

# "Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

SILKY PRACTICES THE GOLDEN RULE.

"I'll die, I'll die, I'll surely die," this was the cry of poor Silky, the monkey, as he stood in the river washing his eyes and his nose. "Oh, I want to see the King. I want to see the King of the forest."



Jack laughed and laughed till his sides were sore.

He was feeling so badly that he didn't know what to say first. But that is the way everyone feels who comes in contact with Major Pole Cat. If Silky hadn't been so hasty in announcing himself he would not have been in the river trying to wash off the poison acid that Major threw on him. It was not the fault of the Forest Major for he was minding his own business. But Silky thinking that it was Jack, the Rabbit, didn't stop to find out the truth in the matter.

While Jack stood by watching he became so interested that he didn't notice any other creature about. But there was someone sneaking up on him and was making ready to catch him. It would have been better for him if he had watched his own business a little more than to laugh at the poor monkey.

"Oh, the more I wash the worse I smell," said Silky, and he began to cry. "Where is the King of the forest?"

"You had no business to run so fast that I couldn't see you anyway."

"It isn't my fault that Major Pole Cat gave you a taste of his poison fluid. I told you that no creature in the forest

"It was your business to run fast enough to catch me so that I could not get out of sight." Then Jack laughed and laughed till his sides were sore, for it was a funny thing to see that monkey in the river up to his knees blinking and then rubbing his eyes and sneezing, trying to get away from that terrible smell.

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# A WIFE IN THE MAKING

BY PHYLLIS PHILLIPS

MRS. RANDALL REPENTS.

Ned, on the other hand, became more and more wretched as the days went by. Watching him, though she did, with a heart full of sympathy, his mother never once attempted to pry into his secret. That something had happened between himself and Cherry she was convinced, but time would bring its inevitable explanation.

Her feeling of guilt increased with the days, and it was all she could do to keep herself from writing to Cherry and explaining how she felt, and how unhappy her absence was making Ned.

One night, while she was visiting Miss Laura, she broke down and sobbed like a baby. That good friend's quick sympathies were aroused, and even as she had comforted Cherry in her troubles, did she comfort this older and equally tortured woman.

"Now, then, Sally, don't take on so. Lord a'mighty, you haven't done more than the most mothers-in-law do anyway. Look up here while I talk to you," and she patted the weeping Mrs. Randall's heaving back persuasively.

"I'm the unhappiest woman alive, Laura, that's sure. I wish to goodness I'd never been born, so I do. Now I've gone and spoiled my own boy's life, I'll never have another moment's peace, never." Here the sob broke out afresh.

Miss Laura managed to soothe her, finally, and when she was in a more reasonable state of mind she pointed out that all was not yet lost for either Ned or Cherry.

"They're a couple of proud, angry babies, that's all. Wait and see if they're not together for Christmas, Sally. I think I know something about human nature. And that's what I predict, so cheer up. In fact I'm going to help this come true. It's high time some outsider did step in even if it's no one's business but theirs. Now I call it a question of common sense, I have that."

"I hope so, how I hope so," said Mrs. Randall perking up at the mere idea. "And I'd give you all I possess, gladly, Laura, if you can help to bring this about."

"No need to do that, Sally, I'm only doing what I think is the right thing to do in this case. I know how Cherry feels, bless her heart. You see she told me about her affairs many a time."

"Did—did—she seem to—hate me, Laura?" asked Mrs. Randall in trembling tones.

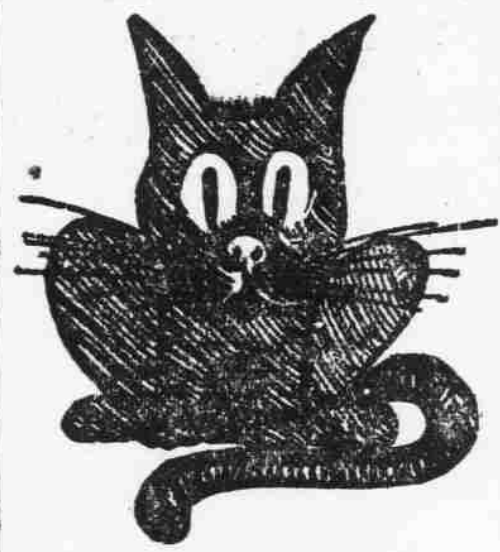
"That child doesn't hate anyone in all the world. She was puzzled and hurt sure enough, but that was all. I know that towards the end she felt that she wasn't really wanted round the house. That's what's keeping her away now, I know."

"Dear, oh, dear, whatever can I do, if that's the case?" wailed the unhappy woman, as she listened to Miss Laura. "Wouldn't it help if I was to sit down and write to her and beg her pardon and just ask her to come home?"

"No, don't write a word, for things will arrange themselves," answered Miss Laura, knowingly.

(To be continued.)

# OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

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HER REMARKS HAD A SHARP POINT.

