The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1924

WRITE TO MOTHER TO-DAY

If you have a mother dear,
In the old home far away,
Send to her a sweet message,
Long deferred from day to day.

Wait not till her weary steps,
Climb upwards to heaven's gate,
Let her know you think of her,
E'er it be too late, too late.

If you have an heart of love,
And a loving word to say,
Do not wait till to-morrow,
But write to mother to-day.

'Twill bring her sweet memories,
And will cheer her on the way,
'Twill make her so real happy,
While you honor Mother's Day.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 12, 1904

The older pupils amongst the girls at the public school have organized a basket ball club.

The first picnic of the season was held on Saturday afternoon in Hall's grove. A merry company of schoolmates enjoyed it.

Contractor Mackenzie commenced to tear down the Glasgow House storehouse, preparatory to erection of Mr. George Soper's new store.

When rhubarb pies are on deck the first week in May, from the garden grown plants, the spring growth is certainly not seriously in arrears.

BORN

BROWNE—At St. Alban's parsonage, Willow Street, Acton, on Friday, May 6, 1904, to Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Browne, B. A., a son.

DIED

WARREN—In Acton, on Tuesday, May 10, 1904, John Warren, in his 79th year.

WHEN TO PRUNE FLOWERING SHRUBS

The main reasons for pruning shrubs are (1) To encourage the plant to produce more or better bloom or fruit; (2) To keep the plant healthy, vigorous and shapely.

Pruning at Time of Planting—Newly planted shrubs or trees should be pruned to restore the balance between the roots and the top. The strain in transplanting is severe, as the plant has lost from one-half to two-thirds of its feeding roots. To restore the balance between the leaf area and the root system the former is correspondingly reduced. In this way, also, the shape of any bush may be determined to some extent at time of planting, and this is particularly true in the case of large shrubs and ornamental trees.

When to Prune Flowering Shrubs—Flowering shrubs may be classified as to time of pruning under two heads (1) Those that blossom in May or June, and (2) Those that blossom later than June.

Class 1—Shrubs in this class should be pruned immediately after they have flowered, as they form during the summer months the buds for next season's bloom. If pruning is deferred until later, next season's blossom will be removed. The most familiar shrubs in this class are lilacs and spireas, the flowering or sweet-scented currant, Golden Bell (Forsythia), Siberian pea tree (Caragana) and Snowball (Viburnum Opulus.)

Class 2—Bushes that bloom later than June should not as a class be pruned until the leaf buds show in the spring. The best examples of shrubs in this class are the Hydrangea (Arborescens and paniculata) and the bush roses. On shrubs of this class the flower bud is produced in the year of flowering and not carried over from the year previous. The more severely such shrubs are pruned in the spring, the larger the flowers will be, but, speaking generally, it is well not to prune too severely as a moderate number of medium sized flowers is better than a few large ones.

While the rough grouping of all shrubs into two classes for the purpose of pruning answers all practical purposes, there are some shrubs that may be placed in either class to suit convenience or local conditions. The shrubs known as Mock Orange (Philadelphus), may be pruned in summer just after flowering, or the pruning may be deferred until early spring, at which time the canes should be shortened slightly and the old wood thinned out. The Japanese rose (Rosa Rugosa) another highly attractive summer flowering shrub, might theoretically be pruned after it has finished flowering, but in practice is seldom pruned until the early spring, one reason being that its fruit is an attractive feature in autumn. Evergreens should not be pruned but should be allowed to take their natural form, except when sheared as hedges.—Issued by the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Worms feed upon the vitality of children and endanger their lives. A simple and effective remedy is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

TERRIBLE NEWS

An Irish servant girl asked leave of absence for an hour to consult a fortune-teller. She returned walking dismally.

"Did she predict some great trouble?" asked her mistress sympathetically.

"Ooch, ma'am, sich therrible news!" moaned the girl, wringing her hands.

"Tell me what she said," asked the mistress, wishing to comfort the girl.

"She tould me that me father works hard shovelin' coal an' findin' foires for a livin'!"

"But that's no disgrace," said the mistress, a trifle vexed at such affectation.

"Och, ma'am, me poor father!" sobbed the girl. "What a hard time he must be havin'! He's been dead these noine years!"

