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Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Bird That Could Talk



"DADDY," asked Jack one evening, "are there birds and animals that can talk?"

"That is a hard question to answer," said daddy. "There are some wise men who say that animals and birds can talk to others of their own kind and that the sounds they make have meanings, but very little is known about it."

"Like most other parrots, this one was named Poll. She belonged to a man who kept a store in which birds and animals are sold."

"There was a dog and a cat in the store also. The dog's name was Dick, and the cat was always called Puss."

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MUST PUT WEIGHT ON LABELS

Net Contents to Be Announced Under Amendment to Pure Food Law.

Washington, Dec. 20.—As the result of a conference with New York and Chicago business men, Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on interstate commerce, will introduce a substitute for his bill amending the pure food law, relating to the branding of packages of food, drugs, medicines and liquors.

The substitute provides that if the net quantity of the contents of the package are not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside in terms of weight, measure or numerical count, the article will be deemed to be misbranded.

TO RETURN STONE RANSOM

House Will Receive Recommendation to Pass Senate Bill.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The committee on claims today instructed Representative Prince of Illinois, chairman of the committee, to make a favorable report with two slight amendments on the bill passed at the last session of the senate for the restoration of the money contributed for the ransom several years ago of Miss Ellen M. Stone, an American missionary.

She was captured and held by brigands in Bulgaria. There were 22,000 contributors to the fund.

In all probability New York will have moving platform subways in addition to the main subways.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Bank will be held and convened at the office of said bank, located in the Live Stock Exchange Building, on the property of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Company, south of the City of St. Joseph, in the County of Buchanan, State of Missouri, on Monday, January 9, 1911, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

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OYSTERS. Oyster Soup—Wash each oyster and strain liquor through fine sieve. One quart of milk, one pint of oysters, one teaspoon of butter, one teaspoon of salt white pepper. Put oysters in when the milk comes to a boil.

Oyster Bouillon—Wash and chop fine fifty good sized oysters, put in a double boiler, cover, and cook slowly one hour; add a pint of water, a level teaspoon of celery seed, and strain through cheesecloth; reheat, add a tablespoonful butter, a little salt, and serve in cups.

Steamed Oysters—Buy the oysters unopened. Wash thoroughly with brush or coarse cloth. Place them separately in a steamer or coarse sieve over a kettle of boiling water. The deep shell must be underneath in order that no liquor may be wasted. As soon as oysters open, they are done and should be served at once with pepper, salt, and butter on nice brown buttered toast.

Fanned Oysters—Plump a quart of medium sized oysters in their own liquor, adding a tablespoonful of butter, a tablespoonful of cracker crumbs, a tablespoonful of lemon juice, and salt and paprika to taste.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST. Bran Muffins—Sift a half pint of flour after adding to it a saltspoonful of salt and a level teaspoonful of soda, to this add a pint of bran, a cupful and a half of thick, sour milk, with a quarter cupful of butter, nearly melted, and three tablespoonfuls of molasses; beat all well together and bake in hot, well greased gem pans for thirty-five minutes. These are good for the midday meal, where children come home hungry, as they may be broken open and buttered while hot, and are nourishing and wholesome.

Shirred Eggs—Cut six small sausages in one-half inch pieces and fry in one and one-half teaspoonfuls of melted butter six minutes. Add one cupful of tomato sauce and one teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley. Put the mixture in six shirred egg dishes and slip two uncooked eggs in each dish. Bake in a moderate oven until the eggs are set and serve at once.

NOVEL CHRISTMAS. Yule Punch—Boil four cups of sugar and two quarts of water five minutes. Remove from fire and when cool add juice of four lemons, one-half cupful of Kirschwasser, one-half cupful of maraschino, one-half cupful white cherry juice, and one-half cupful rum (although latter may be omitted). Put in freezer and add two stiffly beaten whites of eggs and a pinch of salt. Freeze as for sherbet. Serve in tall glasses with a sprinkling of finely chopped candied cherries and pistachio nuts on top or a sprig of holly in glass.

