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**The Adventures of Flitt the Butterfly**

by Robin Wynn

Flitt very slowly opened his eyes one morning and for a moment he just couldn't understand where he was, for you will remember he was very new in this world of ours. And besides, he was in a strange new house.

However, as soon as he realized where he was, he hopped out of bed and out of his pajamas. Next he washed and then brushed his wings, and ran to the door to see what kind of a day it was.

What a glorious day! All sunshine and bright! The Green Forest smelled so fresh and sweet that Flitt could hardly wait to go outside. He was just going in to get his breakfast when there was a swish and a flash of light. Of all things there was the gayest, liveliest sunbeam you could ever imagine dancing around the room, darting here and there until Flitt was almost dizzy trying to follow him with his eyes.

Finally the sunbeam stopped in the middle of the floor, all sparkly and so bright and cheery that you just couldn't help loving him.

"Welcome to our Green Forest, Flitt," said Mr. Sunbeam.

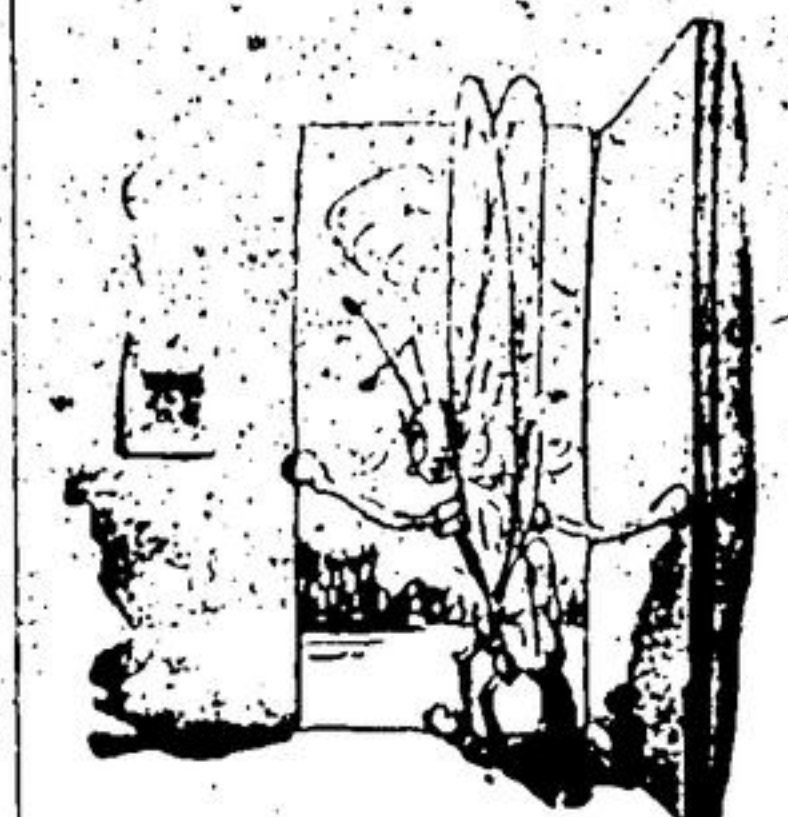
"Hello, Mr. Sunbeam, welcome to my house. Will you stay to have breakfast with me?" said Flitt.

Mr. Sunbeam sparkled brighter than ever and soon sat down with Flitt to enjoy coffee and toast. Then they washed the dishes, swept the floor and dusted Flitt's house until it looked all clean and shiny, too.

"Come with me, Flitt, and I'll show you around our wonderful Green Forest," said Mr. Sunbeam.

