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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

HOME'S WITHOUT CHIMNEYS.

Nick and Nancy had been to the City on a Shopping Trip with their Mother. And when they came home they hardly spoke at all. Their mother thought that they were probably very tired, for they had been so busy and walked such a great deal. But Nick and Nancy were not tired. They were Thinking. And when they were Thinking so very hard they simply could not talk. Besides they had a big question to ask Daddy, for he knew all about such things. That at last they knew that they couldn't find the answer themselves. They would just have to ask Daddy, for he knew all about such things. "I wish Daddy would hurry," said Nancy.

"He'll tell us," said Nick. "And at that moment Daddy came in the room. 'What is that I will tell you?'" he asked, for he had heard Nick talking.

"Oh, Daddy," said Nancy, "we could hardly wait for you to come." "What's the trouble? What's all this excitement?" asked Daddy, looking puzzled.

"We've been to the City today, Daddy, and we saw so many things." "I hardly suppose you saw a story then tonight," said Daddy with a little laugh.

"Oh, we saw one more than ever," said Nick. "And," continued Nancy, "we went to see our Cousins. They live in an Apartment House," she ended.

"An Apartment House has lots and lots of houses, doesn't it?" said Nick. "There are rooms all on one floor, and you go up and down stairs in an elevator."

"Yes," said Daddy, smiling. "Was there anything else strange about those Apartment Houses?"

"Indeed there was," shouted both the children. And then Nick went on to explain that most of them did not



"Down He Goes on the Fire Escape."

have any fireplaces, and how in the world could Santa Claus get down chimneys if there weren't any chimneys to get down?

"For," said Nick, "I never heard that children in the Cities did not get presents, but I wondered how Santa Claus took them to their homes."

"We didn't like to ask our Cousins too much about it," said Nancy. "For they just knew Santa Claus came to them, and they didn't know quite how, nor did they care."

"Ah," said Daddy, "there is a way!" "Ah," said Nancy, "there was!" "Children delightfully," said Nick, "is his way, Daddy, do tell us quickly."

"When they began to build these great big Apartment Houses, years ago, Santa Claus was on the lookout. 'Now,' he said to himself, 'I must think out a way to get to the children who will live in those big buildings.'"

"The only way," he thought, "and they were so interested in watching the floors grow—one went right on top of the other—that they seemed to forget all about Santa Claus and his one Trip of the Year, which is worth more than anything else that happens."

"And then the people began to build fire escapes. For they said that when the buildings were so large and there were so many rooms, and so many families, they must have a way of getting out in case of fire!"

And from top to bottom of every building—on every side—they put fire escapes, so that no home was without one.

"Well," said Santa Claus, as he drove his Reindeers over the roofs of the City that night, to see about his Christmas Trip, "that is something else! Now I know what to do!"

"So when Santa Claus goes to the City Homes where there are no chimneys, he leaves his Reindeers on the roof, and down he goes on the fire escape to every single home, and in he gets with his pack. For did you ever know any child on a street up so tightly but what there was a way for Santa Claus to get in?"

"Oh, yes," said Santa Claus, "I visit the City and the Village and the Farms. He just has to do a little differently in some homes than in others. But it makes no difference to him what way he gets in, for after all, children are children, and Santa Claus is Santa Claus, and that's the answer to your question. He always makes a way to visit children every Christmas."

"Literary Interpretation. 'Where's your airplane, Mr. Smith? I looked in the Post office and in our back yard, but I couldn't see none.' 'Why, I have no airplane, no lad. What airplane do you think I had?' 'Didn't you tell me you came here to see him on a flying visit?'"

"See Originally Laid Annual. It is a curious fact that the first seal was once a land animal. The baby seals are usually afraid of the water; they would drown if thrown into it, and have to learn to swim by repeated efforts. When they have been taught to swim, however, they never forget to walk."

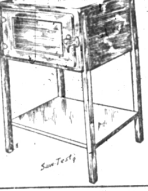
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DIDNT NEED TO MIND HER

Small Girl Knew Exactly How Much Let Fell, and What He Probably Wanted to Say.

Mr. Payne started out to enjoy a spin on his motor. He went on smoothly until he got well to the outskirts of the city, rather far from a car line. Then the motor, actuated by motives that only motors know, decided that it had gone far enough. It stopped, and so pulling of levers or turning of

cranks was sufficient to induce it to go farther.

After fruitless efforts to get it to change its mind, Mr. Payne climbed from his seat and worked around the machine. Nothing seemed to do any good, and he was rapidly getting into a state that is relieved only by strong language. However, the struggles with the motor had attracted a good-sized crowd of on-lookers, and Mr. Payne did nothing else than think. The children's interest grew as the motor, but tinkered. Among them was a little

girl with golden hair and deep blue eyes. She crowded close to Mr. Payne as he worked.

Finally he became so exasperated that it seemed as if he really must say something. He turned to the little girl.

"I wish you would run away, little girl," he remarked.

"Why?" she asked, looking up at him.

Perhaps he wished to tell the truth, perhaps he only wished to see what the little girl would do. At any rate, he said to her, quite frankly: "I want to swear."

"Oh, please!" replied the child; "don't mind me. My father has a motor, too."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Wife's Will.

"I've got an awfully witty wife," boasts Solomon Beach. "I got most of my good stuff from her. It tells you the truth. Sometimes, though, her wit is a bit too sharp for outsiders. Now the other evening I came home feeling sort of mean. I had a card that was

raising thunder with me, and I wasn't in the best of humor. Well, I came tramping up the walk, and my wife stood at the door, eyeing me suspiciously.

"What makes you walk so funny?" she said.

"I'm snappish, awfully."

"Oh," she said, turning away. "I thought maybe it was you!"—New-York Tribune.

Reason for Delay.

"Trains stop rather slowly today, conductor, isn't it?" asked the conductor.

"Yes, considerably slower than usual," replied the conductor.

"What's the reason?"

"Well, you see, there 'ary a lot of people on the train playing cards to day, and they don't want to reach their stations before they finish the game."

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