

The Sandman Story

Martha Martin

OLD MR. MOON

OFF in the distance was the moon. It was a very enormous moon, too. Oh, yes, old Mr. Moon was looking his best.

"I'm in the best of health," he seemed to be saying. "Just see how I actually grow with health. In fact, I'm not a pale moon at all but a ruddy moon."

"I've color and they say that when a creature has color it means that that creature has lots of health. In fact, I'm almost look sunburned, too. You see I'm a golden-red moon, which makes me look both sunburned and



"To Be Pale Is the Moon's Usual Way."

the owner of a fine color. But I must explain this.

"When I am a pale moon it does not mean that I am not well. To be pale is natural to me. Of course I like to say I look so healthy now, and healthy I do look. But I am equally healthy when pale. Some people have to go to the doctor when they look very pale. But not Mr. Moon.

"In the first place, if I did have to go to a doctor I don't know what I would do, as there is no doctor up in the sky.

"Mr. Sun never needs a doctor. Neither do I. He is like a doctor himself and sometimes he has been called Doctor Sun.

"Yet sometimes when doctors do feel well they go to other doctors. Mr. Sun never feels poorly so he never has to think of another doctor.

"Still it would be a waste of thought, for as I've already said, there is no doctor up in the sky.

"Wouldn't it cause a commotion if some one should come up to the sky and hang out a sign over one of the clouds which would read:

"Bright Sky, M. D. Office hours from one to five and Sundays by appointment."

"Yes, it would be absurd and the poor doctor would have no patients.

"We might go to call on him to pass the time of day, or night as it were, but we would not want his sky pills if he had any, nor his sky tonics.

"I must explain why it doesn't mean anything because I am pale most of the time.

"To be pale is the moon's usual way and it doesn't mean anything like a sickness coming on any more than it means that I must add weight when I am only half a moon.

"I will get back to being a full moon in good time without having to eat fattening foods. Oh, yes, I'm a healthy moon all right."

Now the little girl spoke to her brother about touching the moon and her brother said that no one could touch the moon even though it seemed to be right on top of the hill, and even though it looked as though if one went to the top of the hill one could touch it. But he was willing to take her to the top of the hill to let her see for herself. And the little girl went with her brother.

"The moon seems to be touching that hill over yonder," she said.

"Oh, dear, how I do wish I could go and touch the moon. I would like to stroke Mr. Moon's face and perhaps if I stroked it with a feather Mr. Moon would grin and squirm as I do when my face is tickled by a feather. Oh, that would be a good joke."

Up to the top of the hill they climbed and when they got there Mr. Moon did not seem to be touching the hill at all.

In fact he was far off in the sky and yet it had not seemed as though they had seen him move.

"I can't tickle Mr. Moon's face," the little girl said, "for you were right, brother. I don't believe anyone can touch the moon."

Mr. Moon grinned to himself as the sky messengers came hurrying along to tell him what the little girl had said.

"Touch me," he said. "I should say not! I'm not proud or anything like that, but Mr. Moon is not a creature to be handled by humans. They might forget I was a moon and treat me as though I were an enormous ball or something of the sort."

"At any rate I'm not taking any chances. I'll smile at everyone, but I also say to everyone:

"Keep your distance! Keep your distance!"

"And I'll see that they do it, too!"

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Natli Barr



Natli Barr, called "the most beautiful woman in Russia," and well-known among the leading motion-picture players, was born 25 years ago in what is now Leningrad. She moved to Paris and filmed a number of productions there, later being signed by a prominent American producing firm.

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

INTEGRITY

AT LEAST one-half of the business of the world is done on credit. Without integrity credit would be impossible. Remove integrity from education and the professional world would have little to offer for the alleviation of human suffering or the advancement of civilization. Integrity is the very soul of progress. The exact sciences like engineering, medicine, surgery, and many other professions have made their contributions to the advancement of the race because the spirit of integrity kept men at work in laboratories. A mistake due to the lack of integrity would play havoc with the findings of the exact sciences.

We are more dependent upon the spirit of integrity than we sometimes think. A deposit of money in the bank is safe, not because of steel vaults but because of the integrity of those who are responsible for the bank's investments. The vaults of the bank may be ever so burglar and fire proof, but unless those in control of the bank's funds are reliable and honest, our funds are not safe. We purchase a block of bonds. Our only guarantee of their genuineness is the faith we have in the integrity of those from whom we purchased them. They may be forgeries for all we know.

The very best loan is what is called a character loan. No collateral is supplied. Only the name of one to whom the money is loaned is affixed to the note. Such notes are always paid. They are more safe than any other form of investment because integrity is the very best security in the world.

