

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

MELLY'S BIRTHDAY.

"Listen," said the Myrtle bed, "there she comes. Be quite still and don't let her know."



"She Decorates."

"Don't you suppose she knows?" asked the Pink Phlox.

"Perhaps she guesses, but still we mustn't say a word," said the Myrtle.

And then a little girl named Melly walked by and on down the garden.

"You see," the Myrtle continued, "it is fun to make-believe everything is going to be a great surprise."

Melly probably has a very good idea that she will have a birthday cake and a wreath, and flowers about the table, but still she likes to all whisper and have secrets and pretend everything will be a great surprise, and Melly likes it, too, that way.

"I heard Melly's mother talking about it the other day," the Myrtle said. "Melly calls her mother 'Dolly,' you know. For a long time I thought it was her name, but it seems it isn't. It is a pet name Melly has for her mother because her mother is so small and dainty and pretty. Like a lovely dolly, you see."

"I see," said Pink Phlox, nodding its lovely head.

"Melly's mother said that she had never missed a year in coming to this myrtle bed for us so she could make a wreath for Melly's cake. She picks marigolds, too, and that gives a lot of color to the wreath, for they do look like flowers of gold!"

"Then she decorates the birthday table with us and with you, lovely Pink Phlox, and Melly's auntie works hard, too, picking flowers, and decorating everything."

"When the morning of the birthday comes there are flowers around Melly's place at the breakfast table. Then there are flowers around her place at the lunch table, and flowers around her place at the supper table."

"At about eleven o'clock in the morning the birthday table is put on the back porch, decorated with all of us from the garden."

"For years and years they've used my family for the wreath. That is such an honor."

"And we have always come out just in time for her birthday," said the Pink Phlox. "We liked to be called Melly's birthday flowers."

"Oh," said the Myrtle, "there is such excitement. Melly is told to keep out of the way and she is glad to do that, for she likes to have everything seem like an enormous surprise."

"They will ring the bell for the birthday table at a few minutes before eleven tomorrow and then Melly will come along and will follow the procession."

"Procession?" asked the Pink Phlox.

"Certainly," said the Myrtle. "They will all form a procession, and the Dolly mother will lead it, ringing a bell, then will follow auntie, and Melly will take hold of her brother's arm and he will show her, with much bowing and smiling, to her place."

"Her chair will be decorated with flowers. You will see, Pink Phlox, you will be there, too."

"Then there will be the cake with the candles, and there will be poems. Oh, yes, everyone will write a poem for Melly, and they will say much the same as they have every year, but that won't make it any less wonderful!"

"All of Melly's family will dress in funny old clothes, and they'll all be wearing lots and lots of smiles. You know there are some people who can't scare up more than one smile?"

"You've seen them, Pink Phlox, with their little tiny smiles, oh, such stinky smiles!"

"But Melly's family have lots of smiles! The smiles will all be there tomorrow."

"And there will be speeches, and presents, and the sponge cake, upon which the candles will be standing will be so proud, that it will get fine and light as a sponge cake should be."

"But oh, while Melly loves her birthday. I don't believe she loves it much more than the flowers and myrtle of the garden. They simply love adding their beauty and sweetness in honor of Melly. Hush! We're off for the wreath now!"

So 'Twas.

"George Washington was the bravest man in the world," remarked the freshman to the sophomore. "He was never licked in his life."

"Oh, yes, he was—on a stamp."

"Well, it was done behind his back."

CENTER TOWNSHIP S. S. PIONIC.

To be Held at Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, July 2.

The general theme for the occasion will be "Loyalty."

The four points to be considered in the banner contest are: (1) Average attendance, 25; (2) Per capita contribution, 25; (3) Singing, 25; (4) Best paper on "My Idea as to how a Sunday School should be Conducted. (Each Sunday school will be expected to enter a paper by a scholar who has been selected in a preliminary contest. Five minutes will be allotted to each paper.)

The Program.

10.00 a. m.—Devotional exercises by R. M. Davis.

10.10—Song by congregation, "All Hail the Power."

10.15—Address of welcome by L. C. Graham.

10.20—Response by Mrs. M. D. Stribling; appointment of judges by president.

10.25—Roll-call and reports from Sunday schools.

10.45—Demonstration of class work: (1) Common Method, by Mrs. W. S. Bearden; (2) Wide-Awake Method, by Dr. Ira E. D. Andrews.

11.05—Special music by primary classes of Fair Play and Beaverdam Sunday schools.

