

DATE AS A MARRIAGE?

MARY GRAHAM BONNER
THE CELEBRATION.

"We're going to have a great celebration," said the brownie to the boy and girl adventurers. "All your friends are coming to it. In fact, they are here. They are just in the best of spirits they have ever been in, and the Old Obstacle boys are ever so gay! They are so glad that you had the courage to get around obstacles or big things which are put in the way of adventurers to test them. Would you like a little rest before the celebration?"

"No, thanks," said the boy, "we want the fun! We don't want to rest."

"No, indeed," said the girl, "we don't need any rest. Let's have the fun!"

"Then I'll call all your friends," said the brownie.

He gave a long whistle and from the woods nearby, from behind trees, from the branches of trees, from everywhere their friends kept coming.

"Congratulations, Boy! Congratulations, Girl!"

"You took an awful chance when you said we'd be at the Hospitality hotel in this valley this evening, Mr. Wood Elf," said the girl.

"Not so much of a chance, for here we are!" said Mr. Wood Elf.

"Oh, you'll get along so much faster now. Soon you'll be at the House of Secrets. Oh joy, oh joy. I'm so glad, I'm so gay."

And they looked and saw the brownie Joy, his face all smiles, and of course he was full grown, for he had no need to shrink now with sorrow!

They saw all their friends and every-one shook hands with them and congratulated them.

"We'll get conceted," said the boy. "I should say so," said the girl, "with all this praise we're getting."

"Not a bit of it," said Master Thoughtfulness. "Just hear what the Judge has to say."

"Judge?" said the boy.

"We don't remember meeting a Judge," said the girl.

"No," said Master Thoughtfulness, "but there are to be some new friends here, too. The Judge is one of them. Here he is."

From behind an enormous stone appeared the head of a rather elderly, very dignified man, wearing a white wig which was tied at the back (for some of the wig hung down in a little curl) with a black silk ribbon.

Then the man got up, and he was very tall and fine looking.

"Even though I am a Judge," he said, "you needn't be afraid of me. I'm going to enjoy the celebration, too. Joy wouldn't like it if even I left him out, and I wouldn't do it for worlds, would I, Joy?"

"No, Judge, your honor, you would not!"

"Judge," said Master Thoughtfulness, "will you make a little speech to the boy and the girl and tell them why we all think and feel they won't become conceted?"

"Yes, indeed," said the Judge, "and my speech will be short, because I want to enjoy the great festivities, and speech making isn't the most festive thing in the world—not really!"

"Speech, just the same, Judge," they all shouted.

"Gnomes, Elves, Brownies, Gaint, Ladies and Gentlemen, Old Obstacle, Brothers, and most of all, Boy and Girl, this is to greet you and to wish you well. The court of which I am the judge has learned that you were on this journey to the House of Secrets. We've had reports of what has taken place along the way, and just before we stopped work for the day, about a half hour ago, the jury came to a verdict in the case of the Boy and the Girl of Not Guilty of Anything Except Being a Regular Boy and Girl."

Just then twelve creatures, who looked like wise and learned brownies, wearing caps and gowns, appeared, and they said, all together:

"We unanimously vote for the girl and the boy."

"And," added the Judge, "my full name is Judge Just Praise. I believe in just praise. You deserve praise, you two, and Joy and everyone who was fair and square and honest wouldn't think much of me if I couldn't give a little deserved praise once in a while. It's one of the important things in life, too. Always to run down our friends and neighbors and boys and girls is very bad, very unfair, very wrong."

The Clancy Kids

An Eye for Business
By PERCY L. CROSBY

HOGVILLE NEWS

A man from over at Pumpkinville is talking of opening a new grocery store in Hogville. Our present grocer, Bub Smothers, is trying to discourage this movement and is endeavoring to create a public sentiment against it. He says it would cause groceries to be higher, as he can barely make a living now with only one here. However, a good many of our people are inclined to believe that competition would tend to reduce prices—and too, Bub has always been a bit independent in dealing with the public, refusing to credit many.

