

DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

"CATS IN BIRDLAND" BY DADDY

In this story Peggy and Billy save their Birdland friends from danger, and play a joke on the cats.

CHAPTER I The Plot Behind the Hedge PEGGY heard low voices murmuring behind the hedge. She couldn't make out what they were saying, but she sounded as though they were plotting mischief.

The voices were those of cats—not usually cat voices such as one sometimes hears at night, but secret-telling, mysterious voices that were so new to Peggy that she sat up in the hammock where she had been dozing and peeped over the hedge.

On the other side were Thomas Cat, Tiger Cat and Blackie Cat with their heads very close together. This in itself made Peggy suspect that they were up to something wrong. As a rule they never came to her own side of the alley and Blackie Cat kept on the other side, while neither Tiger Cat nor Thomas Cat came from his home down across the street from his home down the block. Now here they were, the three as thick as thieves.

Peggy listened very sharply—forgetting for a moment that it wasn't polite to listen to what other persons were saying among themselves—and presently she could make out a mew here and a purr there that told her what they were up to. And sure enough, exactly as she feared, they were up to mischief.

"I hear there is fine hunting in Birdland," moved Thomas Cat, a stray country cat was telling me yesterday, he caught so many birds he grew tired of eating 'em and came to town to change of food."

"Well, I'm tired of eating milk and scraps, and I'd like to change to nice plump birds," mewed Blackie Cat, licking his lips.

"I like to go hunting for birds," purred Tiger Cat, sharpening his claws on the bark of a tree.

"When shall we start for Birdland?" asked Thomas Cat.

"Right away," answered Blackie Cat and Tiger Cat in one loud mew.

"Sh-sh-sh-sh!" warned Thomas Cat. "Some bird might hear us and carry the warning to Birdland before we can get there." All three cats looked slyly at each other, but they didn't see any birds listening. Neither did they see Peggy peeping over the hedge, but Peggy felt that it was time to act.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Thomas Cat," she cried. "You have plenty to eat at home, and you don't need to go hunting for those poor birds. Mer-ow! We're not coming back until we have eaten all the birds we want! Mer-ow! Mer-ow!" And she went!

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away scurried the cats over a back fence. Peggy jumped from the hammock and ran after them as fast as she could, but when she climbed to the top of the fence, she could see them far down the road. At the rate they were going they would be in Birdland long before she could get there to warn the birds. Flanking upward, Peggy saw General Swallow doing airplane stunts in the sky.

"General Swallow!" cried PEGGY, and the general came swooping down. "Hasten to Birdland, and tell the birds that three fierce cats are coming to hunt them. Tell them to beware of the general swallow, darting toward the distant forest."

Peggy starting to follow, came upon Billy riding Blinky Sam. "Climb up behind me and we will help save the birds from the cats," Peggy did as he said, and Blinky Sam started for Birdland on a gallop.

(Tomorrow will be told how the cats hunt the birds.)

CROWDS AT DEDICATION

Impressive Scene Enacted When St. Vincent's Is Blessed More than 100,000 persons attended the dedication of the new St. Vincent's Home, the diocesan orphanage, at Lansdowne avenue and Garrettsford road, Upper Darby township, yesterday.

The Most Rev. D. J. Dougherty, D. D., archbishop of Philadelphia, officiated. He was assisted by 100 priests and as many seminarians. Governor Sproul and the Very Rev. Joseph A. Whitaker, chancellor of the diocese, spoke.

It was an occasion of splendor. The archbishop, clad in pontifical robes of cloth of gold, with a golden mitre upon his head and a golden crozier in his right hand, was the center of the picture. Next to him sat Governor Sproul and Mrs. Sproul. Grouped about them robed in the cloth of gold vestments of pontifical services were the officers of the blessing and of the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given at the conclusion of the service by Archbishop Dougherty.

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READERS' VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

Respecting the Flag To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—How often do we hear people speak of respecting the flag! Especially during the recent war, when so much stress was placed on the fact that when Old Glory passed by one should raise his hat or stand at attention.

This is all right, but when one stops to think of the conditions existing today—and the greedy profiteers who for the lust of the almighty dollar are lining their pockets to the detriment of the public, they are neither respecting the flag nor are they 100 per cent Americans.

When Lincoln in his famous Gettysburg speech uttered those words "A government of the people, by the people, and for the people," etc., he must have realized what the Stars and Stripes stood for.

The sooner the profiteering class and camouflaged 100 per cent Americans wake up to the fact of the great wrong they are doing, the sooner our beautiful flag will have a deeper and fuller significance to us all.

H. M. CHRISTIE.

Proportional Representation

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The constitutional revision committee that is sitting at Harrisburg seems to be in favor of substituting proportional representation for our present method of electing the Legislature.

If they do incline to make a trial of proportional representation, they are only putting themselves in line with progressive opinion all over the world.

May I not urge all who would substitute for our present ineffective system of voting a system which gives the minority a voice in the government, and at the same time assures the rule of the majority, to write at once to the commission and ask that the constitution be amended to permit its use.

Letters should be addressed to the constitutional revision committee, Harrisburg, Pa. IMOGEN B. OAKLEY. The Gladstone, May 7.

Glad We Were of Service

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—On behalf of the Philadelphia board of promotion in the One Hundred Million Dollar Campaign of the Northern Baptist convention we want to express in heartfelt terms our deep appreciation of your co-operation in our work.

Without this and the splendid publicity it meant, we feel we would have fallen far short of our objective in the "New World Movement."

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