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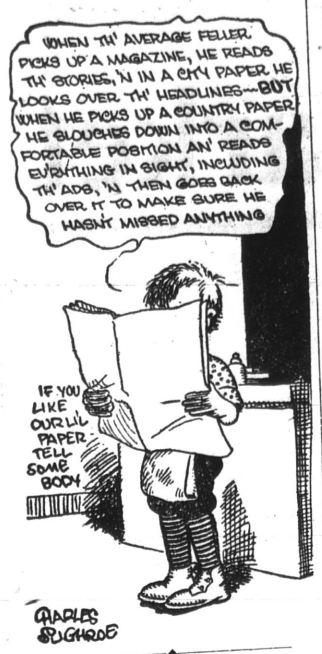

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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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THE LITTLE GIRL.

Mr. Wood Elf and the boy and girl heard someone crying. They hurried along in the deep passes between two rows of small mountains.

Mother Gossip hurried along, too. She was hoping to find out enough to make a good gossipy story. Her lips were curling, it seemed, more than ever. And her eyes looked hard and like sharp, bright bits of steel.

At last they came nearer and nearer the crying. And there, near the road, they saw a girl. She was not very big and was not very old, and she was crying bitterly.

In front of her stood Mother Gossip's eldest daughter named I-Make-It-A-Point-To-Repeat-Mean-Things. She looked just as mean as could be, because she was pretending she was friendly and she looked so like a humbug! And too, she looked as pleased as she could be.

"Well, you foolish little girl," she was saying, "you don't know who is your friend."

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Wood Elf. "I never knew you could be a friend to anyone."

"Of course I'm her friend," said I-Make-It-A-Point-To-Repeat-Mean-Things. "I told her that I had

"You Wretch."

heard something about her, but that I didn't believe it, and that I stood up for her like a friend."

"Oh, you wretch," shouted Mr. Wood Elf. "If there is one person I hate more than any other in your abominable and objectionable and horrible famiffy, it is you."

"I tried to do a friendly act," answered Mother Gossip's eldest daughter.

"Of course she did," said Mother Gossip. "This is very nice. And don't sob, little girl, but come, tell me all about it. Confide in me."

"Yes, you want her to tell you, so you can tell her story and add to it all around. I won't let you do that," said Mr. Wood Elf. "I'll see to that. Now, little girl, what really happened?"

The little girl had dried her eyes.

"I met this young lady," she said. "I mean, this old lady," for Mother Gossip's eldest daughter now looked very old. She was quite old, for that matter, and Mother Gossip's children look pretty old after they've been seen for a time.

"And," continued the little girl, after swallowing hard so as not to start crying again, "she told me something which wasn't true about me which someone had said. And oh, I felt dreadful. She said she was telling it to me for my own good. She said she was my friend and that she had stood up for me. But oh, I'm so unhappy to think such a thing was said about me."

"Yes," said Mr. Wood Elf, "of course you were, but you're going to cheer up now and we're all going to have a moonlight supper tonight away from this horrible family. My two companions are tired of them already. They never were fond of such a family, not even of the ones they'd met and didn't know by name. And as for the Tattle-Tale Twins—well, they'd be enemies with my companions if they knew each other forever.

"I just have a few words to say to Miss I-Make-It-A-Point-To-Repeat-Mean-Things, and then we'll be off.

"You know," he continued, pointing his finger straight at Mother Gossip's daughter, "there is no excuse for you, not a scrap.

"You thought you were making yourself out to be very fine when you said you had stood up for her, and that you were telling it to her for her own good.

"You thought it made you seem so noble to say you stood up for her, didn't you? I've my doubts about you standing up for her in the first place, but that isn't the important thing. Anyone who is a friend will stand up for his friend or her friend without saying so. It is quite unnecessary, quite. And no person is a friend who repeats mean things.

"I like the person who makes the mean speeches even better than I do the one who repeats them."

They left then for happier adventures.

A Practical Idealist.

