

The Wonderful Stories of C

By L. Frank Baum

Old Mombi Indulges in Witchcraft.

They soon discovered that the Saw-Horse limped, for his new leg was a trifle too long, so they were obliged to halt while the Tin Woodman chopped it down with his axe, after which the wooden steed paced along more comfortably. But the Saw-Horse was not entirely satisfied, even yet.

"It was a shame that I broke my other leg!" it growled.

"On the contrary," airily remarked the Woggle-Bug, who was walking alongside, "you should consider the accident most fortunate. For a horse is never of much use until he has been broken."

"I beg your pardon," said Tip rather provoked, for he felt a warm interest in both the Saw-Horse and his man Jack; "but permit me to say that your joke is a poor one, and as old as it is poor, 'still it is a joke,'" declared the Woggle-Bug, firmly, "and a joke derived from a play upon words is eminently proper among educated people to be eminently proper."

"What does that mean?" enquired Pumpkinhead, stupidly.

"It means, my dear friend," explained the Woggle-Bug, "that our language contains many words having a double meaning; and that to pronounce a joke that allows both meanings of a certain word, proves the joker a person of culture and refinement, who has, moreover, a thorough command of the language."

"I don't believe that," said Tip, plainly, "anybody can make a pun."

"Not so," rejoined the Woggle-Bug, stiffly. "It requires education of a high order. Are you educated, young sir?"

"Not especially," admitted Tip.

"Then you cannot judge the matter. I myself am thoroughly educated, and say that puns display genius. For instance, were I to ride upon this Saw-Horse, he would not only be an equipage, but he would be a horse-and-buggy."

At this the Scarecrow gave a gasp and the Tin Woodman stopped short and looked reproachfully at the Woggle-Bug. At the same time the Saw-Horse loudly snorted his derision; and even the Pumpkinhead put up his hand to hide his smile, because it was carved upon his face, he could not change to a frown.

But the Woggle-Bug strutted along as if he had made some brilliant remark, and the Scarecrow was obliged to say: "I have heard, my dear friend, that a person can become over-educated; and although I have a high respect for brains, no matter how they may be arranged or classified, I begin to suspect that yours are slightly tangled. In any event, I must beg to restrain your superior education while in our society."

"We are not very particular," added the Tin Woodman; "and we are exceedingly kind-hearted. But if your superior culture gets leaky, as you say, He did not complete the sentence, but he twisted his gleaming axe so carelessly that the Woggle-Bug looked frightened, and shrank away to a safe distance.

The others marched on in silence, and the Highly-Magnified one, after a period of deep thought, said, in an humble voice:

"I will endeavor to restrain myself."

"That is all we can expect," returned the Scarecrow, pleasantly; and good

nature being thus happily restored to the party, they proceeded upon their way.

When they again stopped to allow Tip to rest—the boy being the only one that seemed to tire—the Tin Woodman noticed many small, round holes in the grassy meadow.

"This must be a village of the Field Mice," he said to the Scarecrow. "I wonder if my old friend, the Queen of the Mice, is in this neighborhood."

"If she is, she may be of great service to us," answered the Scarecrow, who was impressed by a sudden thought. "See if you can call her, my dear Nick."

So the Tin Woodman blew a shrill note upon a silver whistle that hung around his neck, and presently a tiny grey mouse popped from a nearby hole and advanced fearlessly toward them. For the Tin Woodman had once saved her life, and the Queen of the Field Mice knew he was to be trusted.

"Good day, your Majesty," said Nick, politely addressing the mouse; "I trust you are enjoying good health?"

"Thank you, I am quite well," answered the Queen, demurely, as she sat up and displayed the tiny golden crown upon her head. "Can I do anything to assist my old friends?"

"You can, indeed," replied the Scare-

crow, eagerly. "Let me, I entreat you, take a dozen of your subjects with me to the Emerald City."

"Will they be injured in any way?" asked the Queen, doubtfully.

"I think not," replied the Scarecrow. "I will carry them hidden in the straw which stuffs my body, and when I give them the signal by unbuttoning my jacket, they have only to rush out and scamper home again as fast as they can. By doing this they will assist me to regain my throne, which the Army of Revolt has taken from me."

