The SANDMAN STORY

GEORGIE, THE FROG

TOMMY hung on to the Wind, who was taking him for a trip, and all the time the Wind flew along; he whistled gayly.

But the trip was not a long one, even during his early adventures. In no time at all they were at the mountain top and the Wind introduced Tommy to the great pond leader.

The trip hadn't really taken so long, after all. Of course he had been enormously helped by this lift, which the Wind had given him. Still, it hadn't been so hard—save for the time he had almost stayed by the lake below. After he had made up his mind to come further, it had been easy.

Now he was at the top of the mountain and right in the heart of the top

"Thank You," Tommy Answered, "I'll Make Myself at Home."

of the mountain was a pond—the loveliest pond he had ever seen.

In it were the colors of the sky. In it were the colors of the moss and ferns and flowers that were about. It seemed to hold in itself all the loveliest of shades and colors. And so close at hand seemed the sky, though Tommy stretched out a hand and found the sky, after all, was nowhere within reach.

Sitting on a stump, a handsome old stump, sat a big frog.

"I want to introduce you to Mr. Georgie Green Frog," said the Wind. "Georgie, meet Tommy."

"Goog-a-room," said Georgie, "make myself at home."

The Wind had gone off again, and Tommy was sitting by the edge of the pond, very near the stump. He thought he must have misunderstood the frog.

"Thank you," Tommy answered, "I'll make myself at home."

"Goog-a-room. I didn't say that," Georgie gurgled. "I said to myself, 'Make myself at home.' That makes me happy and puts you at ease. You'd be ill at ease, I'm sure, if I let a fly or a bug escape my nose. So I just go on the same, whether I have company or not."

"Is the cave near here?" Tommy asked.

"It is," said Georgie, "but don't hurry away just as you've come. Besides, the old man said I could talk to you first."

Tommy thought Georgie was quite an entertaining frog, and the thought of talking to him was a jolly one.

"The whole secret in this business of understanding animal talk," said Georgie, "is patience. Of course, as you're an adventurer, you're being given special permissions and privileges—and you can talk in a word-fashion with us. But as the old man says, anyone who has patience and who cares for creatures such as we are, can learn what we have to say and what we do and how we live.

"I'm the pond leader now. It was a great promotion for me."

Georgie swallowed a bug which had landed on his nose. Then he continued:

"There was a time when I was a foolish young frog. I thought I was better than all of the others. I went to take up my abode with the Sbons who live at Gums Landing. If you spell those words around the other way, you will see what they really mean, but in those days I didn't see anything right, and so I didn't see that.

"Well, they're creatures which look big at first, but you find they're pretty small after a time. And how they did treat me. They gave me a banquet, but they made remarks about my having been a tadpole in my youth and having come from a mud home, and that I swallowed my skin when I molted, showing, they said, how poor and of little account the family was that we had to eat our own skins!

"That was enough for me. So here I am leading the Frog Chorus every night."

Again Georgie swallowed a bug. "That was delicious, thank you, bug, so much," Georgie said. And then he added: "Of course the bug can't appreciate my thanks after he has been swallowed, but every once in a while I believe in being mannerly. It keeps one in practice."

"And it makes me think," said Tommy, "that I'm most frightfully hungry, and I've a knapsack filled with food."

Georgie started to croak and croak, then, and from all around came frogs and turtles, birds, squirrels and little wild rabbits.

Tommy spread out the knapsack, and everyone had a feast. Such good things as there were to eat, and such a lot of everything, too.

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Marian Nixon

Beautiful Marian Nixon, starring in the "talkies," was born in Superior, Wis. Following the study of stage dancing and dramatic art her first stage work was in vaudeville. Later she entered the movies and won general approval, and among her talking pictures have been "Geraldine," "Say It With Songs," "General Crack," and "In the Headlines."

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

WOMEN AND CIVILIZATION

THE civilization of Egypt was the greatest of the ancient world. The wealthy classes were educated, but the schools placed a barrier against the education of the common classes. The main purpose of Egypt was to develop men. Women were relegated to obscurity, her rights and privileges being limited by the superstition of her age. The schools of Greece admitted any person except women and slaves. There was, however, a certain woman belonging to a definite class to whom was given all the cultural advantages of the times. No money was spared in her mental and physical development; but she was not the Christian mother of our day, but the notorious charlatan. In India every fifth girl was a widow. Twenty-five million of these widows resided in India, eighteen millions of whom were very little girls from five to nine years of age. Only six out of every thousand were educated. In India a husband could have as many wives as he was able to support. A wife could be divorced at the will of her husband. According to the Hindoo philosophy there was no place in the mental development of the age for women. "We all believe in the sanctity of the cow and in the depravity of women." Female babies were frequently murdered at birth. In India a woman could pray to the gods only in her husband's name. She had to be reborn in this world as a man before she could hope to have a place in eternity. In Africa women were sold like cattle. "Five large blue glass beads would buy a woman, but it took ten to buy a cow," the cow being the object of religious veneration.

