

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE
BY MARY GRAMM BOWEN

THE ANTS.

"The ants," said Daddy, "had a very fine little city of their own. People called it an anthill, but the ants called it 'Ant City.' That meant that it was a very big city indeed where lived a great many ants.

"Now King Ant was the ruler of the city instead of the ruler of a very kind ruler. He worked very hard himself, and did not just sit on a throne and have the other ants wait upon him.

"Queen Ant was just the same way. She worked hard too. As for the Royal Family—Prince and Princess Ant—they were the most industrious ants in the city. Prince Ant was a good deal older than his sister and he helped teach the lessons in the Ant Public School and Ant High School.

"One day King Ant asked all his subjects to appear before the throne. They arrived at the hour they were told to be on hand, and the king ordered very much what King Ant had to say to them. There were certain days when their king called them to appear before the throne and he usually told them to take a holiday or have a special feast.

"They could not understand why he had called them on this day. It was late in the year and they were just a little bit too sleepy for a day of merriment.

"When they reached the palace, which was in the center of the ant city and on a street called Court Street, they saw the king on his throne, with the Queen beside him.

"On two smaller thrones were the Prince and Princess. The Prince was carrying all the books he had used to teach school with, and the Princess had some fancywork in her lap. But she was not working. Neither was the King, nor the Queen, nor the Prince.

"My subjects," said the King, "all the ants bowed low. Thereupon the King bowed, as did the Queen, the Prince and Princess, for the Royal Family never put on any airs in Ant Big City.

"My subjects," repeated the King again. "You are doubtless surprised to hear from me at this time of the year. Usually I work right along with you and only call you to the palace when there is a big event about to happen, such as a holiday or a feast. This you all know.

"But this day I have something else to tell you.

"All the ants looked more and more puzzled.

"Bring the royal scepter," said the King. And many of the little ants pulled a large stick in front of the King's throne.

"When I strike this upon the ground," said the King, "each ant must think of the work to be done next year. The Prince, I know, has many things he wishes to mark in the school-lessons to be learned more thoroughly, and new lessons he has just thought of.

"Each time I strike with my scepter every ant must think of new work and new ideas for improving Ant Big City next summer.

"After I have made twelve blows upon the ground with my scepter, every ant will immediately rush to see that his part of Ant Big City is ready to be closed for the winter. Then we will all go to sleep.

"And I am grateful, O ants, that you have worked so hard all summer. Now you deserve your winter's sleep. You have not been idle, but you have worked hard.

"And creatures or insects who work hard to serve rest. I am proud indeed of Ant Big City, and I am glad to be the King."

The Prince Told
"Then the Queen of Many Things made a short speech, and after that the Prince and Princess spoke. The Prince told of many things he would do in the summer—many new things he would teach them and he hoped other ants would come to school to help him. And this the ants promised, for many of them had planned to be school teachers. Others would still help with the building, and still more would see about bringing in the food for the winter.

"So when the King gave twelve blows upon the ground with his scepter upon the ground of Ant Big City, all the ants thought of the work they would do following summer, and at last they all went to their separate homes for a well-deserved rest."

Had Something to Say.
Dorothy, aged four, was present at dinner the other evening when a number of guests were being entertained by her parents and during the talk the conversation she began to talk very earnestly. "Why do you talk so much, Dorothy?" asked her father. "These I do not suffer," she replied.

Its Name.
"In a kindergarten class flags were shown, and in answer to a question a little girl gave the response that was expected of her, "This is the flag of my country."

"And what is the name of your country?" was the next question.

"This is that," was the prompt reply.

Teacher Lila Letter C.
Why is a schoolmaster like the letter O?—Because she forms letters into class.

