## The Bree Press Short Story

### MAGIC IN A SPY GLASS

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that he had brought home from Portland, years and years before, when he used to drive there to market his his own idea of faith was not very clear farm produce.

The distance was sixty miles, or more; not quite so kindly. was then the only market where money was paid for what a farmer raised. And even there the invariable custom; on one occasion the Old Squire took this tubic marine apyglass in payment for a hundred and fifty weight of dry apple, sliced by grandmother's young

acquisition. From no other koepsiake at ment in Addison.

on the summit of Mt. Washington, thirty- very strangely with just his natural eye. said to Addison, "Oh, you are to pretty forward, and the black talls of the colts a half."

I had a great laugh watching Addison me, young sir, that you could see through declaim "Spartacua" on the top of Bald Bald Ledge?" Ledge across the valley to the east of "I did not say I saw through it. Perthe farm. He was to declaim it at haps I saw over it. But I did see the Lycoun, the following Saturday evening: house here and saw grandmother with and that Friday morning he slipped away the yellow bowl in her hands." over there, where he thought nobody "You couldn't distinguish one person would hear him, to declaim it to an im- from another two miles and a half off nginary audience; for "Epartagua" as not with the natural eye," Elder Witham evreyone knows, is a declamation that exclaimed. calls for a good deal of noise.

chamber window and espied him against the sky line, on top of the Ledge. At that bluntly. "Twas all your imagination." N. J., rigged a "bos'n's chair," which is distance she could not distinguish who it was, but she saw him brandish his again arms and grew so curious that she ran for the old apyglass. When she saw that it who Addison she called me to share the fun: and for ten or fifteen minutes we - looked and laughed! On his return to breakfast, we greeted him with, "Yo cail in fair." me chief!" somewhat to his embarrassment.

left their outfit with us at the farm. At and spyglass. odd moments Addison and I experiglasses—each two foot by three-at dif- owectest smile. ferent angles, on the hilltop. Through from one mirror to another, would be was not 'falsifying' last night." magnified sufficiently to be seen quite distinctly, on a clear, sunny day.

One Sunday night in October, Elder Witham came to the Old Equire's, to the brook beyond Hald Ledge. You may the souls of men. stay over night, as he often did after do what you please here at the house. Every year we have "Marathon runs," Witham was such a good man that I have or." often wondered why Addison and I did nothing suited Addison or myself more the house." than getting the Elder at a disadvantage and compelling him to own up that he flection on Addison's veracity; but he who made the great run by which alone

Elder was that he was hard and unfor- the truth. Make the test in any way that plaudits of a crowd of spectators who giving. ( He was an Old Testament | satisfies you." Christian"-which, in reality, isn't a The Elder glanced at me, but did not was putting his will power, his endurance Ohristian at all. When people sinhed, appear to be filled with confidence. Then -all that Nature had given him of mind he thought they ought to be punished, and he turned to Theodora. "Young lady, and body-at the service of his country. he wanted to she it done. The God he you go with him," he said. "I would It takes will power, persistence, to do served was a God of justice and retribu- trust you, anywhere." better things is to love them.

he said he humbly hoped we had been Ledge. edified by the words of Scripture as he had tried to expound them that day.

one that always pleased her.

But I think Elder Witham expected Ad- to the valley of the Robbins brook, on the themselves to work. Change of occupadison to make some response to his gen- other side of the high ledge. . . eral question. His not doing so led the ... Elder Witham had already decided Exhaustion is exhaustion, whether it is Rider to glance at him, rather more what the test should be. He was an active due to mental or to physical effort.

MONG the homely keepsakes at | kindly than usual, and say, "I hope, the Old Squire's was a spyglass young sir, that you, too, were edified

> Addison hesitated and then said the "But why?" the Elder asked, in a tone

"I hardly know, myself," Addison replied, indifferently; he said afterwards that he did not wish to reply at al and have the Elder rebuke him at the

