

# Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

OF MARY GRAHAM BONNER  
QUEER MOUNTAINS.

This is one of the adventures that I think you'll want to hear that the boy and girl had who were on their way to the House of Secrets—that long, long, but very interesting journey.

It was at Mother Gossip's. There were the little Gossip children, and the Hearsay Triplets, the Tattle-Tale Twins, the Exaggerate boys and all the others.

Mother Gossip had told Mr. Wood Elf that she had heard that the boy and the girl who were adventuring had thrown stones at each other and had a dreadful quarrel.

"I must tell you," said Mr. Wood Elf, "that that story you told about the boy and girl is wrong. They never threw stones at each other. You're trying to make a great big story out of a little bit of a quarrel. You don't like hearing that it was only a small quarrel, you don't like that at all. You want to add to it and make it sound so much worse, and then you will add some more, and say that the children are quarrelsome and later on you will get it around that they're not friendly at all and finally that they don't speak."

"But I had something to start on, didn't I?" asked Mother Gossip, happily.

"Of course," said Mr. Wood Elf, "though I've known you to start up things on nothing at all."

"Shows how much imagination I have," said Mother Gossip.

"You've a mean nature and that's not imagination," said Mr. Wood Elf. They were in the woods and looking around they saw lots of little mountains which had been made out of mole hills. While they were walking between the mountains they would have lost each other if Mr. Wood Elf had not said,

"Each take one of my hands so we don't lose each other. This is a bad place in which to get lost."

"You see," said Mother Gossip, as you won't be friendly with me, and as Mr. Wood Elf knows all about me, I'll tell you about these mountains. Do you remember the expression?

"It goes something like this: 'You can make a mountain out of a mole hill.'"

"Now sometimes it is made in different ways—a mountain out of a mole hill. It's not always made of gossip stories, but it is pretty often, and here are some of the stories we've made."

"We've added to the little stories and made little hills and then we've added and added, and made everyone so curious that they added more because they thought there surely must be something more to add, and so we've gradually made our small mountains."

"But they're so big now that no one could move them or pull them down. It's hard to deny a story which has gone around well and which has been well added to, isn't it? We knew that and so we've made our mountains big enough to stand anything."

"Besides," Mother Gossip added, "if anyone does try to destroy one of our nice little mountains we always have our Untrue Spiders to help us."

"What are they?" asked the girl.

"They're untrue spiders," repeated Mother Gossip. "They're not real and they're not true. But just as soon as anyone tries to pull down a big story, or a big hill which has been made out of a little one, they make the person get so tangled in their webs of untruth that they can't change the story or the mountain at all."

"Oh," Mother Gossip went on, "I make folks so unhappy. I make folks so miserable. I try to do them harm. I try to spoil them by making them weak and making them give in to the fascinating wiles of Mother Gossip. I make them enjoy talking about each other and how puny, and delicate and yet how dainty they do become! They become so fussy. Everyone is wrong but themselves. But because they become so delicate and because they so lack strength, they're not good at going up the hills and doing things that are hard and becoming strong and fine."

A little later Mr. Wood Elf, and the boy and girl left.

Work for Scrub Team.  
Girl No. 1—How do the football players get clean after the game?  
Girl No. 2—Why, didn't you know they had a scrub team?

Odd Wedding Arrangements.  
A young professor of physical culture married a beautiful and athletic pupil of his in the suburbs of Paris. The couple appeared before the mayor in tennis costume, and after the ceremony the wedding party sat down to breakfast on the banks of the Seine. Hardly was the coffee finished than, on a given signal, the whole party retired and reappeared in bathing costume. Later the couple started on a bicycle tour for a honeymoon.

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# The Clancy Kids

He Knows His Dad

By PERCY L. CROSBY

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# HOGVILLE NEWS

Zero Peck and Gape Allsop went fishing over on Mink creek this week and Zero, who was custodian of the bait cup, went to sleep and let all the worms crawl away. This discovery was made when Gape caught a nice fish and needed more bait for his hook. This is the second offense for Zero. The fishing came to an abrupt end and they returned to town. Gape says he never expects to go fishing with Zero Peck again; that such a man is not fit for an associate. He also said a number of other hard things about him.