11.14—Contest: A paper from each Sunday school on the subject, "My Idea as to How a Sunday School Should be Conducted."

11.45—Song by congregation, "Loyalty."

11.50—Bible Story for Children, by Mrs. Nannie Moon.

Announcements.

12.30 p. m.—Dinner.

Afternoon Session.

1.00—Song by congregation, "Stand up for Jesus."

1.35—Address by Hon. Horace L. Bomar, of Spartanburg.

2.10—Singing contest.

Reorganization; miscellaneous; benediction.

DODSON'S LIVER TONE

INSTEAD OF CALOMEL.

Calomel is quicksilver. It attacks the bones and paralyzes the liver. Your dealer sells each bottle of pleasant, harmless "Dodson's Liver Tone" under an ironclad, money-back guarantee that it will regulate the liver, stomach and bowels better than calomel, without sickening or salivating you—15 million bottles sold.—adv.

H. F. Whitmire Dead.

(Tugaloo Tribune, 7th.)

There are many in Westminster who will regret to learn of the death of H. F. Whitmire, which occurred in Atlanta, Ga., on Wednesday, May 25th.

"Flem," as he was familiarly known, was well and favorably known in Oconee and had many friends. He was the first book-keeper for the Cheswell Cotton Mill Co., of Westminster, now the Oconee Mills, built in 1900. While here, in the year 1902, he married Miss Mollie Taylor, a native of Virginia. Since then he lived in Atlanta, Ga., many years and represented the Philip Carey Company. He leaves to mourn his death his widow, one daughter, Virginia, his mother, four brothers and one sister—J. D. Whitmire, of Westminster; W. Z. Whitmire, of Seneca; C. M. and T. D. Whitmire, of Greenville, and Mrs. T. C. Peebles, of near Walhalla.

Mr. Whitmire was 46 years old and lived at 67 Inman Circle. The body was buried in Westview cemetery, Atlanta.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Bandits Rob Dancers of \$20,000.

Chicago, June 8.—Four bandits lined up dancers in an inn north of Evanston early to-day and escaped with jewelry and cash estimated at nearly \$20,000 in value.

The dancers at first thought it was a joke when a young man with a cap pulled low over his eyes and a pistol in each and stepped out on the dance floor and commanded them to line up, but the guests quickly complied when three other robbers entered and fired several shots into the ceiling.

One woman saved diamonds valued at \$15,000 by dropping them into her cup of coffee.

One Year for Violating Drug Act.

Anderson, June 8.—E. A. Whitmire, veterinarian, of Pelzer, was this morning sentenced to serve a year and a day in the Atlanta Federal prison and pay a fine of \$100 for violation of the Harrison narcotic law.

Me-o-my, how you'll take to a pipe—and P. A.!

Before you're a day older you want to let the idea slip under your hat that this is the open season to start something with a joy's jimmy pipe—and some Prince Albert!

Because, a pipe packed with Prince Albert satisfies a man as he was never satisfied before—and keeps him satisfied! And, you can prove it! Why—P. A.'s flavor and fragrance and coolness and its freedom

from bite and parch (cut out by our exclusive patented process) are a revelation to the man who never could get acquainted with a pipe! P. A. has made a pipe a thing of joy to four men where one was smoked before!

Ever roll up a cigarette with Prince Albert? Man, man—but you've got a party coming your way! Talk about a cigarette smoke; we tell you it's a peach!



Prince Albert is sold in tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tin humidors and in the pound crystal glass humidors. Soft & spongy moistener top.

Copyright 1921, by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.

PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

FACTS ABOUT CAROLINA CROPS.

Statistician Reports Fertilizers Used 46 Per Cent Less Than Last Year.

Saluda, S. C., June 10.—According to the report of B. B. Hare, agricultural statistician, in charge of the crop reporting service in South Carolina for the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, the condition of cotton in the State on May 25th was 58 per cent of normal, against 68 per cent on the corresponding day last year, the ten-year average being 74 per cent.

The condition for the entire United States on May 25 is reported at 66.0 per cent of normal, against 62.4 per cent last year and the ten-year average of 78.7 per cent.

Commenting upon the report Mr. Hare says:

"Spring opened up unusually early, and weather conditions in March were exceedingly favorable for farm work, and the preparation for planting by April 1 was ten days or two weeks earlier than usual. Some cotton was planted in the latter part of March, and came to very good stand, but frosts on April 13 and 19 killed such a large percentage of it, as well as that planted in early April, that replanting was necessary in most cases. During the latter part of April and most of May nights were cool and germination poor. The plant has been of low vitality the entire season, and much of the early plantings died, leaving very unsatisfactory stands. However, stands from late plantings are generally good.

