

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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THE UGLY CREATURE.

"Oh, I hear some one screaming," said the girl who was adventuring to a House of Secrets.

"So do I," said the boy, who was her companion.

"Gracious," said Master Thoughtfulness, who was with them, "it's that horrible creature again."

"What horrible creature?" asked the boy.

"Come with me and we shall see it. We'll stop her this time. Hurry! y, but it's hard for anyone to do anything with her."

"She sounds perfectly terrible," said the girl. "What awful screams she makes."

"She is not screaming," said Master Thoughtfulness.

"Who is screaming, then?" asked the boy.

"Let's hurry. We mustn't even talk we go. Follow me."

So they followed Master Thoughtfulness as he went up a short hill.

He could run very fast, and he got to the top of the hill, where there was a little red house before the boy and the girl got there.

When they got there they found Master Thoughtfulness talking in a very loud way, and his face looked very angry, so different from the way it had looked.

"Now, you just stop that for good and all," he said. "You are not fair, in the first place, you're cruel. In the second place, you're a hypocrite. And in the third place I don't like that expression of it hurting you more than does the child."

"Lots of people use it, and you don't object," the woman said. She was horrible looking. Her hair was ringy and hung about her head in a very untidy way.

Her mouth was very big, and her teeth were very yellow. Her hands were enormous, and she was stuck out on them. She was tall and quite stout, but it was her face which they noticed most. It was such a horrible face that they were sure her mother wasn't skin deep. They didn't believe that she was beautiful, even when one got to know her.

And they didn't feel as if they ever wanted to know her, not in a million years. Such a decadent person they had never seen before. Her face was cruel looking, just the sort of face, they imagined, which belonged to a person who could be cruel to smaller children and to animals. Then they remembered, with a pang, that he had kicked the little toad. He, too, was cruel, and if he was ever cruel

"I'll Take Your Child."

At that second time and perhaps third, he would have a face like a woman's.

He would certainly never be cruel again. They had been watching her steadily that they had scarcely noticed a lovely little boy, quite, quite young, with golden hair and soft brown eyes. He was still crying, just little, and his little face looked as though he had been crying quite hard.

"If you do it again," said Master Thoughtfulness, "I will take your child away from you. Yes, I will, so mark my words."

The boy and the girl looked at him in a very puzzled manner.

"Here," said Master Thoughtfulness to the small boy, "here is an orange. See, I got it out of my right pocket, and here is an apple, which grew in my left pocket."

"You're teaching the child an untruth," shouted the woman.

"Now be careful, careful," said Master Thoughtfulness, "and remember my warning. If you only had a little more sweetness in your nature you would know that jokes and make-believe things and fun are among the most important things in life. You only think that harshness and unkindness is real."

"Well, I've given you my warning." The woman seemed much quieter now. And a tear fell from her right eye.

She put her arm around the little boy, and the little boy seemed so sad that he looked up and smiled. "I do love my mummy," he said.

"You don't deserve it," cried Master Thoughtfulness, "unless you mend your ways. Don't be so anxious to punish. Explain things. I'm the children's friend, you know."

No Change in It. Slickerson—Why is an empty purse always the same, my boy? Slickerson—Fraid I can't tell you! Slickerson—Why, because you never see any change in it!—Boys' Life.

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STRAIGHT TALK

The rich man has his club, his golf links; he can pursue his "hobbies"; he has the money; he may ignore the idea of human brotherhood; he may feel secure in his wealth and say to himself, "I can live regardless of my fellow men"—but can he? No! He cannot. At some time he must seek a brother's aid. He is dependent upon his fellow men for all that he is, for all that he has. Without them he is nothing. Man is a social being; he should love his fellow men; he should love his home; he should love his country. The more good men he knows, the greater is his opportunity to do good and to be happy. The Stags do good. They need your help and you need the good they can do for you. If you are a dead end, cheer up! Join the Stags, be a manly man, get the protection they offer you. A few cents a day will make certain against what will be ill or injured, keep you happy and safe in life, and give you an honorable burial at death. WHAT MORE CAN YOU ASK? AGE LIMIT: 18 and Up

HENS ACROSS THE SEA.

Chickens, which are found the world over, are said to be pretty much the same everywhere, whether it be in South Africa, Siberia, India or Labrador. And where chickens are there are eggs, which are even more alike in shape and appearance. Indeed, it would puzzle our wisest learned men to determine whether two eggs came from a hen of Jolite and one from Copenhagen, or both from Jolite, or both from Copenhagen.

However, so common is an article as eggs, it is hard to illustrate the working of the law of supply and demand. New York City consumes an amazing quantity of eggs, and the price has also been amazing for some time when there had been a bumper crop of eggs from the West. Last Vancouver a ship load of this sort of eggs was loaded into 28 cars. On the way to New York, the ship of the eggs of the

ship was made from Japan and it had 100,000 eggs. On arrival the egg market crashed. In consequence the first day, the price was only the second day, and the price was the third day.

When a certain party knocked on the door of a hotel in New York, the manager of the hotel would be very glad to see him. The manager of the hotel would be very glad to see him. The manager of the hotel would be very glad to see him.

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