

If there isn't any pleasure
Waits for you beside the way,
If there's not a thing to grin at
In your journey day by day.

Just be happy, just be happy:
Take the fiddle and the bow,
Snuggle it against your shoulder,
Lumber up and let her go.

It's a duty you are owing
To the world to shake you free,
And to lift your voice in singing
Till the music fills the street.

If you meet the world a-grinning,
Then the world will grin at you;
You can laugh the clouds to shivers;
Till the blue sky glimmers through;

The Quest of Two Moons.

BY FRANKLIN WELLES CALKINS.

"Yes, he's an effective member of the police force," said my friend, the Indian agent.

"Two Moons was an odd boy," he mused, "a dreamer, and imaginative to an uncommon degree."

"Two Moons was wading in the shallows of Antelope Creek one day, and found an old horsehoe."

"Two Moons swallowed the story, and kept down his excitement until his mother slept that night."

On such an errand, the day-dreamer was bound to strike trouble sooner or later, and Two Moons struck it soon.

"It was now morning, and Two Moons, dreaming of the excitement which his arrival at the agency would create, forgot even to eat his bacon."

"He knew what would happen to him should he be caught, and he put the quilt to his pony, as much alive and alert as he had been dazed and dreaming."

"Two Moons' absence had been discovered early in the morning, and Little Chief, guessing the cause, had taken the trail, and was riding hard after him."

"Well, the cow-men came up, and warned by a couple of shots, grasped the situation. There were five of them, and they posted four, so as to hold the Indians. Then the fifth rode away after help."

"It was about this time, I reckon, that Two Moons' father came in from his visiting, and he posted after his sons, to come back in the afternoon and report their situation to me."

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"After some talk I went back to where I had posted Chaska—Two Moons' father—only to find that he was gone. I knew then that, in spite of my injunction, he had passed the word of his boys' plight out over the agency."

down in the end, or fight my Brules.
"The wretched prospect of another Indian uprising was staring me in the face, and I had not even communication by wire with the outside world."

"Had the night been dark, I should have had hope that Little Chief and Two Moons might crawl through the lines or make a dash and get away; but there was a brilliant full moon, and a man could be seen quite plainly at 200 yards."

"Farrell was not at all pleased to see me when I bivouacked at his stand. He was offish in conversation, not exactly rude, but with a tone which said, 'You may camp here, it's a free range—too free for interference of any sort!'"

"By midnight other cow-men began to arrive, and by daylight there were twenty-five or thirty at hand. Evidently these men expected a sortie by the agency Sioux, and were prepared to fight."

"I knew that, if not interfered with, they would rush my Indians and end the business as soon as they had coffee and a bite to eat."

"The cow-men paid this formidable party no apparent heed, but proceeded calmly with the bread and coffee. Yet I knew that a fight was imminent, and without providential interference could not be delayed beyond a few minutes."

"The tragedy was at hand. The men had finished eating and were looking to their weapons and hitching their cartridge-belts into position, and a detail had brought up their horses for distribution when, at the head of the coulee and in their centre, I saw a fluttering rag, apparently thrust up out of the ground."

"I lost no seconds in pointing this out to Farrell, who was about to mount his horse."

"Farrell scowled fiercely at the pitiful signal, and swept the outlying Sioux with a swift glance of suspicion. Then he turned to me."

"Well, he growled, 'holer at 'em if it'll do you any good; but don't give 'em any notion they can get away from what's coming!'"

"I raised my voice and shouted to Little Chief to know what he had to say."

"Two Moons will surrender!" was his answer. "I will go out to those men now. I have never taken their horses, and I did not counsel my brother to do so!"

"The boy who ran off your horses by mistake will come out to you now, I interpreted, turning to Farrell and the nearer men."

"Sounds reasonable," Farrell reluctantly admitted. "Well, tell the thief to come out." Then word was passed along the line.

"I signaled the brothers that Two Moons should come on. There was no hesitation. The slim, half-naked boy suddenly appeared upon the level. He came toward us, walking very straight and steadily, and to his dooms, as I verily believed."

"The lad was stripped to the leggings, and his hair, freshly braided

and greased, hung in two strings down his breast. In all his bearing there was the high spirit of self-sacrifice, of making atonement. As he drew near, I found myself biting my lips and my vision getting misty with the pity of it.

"My father," he said, "I alone am to blame for what has happened. I wish to give my body to these men that my people may not suffer."

"A dozen or more cowboys had gathered about their leader as I interpreted. As I spoke, Two Moons, with flushed face, showing a pleading eagerness that his sacrifice should be accepted, went forward a little to face them."

"Before I had finished speaking a thrill went through me. The atmosphere of hostility had melted as clouds vanish after a June shower. The brave spirit and truthful face of the boy had won what neither argument nor force could have accomplished."

"There were some seconds of silence; then one of the men raised the tension."

"Shucks!" he said, and turning his back on the scene, walked off. Everybody laughed, and Farrell flung his hat at the boy's feet."

"You little sap-sucker," he said, "you've mighty nigh raised a lot of mischief, but you've shore made good for the sand! Bill," he said to one of his men, "bring up that gray pony o' mine and give it to this high red. We've got to remove him from temptation."

"Amid laughter and the gathering of the clan, white and red, the gray pony was brought, and Two Moons, the most amazed and delighted little Indian on earth, I reckon, was lifted upon the back of a fine cow-horse, and made to understand that it was his. Then the cowboys rode away, with my Brules whooping 'How! How! How!' after them."

"When the noise had subsided, Two Moons turned to me. 'At any rate, father,' he shouted, earnestly, 'my medicine was good, else I should not have got this fine pony!'"

"The man who cannot spare time for outdoor recreation usually holds the averages good by taking time to be sick."

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THE RACCOON DOG.

We are just at the tail end of the 'coon season, for the sweet corn has ripened, and our friends have been down from the mountains and woods, enjoying themselves, as is their right and privilege.

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Decisions of the Higher Courts.—What the Divine Court Says and What the United States Supreme Court Says.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMITTEES FOR JANUARY 12.

Subject: Jesus and John the Baptist, John 1:19-34—Golden Text, John 1:29—Commit Verses 29, 30—Commentary.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

THE FOUR ANCHORS. The night is dark, but God, my God, is here, and in command, and sure am I, when morning breaks, I shall be 'at the land.'"

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