The best investment a person can make in himself is to be stocked with a large amount of integrity. The supreme question in business is not, is the article of merchandise selling, but is the article worth selling? An inferior article might be sold once, but not the second time. If our constituency loses confidence in our integrity we might as well give up. If we maintain our integrity at all cost, our future both in the financial and social world is secured. The vital force which not only makes business but creates friendships and the finer things in life is INTEGRITY.

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LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



PROOF

The boxer came to the doctor with a black eye and a broken nose.

"Did this happen while you were training?" asked the doctor.

The boxer laughed: "No, they can't touch me."

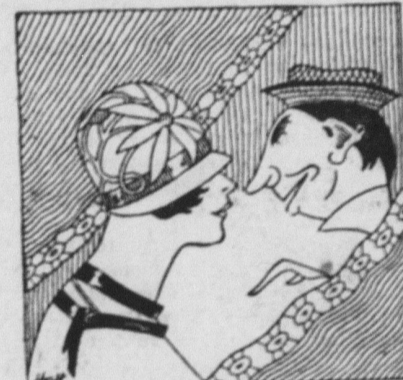
"You were set on in the street?"

"No."

"Then I don't understand."

The boxer breathed heavily: "My wife proved to me that she couldn't possibly go on wearing last year's hat."—Vancouver Province.

THEY MADE HIM GIDDY



She—What makes that Mexican friend of yours such a giddy chap?

He—The revolutions he's been through, my dear.

Hymn of Hate

A guy I hate,
I'll tell you, sister,
Is he who calls
Himself "uplifter."

A Sinister Heritage

A certain woman who is proud of her aristocratic ancestors happened to show her maid the silhouette of an aunt of hers.

The girl had never seen anything of the kind before, and she gazed at the portrait long and earnestly.

"Lor, mum," she said at length. "I always thought you had some relations like that; you're that dark in the face yourself."—London Tit-Bits.

The Main One

"Yes," said the lawyer, "you go through bankruptcy and it will relieve you of all your financial burdens."

"That so?" said the man who was in trouble. "And what becomes of her?"

"Her? What do you mean?"

"My wife, of course."—Boston Transcript.

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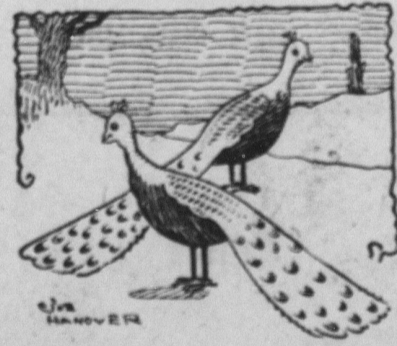
Old Gentleman—So you are looking for a square meal, eh?

Tramp—No, I'm looking for a round one.

Old Gentleman—I never heard of such a thing. Pray what is a round meal?

Tramp—One that hasn't any end to it, sir.

EVOLUTION



First Peacock—What worries you?

Second Peacock—I hope we shall never degenerate into a race without tails.

Fortune Telling

The fortune teller is a bluff.
He handeth a sockdolager
As soon as he hath nerve enough
To pose as an astrologer.

Musical Menu

Cook—What are we havin' tonight, ma'am?

Mistress—Why, I just told you; clear soup, filet of sole, the roast and pudding.

Cook—I meant on the radio, ma'am.

—Boston Transcript.

No Parking

Oswald—Whew! I'm tired of dancing. I believe I'll stop and rest awhile.

Clara—All right, but would you please get off my feet before you stop?

Above Such Matters

"Did you ever use money in an election?"

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "I have always had campaign managers quite competent to handle the minor considerations of pecuniary detail."—Washington Star.

The Heart of Nature

"How far up the Hudson did you go?"

"Oh, farther than the advertisements run."—Los Angeles Times.

Ground Never Thaws in Northern Siberia

Eternal ice, to depths of more than 100 yards, binds the soil of northern Siberia even in summer, according to Professor Schostakowitch, of Irkutsk, who spoke at Berlin recently before the Berlin Geographical society. The frozen ground covers an area of 5,000,000 square kilometers, a territory half as large as Europe. In Yakutsk a well has been sunk to a depth of 117 meters without finding the bottom of the frozen stratum. The ice hinders the sinking of surface water, so that vast cold bogs or tundras are formed on what might otherwise be fertile soil. The only spots where thawing ever penetrates this everlasting ice are directly beneath stove-heated houses. Cases are on record where these thawed columns of soil tapped subterranean rivers flowing under the ice layer, resulting in veritable artesian wells that spouted to the ceilings and drove out the occupants. This water soon froze, turning the whole house into a solid block of ice, decorated with gigantic icicles.

