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"OLD SNOW FACE"

A CHRISTMAS FAIRY STORY, BY ADLYN M. KEPPER

Once upon a time there lived a giant named Ogutenah, but because of his long white beard he was called Old Snow Face. He was not a wicked giant, as most giants are, but was kind and gentle and wiser than any one else. He lived in a great palace at the top of the world and when people wanted advice they would seek Old Snow Face, tell him their troubles and, after taking council with him, would come away wiser and better men and women.

One night Old Snow Face sat smoking his pipe before the big fire place. A puff of wind blew down the chimney and scattered the wood ashes about the grate. Old Snow Face looked annoyed at first, but when a fairy form came out of the sparks the old man smiled and extended his hands in greeting to the little creature. "Welcome, little granddaughter," he said. "Come and sit upon my knee and tell me what brings thee hither on such a wild night!"

"Dear Grandfather," she answered sweetly, "the Fairy Queen, my mother, sent me hither with six companions. You know, dear Grandfather, 'tis Christmas Eve, and the children of the earth will be eager for their gifts to-morrow. So make haste and tell us what we can do."

"But where are the gifts and who and where are your companions?" "They wait without," the little Fairy answered, "and are eager to start upon the missions of their mistress. Old Snow Face clasped his hands and a servant answered his call. He bade him open the door and as he did so six maidens entered, all as beautiful as the rainbow, and bowed low before their master. The Fairies were always glad of a chance to visit Old Snow Face, for he was kind and good and told them wonderful stories of his childhood and his visits to the earth people; but morning was drawing near and there was a great deal to be done, so he patted each lovely head gently and said:

"My children, it is almost Christmas morning. There is a great work to be done, and you are to do it. You are to carry the gifts to the earth people. Your Queen has made a wise selection and is sending to earth six of her most precious gifts. Be careful in your distribution. Leave not too much here nor too little there! Be fair and just and when you return, she who has done her work the best shall receive for a reward anything she desires!" And, leaning back in his great golden chair, he called each in turn.

"What takest thou to man?" he asked of the first. "I take beauty," answered the lovely creature. "To the men I take strength and beauty of form; to the women beauty of face and figure." Then the second maiden stepped forward and to the question put by Old Snow Face she said:

"I take riches. Gold and silver I shall shower among men so that they shall want for nothing that money can buy." "And thou?" asked Old Snow Face, smiling at the third fairy. She came timidly forward and answered with a glowing face:

"I take love—love to men and maidens. Think that I shall be welcome!" Old Snow Face smiled at her kindly and answered:

"At that the fourth maiden stepped forward—a radiant creature with golden hair and sparkling eyes. "And, thou little one, what takest thou to man?" she replied. "To rich and poor, young and old, I take that which ought to be in every household." "You will do well to visit every household," said Old Snow Face gravely, and turning to the next maiden, he saw that she entwined her arms lovingly about her companion.

"May we not go together, oh Master! My sister is timid and wishes my support. We take Peace and Good Will to earth." "Surely surely, you may go together," said Old Snow Face gently. Take care you do not lose Good Will."

So the six lovely fairies departed to take their Christmas gifts to man. Old Snow Face and his granddaughter stood at the window and watched their descent to earth. "I wonder who will claim the reward," said the little fairy, her eyes bright with eagerness and expectation; but Old Snow Face was busy watching the Christmas messengers.

"Beauty enters first," he exclaimed. "Oh, how glad are the maidens for her coming. And the youths, see how they rejoice in their strength and beauty of form!" "But look, Grandfather; see how distressed yonder maiden looks! She is not pleased. She thinks her sister is more beautiful than she. And see that tall, straight youth! He wishes to show his strength by quarreling with his brother. Oh, Beauty, I fear thou has not done well; but look! Riches comes to shower gold among them. Surely now they will be glad."

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Love and Happiness were forgotten and throughout the land there was great rejoicing. Old Snow Face went back to his golden chair and took his little granddaughter upon his knee. They waited in silence for a short time and then the door opened and the fairy messengers trooped in. There were Beauty, Riches, Love and Happiness. "But where are your companions?" asked the old giant. They looked at each other for answer, but no one could explain. Old Snow Face went to the window and looked out. A smile spread over his kind old face and, pointing toward the earth, he said:

"You have all done your best and brought some joy into the lives of men, but they who have the right to claim the reward are not returning. They remain, Peace and Good Will among men."

