

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

A TRAVELING BRIAR PATCH.

Now Billy Mink had a long body and short legs. He was very spry but could not run very fast. He was seldom caught away from the underbrush of the forest where he could find hiding places easily. His feet being short, and his neck being long, he could crawl into very small holes. And not a few times did he chase Jack the Rabbit out of a hole. Jack knew better than to enter a hole that had only one entrance for he was always on the lookout for Billy Mink was Mr. Weasel.



"You look as though you had run into the Briar Patch."

When Tinker Bob appeared Billy was in a pickle for he knew he had done wrong by going after Chief Porky, the Porcupine of the Forest. Whether the King had seen him or not the King could see the thorn-quills in his nose and by them alone he could tell where Billy had been. And Oh, those old thorn quills anyway! His nose would be all swelled out of shape if he didn't get them out very soon. But he would rather suffer and have his nose swell up than to have the King of the Forest know anything about his trouble with the Forest Chief.

"Well, well, well," said Tinker Bob as he came up. "What does all this mean Billy? You look as though you had run into the Briar Patch."

"O King, I did run into the Briar Patch," said Billy, thinking that would let him out very nicely and he would not have to mention anything about Chief Porky. "My nose is pretty sore but I think it will get better after while. I want to go to see Dr. Coon about it soon."

"What kind of a Briar Patch did you get into?" inquired the King.

"Well it was a terrible Briar Patch and so full of Briars that I could not see my way to go through or to come out," replied Billy.

"But the Briars seem to be black and white, and some of them very long. I don't know where they are. A Briar Patch like that about here."

"Well, O King, you haven't been into this one or you would know all about it."

it for you can readily see that I have been there and I know."

"But you know that I have been to all the Briar Patches in the Forest. And you can't be very far away from the Patch now for you can't travel very fast. I just can't understand where that Briar Patch is."

Billy Mink was puzzled for he knew nothing more to tell the King so that he wouldn't think of Chief Porky. While he was thinking the unexpected happened, and Chief Porky himself came up. Well Billy Mink nearly fainted for he knew that now it was all over and the King would know all about it.

"Well, well, it looks to me," said Tinker Bob, "as though this was the Briar Patch you ran into, and I don't think I am mistaken."

Next—Jerry Gets a Job He Doesn't Like.

OFFICE CAT



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POME.

The saddest words
The umpire shouts
For home club stars—
"Three strikes, yer out!"

PA'S LITTLE WHEELIE.

Plainly Dorothea was worried.
"Wikee," she asked her father, instinctively shifting his wallet to him inside vest pocket;
"Oh, Dear," she sighed, "I ate onions for supper and Cecylie just phoned to say that he was coming over."
"Oh, I see—so you're awaiting his arrival with baited breath!"

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(Ad in Terre Haute Tribune.)
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BR-R-R-R.

A hoob we know
At early dawn
Goes forth to mow
His dewey lawn.

A millionaire's daughter must be decidedly homesy when reporters don't refer to her as a charming heiress.

CONSIDER CONSOLIDATION.

Atlanta, Ga., June 16.—Plans for merger under the home mission board of all work done among negroes by the Southern Baptist conventions are under consideration by the board at its annual meeting here, it was announced Wednesday night.

DAVIS IS W. & L. TRUSTEE.

Lynchburg, Va., June 16.—John W. Davis, former Ambassador to Great Britain, Wednesday telegraphed his acceptance of membership on the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University to which he was elected this week.

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Gwenda swam with him, motored with him, and climbed the tallest peaks of the tallest mountains, with him at her side. Jakob never wavered in his determination to woo and win her. This vivacious stranger from a strange land, the more she dallied, the harder he pursued.

"You'd certainly be mistress in your own home if you married Jakob," said Fern with a laugh, some weeks after Gwenda had met him, "and you'd never be bored for whatever else failed Jakob, could always yodel for your amusement. He yodles beautifully. I heard him at it coming through one of the mountain passes the other morning. Besides, he is fabulously wealthy, and could give you everything your heart desired, my dear. That in itself is an inducement."

"Nonsense; I have no intention of marrying Jakob, or any one else in this part of the country, Fern," she answered rather crossly. Nevertheless that very night Gwenda sat down and wrote a long letter to John, telling him all about her lover, of his fortune and his many accomplishments.

She waited impatiently for an answer, but a week went by—and still she had not heard from John Neale. "Too busy with some doe-eyed Italian signorina, no doubt," she said to herself petulantly. "Well, he'll wait a long time before I write again. Though I really have no reason to be peeved because John does not take sufficient interest in my

affairs to write and congratulate or may be upbraid me!"

After ten days she received a short note from Milan, telling her he was frantically busy but had noted with interest her news. Suggested that she accept the smiling Jakob as! by so doing make him the happiest man in the world.

