

CHILDREN'S STORY

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

HOW NIMBLEHEELS GOT AWAY

PETER RABBIT was all a-shake. It was partly excitement, partly fear, and partly hope. You remember how he had gone back to the dear Old Brier Patch without a doubt in his mind that little Nimbleheels had been caught and carried away to the Green Forest by Hooty the Owl. You remember how sad Peter was and how he had sighed and sighed again, and how a thin, high, squeaky voice had asked if he was in pain.

That voice made Peter jump. It sounded exactly like the voice of little Nimbleheels. If Peter hadn't been absolutely sure that by this time Nimbleheels must be in the stomach of Hooty the Owl he would have said that this was the voice of Nimbleheels. But how could it be? It couldn't. His ears must have fooled him or else—"Who are you?" whispered Peter. "Are you a ghost?"

"I should say not!" exclaimed the same thin, high, squeaky voice indignantly. "There is no ghost about me! For goodness sake, what is the matter with you, Peter Rabbit?" Out in front of Peter hopped Nimbleheels. Peter backed away hurriedly. "Go away," said he. "This isn't you. It can't be. You were caught by Hooty the Owl and carried away for his din-



Very Cautiously Peter Reached Out and Touched Nimbleheels.

ner. You can't be in his stomach and here, too, so this can't be you. Go away, please."

"Pinch yourself and wake up, Peter," squeaked Nimbleheels. Then he began to laugh with all his might. Peter frowned.

"I don't see anything to laugh at," said he rather crossly, for he still couldn't believe what his eyes saw.

Nimbleheels kept right on laughing until he was quite out of breath. "I may not be myself," said he, "but I'm quite sure I'm not anybody else. As for Hooty the Owl, if his stomach feels any fuller on my account I'm willing to make him the same kind of a meal every day. Go over and ask him. I'd like to know what he says."



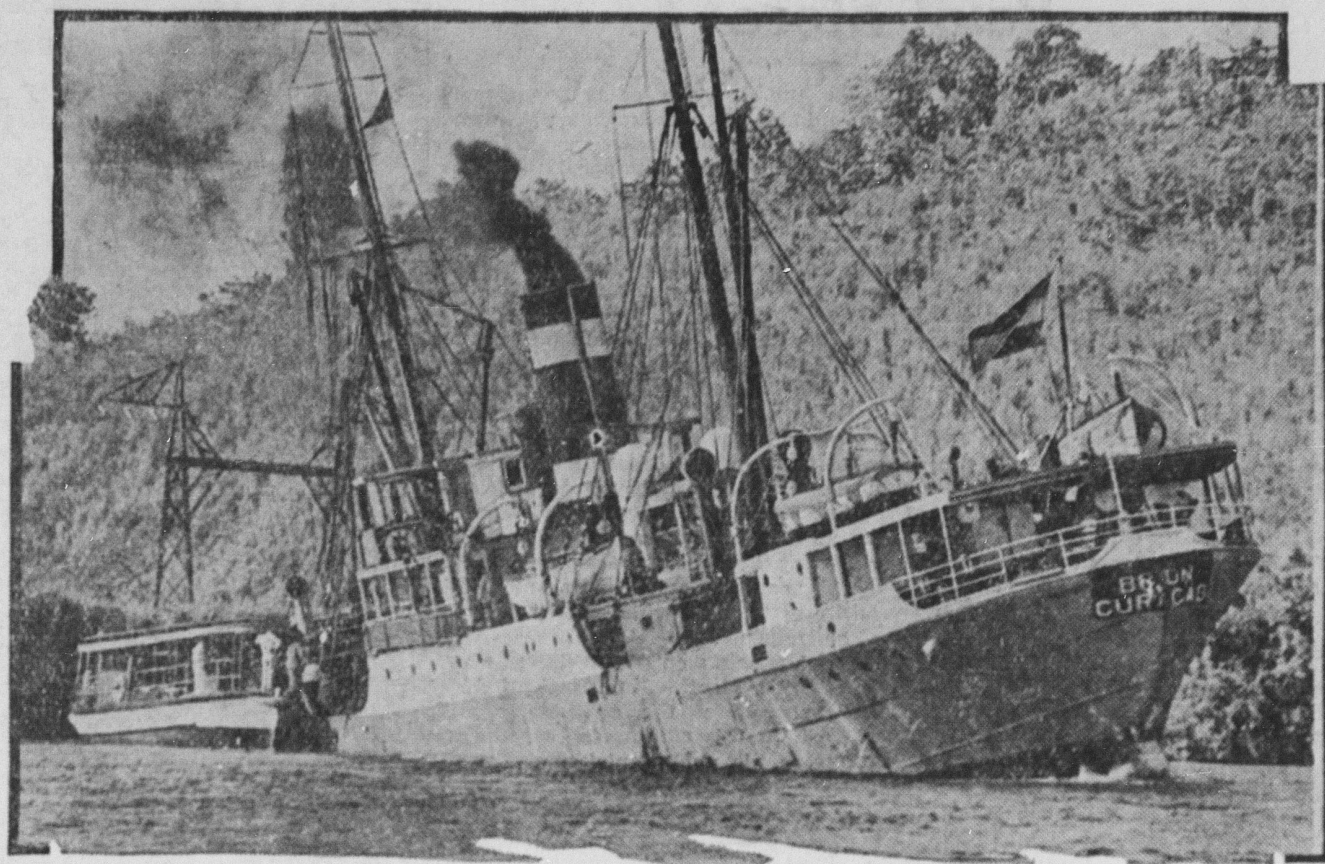
"Early to bed and early to rise," says stepping Stella, "and the neighbors would have nothing to talk about."