The Assistant Constable got two votes less this time than he did in the election before. His many enemies are glad to see his majority being gradually whittled down from time to time.

Dan Hocks, Hogville blacksmith, says since times got so dull he never saw so many barefooted horses in his life. He is now taking a pessimistic view of life, believing that the public intend letting him starve and force the horse to go barefooted.

Hank Potts has bought a second-hand automobile and it is so noisy the Postmaster has had the road in front of the postoffice roped off, so he can hear the people who call for their mail. The Hogville Loafers' Club, which holds daily sessions at the postoffice, endorse this action, as the infernal car has interrupted several fine conversations lately.

A gentleman whose name we cannot at present remember, has opened a store at Petunia Ridge. It is not believed that he will get enough business to justify his continuance, as he is a Baptist and argues a great deal, while most of his prospective customers belong to some other denomination.

The Hogville Improvement Society, which acts in the same capacity as a chamber of commerce in other towns has started a movement to stop the frogs from hollering after 9 o'clock every night. Gape Allsop has been named as a committee of one to see about it.

A book agent passed through here several days ago and entered several of the homes of our best people before it was discovered what he was up to.

Bulger Smothers passed down the road yesterday with a jug, and was followed for some distance by several of his friends. However, the jug contained only sorghum molasses.

Bill Hellwanger went fishing Sunday and cast his hook at a point on Bear creek near the Bear Ford church. Bill says unfortunately preaching was going on and the noise scared all the fish away.

GREEN PRAIRIE
Aug. 31.—Miss Etta Edden returned Saturday from a week's visit with friends in Brainerd.

Mrs. Julia Powers returned Monday from a few days' visit with relatives in St. Cloud.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White left Sunday.

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MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

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G-GOSH! MY THROAT IS SORE!
HOW DID YOU EVER TAKE COLD THIS HOT WEATHER?
IT HURTS CLEAR DOWN IN MY GOZZLE BUT IT DON'T FEEL LIKE NO COLD
WELL, WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE? HEY?
SUNBURN?
I GUESS IT MUST BE SUNBURN.
YEAH, FROM 'LOOKIN' AT ALL THEM SKYSCRAPERS ON MICHIGAN AVENUE!
NO HO HO THAT'S RIGHT!

MA, THERE'S A MAN OUTSIDE WHO WANTS TO SELL YOU SOMETHING. HE SAID HE SOLD YOU SOMETHING BEFORE.

WHAT DID HE SELL?

A COOK BOOK

WHAT DOES HE WANT TO SELL NOW?

HE'S SELLING INDIGESTION TABLETS NOW

day evening for their home in Davenport, Ia., after a two weeks' visit here with Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. A. L. Ott and family.

Raymond Nauretz left Sunday for Tracy for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Retinger.

The Misses Hattie and Nellie Anderson of Chicago, who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks, left Saturday evening for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eckerson of Little Falls spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. M. C. Noyes returned home Sunday from Aberdeen, S. D., where she was called last week by the death of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nelson of Moline, Ill., arrived here Tuesday for a visit at the home of their niece, Mrs. A. L. Ott.

Mr. and Mrs. Deway Eckerson and little daughter Daniel spent Sunday at the B. H. Adams home in Rail Prairie.

Mrs. Carl Bjorklund and children of Clough were visitors here Sunday at the home of Mrs. Anna Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Deziel of Little Falls were visitors here Sunday at the Will Leonard home.

The Misses Myrtle, Lois and Bessie Adams of Rail Prairie and their guest, Miss Eliza Werner of Hazen, N. D., visited here Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Deway Eckerson.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Eiden and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eckerson were visitors at Fredhem and Gravelville Sunday.