COFFEE CLASSIFIED AS FOOD
Man Who Sold Liquid Containing Chicory Found Guilty
Reading, Pa., Dec. 18.—Coffee is to be classed as food and not as drink, according to the verdict of a jury in court here yesterday, in a prosecution brought for alleged violation of the State pure food laws.

GIRL CARRIES MAIL
Miss Etta Kirkland Takes Father's Place on Rough Route
Pittsburgh, Dec. 18.—When her father, W. F. Kirkland, a rural mail carrier between Natrona and Birdville, fell sick, Miss Etta Kirkland, young and pretty, took up his duties and, despite several inches of snow and zero weather, in a snow condition as the daily mail on the route, which is considered the roughest in the State.

Boy Killed While Coasting
Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 18.—William Johns, 11 years old, was killed while coasting at St. Clair, yesterday, when, in coming down a steep hill, he collided with an automobile, driven by Ray Bradley. Johns' skull was fractured. Marlon Walker, a Pottsville girl, is suffering from concussion of the brain, and in a serious condition as the result of a collision while coasting.

Must Hear Woman's Case
Norristown, Pa., Dec. 18.—Judge Swartz yesterday refused to throw out of court a claim for damages made by Mrs. Kate Kriebel against the supervisors of Worcester township for the loss of her barn, near Centre Point, which was set on fire by a spark from the township road engine, which had been left near her property on the building of a State road.

Boy's Hand Worth \$2,450
Warren, Pa., Dec. 18.—A Warren county jury has fixed the value of the right hand of William Traub, of this place, 14 years old, at \$2,450. The case was that of Mrs. Anna Traub and son, who sued the Warren Times Publishing Company to recover \$14,000 damages for injuries sustained by the boy which necessitated the amputation of his right hand.

\$150,000 Plant Planned
Reading, Pa., Dec. 18.—It was announced that the Atlantic Refining Company is planning the erection of a new plant to cost \$150,000, in West Reading, when the matter of widening River and in that borough was discussed by its Borough Council Wednesday night.

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Seal Plush—Salts Arabian Lamb—Hindu Lynx—Zibelines—Rough Cheviots—Fine Broadcloths—Wool Velours and Imported Mixtures.

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Pretty New Fur Fashions at Big Savings

\$22.50 Genuine Red Fox Sets at \$15.00
Selected extra quality skins, beautiful natural red or lustrous gray; full silk lined.

\$27.50 Hudson Seal and Fitch Sets at \$19.75
Stunning combination sets, trimmed with finest quality German Fitch, silk lined.

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New Arrivals in Children's Coats Shown for First Time Saturday. ASTRICH'S

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Wildcatting in Missouri Discussed by U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The almost insatiable demand for gasoline and other petroleum products seems to increase as fast as new oil pools can be discovered. Even the present slump in the oil industry of this country on account of the European war has failed wholly to check the skirmish line of the wildcatting. One of the regions of late invasion is Northwestern Missouri. Advancing from the big pools of Oklahoma northeastward across Southeastern Kansas, where pools of modest production were found long ago, the wildcatting is now testing the ground in Missouri in the region of Leavenworth, Kan.

Heretofore the few tests made in Northwestern Missouri have not met with very good results. Now, in order to reduce the number of failures as far as possible, the drillers have asked the advice of the Missouri Bureau of Geology and Mines and the United States Geological Survey, which not long ago completed a joint examination of the region.

In response the geologists have prepared an advance statement to the effect that conditions specially favorable for the occurrence of a strong pool have not been found in the Leavenworth and Smithville region, though the geologic structure at several points better than at others. According to their statement, there would appear to be a fighting chance of finding oil or gas in small quantities in this region, though, far from finding another great Glenn pool, the driller must not be surprised if he gets nothing more than a showing of oil and gas.