"I fear this is from unbellef, young the Elder demanded. sir." said the Elder. "If there is a ten- "I saw you walk across the wagondency of the time more to be deplored house roof, climb over the barn roof, than another, it is this potty skepticiant walk back and forth there, for some Grandmother was far from being well that appears to be creeping into the minits minutes, and then flap your wings," re- Pa told ma at dinner time that her She had expected to get a fitch of the young. I have noticed all summer plied Addison promptly. muff with the proceeds of that apple, that you appear to be falling into that The Elder looked nonplussed, then But years later to us young people that error." His tone had taken on that turned to Theodora. "Young lady, did But I happen to know that it wassent old marine glass seemed a fortunate harshness which always raised resent- you see that, too??" he asked

the old farm-house did we derive so much | Grandmother and Theodora were to keep a sober face. From the hilltop to the north of the farm but he did not; he kept on smiling and all about the mirrors and apyglass. we could plainly discern the tiptop house said that he could sometimes see things | He came out considerably piqued and getting 200 \$ a mounth Allamony.

walking on the platform of the mountain "What do you moin by that?" he saked. you don't grow too cute for your own up hid ford witch he cuddent keep the railway at the end of the hotel; at least Addison midged me under the table. good." Addison and Theodora could; my own "Well," he replied, "less than a month Addison walked away, on the grin, same time. even were never quite so good as theirs. ago I was standing over the other aide The Old Equire's eyes twinkled a bit. But the glass was, really, a remarkable of Bald Ledge, down in the valley of the He walked a few steps with the Elder, good one. At the distance of a mile or Robbins brook, and I saw the house over and we overheard him say: more I remember watching the colts here and saw the family out in the yard. "The young fellows are learning a Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will and young cattle, feeding on the hilltop I saw grandmother come out on the great many new things, nowdays. I sup- relieve them and restore health. in the upper pasture; I could see their plazza with a yellow earthen bowl in her pose we old heads may as well realize every movement, and even see the little hand; and that was as much as two it and have charity for them, even when cloud of grashoppers rise as they fed miles off-yes, as much as two miles and they are a little bumptious."

brush away the flies that troubled them. The Elder seemed suddenly selzed by Once I remember that Theodora and unbelief, himself, "You mean to tell

"Call it any eye you like," said Addison Theodora chanced to glance out of the "but that is what I saw." "I don't believe it." the Elder declared

"I don't believe it. You're falsifying."

"Prove it, then." norning, if you say so, and the weather so a wide publicity.

"I can prove what I say."

Elder's ways were not his ways; he did brained person. He, too, rigged a bos'n's Hiram Sewall and Bronson Chaplin- not like our clashes with the old preacher chair and sent it to the top of the flagtwo classmates of ours at the village but of late he had held aloof from them, pole on one of the highest buildings in academy-had been going around the Grandmother was at a loss to know Boston, and announced that he was going country with a set of tripods and three what we were talking about; and at that to beat "Sailor" Kelly's record; but, unmirrors, looking into wells. When the time we had not told the girls about fortunately for him, the idle-minded butumn term began at the Academy, they that last experiment with the mirrors crowds that stopped to stare at him

mented with it, and one day-we dis- morning, and carried the mirrors and end of two days the police ordered him covered that it was possible to look over rpyglass over to the top of Bald Ledge, down. the top of a hill, or a mountain, and see but was back and at breakfast, as usual. Now neither of those men was doing objects, like a house or a rock on the with the rest of us. He had recovered anything new. St. Simeon Stylites, about other side of it, by arranging the looking- from his ruffled feelings, and wore his fifteen hundred years ago climbed to the

the apyglass the reflection, transmitted "I am all ready to prove to you that I down once; and, whether you think that

"But no hocus-pocus." preaching at the meetinghouse. Elder You shall see if I can tell you what goes which are merely long-distance endur-

not like him better. But we certainly over there? You might hide down be- had "dance Marathons" and "plano-playold dialike him, and for several years skie the pasture wall in plain sight of ing Marathons" and other silly degrada-

laughed. "Send somebody with me then," the average schoolboy remembers un The reason for our antagonism to the he said; "somebody you do trust to tell epoch-making battle, was not seeking the

tion, but not of love or mercy. When Theodora glanced at Addison depre-light-minded seek to win the applause we erred he came down on us harsh and cathuly, for we all felt that he would they could not hope to gain by more hard. With all his exemplary traits he no more "falsify" about such a thing commonplace deeds, but will power to had failed to learn the one great lessoh, than he would commit perjury in court. what end? There will always be "human that the way to lead human beings on to The Old Bquire smiled, but I thought he flies," who crawl up the faces of tall looked a bit disgusted.