GRAVELVILLE
Aug. 30.—A few of the neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Pullin last Friday, the occasion being Mr. Pullin's birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in singing and music. A nice lunch was served and a "glad" time was reported by all.

Leban Abrahamson went to Iron-ton last Thursday to bring home their car.

Mrs. Eugene Gravel of Onamia is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lescault this week.

Dr. A. W. Ide of Brainerd, son-in-law of Dr. J. G. Millspaugh of Little Falls, was elected second vice-president of the state medical association at the annual meeting in Duluth last week.

UPSALA
Upsala News-Tribune (26).—Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Doupe of Little Falls were Upsala visitors Sunday. They expect to leave Little Falls soon for Canada, where they will visit Mr. Doupe's mother for two months, when they will go to California to reside permanently.

A large number of friends helped Mrs. Alex Anderson celebrate her birthday anniversary Monday afternoon. Luncheon was served and an enjoyable time was had by all. Mrs. Anderson

was the recipient of many useful and ornamental gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hedin, who have been visiting relatives in Dahlot, Sask., Can., returned to their home here last Friday. They were accompanied home with Mrs. George Hedin.

Miss Eunice Peterson returned to her home at Alexandria Wednesday, after an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Goldie Mattson went to Minneapolis Saturday, where she will be employed.

Arnold Peterson, who has been employed near Herman, arrived home Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Wendell and daughter Margaret, returned to Minneapolis Saturday, after an extended visit with relatives here.

PIERZ
Pierz Journal (25).—G. C. Schmitt and wife and A. P. Hohn and wife of Kenosha, Wis., arrived in Pierz Tuesday afternoon for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Schmitt is a daughter of Mrs. Adolph Stumpf, was born near Pierz and spent her childhood days here. Her maiden name was Theresa Stumpf. The party made the trip per auto, making short visits on the way in Milwaukee and Watertown, Wis., and in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The visitors made the trip in two days. Mr. Hohn served as a soldier in the U. S. army over one year during the World's war.

Mrs. H. Bares of Pierz and Mrs. John Rasser of Little Falls, who made a visiting trip to Cross Plains, Wis., about two weeks ago informed their families that they enjoyed the visit with their relatives highly. They will start on their homeward trip some time this week but will visit a few days with relatives and friends on their way home in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Wm. Schauble received a letter from her husband who went to St. John, Wash., a few weeks ago to visit his son Ernest who is operating a grist mill at that place. Mr. Schauble is well pleased with his visit. He states that grain, especially wheat, will be a bumper crop this year in that part of the state.

Henry Gau received a letter from his cousin Mike Gau at Heisler, Alberta, Can., a few days ago, stating that harvest was in full swing on August 15th, when the letter was written. Wheat averages 20 bushels per acre this year and oats is also fair the letter says.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Girtz, of the town of Pierz, Friday, Aug. 10, a daughter.

WANTED
Your savings account. We credit interest semi-annually at 4 per cent per annum.—Merchants State Bank, Little Falls, Minn. 15-1f.

RANDALL
Randall News (26).—Otto Thelander was taken into the Odd Fellow lodge last Thursday night by initiation. The Little Falls lodge came up and put on the works, and they did excellent work, after which lunch was served and all had a pleasant time.

While trying to crank the car Friday evening, Ray Schneider had both bones of his right arm broken. He was one of a picnic party, which Mrs. F. A. Schwanke had entertained at Lincoln. They were on their way home when the accident happened.

Mrs. Campbell received a message yesterday morning of the death of her son-in-law, S. J. Moen of Braddock, N. D. Mr. Moen has been sick for several months, but it was thought that he was out of danger, and his death came as a sudden blow.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Mrs. Hazel Gould, left on No. 9, yesterday for Braddock, N. D.

Mrs. John Wahlberg of San Jose, Cal., and daughter, Mrs. Nora Bjornos, and little daughter Helen of California, and Mrs. Gust Wahlberg and children of Monticello arrived here Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Melinae of Devils Lake, N. D., visited several days this week with her brother, Angus Kennedy.

