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Daddy's Bedtime Story

Flossie Cuts Off Her Curls Like a Boy
I'm afraid little Flossie isn't as fond of boys as she used to be, said daddy.
'What has Flossie been doing now?' Jack and Evelyn asked. Flossie was a little friend of theirs who lived in the city, and Flossie at times said and did very startling things.
'Flossie,' said daddy, 'complained because she didn't like being a girl. Flossie wants to be a boy. One evening Flossie's Uncle Fred, who is a great tease, took dinner at Flossie's house.



Flossie Cut Off Every Curl

'Uncle Fred always makes a great deal of Flossie. 'Well, Flossie, old girl, how are you?' said he as he kissed her. Flossie frowned, for she doesn't like to be called a girl. 'What scowling!' exclaimed Uncle Fred. 'Nice little girls don't scowl.' Flossie looked still crosser. 'Flossie don't like to be a girl. Flossie want to be a boy,' she answered. 'Dear me!' exclaimed Uncle Fred in mock surprise. 'Then let's cut off her curls and make a boy of her.' Flossie's mother hastily changed the subject. It is not safe to say things like that to Flossie.

500 SKUNKS ON FARM.

Two Men Take Out Permit to Raise Them in Kansas.
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 2.—Nearly every business or profession that promises financial returns is carried on in Kansas, and as soon as a new line of human endeavor is established that promises good returns for the capital invested a swarm of people are ready to try their hand at it.
The latest enterprise to attract the attention of several Kansans is the propagation of the skunk. Well-to-do skunk farms, it is declared, will yield a big revenue.
Attention to this new industry has been called by the active operations of John Hoover and J. F. Schiller, who have established a skunk farm in Crawford county. These men will raise skunks for the market. The rodents have not become so popular in Kansas that they can be marketed whole, but the pelts bring a good price. Three dollars and fifty cents is said to be a low price for a good skunk hide.

SETS THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Taft Designates November 30 As "Turkey Day."
Chicago, Nov. 1.—President Taft has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, calling on citizens of the United States to celebrate Thursday, the 30th of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer.
The proclamation reads as follows:
"The people of this land, having by long sanction and practice set apart toward the close of each passing year on which to cease from their labors and assemble for the purpose of giving praise to him who is the author of the blessings they have enjoyed, it is my duty as chief executive to designate at this time the day for the fulfillment of their devout purpose.
"Our country has been signally favored in many ways. The round of the seasons has brought rich harvests. Our industries have thrived far beyond our domestic needs, the products of our labor are daily finding enlarged markets abroad. We have been free from the curses of pestilence, of famine, and of war. Our national councils have furthered the cause of peace in other lands and the spirit of benevolence has brought us into closer touch with other peoples, to the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and good will that link us to our comrades in the universal brotherhood of nations. Strong in the sense of our own right and inspired by as strong a sense of the rights of others, we live in peace and harmony with the world. Rich in the priceless possession of abundant resources wherewith the un stinted bounty of God has endowed us, we are unselfishly glad when other peoples pass onward to prosperity and peace. That the great privileges we enjoy may continue and that each coming year may see our country more firmly established in the regard and esteem of our fellow nations, is the prayer that should arise in every thankful heart.

FARMER MEETS DEATH.

Pulling Stumps, Is Hurdled 20 Feet, Sustaining Fatal Injuries.
Hopkins, Mo., Nov. 2.—M. F. Renfro, a farmer living three miles north of Hopkins, died at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon as the result of injuries received at 11:30 o'clock while engaged in pulling stumps. A clevis on a white-trace to which a span of horses was hitched, broke, allowing the sweep of the stump puller to swing back, hitting Renfro in the abdomen. The force of the swing of the sweep was strong enough to lift Renfro from the ground and to hurl him more than twenty feet. He alighted on a log, fracturing his skull. His son, Jesse Renfro, who was working with him, hurried the unconscious man to his home and summoned Dr. C. W. Kirk and S. D. Large. Mr. Renfro did not regain consciousness and died at 2 o'clock.
Mr. Renfro is survived by his wife and ten children. Two of his children are grown and married, while the youngest is only 2 years old. Sixteen years ago one of Mr. Renfro's children died from falling on a knife. The dead man was 49 years old. He was a member of the Christian church in Hopkins and was highly esteemed and rather well-to-do.

TO HAVE CORN SHOW.

