

Children's Fairy Tale About the Woods

THE great trees of the woods were talking. It was dark and cool and still and only the moon shone through from time to time just to see that all was well and to hear a few words of what was going on.

The branches of the trees swayed a little for Mr. Wind was paying visits about and as he hurried along he was saying a how-do-you-do to all his friends and they were answering him.

"Before long the spring will be here," said one of the evergreen trees. "It will be beautiful then."

"Buds will appear and blossoms and soft delicate leaves and then love-

don't I? But I'm not. I fancy you all know that."

The great trees laughed in their low, soft voices, and a murmuring as of music was heard throughout the forest. It was the echo of the laughter in the great woods.

"Last Christmas," said Mr. Moon, "I was about in my usual way, looking at this and looking at that, and I particularly noticed the city streets."

"For some time around the Christmas holidays the streets in so many places were lined with Christmas trees for sale."

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WILKINS

"May I Tell You a Story?"

ly strong green leaves will be the result.

"But I am glad we are of the great woods and of the evergreen family."

"Ah, yes, that is the best of all."

And then Mr. Moon peeped in and said:

"May I tell you a story?"

The deep woods were all adfuter with excitement. Everyone of the big, magnificent trees, and the shorter, strong, splendid little green trees waved and swayed a little with the joy they were to have in a story told them by Mr. Moon.

"Yes," Mr. Moon continued, "and it is a true story."

"Won't you sit down, Mr. Moon?" they asked. And every tree moved to show Mr. Moon he would be welcome to settle down on their branches.

But Mr. Moon winked his eye.

"I'm to big, I thank you kindly, but I'll just look through while I stay on my sky perch."

"I speak as though I were a bird,

Please Tell My Wife

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I WISH that you would see my wife

And tell her that I love her.

A thing, these later years of life,

I hope that she'd discover.

'Twas quite an easy thing to say,

The way that youth would view it.

But, now we both are getting gray,

I just can't seem to do it.

I wish that you would write a line,

Would send my wife a letter,

And kindly tell this wife of mine

I really love her better

Than in the days of twenty-one.

And thought, of course, she knew it.

I think it really should be done—

I wish that you would do it.

I wish you'd do that much for me:

It's really very easy:

Just write a line, or come to see,

Adopt a manner breezy.

Just say, "He loves you," just like that:

There's really nothing to it.

There's nothing to be frightened at—

But I can't seem to do it.

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Prosperity of the U. S.

By A. LEONARD BARRETT

THE annual report of the secretary of commerce for 1928 called attention to the unprecedented prosperity of the United States. The report directed special attention to both the volume and the financial value of industry in 1928 and stated that both exceeded the records of all previous years. Special attention was directed to the automobile industry which reached its highest peak of production last year. Also, to the operations of chain stores which are being established in many large cities. The report emphasized the increase in volume and value of farm products which advanced 8 per cent over the last decade. More new homes were built and larger investments made in staple securities. Taxes were perhaps higher, but not in proportion to value. Our exports were larger than at any time since the war.

Of special importance was the reference to the increase in the total saving deposits during the year. This fact clearly indicates that many persons have adopted a very definite policy, namely, not to spend all their income, but to "lay by in store."

Prosperity may result in greater ex-

travagance and more riotous living. When this is the case prosperity becomes more of an economic liability than an asset. But when economy, expressed in increased savings and in the building of homes is emphasized in the same report which lauds our prosperity, it surely is indicative of a sane, strong and praiseworthy, undercurrent of thrift.

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"They took long, deep breaths of it and they smiled."

"Yes, for just a little, little while the woods had gone to the cities and the people in the cities were happy with a great, great happiness."

"Some had lived near the woods when they were young. Others had never known anything save the cities and pavements and the lights of many stores, and they loved this beautiful fragrance of the woods, which is the loveliest fragrance in the world."

Once again the trees of the deep woods bowed and Mr. Moon added:

"I know, too. I know the world pretty well, you know."