Scottish Jumpers for Roosevelt



THESE two Fair Isle jumpers were made in Inverness, Scotland, on order from President Roosevelt and have been shipped to him. The wool was carded and spun in Inverness mills.

First Vessel to Founder in Panama Canal



THE Dutch freighter Brion has the distinction of being the first vessel to founder in the Panama canal. She went down in Gatun lake about half a mile south of the lock after having developed a dangerous list that led her commander to try to beach her. The crew was rescued by Panama canal launches.

Just touch me, Peter. You'll find I'm real enough."

Very cautiously Peter reached out and touched Nimbleheels. Then his face cleared and he began to laugh himself. "I never was more sure of anything in all my life than I was that you had been caught and carried away by Hooty," said he when he could stop laughing long enough. "You asked what was the matter with me. I was sighing on your account, Nimbleheels. I was sighing because my heart was so sad at the thought that you had been killed and that I should never, never see you again. When you spoke I thought my ears must be playing tricks on me. I certainly did. How did you get away?"

"With the help of a friendly Black Shadow," replied Nimbleheels. "But for that I might be just where you thought I was. I was getting very tired, and two or three times Hooty almost caught me. Then just as I jumped that Black Shadow swept over us and Hooty couldn't see where I landed. I jumped twice more before the Black Shadow passed over, and by that time I was safe. Then I hurried over here to the dear Old Brier Patch to wait for you. You were very wise not to move when you sat out there in the moonlight, Peter Rabbit. I never could have sat like that right in plain sight. I never could have, possibly."

"That was nothing," replied Peter modestly. "I learned when I was very young that there are times to run and times to freeze and sit tight. This was one of those times. Tell me, Nimbleheels, doesn't such a long tail bother you?"

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STUFFED DATES

DO WE ever tire of the delectable dates? They are so good to serve with the afternoon tea, in salads, as desserts, as a confection, or stuffed with various fillings, one has an infinite variety and they are always welcome. The following are a few fillings for stuffed dates:

Orange Peanut.
To one-third of a cupful of peanut butter add slowly five tablespoonfuls of orange juice and one-half teaspoonful of grated orange rind. Fill the dates and roll them in chopped salted peanuts.

Apricot Coconut.
Wash one cupful of dried apricots. Steam over boiling water to soften, then run through a food chopper with

SOLDIER BOY!

By ANNE CAMPBELL

SOLDIER Boy, are the days too long?
Is the sun too bright on your narrow walls?
Are you weary now of the robin's song,
And the wind's soft voice as the evening falls?
The lightest breath is too hard to bear
When a little life is so filled with care.
Soldier Boy, you are ten years old,
And your boyish soul has a cross to hold.

Soldier Boy, it's a bitter fight,
But your smile is valiant for those who come
Hoping to make your day more bright
With a gift to add to your meager sum.
You have a daily bout with pain,
And the years will drag till you run again,
With Health's quicksilver in your feet,
And a cry of joy for the friends you meet!

Soldier Boy, I would gladly give
My heart's firm beat and the strength of my hands,
If it would mean your right to live,
And scamper with joy on the summer sands.
Soldier Boy, it's an eagle's flight
To the lovely land where there is no night,
And the wings of your spirit are firm and true,
As onward and upward they carry you!

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one-half cupful of nut meats and two-thirds of a cupful of coconut. Add two tablespoonfuls of orange juice and one teaspoonful of orange rind. Mix until well blended. Stuff dates and roll in sugar.

Marshmallow Coconut.
Cut one-fourth pound of marshmallows into quarters with wet scissors. Stuff each date with a piece of marshmallow, placing the cut side up. Dip the sticky surface of the marshmallow into the shredded coconut. Jumbo dates are prepared by pressing the edges of two dates together and stuffing as one.

Parisian Sweets.
Take one package of dates, one package of coconut, one-fourth pound each of figs and dried apricots, put through a food chopper. Add a tablespoonful of orange juice and a teaspoonful of the grated rind. Mix well and divide into parts. For fruit caramels pack the portion into small pans lightly oiled or buttered, crease into squares, and place a nut meat on each square. Chill, cut into cubes with a sharp knife that has been dipped into water.
Dried fruits may be used for fruit favors, turtles, animals; and various attractive things like ginger bread men may be made from figs, raisins, dates and nuts.

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DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is a mandolin?"
"Stringed applesauce."
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Find Improvement in Farm Machines

Committee Compares Outfits of 20 Years Ago With Those of Today.

Prepared by Agricultural Extension Service, Ohio State University.—WNU Service.