An effort is being made by Zero Peck, who was excommunicated as a member of the Hogville Fiddling Band because he did so much fiddle tuning and breaking strings, to completely reorganize this talented musical organization. He has offered Dag Smith, who for a long time has been a member in good standing of the band, a nice spotted pup, if he will resign. Zero knows Dag is the only member in this well known musical outfit who has energy enough to carry the big fiddle. This band has always gone strong on noise, and without the big fiddle, half the noise would be gone and the band would not be worth while and would soon go to pieces.

A nice bottle of home brew exploded in Bill Hellwanger's pocket yesterday and he had a narrow escape, as the Assistant Constable was less than one square away. The Constable has been in the habit of searching Bill most every day but seems to be growing neglectful of his duties.

Alexander Moseley is preparing to build himself a nice winter, summer and fall home in Hogville.

The Postmaster says when his wife loses her temper, he usually gets it.

Dag Smith, who has always worn his ear muffs both winter and summer, has thrown them in the creek and says he never expects to wear them again. Bill Hellwanger offered him a drink and Dag says and with his muffs on, he failed to hear him. He says the booze drinking fraternity is now speaking too easy for a fellow to wear ear muffs.

Bulger Smothers now has a job as night watchman. He has a bouncing baby boy at his house and his only youngster created this new night watchman situation for Bulger.

If some young men collected regular taxi fare from the girls they haul in their cars they would soon get to be millionaires.

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# BUCKMAN

April 5. Received too late for last week's issue.

The auction that was held at Anton Jensen's place was reported to have been one of the largest ever held in this vicinity. The auction amounted to \$1700.00.

Bill Gohl was called out with a Fordson tractor to Frank Horth in Morrison to pull in Able Armstrong's car, which broke down on the road. Bill made the round trip in three hours.

Hass Weisbrick left his motorcycle standing in the street Friday afternoon to pull in Able Armstrong's car, which broke down on the road. Bill made the round trip in three hours.

Peter Decker moved to Math Lohede's, where he will also while he is traveling as agent for the McConnon Medical Company.

# PIERZ

Pierz Journal (71). The annual meeting of the General Farmers' Shipping Association was held March 22nd, which commenced at 2:15 p. m., and the following report was read:

Number of cars shipped	45
Number of head of cattle shipped	1,282
Home weight	529,746
Net weight	526,428
Gross amount, rec'd.	322,128.41
Number of hogs shipped	1,372
Home weight	286,695
Net weight	284,669
Gross amount, rec'd.	344,577.30
Number of sheep shipped	284
Home weight	20,775
Net weight	20,570
Gross amount, rec'd.	3,155.88
Gross of all shipments	368,658.17
Yard expenses	3,780.34
Net on shipments	64,877.82
Home expenses	184.27
Manager com's.	669.77
Total amt. received	64,946.64
Total amt. paid out	65,147.90
Loss	202.15
Loss by dead hogs	84.15
Balance on hand	22.11

The rate of shipping was changed from 50c per cwt. to 65c per cwt. and the balance of the year is paid out in dividends according to how much they shipped.

Also the election of officers took place and the following officers were elected:

Magnus Rauch—President.  
John Mischke—Vice-president.  
Directors—Jos. Ethen, P. L. Vriniz, Peter N. Newman, Theo. Ortman, Jos. Duschner.

Manager-secretary and Treasurer—John N. Rauch.

The fact remains that there are many farmers in this community who do not do any business with the local shipping association and for that reason the association is not to the farmers' benefit to ship their stock with the association as they can ship just as cheaply with anybody. The rate now being 65c per cwt. The price received by the association is the same as those paid to the farmer and the over-run is paid to the farmers in dividends and the farmer receives all that he is entitled to.

