

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

MR. WEASEL HEARS GODD NEWS

"Tinker Bob, Tinker Bob, where are you at? Come to me, come to me, quicker than scat."

This was the song of Bob White as he went to the King's palace. Bobbie stays in the forest all winter, that is he stays close to the forest, and he has heard that Tinker Bob is going to take a long journey. Bob White is a friend and doesn't want the King to go away till he can have a long talk with him about certain important things.

"What will you have Bob White?" asked the King of the Forest as he heard this fellow going through the forest calling at the top of his voice. "I am not so far away."

"O King, I want you to come to see where I live before you go away on the long journey I have heard about. You see I have had trouble every winter with the children of Red Fox and Mr. Weasel and the Hunter. It keeps me busy trying to keep them out of the way of those who would destroy them."

"Well Bobbie, tell me where you are planning on living this winter?"

"I'm now living in the Hunter's cornfield and if he doesn't take his corn into the barn I will have a good place till Red Fox finds out where I am then he will be there. Will you come over to see us?"

Tinker Bob decided to go to see Bob White and his family. He finds them in the cornfield hiding behind a shock of corn. It was a fine place for them so long as Mr. Weasel didn't find it out but when he does find it out he will be there in the middle of the night.

"I'll tell you what to do," said the King. "You and Mrs. Bob White go over to the place where Mr. Weasel lives and begin to talk about where you are going to live and speak about living in the forest near the river, over by the swamp. When he hears you he will say to Red Fox that there is where they can find a good feast and they will never think of going to the Hunter's cornfield to look for you."

Well if there is anyone in all of the



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forest that wants to do just what the King tells them to do it is Bob White. He took Mrs. Bob White and went to the swamp where Mr. Weasel lives and there they began to talk loudly. One said: "I think this swamp would be a good place to live this winter." The other answered: "Yes, I think we will just bring our children over here and stay about this swamp for there are so many places to hide here that no one can find us."

Mr. Weasel was the first one to hear this conversation and he listened carefully chuckling to himself to think that he knew all of the hiding places in the forest near the river, over by the swamp. When he hears you he will say to Red Fox that there is where they can find a good feast and they will never think of going to the Hunter's cornfield to look for you."

Next—The King Hears Mr. Weasel's Story.

A WIFE IN THE MAKING

BY PHYLLIS PHILLIPS

THE HAPPY END.

Two hours later Ned was sitting with the happiest expression on his face that had been seen there for days, alternating by questioning his mother and Miss Laura, in spite of the fact that they told him every thing there was to know several times over. Miss Laura had also told him about the discovery of his letter in Arline's hands. She told him in private when she had called him into the kitchen to help her with some pesky thing or other. And as she had hoped, he had promised never to let the story go any farther than to his wife. He gritted his teeth hard when he heard of Arline's perfidy and bewailed the fact that there was not an airplane to Chicago that very minute. Over and over he read the "sweetest letter ever written" out in Miss Laura's kitchen until his mother's voice called them both. Made him thrust it into his deepest pocket.

To think that she still loves me to think that my darling wrote me these words," he muttered to himself. "Miss Laura, I'm going to take the night train. Give me that new address, the one she told you near to let me know and wait for us. That's all I have to say."

And that same evening, Ned left Wellsburg on the fastest train, yet to his way of thinking, the very slowest in the world.

At noon the next day he was walking up one of the busiest streets, his arms laden with bundles for his lady-bird, jewels, candies, flowers, everything that he could lay hands on, as offerings to her. Suddenly when passing by a large shop he happened to look up casually, and his heart nearly burst with joy, for there, sitting a little back from the window was his beloved Cherry.

In another moment he had cleared the space between them, and regardless of the many customers surrounding her at that moment and advanced towards her and kissed her over and over again. "Ned," screamed Cherry, when she caught sight of him striding towards her. "Sweetheart," he whispered, as he took her to his heart.

Monsieur Marcy came bustling up at that moment and advanced towards Ned with a question in his dark eyes. This was a question in the dark eyes of Ned, all undaunted, explained that Cherry was his wife and he had come to call for her. That was all.

Becoming happily they left the shop some few minutes later and walked to a waiting taxi. Here Ned deposited his bundles and his Cherry and gave the order "Plainsville."

