

WHEN BOBBY WAS RICH.

BY HILDA RICHMOND.

"When I get rich I'm going to have everything I want," said Bobby, looking wistfully at the ice cream man with his jingling bells. "I'll have ice cream every day, and maybe twice a day."

"That will be fine," said mamma, with a smile. "And does my little boy think he would be very happy if he could be rich?"

"Of course," said Bobby, positively.

"Bobby, do you want to play being rich a while?" asked Uncle Frank, laying aside his newspaper. "Tell me what is the first thing you would do if you were rich."

"Go down town and buy peanuts," was the prompt answer, and Uncle Frank took up his hat just as promptly.

"Come on, Bob," he said. "If we are not home by dinner time, Hattie, you will know that we haven't finished our purchases yet."

"Let's sit right down here and eat the peanuts," proposed Bobby, when his uncle paid for five sacks of the crisp warm nuts. "They smell so good."

So the two sat down on a little bench by the peanut man's stand, and while he

ate, Bobby planned what else to buy. "I'll guess I'll take some ice cream soda," he said, long before one sack was empty. "I'm getting thirsty."

"After the ice cream soda same candy and bananas and pop-corn. Uncle Frank bought a basket to put the things in, and urged the little boy to get what he wanted. Bobby was trying to make up his mind which ball and bat he would take in the toy store when a queer feeling came over him. He tried to put it by but his knees seemed shaky and his head very light. Uncle Frank was watching closely, but he said nothing.

"I guess I'll go home till after dinner," said Bobby, holding his poor aching head.

"But you were to buy everything this morning," said Uncle Frank. "We were only to play you were rich till we went home."

"I don't want to be rich," wailed Bobby. "I want my mamma."

And what do you think Uncle Frank did? He just picked up the little boy and in less than five minutes mamma was doctoring her small son and making him comfortable on the big lounge.

"Well, Bobby, do you want to be rich this morning?" asked Uncle Frank as he came into the sitting room next day.

"No, sir," said Bobby. "Uncle Frank, I'm sorry I spent so much of your money. Maybe if you take the things back you can get some of it again, for I never want to see peanuts and ice cream any more."

How Uncle Frank and mamma laughed. "You spent just seventy-three cents," said Uncle Frank, gravely, drawing out a small account book, "so I think I will not ask the storekeepers to give my money back."

"Seventy-three cents!" cried Bobby, with wide-open eyes. "I thought I must have spent ten dollars, anyway. Mamma, won't you give away the things in the basket? I never want to see them."

But in a few days Bobby changed his mind and ate the goodies. He never wished to be rich again, and whenever mamma said, "You have had enough, Bobby," he was willing to put away the candy or whatever treat he had.

"I was awful sick that day," he often says, "and I guess it's better when you're poor, isn't it, mamma?"—*The Presbyterian*.

DOGS THAT WEAR SHOES.

In Alaska even the dogs wear shoes—at least part of the time. It is not on account of the cold, for a shaggy Eskimo dog will live and be frisky when a man would freeze to death. The dog does all the work of dragging and carrying, which in the country falls to the horses, and in trotting over the rough ice of the mountain passes his feet soon become bruised and sore. Then his driver makes him soft little moccasins of buckskin or reindeer skin, and ties them on with stout thongs of leather. In this way he will travel easily until his feet are thoroughly healed up. Then he bites and tears his shoes with his sharp wolf-like teeth and eats them up.

Wonderful animals are these dogs of Alaska! Although they are only little fellows,—not more than half the size of a big Newfoundland—they sell from \$75 to \$200 each—more than an ordinary horse will sell for in this country. They will draw two hundred pounds each on a sled, and they are usually driven in teams of six. They need no lines to guide them; for they readily obey the

sound of their master's voice, turning or stopping at a word.

But the Eskimo dogs have their faults. Like many boys, they are over-fond of having good things to eat. Consequently they have to be watched closely, or they will attack and devour stores left in their way, especially bacon, which must be hung out of their reach. At night, when camp is pitched, the moment a blanket is thrown upon the ground, they will run into it and curl up, and neither cuffs nor kicks suffice to budge them. They lie as close to the men who own them as possible, and the miner cannot wrap himself so close that they won't get under the blanket with him. They are human, too, in their disinclination to get out in the morning.—*New England Farmer*.

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Taking this as its text, the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* speaks these words of comfort to girls: "If your flight is above the roof-trees, if your haunts are to be high up among the wind-rocked boughs, the home nest cannot fail to suffer loss. Apart from the loss to those who remain, the daughter who goes out often finds too late the low nest was safest and best. There are colder winds on the mountain crags, and it is the birds of prey that build their nest on high.

"After all one's thinking and talking of progress of man or woman, it is true that nothing ever comes to us that is so sweet as the life of home. Let women seek the largest culture, the broadest freedom, the highest service. All goes well while they keep the home love warm.—When the love wavers, it is time to pause. We are building our nests in the wrong place. Singing birds are to make melody, first, for our nearest and dearest, and when our best is too good for the home, we are placing our nests too high."—*Standard*.

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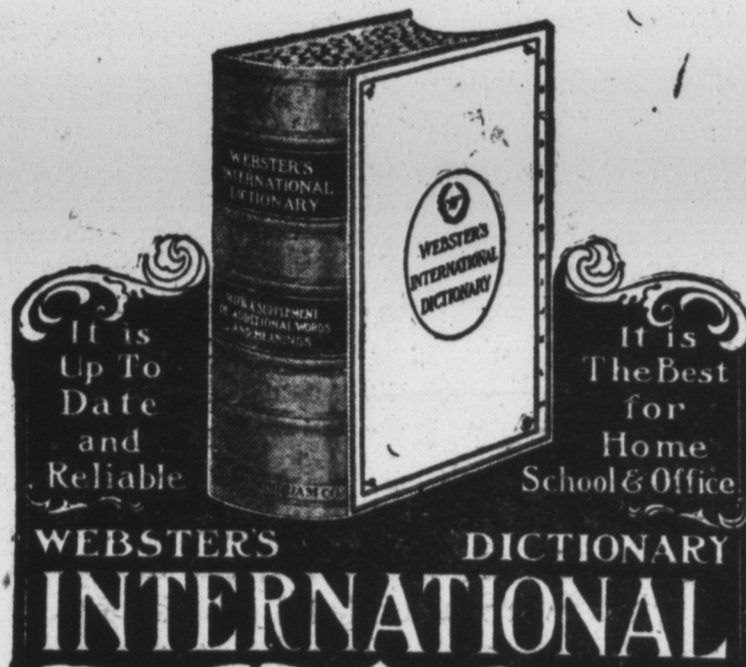
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