L. A. Barrett.

How different is the attitude toward women in Christian civilization. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Motherhood is a most wonderful national blessing. The majority of those whose names are in the American Hall of Fame were children of Christian mothers. If America owes her greatness to any one thing more than another, it is the silent influence of her Christian motherhood. Paganism inevitably must perish because the Orient has no stabilizing power upon which to build her future. Civilization is fighting no losing battle, it is moving steadily forward and will ultimately dominate the world, because Christian mothers will continue to give to sons and daughters the power to decide between a "secular civilization whose God is science and an unselfish civilization whose God is love."

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SMILES

GABBY GERTIE

"Lately, nothing more is heard of it when a girl breaks a record."

SIX CYLINDER SENTENCES

By DR. JOHN W. HOLLAND

A mother's knee is the world's best altar.

The youth who breaks with his mother will run amuck with Luck.

Full grown men cannot grow too big for their Mother's God.

The earth's moral sunshine is the poured-out radiance of a mother's love.

Admit no one to your friendship who would dishonor his First and Best Friend.

The girl who thinks that she has outgrown her mother is still too Little to appreciate her.

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The British Automobile association outlined vacation tours for its members at the rate of 5,000 a week during last summer.

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

BIRDS AND DEATH

"IF A bird alights upon a person's head that person will die." "If a bird alights on a sick person's bed the sick person will die." These are two of the many superstitions common in this country regarding birds with which superstitious people make themselves unhappy. They might spare themselves this unhappiness did they but know that the superstitions in question are merely survivals of the Pythagorean doctrine of the transmigration of souls changed into evil omens by that morbid strain so common in man's mental makeup.

"What is the opinion of Pythagorus concerning wild fowl?" asks the clown in Twelfth Night. To which Malvolic replied "That the soul of your grandma might happily inhabit a bird."

Many savage peoples today are as wise as Pythagorus and believe that the souls of the dead frequently enter birds. George I promised the Duchess of Kendal—one of his left-handed widows—that he would come to her after death if possible and soon after his demise a great raven flew in at the window of the duchess' villa at Wickenham. She chose to imagine that the king's spirit was in the sable bird and took special care of her visitor. Thackeray wonders—for these birds are very longlived—if her heirs took the bird to Hanover and whether "it is still flapping its wings about Herrenhausen." The connection between the doctrine of the migration of souls into birds and the foretelling of death by the alighting of a bird upon a person's head, or a sick person's bed is clear. The alighting of the bird is a presentation of the receptacle for the soul, as it were.

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Humorous Americans

"The saving grace of Americans," said a Russian visitor, "is their sense of humor. Without this they would crack from the severe competitive strain that sends them scurrying about the streets at such a mad rate. But Americans can always stop to laugh, and in so doing they provide themselves with the relaxation they would not ordinarily get. This sense of humor is a national asset, and lacking in most Europeans."

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Avoiding Monotony

"Do you find that golf takes your mind entirely off trouble?"

"No," answered Senator Sorghum. "I like it for the sake of variety. It gives me a new kind."

Barrows on Feed Test Gain Most

Hogs Under Almost Every Known System Were Used in Trial.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hog farmers in the future will do well to give special attention to the male hogs on their farms. Feeding tests recently completed by the United States Department of Agriculture show that barrows make better gains than sows when all get the same kind of feed and attention.

In eight years of comparative feeding tests, 5,653 hogs were studied. Of this number 3,018 were barrows and 2,635 were sows. The barrows outgained the sows by 5.43 per cent, according to E. Z. Russell, of the bureau of animal industry, who was in charge of the tests.

Study on Hogs.

The study was made on hogs in various experiments conducted in practically all parts of the country, under a wide range of climatic conditions and during nearly every month in the year. It included pure breds of all of the popular breeds used in this country, both bacon type and lard type, as well as a number of crossbreeds between some of these and grades of unknown breeding.

"Hogs under almost every known system of management were used," according to Mr. Russell. "The results included dry-lot feeding, also hogs on pasture supplemented with limited rations. In some of the experiments a limited ration of barley was fed, followed by a full feeding of corn; in others this ration was reversed.

"In some of the experiments the hogs were full fed from weaning to a weight of about 200 pounds. In others the hogs were started on full feed at weights as high as 150 pounds and carried along to 500 pounds or more. Practically all known hog feeds including peanuts and soybeans, were used and the resulting carcasses graded in firmness all the way from oily to hard.

"The hogs studied were from sows ranging in ages from twelve months to over seven years and by boars within the same age limits. Most of the pigs had been farrowed in March, April, May, September, and October, although a few were farrowed in every other month of the year. Some were from sows farrowing but one litter a year, others from sows farrowing two litters."

Flies Cause Dairyman Trouble During Summer

Flies probably cause the average dairyman as much trouble and aggravation as any other problem during the summer months. If one were to determine the number of flies that could be hatched from just one pair of flies during the summer, the figures would cover an entire page of paper.

The first step in keeping down the number of flies is to keep all of the manure hauled out. A pile of barnyard manure is the favorite breeding place for flies.

Darkening the stables will help to make the dairy cows more comfortable, as this will lessen the number of flies in the barns. Painting the windows with alabastine blue is recommended, as this is easily washed off.