Proposed Workmen's Compensation Bill Is Probed by Experts Before Industrial Commission
Members of the State Industrial Accidents Commission, who held their final hearing on the proposed Workmen's Compensation bill, at the capital late yesterday, were informed by C. S. Bunting, a Philadelphia insurance expert, that the cost of operating workmen's compensation in Pennsylvania for a year would approximate \$10,000,000.

Mr. Bunting based this calculation upon the experience of New York. He figured there would be about 28,000 plants of various kinds covered and that the total of the claims and administration cost under the proposed plan would require that outlay yearly.

He also suggested that the State tax upon insurance under the compensation act should be set aside in a reserve fund instead of going into the general revenue of the Commonwealth. This tax will amount to about \$100,000 a year.

James H. Maurer, president of the State Federation of Labor, said that he thought all workmen would elect to go under the compensation act; but he asserted that no farmers or domestic servants had asked the federation to lend its efforts toward being included in the law. Mr. Maurer objected to the medical examination feature and said it was not needed. In closing he said that the accident prevention movement had grown by leaps and bounds and that manufacturers were as eager to work out "safety first" ideas as workmen. Conditions are improving so rapidly, he held, that "workmen's compensation need not scare anybody."

Other speakers included W. H. Hotchkiss, former Insurance Commissioner of New York, who gave some details of the difficulties into which West Virginia had gotten with the insurance of its compensation; Newell Bradley, Philadelphia, who urged physical examination, and Francis Rowie and J. W. Henderson, Philadelphia, who discussed the proposition of having dependents look after the interests of dependents of aliens who live abroad.

WOULD COST \$10,000,000
same time throwing his paw around Persing's neck. When the bear closed his paws on the left side of Persing's face the man gave a desperate thrust with his knife and pulled away. The flesh was torn from his face, and he had sustained a bad scalp wound. In spite of his injuries, Persing was able to return to his camp, where thirty stitches were taken in the wounds by a physician. Persing later found the bear dead.

Mills of Steel Company Resume
Lebanon, Dec. 18.—Work has been resumed in the eight, ten and sixteen-inch mills and the puddle mill of the Lebanon Valley Iron and Steel Company at Lebanon, near this city, after the four plants had been closed down since last Friday. The new order also affects several hundred men. Some of the mills of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, this city, are also being operated on double time.

EGZEMA COVERED TOP OF HEAD
Disfigured for Time Being. Itching and Burning. Disturbed Rest. Eruption Took Hair Off. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed.

Atlantic, Pa.—"The eczema broke out on my little girl's head when but a baby three or four weeks old. It looked at first just like a rash of red pimples. It was that way for a day or two then the pimples burst open and formed a light colored scab that covered her head. I got medicine and applied it as directed and it got worse until it covered over the top of her head. It disfigured the child for the time being. It was so itchy and burning it disturbed her rest at night. The eruption took her hair off her head and it looked like a piece of raw meat."

"She had the eczema probably four or five weeks when my mother recommended Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I sent and got a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment, applied the Ointment and used the Soap when I washed her head, and in three weeks the cure was complete and her hair now is beautiful." (Signed) Mrs. Howard Dygert, Jan. 1, 1914.

MR. BEAR MAULS MAN
Animal, in Trap, Bites Piece Out of Abraham Persing's Face
Kane, Pa., Dec. 18.—Abraham Persing, of Oil City, had a narrow escape from death as the result of an encounter with a large black bear near Chapel Fork, eleven miles south of this city.

Persing was walking through the woods with his dog when he discovered a bear with its front feet caught in a trap. The animal attacked Persing, who plunged his knife into the bear five times. Then the bear succeeded in getting Persing's face in his jaws, at the

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Selinsgrove, Pa., Dec. 18.—A Snyder county jury late Wednesday night returned a verdict of \$3,000 in favor of Mrs. John Haines, Selinsgrove, who sued M. L. Kreger, a wealthy citizen of Middleburg, for damages for snatching her husband while Kreger was hunting last fall.

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Deputy Collector Named
Lancaster, Dec. 18.—Revenue Collector Fred C. Kirkendall, Ninth district, yesterday announced the appointment of John F. Norton, of Chambersburg, to be deputy collector for Fulton, Cumberland and Franklin counties, to succeed J. C. Groome, of Carlisle, a Republican, resigned.