Much farm work was accomplished during the last week of the reporting period, and a large percentage of the crop in the western, central, eastern and southern counties has been chopped and plowed. During the last few days temperature has been higher and the plant has taken on new life in cultivated fields. In sections, however, there was too much rain in May, and many fields became very foul with grass and weeds. The boll weevil has already made its appearance in the western, central and southern counties.

The quantity of fertilizers used appears to be about 30 per cent less than the five-year average, or about 46 per cent less than last year. Information obtained from fertilizer dealers indicates about 50 per cent of the fertilizers used will show an analysis of 8-3-3, about ten per cent nitrate of soda, and 20 per cent acid phosphate, the remainder being of various analyses. It is estimated that an average of 267 pounds per acre will be used this year, against an average of 490 pounds in 1920. The estimated value of the fertilizers used this year is placed at \$4.00 per acre, while last year it was \$13.62 per acre.

The present low condition is due largely to poor stands and low vital-

ity. Ordinarily much of the acreage would have been planted over, but under prevailing boll weevil conditions farmers say they would rather have a poor stand of early cotton than take the chances with a good stand of late cotton.

Condition in other States is as follows:

Virginia	.....	77
North Carolina	.....	65
South Carolina	.....	58
Georgia	.....	63
Florida	.....	60
Alabama	.....	57
Mississippi	.....	60
Louisiana	.....	57
Texas	.....	71
Arkansas	.....	70
Tennessee	.....	69
Missouri	.....	75
Oklahoma	.....	74
California	.....	75
Arizona	.....	84

UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY

Time is the test of truth. And Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test in Walhalla. No Walhalla resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

W. S. Grahl, blacksmith, Spring St., Walhalla, says: "I hurt my back many years ago and since then I have been troubled with kidney complaint. When I have one of those attacks, severe pains shoot through my kidneys and these organs do not act as they should. I have dizzy spells and severe pains in the back of my head. I have used Doan's Kidney Pills whenever an attack comes on and they have never failed to quickly relieve me. I think Doan's are a wonderful medicine." (State ment given Dec. 17, 1911.)

On April 9, 1918, Mr. Grahl said: "I am glad of another opportunity to say a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills and believe Doan's have effected a cure. I advise anyone suffering from kidney complaint to give this remedy a trial!" 60c. at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Killed in Mysterious Manner.

Pueblo, Colo., June 8.—Mystery shrouds the death here late last night of Ernest E. Withers, prominent citizen of Pueblo, who, while driving his automobile down Grand avenue with his younger son, Volvie, sitting by his side, was killed instantly. The top of his head was blown away and Coroner McCarthy is conducting an investigation to determine whether the shot that killed him was fired from outside the car or from the inside. From the nature of the wound the authorities are also acting on the theory that the weapon employed might have been a riot gun.

One of the first persons reaching the scene was a soldier, who came running to investigate the commotion. It was Mr. Withers' oldest son.

Subscribe for The Courier. (Best)

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH.

Body of Farmer Found Hanging to Limb of Tree Near Taylors.

(Greenville Piedmont, June 8.)

Mystery surrounds the death of Charles M. Shipman, aged 73, farmer of the Chick Springs section, who was found hanging to a tree on the farm of his son-in-law, W. W. Taylor, near Chick Springs at daylight this morning. The man evidently had been dead before the body was taken down and conveyed to the morgue of J. D. Woods at Greer. Mr. Shipman's neck was broken.

Stories told by members of the family of W. W. Taylor, son-in-law of the dead man, vary considerably in detail, said Sheriff Rector, who visited the scene early this morning, and who added that it was admitted that there had been some difficulty between the aged man and Taylor yesterday. Taylor at first said that Mr. Shipman had left the house late yesterday, and that he (Taylor) had gone down to the woods where the body was found this morning, and begged the old man to come back home.

Mrs. Taylor, said Sheriff Rector, told a different story, saying that there had been a quarrel between her husband and her father yesterday morning, and that Taylor had told the old man to leave the house and the State, and that Taylor had gone to the woods to run the old man off the place.

Taylor, questioned a second time, according to the sheriff, reversed his first story and admitted that he had told the old man to leave not only the place, but the State. Taylor went to Greer and swore out a warrant before a magistrate for his father-in-law, it was stated.

