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Daddy's Bedtime Story
How the Farmer Fooled the Elf

I happened to be the night when daddy generally told a fairy story to Evelyn and Jack, so he told them how a farmer fooled an elf.
'It was this way,' said daddy. 'This farmer lived in England many years ago. One day when he was busy plowing his field suddenly he saw in one of his furrows the funniest little man you ever saw. He was only about six inches high, and he was dressed all in red from head to foot.
'I am an elf,' said the little man, 'and I own this field. I want you to get out and leave it to me.'

'That made the farmer laugh. 'Why,' he said, 'I got this field from my father, and he got it from my grandfather.'
'Can't help that,' said the elf. 'I lived here years before your grandfather or his grandfather either.'
'Well, after much talk the farmer and the elf agreed that each one was to have half of what grew in the field. At seedtime the farmer, who was a smart fellow, asked the elf which part he would have, 'tops or bottoms.'
'Till take the bottoms,' said the elf. So the farmer planted the field with wheat, and when harvest time came the poor elf had to be satisfied with the stubble, while the farmer got all the grain.

'That did not please the elf at all, so the next year when he was asked what he would have, 'tops or bottoms,' he answered tops. Then the farmer planted turnips in the field, and when they were grown he had all the better part of the crop again.
'If the elf then saw that he could not get the better of the farmer in that way, so he challenged him to a mowing match. The one who could mow half of the field in the shorter time was to have the whole field for his own. The farmer agreed, but said that neither he nor the elf must stop to sharpen his scythes without the other's consent.

'Before the day of the mowing match the farmer, who was very shrewd, went to the village blacksmith and got a large number of iron bars. Without the elf's knowing it he stowed the bars in the elf's part of the field.
'Well, soon after the mowing commenced the elf found that his scythe became duller and duller because the edge struck against the pieces of iron. He did not know what was the matter. The harder he worked the less grass he cut and the duller his scythe became. At last he stopped and went to the farmer.
'When shall we stop to sharpen our scythes?' asked the elf. 'Oh, about noon,' said the farmer.

'Then,' said the poor elf, 'I've lost my land! And he ran away as fast as he could and never came back.'
millions in order to encourage scientific farming. While it is admitted that the prices of farm products are now so high that it would appear an easy matter to make money on a farm, it must also be admitted that land is so high that its culture can only be made profitable by bringing it to its highest possible degree of productivity. And this is what scientific farming means—to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, or to produce two bushels of grain from the same soil that formerly produced one. The average farmer's boy has learned this secret from actual experience. He has also had the advantages of an agricultural education. Very naturally, then, he makes the best farmer it is possible to obtain and we do well to induce him to remain on the farm.

Live Stock Receipts.

The following shows the receipts of live stock by months at the South St. Joseph Stock Yards for the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910.

CATTLE table with columns for Months (1904-1910), Inc. over 1909, Dec. from 1909.

HOGS table with columns for Months (1904-1910), Inc. over 1909, Dec. from 1909.

SHEEP table with columns for Months (1904-1910), Inc. over 1909, Dec. from 1909.

HORSES AND MULES table with columns for Months (1904-1910), Inc. over 1909, Dec. from 1909.

WOOL TRADE PICKS UP.

Prices Stronger in All Centers Where New Clip is Marketed.
Boston, Aug. 2.—The opening of the market in New York for fabric containing a large amount of wool was the week's market and the effect is noticeable in trading centers on both the east and west where the new clip is being marketed. Prices are stronger everywhere and the interest of manufacturers has reached the stage where liberal buying for immediate and nearly the completion of hand.

Montana Crop 28,000,000 Pounds.
Montana will have about 28,000,000 pounds this year, and as Montana wool is in demand with many of our largest manufacturers, chief interest in the west centers in that state. Direct buying is going on to a larger extent than heretofore. So far as can be learned the top price paid in Montana is 2 cents and that for an unusually choice lot of wool. Less attractive lots have brought 21 cents and as low as 18 cents has been paid.

