

The Sandman Story

of
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ABOUT THE WALRUS

"WE'LL tell of our ways," said Mother Walrus. "Yes, we'll let them know about us."

Billie Brownie was wearing his warm, warm coat which Old Man Winter had given him. It was made out of the same material that Old Man Winter had his wardrobe made of, for no matter how cold it is, it is never too cold for Old Man Winter.

He is protected from the cold by his regular winter clothing! But he won't tell anyone just how it is made.

And Billie was wearing the shoes and the cap and the earmuffs Old Man Winter had given him, too.

"There are many of us about, as you can see," said Mother Walrus.



"Ah, Mr. Walrus isn't One of Your Skinny Gentlemen."

"But, though we love to go about in big groups, we have a nice family life and are devoted to our own."

"We are great, huge creatures, aren't we?"

"Enormous," said Billie Brownie.

"If it wouldn't be rude," he added, after a moment, "I would like to know how much you weigh."

"Not rude at all, Billie Brownie," said Mother Walrus. "Not rude at all. Now my Mr. Walrus is one of the grandest and most superb of creatures."

"He's a Walrus after my own heart and, of course, why wouldn't he be?"

Mother Walrus laughed a great, deep laugh.

"Of course," she repeated, "why wouldn't he be, considering he is the Walrus of my own heart?"

"He weighs three thousand pounds, and I weigh two thousand pounds."

"Ah, Mr. Walrus isn't one of your skinny gentlemen. No, he is fat, good and fat, and full of wrinkles, for the fat all wrinkles up, as there is so much of it."

"There is plenty of fat to spare, you see, and it just folds up and wrinkles up and lets you know that there is nothing stingy about the fatness—it's all there—plenty of it!"

"His two ivory tusks are the most beautiful I have ever seen."

"We are slow creatures when we go over the ice, but we're good swimmers."

"Gracious," said Billie Brownie. "To think of weighing three thousand pounds!"

"It's a majestic thought, isn't it?" said Mother Walrus, with a Walrus smile.

"Ah, yes," she continued, "we're not small or dainty. We go in for size and little else."

"We have so much fat that there isn't much room for brains. We're not very bright. In fact, we might almost be considered stupid."

"But we're as sociable as sociable can be, and we're all very friendly with one another."

"And, as I said before, though we are so friendly with one another, our own family always comes first."

"I'm not much of a fighter. I will do no one any harm."

"But—if any one should come after my baby—then, it is very different! I should be so excited then, to protect my big little one, that I'd be afraid of no one and I'd fight, fight, fight."

"The Mother Walruses will fight for their young. They are afraid of nothing, nothing, nothing if their young are in danger."

"Such are the ways of the Walrus creatures," ended Mother Walrus, as she bellowed a good-by to Billie Brownie.

Aileen Pringle



Aileen Pringle, the motion picture star, is considered one of the best-dressed women of the screen. "Adapt the style to yourself instead of yourself to the style," says she, "and you will be among the best-dressed women, too."

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

TRIPLE LEVEL OF LIFE

THE stone is dead. It cannot communicate with anything that surrounds it. It has no correspondence. A stalled automobile is on a dead level. Its intrinsic value has not decreased; but its horse power is nil. An automaton is on the dead level. The flowers are on a higher level. They make contact with a larger world of correspondence. They derive benefit from the sun, rain and soil. Such contacts are necessary for their development. The bird lives a still larger life because it has a larger correspondence. Nature has provided it with a larger area of communication. Put the bird into a vacuum and immediately it goes back to the dead level, because its nerve of correspondence has been broken.

The stone on the dead level is acted upon from without. The bird on the living level possesses from within its power of communication. You may succeed in teaching a dog a trick, but the trick dies with the dog. He cannot teach it to another dog. The living level is circumscribed by very definite limitations.

The aspiring level knows no such limitations. The aspiring level is the realm of ideals, purposes, burning ambitions. This innate desire to aspire has been denied to all creation but man. He possesses intelligence, the brute only instinct. Emerson wrote, "Man, thou art a palace of sight and sound, carrying in thy senses the nights and mornings, the summers and winters, carrying in thy brain the geometry of the city of God, and in thy breast all the bowers of love and all the realms of right and wrong."