There is no poisonous ingredient in Holloway's Corn Remover, and it can be used without danger or injury.

TO PLEASE HIM

A great many stories are told of the jealousy and ill-feeling among musicians, but not always are the tales so full of a good-humored appreciation of the state of things as is the following, told by the Argonaut:

Rossini, walking one day on the boulevard with the musician Braga was greeted by Meyerbeer, who anxiously inquired after the health of his dear Rossini.

"Bad; very bad," answered the latter, "A head ache, a heartache, a sideache, and a leg I can scarcely move."

After a few moments' conversation Meyerbeer passed on, and Braga asked the great composer how it was he had suddenly become so unwell. Smilingly Rossini reassured his friend:

"Oh, I couldn't be better; I only wanted to please Meyerbeer. He would be so glad to see me smash up!"

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1924

JUDAH'S VICTORY OVER BAAL WORSHIP—2 Kings 11: 1-4, 11-18.

Golden Text—Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.—Eph. 6: 10.

The Text Explained

Verse 1—Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah—"The centre of interest is now transferred to the kingdom of Judah, whose less eventful history assumes a sudden importance from its belated share in the religious revolution just accomplished in Ephraim. Through the close political and dynastic ties between the two kingdoms the public worship of the Tyrian Baal had been introduced in Jerusalem; and Athaliah, the last survivor of Ahab's house, succeeded for six years in maintaining the family tradition against the better mind of the nation. But the crisis, though deferred, could not be averted; and if its course was somewhat more constitutional than the parallel movement in the north, there lay behind it the great force—the uprising of national sentiment against the heathenish tendencies of the court."—The New Century Bible.

Verse 2.—Bed-chamber—"What is called, however, the bed-chamber in the east is not the kind of apartment that we understand by the name, but a small closet, into which are flung, during the day, the mattresses and other bedding materials spread on the floors or divans of the sitting-rooms by day. Such a lumber-room was well suited to be a convenient place for the recovery of his wounds, and a hiding place for the royal infant and his nurse."—Jamieson-Fausset-Brown.

Verse 3.—Athaliah reigned over the land—The daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, she possessed her mother's courage, and, like her, was a devoted worshiper of Baal. The accession of Ahaziah's son would mean her loss of the position of queen-mother in favor of the deceased monarch's wife. She therefore strengthened her position by first attempting to destroy ruthlessly all rivals and, secondly, popularizing Baal worship.

Verse 15.—Jehovah the priest commanded—"After six years Jehoiada thought that the time had come to overthrow the usurping queen and place the legitimate heir on the throne. He took into his confidence the officers of the palace guard, showing them the young prince, and submitting to them a carefully considered plan of action, which they solemnly pledged themselves to carry out. In accordance with this arrangement the whole of the palace troops were assembled in the temple on a given Sabbath; the boy king was crowned with all the customary formalities, and hailed with acclamation by the guards. Athaliah, who on hearing the tumult had hastened to the temple, was by Jehoiada's orders conducted beyond the sacred precincts and put to death. The king and people then renewed their allegiance to Yahweh in a solemn covenant; the temple of Baal was destroyed; and Joash without further disturbance was firmly established on the throne."—Skinner.

Lesson Themes

Sincerity Alone Inadequate—Without doubt Athaliah was sincere in her practice and promotion of Baal worship. She was fanatical devotee and obsessed upon this subject, but her sincerity did not make her course right. The sincere championship of evil in the name of good is a tragedy. Sincerity will not save from the disaster which in such case will certainly follow. A man may swallow poison, believing it a helpful food, but his sincerity will not protect him from its fatal result. Sincerity alone is inadequate. Our devotion must have the right direction and a worthy object.

The Cruelty of Statecraft—When Athaliah, the last of Ahab's house, saw that her son, Ahaziah, was dead, which meant that her position in the royalty was ended, she promptly proceeded to destroy "all the royal seed," and usurped the throne. With like promptness she was put to death when, six years later, Jehoiada brought out the hidden Joash and placed him on the throne. Throughout the ages the history of statecraft is red with murder. Political action in royal circles has been, usually, without conscience and has given small place to justice. Modern statecraft, while not so bloody as that of ancient times, is fundamentally selfish. The Great War was won in the high realm of world idealism, while its first fruits were lost in the low selfishness of the council table. We are only at the beginning of our task of Christianizing the world order.