That Sunday the Elder had again | We set the time for the test at nine crowds, until Nature, which abhors a preached his sermon on faith and the o'clock. Theodora got her old "Nab- vacuum, swats them. There will always duty of belief, one of his best discourses, oleon watch," and after seeing that it be contestants for the ple-eating chamand one of which, I think, he was rather agreed exactly with the tall clock in the pionship and for raising the longest whisproud. At the Old Equire's supper table attting-room we three went over to Bald kers and opening the largest number of

to catch the reflection from the old farm bridge. The Old Equire replied that he deemed across the valley. He changed them a it a good and profitable discourse. Grand- little to allow for the upward movement mother said the same, since the topic was of the sun toward the zenith, or rather, to be exact, the downward movement of We boys did not feel called upon to the earth revolving eastward. He and reply. For one, I was much too diffident Theodora then left me there, in charge, weariness is indefatigability. and would not have known what to say, and, taking the old apyglass, descended nervous people defy fatigue by forcing

man in spite of his fifty-eight years; and few minutes before nine he climbed out at one of the farmhouse windows, to the roof of the ell, walked along to the roof of the wagon-House, crossed it and, getting upon the roof of the east barn, stood erect on the ridge-pole, or crest. Afterwards he walked to and fro there for five miuntes. He had settled in his own mind that, if Addison saw this, it would be fair proof that he could look through, or over, Bald Ledge; since he felt crtain no one would guess that he

intended performing such & feat. "It was easy," Addison exclaimed; and then they told me how they had seen the Elder on the barn roof. "He looked like a tall black Spanish roostert" Addbon said. "I almost thought I could see him flap his wings and crow." Bill laughing, they hastened home, leaving me to bring the tripods and mirrors; but I made haste and caught up

Elder Witham was standing there, waiting for them; the Old Squire, too, and grandmother and Ellen.

with them as they reached the house

"Wel, young sir, what did you see?"

"Yes, sir," she replied, trying very hard Veggitible supe for dinner.

pleasure and advantage; we often carried making all the slient efforts in their pow- The Elder turned without a word and papers are printing a lot orf foolish stuff it on trips and excursions to mountain or to have Addison acquiesce and be went into the house to get his little now days. Like the add she seen where tops, and frequently used it when look- pliable-efforts, however, he was now too black vallee, for he was going away that a store was advertiseing Allegator shoes ing for lumber up in the great woods, perverse to head. Instead, he looked at morning. Addison and I fairly hugged as if enny I wood be dum enuit to beto spy the different kinds on distant Elder Witham, with a queer smile, and ourselves, for klee. Theodora, however, leave that they were shoes. Back home hillsides, whether pine, or spruce, or fir. said, "Perhaps, sir, you are right about had an attack of conscience. The did today on acct. of Unkel Hen got home It was a glass of foreign make, about me. I haven't the eye of faith that not like to be a party to practicing a Wednaday-Ant Emmy sed every bride three feet in length, when extended, and you think I ought to have." If he had deception on the old preacher. Going shud read the new book witch is called one of the clearest I over looked through. stopped there, it would have been better, after him into the house she told him Advise to Marryed wimmen becuz she

eight miles away, and even see the people The Elder regarded him austerely. cute youngstor, but take care, air, that He sed it was either leave her or give

But the Elder strode on.

An Oil that is Prized Everywhere,-Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil was put upon the market without any flourish over fifty years ago. It was put up to meet the wants of a small section, but as soon as its merits became known it had a whole continent for a field, and it is now known and prized throughout this continent. There is nothing equal to it.

A few weeks ago a sailor of Newark, "I can prove it." Addison nudged me an arrangement of looped ropes, raised it to the top of a mast on a tall building and gat in it continuously for a little more than twelve days and nights. Of course he got what he wanted: a great "Very well, sir, I will. To-morrow deal of notice from the newspapers, and

The attention that he attracted must The Old Squire said nothing. The have excited the envy of another feather-Addison was up at daybreak the next menace to public safety, and so at the

top of a sixty-foot column and stayed At breakfast Addison said to the Elder, there thirty years without ever coming he was wise or foolish, a study of his "Very well," said the Elder stiffly. life will convince you that his purpose was serious and altruistic. If he sought "None whatever. I will no over to publicity, it was to get a firmer hold on

ance tests, the winners of which are "How do I know that you will go heroes for a little while; and we have tions of one of the most glorious incid-This was another rather offensive re- ents of ancient history; for Pheidippides, had no better use for their time, but

a good many of the things by which the buildings, to the admiration of gaping oysters in a given time; but they all fold Addison had already set up the mirrors back their oars when they come to a low

