

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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GOOD SNAKES.

"The only snakes in this country," said the Little Milk Snake, "which are dangerous ones are the Cotton-Mouthed Water Moccasin Snake family, the Coral Snake and Harlequin Snake families which are like the Cobra Snakes of India and the Rattlesnake family."

"The Cotton-Mouthed Water Moccasin Snake family wear white around their mouths and that is the reason they have such a family name."

"There are other Water Moccasin snakes which aren't dangerous, though many snakes are called Water Moccasin snakes which don't really belong to that family."

"Often one can tell a dangerous snake by seeing that the head is larger in size than the body. A good many dangerous snakes, such as the Rattlesnake, have a head of greater width than the body."

"But sometimes a quite harmless snake will puff out his face with anger."

"It doesn't mean that that snake is dangerous, though; not at all."

"It means that the snake is simply angry and has puffed with anger."

"There aren't many dangerous snakes about in this country, so no one should be afraid of snakes."

"These snakes which are dangerous are off pretty much by themselves and not where people are."

"So I don't think people should be so hard on snakes as they are. Yes,



"A Harmless Little Snake."

so many people hate snakes and think they should kill all snakes.

"Many, many snakes do a great deal of good. They destroy creatures which hurt the farmers' crops and vegetables. That is a good work for them to do and they should be thanked for it."

"I've heard that a good many people have found out, at last, that we don't steal milk from the farmers and I'm so glad that the old story is now known to be untrue. How that story ever got about I don't know."

"But I've told the names of the dangerous snakes so no one need worry when they see any of my family about. I'm a harmless little snake, as harmless a little snake as ever was."

"I can't help it if I crawl and don't look so pretty. I can't help that at all. It was the way I was made. I'm sure I'm not to be blamed because I crawl."

"And yet some people do not like me because I crawl. They think it is ugly to crawl."

"They turn up their noses and say: 'Ugh! Look at that horrid crawling snake!'"

"Now, that hurts my feelings. And a snake has feelings. Of course he has."

"I wish people would think of the good that snakes do and not of the harm."

"It is a wonder we do not do more harm than we do when one thinks of the way snakes have always been disliked."

"But we aren't going to do wrong just because we aren't appreciated. That would show we didn't have any character. And we don't want to show that, because we do have character."

"We have the character to do our work even if we are grumbled about and disliked. Doesn't that show character? I think it does!"

"Of course you may say that I am not one whose opinion on snakes should be taken because I am a snake myself and naturally think kindly of snakes."

"But, still, I think my opinion should be taken for surely I know something of the ways of snakes. Surely I do."

"Yes, I am thankful to say that very few people now believe that old story about us taking milk from the farmers. I am glad that they do not believe that."

"And I'm hoping that in time they will see that lots of snakes do a great deal of good and all they need do is to remember the snakes which are bad snakes and which I've told about."

"That is all they need remember."

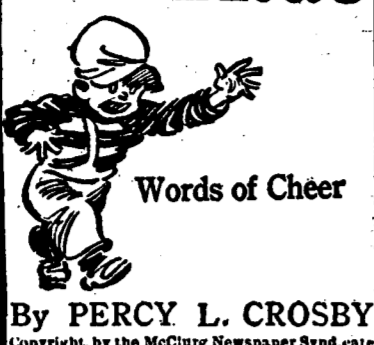
"And so I have told of the dangerous snakes and I hope, because I have told of them, people will not destroy nice, well-meaning snakes."

"For snakes can be well-meaning and they can do good deeds too. Of course they can! Snakes try to improve their hours with good deeds too!"

Taken Before You Get It.
What is taken from you before you get it? Your picture.

The Sandwich Appetizer.
The long-established European custom of taking an appetizer before dinner, in the form of a wafer-like sandwich and a light beverage, has many points in its favor. The "sideboard," as it is called, can be most tastefully served on a daintily appointed tray. When a meal begins with a hot soup or a chilled fruit, the gathering for the "sideboard," is the most satisfactory way for the housewife to be sure that all the family are ready to take their places at the table. The sandwiches are made of very thin slices of buttered bread. Serve these with a glass of iced grape juice.

The Clancy Kids



Words of Cheer

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PIERZ

Pierz Journal, Jan. (19):—Frank Gohl returned from Onamia Wednesday, where he spent the past two weeks fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick J. Meyer and little son Urban of Hoven, S. D., are visiting at the G. Boser home in Pierz. They arrived here Monday evening of last week. Mr. Meyer states everything is fine in South Dakota and crops were quite good the past year.

