

A RHYME FOR LITTLE FOLK

Will tell you a story that nobody knows,
Of two little fingers and ten little toes,
Of two little eyes and one little nose,
And where they all went one day.

Two little eyes peered over a little hill,
Two little feet stepped on a little hill,
Two little hands held a little ball,
Two little fingers and ten little toes.

The mouth grew round, and the eyes grew big,
At night of the sugar, the spice and the fig,
And two little fingers went dig, dig, dig,
Into the cake that was baked for the day.

And when mamma kissed the curly
Hairstyle it closed up in bed,
If wonder was there a mouse," she
Said, "Up on the shelf to-day."

"Yes, mamma, yes," and a laugh,
Like fairy bells, rang merrily—
"That little bit of a mouse was me
Up at four o'clock to-day."

MR. PEARSON ON TIMELY STITCHES

"For the want of a nail," murmured Caleb Pearson, fumbling in the pockets of his overalls, "the shoe is lost!"

He found a servicable stone, and fastened a loose cleatboard to the barn.

"Little things go on at these ends like that first nail," he explained to Deacon Hine, "I hate to pass by anything that ought to be fixed, thinking I'll do it some other time. It might seem it could do any harm, but you don't know what it'll lead to."

The deacon snorted, "You are right, it could not have led to a great deal this time. A loose cleatboard ain't very dangerous."

"One else said once off'n a turn, in the road wouldn't be called dangerous," returned Caleb calmly; "yet I can remember one time when a cleatboard on a horse's back he could afford to lose and come pretty near breaking his neck into the bargain."

"What's a shoe stick?" inquired the deacon.

"A shoe stick," said Caleb, "is a log of wood that lumbermen put into the ends of a shoe to hold it together. One end they block up onto a sleeper, and the inside end'll be dug into the shoe. Then when a shoe rounds the turn the shoe stick'll tend to throw it into the gutter. It ought to be fixed, or it'll lead to a shoe being lost."

"What's it all got to do with Johnny Parker?" asked the deacon.

"Well," said Caleb, "the time I mean wasn't a great while after Johnny and his wife was married. They started in with lots of young folks here, with not a great deal more housewifery stuff than was needed, and they had a couple of two, I suppose, and more spare-room fixins; and dishes enough of one kind and another to give their grub out, and that was about all."

"I dare say they got long as well's hundreds of other young couples around here. Wasn't that a happy, contented, workin' and savin' set; get other comfort as they could afford 'em; but the thing Johnny's wife was morn' set on than anything else was a full set of willowware dishes."

"That's the second year after they married, they figured that by skimpin' a little on other things they could spare money 'nough to send me to buyin' the dishes, and Johnny was to get 'em the next trip he made into the city. His wife couldn't get it was winter, and somebody had to stay at home and keep the pump thawed out and water the chickens at noon; and anyway, there wasn't any news of the dishes, and Johnny never perfectly well the one she wanted. So he loaded a cord of wood onto his horse and a load of oatmeal to haul back a load of food and the dishes at night."

"Going out in the middle of the night, he noticed that with the turn at the foot of Yellowbird Hill was a low place on the outside of the turn, and that somebody else had nosed under the skid and thrown it out lengthways of the road."

"Johnny knew then that he'd ought to get off his load and get the skid back where it belonged, but the morning was cold, and he was all bundled up; so he didn't do it. He just hunched down into his greasy coat and let on to himself that it wasn't his lookout."

"Well, he got to Bangor and bought the dishes and then went and got his load of food; and then he drove back to the crockery store, and they fastened the crate of dishes on top of the load all right and solid if he drove careful."

"Drivin' a pair of team horses ain't the liveliest job on a cold evenin' when you're gettin' loaded, though so they have to walk all the time, and they're all downhill. So Johnny, snugged down into his greasy coat, got kind of drowsy and nosed under the skid and threw it out lengthways of the road."

"The skid pitched over the cant, enough to crowd the horses into a little hole, and he scared 'em out of a fir tree close to the road, and the driver took it so sudden they fetched up on a pile of granite boulders; and Johnny told me that a couple of seasons was the only time he shined in the mess. He was some time gettin' his load back on again, for he struck a tree with his shoulder, and had to load the grub back with one arm! It's a wonder he didn't break his neck."

"But from that time on," said Mr. Pearson, "Johnny Parker was one young feller that done a job when he saw it, and what he told me of his shinin' tackle he do it, too. I ain't never forgot what he said."

"I vim!" said Deacon Hine.

THE OLD MAN

The farm has the distinction of having the little Methuist Church which, from 1870, to the present day, has been the source of public help in the neighborhood. It has undoubtedly helped to support the rights of the poor, and has been a source of help in the United States in due to the character of the "little church" on Main Street, more than any other in the town. It has been a source of help in the neighborhood, and has been a source of help in the United States in due to the character of the "little church" on Main Street, more than any other in the town.

THE RETURN OF YOUTH

My friend, they sorrowed for thy golden prime,
For thy fair youthful years too soon of night;
They weep, with wet eyes, upon the cheek of youth,
Of cheerful hopes that filled the heart,
Years when thy heart was bold, thy hand was strong,
And quill the thought that moved thy tongue to speak,
And willing faith was thine, and upright of wrong,
Summoned the sudden crimson to thy cheek.

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Some time ago some interesting experiments were made in England to test the strength and acuteness of the sense of smell in dogs.

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The corner farm on the Elmwood road, in the town of Bangor, is a place which has been the scene of many interesting incidents.

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ALL RUTH'S FAMILY

"It's all very well to talk about life's being rich and full," said Ruth Crandall, "but if you had no family at all—no relatives in the world near you—a second cousin you wouldn't like it much yourself."

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS—Town and Country

Mr. T. T. Moore, of Kitchener, is visiting at the home of his son, J. M. Moore.

WHAT HE LEFT OUT

A young man who had some rather severe setbacks, was complaining of his ill luck. "It's not fair," he declared, "that I should have such a hard time. I'm a fellow of good principles. I never have done anything very bad. I know what to do, but I'm as careful as I can be, and I've got a lot better."

JUST WHAT THEY NEEDED

Mr. Kruke's rapid bed had been severely attacked by a cold, and he sought advice as to how to exterminate it. A neighbor told him to place salt between the rows of plants, and on meeting him a few days later he asked, "Did you do as I told you?"

LAUGH AT A KIND

"Don't laugh at me, boys," said the sensitive fellow who had spoken. "I wasn't laughing at another man. I was laughing at another man."

ERIN

The Court of Revision for Erin, Ontario, voted to hold last Friday.

BURLINGTON

Contracts have been let for the paving of five streets, at a cost of \$26,283.35.

HUMOROUS

Worry will make you thin, unless you are worrying about your fat.

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