

THE SANDMAN STORY

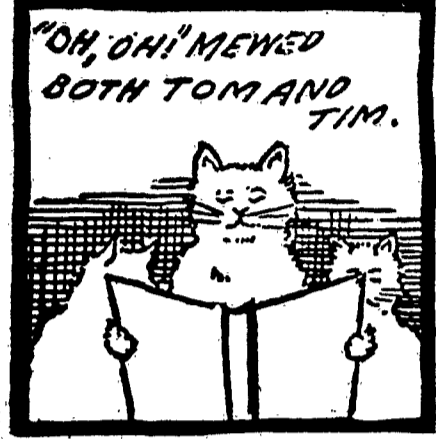
PUSSCAT AND THE BOOK

MRS. PUSSCAT was roaming over the house one day with her two kittens, when all the family were out, when she happened to find a picture book.

"Now, why should I not teach my children from a book just as people do?" she thought. "Here are A, B, C's and plenty of pictures of cats, too."

So she called her children to her and began their first lesson, but the kittens did not wish to learn their A, B, C's. They wanted to look at the pictures.

First, there was a picture of two kittens drawing another in a basket.



"Oh, let us play like that!" mewed the kittens Tom and Tim.

"I want to drive," mewed Tom.

"No, I want to drive," mewed Tim.

"and use a whip like the kitten in the picture."

Quickly Mrs. Pusscat turned the page and showed another picture to quiet them.

This picture showed five kittens on a fence snowballing a big black cat who was all dressed up and Tom and Tim began to laugh. "We'll do that to old Black Tom the first snow that comes," said Tom.

"No, you must not be bad kittens,"

said their mother, quickly turning to another picture.

"But why is the picture there if it is bad?" asked Tim.

Poor Mrs. Pusscat did not know, so she showed them the next picture of a little kitten being taken into the water to bathe by its mother.

"Oh, oh," mewed both Tom and Tim. "that isn't true, either, is it mother?"

Now Mrs. Pusscat did not like the water and she could not think any Mother Cat would do such a terrible thing, so she turned over to another picture, but this time the picture was that of five naughty little kittens sitting at a table.

One was crying, another was pulling the cloth to get something it wanted instead of asking for it, as a well-behaved kitten should.

Another spilled the cream, and another was eating too fast and spilling the food from its spoon, while another put its feet on the table.

Tim and Tom began to laugh and their mother told them those little kittens were all very bad and she hoped their mother put them all in bed without their supper.

"But what are books good for if all the pictures are not true?" asked Tim.

In despair Mrs. Pusscat turned to the last picture, hoping that would be one of a well-behaved cat.

It was called the Lazy Pussy, and there sat a big kitty with mice running over her back and a bird perched on her head, while two little mice held up her long tail.

Mrs. Pusscat stared and then she closed the book with a bang. "There is nothing true in books," she told the kittens. "You come with me out to the barn and learn to catch mice."

"I should like to know," she said to herself, "who could have made those silly pictures? There were never kittens or cats like those in that book, I know, I would be ashamed to be a cat if there were."

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STRANGE LEAP YEAR CUSTOMS

Hopi Indian Women Possess Considerable Freedom.

WHAT SHE SAYS SETTLES IT

Forcibly and Simply States Her Proposition to Victim's Mother Without Any Encouragement From Him—Customs in Other Countries—In North Transylvania Peasant Woman Shows Her Swain That She Can Work.

"Once again with 1920 women have a chance to take the initial step toward providing themselves with an introduction to the heavenly kingdom, a boon which marriage brings to them, according to Mormon philosophy. The return of a year which leaps forward a day, bringing to them a privilege monopolized by man three years out of four, has no significance for women of many lands, since they enjoy that liberty all the time," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society.

What She Says Goes.

"The woman of no race possesses more freedom in this matter than the Hopi Indians of Arizona," the bulletin continues. "A maiden does not woo the man of her choice, but simply and forcibly states her proposition to his mother without any encouragement on his part. Her only preliminary proceeding is to do her hair in two gigantic whorls, one over each ear. This is her announcement that she is going a-courting. These peculiar knots are intended to represent the blossoms of a squash vine, symbol of virginity, but to those untutored in their meaning they resemble huge door knobs set at a rather violent angle. When some debutantes thus announce that they are 'out on the carpet,' it is said that as many as six or eight of the eligible young men of the tribe literally take to the woods.

After this aggressive young lady has selected her victim and his mother has agreed that she shall be sacrificed, she serves in the house of her future mother-in-law grinding meal, very much after the fashion that Jacob of old served 14 years for Rachel. The poor youth in the meanwhile does not sit idly by, but weaves her wedding garments.

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RUSSIAN PRINCESS WEDS ENGLISHMAN



A recent photo of Princess Lydia Barbasinsky, whose marriage to John Pollock, well-known author and playwright was announced. The princess is a daughter of the late General Boris de Hubbert, and descends from a noble French family, known as far back as the crusades as Rubinez de la Motte Rouvray. The ceremony was quiet, the bride having suffered recent family bereavements owing to bolshevik activities. The bride is well known in theatrical circles as Lydia Yavorska, the famous actress. John Pollock is the only son of the Rt. Hon. Frederick Pollock, Bart, P. O., who resides in Hyde Park.

HAD EASY WINTER

Parts of Alaska Did Not Experience Any "Below Zero" Weather.

