

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

SILKY CATCHES THE WRONG FELLOW.

"O King of the Forest," said Silky, the monkey, "I saw the fellow who made the tracks, but I can't understand him at all."

"What is there about him that you cannot understand?" asked Tinker.

"Why if it was Jack, the Rabbit, he would not have run away when I called to him for Jack is a friend of mine and he knows my voice and I have carried him across streams and played with his children. He never would have gone away into the bushes if it had been him who came out of the water."



"What did this fellow look like anyway?" asked Tinker Bob. He wanted to know if Silky really had seen somebody or just thought he had had seen the creature.

"I say, O King, he looked like Jack, the rabbit only his fur was wet and I never knew Jack, the rabbit, to have wet fur. But what surprises me is to think that he ran away and hid when I called. Silky was so nervous that he shook all over. It might have been a creature he never had seen before and if it was he probably would never see him again for he went away to hide."

"Just wait a moment and we'll see what will happen," said the King.

They were silent for a moment or two and Silky listened as he never listened before. He was hoping that the fellow might come back.

Presently there was a sound, "Thump thump," and Silky's heart went pitter-pat for he was sure that he would see this frightened creature again. "Thump thump," this time it was closer. Silky thought to himself that if the creature came close enough he would take no chances on losing him again he would jump out and grab him by the ears and make sure of knowing exactly who it was.

"Thump, thump," the sound came closer than ever. It was right near him, just the other side of a clump of bushes. Silky jumped through them and saw a movement that set his

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heart beating for all it was worth. He said to himself, "I'll jump over that bush and get him, and hold him tight then I will see if I can find out who made those tracks."

Tinker Bob knew what was in Silky's mind and he watched with interest his every move. He made ready to spring as there came another "Thump, thump." He was sure then and he did jump over the bushes right on to the back of the creature who was doing the thumping.

"Now I have you," he cried and when he came to examine this fellow he found that he had jumped on to the back of Jack, the Rabbit. "Well of all things, so you are the fellow who made those tracks."

"Is my coat wet?" asked Jack as he stood by. "I haven't been in the water."

Silky looked him over and then sat down to scratch his head. "There is something very strange about this I see," he said. "But I know now that you are not the fellow. Where do you suppose he can be?"

Next—More Tracks Cause Silky to Scratch His Head.

RAILROAD EARNINGS CONTINUE TO CLIMB

Washington, Dec. 8.—Net railroad earnings for October amounted to \$105,196,283, the largest figure in many months, according to figures compiled yesterday from Interstate Commerce Commission reports by the Association of Railway Executives. The earnings rate thus demonstrated, the association said, however, would be but 5.4 per cent on the railroad property involved, and was accompanied by a "reduction of maintenance to the lowest standards consistent with safety."

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7:55a	30	Wash-New York	29	2:15a
7:55p	32	Wash-New York	31	2:15a
7:40a	15	Atlanta-Danville	43	11:20p
8:09p	5	Columbia	36	9:10a
8:20p	12	Taylorville	11	8:20a
8:10p	28	Wash-New York	37	10:30a
9:10p	18	Wash-New York	37	2:30p
6:30p	12	Richmond-Norfolk	11	10:15a
8:02p	35	B'gham-N. Orleans	36	10:05a
10:55a	13	Columbia-Chals's	14	12:35p
5:20a	10	Winston-Salem	11	12:35p
4:30p	45	C'ville-W'minster	46	1:20p
2:00p	46	C'ville-Danville	45	4:10p
7:20a	5	Columbia-Augusta	32	7:20p
8:20a	16	Taylorville	15	9:00p
10:12a	26	New York-Wash.	35	2:35p
9:25a	137	Atlanta	138	9:35p
10:37a	37	Atlanta-N. Orleans	38	8:05p
4:25a	44	W'boro-Danville	45	12:35p
11:30a	14	Salisbury, Winston-Barber, Mooresville	13	4:58p
		Norfolk-Richmond	11	10:15a
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I take no comfort in my home,
I am completely quashed,
I cannot smoke my good old pipe,
Wife's had the curtains washed.

THE CLEVER EDITOR.

A Virginia editor threatened to publish the name of a certain young man who was seen hugging and kissing a girl in the park unless his subscription to the paper was paid up in a week. Fifty-nine young men called and paid up the next day, while two even paid a year in advance.

Even a sleeping beauty may awake in an ugly mood if her nap is disturbed.

She—"I wish God had made me a boy."
He—"He d'd. I'm he."

A man entered a drug store during lunch hour at which time the druggist was upstairs, partaking of his noon-day meal. His wife was relieving him in the store. The customer approached the wife, threw 50 cents on the counter, and said (as she understood it) "I owe the firm 50 cents." She asked him what for, and he simply repeated what he had said. "I owe the firm 50 cents." She told him she would give him a receipt, and her husband would credit it to him, but he said he didn't want a receipt. "I owe the firm 50 cents," he reiterated. She called her husband down. He, of course, understood immediately. "Iodoform"—50 cents worth, that's what he wants."

EXPERIENCE.

From Chicago Tribune.
I've eaten from the ice box
Until it's darn near bare;
I've got the sink piled up so high
No dishes can get there.

There ain't a button on my shirts;
My socks ain't got no feet;
The parrot has the chicken-pox,
The cat has prickly heat.

The bed ain't made,
The floor ain't swept;
My wife ain't home
And I ain't slept.

They always say that women frail
Have quite an easy life.
Although it may be easy,
I'm glad I ain't my wife.

JUST SO.

"All the world's a stage."
"And there's only room for a few of em."

We are rapidly approaching the time when every section of land will have to have to support a public official in addition to the farmer.

Some speakers hash up a talk that there isn't any meat in.

A lot of girls have little trouble climbing the ladder of success, because so many fellows stand around and stare.

If your business is degenerating, why not try monkey glands?

Nobody can see a man who is all wrapped up in himself.

The highest form of spending is spending self for others.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

BY ROY K. MCULTON

THE CHAMP MONTH.
Oh, how I love December.
The best month of the twelve.
Into my treasure casket
I never have to delve.
I cannot spend a nickel,
My bank account looks brave.
I sit around in December,
And save and save and save.
The outgo 's s trifling,
And dough grows on the trees,
And all I have to care for
Are little dabs like these:

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Ninety-nine Christmas presents.
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Stray bills of old year.
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Princess Bibesco, daughter of Margot Asquith, has shocked Washington diplomatic circles with a new sex novel. Probably it shocked diplomatic circles because it speaks in plain English with out any whispering behind the hand.

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Thus to talk of all disarming,
Though the rumors are alarming
From the sunny isle of Yap.
And we feel, without aspersion,
This may be a mild diversion—
An alarm and excursion—
Of the snappy little Jap.

And we love the Bolsheviki,
Though we think them rather sneaky,
And their ship of state too leaky
For a confidential tour.
Still we have the joyous Prooshian,
Persian, Slovak, Karagheusian,
If we don't take on the Rooshian—
Which is quite enough, for sure?

And we think the noble Briton
Needs a hemisphere to sit on.

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