"In that case," said the Queen, "I will not refuse your request. Whenever you are ready, I will call twelve of my most intelligent subjects, and I am ready now," returned the Scarecrow. Then he lay flat upon the ground and unbuttoning his jacket, dis-

playing the mass of straw with which he was stuffed.

The Queen uttered a little piping call, and in an instant a dozen pretty field mice had emerged from their holes and stood before their ruler, awaiting her orders.

What the Queen said to them none of our travelers could understand, for it was in the mouse language; but the field mice obeyed without hesitation, running one after the other to the Scarecrow and hiding themselves in the straw of his breast.

When all of the twelve mice had thus concealed themselves, the Scarecrow buttoned his jacket securely and then arose and thanked the Queen for her kindness.

"One thing more you might do to serve us," suggested the Tin Woodman; "and that is to run ahead and show us the way to the Emerald City. For some enemy is evidently trying to prevent us from reaching it."

"I will do that gladly," returned the Queen. "Are you ready?"

"I'm off, too," cried the Saw-Horse, turning and prancing with a snort. "I'm rested," said the boy. "Let us start."

Then they resumed their journey, the tiny grey Queen of the Field Mice running swiftly ahead and then pausing



The Woggle-Bug and the Pumpkinhead Started to Run

until the travelers draw near, when away she would dart again.

Without this unerring guide the Scarecrow and his comrades might never have gained the Emerald City; for many were the obstacles thrown in their way by the arts of old Mombi, and one of the obstacles really existed—a large company of deceivers. For when they came to the banks of a rushing river that threatened to bar their way, the little Queen kept steadily on, passing through the seeming flood in safety; and our travelers followed her without encountering a single drop of water.

Again, a high wall of granite towered high above their heads and opposed their advance. But the grey Field Mouse walked straight through it, and

"We are very grateful to your Majesty for your kind assistance," said the Tin Woodman, bowing before the pretty creature.

"I am always pleased to be of service to my friends," answered the Queen, and in a flash she had darted away upon her journey home.

Next Week—"The Prisoners of the Queen," in which the travelers enter the Emerald City, but are taken prisoner by General Jinjur, who plans to lock them up in the "Cathedral of Old Mombi." But our heroes are a pretty clever set, aren't they? And it isn't likely that a girl-queen can keep them long in the "Cathedral of Old Mombi." I imagine they will have now overcome all the magical obstacles that seemed to oppose us.

Indeed, the walls of the city were plainly visible, and the Queen of the Field Mice, who had guided them so faithfully, came near to bid them goodbye.

"The Holy Communion and Decision Day program in the Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Thirtieth and Vernon streets, will be full of interesting things. At 10 A. M., Al. K. Thomas and Dr. Clayton Albert Smucker will have some very important matters to place before the children and older folk of the Sunday School.

The service scheduled for 11 o'clock is to be a continuation of the decision meeting in the big school with the addition of the Holy Communion. At the late morning gathering the minister will read the first Victory Loan call to all true and loyal American men and women. This is to be the first of a series of pulpits Victory Loan readings from the readings from the Stevens Memorial Church platform. In the evening, 6:30 o'clock, the young folks of the Sunday School and Church will meet for a service of consecration in the parlors of the church. The Sunday night closing service, at 7:30 o'clock, is to be in charge of the minister. A good musical program is to precede the Evangelistic address and the Holy Communion day decisions. Centenary minute men of other Methodist churches will be on hand to speak at the four gatherings booked for the day.

Returned Soldiers to Be Welcomed at Church

Nearly a score of members of the Men's Bible Class of Derry Street United Brethren Church, who were in the army and navy during the war will be welcomed home in a special service to be held by the class tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The men who were in the service will be in uniform and will occupy a place of honor in the class room. The room will be decorated with the colors of the Allies, trophies earned in the class service flag. One of the interesting features of the service will be the reading of war records of the men. In the service flag will be one gold star—that representing the death of George Fitzpatrick in France.

The speaker for the occasion will be Captain E. J. Stackpole, Ross Harman, recently returned from the service will sing. Patriotic orchestral and chorus music will be an added touch to the service.

