

BILLY WHISKERS

By FRANCES MONTGOMERY

Button did not know it, but the two girls were planning to dress him up in doll's clothes.

All the way up the garden path the two girls discussed how they would dress him, as well as what they would put on Bella. Button had been so sound asleep he had not heard a word. When the children left him asleep in the carriage to go after the clothes he awoke and, looking around, spied a beautiful big cat with gray eyes looking down at him from the limb of a tree directly over his head.

"How do you do, Miss Beauty?" meowed Button when he had both eyes open and his thoughts collected enough to speak.

"I am pretty well. How are you, Mr. Impertinence?" Bella meowed back, for, as you have guessed, this beautiful cat was none other than Kittie's pet, the belle of all the cats in that neighborhood, Miss Bella Anora Mead, to give you her full name.

Cites "Torture"

"Come down and rest on this soft cushion beside me, where you can talk without my having to crane my neck to look at you," Button invited.

"No, I can't. You better come up here unless you want to be tortured by being buttoned into a pink gingham doll dress and having a bonnet tied on your head. I heard the girls talking over what they were going to do to you and me, so I ran up here where they could not get at me. They will never think to look up here, but will hunt all over the barn and woodpile for me, and perhaps even go down cellar, but look up a tree they never will."

"If that is what is about to happen I surely will join you, as I object to being dressed up and having my fur turned the wrong way and having my ribs crushed by being buttoned into a tight dress."

"Well, if you are coming, hurry along, for I hear them in the hall now and in another minute it will be too late for you to get up in the tree without them seeing you."

Button had hardly climbed up in the tree and nicely settled beside Bella when the girls came running out of the house with their arms full of doll clothes. They went straight to the doll carriage, ex-

"They make me laugh," said Button. "Neither one of them could hit the side of a barn even if they aimed at it. They try to hit us up here is perfectly ridiculous."

"I bet they hit themselves," meowed Bella. "Here they come with their aprons full of apples. The girls began to throw the apples up in the tree, but they could not even throw high enough to hit the limb on which the cats sat. And presently an apple came down and hit Kittie on the head. 'There! Didn't I tell you they would hit themselves?' said Bella. Just then Nellie let out a cry and the cats laughed so they nearly fell off the limb, for Kittie, in her endeavor to throw high enough, had whirled half way around, and as she turned the apple flew out of her hand before she was ready and it hit Nellie squarely in the back.

"Let's not try to hit them any more," proposed Nellie, wisely.

Go for Ladder

"I know what we can do. We'll go to the orchard and get the long ladder they are using to pick the cherries, and we'll put it up against the tree and then climb up," after them."

"All right. Let's do!" again agreed Nellie.

Away ran the girls to the orchard, and in about ten minutes the cats saw them tugging away at a long ladder. At last they reached the tree and, after many mishaps, succeeded in standing it up against the trunk. But what was their disappointment to find that it only reached half way up the tall tree and came nowhere near the limb on which the cats sat.

"I have it!" cried Nellie. "Let's get the hose and turn it on them. That will bring them down in a jiffy!"

Off ran the girls once again, the hose was brought and adjusted and water turned on. But another disappointment awaited them. The hose was not sufficient to throw the water far enough to reach the cats.

"Drat those cats!" exclaimed Kittie. "I'm getting so mad I just must lay hands on them or explode!"

"I guess you will have to blow up them, or fly up to reach them," said Nellie. "The saucy things! Just see how they sit there and purr with contentment! Yes, you know they are laughing at us all the time!"

"I have it!" called out Kittie. "Give me the hose. I'll carry it up the ladder as far as it will reach, and then I know it will be long enough for the stream to hit them. Then, my dear cats, we will see who laughs last! Nellie, turn the water off until I climb up, and when I give the word turn it on again."