The Fall of the House of Baal—Jehoiada made a threefold covenant which established Jehovah, the king, and the people as a "social unit." The covenant made clear the relations of Jehovah and the king, the relations of Jehovah and the people, and the relations of the king and his people. United by this triple bond, it naturally followed that "all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly." The preservation of this hard-gained victory was not forgotten, for they also "appointed officers over the house of Jehovah."

For Study and Discussion

Who was Athaliah? Who was Ahaziah? When Ahaziah died what did Athaliah do? How long did she reign? How was she displaced? Who succeeded her? Is cruelty still a prevailing trait of statecraft? Why was the "house of Jehovah" and the Sabbath regarded as holy? What triple covenant brought victory over Baal-worship? Does eagerness for glory lead to unjust and cruel acts in our day? Is desire for success legitimate? Are there restrictions?

Daily Readings for Next Week
Monday, May 12—Isa. 36: 1-10.
Tuesday, May 13—Isa. 36: 13-20.
Wednesday, May 14—Isa. 37: 1-7.
Thursday, May 15—Isa. 37: 14-20.
Friday, May 16—Isa. 37: 21-29.
Saturday, May 17—Isa. 37: 30-38.
Saturday, May 18—Psalm 46.

COMPASSION

Among the stories which were told by certain aged physicians, at a reunion of medical men, of the times when surgical operations were conducted without anaesthetics, none were more touching than the following:

A little girl, not more than eight years old, was injured in such a way that it was necessary to amputate one of her legs. She proved to be of wonderful pluck; and instead of binding her, as was customary in such cases, she was given her most cherished doll to hold. Pressing it in her arm, she submitted to the amputation without a single cry.

When it was done, the physician in charge, seeking to brighten matters up with a pleasantry, said:

"And now, my dear, we will amputate your doll's leg."

Then the little girl burst into tears. "No! No!" she gasped, between her sobs, "you shall not—it would hurt her too much!"

Useful in Camp—Explorers, surveyors, prospectors and hunters will find Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil very useful in camp. When the feet and legs are wet and cold it is well to rub them freely with the Oil and the result will be the prevention of pains in the muscles, and should a cut, or contusion, or sprain be sustained, nothing could be better as a dressing or lotion.

