

Grins' Fairy Tales

A 20th Century Version of Stories You Have Heard Before

THE ARABIAN NIGHTS

By GREGORY GRIN

As they say in the galloping photographs, one story starts a long time ago, in the land which flourishes in the Shriners with the idea for a conservative and dignified uniform for their drill corps.

At this time there ruled a King who had more money than the fifty-seven varieties. He also had two sons who would make the grade in any Boy Scout examination when it came to passing around the good deeds and the helping hand.

The eldest was out Kinging a mean Kingdom in a neighboring country. Because of his wisdom, his subjects were as contented as the well-known cows. This youth loved his Old Man, even though the Old Man had played him a mucky trick and hung the monkey of Shahriyar on him while he was too young to know what it was all about.

The younger brother, too, had a handle that would win a silver cup in any Tongue-Twister Contest—“Shahzeman” (sounds like a cross between a cold in the head and a Russian cuss word). But you can take or leave it, for that his name and he couldn't laugh it off.

The older brother, whom we'll call Shah, for short, has a yen to see his kid brother, for he hadn't split a bottle with him since Sarah Bernhardt made her first farewell tour. So he gave his Prime Minister the wig-wag to crank up the family camel and bring Ze over for a visit.

Now the Prime Minister was the kind of a go-getter who could sell orange neckties in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day, and he soon had Ze talked into the journey.

So Ze set a crew of slaves to loading nine camels with provisions for the trip. When they had finished he started to check up and found each camel carried nine cases of pre-war stuff and one loaf of bread. This caused him to fly into a terrible rage and he ordered each of the slaves to receive 100 lashes for burdening the camels with so much bread.

After the Simon Legree act, Ze gave the nine Cigarette acts the order to ankle on, and the caravan moved off into what the flickering tin types call “the stillness of the desert.”

When night overtook our Hero he called a halt and was just about to call it a day, when suddenly he thought of a bottle of pre-war stuff that he had been saving for a special occasion, and which he had forgotten to include in his overnight bag.

Now Ze figured that the reunion would be a flop without this bottle of concentrated pink elephants, for it was old enough to shave, having been laid away about the time that Mary Pickford started to play Brat roles in the active daguerro types.

So he grabbed the bottle of pink elephants from his flock of animated Antisocial League insignias and started to burn the breeze back to home and bottle.

When he arrived he was greeted by a sight that would have stunned even a travelling salesman.

There was his Chief Critic in the arms of one of the hired men—and one who was blacker than a mother-in-law's look, at that!

To say that Ze was sorer than a flea on an iron dog is putting it mildly. His wife and her boy friend didn't need a letter from the home folks to know that they were in for a quick trip to heaven via the cemetery. One look at Ze's face told them more than the Daily Gazette.

They were not disappointed. When he got through with those relatives they didn't have any more life in them than a statute of Bismark.

Digging up the bottle, which was the flower of his flock, he started his return journey. But his heart was heavier than a bride's biscuits for he had loved his wife like a landlord loves rent day.

When he arrived at his brother's capital he received a welcome which would make the one accorded a butter-and-egg man in a Broadway shake-down look like a friendly greeting at 3 A. M. when friend husband returns after an enthusiastic evening with his old pal Al K. Hall.

Shah embraced Ze and suggested that he go down into the cellar and take hats off a couple of bottles of real stuff that was so old it was in its second childhood.

But he couldn't get a rise out of Ze who was as blue as an Irving Berlin rag and looked like he would be good company for a rattlesnake cutting a wisdom tooth.

Thinking to cheer him up, Shah started to pull some red hot traveling salesman's bedtime stories, but he might just as well have been playing hymns, for they fell so flat you could have played them on a Victrola.

Ze couldn't think about anything but how his wife had double-crossed him. So the mirth and melody lines that Shah was pulling were a big toothache to him.

Shah thought his brother would snap out of it by morning, but his lunch wasn't any more correct than the rumor floating around Europe that the well-known United States has prohibition.

of my own good wife whom I know to be absolutely true to me.”

“So's your old man! She is as false as a set of store teeth,” was Ze's snappy come-back.

(When Shah had convinced himself that Ze's story was the genuine 18 karat, bottled-in-bond stuff, it didn't take him more than five minutes to fix his wife so that all the neighbors were saying—“Doesn't she look natural?”)

After the funeral the two brothers decided to form an Investigating Committee and do a little Sherlocking to ascertain whether they were the only Chumps in the land.

The results of their investigation gave them a bigger shock than the Electric chair, in fact, they soon found that Boy Friends were as popular as Pyrrhia with the Fraus—four out of five had 'em.

Shah sat down to figure out a system to beat this game. He de-

termined to teach the Frills that crossing him was just as safe and sane as kissing a rheumatic rattlesnake.

So he worked out the clever little idea of taking a new bride each day. Being of an economical turn of mind, he figured that it would cost him \$6.72 less to put on a first-class funeral than to get a divorce. So that was that!

Well, it kept his Prime Minister working harder than a woodpecker on a tin roof supplying him with a new bride each morning, so that the King could have his evening funeral.

Soon the only two Charge Accounts of marriageable age in all the land were his own two daughters, Shahrazad was the eldest, and Duniyazad, the youngest.

Going to his eldest daughter the Prime Minister laid the cards on the table face up and asked her to marry him.