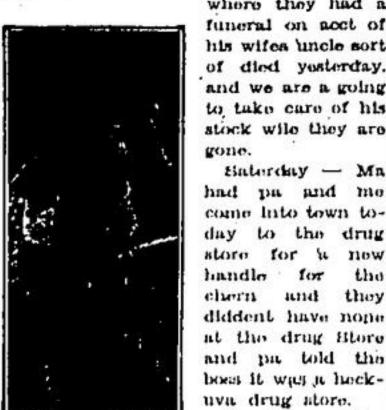
CHANGE OF WORK NOT ALWAYS

One of the most frequent symptoms of tion is sometimes rest, but not always

#### SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS FARQUHAR

where they had

for the



Hunday - Her Blender was at the farm a while today and he has ben out of wirk for about a yr. and a 14. he says the most thing he misses is his vacation becuz he wont get to take none on acct. of being out of wirk.

Munday-still at Unkel Hens farm, High was very good oney a little thin. Ma got sore but diddent gay anything. hash a tell becur ma sed she was making

Tenuday-Ant Emmy says the noose new a girl witch red it and now she is Thirsday-Red Duskin has left his wife payments up on and a wife to at the

Peevish, pale, restless, and sickly children owe their condition to worms.



# better after school

HAVE a bowl of Kellogg's PEP Bran Plakes waiting for the children after school. A wonderful health dishfull of whole-wheat nourishment - just enough bran to be mildly laxative-and the famous flavor of PEP. That's what makes them known as better bran flakes. At all grocers. In the redand-green package. Made by Kellogg in London, Ontario.

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STREAMLINE SILHOUETTE

"Streamline," an adjective meaning "flowing lines," usually descriptive of expensive cars, is what this lovely frock suggests. Another coincidence is that black and green, the newest color combination for automobiles, is what Paris is stressing for frocks like this that 'go dining and dancing in town. But if you want it to go to the country club, a printed chiffon, blending faded pink with silvery blue, is recommended instead, and you may wear a long ribbon sash, tled in an enormous bow. This frock, by the way, owns a bolero Jacket-splendid



"It is to the telephone," says H. A. Bellons, Vice-President of the Columbia Broadcasting System, "not to radio, that we owe the development of the equipment whereby speech and music are made available for broadcasting. It is the telephone wire, not radio, which carries programmes the length and breadth of this country."

How true this statement is in shown by the fact that although on vacation at their summer homes on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, the two popular entertainers, Amon 'n' Andy still maintain their engagement each 'evening except Sunday by means of the microphone and telephone wires installed in their homes. Andy, the President of the Fresh Air Taxi Cab Company and his fellow Director, Amos, saw to it that the telephone was installed and ready when they arrived with their families. Andy lives in the house at the right, and Amos and his family occupy the one at the left of the picture.

## Record Time Across Two Oceans



Empress of Canada. Miss Bewley, in company fast time across the Atlantic and the Empress of with Lady Lindley, wife of Sir Francis Lindley, Canada's fast time over the Pacific makes this the British ambassador in Japan, and other through fastest trip, on record between London and the passengers, left Southampton July 8 arrived in Orient by way of Canada and Honolulu.

A round half the world in 17 days, London to Quebec July 13 on the new Empress of Britain, was Yokohama by way of Canada and Honolulu rushed to Montreal by boat train where she bearded. is the record of Miss D. Bewley, of London, en the Imperial Limited for Vancouver. Reaching route to join her uncle Allan Cameron, Oriental Vancouver July 18 at 8.15 she boarded the Empress manager of the Canadian Pacific, Hong Kong, who of Canada, thus obtaining direct connection to the left Vancouver July 18 on the Canadian Pacific liner | Orient. Combination of the Empress of Britain'

## DR. BELL HONORED



- instruments per hundred inhabitants.



Left-The Russell portrait of Dr. Bell. Above-E. McIntyre, Dr. Bell and Thomas Brooks, builders of the first telephone line in Canada.

Sir Hugo Hirst paid a real tribute to a distinguished Canadian when he Bresonted recently to the British Institution of Electrical Engineers a life-size painting of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell by the famous artist, Walter Canadians have the honor of being the world's largest users of the telephone. This is as it should be, for was it not a Scottish-Canadian, Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone at Brantford in 1874? Bell's crude telephone which he used to make the first long distance call from Brantford to Paris, August 10, 1876, has grown until there are now over one million four hundred thousand telephones in Canada-14.18

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