On the aspiring level, purposes should be high enough to give a constructive value to life and deep enough to guarantee a very real satisfaction—for, "The hand can never execute anything higher than the character can inspire."

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Community Building

Beauty in Homes and Environment Is Sought

Many students of American life profess to see a marked desire on the part of our citizens for greater beauty in their homes and environment. This urge to be surrounded by beautiful things is not taking the form of theoretical discussions and philosophizing about art, music and landscaping, but is manifesting itself in a practical way.

The American wants a beautiful home, beautiful furniture and furnishings, beautiful gardens and surroundings, and so he is creating them himself or setting up a demand for them which artists and craftsmen are satisfying.

Art has served its full purpose only when the rank and file, the general citizenry, the vast majority of the populace want their environment, the utensils they use in their homes, their streets, business houses and factories created along beautiful lines. The knowledge which a few have of art serves only a limited purpose, while a general and widely spread appreciation of it benefits the whole nation.

One sees the spirit in the care and attention which many hundreds of citizens of Richmond bestow upon their yards. If this were being done by only a few groups, if a beautiful yard outlined with shrubbery and graced with flowers were to be found only here and there, there would be nothing noteworthy about it. There are hundreds and hundreds of back yards with their vista of grass and their borders of shrubs and flowers—a delight to the eye of anyone.—Richmond Palladium.

Coat of Paint Will Add to Resale Value of Home

Even when property has long been neglected, a coat of paint at any time will add to its resale value an amount considerably greater than the cost of application. In fact, it has been estimated that it adds approximately a thousand dollars. In addition to this increase in value as a result of the painting of a specific property, there is a further increase if the entire district conforms to the practice of painting at regular intervals. For such a practice does much toward keeping up the appearance and general desirability of a neighborhood. And this in turn is an important factor in real estate values.

The relative asset of owning a painted and unpainted house is a point worth considering. Not only is the question important for rentals and resale, but it affects the facility with which it is possible to borrow money. For property in a good state of repair is usually accepted as an indication of an orderly management of affairs on the part of the owner.

Value of Zoning

There is hardly a law or regulation in existence that does not prove at times to be undesirable or "damaging" to somebody. But in all cases the general welfare must take precedence. In the end, all are served alike. If an individual is restricted in one direction he is aided in another. That holds with respect to zoning, as to other necessary regulations. The person who desires to override zoning restrictions in a certain way in order to gain a selfish advantage would be quite ready to object to such a procedure by another that threatened inconvenience or actual damage to himself. Zoning is designed not so much to restrict the few as to aid all.—Kansas City Times.

Plan Program First

The preparation of a thoroughly considered program, based on exhaustive study of existing conditions and probable future trends, is a prerequisite of a worth-while city plan. That accomplished and the program adopted, it is vitally important that exceptions to the rules laid down be granted sparingly, short of a conclusive showing that the original requirement was an error. Otherwise, zoning becomes ineffective in practice. This is a danger that needs to be avoided in localities where city planning has been adopted. Rules, frequently broken, become worthless as a guide.

Rural School Studies

A western soil expert contends that the country school ought to be more agricultural-minded than at present, and believes that rural education needs but this one more advance step to make its emancipation complete. It is this gentleman's opinion that the country school should give more attention to common problems in terms of rural life, as city schools are integrated to urban conditions.—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

Keep House in Repair

Next in importance to owning your own home is the matter of keeping that home in good repair, so that its value may be maintained as time goes by.

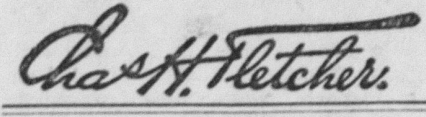
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Wanted More Than His Fair Share of Wives

Abbe Domenech, the French priest who labored in Texas in the early part of the Nineteenth century, left an interesting record of his work in a book, now out of print, that was published in London in 1853.