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"Let us make this a Red Cross Christmas"

ALBERT E. SLEEFER,
Governor

Identifying Co. When we travel but seldom. When we go to adventure out of our beaten path we love to go in style. Just before we made a recent trip we discovered that our faithful gripstick presented an appearance of premature senility. An obliging relative, who is a retired farmer, volunteered to refurbish it with an embrocation which he had evolved for use as a harness dressing or hair restorer. We have forgotten which. When applied the preparation smelled somewhat obtrusively, but our stinmann assured us that the odor would soon pass away. With our reticule glossy bedewed we took our seat in the train. By this time we had become used to the scent, and ceased to notice it. Presently a venerable citizen of Tywopcity seated himself beside us. We gave him our views of the weather, the war and sundry other subjects. "It wouldn't surprise me if you was a mighty smart man," our seatmate eventually observed. "You're a horse doctor, ain't you? You shore smell like one."—Kansas City Star.

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Corrected.

"Remember this, my son—if you want to make a hit you must strike out for yourself."

"You're mixed in your baseball talk. If you strike out you can't make a hit."—Boston Transcript.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—Appointees of Administrators.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1917. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of DANIEL BOYLAN, Deceased.

James Boylan, son and heir-at-law of the said Court, do hereby certify that the administration of said estate is granted to himself, who some other day of the month of December, A. D. 1917, at 12 o'clock P. M. of said day, before said Court, in the presence of the Probate Officer, and in the further order that public notice thereof be given to the creditors of said estate by the publication of this order in the Michigan State Gazette, and circulated in said County.

A True Copy. ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.
Gloria A. Brown, Register of Probate. 7-12ide

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR EXAMINATIONS.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1917. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of ELIZABETH KIRBY, Deceased.

Elmer Stockwell, administrator of said estate, do hereby certify that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate has been fixed and that a list of names to be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said decedent and before said Court is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that on the 31st day of April, 1918, at 10 o'clock P. M. of said day, before said Court, in the presence of the Probate Officer, and in the further order that all claims and demands against said estate be presented to the Probate Officer on or before said day.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—Sale or Mortgage of Real Estate.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1917. Present, Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of BENJAMIN ADAMS, Administrator of said estate, having filed for said Court a petition for the sale of real estate therein described.

It is ordered that the 28th day of December, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing and action, and all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place to show why a mortgage should not be granted. To further order that public notice thereof be given by the publication of this order in the Michigan State Gazette, and circulated in said County.

ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice: A Special Meeting of the Legal Voters of School District No. 1, Precinct of the Township of Bloomfield, Town of Farmington, County of Oakland, Michigan, District Board of said District, will be held on the 11th day of December, 1917, at 7 o'clock P. M., central standard time, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said district the proposition to issue municipal bonds in the amount of \$20,000,000, to borrow the sum of \$20,000,000, to be repaid by the sum of the district thereof. Hearing interest at the rate of not more than five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, bonds to mature as follows: \$10,000,000 October 10, 1927, and \$10,000,000 October 10, 1937. The bonds to be sold shall be used to defray the cost of the purchase and delivery of the Farmington High School in the Village of Farmington, in the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, and for the purchase of said school site to be located upon the 13th block P. M. until five (5) o'clock P. M., central standard time, on the 11th day of December, 1917. It is further given that the district board may purchase the bonds for the same, but not exceeding the amount of money to be raised by the sale of the bonds, and that the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) may be used to defray the cost of the purchase and delivery of the bonds. A. D. 1917.

CASSIUS H. CATEYER, Secretary.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Elmer C. Mather and his wife, Wynne Mather, of the County of Oakland, Michigan, to the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, in the year 1917, and recorded in Liber 23, of mortgages, on page 32-32, on which mortgage there is claimed to be principal and interest the sum of two hundred ninety-four and fifty-two one-hundredths dollars, (\$294.52) and an attorney fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) provided for in said mortgage. It is expressly agreed by the terms of said mortgage that should any principal or interest be paid after the date of the recording of this notice, the mortgagee shall be obliged to receive the money so received and to cancel and discharge the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the undersigned will, at the court's front entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that he has in possession the highest bid, the proceeds of which he will apply to the payment of the principal and interest due on the mortgage described in said mortgage. Dated November 12th, 1917.

M. D. DAVIS, Attorney for Mortgagee.
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