

DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

"Perky Sparrow Goes to Jail"
By DADDY

Perky Sparrow wants to become a bird landlord and force the other birds to pay him rent for their nests. He grabs their nests, but, unknown to him, the birds already have moved into new bird houses built by Billy.

CHAPTER III
The Stolen Bird Houses

PERKY SPARROW didn't like a bit the song the birds were singing as "Perky, Perky, thought himself wise, Perky, Perky, we've opened his eyes. He came for rent, we gave him a song. He's wanted home, so hurry along!" Perky bristled up and looked very cross.

"Here, here, pay me my rent," he chirped. "I'll not stand any more nonsense. Pay me in golden grain if you want to go home to your nests!" The birds only danced more merrily at that and sang a new song: "Pay, pay, why should we pay? No nests we've had since yesterday."

This puzzled Perky and he grew more vexed. "Chee! It's lots of fun for you to dance and sing now, but where will you be tonight? The weather is changing. It looks like rain, and you'll not have any nests to go to."

The birds kept right on dancing and answered him with another song: "Where will we be tonight, tonight, Where will we be tonight? In houses snug and houses tight, There we will be tonight."

General Swallow and Reddy Woodpecker, who were having a jolly time at the house warming of the birds, now stopped their frolicking long enough to bristle up to Perky Sparrow.

"You can't play any landlord tricks around here," shrilled General Swallow. "Prince Billy has built new bird houses for the birds and you can have the old nests for all we care."

Swallow. Then he cocked his head on the other side and blinked at Perky and Billy, who were laughing at the fun. "Chee! Chee! So that is it," chirped Perky, just as exactly as ever. "I'll have to take a look at these new houses."

He flew to a perch on a high branch and stared in astonishment at the airy little village Billy had built among the trees.

"How do you like the birds' new houses?" laughed Billy, enjoying his surprise. Perky tilted his tail and hopped back and forth on his perch.

"I like them," he finally answered. "I like them so well that we will move right in. Come on, gang!"

And what did that bold sparrow do, but fly to the porch of the Chinese temple and hop in. And his gang—dozens and dozens of sparrows just as bold and saucy as himself—hopped right in after him, not only in the Chinese temple, but into each bungalow and cottage, until they filled every one.

Then the birds quit laughing in a hurry. So did Billy and Perky. Perky Sparrow had sprung a surprise on them with his trick. It was his turn to giggle and chuckle.

And Perky did giggle and chuckle. He put his head out of the window of the temple and sang a song of his own: "Titter, titter, birds that flitter, Who is laughing now? Twitter, twitter, sweet and bitter, I will show you how."

The hood birds who had lost their homes were suddenly sad and mournful. As for Billy and Perky, they were indignant.

ed Billy. "I didn't build them for noly, quarrelsome sparrows." Perky answered with another song: "Fine houses for rent, fine houses for rent. If you can't pay, go live in a tent."

(Tomorrow will be told how Billy makes Perky laugh out of the other side of his mouth.)

Dr. John Nelson Stockwell
Cleveland, May 19.—Dr. John Nelson Stockwell, eighty-eight years old, one of America's foremost astronomers, died at the home of his son here yesterday as the result of a recent stroke of apoplexy.

Dr. Stockwell was the author of many astronomical and mathematical books and treatises.

NO DEAL ON BRITISH DEBT
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London, May 19.—(By A. P.)—Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, stated in the House of Commons today that the question of Great Britain's indebtedness to the United States was being dealt with independently of any question of Great Britain's share in the indemnity from Germany.

The chancellor's statement was called out by a question as to whether an arrangement had been made with France that she repay her indebtedness to Great Britain when France receives her share of the German indemnity, and if so, whether it would be possible for Great Britain to repay her borrowings from the United States on the same condition, namely, when Great Britain receives her share of the indemnity.

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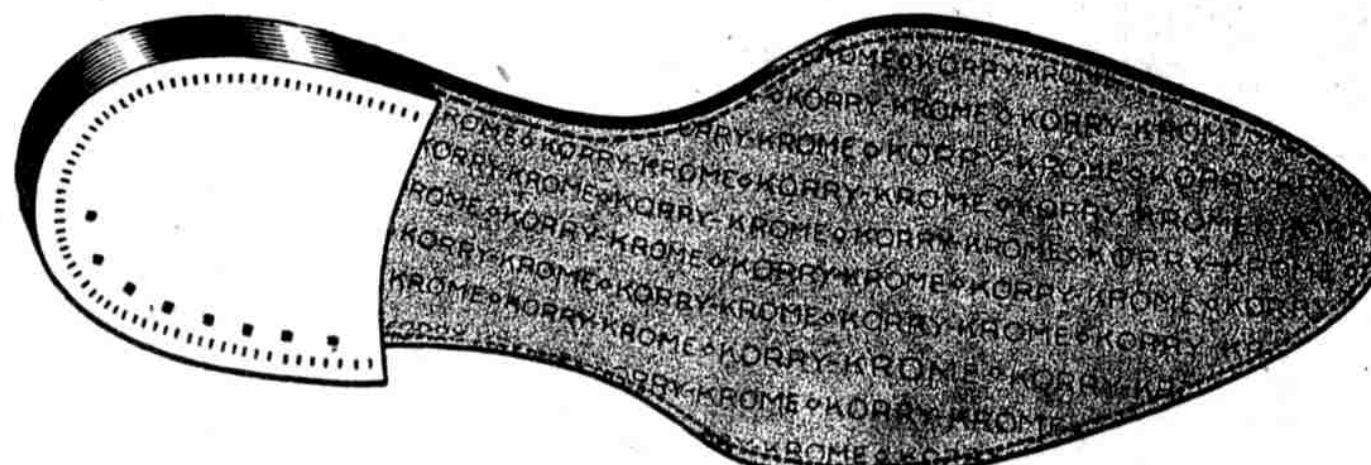
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