What took place within that taxi may at the moment, throw his arms round her and she in turn told him of her complete love for him as they flew along.

At his story of the great wrong Arline had done her Cherry was silent.

THE END.

Even the man who goes around all day with his mouth shut and his ears open may enjoy sleeping with his mouth open and his ears closed.

Hon. S. T. Wen, member of the Chinese delegation to the Limitation of Armament Conference, will speak on "China Today" at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday 4 P. M. 3-2t

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FOOL QUESTIONS.
"Collector" asks: "If Tea leaves an unpaid bill will Grounds settle?"
R. F. asks: "What do the eyes teach their pupils?"

SANTA'S SLIP.
Mother—"Who ever taught you to use that dreadful word?"
Tommy—"Santa Claus, mama."
"Santa Claus?"
"Yes, mama, when he fell over a chair in my bedroom on Christmas Eve."

TOO BAD!
"You'll get run in," said the pedestrian to the cyclist, "if you ride without a light."
"You'll get run into," responded the rider as he knocked the other down.

"You'll get run in too," said the policeman as he stepped forward and seized the cyclist.
Just then another scorcher came along without a light, so the policeman was run into, too, and had to run in two.

PHARMACY ECHOES.
"I never give anybody hydrophobia in dog days," as the catnip said to the customer's bull terrier.
"We all do fade as a leaf," said the war wader, one to another.
"You are only a sundry," was the cutting remark of the muriatic acid to the aristocratic box of stationery.
"All is grist that comes to my mill" as the patient medicine eater said to the basulately latest universal remedy, an herb gathered in the lunar crater Cepernicus and delivered by the Rainbow Route.

"You are not fit to associate with me," said the hair restorer to the medicine dropper. "It is rumored that you often take a drop too much."
"Why don't you stick to your job?" as the chewing gum said to the cough drops.
"You deal far too tenderly," as the sulphate of zinc said to the chlorate of potassium. "My lining now!"

DEFINED.
From Houson Chronicle.
Responsibility consists of not saying what you think and not doing what you want to do.

Ma Duck: "Aren't you ashamed to have your feathers so matted? Why can't you be neat like little Johnny Cockerel?"
Duckling: "Aw, may, he carries a comb."—Farm Journal.

WOW!
That kid will not shut up at all, I hear him from afar:
What with his racket and his bawl, He'll make a tennis star.

ODD FACTS, SCIENTIFIC AND OTHERWISE.
A delicate instrument, known as the copophone, attached to automobiles gives a warning of the approach of speed cops.
It is said a million cases have been discovered in the Great American Desert.

A reformer has invented blinders for men, and will ask Congress to pass a law compelling all men to wear them on windy days.

THAT WASN'T HER NAME.
Student—"Sir, I want permission to be away three days after the end of vacation."
Dean—"Ah! you want three more days of grace?"
Student—"No, three more days of gratitude."

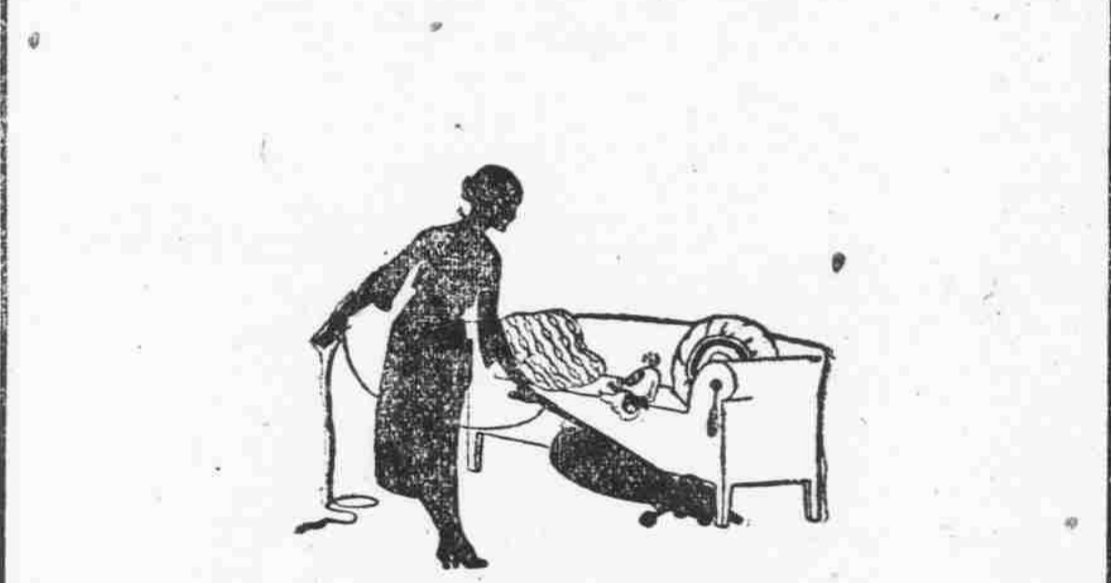
Walking is better exercise outdoors than around a pool table.