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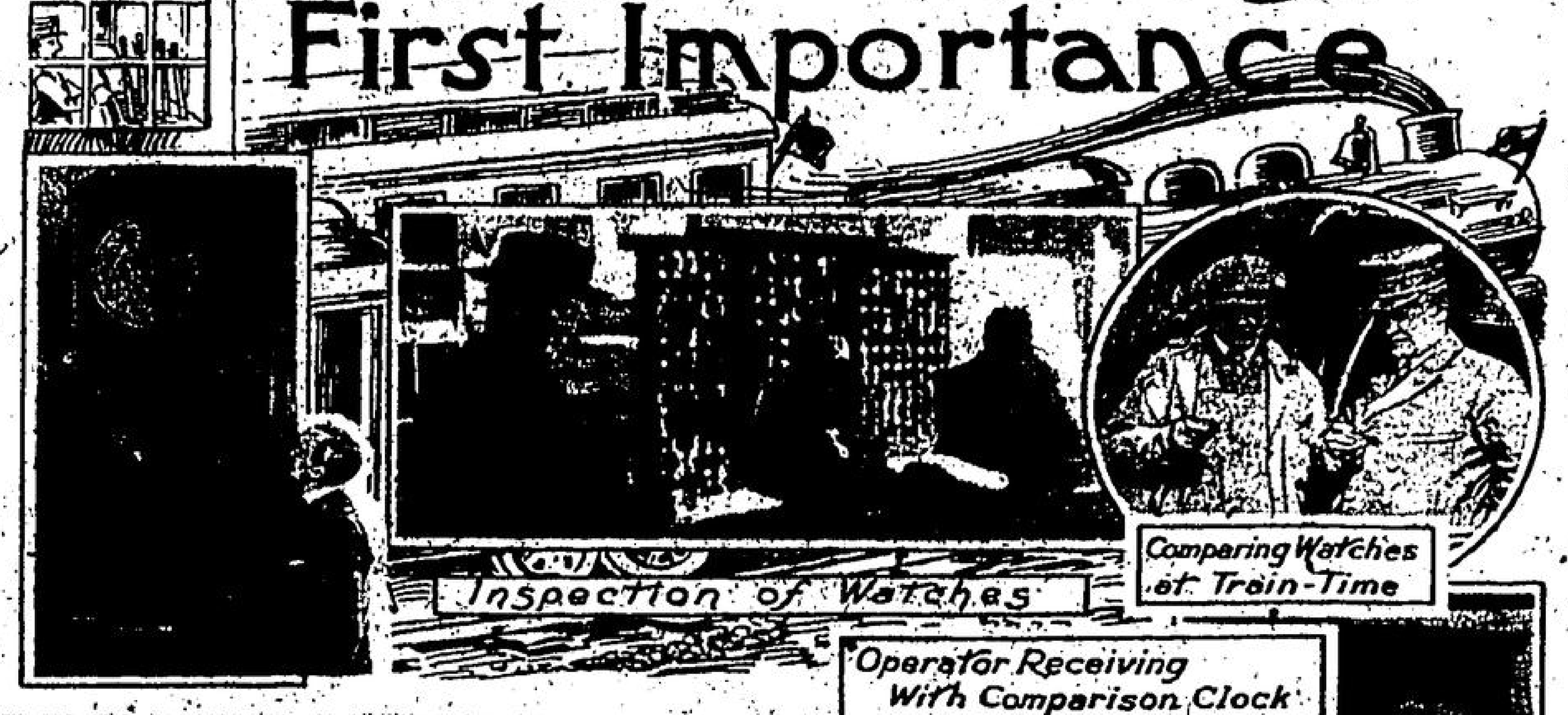

Every one who has occasion to travel and every one who thinks at all—which is, we submit, another way of saving every one in this broad Dominion of ours—has marvelled, at one time or another, over the exactitude with which the vast number of trains on our Canadian lines are handled safely and punctually. Express, local, special, freight, construction and other trains are forever plying to and fro along these lines, leaving the same stations and utilizing the same switches within a few minutes of one another, yet delays and accidents are extremely rare. This efficiency, which is primarily dependent on exact punctuality, cannot be achieved unless all clocks and watches used by those responsible for handling trains agree and are all strictly on time.

How is this accuracy maintained? Obviously, there must be an elaborate organization to deal with it, for a railroad company cannot afford to take chances in such an all-important matter. The Canadian Pacific Railway, for instance, recognizes this and has perfected an extensive department employing scores of men who devote all their energies to checking and adjusting the Company's official clocks and watches. Some details of its work are interesting.

The official title of this aggregation of experts is the Time Service, Vision, Color Sense and Hearing Department. In this department there is a Chief Inspector for Eastern lines, and one for Western lines, each with a separate office. From these offices the work of setting, regulating and repairing all clocks and watches is directed, and controlled.

For setting the Company clocks, the department employs a method which is illustrative of the wonderful possibilities of modern science. In certain stations, round-houses and yard offices there are clocks known as comparison clocks, so called because they have been officially designated as clocks at which conductors, engineers and others may safely set their watches. In the head telegraph office of the Canadian Pacific, in Montreal, there is an electrical master clock, connected with a similar clock kept in the Observatory of McGill University, Montreal. The latter clock's accuracy is maintained by astronomical calculation and it, in turn, controls the master clock in the Canadian Pacific head telegraph office. From this office, lines radiate to every Canadian Pacific telegraph station in the Dominion.

At a certain hour daily, the McGill master clock indicates the correct time by beats on a telegraph instrument maintained specially for the purpose in the head telegraph office. The signals commence strictly on the stroke of 11.54 a. m. From that instant to ten seconds short of 11.55, one beat is sounded upon every second. A pause of ten seconds follows until, on the stroke of 11.55, two beats are sounded. This performance is once repeated, ending on the stroke of 11.56. To the Chief Operator is delegated the great responsibility of transmitting these signals to the hundreds of telegraph operators at the comparison stations throughout the system. It is his duty to sit at a key connected with the instruments of all these operators and repeat the signals as they are received.