London Sales Have Firm Tone.
The London sales progressed with a firmness that embraced about everything offered excepting the wools re-shipped from here. These wools, the best in the offerings, are being sold at a loss that is substantial, running close to a cent a pound, not including the cost of reshipment and other necessary expenses.

Wathena-St. Joseph Chautauqua.
PARTIAL LIST OF TALENT.
Saturday, 13, Democratic Political Day Hon. Bailey Waggoner, Mayor Clayton Hat and Sun, 12-14. Norton's Band Sunday, 14. Opie Reid Monday, 15, Children's Day, Wesley Hummon. Tuesday, 16, St. Joseph Retail Merchants Day. Wednesday, 17, Hon. Chas. W. Bell Monday, 15. Wesley Hummon Tuesday, 16. Montaville Flowers Wednesday, 17. Montaville Flowers Thursday, 18. Dr. H. W. Sears Friday, 19. Play by Herbert Sprague and Wife. Saturday, 20. Play by Herbert Sprague and Wife. Sunday, 21, Illustrated Lecture, Dr. Heagle.

Weather variations have a marked influence on the efficiency of electrical wires.
For many years the French birth rate has been steadily declining, but in 1909 for the first time in French history, the births and deaths during the year were practically equal. The figures were: Births, 770,000, and deaths, 755,000.

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STREET OF FREAKS. Thoroughfare in Worcester, Mass., Queer Breeding Place. Frog With Five Legs Was the Foundation of Museum of Curiosities Which is Constantly Gaining in Size.

UNIQUE ANTI-GERM DEVICES. Ingenious Arrangement in Rendering Operating Theater in London Free From Dust. London.—A number of novel and ingenious devices for rendering the operating theater as free as possible from disease germs have been installed at the new hospital for invalid gentlemen, 19 Lisson Grove, N. W., which was opened by the princess of Wales. Principal among the new germ destroyers are a large blue glass window looking south, a new dust-catching system of ventilation, and radiators which swing away from the walls to allow thorough cleansing.

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GRIZZLY IS FINALLY KILLED. Hunters Slaughter Famous Fugitive Bear, Which Has Terrified Ranchers for Years. Blaine, Wash.—For 15 years ranchers and settlers on the Skalkitz river valley near here have suffered from the depredations of a giant grizzly bear, whose haunt was believed to be in the wild crags of the Cascades. Large numbers of live stock have been killed every year by this same bear, whose gigantic footprints struck terror into the hearts of the ranchers.

SEARCH FOR RAREST OF BIRDS. Massachusetts Millionaire Finances Expedition in Quest of Spoon-bill Sandpiper. Boston.—A strange quest for the spoonbill sandpiper will soon be begun by a group of men backed by the wealth of John E. Thayer, one of Massachusetts' foremost ornithologists and millionaires. Mr. Thayer says: "The spoonbill sandpiper is one of the rarest birds known to ornithologists. There is no specimen in the Boston Museum of Natural History. Harvard's Agassiz museum has one. There are probably not a dozen specimens in the world. The nest and the eggs of the bird have never been found."

RATTLESLAKE A BABY'S PET. Venomous Reptile Enjoyed Soft Strokes of Infant's Hand, But Fought Child's Mother. Trinidad, Col.—Her sixteen-month-old daughter playing with a rattlesnake as she might with a kitten was the alarming sight that greeted Mrs. Arthur Wilkinson when she missed the little one and went in search of her.

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Medicants Make Big Money. New York.—That begging in New York streets is frequently a very profitable profession was shown by testimony in the night court here early this morning.

Matches Chirp in Bosom. Bangor, Pa.—Mrs. Michael Ross of Portland carries off the palm for chicken hatchery records. Out of a hatching of three dozen eggs the mother hen walked off the nest with 35 chicks. Mrs. Ross placed the thirty-sixth egg in her bosom, completing the incubation and the chick thus produced is the liveliest of the lot.

Turkeys Save Potato Crop. Greeley, Col.—The Thanksgiving day bird is being hailed in this community.

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