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9:55a	34 Rutherfordton-Wilmington and Raleigh	34 9:40a
9:00p	20 Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet connections	19:13:35p
3:45p	31 Wilmington-Rutherfordton	31 3:35p
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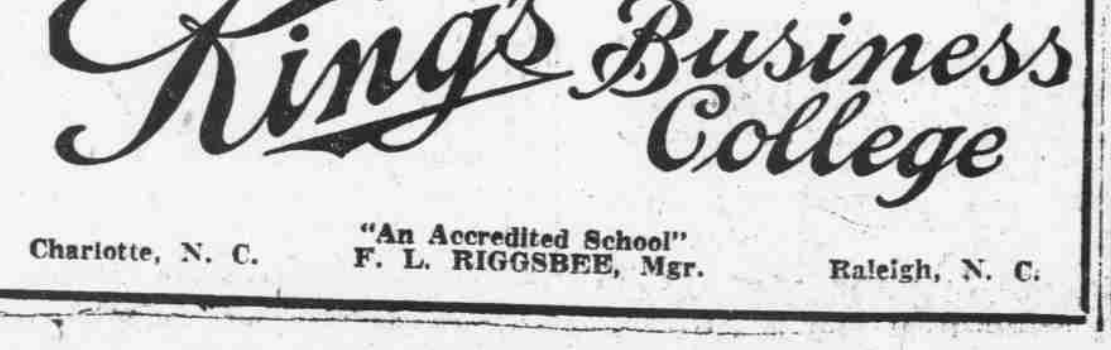
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ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

BY ROY K. MOULTON

THE "YOUNGER SET."

Russian revolutionists are perfectly safe.

"Do not be a litterer," says Mayor Hylan. We hope this does not refer to some of our literary people.

They say they are selling gas at a flat rate in New York, but what if you don't live in a flat?

IT'S OLD, BUT THIS IS A DULL DAY.
Went to a show last night, but I got a dog's seat—K-9.
How's that? —A. J. Newman.

Kansas City motorist found a \$300 diamond stickpin in his punctured tire. How did he see that \$300 diamond—with a microscope?

New York actress went west and had her face stretched and is now a beautiful young thing ready to play kid parts in the pictures. It might be well to have this tried on some of the "beauty choruses" we have seen.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, SING!
Heaps of songs have been written Of youths that were smitten
And flappers who, too fell in love. Miles and miles have been sung about. One might say flung about.
Milady's kerchief and glove.

There are songs about Mars. There are songs of the stars. There are millions of songs of the moon.

There are songs about morning. Sad songs with a warning. And loads about couples that spoon.

There are songs without number Of wild dreams of slumber
And wilder ones dreamed while awake. There are ditties quite frisky. With parts downright risqué. And songs of the mist on the lake.

There are songs of the fall And of nothing at all; Of the bride and the groom and the ring.

There is not a thing left; I am simply bereft. And so, therefore, I sing, simply sing. —Lester Lamb.

Count Szeczo Szechenyi has arrived from Europe. To pronounce him, sneeze three times and clap the hands.

Outside of seeing a woman spitting wood, the most disgusting sight is to see a man trimming hats.

It is always easy to be philosophical when you have what you want.

MOONSHINER IS A GREAT ADVERTISER

Washington, Dec. 3.—North Carolina has a "moonshiner" who believes in advertising his wares. Revenue officers in Asheville recently came across a bottle bearing a unique label, which they sent to Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, himself a North Carolinian. This label was the advertisement of the moonshiner, and it read as follows:

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