

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb
DR. COON SUGGESTS A TRIAL.

Red Fox began to think they were making fun of him because of their continued whispering and he didn't like it. It was not his fault that he was lifted into the air and then dropped into the Lake. That was enough to frighten anyone in the forest. He could say no more than that which he had said even though they did call Dr. Coon.

"I am not pleased with the way my friends are doing," he said to Chief Porky, who seemed to be the only one that did not whisper.

"They are afraid you are frightened so badly that you cannot tell the truth and they want to wait till Dr. Coon comes to examine you. I think you will be all right after a little. Now can't you tell me while the others are whispering how it was that you got into the air. I think you are all right only a little puzzled."

"Chief Porky, I tell you the truth as sure as I'm a foot from the ground, I don't know how I got into the air. I was sniffing about a tree in the neighborhood of the Lake and suddenly I was picked up and taken out over the Lake and I struggled and struggled to get away, dropped into the lake and I was frightened and so I ran away here." Red Fox was careful not to say anything about Longneck or his children.

While they waited for Dr. Coon to arrive, Major Pole Cat came along. He had a smile on his face that was as long as his whiskers would allow. "Well," he said, "as I saw Red Fox sitting with his legs crossed, 'you are a fast runner in the forest. I never saw you run so fast as you did today. How did you like that trip in the air anyway?'"

"Now what do you know about it, Major?" asked Red Fox. "It seems that every creature in the forest has seen me today. I have done no harm and I can't see for my life why so many are anxious about me."

Suddenly without any announcement



Red Fox did as Dr. Coon requested.

Dr. Coon arrived with Johnny Squirrel following closely. "Well, of all things," he exclaimed, "What on earth has happened to Red Fox that he should be in this condition? Run out your fiery tongue, sir," he demanded, "till I see your stomach is all right!"

Red Fox did as Dr. Coon requested. "That's right. Well, I see nothing wrong there only your heart beats a little fast from some kind of excitement. I think Chief Porky there is nothing wrong with his health. I would suggest that you hold a trial for him and bring in the witnesses."

"That's just what we shall do," said the forest chief. "Major you may round up all of the witnesses and we shall have a trial." Major went about his work of rounding up the witnesses with a wise smile on his face.

Next—A Strange Voice is Heard.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

ON MEETING A FRIEND.

So we've met once more, how wonderful is your voice, and it seems to ring in my ears; like a man who dreams of a wonderland in a distant sea. Roused by naught save Purty's And waking, still dreams; and before his eyes.

There always appears this paradise. So your voice brings back the memory of days gone by when you and I lived in the land of mistletoe. So the tender past comes back once more.

Rushing from out the farthermost shore Of Oblivion; and brings with it Friendship and Love and joyous Wit. It brings back the hope that I thought was dead.

The joy of life I thought had fled. Ne'er to return, though I could not forget.

And are now ever present—once more we have met.

—Joseph G. Tannenbaum.

Just to show the perversity of fate several women were elected to office on the Isle of Man.

OUR OWN AGONY COLUMN.

Notice: Will lady in green sweater and pink hat who got up and gave her seat in street car to gentleman please write to him and send photograph? A good home awaits her.—(Grateful).

Mabel: If you will only come back to me, Mabel, all can be explained. I thought I could get along without you, but there isn't a clean dish in the house and the beds haven't been made for three weeks. I don't love anybody but you, Mabel, when the dishes are all dirty.—Hubby.

Charlie H.: You told me you were going with a real show, but I understand you haven't been out of the city. The rent is due. If you want to find our furniture it will be in the street in front of the house. I am taking the goldfish and going home to my folks.—Lauretta.

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN FOUR YEARS.

"The last time I saw you, Edith," remarked a Topeka woman to an old friend the other day, "you were looking for a husband." "Well, that was four years ago," replied the old friend, "and things have changed now. I only now I spend a good share each day looking for the one I acquired along about that time."—Topeka Journal.

ALSO THIS LITTLE THOUGHT:

"Was easy enough to be pleasant in the trenches when bombed and gassed; But he man worth while is the one who can 'smile' Since the Volstead act was passed."

—J. L. B.

Trotzky is out of power again, but while he is out of power he will continue to run things as usual.

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7:25p	32 Wash-New York	31	7:10a
7:30a	15 Atlanta-Danville	43	11:20p
9:00p	16 Columbia	39	9:19a
2:00p	12 Taylorsville	11	8:01a
9:10p	38 Wash-New York	13	9:20a
6:30p	12 Richmond-Norfolk	11	10:15a
9:05p	25 B'ham-N. Orleans	38	10:52a
10:45a	113 Columbia-Chals'n.	114	12:35a
5:20a	10 Winston-Salem	46	12:45p
4:30p	48 Asheville-Winston	49	12:45p
3:00p	46 G'boro-Danville	45	4:10p
7:20a	31 Columbia-Augusta	22	5:40p
8:20a	16 Taylorsville	15	9:00p
10:15a	36 New York-Wash.	35	8:51p
9:30a	37 Atlanta	36	11:45p
9:30a	137 Atlanta	138	8:05p
10:30a	37 Atlanta-N. Orleans	38	9:05p
4:25a	44 G'boro-Danville	43	9:05p
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Lives of bank clerks oft' remind us
If we flee like common crooks.
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Finger prints upon the books.

