

HOME EDUCATION

The Child's First School Is the Family—Froebel

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Bobby's Brother

LARRY GRAY

Large-eyed Bobby, large-nosed Bobby, large-earred Bobby, sat on the front porch and stared forlornly down the street in the direction from which his father would come.

Bobby's hair was uncombed, his hands dirty, and he was as sad as the day he was born. From the house came the wailing of a young baby, and Bobby knew that his mother was coming to answer the cry. In fact she seemed to expect her son completely. Bobby was she in the new world.

Bobby's little fat legs hung from the street. Pater and Bobby trotted until he hurried to his father's arms.

"Hello, Son!" The father patted Bobby's head. "How's baby brother?"

"Bobby's no good. Bobby loves her. Not!" The round eyes of Bobby were wide.

"Why don't you love Bobby?"

"I love my mummy! I want my mummy!"

Bobby smiled understandingly at the son in his shoulder. Bobby played happily home. Bobby did not feel hurt.

"It was glad Daddy was so busy."

"Daddy!" said Father that day. "Do you think Bobby is a good baby?"

"Bobby?" What a question! Bobby thought it over.

"Bobby always had your care and love and has been made a baby of. Now, I think he is a good baby and is unhappy. He feels like a baby and blames the mother."

"I try to give him more love, but it's hard when he is so small."

"Father and Mother discussed the subject further, and Mother made a plan."

"Bobby," she called as she went into his room next door. "I want you to help me with Bobby."

"Bobby jumped up in surprise and ran to Bobby's new room. He liked doing it because his help was wanted."

"Bobby was waiting for him at the door. Bobby had told her that he was waiting for him at the door where they slept together above the covers."

"Bobby and I must take great care of Bobby. You are her big brother. You will love you and play with Bobby when he is bigger. Now she is small and weak, but you are strong."

"I won't let big dogs hurt her," Bobby promised.

"Bobby and son tripped down the stairs together—like old times. Nurse had shown him the way before. Bobby had told her that he was waiting for him at the door where they slept together above the covers."

"Bobby's breakfast Bobby helped Bobby's bath. He aired small pieces of the floor and handed Bobby the needed articles in time. He reached out and gently touched Bobby's silky hair. Then Bobby's smiling moment he was asked to hold the precious thing."

"Bobby's Mother had no time to let him nor to play a game, and he used to do. But he didn't mind for Mother and he together took care of baby, making Bobby welcome in the family."

"The evening, Bobby tore to see his father. "Daddy," the little boy shouted, "I'm baby's brother!"

"Of course you are. I'm her brother!"

Daddy, Mother, Daddy, and Brother, we three, are going to make little Sister happy!"

"Sh, ah!" cautioned Bobby as they entered. "She might be asleep!" He walked with quiet importance into the house, no longer feeling left out of things.

Cuba Township

Mrs. Thomas Smith is to be hostess to the Mothers' club on Thursday at the Kelsey school. Mother's club Christmas party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, each one to bring a wrapped gift for exchange. The children's program will be held on December 20 at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kelsey and children Verdelie, Ward and Francis of Chicago spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pegg of Chicago spent the week-end at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riley and children Frances and Lawrence, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jacobs of Union. It was a double birthday celebration for Lawrence and Bobby Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelsey were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen of Crystal Lake were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lacrochulte.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelsey entertained relatives and boy friends of their son Roland Sunday in honor of his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karen Hanson of Chicago enjoyed Sunday at their cottage.

Mrs. John Rosendauter and son left for their Detroit home Friday having enjoyed a few weeks visit with her sister Mrs. John Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petrik and George Petrik of Cary were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelsey.

Frank Kirby and daughter Myrtle called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Vogel of Dundee.

George Denk and Oscar Dellow of Elgin called at the Kraus home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riley and children Frances and Lawrence spent Saturday in Elgin.

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Furry-Day, Annual Fests

Its Origin Is Unknown

Furry-day is a fest-day observed annually, and only in the town of Helestone near the extreme tip of Cornwall, England. The origin of the festival and the origin of the name are both lost in antiquity, but the Literary Digest. Local legend connects the festival with the name of the town. It is said that a huge granite block, lying within the town up to 150 years ago, formerly lay at the door of hell; that Satan carrying it away for some diabolical purpose encountered St. Michael, and that, seeing from the victorious saint, he dropped the stone in his haste. Thereafter the day of the struggle has been commemorated annually, with Michael as the patron saint of the town.

The celebration is observed by a morris-dance called variously the fudd-dance, fade-dance, or furry-dance. Possibly the name furry may be a corruption from fair, O, from the second line of a verse in the tune always sung during the dance:

Robin Hood and Little John,
They both are gone to the fair, O,
And we will be merry with you,
To see what they do there, O,
And for to chase, O,
To chase the buck and doe,
With Hal-an-tow.

Jolly riddle, O.

Formerly, the entire village took part in the dance, and anyone failed to observe the fests, if detected, was ridden on a rail and dumped into the river. The dancers walked two and two during the first half of each verse of the tune; at the second half the first man turned the second lady and the second man turned the first lady. All doors in the village were left open and at their will the dancers might traverse any house and garden. The day was always closed by a ball.

Several Indian Tribes

Once Owned Part of Ohio It cannot be determined definitely just how long it has been since Indians inhabited Ohio, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Early in October, 1817, a treaty between the United States commissioners (General Cass of the territory of Michigan and Gen. Duncan McArthur of Ohio) and the Indians who had possession of lands in the northwestern corner of the state, was concluded at Fort Meigs. The cession made by the Indians on this occasion nearly extinguished their title in the state.

One of the earliest tribes which inhabited Ohio was the Erie, or Cat tribe. They dwelt in the region

Iron Ore Orement

Copper and tin were the first useful metals to be discovered, iron being originally used only as an ornament.

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