

HOW BIG HUMPF SKUNK BECAME

H-S got bigger and bigger as he got older. He got so big that his aunts and uncles couldn't reach up and pat him on the cheek and tell him what a good boy he was. By the time he was 15 ½ years old, if he stood up straight, often his head was in the clouds so that he had a difficult time seeing where he was going. The government used to hang a light around his head so that planes would be warned away, just like on tall buildings. H-S didn't mind it because he was able to see better where he was going at night and the light was furnished free. He didn't especially like it's flashing every couple of seconds and the red color made everything look a little peculiar too. He had to remember to turn it off when he laid down to go to sleep so that it wouldn't keep him from sleeping.

He was so tall that he often could straddle some of the smaller mountains by carefully placing his feet in the valleys next to the mountains. He had to be careful not to crush roads and bridges and railroads as he walked and he knew better not to step on any towns or villages. That is why he mostly stayed out in the country and why a lot of people never saw him or knew about him. He was so tall that when he took his dog out for a walk, he had to use binoculars to see the dog clear down on the ground. He could only take one step and then wait for a long time for the dog to run and catch up to him, so only the dog got a lot of exercise and the walks took a lot of time.

He had to wear boots so that the trees and telephone poles wouldn't be slivers in his feet. Whenever he walked by California, the people kept claiming that they were having another of their earthquakes. He was so tall that the eagles used to soar and fly around his head which used to annoy him. He swatted so many eagles that since then a lot of the eagles have gotten bald and the government had to make him stop because the eagles are our national bird. He hated it when the eagles tried to make nests in his ears and when they did, he had to walk carefully for weeks so that he wouldn't shake the little eagles out of their nests before they could fly. He also didn't like the eagles bringing dead sheep and leaving them in his ears. He once had bats roosting in his nose where they would hang upside down on the hairs in his nose. He used to sneeze every spring which made it possible for a new lot of bats to try to roost there.