

QUOTATION

H. R. GARIS ON CONDITIONED SNEEZING

In Story XVII, "Uncle Wiggily and Sammie's Kite," of *Uncle Wiggily's Picture Book*, Uncle Wiggily is on his way to the store when he encounters Mr. Twistytail the pig gentleman, who is also a barber:

"Where are you going, Mr. Twistytail?" asked Uncle Wiggily.

"I have just made a wig of very fine curled hair," said Mr. Twistytail, "and I am taking the wig to the bald eagle."

"I didn't know you made wigs for bald eagles," spoke Uncle Wiggily.

"Why, yes, of course I do," grunted the pig gentleman. "Don't you remember the song: 'Barber, barber, shave a pig. How many hairs will make a wig? Four and twenty—that's enough. Give the barber a pinch of snuff.'"

"Yes, I remember that," said Uncle Wiggily.

"Well," went on Mr. Twistytail, "the bald eagle gave me a pinch of snuff—aker-choo—excuse me, but every time I think of snuff I have to sneeze. The bald eagle gave me a pinch of snuff—aker-choo—excuse me. The bald eagle gave me a pinch of snuff—aker-choo—excuse me—."

"Say, look here," laughed Uncle Wiggily. "Never mind about the—well—never mind about—you know what—go on with your story."

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