

Tinker Bob

Stories
by Carlisle H. Holcomb

MORE TRACKS CAUSE SILKY TO SCRATCH HIS HEAD.

"O, King of the Forest, tell me who on earth is making the tracks that enter the brook? I can plainly see that it isn't Jack, the Rabbit."

"I thought you were sure that there were no other creatures in the forest who could make tracks like Jack, the Rabbit." This was Jack, the Wood Rat, speaking. He wanted to remind Silky, the poor silly monkey, that what he had said was about to be proven true.

"I don't want to hear from you anymore," said Silky. "You make me sick every time you say something."

It was no wonder that Silky was made sick for he hated to have the big Wood Rat get ahead of him in any way. You know Silky thinks he is very smart and doesn't like to have even the King find out that there is anything that he does not know.

"Why should you think I was the fellow who made tracks by the brook?" asked Jack, the Rabbit. "Don't you know that I never went into the water in my life. And don't you remember that you carried me across the stream once or twice?"

"I know, Mr. Rabbit, but I say those tracks are just like the tracks you make in the snow and I never saw any creature in the forest who made tracks like you do."

"Well, didn't I tell you there were tracks in another place that were like Mr. Rabbit's but were not his?" It was Jack, the Wood Rat, speaking again.

"Where did you see anything like that?" Silky asked gruffly.

"Come down here and I will show you."

Silky and Jack, the Rabbit, followed Mr. Wood Rat to the edge of the brook in another place. "There," said Jack, the Wood Rat, "do you see those



"I don't want to hear from you anymore," said Silky.

"Are they the tracks of Mr. Rabbit?"

"Oh, you make me laugh till my stomach aches," said Silky. "You, Mr. Wood Rat, are the silliest thing in the forest. Would you suppose that one couldn't tell these tracks were made by the same creature who made the others? Well, you are very simple."

"But you are mistaken, Mr. Monkey. If you think that these tracks were made by the same fellow who made those leading into the brook," said Mr. Wood Rat, "I am surprised at your ignorance."

Silky looked carefully at the new set of tracks to make sure that he was not mistaken. Presently Tinker Bob came along and looked at the tracks also. They did look alike but there was still a difference. The King wanted to see if Silky could tell what the difference was. He scratched his head in silence. Tomorrow we will see how it all ended.

Next—The Meeting of Mr. Marsh Rabbit.

JUDGE WEBB GOES TO SOLDIERS' BEDSIDE

Asheville, Dec. 10.—Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, will go to the United States Public Health hospital at Kenilworth during his stay in the city, for the purpose of conferring citizenship upon Christopher Garner and L. Amundson Mallett, two bed-patients at the government hospital.

Several patients from the Kenilworth hospital have been naturalized during their stay at the hospital. When Judge Webb learned of the desire of the two men to become citizens of the United States, and of their inability to leave their beds, he sent word to them that he would administer the oath at their bedside.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

THE NEWS OF HOPPETTOWN.

Amos Butts, our courteous and graceful undertaker, and folding chairs to rent and which can be opened and set without breaking the fingers or any of the commandments, says he expects to run for postmaster in the near future. Uncle Ez Harkins says he hopes Amos won't get elected, as the mail is slow enough now without having an undertaker handling it.

Uncle Ez has waited 18 years for one letter. A feller promised to write Uncle Ez regardin' a dog which the latter was intending to purchase to go huntin' with that Fall, but if the feller wrote, which is doubted here, his letter will arrive altogether too late, as Uncle Ez has grown a little too old in the last 18 years to go huntin' and besides just as like as not the dog is too old to do any good. Uncle Ez got stung once before on a dog deal. He bought a genuine mongrel bulldog from a mail order house, but it was found the dog had outlived his usefulness and wasn't no good as a watchdog, as his teeth was all gone. He had a fine set of false teeth, but broke 'em the second day he was here by bitin' Old Cap Whipple on the wooden leg. Uncle Ez says that dog was not only all worn out, but he was also a darn fool, which was the worst part of it.

Chinese better than we do.—Marcel Steinbrugge.

Mayor Hyland, of New York, says he expects to stick to job of mayor for the next four years, and we consider it only fair to say that we have never heard anybody insinuate that he didn't expect to.

It is not only harder to get but harder to drink.

JOHNSON LIKES PEOPLE OF INDIA

Has Been Treated With Kindness by All; Sentiment for Prohibition.

Calcutta, Dec. 10.—Wm. E. ("Pussy-foot") Johnson, American prohibition worker, told the members of the Rotary Club here that his impression after an extensive tour of the country, is that India is more ripe for prohibition than America was five years ago.

Mr. Johnson was the principal guest of the club at its tiffin meeting, where he was subjected to a good-natured bombardment of questions.