One amusing incident he recorded concerned a Presbyterian minister at Brownsville, who bestirred himself to dispose of his three marriageable daughters. The minister, noting that no one sought the hands of his daughters, preached a sermon on the subject of marriage, amplifying the text in Genesis, "Increase and Multiply." He spoke with eloquence and warmth on the bliss of the hymeneal state and ended by offering his three daughters, with \$3,000 of fortune for each, to whomsoever would espouse them. He added that he would receive the names of the candidates after service. A wag in the congregation did not wait for the time prescribed by the minister, but shouted from his pew: "Put my name on the list for two."—Kansas City Star.

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Reaper's Centenary

This is the centenary year of the reaping machine, the early appearance of which, obviating the necessity of large numbers of scythe-men, was bitterly resented by agricultural laborers. Dr. Patrick Bell, a minister of Carmyle, Arbroath, Scotland, invented it while he was a student at St. Andrews' university, and the presbytery of Arbroath has appointed a committee to consider the best method of celebrating the centenary of Bell's invention.

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Literal Truth



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THE WHY OF SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

CAULS

THE superstition with regard to the caul—the membrane which sometimes envelops a child's head at birth—is by no means extinct. It is still by many supposed to indicate good fortune for the child so born—and by many to be an infallible charm against drowning, for the person who can get possession of one and wears it about him. Now and then cauls are advertised for sale. What their market price is now is uncertain; but it is said that "In the Seventeenth century sailors used to pay from \$50 to \$150 for one."

"I was born with a caul," says Dickens in the beginning of "David Copperfield," and relates how his caul was purchased by an old lady in the neighborhood whom it preserved from death by drowning; the fact that she never in her life ventured on the water being merely incidental.

The caul superstition can be clearly traced back into remote history. It is a survival of the worship of the Egyptian goddess Isis—the caul is the "veil of Isis." The word itself is a form of the old Gaelic "call," a veil. Just why Isis should have had an especial connection with the water and those who ventured upon it is a trifle hazy; but there is no doubt that she did and a ship was carried in the procession in her honor.

It is rather remarkable how often, in investigating modern superstitions, we run across traces of Isis-worship; it is a reminder of the persistency with which her cult introduced itself into Grecian and Roman communities in spite of the opposition of priests and lawmakers.

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SAWS

By Viola Brothers Shore

FOR THE GOOSE—

THE first time a kid does some' bad might not be his fault. But the second time is always yours.

The kid that gets scalded drinkin' cocoa'll blow on an ice cream soda.

You can generally get bread for the askin' . . . pearls without.

FOR THE GANDER—

Formerly it was considered good dope to make friends with a girl's mother. Nowadays girls is so contrary it's almost as much as your chances is worth, to have a girl's mother put in a kind word for you.

Besides months of cultivatin' a girl's mother won't prove half as enlightenin' to a man as five minutes' talk with a kid sister or brother.

However, it don't hurt to toss the old lady a few kind words now and then. Because if they don't like you, they got a way of hangin' around the dining room, with the French doors half open and crampin' your style.

But of course if you gotta lotta Jack you can count on your money to make the mere go. . .

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

THE "THRESHOLD"

THIS word which describes a door-step or an entrance to a house or to a room and is used figuratively to indicate the beginning or entering upon any experience as "the threshold of life," "the threshold of a career," has a very interesting story.

Specifically, the threshold is a plank or stone or piece of timber which lies under a door, the sill, the place over which the first step is taken on entering. It comes to us—and that is the strange part of the story—from the Anglo-Saxon "perswald" which, from "perscan," signifies "to thresh."

Tracing the connection of the word in its modern sense with its origin, we find that threshing, the beating out of the straw from grains, has for ages been the first step in the preparation of the harvest for market.

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THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says she sees letters of credit advertised for persons thinking of going abroad and if they can't afford to pay cash she should think they'd better stay at home.

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Waterloo Repeated

Hobbs—I understand Tom and his wife just had their first quarrel. Was it serious?

Dobbs—Very. He gave in and thus established a precedent.