They went together, but Mr. Sunbeam just seemed to be everywhere at once. You know how dancing sunbeams are. They darted thro the trees, first high,

then low, having the most fun, until suddenly Flitt stopped on a branch. He cocked his head to one side and seemed to be listening very hard. Mr. Sunbeam lit beside him and listened, too. Sure enough, down on the ground, someone was sobbing as if his heart would



break. They both slipped silently to the ground and landed right beside a tiny Bunny Rabbit. The poor little rabbit was crying so hard and trying to keep his eyes wiped dry with the tips of his long ears, that he didn't even notice Flitt and Mr. Sunbeam.

"Hello, little bunny, what seems to be the trouble?" said Flitt.

The little rabbit was so startled that she stopped crying. Who wouldn't be surprised to see such a lovely butterfly and such a mischievous sparkly sunbeam together?

After a little coaxing, the little bunny told them what was making her cry.

"My dear Grandmother Rabbit is so old and frail that she has to stay in bed all the time. She gets so

sad and lonesome that it makes me cry to think about it," said the little bunny.

"You poor little bunny! What could we do to help?" said Flitt. Flitt was very quiet for some time. He seemed to be thinking very hard so the little rabbit and Mr. Sunbeam didn't disturb him.

Suddenly Flitt said "How about a telephone for Grandmother Rabbit?"

Without waiting for an answer, he started asking questions so fast that the other two could hardly understand what he was talking about.

"Where can we find a nice Spider family?" Who are the friendliest people in the Green Forest? Who are Grandmother Rabbit's friends?" asked Flitt.

Mr. Sunbeam began to get excited about the idea, too. "Goodbye, little bunny, and don't feel sad any more. We'll soon solve this problem," said Mr. Sunbeam.

In almost no time at all, Flitt and Mr. Sunbeam were at the door of the Spider family's house. Mrs. Spider was so pleased to see them and asked them in. As soon as Flitt told her about the sad little bunny and her lonesome old grandmother, Mrs. Spider said "We must help her somehow."

"We surely must," said Daddy Spider.

"We want to help, too," piped up the little spiders. "But how?"

"Come with me," said Flitt.

They all followed him to Grandmother Rabbit's house and before you could say Jack Robinson ten times, the Spider family were stringing tiny wires in all directions. One went to the Squirrel family's house, one to Flitt's house, one to the Beaver family by the creek, and to many other houses where lived the little people of the Green Forest.

When they were all finished, they came back to Grandmother Rabbit's house where Flitt was waiting.

"It's all ready, Flitt," said Daddy Spider.

Grandmother Rabbit was getting more and more puzzled and was wondering what all the commotion was about. But now Flitt came into the room where she sat on her couch and handed her a tiny telephone receiver. Mr. Squirrel had made it out of acorns, especially to fit her hand.

"Call Mrs. Squirrel, Grandmother Rabbit," said Flitt.

Almost dubiously she did so and the next moment she heard, "Hello Grandmother Rabbit. How are you?" It was the voice of Mrs. Squirrel.

The dear old rabbit was so happy and excited that she just couldn't say anything. But the tiny bunny who had been so sad now beamed with delight.

"Oh, thank you, thank you," she cried. It made everyone very happy to know that Grandmother Rabbit wouldn't be lonesome any more.

By this time it was getting late in the afternoon so Flitt and Mr. Sunbeam went back to Flitt's house for a cup of tea. Soon Mr. Sunbeam had to rush home because Sunbeams are never allowed to stay out after the sun goes down, without very special permission from Father Sun.

Flitt settled down for a rest, happy that he had been able to help one of his neighbours in the Green Forest.

**Mining Industry Launched**

**In Britain 300 Years Ago**

Coal mining, which ranks as one of Great Britain's major post-war problems, has been one of the leading industries in that country for more than 300 years.

In this period the costly worked coal was developed rapidly in four small working units, and when it became necessary in comparative recent years to prepare long-term plans and invest large sums of money for capital expenditure, the heterogeneity of the industry and its ownership prevented any planned development.