With Choir and Organist

Olivet Presbyterian church is without a permanent director and the music committee is busily engaged in trying to rejuvenate its singing organization prior to the coming of the Rev. Samuel A. Bower, the new pastor, who is to occupy the pulpit on Easter Sunday. It had been the Rev. Bower's intention to preach his first sermon next Sunday, but he found it inconvenient to get away from Northminister church, Washington, as soon as he had anticipated.

Mrs. Henry Lentz, one of the city's splendid organists, has been playing at Fourth Reformed church, the position becoming vacant by the resignation of Miss Bressler, who accepted the organ at Augsburg Lutheran church. Mrs. Lentz's work at Pine Street and Market Square Presbyterian Churches during the absence of the regular organists has been uniformly acceptable.

A number of choir singers will be heard in the hall of the Steiff warehouses next Tuesday evening, at which time Mrs. James G. Sanders, contralto soloist of Pine Street Presbyterian church, will present in solos Mrs. William H. Withrow, contralto and Mrs. Howard Genser, soloists of Derry Street Brethren church, soprano, assisted by Miss Edna Landis, soprano and Misses Mabel Bright and Clare Monn, contraltos. Mrs. Lentz will be the accompanist. The recital, an invitation function, is to begin at 8:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Roy G. Cox, soprano, justified all the good things musical people expect of her at Messiah Lutheran church on Thursday evening when she appeared in recital in conjunction with Frank A. McCarrell, organist of Pine Street Presbyterian church. Mrs. Cox

is most dependable and sings with admirable consistency. It is not surprising that following the recital she was obliged to acknowledge the congratulations of a large company of musicians who always take advantage of any opportunity to hear her sing.

Mrs. Edwin J. Deceve continues her excellent work as dressmaker and soloist of Zion Lutheran church. Worshipers at this church have come to look forward with much pleasure to the musical offerings of Zion choir, which numbers among its membership some of the most promising voices of the city.

In an attractive prospectus the merits of the Pennsylvania Railroad Concert Company are set forth. The soloists of the organization, John P. Gibson, organ and Robert C. Smith, baritone, are members of two prominent church choirs, Bethlehem and Zion Lutheran churches, respectively and both have had splendid choir training, the first named having been soloist under Alfred C. Kuschwa at St. Stephen's Episcopal church for a number of years and the latter soloist and director of the Westminster Presbyterian church choir for seven years. Ira L. Behney, director also is director of Augsburg Lutheran choir.

One of the most beautiful numbers from "The Messiah" is to be sung at Christ Lutheran church to-morrow morning. Miss Alice Rollinson will sing the beautiful, expressive aria, "The Feed His Flock," being followed by Miss Katherine Dubbs, who will give the invitation which follows the assurance, "Come Unto Him."

Miss Mabel Garrison, soprano, sang last evening at Chambersburg and word from the Franklin county seat was that the famous singer had scored a distinct triumph. Like many singers who have attained fame, this gifted vocalist first her singing career as a choir member and says her experience in the choir will always be one of her most pleasing reflections.

The final recital in the Lenten series in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be given next Saturday evening by Frank A. McCarrell, Elmer H. Ley, bass soloist, will sing.

Mauder's "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," with Master Merrill Shepherd and Clarence H. Siger as soloists, will be sung Sunday evening in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, with Alfred C. Kuschwa, organist and choir-master, directing the cantata.

To Read Victory Loan Call at Stevens Memorial Methodist Church Sunday

Communion Services to Be Held at Market Square

To-morrow morning at Market Square Presbyterian Church, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. This is "The Easter Communion" of this church. This year it is given very important matters to place before the children and older folk of the Sunday School.

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MUST PAY TAX

The court in an opinion in the case of Commonwealth vs. Luzerne County Crushed Stone Company, directed the corporation to pay State taxes amounting to \$271.78.

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PEACE TREATY WILL BE SIGNED BY WEDNESDAY

Council of Four Expected in Complete Agreement by Tomorrow

Paris, April 5.—The opinion was expressed tonight by a responsible British authority that the peace treaty would be ready for signing by Wednesday next.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph wired that he is able to state on the highest authority that by next Sunday a complete agreement will have been reached by the Council of Four.