Gentry County Boys Will Exhibit Results of Their Agricultural Efforts.
Albany, Mo., Nov. 2.—At a meeting of the Albany Commercial club committees were appointed to perfect arrangements for the Albany corn show, which is to be held Dec. 8 and 9. Last spring the club offered cash prizes of \$150 to the five boys in Gentry county who should grow an acre each of the best corn during the 1911 season. Boys from all over the county entered few contests and when the prizes are awarded it will be found that, in spite of the dry weather, some of the best acre yields of corn in the history of the county have been grown.
The live business men of Albany now propose to put on a two days' show here in December, which will give the boys a big audience at the final exhibit of their corn. Speakers of national reputation will be secured; practically all the merchants of the town will offer special prizes; and at the meeting of the Commercial club last night the committees were instructed to spare no necessary expense in securing the best possible attractions for the entertainment of the hundreds of farmers of Gentry and surrounding counties who will attend the show.

KANSAS HAS GREEN NANTLE

Wheat District Never Has Looked So Good in Years.
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 2.—With the exception of a few spots, a mantle of green covers the entire wheat area of Kansas. Army worms have destroyed the fields in a few counties in the central wheat belt, and the failure of rain in other restricted districts in the western part of the state has caused the farmers to re-seed the land, but generally the growing crop presents a fine prospect. In only a few counties have the farmers still seedling. This late planting is due to continued dry weather.
The reports coming to the state board of agriculture show that the farmers this year have prepared the ground for seeding by deep plowing and that this has caused the fine stand of wheat in the fields.
With this fine prospect all over the wheat belt the farmers are selling their wheat at \$1 a bushel in Hutchinson, Newton, Salina and other Central Kansas towns. Much of it is being shipped to mills in Oklahoma.

"BUFFALO BILL" TO RETIRE

Noted Indian Scout Has Quit Public Life—His Show Disbands.
Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—Col. William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill" to all the world, has retired from public life. His show was packed off to winter quarters and his Indians will return to the reservation in what is left of the red man's land, while "Buffalo Bill" intends to spend his remaining years in the Wyoming Big Horn, where he helped make American history.
During a career which has made him a pony express rider, led through more Indian battles than any other living white man and included twenty-eight years of showman, Cody has become known as one of the most picturesque figures of American frontier life.
The so-called "Buffalo Bill" he earned in the early 60's when he contracted to furnish buffalo meat to the laborers on the building of the Kansas Pacific railroad and in less than eighteen months he killed 4,250 bison.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Be careful not to overheat mares that are suckling colts.
A team that works in the field all day should be allowed to rest on Sunday.
The farmer who has not time to fuss with a young colt had better go into some other business.
Many of the difficulties experienced in handling the spring litters may be avoided if the brood sows are properly fed and cared for in the winter.
The value of rapeseed as a food for calves is not well understood. If it were much more widely sown.
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FARMERS HAVE MONEY IN BANK.
Craig, Mo., Nov. 2.—Farm implements and stock was disposed of at the public sale at the place of William Heller, near here, Tuesday, for a trifle more than \$2,100. Of this amount the purchasers paid \$45 in cash and \$275 in notes. The remainder was in checks on the Craig bank, indicating that the farmers of North-

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FOUND HER LIFE WORK

REASON WHY ARIADNE DECIDED TO ACCEPT ALGERNON.

Sartorial Reformation of Man Who Would Wear Yellow Spats With Bathing Suit Was Labor Worthy of Her Ambitions.

The girl looked drearily out over the sea, and from time to time she sighed deeply, and then on a sudden the pale glamour of perplexity that had glazed her expression faded away and a look of stern resolve, of sturdy determination, took its place. She rose up from the little hollow in the sand dune in which she had been reclining and waved her parasol, summoning, toward Algernon De Bray, who was disappearing himself in the blue water of the sea, calling the while in commanding tones, and he, hearing, with a radiant smile upon his lips, came running toward her.

"What is it, Ariadne?" he panted as he climbed slippingly to the top of the dune, dripping with the sea, and shivering somewhat as the cool breezes planked playfully about him. "I have decided not to keep you waiting longer for your answer, Algernon," she said, dreamily gazing away from his ankles. "You may remember that last night you asked me to be your wife. It was on the piazza—"

"Yes, dearest," he murmured, softly. "How could I forget?"