“Listen Dad,” she said, “Don't change in the appearance of Ze; if it won't get you anything but a red nose, but lead me to this Dally Bridgroom,” she continued, “I've kidded experts in my time, and this bird will be duck soup for me.”

So her father—

But, as another great master of the art of telling stories, has so sapiently put it—“That's another story.”

And, if all your children will wash behind your ears and go to bed without crying, we'll tell it to you next week.

He graduated in 1862 and for eight years was a curate at Oxford.

In 1870 he became curate to his father at St. Paul's, Haggerston, London, and in 1874 succeeded his father as vicar. This was a thickly populated parish and one of the very poorest districts in East London.

Mr. Stone's amazing energy and true sympathy made him greatly beloved by the people and there are those even yet who remember him with tender affection.

When he was rector of All Hallows, London Wall, during the ten years he was there he introduced some novel features in Church work. He had noticed that many of the poor people who came to the factory employees came to London with often more than an hour's wait before their work began. He invited these people to a short service in the church and afterwards they were allowed to read, or sew, until it was time to go to work.

This was so much appreciated that the custom has been continued until the present time. In addition to “The Church's One Foundation” Mr. Stone wrote many other hymns including twelve on the Apostles and his hymns are “Weary of Earth and Laden with My Sin” “Lord, of our soul's salvation.” Stone wrote altogether fifty-five hymns, only a few of which are in use outside his own communion. He died of cancer on November 18th, 1900.

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“The Church shall never perish. O dear Lord to defend and cherish us with her to the end; Though there be those that hate her, And false sons in her pale, Against her foe or traitor She never shall prevail.”

But how can the fact of the hymn's universal popularity be accounted for? Dr. E. F. Benson considers that the explanation lies in the fact that all the statements of doctrine are couched in Scriptural terms, and each school of thought is free to interpret those phrases in its accustomed way.

The author was born at Whitmore, Staffordshire, England, in 1839. His father was a typical country parson and until he was thirteen he lived in a rural district. Later he attended the famous Charterhouse School in London and from there he was sent to Oxford.

THE PRESERVATION OF MILK.

Much attention has of late been directed to the importance of securing a clean and safe milk supply. It has been found that wherever a thorough system of milk inspection and control has been introduced there has been a very notable reduction of sickness and death among young children. Much stress is now being laid upon the necessity for producing milk under conditions of the strictest cleanliness, for paying particular attention to the health of cows, and for requiring refrigeration of the milk during its distribution. The pasteurization of the milk has come into very general practice, and has been found to be most efficient in preventing the spread of infection through milk, although it does not lessen its stringency in every stage of its production and distribution. All this has done much towards securing clean and safe milk for the communities in which these precautions are observed. It must be remembered, though, that all this effort may be to great extent nullified if the milk does not receive sufficient care after it has been delivered to the consumer.

Many bacteria multiply in milk with extraordinary rapidity unless the milk be kept cold. Some of the bacteria may bring about such changes in the milk as to render it unfit for food, especially for young children. In order to prevent their development, the milk should be stored in perfectly clean containers and kept at a low temperature. It is much better that bottled milk only should be used, as milk delivered from cans is exposed to dust and flies. No milk into which a fly or dirt of any kind has fallen should be used. Milk pitchers should, therefore, be always kept well covered. If ice is not available, milk may be kept moderately cool by wrapping the container in a wet cloth, and exposing it to a draught of air. The cloth should be kept well moistened. Do not allow milk to stand in the sun.

Health Literature

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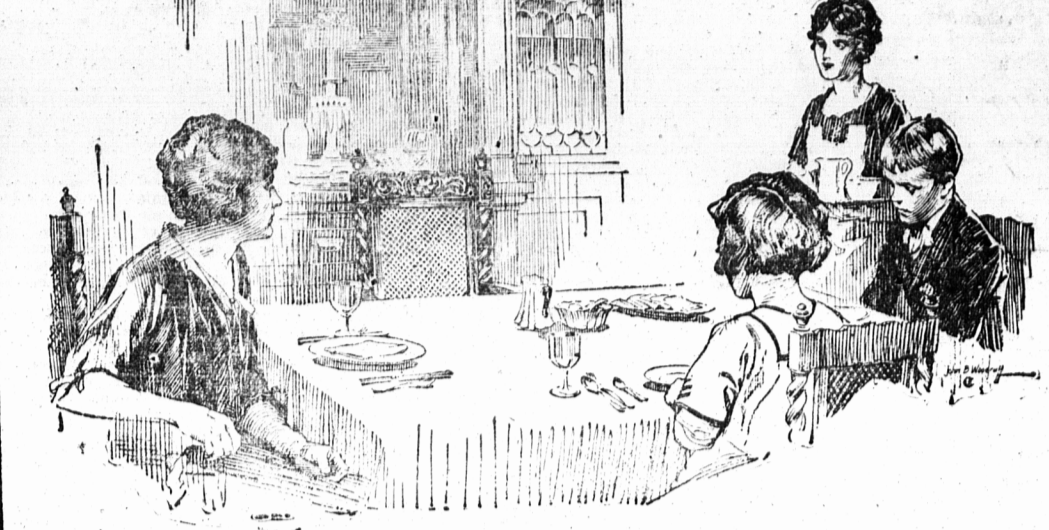
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The Vacant Chair

TODAY you are alive...well...happy. What of Tomorrow?

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