

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....

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In a busy world, folks often lose track of former neighbors, colleagues or friends.

An article in the newspaper or a mention on a TV show sometimes prompts the question of what ever happened to a former movie star, politician or other prominent person.

But, did you ever wonder what happened to your favorite characters in fairy tales and nursery rhymes? Researchers have come up with some answers and here's a sample.

Jack married Jill. He is completely recovered from his brain injuries and they live in a split level in Highlands Ranch. Another famous Jack was acquitted of the charge of murdering the giant. He's in a witness protection program, married to the Count's daughter and living on proceeds from an IRA purchased with funds from sale of the golden egg and an ongoing flourishing agribusiness venture, Jack's Beans, fresh from the Stalk.

Remember Rumpelstiltskin? Investigative reporters interviewed some of his former business associates recently and found that Stiltskin, still so angry that his name was discovered by the local miller's daughter, now a Queen, that he lost his power to spin straw into gold. He turned to real estate investments and has changed his name to Donald Trump.

Word about another fairy tale marriage, but this one didn't work out so well. Still another guy named Jack is involved...Jack Sprat. He has split from his wife. Despite years in Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig and an appearance on America's Biggest Losers, Mrs. Sprat just couldn't shed the pounds. Jack is now dating Twiggy.

Some short takes on the fate of other fabled characters:

Little Boy Blue is now Big Man Blues blowing first trumpet in a Las Vegas Jazz Band.

A best selling organic product is Miss Muffett's cheese curds.

Pinocchio has been named host of the revival of the TV game show, "To Tell the Truth"

Cinderella just won a million dollar lawsuit. She sued her stepsisters for defamation of character and abusive behavior. The sisters counter-sued, but lost. The judge ruled that despite the derogatory characterization of their facial features, the sisters were, under any interpretation of the law, truly ugly.

And finally, Snow White and the Prince revealed recently on Facebook that most of the seven dwarfs are doing pretty well. Doc has a thriving proctology practice in New York City. Happy was just named president of his local Optimist Club. Sleepy is testing Sealy mattresses for Jake Jabs. Sneezy is the subject of a comprehensive allergy study. Grumpy is enrolled in an anger management program. Bashful is taking assertiveness training after graduating from a Dale Carnegie class. And Dopey...well, Dopey was just elected to Congress.