Salvatore Barzilai, civil governor of Austrian territory occupied by the Italian army and also a member of the Italian peace delegation, told the newspaper correspondents to-day why Italy did not participate in Thursday's conference of the Council of Four, when M. Turchetti, the Serbian minister of foreign affairs, was heard on Serbia's claims.

Signor Barzilai said an Italian delegate could not confer with a representative of the Croations and Slovenes, who until the last moment of the war had fought Italy and were responsible for the deaths of a majority of the half million Italians killed.

Personal--Social

Mrs. Kline Celebrates Her 78th Birthday

The 78th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Mary Kline was happily celebrated by a surprise party held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell Willouer, 2352 North Sixth street. There were decorations of roses and fern, the flowers coming as gifts to Mrs. Kline.

Vocal and instrumental numbers were given by the Rev. and Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Walter Yuengling, Frank Hoffman, John Rauch, Robt. Campbell and Miss Miriam Wilson.

Supper was served to the Rev. and Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Mary Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beachman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hillner, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kline, Mrs. Kline-peter, Mrs. Daniel Cless, Miss Annie Fouders, Miss Marian Wilson, Miss Helen Beard, of Philadelphia; Evan Owen, Miss Ida Willouer, Mrs. William Willouer, Will Willouer and the following children: Mary Elizabeth and John Owen Yuengling, Warren and Frances Kline and Margaret Anna Campbell.

HOME FROM WEST CHESTER

Miss Margaret Myers, Miss Naomi Mats, Miss Ethel Fisher, and Miss Zelma Eckert, students of West Chester Normal School, are spending the spring recess at their homes in this city.

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Eckelman

Robert F. Gohl, of 1905 North Second street, is in New York for the week end.

Mrs. L. V. Unberger and daughter, Miss Betty Unberger, of Hummelstown, were recent guests of Mrs. C. J. McAllister, in this city.

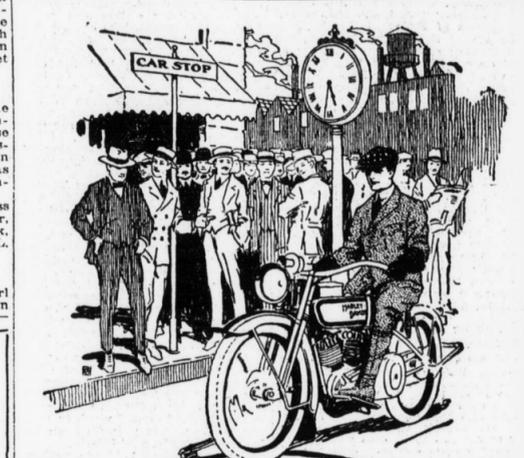
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BUILDING PERMITS

M. H. Gettys, contractor for Harry Kaylor, was given a permit to construct a two-story brick building at the rear of 315 Chestnut street, to cost \$2,500. Other permits were issued as follows: E. Egert, G. W. Fitting, contractor, remodeling 1243 Market street, \$75; Charles Handshaw, F. L. Morrow, contractor, addition to 1535 North Third, \$200; Arthur R. Stine, erection of one-story frame building, near 1369 Wood street, \$200; Harry C. Martz, 1923 Park, and D. F. Hassinger, 1930 Park, E. M. Wagner, contractor, erection of two one-story brick garages, each to cost \$300.

DINES EMPLOYEES

David W. Cotterel entertained the employees of his business establishment at a dinner in the Japanese room of the Penn-Harris, on Thursday evening. Miss Catherine Janz soled in community singing, which was one of the main features of the evening and the guests were:

Miss Metzgar, Miss Jamison, Miss Freed, Miss Herman, Miss Tucker, Miss Hall, Miss Neaving, Miss Frock, Miss Cotterel, W. A. Laverty, C. L. Swope, E. B. Eppley.

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YOUTH BADLY INJURED

York Haven, Pa., April 5.—William May, aged 18 years, son of Jesse May, residing near Strines-crow, was badly injured on Thursday afternoon while cutting wood on the farm of Herbert Swartz. The ax, glancing off a piece of timber, struck the youth's foot, splitting it from the great toe to the ankle.

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