That made the compliment even finer and the trees bowed and swayed again and then they sang a song:

We rejoice that we
Or our fam-ly
Gave joy this year
And also cheer.
When they went to the city
For they said: "It's a pity
For town people to miss
The fragrance of this
Which we bring from afar."
So we rejoice that we
Or our fam-ly
Gave joy this year
And also cheer.

"Ah, yes, they gave great cheer and great joy," said Mr. Moon, "and they made the people so happy. And I knew you'd like to hear of their reception in the cities so I told you this story—which is a true story as I said."

And the trees of the deep woods were happy with a great happiness that their fragrance had been taken to the cities for a time.

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Think About What You Read As You Read It

—By—
F. A. WALKER

A READER sends us a question which is a source of pleasure for it proves that we have aroused in one mind at least an interest in reading.

He writes as follows: "You refer very frequently to the value of reading. I wish that you would answer the question, 'What is the best to read?'"

That is a short question with a long answer. When a physician wishes to build up the frail body of a poorly nourished patient he prescribes foods which have two qualities—the furnishing of the greatest amount of nutrition and the smallest amount of waste and combinations which are easily digestible.

The badly nourished mind needs

SAWS FOR GOOSE AND GANDER

By Viola Brothers Shore.

FOR THE GOOSE—
YOU don't get everything you want in this world any more than you want everything you get.

Buyin' seldom is more economical than buyin' cheap.

If your husband starts stayin' downtown a lot more than usual, don't immediately get suspicious that he's up to some'n. Only keep your eyes peeled.

FOR THE GANDER—
The slowest insects is them that goes around on the most legs; and it's the same way with committees.

Givin' in to a small fault is openin' your door to a little thief that's gonna open your window to a bigger one.

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Men's Costumes Made of Silk



Lady Rhonda says that male clerks in offices should wear costumes of silk, and these styles were shown at a recent silk show held in London. Silk blouses, open at the neck, and silk shorts comprise the costume.

What Will you do



When your Children Cry for It

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Calculated Frenzy?

A new way of avoiding paying for one's dinner was practiced in Paris recently, according to the London Morning Post. When the customer's bill was presented to him he went off his head and had to be removed to the nearest hospital under control. It is a matter for speculation whether the composition of the menu or of the bill was the cause of the diner's attack of frenzy.

Writing for Money

"Some say we have lost the art of letter writing."

"They never had any children in college."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Carving Stranded Whales So They Could Be Buried



During recent storms off the coast of South Africa hundreds of whales were washed ashore near Kommetje Cape Peninsula, and died on the beach. The photograph shows citizens watching workmen cutting up the whale so they could be buried in trenches.

Foods We All Like

By NELLIE MAXWELL

Talk happiness! Not now and then, but every blessed day. Even if you don't believe The half of what You say: There is no room here for him Who whines as on his Way he goes: Remember, son, the world is Sad enough without Your woes. —Anon.

THIS is the season when we enjoy the succulent oyster. Try this one:

Creamed Oysters.

Clean one pint of oysters, heat to the boiling point in their own liquor. Cook three tablespoonfuls of butter and two of flour together, then add one cupful of thin cream. Add the oysters, salt and cayenne to taste, one beaten egg yolk and serve on toast or crackers. Add two tablespoonfuls of mushrooms.

Veal a la King.

Trim off the fat from two pounds of veal and cut into inch cubes. Brown lightly in one-fourth of a cup-

ful of butter, add water to cover well. Add six medium sized carrots, two medium sized onions cut fine, one sweet green pepper, one bayleaf, four cloves and cook all together until the meat is tender. Keep the liquid to about a pint. Add one quart of sweet cream which has been heated to the scalding point, one can of mushrooms and one can of sifted peas. Season to taste with salt and paprika, then serve over chow mein noodles, using two cans.

Home Made Ice Cream Soda.

Place balls of vanilla ice cream in glasses, pour over iced bottled cream soda. Stir slightly and serve immediately.

Poor Man's Pudding.

Take six cupfuls of milk, one-half cupful of rice, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of nutmeg and one-half cupful of raisins. Put all together in a buttered pan in a moderate oven and bake slowly for two hours. Serve hot or cold.

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