

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale
 BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER
 BEAUTY.

"The boy and the girl," said Daddy, "who were off on adventures spent a night in the woods, covered up by Mrs. Wood Elf's best blankets of alveaves and lying upon her guest-beds made of moss."
 "I know you want to know why I can be both ugly and beautiful, and why it is that when you know me you think I'm beautiful, and when you first know me you don't think so," Mrs. Wood Elf said.
 "Did you ever hear the old saying about beauty being skin deep?"
 "The boy and girl nodded their heads."
 "We never liked the saying much," said the boy. "It sounded too fine!"
 "That's the whole trouble," said Mrs. Wood Elf. "That is why I can only be seen now by those who are adventuring and traveling toward the House of Secrets."
 "You see I'm beautiful really. I like folks and boys and girls, and I like a good time and I enjoy myself. I work hard and I play hard. Oh, Mr. Wood Elf and myself do play some-times!"
 "But that saying got around and



"Spent a Night."
 people twisted it and turned it, and when they wanted to be rather cross and disagreeable they often would almost spoil it by being so patronizing with it. That disgusted me so that I kept out of the way, for the saying is a true one and when taken in the right way is worth hearing.
 "I said I was really beautiful. So I am to you, because you both like me. You saw that I was sociable and hospitable, and that I was delighted when the Giant brought you to call on me."
 "But it is not the beauty of face that counts, for you think I'm beautiful now, and that I was very ugly before. Beauty is only skin deep, and so is ugliness. Handsome is as handsome does—too! All the old sayings are so, and they will stay so, if only folks don't twist them all around and use them against others, when they should use them for themselves many times."
 "My ugliness is only skin deep! And you think I'm beautiful, for you've seen more than my face. But gracious, here I am talking so much."
 "I know you'd like to sleep, too. The smell of spruce helps put people to sleep. It is so pleasant."
 "Yes, my ugliness is only skin deep! And you think I'm beautiful, that is so nice!"
 "You've almost forgotten my ugly face! Joy!"
 "Now you've seen what the old saying really means!"
 "We have indeed," said the boy.
 "We most certainly have," agreed the girl. "And it has been fine."
 "So they saw what the old saying about beauty being only skin deep meant," said Daddy.
 "They certainly did," laughed Nancy.
 "And Daddy?" asked Nick.
 "Yes? What is it?" Daddy asked.
 "I wonder if I could have all the adventure stories written down and pasted in my big scrap book?"
 "Indeed you may," said Daddy.
 "And I'll tell you what I'll do."
 "I'll write out the stories before I tell them to you, and then I'll send out a copy, so many more-copies may be had for boys and girls all over the country."
 "Surely they would want to hear of some of the adventures."
 "Then I'll make a copy for Nancy's scrap book and a copy for Nick's scrap book."
 "And I'll read one of these copies every once in a while until we hear that our two adventurers have reached the House of Secrets. Then we'll give more attention to the animals and the birds, for they wouldn't you to forget that they're always, always, always having adventures."
 "They'd never want you to forget that."
 "We never will," said Nick.
 "Never," chimed in Nancy.

How Dentist Relieved Teddy.
 Teddy was suffering from an aching tooth, and the rest of the family was suffering from Teddy's howls and lamentations. Much against his will the little chap finally accompanied his mother to the dentist.
 "Did you get much relief when you went to the dentist's?" I asked him one evening.
 "You bet I did," responded Teddy.
 "I got relief as soon as I got there, 'cause the dentist wasn't home."

Mispelled Words
 The word "repairing" in the ad of Abe's Shoe Service Station was misspelled last week. Those to receive candy this week are, Wesley Babin, 614 Verret St., Katie Roper, 506 Belleville and F. R. Averill, 907 Thayer St.

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