Miss Frances Block arrived home again after spending a few weeks Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. Leo A. Gelhar of Hampton. Mrs. Gelhar was formerly Miss Cathryn Block of Pierz.

The telephone patrons of the Farmers' Oak Leaf Telephone Co. of Pierz town held their annual meeting on Tuesday at which officers for the ensuing year were elected.

The officers elected are:

Jos. Stangl—President.

Theo. Girtz—Vice-president.

J. B. Badnar—Secretary-treasurer.

Louis Medek and Michael B. Meyer—Directors.

The Pierz Fire Department held their regular monthly meeting in the village hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at which it was decided to give a firemen's banquet at a later date.

Our farmers are now busy hauling wood, although the roads are not very good.

The annual meeting of the Skunk Creek Telephone Company of Lastrup held their annual meeting at the Johnson schoolhouse Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The usual business was transacted at the meeting and the following officers for the coming year were elected:

Glenn King—President.

Geo. Johnson—Vice-president.

Geo. Leeb—Secretary.

S. D. Wood—Treasurer.

Geo. Johnson, Leo Wood, G. Sellen, Louis Brummer and Roy Bruber—trustees.

Louis Brummer—Line manager.

Mrs. Anthony Smith and daughter of Duluth who visited with the C. P. Virnig family at Little Falls are visiting with relatives in Pierz for a few days.

Mrs. William Huver of this place was called by death Monday evening, January 16th, at 9 o'clock at her home 4 miles east of Pierz. The deceased has been in poor health during the past eleven months and tuberculosis was the cause of her death.

Elizabeth Kupka was born in Swan River, October 15, 1878, being 43 years and 3 months old at the time of her death. Her home was in Swan River until October 25, 1895, when she was married to William Huver of Pierz, after which they made their home on the farm which the Huver family now occupies. Their union was blessed with twelve children, five boys and seven girls all of whom are living.

Mrs. Huver also leaves her husband to mourn her loss.

Burial service was held in St. Joseph's church this morning (Thursday) at 10 o'clock and interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery here.

It is reported that the Elk River creamery at which Nick Faust, son of Christ Faust of Pierz, is employed, are receiving approximately 43,000 pounds of milk every day which is all separated by the creamery. The creamery also makes 4 and 5 churning of butter per day producing about one carload of butter in eight days.

It is probable that the creamery management will also install a cheese making equipment in the near future. Then Genola Farmers' Produce and Potato Association held their annual meeting in Faust's hall Tuesday afternoon at which the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Math A. Meyer—President.

And. Dusehner—Vice-president.

Ed. Renneberg—Secretary.

John Mische—Treasurer.

Joe Ethen, director for 3 years.

The Pierz Firemen's Relief Association held their annual meeting in the village hall Saturday, January 14th, 1922, at which the annual business was transacted and officers for the ensuing year elected.

Following are the officers:

John Dombrov—President.

Peter L. Foster—Vice-president.

Wm. Preimesberger—Secretary.

Jos. P. Meyer—Treasurer.

F. X. Faust, Peter Gau and Frank Neisius—Trustees.

WEST RIPLEY

Jan. 24:—Fred Branchaud was out looking at pieces of the wreck Monday.

Mrs. A. Ledue went to Little Falls Monday on business.

Willie Donette of Topeka is hauling pole wood from Gilbert.

Albert Morrisette was in Ft. Ripley



Saturday on business.

Homer Laforce took the train at Topeka Saturday, bound for Little Falls.

A co-operative ice company was formed in the neighborhood when Hector Daveau, Ed. Lejoie, Martin Bellefeuille, Euclid Pianté and Isadore Plante put up ice in the Martin Bellefeuille ice house.

They are letting a contract to put up ice for our creamery at Ft. Ripley.

Conrad Peterson motored to Little Falls Saturday evening. His wife is going to stay there for the winter.

Sturday afternoon Dr. Amundsen of Little Falls had a terrible time to make his car pull him across Ft. Ripley Prairie.

We are wondering if the lady has changed her mind. We haven't. We have our band of tin cans and circular saws all tuned up for the future, in case it happens.

FAWNDALE

Jan. 23:—Henry Cichon of Swanville was a visitor at the H. M. Kinney home Friday.

