DREAMLAND ADVENTURES

In the Catnip Patch
By DADDY

"IF YOU were a cat, what would you like?" asked Judge Owl of Peggy and Billy.

"I would like mice to eat," answered Billy.

"And I would like to nap in the sun," said Peggy.

"But best of all, if you were a cat you would like to eat catnip in the spring," declared Judge Owl. "I'm going to tell you about the clever trick by which Tuffy Thomas got into the catnip patch of Dr. Cross.

"The catnip patch was in a corner of the doctor's garden and the doctor guarded it carefully, for he used the catnip in making medicine.

"Tuffy Thomas lived next door and he could smell the catnip from his side of the high board fence. He wanted a taste of that catnip as much as a boy wants ice cream, but he knew if he climbed the fence the doctor would throw stones at him. That is the way the doctor guarded his catnip—by throwing stones at every cat that came near his garden. And as dozens of cats were drawn by the smell of the catnip, the doctor was kept busy throwing and so he became a very good shot. He could knock a cat off the fence in two shots out of three, as Tuffy Thomas had learned to his sorrow.

"One spring day the catnip smelled specially tempting to Tuffy. He felt that he just had to have a feast of it, at the same time he didn't dare get within range of the doctor's stones.

"While Tuffy Thomas was wondering how he might get at the catnip, he noticed Dodger, an alley cat, passing by. Dodger got his name because he was such a good dodger of things folks threw at him when he cowled at night. Seeing Dodger gave Tuffy Thomas an idea.

"'Meow,' he sneered at Dodger. 'You think you are a fine dodger, but I'll bet you you can't get up on the fence here and dodge the stones Dr. Cross will throw at you.' Now, Dodger was very proud of his dodging ability, so he answered back very quickly: 'I'll show you what a good dodger I am,' and he climbed the fence.

"Tuffy climbed it with him, but was careful not to show his head above the top.

"'Meow,' yowled Dodger at Dr. Cross. 'Meow, I dare you to try to hit me.' That was foolish of Dodger, but he didn't know what a good shot Dr. Cross was.

"'Whiz!' A stone came flying through the air. 'Ker-thud!' it hit Dodger in the ribs and knocked him off the fence. That is what Tuffy was waiting for. He sprang over the top of the fence into the doctor's garden, as if he were the cat that had been hit.

"Tuffy landed on his feet, as cats usually do, but quicker than sent he fell over on his side, right in the catnip bed, acting as though he were dead.

"'Dr. Cross came running up. 'Oh, goodness! I've killed that pesky cat,' cried the doctor. 'Oh, my! Oh, my! What shall I do now? I guess I had better bury it.'

"He ran to get his spade to dig a hole to bury Tuffy. At once Tuffy began to nibble at the catnip leaves, you bet! They tasted good. Tuffy ate and ate all the time the doctor was digging a hole in which to bury him.

"But the doctor got through digging before Tuffy got through eating, and he looked up to see the cat nibbling at his catnip.

"'Oh, ho! I've killed only one of the nine lives of that pesky cat!' cried the doctor, stooping to pick up a stone. 'I'll kill all the other eight lives, and then my work of digging that grave will not be wasted.'

"The doctor drew back his arm, but Tuffy had been made very frisky by the catnip and he dodged the stone the doctor threw. As the doctor stooped to pick up another stone, Tuffy leaped on the doctor's back, using it as a jumping board, and bounded safely over the fence into his own yard.

"So that is how Tuffy got his catnip. Tomorrow I'll tell you about his adventure with the man with the bag."

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Hasty Pudding Club to Give Musical Comedy Tonight

"Westward Ho!" its seventy-fifth public production, will be given this evening at the Bellevue-Stratford by the Hasty Pudding Club of Harvard.

"Westward Ho!" a musical comedy in two acts, was written by Joseph Alger, president of the Harvard Lampoon, and Denning Duer Miller, son of Alice Duer Miller. The music was composed by Howard Elliott, Jr., of New York; Alex Steinert, of Boston; Isadore Straus, Jr., of New York, and Joseph Alger, of Brockton.

Edgar Scott, of Lansdowne, is credited with the best of the lyrics of this year's performance.

MARRIAGE A SURPRISE

Conshohocken Couple Follow Course of Brother and Sister

Warren E. Barnshaw and Miss Glenna M. Slingluff, of Conshohocken, following the course took by their brother and sister, went to Maryland yesterday and were quietly married.

Several weeks ago Harry Barnshaw and Martha Slingluff went to Elkton and were married, springing a surprise on their friends. The action of the younger couple came as even a greater surprise. The announcement of the engagement of Seth K. Mitchell, secretary of the Conshohocken Chamber of Commerce, to Miss Olga Slingluff, a sister of the two Elkton brides, has just been made.

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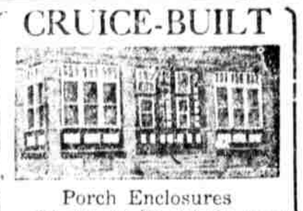

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