At Juneau, the capital of Alaska, the coldest weather experienced during the present winter, according to climatological data kept by the United States weather bureau, was 3 degrees above zero, nor has "below zero" been recorded at any point in southern Alaska. In the Cook inlet the coldest reported was 13 degrees below zero and in the interior Tanana and Yukon valleys, "below zero" is the coldest for this winter, where from 60 to 65 below is usually recorded at least two or three times during an ordinary winter. In southern Alaska there has been more sunshine and less rain thus far during the winter months, and all indications point to an early spring.

GERMAN WARSHIPS IN U. S.

Battleship, Cruiser and Three Destroyers Become Property of America.

A former German battleship, a cruiser and three destroyers, allocated to the United States under the armistice terms, will be brought to this country soon.

The three destroyers and the cruiser will be towed over by three minesweepers and a transport, which will sail for Scotland early in April to bring them back.

The ships will be exhibited at Atlantic seaports and, in addition, a careful technical study of them will be made by naval experts.

Under the terms of the supreme council agreement they will be sunk at sea within a year after their arrival in the United States.

ALCOHOL MURDER WEAPON

Woman Charges Man Gave Her Brandy Containing Poison.

Suit for \$150,000 has been filed at Atlanta, Ga., against John Kelley by Mrs. Catherine Bristol of Philadelphia. Mrs. Bristol charges that Kelley gave her wood alcohol with murderous intent to prevent her testifying against him in court, with the result that she was made blind.

Mrs. Bristol alleges the defendant gave her the poison to prevent her from testifying that he had made threats against the life of Miss Lucille Sharp, who died several months ago in Baltimore.

Given Quit Notice, Dropped Dead.

When told to vacate the house at Port Chester, N. Y., in which he had lived for a number of years, Carl Bulow, fifty-two years old, a descendant of General von Bulow, a German commander in the Franco-Prussian war, dropped dead.

MORALE AIDED BY MUSIC

Fact Brought Out by the War Bound to Have Great Effect on Future Generations.

"Music makes morale," and so promptly music was enlisted in the war. Song leaders were appointed at all the training camps and immediately the glory of real music was spread before the millions of men as a reinforcement and aid to the idealism which had brought them into the war.

From then on the soldiers had music individually, in masses, in groups. They made it themselves, it was made for them by our finest artists. They had phonographs. They had records by the million. The process of musical education was swift, and the pupils were apt. Now they have returned to us men who know good music as a large part of their life and entertainment, have become reasonably apt performers themselves in a great many cases. What must this mean to the country? It must mean that the people as a whole are readier than ever before to listen to it as well as to be taught it.

IN WORDS THAT APPEALED

Poetically Expressed Offer of Needed Assistance Touched Elderly Spinster's Romantic Heart.

After the "personally conducted" tour abroad a band of English travelers were crossing the channel home. It was very rough, and most of the ladies retired to the cabin. Only one—an elderly little spinster—stayed on deck.

As the vessel pitched and tossed, and heavy showers of spray drenched everything, a fellow tourist came to her.

"Excuse me, Miss Black, but I thought perhaps you feel the need of a strong arm to lean on—something to support you, you know."

"Oh, Mr. Binks!" sighed the lady, as she lurched toward him and landed her head on his shoulder. "How sweetly and romantically you have expressed it!"

DEW HAS VITALIZING EFFECT

Abundant Proof That It Possesses Invigorating Action That Affects Growth of Plants.

Dew is vitalizing, not entirely because it is water but because it possesses an invigorating action due partly to its saturation with oxygen, and it has been stated that during its formation peroxide of hydrogen and some ozone are developed. It is not improbable that the peculiarly attractive and refreshing quality that marks the early-morning air has its origin in this way. The difficulty of inducing grass to flourish under a tree in full leaf is well known and is generally explained by saying that the tree absorbs the nourishing constituents of the soil or that it keeps the sunlight away from the grass and protects it from rain. It is doubtful whether any of these explanations is true, the real reason most probably being that the vitalizing dew cannot form upon the grass under a tree, whereas as a rule both rain and light can reach it.

What's in a Name?

"A printer informed me recently what the Evansville Bar association really is," said Joseph H. Igleheart, secretary of the Evansville association.

Mr. Igleheart recently ordered printed a number of licenses to be granted to members of the association. When a copy of the proof was shown him, he discovered that the words "Evansville Bar association" were in unusually large type.

"What do you think these licenses are for saloon keepers?" inquired Igleheart of the printer.

"Why, certainly; what else does the word 'bar' mean?" was the printer's response.—Indianapolis News.

Bill's Capacity.

Prison Superintendent Hattigan was talking at Sing Sing about the capacity for strong drink possessed by convicts.

"Two convicts were talking one day," he said, "and the first remarked:

"Yes, Bill done that carpenter's job for 'em in return for what beer he drunk while he was at work."

"I see," said the second convict. "Ordinary union rate wasn't good enough for Bill, eh?"

Unique Specimens.

"The only thing," solemnly said Professor Pate, "that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is character."

"Just so!" replied Festus Pester. "And the only thing that comes back from the cemetery giggling and on the dead run is the rickety old widower who figures on—ee-hee! hee!—marrying again."—Kansas City Star.

She Came Through Clean.

Rev. Snickers—And your daughter, Mrs. Bunks—the one that was going in for nursing—how is she? Well, I hope?

Mrs. Bunks—Splendid, thank you, sir. Last we heard from 'er she was going up for 'er final contaminations.

An Unaccommodating Parent.

Mrs. Billups—Why is Willie crying so?

Billups—He lost part of his engine and now he's yelling because I won't let him have my false teeth for a cowcatcher.—Boston Transcript.

SCHOOL DAYS



Honey bee Time

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