Eggless Sherbet—Instead of using the whites of eggs in sherbet use flour,

HOLIDAY COOKIES. Beat four eggs until light and foamy then add half a pound of moist, light sugar, a saltspoonful of ground allspice, half a teaspoonful of ground ginger, the juice of one lemon, and three-quarters pound of pastry flour. Form with floured hands into small balls, placing in the center of each a small piece of crystallized ginger. Place in rows in a greased baking pan and bake twenty minutes in a quick oven.

CHRISTMAS VEGETABLES. Carrot Timbales—Take large carrots, cut rings two inches wide, 'ho'low' out, then parboil, and, when cold, fill with chopped celery, cabbage, and nuts mixed with salad dressing. Set on lettuce leaves and serve with Saratoga flakes.

Oyster Plant—Every cook dislikes preparing this delicious vegetable for the stained hands it causes. To avoid wash roots clean and scrub with a brush, then boil. When tender skin them as you would beets, cut in dice and serve with a cream sauce.

CHRISTMAS SALADS. Egg Mayonnaise—One egg well beaten, one tablespoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of melted butter, one level teaspoon of dry mustard, one level teaspoonful of catsup, one and one-half cup of vinegar, one-half cup water, and one pinch salt. Beat thoroughly, then cook on slow fire until thick. When cool thin to right consistency with cream.

Shrimp Salad—One pint cabbage sliced fine, one can shrimps, one-half cup English walnuts. Pour over all mayonnaise dressing.

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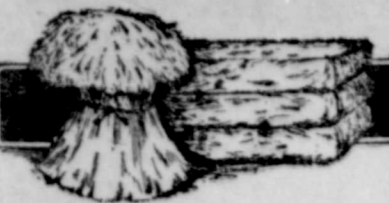
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Concerning Consuella

By Stacy E. Baker

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Keating felt a furious tug at his line. He made a wild grab at the set pole, and, like the novice that he was, hauled the long line—fishless—out of the water and flung it back over his shoulder. A frightened bleat punctuated the movement.

As Keating turned the rod was jerked rudely from his hands, and the amazed angler saw an indignant sheep scolding across the sea with the hook of his tackle firmly embedded in its wool, and his expensive rod hillock jamming behind at the end of the unreeled silk.

"Blasphemy!" growled Keating, too worried about the future of his split bamboo to find the ludicrousness in the situation. "Darn that butt-in sheep! Why didn't she keep her inquisitive nose out of my business anyway?"

The sheep showed no inclination to stop, and Keating hastily arose from his grassy seat on the banks of the stream and gave strenuous chase. He sped grimly across fields, and the frightened quadruped, after one hasty glance behind, raced madly to the fence and swung her heavy form over it.

Both Keating and the sheep now buckled in to genuine earnest.

Keating had the college honors of his day for long-distance running. He grimly set his jaw and settled down to fancy sod dusting.

The youth made his hurdle with ease. The sheep was now some distance ahead on an open road parked



He Sped Grimly Across Fields.

hard, thanks to the rain of the morning, and perfectly adapted to the handicap race. They passed a farmhouse with the youth gaining. A surprised yokel yelled loudly as Keating passed him, and fell in behind, waving a rusty pitchfork.

On and on ran the trio. Another house sprung into view beside the road, and an aged tiller of the soil, wrinkled and seamed with the years that had fallen heavy upon him, ambled rheumatically out of the yard and joined the gallop.

Keating, after the first brief gain, could not lessen the distance between himself and the animal. From behind came the stentorian breathing of the last one to join the run, and the raspy whoops of the other, who was now just behind.

Keating's cap blew off on the wings of a breeze engendered by his fast sprint, and his heavy dark hair, usually worn slicked to his head, was now flying here and there. The four-legged leader showed signs of weakening. Keating did not stop for his cap.

"You quit that," blared the rustic just behind, who seemed, despite the college records of his pacemaker, to be holding his own remarkably well. "You quit pesterin' that poor sheep!"

Keating had no mind—nor wish—to enter into a controversy. He kept still. The sheep was wavering. It carried too much wool to keep up the sprint. The fishing-rod bobbed awkwardly behind.