In the meantime, the operators have been standing by, awaiting the signal. Every telegraph instrument on the immense transcontinental Canadian Pacific system, as the time draws near, is absolutely silent. At this dramatic moment, the Chief Operator literally holds the system in the hollow of his hand. The beats begin. The operators at the comparison stations watch their clocks as the signals flash westward to Vancouver and eastward to Halifax. They note the number of seconds error, slow or fast (if any), registered by the clock, the signals cease and normal work is resumed.

If the clock is more than ten seconds out, the operator at each station adjusts it to correct time. If it is less than ten seconds out, he announces the fact by placing beside the clock a card which indicates the amount of error. To prove to officials that he is not neglecting the job, he must then make an entry of the rating of the clock on a special card, which covers a period of one month. At the end of the month, the card which also contains notes as to when the clock has been wound, set or regulated, is sent in to the Time Service office concerned, thus enabling the Chief Inspector to maintain a close check upon all clocks.

Should a clock need adjustment by experts, it is at once replaced by a new clock from headquarters.

Station clocks, other than comparison clocks, upon which the public depend for catching trains, are similarly checked, as are also the clocks in offices which despatch telegrams and orders requiring timing. In the larger offices, such as the company's headquarters at Windsor St. Station, Montreal, the clocks are electrically set and wound and by one master clock.

Watches carried by employees responsible for the punctuality and safety of trains are also checked regularly and, in addition, are periodically cleaned. Strict regulations govern who shall carry watches and also the makes and grades permitted—no less than 12 makes and 75 grades are approved. Forty-six watch inspectors, to whom approximately 7,000 men report with their watches at fortnightly intervals, are employed by the Company on its Eastern lines alone, all responsible to the Chief Inspector, who keeps a complete record of each watch.

All of which leads one to wish that one's lady friends would appreciate the importance of punctuality to the same extent and were also compelled to report regularly to the railway watch inspectors, even though their failure to arrive at the rendezvous on the date is not usually a matter of life and death, as it is with the railway Companies!

MILEAGE

"Globe-trotters" of the ancient world—nomads of the race. No sooner a "congested district" than a migration, travelling by day, lodging where night overtook them.

Such was Abraham out of Mesopotamia into a country he knew not of; such the Norsemen from the far north into lands of promise; such the Vikings sailing the trackless deep for new shores; such the discoverers and creators of the American world.

No paths but of their own blazing, no speedometers to report their far distances. Only long years over untracked miles—an immortal epic of world beginnings.

But for the nomadic habit, no encircled earth—humanity vegetating where it took root. "Wanderlust" has saved mankind from reversion to the animal and is the foreword of all progress.—Pilgrims and Progress.

Asthma Doesn't Wear Off Alone.—Do not make the mistake of waiting for asthma to wear away by itself. While you are waiting the disease is surely gathering a stronger foothold and you live in danger of stronger and yet stronger attacks. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy taken early will prevent incipient condition from becoming chronic and saves hours of awful suffering.

UNACCEPTABLE

An amusing incident connected with Handel, the composer, is told by Doctor Miller. He says: During the latter part of Handel's life, when a boy, I used to perform on a German flute in London at his oratorios.

About the year 1753, in the Lenten season, a minor canon from the cathedral of Gloucester offered his services to Handel to sing. His offer was accepted, and he was employed in the choruses.

Not satisfied with this department, he requested leave to sing a solo, that his voice might appear to more advantage. This request also was granted; but he executed his solo so little to the satisfaction of the audience that, to his great mortification, he was violently hissed.

When the performance was over Handel said to him, gravely:

"I am sorry, very sorry for you, indeed, my dear sir; but go back to your church in de country. God will forgif you for your bad singing; dese wicked beoples in London, dey will not forgif you!"

Railway Time Tables

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Going West

No. 29		8.13 a.m.
No. 31		10.35 a.m.
No. 33		2.29 p.m.
No. 35		5.09 p.m.
No. 39		8.29 p.m.
No. 25	Sunday	10.20 a.m.