Mrs. Berg, after a visit with her brother, Jerome Snow, and family left Wednesday for a visit at Glendive.

BOWLUS
Bowlus Advance (26).—Not all potato fields near Bowlus pay as well as that farmer's, who had 30 acres that are yielding 200 bushels to the acre, and will bring him better than \$5,000 for this year's crop, but there is not a field that is not paying better than any grain crop planted. The potato fields around this place are going to be

bigger again next year.

Sam Hammerbeck, the weed inspector, was in Bowlus Monday. He was much gratified at the way the weeds had been destroyed here since his first trip. He stated that he had no difficulty in getting people to cut down their weed patches. By getting an early start, he feels sure that he will have much success in destroying the worst weeds. Mr. Hammerbeck has a beguiling tongue which he uses to such good effect that after he gets through talking, a map would rather cut weeds than pick gold off the sidewalk.

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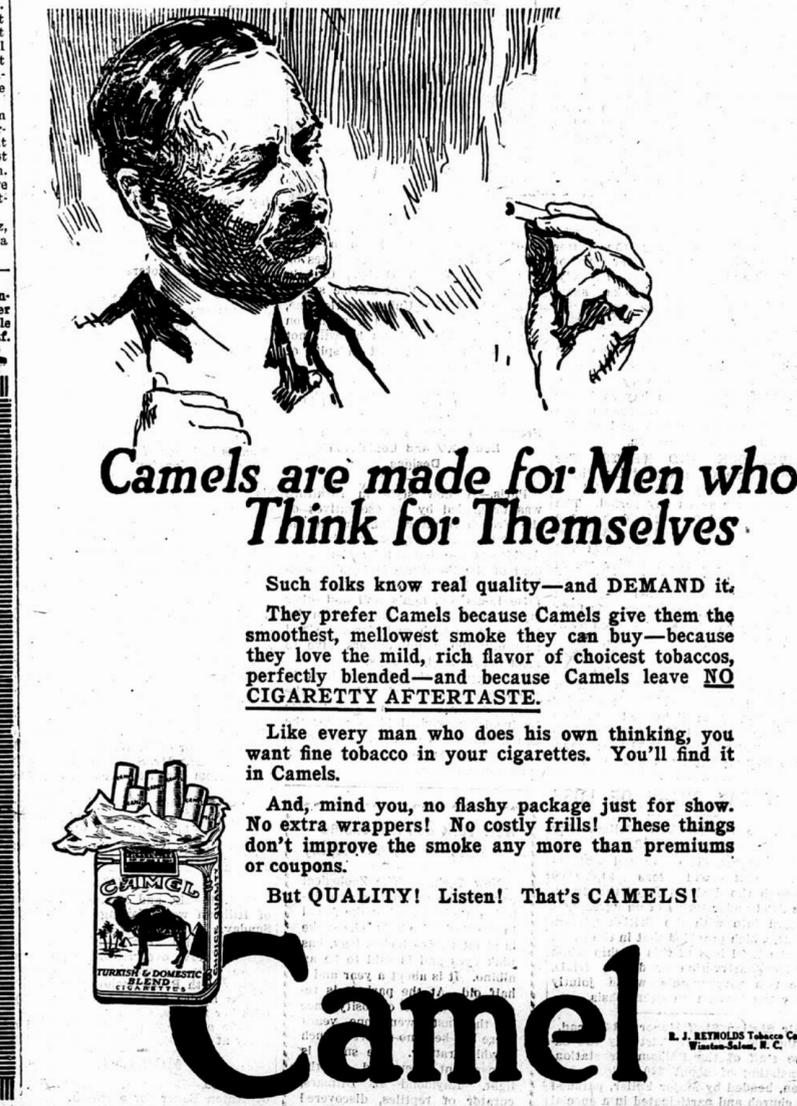
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