

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

A BORN FIGHTER.

One day Tinker Bob the wonderful King of the Forest, and Silky, the foolish monkey were resting in the shade of a forest tree near the river when they heard a terrible fuss not far away. Of course Silky could not resist, he must be on hand if there was any trouble about. His curiosity led him into trouble a good many times. As for Tinker Bob he was King of the Forest and had a right to go where there was trouble, for that was his business.

"I wonder what all this fuss can be about," he asked as they started off in the direction of the sound. "It seems that all of the feathered creatures of the forest are there. At least there is noise enough."

"When they arrived Tinker was somewhat surprised to see Mr. Hawk in trouble. He was flying back and forth above the forest trees greatly disturbed. Some brave fellow was following him and every now and then he would scream and go close enough to pull a feather or two from Mr. Hawk's back. "I wonder who that fellow can be," asked Tinker. "He is such a small creature in comparison with Mr. Hawk."

"Chebec! Chebec! Chebec!" came the familiar cry, "that is my fighting cousin," Tinker Bob was surprised to see Mr. and Mrs. Chebec so close.

"Well, he is a brave fellow indeed to follow Mr. Hawk after that manner," said the King. "But I didn't know you had a fighting cousin."

"Chebec! Oh, he is the best friend we have in the forest for he is so brave he will fight all of our enemies at once."

Just then this fighter came soaring down to the old stump by the river to receive congratulations from his forest friends. Then it was that Tinker Bob noticed that he had a black bill with a crook in it, and his head and back were dark also, but his tail was edged with pure white.

"So you are a cousin of the Chebecs



Every now and then he would scream and go close enough to pull a feather. are you?" asked the King.

"Yes, that's what they say, so I guess it's all right."

"His proper name is Kingbird for he is afraid of nothing," said Chebec. "They call me Scrapper for short. But I can't stand having that Hawk molest everyone in the forest, and that's just the thing he wants to do. He steals eggs and kills the little ones and makes life miserable in general for all of the feathered folks. He makes me angry and I drive him away every time I see him."

"But you are pretty small to go after such a fellow as that," said Tinker Bob.

"He moves out of here just the same," said Mr. Kingbird. Then suddenly he darted out to catch a fly but it wasn't a fly.

What do you think it was?
Next—The King Meets Beaty.

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TOPE POEMS.

Shave—and a haircut,
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Match—and a gas tank,
"—Boom! Boom!"

Girl—and a pale moon,
"—Ker-smack"

Booze—and a dry gent,
"—Ten days!"

Soup—and a fat man
"—s-l-o-o-p!"

Boy—and a small drum,
"—Goodnight!"

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NOT OURN.

"If you have any records you are tired of, send them to the Salvation Army," urges The Louisville Herald. "But, supposin' they belong to the family next door?"

The latest decree of fashion is that the parasol must match the bathing suit. Wee be unto her who loses her parasol, anyhow isn't the weather just too lovely?

The sixteen-year-old Princess who is having her first love affair doesn't know that it is going to develop into an epidemic.

Some crabby old cynics claim that women are heartless. But he's all wrong. The way most of them dress now you can see their hearts beating.

MY OWN CAREER

BED-TIME CONFIDENCES.

Gwendia spent the evening quietly with Fern. She prepared a nice little supper for them, then completely exhausted from the exciting events of the day, she snuggled on to the foot of her cousin's bed for a good-night chat.

"You were simply wonderful, Gwendy, dear," said Fern, admiringly, looking at Gwendia with shining eyes. "You really saved me from being dragged through all this mess, and being in every paper tomorrow night. How can I ever thank you enough?"

"By resting all day tomorrow and not thinking about the shooting any more. Above all, don't mention to anybody that you were here at the time it occurred, for you know as well as I do just how quickly the little old village gossips. Hear me?"

"Indeed I do, and I'll not mention a word to anyone. Poor, poor Fedya, how dreadful he must feel now. I am so glad that he is not fatally hurt, Gwendy. He deserves better luck than he has had all these years, after all. We must go and see him in a day or two, it will cheer him up a lot. I know. Half of Fedya's troubles come from his awful loneliness. I've had several talks with him lately, and I know. He has been awfully sweet to me, and seems to understand just how I feel about life. He never did before, never had the time to give butterfly Fern more than a passing thought or a shrug."

"Oh, Fedya's all right, if he would only give himself half a chance. And if fate had only given him half a chance," answered Gwendia. "He is not by any means as black as the world tries to paint him, no, not even about women. And I think he has improved vastly of late."

"At least he did stick to his wife, bad as she was. That speaks well for his loyalty," said Fern, with a bitter look. "Especially when you think of the disloyalty of other men."

Here Gwendia promptly changed the subject, for she felt that they were on dangerous ground, and Fern had been through enough that afternoon without working herself up to a point of hysterics on account of her past. Gwendia stretched her tired arms and smiled cheerily at her cousin, then got up and announced that it was high time for a cup of good cocoa and bed.

"Don't have to work in the morning, bad as she was. Fern-o, so we'll have a real holiday, you and I, a real old-fashioned one. We'll sleep till noon, then go to a matinee, and then have dinner somewhere it's quiet. Then go to the theater again in the evening. Won't that be fine?"

"You darling," said Fern, giggling merrily at the very thought of such bliss. "You dear, wonderful girl. How could I ever have run away and left you?" And she hugged Gwendia heartily.

"Back to bed, Miss," commanded Gwendia, imperatively. "And now for the all-satisfying beverage. I'll be with you in ten minutes."

(To be continued.)