Describing his reception in India which has been an enthusiastic one, Mr. Johnson said he had been welcomed because he represented a crusade that appealed to the people of India.

In the districts I have visited in the past few weeks," he said, "I have been entertained by every class, from the Viceroy and the native princes downwards, and only on a single occasion—at Patna several days ago—did I hear an Indian stand up to oppose prohibition.

"It was at Patna that I witnessed a remarkable demonstration in support of a 'dry' India, a great crowd of nearly 5,000 at the request of the chairman voting on the question by a show of hands. So far as I could see, every hand in the audience—and in some instances both—was raised immediately in favor of prohibition, and not a solitary hand against it.

"I might mention also, the wonderful gathering we had in a theater at Farid—with an audience of more than three thousand at which a speaker was loudly hissed for a reference to non-cooperation, but cheered with wild enthusiasm a few minutes later when he declared that the taxpayers of India would be only too willing to meet the additional taxation that may be necessary after prohibition.

"I would like to say," he concluded, "that I have not met a single British official who has not gone out of his way to be kind to me."

SCARLET FEVER AT CONVERSE COLLEGE

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 10.—Converse College for girls, here was closed Friday on account of the development of four cases of scarlet fever in the dormitories. Many of the girls are leaving for home today. The college authorities say all students who have been exposed to the disease are under quarantine and that epidemic is not feared. The college will open again January 4, the college authorities say.

MARCELETTES.

Japanese statesmen now in Washington have asked light on China's principles. Here is some Chinese wisdom. Lao Tzu says:

"Leave all things to take their natural course, and do not interfere."

"Keep behind, and you shall be put in front; keep out, and you shall be kept in."

"He who grasps more than he can hold, would be better without any."

"Requite injury with kindness."

"While times are quiet, it is easy to take action; ere coming troubles have cast their shadows, it is easy to lay plans."

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SHE CAN CHANGE 'EM.

"How can any man be a woman hater?" asked Miss Oldgirl. "Woman has kissable lips, lovable eyes, a huggable shape, and lovable hands."

"Huh!" grunted Mr. Oldbatch. "And she also has changeable hair, removable hips, adjustable eyebrows, colorable lips and a transferable complexion."

"What do you think is the cause of untrust?"

"Haven't noticed any around this place," rejoined Farmer Cornstossel. "The resting part takes care of itself. What I am worried about is unwork."

—Washington Star.

POME.
There was a fair roofer named Grace, Who rooted at games ev'ry place; She uttered loud cheers, And wept sally tears, Which washed all the rouge from her face.

Another Danlin: Once upon a time there was a workman who believed that the boss knew as much as he did.

The most fitting place for the pocket humorist is the coal pocket.

TRAGEDY.

Act I. Their eyes meet.
Act II. Their lips meet.
Act III. Their souls meet.
Act IV. Their attorneys meet.
Curtain.

The only perfect man in the world is the one your wife refused to marry.

A tuskny chauffeur, who recently brought the frame of a big truck from Detroit to Youngstown, rode part of the way sitting on the gas tank, but the seat was so hard he soon became tired of it.

"Ah don't see how you could stan' it, Henry," a friend observed.

"Stan' it," Henry replied, "Mah goodness, dat jes' what Ah couldn't do nothin' else but."—Youngstown Telegram.

NOT THE LISTENING KIND.

Myles—"Your wife drives her own car, doesn't she?"
Styles—"Oh, yes."
"And does she pay attention to those 'Stop. Look. Listen' signs on the railroad crossings?"

"Well, I believe she stops and looks, but say, old man, I don't think anybody or anything could make her listen."

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Billie—"My dad must have been creditably wicked when he was a boy."
Bob—"Why?"

"Cos he knows so exactly what questions to ask when he wants to know what I have been doing."

In some birds there is some white and some yolk, but the line of separation is about as obscure as it is in a bad egg.

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7:40a	15	Atlanta-Danville	43	11:20p
6:00p	3	Columbia	38	9:16a
2:00p	12	Taylorville	11	8:30a
8:10p	38	Wash.-New York	37	10:30a
2:10p	13	Wash.-New York	14	2:25a
6:30p	12	Richmond-Norfolk	11	10:15a
3:02p	35	B'ham-N. Orleans	36	10:05a
10:45a	12	Columbia-Chas'tn.	11	12:25p
5:20a	10	Winston-Salem	9	12:45p
4:30p	45	O'ville-Winsten	46	1:20p
3:00p	48	Gboro-Danville	47	4:10p
7:20a	3	Columbia-Augusta	32	7:20p
8:20a	15	Taylorville	16	8:05p
10:12a	38	New York-Wash.	33	8:55p
9:25a	137	Atlanta	138	9:05p
16:27a	37	Atlanta	38	8:05p
4:25a	44	Gboro-Danville	45	5:10p
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