

THE SANDMAN STORY

LITTLE EVERGREEN TREE

ONE day when the sun was shining warm and bright and the peach trees were filled with beautiful blossoms a little evergreen tree growing close by its big mother tree began to cry.

"I want a pretty pink gown like the peach trees," it said. "I am tired of this old green dress and the peach trees make fun of me because I never wear anything else."

"Dry your eyes, my dear," said the mother tree, "and I will tell you something."

Little evergreen shook itself softly in the breeze and tried to hold up its head, but its heart was so heavy with



Her Green Gown Peaked Through, Making a Beautiful Picture.

unhappiness it could do little but look at the pretty peach trees in their new pink gowns and wish it had been lucky enough to have grown up a peach tree instead of an evergreen.

"You wear a beautiful shade of green," said the mother tree, "and it never fades; but through all the winter you are dressed, while the peach trees and the other trees as well are naked and bare."

"Isn't that something for which to be thankful? Wait until the fall days come and November winds shake the leaves from all the other trees and then you will know that your thick, beautiful green wears better than the gowns worn by those you now envy."

"Oh, I don't care," said the unhappy little tree. "I want a pink gown now. I am ashamed of this old green thing and the peach trees toss their heads every time they see me."

"There is something else I have not

told you," said the mother tree, "and because you are so discontented I shall keep it for a surprise, for you would not think it worth having now. But this much I will tell you: When the winter comes the peach tree will be envious and not you."

"They won't care for this old 'green dress,'" pouted the little evergreen. "I heard them say it was too bad I never had a change, but had always to wear the same green dress."

"I don't mean your green dress," said the mother tree, "though it will be beautiful then. But something else they will not be able to wear you will have and wear like a queen."

"That was all the mother evergreen told the little tree; but, though it was not happy all summer, it spent part of the time trying to guess what it would wear when winter came that would make the peach trees envious."

"It is cold, mother," said the little evergreen one night. "The wind is blowing all the leaves from the peach trees, those that hung on to the last; but I do not wear anything different from the green gown I wore in the summer."

"Wait and see, my child," replied the mother tree. "The winter days are not here yet."

But one morning the little evergreen awoke to find herself wrapped in a beautiful ermine coat, her green gown peeking through in places and making a beautiful picture, but she did not know how beautiful until she heard a bare tree sigh and then whisper to another naked tree, "Look at that beautiful ermine coat the evergreen tree is wearing."

"Yes," the other sighed, "we wear dainty gowns in the summer, but the evergreens wear their ermine and diamonds in the winter like kings and queens. How nice it must be to be an evergreen tree. Our naked limbs will not hold a coat as theirs do."

At last little evergreen tree was happy. Somebody envied her, and the next summer when all the peach trees were wearing their pretty pink frocks she kept her thoughts on her rich coat of ermine that she wore in the winter and all the other trees wished they could wear.

Perhaps, like the little evergreen tree, some of us do not appreciate the things we have because we are too busy wishing for something that belongs to others when our own possessions may be worth far more.

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Towns Reforesting

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In Framingham 57 acres are to be reforested. Five thousand red pine and 5,000 Norway spruce will go in on the town farm this year, and each following year 15,000 white pine will be set until the entire acreage is covered. Pride in the coming forests is being exhibited by these communities, and this augurs well for such enterprises in the future.

Not Too Late for Cleanup

The beauty of a city and the value of its property also may be greatly increased by the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. Every yard, from the large ones which provide an opportunity for the skill of the landscape gardener down to the smallest patches of ground, can be made more attractive and in most cases with a minimum expenditure and an average degree of attention. An observance of cleanup week aids particularly in improving the appearance of vacant lots, which too often are overgrown with unsightly weeds or permitted to become the dumping ground for debris of various kinds. The benefits of the cleanup movement extend to the elimination of fire hazards and the removal of refuse, which might become a breeder of flies and mosquitoes, thus assisting in preserving the health of the neighborhood.

Thrift Is Independence

To safeguard your future, secure independence and make real headway in the world, save money. Heed this, for it is the truth; and in this truth and the way you use it lies the success or failure of your life.—Homer LaSalle.

What to Take for SICK HEADACHE

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First United States Bank

The first bank in the United States was the Bank of North America, in Philadelphia. It was chartered by the Continental congress on December 31, 1781. As originally established it was the idea of Robert Morris. This bank is still in existence.

Cylinders Denote Wealth

In Burma there is a peculiar way of judging a man's wealth. A rich man owns a large number of cylinders, a poor man is he who has none, no matter what actual stock or other vast possessions he may have. They also use small cannon for currency.

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"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

PAULINE

PAULINE is a musically pleasing feminine name which is really of itself a diminutive and an endearment. It means little and has a quaint origin, in that it is said to be derived from Paulus or Paulus, the name given to one of the Aemilian gens of Rome, who was small in stature. In Europe, this straightway became Paul, a name made immortal by the splendid saint of that name.

Paula was honored as the feminine of his name and also as the name of the friend and correspondent of Saint Jerome, the mother of Eustochium. Paola is consequently found in Italy and named the heroine of one of the most exquisite romances of history, that of Paola and Francesca.

Paulina is the diminutive of Paola, and Paulina and Paolina are favorite forms everywhere. Spain has always retained Paula and, curiously enough, the Teutonic version is identical with the soft vowel formation of the Spanish. Pauline became more popular than any other form in France for the sake of that favorite grandchild whose Christian name is almost the only one mentioned in Madame de Sevigne's letters. In fact, it is the only form commonly recognized in France, though the sister of Napoleon was called Paulette by her own family. Italy has evolved another form from Paola, which it calls Paolino and the Slavs change the "o" to a "v" and call it Pavlina.

Pauline's jewel is the pearl, which promises charm and goodness and popularity to its wearer. The gem brings good luck and insures friends. Sunday is her lucky day and 4 her lucky number. Her flower is the lily, signifying purity.

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The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRDING KING

THE SPILT WINE

IF WINE is accidentally spilt on the table touch it with your finger and apply the finger to your forehead. It will bring you luck. This could not happen in these days of course. But it might! It is well to be prepared. Anyway it is an old and popular superstition of pre-Volstead days. The superstition is, of course, an inheritance from the days when our pagan forefathers used to begin their feasts by pouring a "libation to the gods." A cup of wine was thrown on the floor, or tossed high and fell back on the table, as a preliminary to the business of eating. It was an offering, a sacrifice, to the gods begging them to be propitious to the feast—a pagan grace before meat. The wine accidentally spilt upon the table represents this "libation to the gods" and by putting your finger in the wine so spilt, and touching your forehead with it, you, by magic of contact, more personally implore the gods for good luck.

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Men You May Marry

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a Man Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: Soft voiced, self-made, glories in it; well groomed, close-fisted, only spends his time or money on the girl he thinks wants him for a spouse. Dependable, unexciting, likes to play bridge to bridge his small accomplishments, always ready to do things if you suggest them. No education, his English often on the blink, awfully good natured, wears light top buttoned boots, proud of his physique though small in stature.

IN FACT

He is a small proposition.

Prescription to the Bride:

R A dose of unprohibited stimulants daily and another nightly.

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