EVANGELIST URGES CONTROL OF ONESELF

"Not only know thyself, but control thyself," was the warning in the sermon of Dr. Lee McB. White, pastor of the Kinston First Baptist church, Wednesday night at Ninth Avenue Baptist church. "Christ's Secret of Life Success" was his subject.

To be thoroughly acquainted with one's self is the first requisite of life, declared the speaker.

"Know thyself and control thyself avail not unless the real secret of Christ is learned when he said deny thyself," said Dr. White. "We must deny ourselves of intellectual preconceptions, pride in our own thinking. Again we must deny ourselves certain worldly pleasures that degrade instead of ennobling our lives."

Special music featured the service, a duet by Earl Wolslagel, of Asheville, and John D. Carroll, being especially good.

Dr. White will select as his subject Thursday night, "The Complete Man in Christ." The service starts at 7:45 o'clock.

CITY HAS LISTED 378 TUBERCULOSIS CASES

In the monthly report made by Miss Norma P. Leitch, supervising nurse of the Charlotte Co-operative Nurses' Association, it was shown that 378 tuberculosis cases were on the list for May, 20 of which were new cases. Seventeen cases were withdrawn either by cure or death of the patient or withdrawal from treatment.

Ninety-two cases were cared for by white nurses of the general, industrial and infant hygiene division, while 18 new cases of negro patients were treated by negro nurses.

The final report of white and negro nurses showed that 86 schools were visited during the month of May and 438 defects in the health or treatment of patients made and eleven corrected.

While the venereal clinic does not come directly under the nursing association's supervision, the monthly report of that branch of the public health office, was included in Miss Leitch's report. It showed 255 treatments for venereal disease were given in the clinic.

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BY ROY K. MOULTON

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Dear Roy—Do you suppose President Harding is anxious for a settlement of the shipping strike, so we can get back to Normal sea?—C. N. E.

New York bridegroom fainted while on his way to his wedding. What will happen to him when he begins getting the household bills?

OH, THE POOR THINGS!

A high school club in Evanston had a meeting the other night and debated on the question: "Resolved, That this age is more immoral than any previous age." Almost without exception, the sixty-five club members voted in the affirmative and then drew up a list, setting forth the dances, the short skirts, the low-necked dresses and other self-revelations of the present day as horrible examples of the things to be shunned.

Each of the thirty young men of the class pledged himself after the meeting never, never to speak to or walk with any girl whose skirt is too short.

Some of our more blasé readers will ask: "How can any girl's skirt be too short?" and who is to decide when it is?

The Pilgrim fathers missed a lot by

living too soon. How old Cotton Mather would enjoy himself in America now.

Carpenter brought a private chef over with him, and the chef has paid for himself already by receiving a column in every paper in the country, with picture.

Two or three days ago we asked a series of test questions stating that any one who answered all of them correctly would be considered intelligent enough to hold a \$130 a month job. Nobody has qualified, but J. A. S. has sent some answers that seem worth while.

Q.—What is punk made of? A.—Some vaudeville we have seen.

Q.—Was Napoleon named after a piece of French pastry? A.—No. Neither was the secretary of the United States treasury named after a fruit.

Q.—Can you name ten living ex-presidents of the United States? A.—No, but I can name the ex-president of a certain bank.

Q.—Which is the correct side to milk a cow on? A.—The lower right-hand corner.

Q.—Why did Grover Cleveland wear suspenders? A.—None of your business.

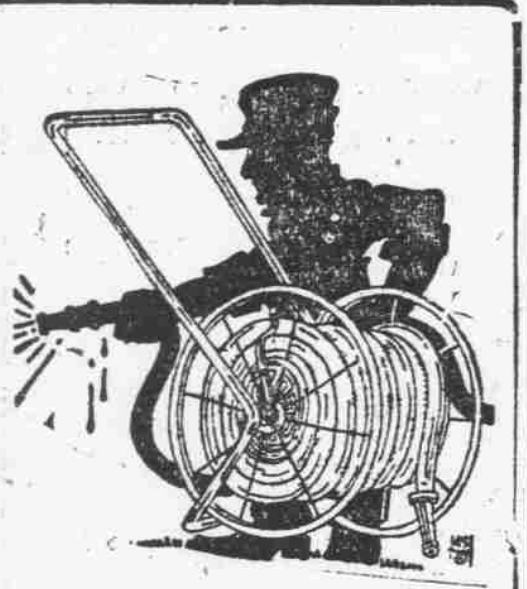
English photographers asked Colonel Harvey, the new American ambassador, to wipe his glasses. It was a wrench, but he did it, and nobody will ever recognize the photographs. The colonel was the first man in the world to wear the large, bone-rimmed spectacles now so common in literary and cloak and suit circles.

A man who stole \$3,500 worth of radium and returned it, saying he did not realize its value, is being praised for his honesty, but probably he didn't know what to do with it.

The dollar is climbing in value so fast we will soon be able to buy something with it.

According to a fashion journal, silk stockings are here to stay, but we have had some silk socks that didn't stay very long.

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St. Petersburg, Fla., June 2.—A low record for fire damage was established here in May, the loss amounting to five dollars. Last month's fire losses totalled \$118.

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9:08a	15	Monroe-Ruth-ton connections.	15	9:08a		
9:55a	34	Wilmington and Raleigh connections.	34	9:40a		
5:00p	29	Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet connections.	19	12:35p		
3:45p	31	Wilmington - Raleigh and Ruth-ton connections.	31	3:35p		
8:20p	16	Monroe - Ruth-ton connections for Norfolk, Richmond and points North.	16	8:12p		

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