Coroner Vaughan went to Greer shortly before noon to-day, and information received over the telephone from that point is to the effect that the inquest has not yet been held, nor has the Coroner announced any time for the holding of it. A physician who examined the dead man, said that his neck was broken, and the undertaker at Greer said that the doctor was planning a further examination, the nature of which was not known.

To Make Investigation.

Sheriff Rector to-day said that he is making a thorough investigation of the death, but was not prepared at this time to make any statement or to advance any theory as to whether Mr. Shipman took his own life, or whether there was evidence of foul play. When he reached the scene the body was hanging to a low cedar tree, the feet just off the ground. The rope by which Mr. Shipman's body was suspended was tied around a limb of the tree, and the dead man's hat, pocket book and walking stick were on the ground beside the body. The clothing was covered with leaves and dirt, as Mr. Shipman had been rolling on the ground, according to the officer, and there was a big torn place in the trousers.

W. W. Taylor Arrested.

Greenville, June 9.—To-day's developments in the mysterious death of Charles M. Shipman, aged farmer, whose body was yesterday morning found hanging to a tree on his son-in-law's farm near Chick Springs, came thick and fast with the arrest of W. W. Taylor, son-in-law of the dead man.

A coroner's jury viewed the body of the dead man and listened to a statement made by Dr. H. L. Brockman, of Greer, who, in company with Dr. Wilson, of Greenville, performed an autopsy on Mr. Shipman yesterday. Dr. Brockman declared that Shipman came to his death by strangulation caused by a rope around his neck. The inquest was then suspended until June 15th, by which time Coroner Vaughan hopes to have all available evidence that may throw light on the affair in hand.

Taylor was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Harris on demand made by Buel Shipman, of Woodside Mill, a brother of the dead man, who declared that as soon as he could get to a magistrate he intended to swear out a warrant charging Taylor with murder. Taylor refused to make any statement further than to say that he had no hand in the death of his aged father-in-law.

Dr. Brockman reported to the jury to-day that so far as physicians' examination had proceeded, no poison was discovered, but that no positive statement to that effect could be made until a report was received from the State laboratory, to which the stomach, liver and kidneys of the dead man were sent yesterday.

Rub-My-Tism is a powerful Antiseptic. Cures infected cuts, old sores, tetter, etc.—adv.

A French newspaper has a woman as sporting editor. She is Mile. Bethé Bouveret, one of the founders of the Academie, the first sporting club for women organized in Paris.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION BEGAN

Forty-Fourth Annual Session Wednesday Last—175 Present.

Rock Hill, June 8.—With 175 delegates in attendance, the 44th annual convention of the South Carolina Sunday School Convention opened in Winthrop College auditorium at 9.30 o'clock this morning.

Horace L. Bomar, of Spartanburg, the president, presided. Delegates were welcomed to Rock Hill and Winthrop by Dr. David Bancroft Johnson, president of the institution, who said that Rock Hill and Winthrop were honored at entertaining one of the strongest arms of the church which is to be the hope of the world.

Prof. W. S. Morrison, of Clemson College, responded to the address of welcome on behalf of the convention. He referred to the fact that he attended the first State Sunday School Convention at the First Baptist church, Greenville, in 1877. Following the late Dr. James H. Carlisle in that convention, he pledged himself to attend each State meeting so long as he lived.

Addresses were delivered this morning by Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory University, Georgia, and Dr. W. A. Brown, director of evangelism, International Sunday School Association, Chicago.

Governor Robert A. Cooper, scheduled for an address to the convention this morning, was not able to be present at the first session of the body.

A pleasing feature of the initial meeting was a song, service directed by L. P. Hollis, of Greenville. The convention opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. Marston, pastor of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian church, Rock Hill. Most of the delegates from over the State are expected to arrive this afternoon and to-night. The people of Rock Hill are extending the glad hand and are meeting the trains and conveying delegates to the college by auto.

We are proud of the confidence doctors, druggists and the public have in 666 Chill and Fever Tonic.—adv.

Anderson Boy Breaks Records.

Anderson, June 8.—T. Jeff Webb, of Anderson, has broken all scholarship records at Clemson College, by attaining the highest average for four years ever made at the institution. Webb made 112 e's out of a possible 116 such marks in the four years' course. In so doing he wins the Norris Attainment Medal and a four-year fellowship at Princeton University.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of K. W. GROVE, 30c.