"And I—I asked time to consider," she said, drawing her mackintosh more closely about her. "You may not know it, possibly, but I am an ambitious woman, Algernon. I have been through Gassar college, and have taken post-graduate degrees in law, civics and philosophy, and my hesitation in giving you your answer was due entirely to the feeling that with your great wealth at my disposal all incentive to work, to go out into the world and make a career for myself, would be taken away. I feared that I should become an idle woman—a woman without a great purpose in life—a thing which I despise."

"Yes, dear," he answered, soaking the salt-water out of his ear. "Go on."

"But since you came out of your bathing house I have seen that those fears were idle," she resumed, "and that there is a real life work that perhaps only a woman of exceptional firmness of purpose could accomplish in the position to which you have called me. You have offered me my opportunity, and I cannot turn my back upon it."

"My beloved," shivered Algernon.

"A man who will wear yellow spats with a bathing suit, Algernon De Bray, she hastened on, "will require the most constant, unremitting, arduous, and at times discouraging labor of a lifetime on the part of a devoted wife to knock any kind of decent sartorial sense into his so-called head, and so I have decided to undertake the responsibilities to which you last night invited me."

And then and there, wringing wet as he was from the waters of the waves, Algernon De Bray reached out his arms and embraced her so tightly that the dampness of his bathing suit swept over her like a cataract.

"We shall be so happy!" he whispered hoarsely in her ear.

"I hope so, Algernon," she replied, simply. "At any rate, we shall have no spats after we are married!"

Age of Simplicity. This is a period of studied simplicity in dress which does not imply that dress is any the less costly merely that we see no beauty in elaboration or superfluity, and display of pretty tendency to wear wreaths of wild flowers on our hats instead of plumes and roses.

Wage Warfare on Hatpin. A few months ago the Berlin police president, Herr von Jagow, issued a courteous appeal to the fair inhabitants of the city requesting them not to wear dangerously long hatpins in their headdress without covering the points with protecting sheaths. The police president's appeal, however, does not appear to have met with the desired compliance, and several more or less serious hatpin accidents have recently happened. Herr von Jagow has now proceeded to stronger measures, and a new police edict makes a woman whose unprotected hatpin inflicts a wound on another person liable to a fine of \$175 and to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, in addition to which the injured party may claim damages up to \$1,500.

SCIENTIFIC REST IS NEEDED

Well-Known Medical Man Says That One Should Let His Mind Wander—Learn to Do Nothing.

Chicago—Make an effort not to make an effort. Learn to do nothing and think of nothing.

There are few people who know how to rest, and this ignorance, according to a well-known medical man, accounts for much of the modern nerve strain and insanity.

"The average man," he said recently, "spends his day working, and when he comes home, instead of resting, he begins to work again, and work hard."

"He reads, plays cards, gardens, goes calling, is called upon, dresses and hurries off to a theater or music hall—does anything, in fact, but rest his brain and body."

"Now all these things may be done now and then beneficially, but when they are made a habit they are as fatiguing as his daily work."

"The only real rest he gets is sleeping. In other words, his brain and his body are hard at it from the time he rises in the morning until he gets into bed again at night. But the brain especially wants conscious rest."

"When the brain is working it is producing toxins just as is the case with the muscles. These toxins, or poisons, have to be cleaned out of the body by rest, and to change one's work does not do this. It only causes more toxins to be formed."

"The way to get real rest is as follows: 'Sit or lie down perfectly comfortable."

"Think about nothing; do not direct your brain; let it wander. 'Do not talk about anything that requires mental effort."

"Listen to simple conversation. 'Discuss nothing that you feel strongly about, or which worries you. 'Make no plans."

Except when a man is asleep there is a constant stream of ideas running through his mind. It is quite impossible to be awake and have an empty mind, but it is quite possible to make an effort to direct that stream. If you make no effort you will get rest. Be a mental mollusk."

"Take nothing into your mind which requires mental digestion. If your brain insists upon going on working, listen to light music, or read an easy book."

Things to avoid are: "Anything approximating to your salaried work. "Clever" conversation. "Things to make you think. "Chess. "Worry. "Card games with other people. "Difference of opinion. "An author, whose work is imaginative, should, for his rest, do something logical, such as playing patience. "An accountant, on the other hand, whose mind will run on figures, should not play patience. He should mold figures out of clay or paint or do something artistic."

MILL HAND AS A MILLINER

London Laborer Is Marvel at Making Beautiful Creations for Women—His Proudest Moment.