"Light words, Mister John," she muttered after reading this "but I wonder if you really mean them, way down deep? Who can tell? men are strange animals after all."

"Ready to go on up to Paris, you two?" asked Podyz the next day, "or would that be a wrong move on your part, Gwenda? Fern, here, tells me that you have lost your heart to our ruddy young Jakob. If so, we'll stay on and see it through with you, my dear. Just say the word."

Gwenda shook her dark head angrily at him. "We'll leave her just as soon as we can pack and clear out and I'm not a bit in love with Jakob, so there."

And dry-eyed she parted from her admirer on the morrow, promising to write to him, but beyond that not incriminating herself in the least.

(To be continued.)

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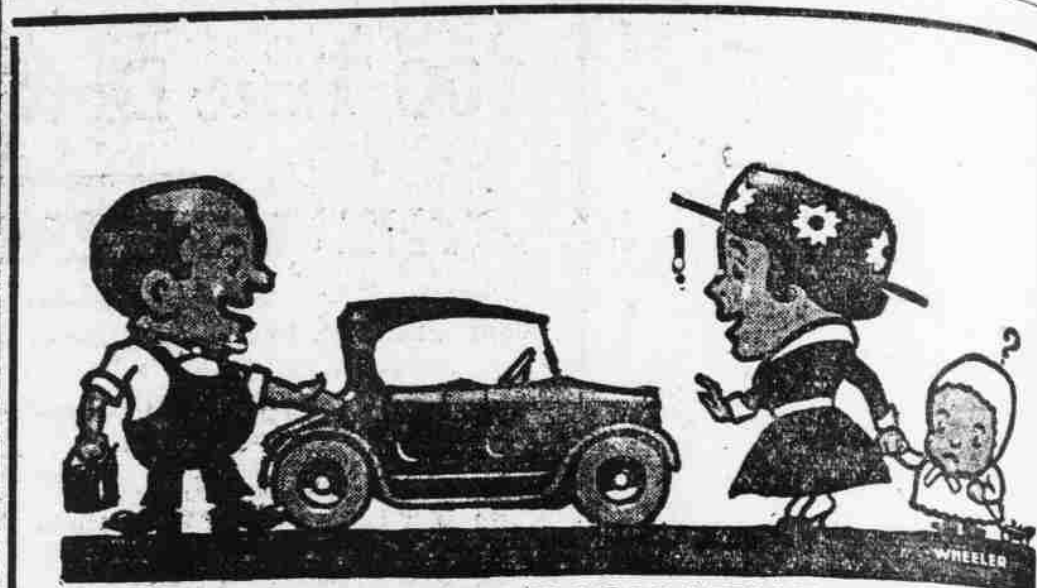
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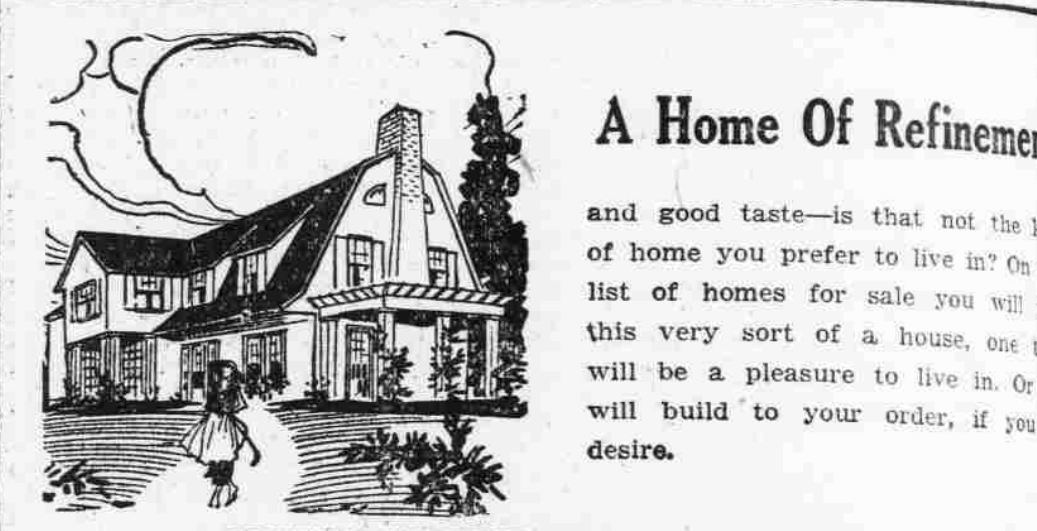


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ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

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I do not like the auto rides
Folks take on Sabbath day.
And I don't see why they should go
And dine in a cafe.

I do not like the cigarettes
Nor pipes that people puff.
And as for golf and pinocle,
They should cut out that stuff.