Although cultivators, walking plows, harrows and other of the less complex farm machines were found to be greatly improved, greatest progress in farm machinery manufacture was noted in the corn picker, ensilage cutter, three-horse-power engine, and the tractor plow.

A committee of agricultural college engineers, comparing the farm machine today with that of 20 years ago, releases this information following measurements of the efficiency, durability, and operating costs of farm machines.

As reported by Prof. G. W. McCuen of the department of agricultural engineering, one of the committee, the quality value of the ensilage cutter and corn picker is more than twice that of the machines sold to do the same work 20 years ago.

Improvements in quality values as reported by the committee are 70 per cent for the grain binder and 65 per cent for the cultivator. The grain drill was improved 40 per cent, farm engines 100 per cent, disk harrows 90 per cent, mowers 70 per cent, corn pickers 100 per cent, corn planters 55 per cent, tractor plows 90 per cent, gang plows 50 per cent, and two-horse walking plows 35 per cent.

Spraying machines were improved 75 per cent, ensilage cutters 115 per cent, feed grinders 75 per cent, cream separators 45 per cent, sulky rakes 35 per cent, and manure spreaders 50 per cent.

The committee was requested to make tests by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

Allowed to Seed Grasses for Erosion Prevention

A program for seeding grasses and legumes for erosion prevention and soil improvement on acreage retired from production of wheat, cotton, tobacco and corn in connection with the agricultural adjustment administration's acreage reduction program has been given the administration's approval. Officials of the administration feel that it is highly desirable that growers protect the soil of these contracted acres from erosion and maintain their fertility.

To encourage such a program on the part of growers, the agricultural adjustment administration, through its replacement crops section has co-operated with the division of forage crops and diseases of the United States Department of Agriculture, in the preparation of information to enable farmers to make successful seedings.

Grazing Injures Pastures

Early grazing in the spring and close grazing during the dry period of summer have proved to be quite disastrous to pastures under observation of D. R. Dodd, soils specialist in southeastern Ohio. Such grazing has had greater effect than any other factor in the annual forage produced. The pasture improvement experiments carried on in the hill counties the past season indicate that potassium is an unprofitable fertilizer if used alone and shows a return only when combined with both nitrogen and phosphorus. Pasture treatment has shown marked influence in food control, the untreated pastures allowing fully twice as much run-off, and the water from such untreated pasture carried more silt away.

Testing Dairy Feed

By adapting the "guinea pig" method so commonly used in studying animal diseases, the United States Department of Agriculture has discovered that feeding dairy feeds to rabbits indicates the effect the same feeds will have on cattle. Use of rabbits, which is much cheaper, speeds up results to a rate nearly ten times that when cattle are used, as the rabbits breed so much faster. The department began the rabbit feeding tests in 1931. In these experiments 20 rabbits were used for each type of feed. The scientists found that the rabbits behaved almost exactly the same as dairy cattle under the same conditions.

Cannot Abolish Fairs

County fairs cannot be abolished by county commissioners refusing to make appropriations, Attorney General John W. Breicker has ruled in an opinion to the prosecutor of DeWitt county. He points out that the Ohio laws provide for an appropriation to the county commissioners in order to encourage agricultural fairs, and that as long as the agricultural society exists the commissioners must provide some appropriation.—Ohio Farmer.

Fears 1934 Grasshoppers

A new and worse outbreak of grasshoppers in 1934 threatens the Northwest, A. G. Ruggles, Minnesota state entomologist, has warned. He said that recent surveys made in North Dakota, Montana and Saskatchewan have shown the presence of large numbers of "hoppers resembling the old "Rocky Mountain" variety which devastated farm crops in pioneer days. It has not been grasshoppers of this variety that have done the damage in the Northwest in the past few years.

HAVE VISION OF FLYING AT 554 MILES AN HOUR

An airplane capable of flying 554 miles an hour, using existing engines, could be built today by applying known aerodynamic principles to its design and construction, according to John Stack of the national advisory committee for aeronautics. This is 131 miles an hour faster than the present speed record.

What such a high-speed plane would be like is described by Mr. Stack in the first issue of the Journal of the Aeronautical Sciences, reprinted in the Literary Digest. It would differ only slightly in form from the transport planes used on transcontinental airways.

The wings of the hypothetical plane would span 29.1 feet; the fuselage would be 40 inches in diameter. The plane would have completely retractable landing gear or would be catapulted like the early Wright planes, and could land on its fuselage. The engine and pilot would be completely enclosed, vision for the pilot being provided by windows or indirectly by mirrors. The wings would be centered on the fuselage.

A model of this plane has been tested in wind-tunnels and bears out Mr. Stack's calculations. The plane would have a landing speed of 103 miles an hour—a dangerous speed, but one which could perhaps be cut with proper auxiliary devices. The same kind of plane, equipped with 3,000 horse-power engines and new types of propellers, could fly at a computed speed of 600 miles an hour, or nearly 80 per cent of the speed of sound.

Why Doctors Favor a Liquid Laxative

A doctor will tell you that the careless use of strong laxatives may do more harm than good.

Harsh laxatives often drain the system, weaken the bowel muscles, and even affect the liver and kidneys.

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