Mother—Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Johnnie—That's right, ma, so I've finished up the other part of that cherry pie.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUT SERVICE

In a report to the national council headquarters, a scoutmaster fills in the blank asking for comment upon his troop's community good turns as follows: "Did everything they could, anywhere," which seems to be typical of the spirit of scouts throughout the country. The jobs aren't always the pleasantest sort either, or the easiest, but when a scout tackles the thing he does it "for all he's worth," with brain and brawn and a right good will. Here are a few little things scouts in Birmingham did, in their "leisure hours." It looks as if these boys were not only going to be good citizens in the future, but are good citizens, here and now.

One scout repaired a bridge, cleaned mud out of two curbs and drained a ditch; half-hour time.

Five scouts removed a large pile of brush where trees had been trimmed up; 15 minutes each.

Five scouts repaired a street where it had washed out by piling rocks and brush and then dirt on top; one hour's time.

Two scouts buried a dead hen, that the city health department would not remove; 30 minutes' time.

Four scouts dug a drainway to let standing water out of the street, and opened up ten sewers and 23 gutters.

Two scouts repaired a bridge and opened four sewers and 20 gutters; ten hours.

One scout cut a dead tree which stood close by the passageway and was very dangerous to those passing; one hour.

Eleven scouts worked two hours getting water out of basement of a church, then built a fire and dried out the place.

Three scouts repaired four sewers, also raked up a lot of leaves from around a house and burned them, as they were dangerous to the community; one and one-half hours.

CHIEF SEA SCOUT REPORTS.

At the last national council meeting the chief sea scout, James A. Wilder, made this report:

"We have found our sea legs. After some backing and filling as to the best methods, we have, with the advice of some 400 executives, and others, settled on the course to be steered. This decision has steadied the seacoast program and the taffrail log begins to register more speed. November, 1920, was our banner month, followed by the record breakers, December and January, 1920 and 1921. As we go to press, February, 1921, has already broken the record again. We have registered more ships in the last five months than in the previous three years. This is at the rate of 110 per cent increase annually.

"We have the assurance that the seacoast program is being pushed as the official older boy program, in 87 cities. Ship's papers or preliminary steps have already been taken by 104 scout centers. In some cities, notably San Francisco, Honolulu and others, the program has been under way for several years without the registry of a single ship, because of a vote to thoroughly train leadership before admitting boys to membership. The seascouts, at the rate we are growing at present, will be 200 "ships" in 1922. If the last four months' increase in our number is maintained we will be, in six months, the largest seamanship training course or 'nautical school' in the United States. Swift increase is not expected in the face of such slogans as 'You must know it all the time,' 'Don't start anything you can't finish.' 'Practice makes perfect.' 'No frauds.' 'The ship is what you make her.' 'Don't give up the ship.' Nevertheless, we're already half the size of Annapolis, and as far as plain sailing goes, we are giving the same boat-seamanship program.

"Fifty navy boats have been loaned to bona-fide seascouts, according to regulations, and to certain seacoast training bases. Five hundred are still available for really determined seacoasts of schooner (or second) grade.

"The slogan is now, 'run your troop like a ship,' and in a seamanlike manner. Seacoast centers are asked to avoid foolhardy practices, slack seamanship and frauds, and the local shipping committees are required to take a pledge that no boatwork or small boat sailing shall take place until the ship's company have qualified as lifesavers. This waiting game may not spell numbers, but spells quality."

TO KEEP TROOPS GOING.

"I have a question, too, Mr. Cave Scout. This seems about the hardest time in the whole year to keep things going in our troop. There is little doing besides regular meetings.' Can anybody help out in this case? "I believe I can, Cave Scout. We had the same trouble in our troop until last winter, when we arranged a scout dinner and invited our dads and mothers. That gave our folks a pretty good idea about what we do in scouting.—Cave Scout in Boys' Life.

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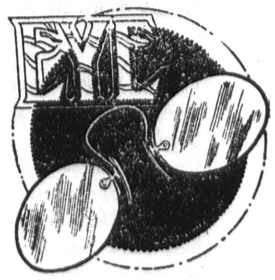

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