I think the movies ought to close
And theaters as well.
And my opinion of croquet,
I can't find words to tell.

I do not like amusement parks.
They're rough and most uncouth.
I think the scenic railways are
Just ruining our youth.

I do not like a single thing
That fills one's mind with glee.
For I am a reformer and
The world looks punk to me.

Some of those European countries
Are evidently tired of waiting for the
next war and are starting it now.

A beauty specialist has invented a
permanent blush. Well, that is what
we need nowadays.

In looking over a magazine, I came across the following advertisement. The language is wonderful.

A Necklace of Tosco Pearls falls naturally into an exquisite curve of pure and moving beauty."

How is that possible on a short, stout and red-skinned woman? It cannot be done.

Nothing changes the complexion of things like a drug store.

One economist suggests reducing expenses instead of raising taxes. This is slightly revolutionary, but interesting withal as a new idea is always interesting.

Scientist says that, from a physical standpoint, we are much inferior to prehistoric man. He also seems to have had it on us from a mental standpoint. He never had to ride in a street car or pay an income tax.

"Do you make much money marrying eloping couples from New York?" asked a friend of a Connecticut justice.
"Oh, I do pretty well," was the reply.
"I get \$5 for marrying 'em and then I generally fine 'em \$10 for speeding, they come so fast."

Now that Demsey and Carpenter are both going to win, what is the use of holding the fight?

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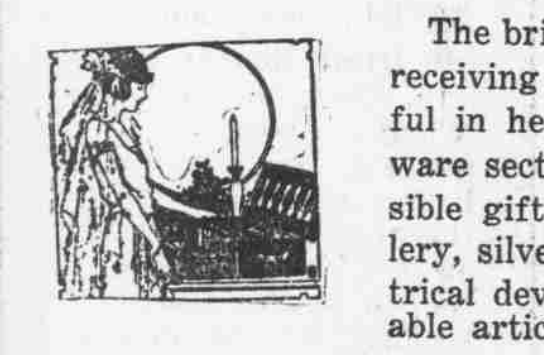
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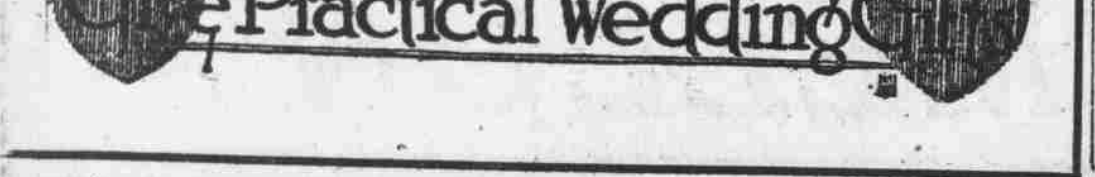
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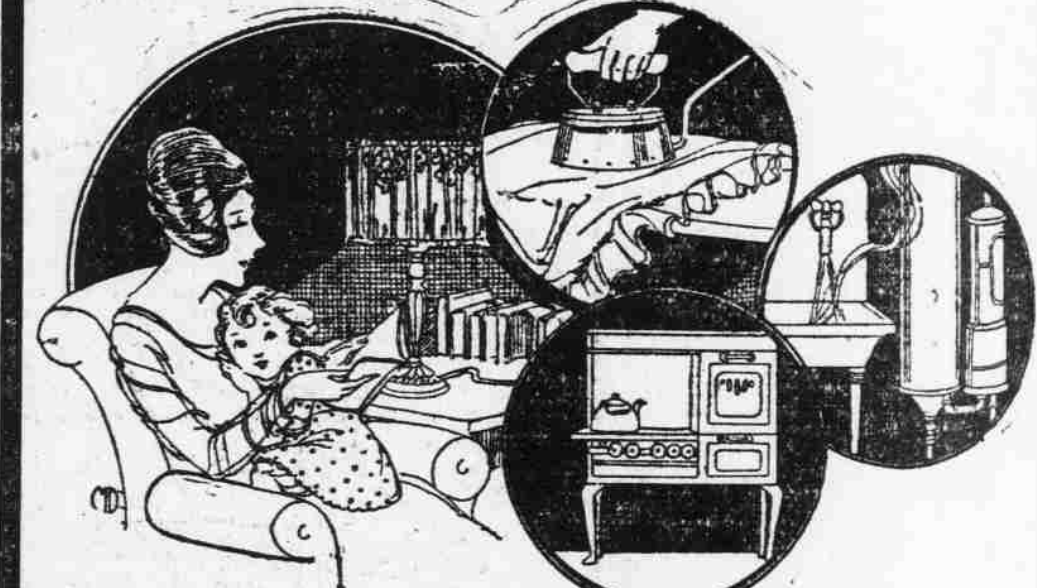
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