Up the ladder climbed Kittie, and sure enough, when Nellie turned the water on it sent a shower that hit Button and nearly knocked him off the limb, while it also drenched Bella to the skin. She ran along the limb and tried to climb higher, but when Kittie saw what she was going to do she turned the stream full on her and made her climb down the tree instead of going up. Then she sussed Button from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail and chased him down the same way. But when he got half way down he jumped and ran for home, while Bella ran toward the barn and hid under it. Thus ended Button's adventure, as he related it to Stubby and Billy.

[Next time Stubby tells us his adventure.]

oric heights reached by Wilson. As a substitute for Long George Kelly, the regular first baseman, he seems all that could be desired.

The most brilliant find of the Yankees was Earl Combs, the outfielder obtained from the Louisville club. He was hitting and fielding brilliantly until a broken ankle sustained in sliding to home plate in a game in Cleveland put him out of the pastime for what may be the remainder of the season.

A glance around the circuits at the new pitching finds would bring to light the following: Lil Stoner, Earl Whitehall and Edwin Wells of Detroit; Ernest Wingard of the St. Louis Browns, Tom Sheehan and Jack May of the Cincinnati Reds, Ray Kremer of Pittsburgh, and Sam Gray of the Philadelphia Athletics.

The Tigers undoubtedly owe their prominent position in the American League war to the work of Stoner and Whitehall. Inasmuch as pitching will most likely decide the race on the junior circuit, the importance of these two twirlers can easily be appreciated.

The White Sox found a tower of strength in Bill Barrett, the young shortstop who is filling up a hole the Sox have been worrying about for several seasons. Although Barrett poked his head into the majors once before, he really owes his start to the 1924 uprising.

Aiding Cleveland in keeping near the top of the American League hitting is Pat McNulty, the spry young outfielder obtained from Milwaukee. His hitting, as a rule, has averaged around .300, although it fell down somewhat recently.

Nevertheless, Manager Speaker considers him something in the nature of a gold mine and has stamped his services invaluable.

Although Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, invested in some bad specimens and squandered a lot of money, he still has Outfielder Al Simmons, who was purchased from Milwaukee last season. Simmons is hitting above .300, and his fielding is all that could be desired. Then, too, Mack has Sam Gray, who has been pitching well enough to win quite a few games for the Quaker City clan. Bill Lamar, who went on acquisition from Toledo, is putting some new life into the A's.

The Red Sox gained a lot by the coming of Shortstop Dudley Lee and Outfielder Ike Boone. Boone's

hitting had a lot to do with the recent spurt of the Red Sox which, while it did not last, showed the team had some real fight in its makeup for the first time in years. Lee's fielding filled a vital gap in the Boston inner defense.

The National League has not had the success with the young stars that the junior organization enjoyed, and although it has a few brilliant developments it lacks the numerical advantage. In addition to those mentioned above, the National League's most outstanding development was Glenn Wright of Pittsburgh, who has been playing sensationally at shortstop. Wright is only hitting .298, but his defensive work has made him indispensable to the progress of the team.

Abel Bersac, the former French fighter, who is now managing the destinies of Luis Vicentini, Chilean lightweight of promise, had a rather interesting career in the ring himself before turning his attention to developing fighters.

Bersac learned the art of boxing from Willie Lewis, American scrapper, and no one will say that Lewis

was a mediocre fighter. Abel's most important battle was a 20-round one with Georg Pappin for the lightweight championship of France. Bersac lost the decision.

Vicentini was a student at Jesuit College, Santiago, Chile, before he decided to cast his lot with the mitt pushers. Vicentini's father, Italian and sculptor, wished Vicentini to pursue an artistic career. The youngster heard the call of the ring, however, and changed these plans.

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Every few years the major leagues have a "rookie season." This appears to be one of them. The 1924 season has been particularly propitious to the rookie player.

Every club has at least one youngster it points to with pride. The Giants revealed "Whack" Wilson, who has been hitting at a rightful rate (.364, to be exact) that proclaims him the best swatter of the crop. He has displaced Billy Southworth as center fielder of the Giants permanently, it seems, and Manager McGraw would not sell him for any price. Bill Terry has also been attracting considerable attention, although, of course, he did not attain the mete-

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