London—Two mill hand who is a milliner and blouse-maker in his spare time has just come to light at Preston. His name is John Jackson, and so successful has his millinery been that he now wishes to give up weaving for it. He has many orders, coming from as far as Canada.

At his home in Hammond street, Preston, where he lives with his mother and sisters, Jackson said that his first millinery success was at a local bazaar.

"My heart is in making and doing up smart hats and blouses," he said, "and I was delighted when I won a prize for hat trimming at that bazaar."

"My proudest moment was when two bonnets and four hats of my own trimming were worn at the wedding of one of my sisters."

"I buy my own materials, flowers, ribbons, feathers, sprays, leaves, etc., and I can usually estimate the cost of trimming a hat to a farthing for a customer. I study milliners' windows for ideas. I just see what the latest fashions are and copy—or try to improve—them."

Special Diet for Pupils. Miss Darracott, Teacher of Ungraded School in Indianapolis, Observes Novel Experiment.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Miss Frances Darracott, a teacher in the ungraded school for backward children, a special school conducted by the Indianapolis board of school commissioners, is at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, observing an interesting experiment in child training.

PLAYING A LOW GAME

PICKPOCKET TELLS HOW HE WAS "WORKED" BY VICTIM.

Neat Scheme by Which He Was Induced Not Only to Give Up \$50 He Had Stolen, but \$10 More.

"The most low-down trick ever played by one white man on another was played on me," said the man who admits he is now not always so honest as he is now. "It was the diabolic invention of a man from whose pocket I one evening extracted a roll of bills. Along with the money which I did want, I secured a letter which I did not want, but which I could not return to the gentleman's pocket without appraising him of my former meddling with his financial affairs."

"When I got to my own room I read this letter. I wished a hundred times after that I hadn't. It was an appeal for assistance. The writer was a woman, she was living in a small Indiana town. Apparently she had some claim on the man. She told him of the death of two members of her family, of the sickness of another, and of her own overwrought condition. She was destitute, and she begged him to send her at once as much money as he could possibly spare."

"I don't mind saying that that letter made a powerful impression on me. I read it several times before going to bed, and in my sleep I dreamed about it. I saw that poor woman's tears, I heard her sobs and prayers, I pictured the dead and dying children. Along toward morning I sat up on the edge of the bed and called myself names."

"You beast," said I, 'you miserable brute, you—'

"But I won't repeat all the hard names I handed out to myself that morning. They don't sound well when you say them out loud."

"By and by I counted the money again that the man and I had swapped the night before. There was just \$50. Since the money was wrapped in the woman's letter I had no doubt that he had scraped it together to send her. I could not return the money to the man, for I didn't know where to find him, but my sense of humanity forced me to do the next best thing. The woman's name and address were on the letter, and I resolved to forward it to her. I was hard up just then, devilishly hard up; but I knew that woman's need was greater than mine, and I added the last \$10 I had in the world to the other man's \$50 and sent it to her."

"That ought to have ended the incident, but it didn't. Two years later I met that man again. It doesn't matter where or how, but I met him, and it was what I learned then that killed my faith in human nature. That letter was a fake. The man always carried it for the benefit of gentlemen of my profession. A friend out west wrote it. She wrote a fresh letter every week, and the man carried it wrapped around whatever money he happened to have in his pocket. He figured that the most hard-hearted criminal alive would be melted by an appeal of that kind and would give up the hoodle. He figured right in my case. It got me, and it got my \$10, which of course, the man hadn't counted on; but I leave it to any unprejudiced witness if that wasn't playing just about as low a hand as it is possible for any man to play."

Rugged Memorial. Near Bloomington, Ill., lies an immense boulder, which geologists believe to have been deposited there by some mighty glacial flow from the far north at least 10,000 years ago. It is picturesque and rugged, but of no use whatever to the owner of the land on which it rests. With his consent it is to be removed and put to an appropriate use.

Under the auspices of the Old Settlers' association that huge boulder will be taken to the town of Metamora and placed as a memorial to mark the spot where Lincoln and Douglas engaged in one of their great constitutional debates in 1858. With proper inscriptions commemorative of that struggle between two intellectual giants that old boulder will have given a worthy mission to posterity.—New York Evening Mail.

Twisting a Law. A few weeks ago the Chinese of New Zealand were found to be doing a very great deal of the laundry work available, and had so thrown out of employment the women workers in some of the laundries.

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Quaint Survival. "Why are you so interested in those little figures that came with little Willie's Noah's ark?"

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