EXEMPT FIREMEN.
"Fire from the tub caught on the outside of the building, but was put out before any considerable damage could be done by the volunteer fire department."—Portland Oregonian.

INCUBUS.
"Marrying a title wouldn't be so bad."
"Heh?"
"It's the specimen who goes with it that jars a girl."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.
A little glue added to jelly will make it stiffer.
Hard-boiled eggs will not scorch or burn if stirred now and then.
Moths will not eat copper window screens.
Red ants can be killed by running them through a laundry wringer.

OBSERVATIONS OF OLDEST INHABITANT.
I kin remember when the 'infant industries' that interested most folks was raising babies.

SHORT STORY OF GAY WHITE WAY
The gait's a jar.
The gait's ajar.—T. H. M.
A plutocrat—a man wealthy enough to pay both his fine and his lawyer—Nashville Tennessean.

Clara Smith Hamon, in marrying a film director, should easily succeed now in becoming a reel heroine.

A chap out in San Francisco claims that one drink of hooch enables him to figure in trigonometry. That's nothing. One drink here enables folks to do tricks in trigonometry.

Also when the divorce suit is filed it is strong circumstantial evidence that the honeymoon has ended.

Two swallows don't make one Summer, but three or four swallows make a man think twice before he speaks too hastily.

SUGGESTION.
"Suggestion is the latest thing in child rearing."
"I've tried it. But the children don't behave as well when I merely suggest that they may get a licking."

Heart balm of \$50,000 is little enough for any woman. A broken heart ought to be worth that amount any day—if the man in the case has it.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS.
(From The Hammond, Ind., Times.)
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5:00p	20 Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet connections.	19	12:35p
9:45p	31 Wilmington-Raleigh and Rutherford	31	3:35p
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A WIFE IN THE MAKING

BY PHYLLIS PHILLIPS

PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEPARTURE.
The day of Ned's departure for Chicago found Cherry unusually down-hearted. The prospect of being alone with his family for two weeks, possibly more, was not the most cheerful one in the world to her. Especially under present conditions.

Ned and she had been estranged ever since the night of the party, for both were too proud to concede an inch to the other. Consequently two miserable young people met each other every evening and sat together under a cloud which increased rather than otherwise, as the days went by. By tacit agreement, they carefully avoided the tender subject and in this manner they at least kept from openly quarrelling.

The night before he left Ned found it most difficult to keep his arm from straying around his wife's slender waist. And Cherry in turn had to fight desperately with herself to keep from dropping her tired head on Ned's shoulder and bursting into tears.

What they both did was to sit up stiff and remote talking about everyday things which were really of small interest to either one of them. The real issues were relegated to the darkest corners of their minds for the nonce.

Cherry had generously offered to go to the office every afternoon, after her own work was through, to go through the correspondence there, for her husband, but Ned had waived this suggestion aside with a thank you, explaining that Arline Bates would be back before he was and the rest could easily be attended by one of the men around the place.

This rebuff, kindly put as it was, hurt Cherry to the quick. She felt far removed from her husband, and wondered miserably whether they would ever be boon companions again. Ned seemed so self-sufficient of late. He moped so much, and was in no way the man with whom she had fallen in love.

Mrs. Randall bustled in and out of the rooms the afternoon of her son's departure bringing in piles of clean

clothes for Cherry to pack in his suitcase, and giving bits of advice here and there in a way that annoyed her daughter exceedingly.

"Here's a pile of socks I have just darned for Ned," she announced as she entered their room for the sixth time in an hour bearing in her arms the aforementioned articles and laying them on the bed.

"Thank you mother, you're a brick. Don't know what we'd do without you," said Ned cheerfully as he buttoned his collar.

Mrs. Randall patted him on his head and smiled. And Cherry set her teeth hard to keep the resentful words from popping out. She felt that the remark as well as the darned socks were a veiled reproach to her and her methods. A good wife always kept her husband's socks mended. And above all, good wives were content to stay at home and attend to the thousand and one details of a house rather than those of the business world. Only Cherry herself knew how often she and her mother-in-law had had words on this subject.

(To be continued.)

PATRICK KYLE RE-ELECTED.
Boston, Sept. 29.—Patrick J. Kyle, of this city, was re-elected president of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor at the annual convention here Wednesday. Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Whittlesey and Captain John McCloy, both of New York, were elected senior and junior vice-presidents, respectively.

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