Andrew Bosell was a business caller in Two Rivers during the week.

B. Miller arrived the last of the week and is a visitor at the A. J. Rossa home.

Thos. Schneider returned to this place last week, after spending a few days at his home in Swanville.

Walter and Stephen Cichon delivered wood at Little Falls Saturday.

John Sobiech delivered wheat at Little Falls Friday.

Martin Casey visited with relatives in Swan River Sunday evening.

Miss Gladys Bosell left Saturday for Walker, where she will be employed at the Sanatorium.

A crew from Holdingford is drilling a well on the Pointek farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sobiech were called to Elm Dale Friday by the illness of Mr. Sobiech's mother.

L. P. Andersen, Thos. Schneider and John Sobiech delivered cream at Elm Dale Saturday.

Preparations are under way to have a program at the school house in Dist. No. 52 by the pupils January 27.

Many farmers are taking advantage of the opportunity to haul wood and other timber since there is sufficient snow to use sleds. The roads have drifted considerably during the recent windy days.

RANDALL

Randall News, Jan. (20):—Ray Anderson went to the cities Tuesday, called by the serious illness of his mother.

B. B. Bates returned Tuesday from St. Paul, where he had been with Mrs. Bates, who underwent an operation at the N. P. hospital. Mrs. Bates is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Bates went back to St. Paul yesterday morning.

Mrs. Ed. Hall is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Iverson, of Snoqualmie, Wash.

Isaac Gottstein was called to Min-

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neapolis Wednesday by the death of his wife at the family home there.

Early Tuesday morning, the Walter Cramer home, two miles north of town, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire started in the roof and had a good start before it was known.

A part of the furniture was saved and also the fruit and vegetables in the cellar. The family will stay with Mr. Cramer's parents until some kind of shelter can be built. The fire is a total loss as Mr. Cramer carried no insurance.

Wm. Cole, Wm. Mueller, Victor Strand, and H. L. Decker motored over to Motley to attend I. O. O. F. lodge Saturday night and an oyster supper. They report a fine time.

Loren Price has rented the James Chinn farm east of town for another year.

BOWLUS

Bowlus Advance, Jan. (20):—A good number of the ladies of the village met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Schaefer last Friday evening and discussed the matter of forming a sewing circle.

In order that all ladies might have an opportunity to help in the organization another meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Jos. Kampa. At this last meeting it was decided to organize and begin work, and the following officers were elected:

Mrs. G. A. Schaefer—President.

Miss Floy Hanson—Secretary.

Mrs. Louis Kohn—Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Booth. All ladies who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

A proposition to hold social meetings to which the men folks could be invited was voted down. The single ladies had no menfolk to bring, and the married ones didn't want to bring theirs.

The members pay ten cents in cash every meeting. This provides a fund with which to buy material for sewing and other work.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the local bank was held last Monday. The institution was found to be on a sound basis and prospering. All the officers were re-elected.

UPSALA

Upsala News-Tribune, Jan. (20):—A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Q. H. Westerberg, Tuesday, January 17, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The contracting parties were Miss Clara Lofstead and Mr. Nels Ajax. Rev. P. S. Miller was the officiating clergyman who tied the nuptial knot.

The wedding was a quite one, witnessed only by immediate relatives and

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Anna Peterson, who is in a hospital at that place.

MOTLEY

Motley Mercury Jan. (20):—The Rebeccah lodge met Monday evening at the Odd Fellow hall and installed officers for the coming term. Following are the officers installed:

Edna Goplen—Noble Grand.

Maude West—Vice Grand.

Laura Morey—Treasurer.

Bella Eisenlohr—Secretary.

Tillie Hill—Warden.

Carrie Swecker—Conductor.

Hattie Gardner—Chaplain.

Margaret Johnson—Guard.

Cora Haymaker—R. S. N. G.

Jennie Johnson—L. S. N. G.

Hazel Weekly—R. S. V. G.

Marie Peters—L. S. V. G.

Mrs. T. V. Hammer was initiated into the lodge and after lodge chicken sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.

Mrs. L. A. Seaton left Monday for St. Paul where she expects to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Allen.

O. O. Torgerson returned Saturday night from St. Paul, where he has been attending the annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society as a delegate from Morrison county.

J. M. Schmit left Tuesday for St. Paul, with stock for the shipping association. A. H. Henwood accompanied him.

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