Another house loomed up ahead. The ewe dodged madly through the gateway leading up to this, and as the youth put his remaining strength to a final jump, fell panting on its side. With an exultant yell Keating dropped on his knees beside the winded animal, and made ready to extract the hook.

The protested bleat of the sheep was answered by an angry whoop from the road, and 165 pounds of farmer hurled itself through space and landed on the back of the unsuspecting Keating.

"You fool!" yelled the angry angler. "Get off. What the deuce do you mean?"

"Pick on a poor sheep, will you?" rasped the other. "I'll learn you city fellows that property is to be respected."

"Keating spent no time in argument. His fists found the face of the other, and a beautiful battle was precipitated

thereby. The fight was all in favor of the excited fisherman until the arrival of the long-whiskered one who had been distanced in the race. The third man jumped into the battle with a raucous shout. His hands were as hard as boulders and a fluke blow from one of these deprived the fisherman of his senses.

When Keating recovered consciousness he found himself neatly trussed up, and two red and perspiring farmers standing by and eyeing him with little favor.

"You darned city bug," growled the younger. "What kind o' rowdyin' is that you are up to? Chasin' a poor defenseless critter until she falls down winded!"

"You're crazy," snarled Keating. "Couldn't you see that she had my fishhook stuck in her silly wool?"

"Fine thing for you to be doin'," added the other rustic. "Stickin' your hook in other people's sheep?"

"If other people's sheep would quit sticking their noses in my affairs they would not be hooked."

"But you did hook her," came from the younger one.

"Certainly I hooked her," snapped Keating. "And now tell me what you are going to do with me. Burn me at the stake?"

An angry snort issued from the whiskers of the ancient. "We're going to hold you until Mrs. Griggs comes home."

"And who, if I may ask, is Mrs. Griggs?"

"She's the owner of that poor persecuted lambie—she's also the local representative of the S. P. C. A.," answered the youthful granger. "She'll fix you for having been cruel to Consuella."

"Consuella!" cried Keating. "Do you mean to tell me that that old sheep is named Consuella?"

"Uh, huh, an' the more names you call her the harder it'll go with you."

Keating, in the city, was Charles Keating, Esq., managing an agency for a well-known cash register concern. He bore the respect of his fellows.

In his bonds before these countrymen, fuming and fretting, and with a perspiration running down his forehead, his dignity was conspicuously absent.

The mind of the youth was on the austere Miss Decker, his fiancée.

He mentally thanks fortune that this little misadventure was a thing of the country.

"Pad, pad; pad, pad!" Keating, his back to the driveway, heard the approaching rig before it had come to a stop beside him.

"What is this?" asked a chilly voice—a woman's voice.

"This man was a chasin' of Consuella," explained the farmer. "He had a fishhook in her wool, and his pole and line hangin' to it, and he was runnin' her to beat Time. We knew—Hiram and I—what store you set by that sheep, Mrs. Griggs, an' we kept him, thinkin' as how you'd like to sick the law on him."

A musical laugh rang out, and the marrow in the bones of the prisoner congealed as he heard it. He knew that laugh.

"Turn him over," came in a soft contralto. "You don't care if I look upon the classic profile of your prisoner, do you, aunt?"

Hiram's foot prodded the youth face about—and a beet-red face it was!

"The girl in the carriage broke into a hysterical scream.

"Oh, aunt!" she gasped when she had recovered her breath. "This is too much. Your sheep chaser is—is my fiancée."

Following the orders of Mrs. Griggs Keating was speedily liberated. Explanations followed. Mrs. Griggs laughed. Miss Marion Denton screamed again. Keating, whose sense of humor would not spread to cover the situation, frowned ominously at the two embarrassed ones who were responsible for his predicament. With awkward apologies the two made a hasty departure.

"That is the first time I ever saw you give indications of being real flesh and blood," growled Keating, townbound, and with the girl by his side.

"Now that I find you something besides a business automaton and a creature of conditions, like the rest of us, we may understand each other better," laughed the girl.

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