain.

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This Was Their Reward For Telling The Truth And Acting Square Towards Officers Of The Law.

Because they told the truth and acted square with the officers, two hobos, fresh from the north, yesterday enjoying freedom.

Chief Clifford Fowler, along with several men, was called in by the city police headquarters Sunday night when two negro hobos, they were dirty and half clad.

"Is the Chief in?" they asked. Chief Spohn happened not to be in, but Sheriff Fowler, thinking they might be wanting to report some violation of the law, proceeded to interrogate them.

"What is the trouble?" he asked. "The negroes proceeded to tell him a tale of woe. 'Boss,' one of them began, 'we have been loafing all over the country looking for work. We came here on the third side of a freight train, and being without friends, thought perhaps the Chief might look us up for the night. We intend looking for work in some large company.'"

"Don't you let the Chief see you," thoughtfully reminded the sheriff. "If he see that you got a good suit on."

There was a pause. The Sheriff, realizing that work was scarce, and that thousands were hungry, began to feel "Boss," he said, "nothing to the point. 'Hobos,' he said, "here's a dollar. You had the truth. Take it and get on down to Larry Brown's boarding house. He'll feed and clothe you for the night."

**HOOPER TRANSFERRED.**  
 BOSTON, Mar. 4. — Transfer of Harry Hooper, captain and crack outfielder of the Boston Americans, to the Chicago Americans, was announced by Manager Hugh Duffy, of the local team, today. In exchange Boston will receive from the White Sox John Collins and Harry P. Liebhold, outfielder.

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 Arrival and departure of passenger trains at Gastonia:  
 Schedule figures published as information and not guaranteed.  
 Arrives from  
 4:25a N. Y.-Wash-Atl-Bham 4:25a  
 8:20a Charlotte-Atlanta 8:20a  
 8:28a Atlanta-Washington 8:28a  
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