Some men also adopt the practice of hanging a blanket or sack over the top part of the door, so that the cows will rub a good many of the flies off their backs as they come into the barns. All of these different practices, as well as the use of good fly sprays, are to be recommended in order to keep the loss and bother from flies down to a minimum.

Use for Hydrated Lime

Several beneficial functions in reducing calyx injury to apples may be performed by hydrated lime when combined in excess amount with arsenical sprays. The lime neutralizes such acids as may be liberated by the apple itself, as well as any water, soluble arsenic acid or other forms of soluble arsenic. It changes the surface tension of water, making evaporation more rapid if the fruit becomes wet.

Agricultural Squibs

A grain ration will pay as a supplement to pasture when the grass gets short.

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A bull association is a group of three or more dairymen organized under a definite agreement to own jointly three or more bulls.

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Always feed calves milk that is the same temperature from one feeding to another.

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Fertilizer attachments for horse-drawn and tractor planters give promise of being the accepted means of distribution for corn growing.

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Straw from soy beans is valuable as roughage for wintering dry dairy cows and beef cattle. It is also a good roughage for sheep.

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The barn should be provided with a system of ventilation, so there may be an intake of fresh air without causing a draft on the cows. There should be four square feet of window surface per cow.

Cleanliness Quite Essential for Hens

Chickens Will Not Thrive if Not Healthy.

Everybody feels proud of their young chickens if they continue to grow satisfactorily. Chickens will not grow at a good rate of speed unless they are healthy. When chickens get droopy, only partially feather out, and become stunted, they are no longer a source of pride, and probably will not be a source of profit.

Clean chicks, clean ground, clean houses, clean feed and clean watering vessels are all essential in the production of healthy chickens. Clean chicks are necessary to start the program. Chicks that are from weak or diseased stock will not have the vitality or freedom from disease that is necessary for best results.

It is impossible to keep the best chicks healthy unless they are raised under clean conditions. Clean ground means freedom from disease germs and worm eggs. Clean houses, feeds and watering utensils aid in preventing the spread of any diseases that may have gained entrance into the flock of chicks, as well as providing the sanitation that is necessary for health.

If it is possible, move the young pullets out on good range where they will remain separated from the remainder of the flock during the summer months. This will not only allow them to grow under better feed conditions, but will also keep them away from contamination of different diseases and parasites. Prevention, of which cleanliness is the most important factor, is greatly aided by the use of a high-test lye solution in scrubbing.

Sudan Grass Excellent Emergency Cow Pasture

That sudan grass should make an excellent emergency pasture for dairy cows is the principal conclusion indicated thus far by a five-year experiment on the carrying capacities of three pasture crops at the South Dakota State College experiment station, according to a statement recently by Thomas M. Olson, head of the dairy department. The investigation, now in its third year, is also attempting to solve the cause of bloat when cows are pastured on alfalfa and sweet clover, the two other pasture crops included in the experiment.

A striking result of pasturing sudan grass came recently when seven cows that had been fed on a rich test ration for several weeks were turned into the sudan pasture and immediately increased their production, Professor Olson pointed out. The test ration on which the cows had been fed consisted of a mixture of several different grains, plus beet pulp, silage, and alfalfa. The only supplement to the sudan grass now making up their ration is a combination feed consisting of 50 per cent each of oats and corn by weight and fed according to the individual production of each animal, the Jerseys and the Guernseys getting one pound of the mixture to six pounds of milk produced, and the Holsteins and Ayrshires one pound to seven pounds of milk.

Coccidiosis Symptoms Usually Quite Evident

The New Hampshire station makes the following statement about this serious poultry trouble:

The birds may lose their equilibrium, teeter back on the tailhead, have an unsteady wobbly gait, or lie on the floor and kick around in a circle. Another indication of the disease is that the chickens go off feed with feathers ruffled and eyes dull. Many are humped up and tend to crowd around the brooder stove. Occasionally meaty and bloody droppings are noticed. Emaciation along the breastbone and shanks is usually very evident. With pullets over three months of age the disease has been closely associated with paralysis; symptoms are thinness or going light and a paleness of the shanks. Preventive treatment consists of feeding a 40 per cent dried buttermilk mash, withholding all scratch feed, supplemented with thorough cleaning and scrubbing out of the houses.

Seed Worn Cultivated Soil in Early Spring

The best time for seeding worn, cultivated land to grass is during the late winter or early spring. Since the land has been in corn or some other cultivated crops, the ridges should first be disked down. If the surface is level and free from trash, no seedbed preparation is necessary.

A thin coating of manure should be spread over the surface. If the manure is spread by hand the grass seed should be sown ahead of it, but if the manure spreader is used the seed may be scattered over the manure before it is spread.

Sour Milk for Chicks

The chicks' drink should always be lukewarm. Water from the well is too cold for baby chicks and may cause loss. One of the easiest ways to sour milk is to place a bucket of milk to be soured in the brooder house in the evening. Put in a cupful of today's sour milk as a starter, cover the bucket and let sour overnight in a corner of the brooder. The milk will be of uniform sourness and temperature if such a procedure is followed.

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