"This pin reminds me of most of your jokes," remarked the Cylum writer's wife.

"How so," he asked.

"It has no point," she replied.

JUSTICE ON THE JOB.

The bedraggled individual indignantly denied that he was intoxicated when the police officer testified that he found the prisoner lying in the street.

"Very well, then," retorted the versatile judge. "You're fined \$5 for parking more than six inches from the curb."

A Tulsa woman was washing dishes in her kitchen the other night when a bullet came through the window, narrowly missing her. This should serve as a warning to young husbands before they make the fatal mistake of helping their wives with the dishes the first time.

"Are you an expert accountant?" asked the prospective employer.

"Yes, sir," said the applicant.

"Your written references seem to be all right, but tell me more about yourself."

"Well, my wife kept a household account for 30 days. One night after supper I sat down and in less than an hour found out how much we owed the grocer."

"Hang up your hat and coat," said the employer with a glad smile. "The job is yours."

When the Anti-Everything Society gets through regulating the length of women's skirts it might enact a law prohibiting men from hoisting their pants legs and displaying their sox in street cars.

The old-fashioned had man who used to see the crowd scatter when he reached for his hip pocket now sees them come up close and smack their lips.

THE MAN WHO HAS BET BEFORE IS USUALLY BEHIND.

Some women won't be happy in Heaven unless they can scrub it out twice a year.

While Henry Ford was rolling through Albany, N. Y., in an imported English automobile a few days ago, he was rammed by a tin Elizabeth. Her said the Lizzie was probably jealous.

Tillie Dimpsy's son Percy is meeting with success working in Brown's store behind the cigar counter. Percy always did know the ropes.

POSSIBLY.

From Saginaw News-Courier.

A Boston astronomer announces the discovery of vast fields of foliage on the moon. Evidently the man in the moon needs a shave.

NO FOOL AT ALL.

An enterprising shop assistant was trying to persuade a farmer to buy a bicycle. The farmer was in town for the day, and had determined to see everything.

"I'd rather spend my money on a cow," he said, proudly.

"But think," said the assistant. "What a fool you'd look riding about on a cow."

"Not half such a fool as I'd look trying to milk a bicycle," answered the farmer.

HEY, DOC!

I. Hirt lives in Talkville, Ark.

It has just about gotten so in this country that an actress won't pay the photographer if he doesn't put her legs in the picture.

# HOUSEHOLD HINTS

BY MRS. MORTON

MEN HINT.

Breakfast.

Pures of Fruit. Parsley Omelet. Coffee.

Luncheon.

Nut or Cheese Sandwiches. Hot Gingerbread. Chocolate Sauce. Tea.

Dinner.

Baked Stuffed Bluefish. Grape Juice Gravy. Stewed Tomatoes (canned). Potato Balls. Lettuce Salad. Buttermilk Ice Cream. Coffee.

TESTED RECIPES.

Buttermilk Rolls—Use buttermilk that is fresh and heat a quart to the boiling point, stirring frequently to prevent curdling. Add one rounding tablespoon of sugar; set aside for ten minutes and mix in gradually one quart of bread flour, beating to a

smooth batter. Cover closely and let stand over night. In the morning add one tablespoon of baking soda, half a tablespoon of salt and two tablespoons of melted oleo. Work in also sufficient flour to make a soft, dough and knead until soft and velvety to the touch. Mould into rolls or biscuits, place in greased tins and bake at once in a moderate oven.

Buttermilk Ice Cream—Make a syrup of half a cup of water, one-quarter of a cup of finely shredded orange peel and seven-eighths of a cup of sugar. Mix together half a cup of orange juice, two tablespoons of lemon juice and half a cup each of pineapple and shredded pineapple. Strain the syrup into the fruit mixture and add gradually one cup and a half of buttermilk and a pinch of salt. Turn into a chilled freezer, and when the mixture begins to congeal add a pint of double cream, whipped solid. Continue to freeze until firm and smooth.

Grape Juice Gravy—To make the grape juice gravy, add to the liquor in the pan in which the fish was baked one cup and a half of grape juice and, when boiling, stir in two tablespoons of browned flour blended in a paste with cold water. Stir constantly until thick and smooth, and flavor to taste with salt and paprika. Flavor with a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce and two teaspoons of chutney.

FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCHE.

Do not put anything with a strong odor in a lunch basket.

Do not put fried foods into a lunch basket. They are difficult to digest.

Avoid putting in any food when there is the least doubt as to freshness.

Wrap each food article in waxed paper. This is hygienic and dainty.

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Be sure to sun and air the basket or box when not in use.

Skin, separate and wrap in waxed paper oranges for the lunch basket.

Nut meats, salted, take the place of meat—most children like them.

Bananas must be thoroughly ripe, eaten slowly and well chewed.

Always allow a small amount of sweets for the luncheon.

Sweets may be in the form of home made candy, cakes or cookies.

A small bottle of milk is an ideal luncheon food.

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