Going East

No. 26		7.08 a.m.
No. 30		11.18 a.m.
No. 34		3.36 p.m.
No. 36		6.17 p.m.
No. 38		8.18 p.m.
No. 24	Sunday	7.08 p.m.

TORONTO SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Westbound

No. 53	8.40 a.m.
No. 55	11.40 a.m.
No. 57	2.40 p.m.
No. 61	5.40 p.m.
No. 65	8.00 p.m.
No. 69	11.40 p.m.

Eastbound

No. 54	7.42 a.m.
No. 56	10.42 a.m.
No. 58	1.42 p.m.
No. 62	4.42 p.m.
No. 66	7.42 p.m.
No. 70	10.42 p.m.

SUNDAY TIMETABLE

Westbound

No. 55	11.40 a.m.
No. 59	3.40 p.m.
No. 63	6.10 p.m.
No. 67	9.40 p.m.

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AN EQUAL SAFETY

An Irish clergyman during his first curacy found the ladies of the parish too helpful. He soon left the place. One day thereafter he met his successor.

"How are you getting on with the ladies?" asked the escaped curate.

"Oh, very well," was the answer. "There's safety in numbers."

"I found it in Exodus," was the quick reply.

SOLEMN TRUTH

One business man met another on the street. The second man seemed downcast, and had a look as if he were ashamed of himself.

"What is the matter?" asked the first man.

"Well, to put it briefly," said the other. "I have been speculating in stocks."

"Indeed? Were you a bull or a bear?"

"Neither—I was an ass."

FIRST TO FINISH

The children of the Pittman family were, according to their respective accounts, all first in something at school. Tommy was first in reading, Alice was first in arithmetic, Sammy in sports, and so on. Janet alone remained silent.

"Well, Janet, how about you?" her uncle asked. "Aren't you first in anything?"

"I am," said Janet. "I am first out of the building when the bell rings."

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AUTOIST'S CORNER

Auto thieves have put many a man on his feet.

Second-hand cars are never as good as they are painted.

The world has two many cranks and not enough self-starters.

"The automobile has come to stay." It has also come to go.

A telephone pole never hits an automobile only in self-defense.

One half the world wonders where the other half gets its automobiles.

"The reckless driver must go," declares the pedestrian. But why must he go so fast?

The time is coming when about the only thing that will scare a horse will be to see another horse.

If the farmer seems morose and depressed you can always cheer him up by persuading him to talk about his new closed car.

"And you say you have lost control of the car?"
"Yes, I can't keep up the instalments."

Bub—You can always tell a man who has a car.
Dub—My experience has been that you can't tell him anything.

"Don't you wish you had an automobile?" said Erastus.
"O, I dunno," answered Mr. Pinkley, "a mule doesn't cost near so much money, and it's purty near as dangerous."

It's easy enough to be pleasant
When your automobile is in trim,
But the man worth while
Is the man that will smile,
When he has to ride home on the rim.
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A COOLING THOUGHT

What makes one man warm makes another cool. During the hottest week last summer a gentleman walked into the country store to get his mail. An old "darky" was sitting in the blazing sun, in a rocking-chair, on the piazza of the store, looking as comfortable as a chocolate ice cream. The white man sank into another chair, and fanned himself with his limp handkerchief.

"Well, Uncle Jeb," he said, "I must say that you seem pretty comfortable. How do you manage to keep so on a day like this?"

"Massa," said the negro, "I's thinkin' dat de sun what's makin' dis yere heatness is a-smilin' down on all de watermillions in Georgia, an' makin' dem jest so red an' ripe dat my mouf most cayn't keep from swallerin'. I doan't min' de heatness when I speculate on dem watermillions."

STRANGE

Bobbie used to call on a certain old lady every Saturday afternoon, and she always gave him a piece of cocoanut layer cake. But one Saturday as she expected company for tea, she decided not to cut the cake, and therefore none was offered Bobbie.

He waited and waited for his usual treat, till finally it came time for him to go.

"I believe I smell cocoanut cake," he remarked wistfully, rising from his chair and looking toward the kitchen.

The lady laughed, went to the pantry, and cut him a very tiny slice. Bobbie thanked her and said, "It seems strange that I could smell such a little piece, doesn't it?"

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