Eugene Gendreau and family of the town of Little Falls, were visitors at the Mr. Angermeyer home Sunday. Mr. Gendreau has received letters informing him that his brother Hector, who was so seriously burned in a gasoline

# MOTLEY

Motley Mercury (8).—Following is the report of the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery for the year of 1920. The report shows that the creamery did the largest business in its history. The report of E. E. Jacobs and J. M. Schmit, who audited the company's books, is also given:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1920	\$ 870.28
Butter shipped	73,245.00
Sold locally	3,101.03
Borrowed at bank	3,100.00
Buttermilk	325.00
Interest	1.50
Rent	260.00
Inventory Jan. 1, 1921	825.00
Total	\$86,828.81

Disbursements	\$86,828.81
Inventory Jan. 1, 1920	795.35
Patrons for fat	73,261.60
Salary operator	1,800.00
Commission	1,139.02
Secretary	500.00
Increase 1919	156.60
Paid note at bank	3,100.00
Supplies	2,472.20
Drayage	35.16
Stationery	133.82
Power	124.20
Taxes	218.27
Salt	118.73
Printing	48.52
Insurance	55.63
Labor drain	32.00
Interest	29.63
Telephone	35.16
Labor repairs	105.50
Salary directors	38.00
Miscellaneous	106.37
Cash on hand Jan. 1, '21	77.23
Depreciation	750.00
Surplus Account	674.08
Total	\$86,828.81

# explosion at Butte, Mont.

about five weeks ago, is much better, but it will be a few months before he will be able to leave the hospital.

John and Hubert Smith, in a little wolf hunt at about 5:30 o'clock this morning killed a nice big wolf after which they found seven young wolves in a straw stack near the Smith home, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Pierz.

The Louis Kummel family moved in to Jos. H. Grell's house next to Pierz State bank building in uptown Friday day. "Madsen" Morrill and wife, who occupied the Grell house, moved onto the Mrs. Anna Donek estate.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Weidenbach, Monday, April 14th, a daughter.

# J. S. Broberg and family left Saturday for Vining, where they will make their home. Mr. Broberg has purchased a hardware store there.

Mrs. Chas. Balya, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Cottage, left Tuesday for her home in Pine River.

# You'll Save Money by Remodeling Now

You who have been waiting for lower prices before you laid that hardwood floor, renewed those old walls and ceilings, re-roofed the house or barn, or built the garage—this message is directed to you.

Do you know that lumber and building material prices are down forty per cent?

Do you know that you can repair or remodel cheaper than at any time in the past five years?

Do you realize that every day you wait not only inconveniences you but costs you real money?

Building material prices may come down more—we think not—but every day you delay in getting the new garage deprives you of the use of it, and causes you to pay out money for garage rent.

Every day you delay roofing the barn and the home, makes your property more liable to damage from storm. Every day you put off inside repairs, the trouble increases and the total expense becomes greater.

Do you know that the International Harvester Company has made the statement that it sells more farm implements on account of poor housing or no sheds at all, than all the other reasons put together.

Come in today and let us figure your job. Begin getting the benefit now.

# MORRISON COUNTY LUMBER COMPANY

Little Falls, Minnesota

# The Result of a Joke

Two girls were working in the same shop several years ago. The question of saving money came up one day, but these girls said they could not spare anything from their small earnings.

But just as a joke one of the girls said: "I dare you to start a savings account with me and see who can save the most"—so they started.

A few years later, one of these girls quit working at the shop to get married. She was surprised to find more than \$600 in the bank to her credit—a very welcome sum at such a time.

The other girl is still working and she continues her visits to the bank each week. Her account is well above \$2,000 now, and it is growing fast. Her interest money each year is more than her first year's savings amounted to.

Perhaps this story will suggest a plan that will work as well for you.

# First National Bank

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# MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



# After Th' Swell Write-up We Give Him When He Got Married, Th' Poor Fish! Th' Boss Sez, 'That Sure Sprained My Reputation For Veracity, That Hot-Air Write-up!'



# AN' TH' TIME HE GOT PINCHED FOR BOOZELING! HE DREW TH' VEIL OF CHARITY OVER THAT! AND WE EVEN TRUSTED HIM PER TH' PAPER WHEN HE WUZ HARD UP!



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