Geological conditions aggravate these problems, and help to explain the great difference in output per man in the British and United States coal industries. Thick seams near the surface now having been largely worked out in Britain, the coal is much more difficult to get. On the average, the British seams are approximately 950 feet below the surface, three times as deep as the U. S. average (321 feet). About 55 per cent of British output comes from seams less than four feet thick, as compared with 25 per cent of U. S. output.

British seams are faulted and, unlike the majority of those in the United States, are fairly steeply inclined. In general, U. S. coal gives off little gas, is worked under sound roof and floor conditions and is free from water-bearing strata; while British seams are gassier, require extensive roof support and are subject to water accumulation. In some British mines, up to 10 tons of water are pumped for each ton of coal output.

**Average Family Insurance**

**Soars to Peak of \$4,700**

The American people added a record amount of new life insurance to their family protection during 1947, according to Institute of Life Insurance.

Total life insurance purchases in the United States during the year were 21.7 billion dollars, of which 14.5 billion was ordinary insurance, 4.2 billion industrial life insurance and 3 billion group life insurance. If averaged to all U. S. families, this would represent new insurance in the amount of \$500 per family.

During 1947, the average ownership of life insurance per family, if averaged to all families, reached a new peak of about \$4,700, an increase of 35 per cent in the past five years. In accomplishing this, the families of this country have increased the accumulated reserves back of their policies by 14 billion dollars in these five years. This is considered an effective demonstration of the thrift-mindedness of Americans and serves in two ways towards helping to stabilize the national economy: It represents a relatively large anti-inflationary savings of the people, and provides an increased reserve for any possible future emergency needs. This reserve now standing at an estimated 45 billion dollars, approximately 38.5 billion dollars greater than at the corresponding period following World War I.

**Electricity Expansion**

Connections of farms and other rural establishments by REA-financed rural power systems and consumption of electricity by the people they served reached an all-time high in 1947, according to a report of Rural Electrification administration. During 1947, REA borrowers brought central station electricity to 346,000 farms and other rural establishments. This is 71,000 more consumers than they added to their systems in the previous peak year of 1946. Loans approved by REA during 1947 totaled \$233,991,000. REA loans are self-liquidating and bear 2 per cent interest. REA borrowers include 947 rural electric cooperatives, 41 public power districts, 20 other public bodies and 21 private power companies.

**Cereal of the Indians**

Quinoa has been grown by Indians of the mountainous regions of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and some other South American countries since time immemorial. It is indigenous to Andean America and is said to have originated in the vicinity of Lake Titicaca. Quinoa never may become an important cereal in the world at large, but for centuries it has been significant in the diet of the people living in the Andean Sierras. The seed is about the same in size as a grain of edible millet. Incas regarded quinoa as a sacred plant, cultivating it more generally than any other crop except potatoes. They are said to have used a golden implement to open the first furrow to announce the beginning of the sowing season.

**Lignin Recovery Plant**

At Bellingham, Wash., a lignin recovery plant is to be operated that will have an initial capacity of about 16 tons per day. The lignin produced will be free of sugar content, making it highly desirable as a concrete additive, said to make a type of concrete requiring considerably less water in the mix and capable of quicker setting. The company already is recovering ethyl alcohol from waste sulfate liquors, once a major disposal problem. Production at this operation is at the rate of two million gallons a year. The lignin recovery plant will use a vast amount of waste free material.

**SCOUT NEWS**

The Honour Pennant for Scouting was won by the Beaver Patrol under P.L. Bob Simson.

The Good Hunting pennant was won by the White six under Sixer Bob Mackle. Other boys in the six are Ross McGilvray, Terry Harley, John Hulme, Ross Hillier, Richard Verdec.

Broom sticks 1 yard long and about 1" in diameter are wanted by the Troop. If you have an old broom, or hoe handle, call one of the Cubs or Scouts.

Taking the line of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.

The next Cub meeting will be in the form of a "Bean Feed."

**THE SCOUT LAW**

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders of his parents, patrol leader, or Scoutmaster without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

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