Many Inventors Had Idea of Phonograph

The first patent on the gramophone style of "talking machine" was granted to Emile Berliner 40 years ago.

The first machine called a phonograph was a mechanical music player, invented by Feenby, an Englishman, in 1863, designed to be attached to pianofortes and other keyed instruments.

Machines with a similar object had been projected as early as 1747, but were failures. The discovery of the phenomena on which the modern talking machine is based was made by Thomas A. Edison in 1877—and while Edison was engaged on experiments to a totally different end, Edison's first machines were very crude, but they supplied the inspiration for Berliner and other inventors.

About the time Berliner patented his first gramophone Edison again took up the invention, and after much study produced the phonograph substantially as we know it today.

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Didn't Win a Prize

Hewitt—Marriage is a lottery.
Jewett—I wish somebody else had had my ticket.

Your system needs

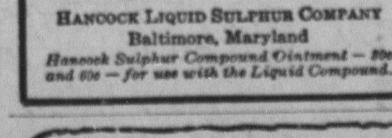
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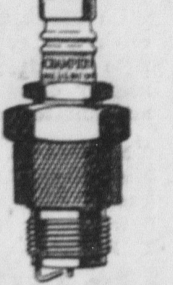
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Odd Work of Art

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SAWS

By Viola Brothers Shore

FOR THE GOOSE—

IF YOU keep disregardin' the example of others, you never become wise. If you keep imitatin' it, you never become great.

Idleness never had no good outcome. Or income neither.

You can learn more lookin' at one old beggar woman than readin' all the literature ever put out by the savin' banks.

FOR THE GANDER—

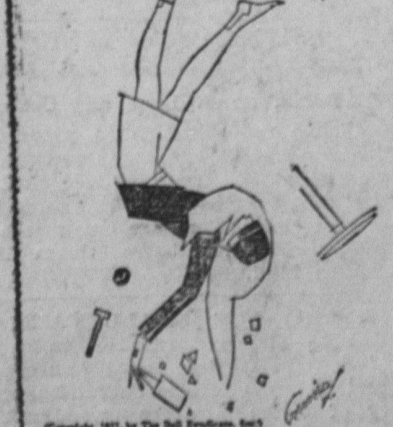
Don't bully waiters. But don't let them slip nothin' over on you. Don't be a doorman, but don't be a matador, neither.

Don't ask your girl if she wants flowers. Or believe her when she says she don't.

If you wanna buy her flowers, go ahead and make her the party of the second part and not an accomplice.

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GIRLIGAGS



"Judging by the number of gents who have bees in their bonnets," says Enfranchised Frances, "what the country needs as much as anything else is more 4 sect powder."

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

DIAMOND DUST DEADLY

THERE is a widespread belief today, not only among the ignorant, but among those "who ought to know better," that diamond dust, taken internally, is a deadly poison. The poisoners of the Middle Ages and after used diamond dust as an ingredient of their lethal draughts and every now and then today you will hear some one say: "Diamonds are poison if you swallow them." Sir Thomas Overbury was poisoned in the Tower in the reign of James I by being fed arsenic and diamond dust, and his death was sacrificed quite as much to the harmless dust of diamond as to the deadly arsenic. Not many years ago an attempt was made to poison the British resident at the court of the Galkwar of Baroda by means of a like mixture.

We find this belief in the poisonous qualities of the diamond taken internally extending far back in history. But also we find that the diamond was, paradoxical as it may seem, supposed to possess curative qualities of great value. Applied externally it was highly recommended as a cure for fevers.

The diamond gets its reputation as a cure and as a poison from the same fact—that of its resemblance to ice—ice that won't melt. This gave it the character among the ancients of a refrigerative stone of great potency. Applied externally it reduced the temperature and cured a fever; taken internally it froze the intestines and produced death. The first of these superstitions we have apparently lost; the second is still with us. The idea which endowed the diamond with its refrigerative qualities is akin to that which produces the "doctrine of signatures" by which plants were supposed to indicate by their markings or structure their particular place in medicine.

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Progress

Wilkenson—What success is your son havin' with his music?

Smith—He plays like a professional—piano tuner.

Canaries Don't Like Jazz

Those who breed and train canaries for the market say that the feathered songsters will be wrecked for life if they are brought up in a jazz environment. The blare of the saxophones with their syncopated music not only spoils their voices, but their tempers. Good music on the piano or violin will help and inspire them, but the jazzy stuff is just about fatal to their vocal prospects. If the hot-batton does that to the lowly and innocent canary what will it do to the musical nature of a youthful human student?



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