

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

MANY CREATURES IN THE FOREST.

When Mr. Moon shone fully upon the fellow who was trying to turn Chief Porky over, Tinker Bob saw for the first time someone who was not familiar to him. He was long of body, with very short legs. He had a long tail, and his fur was as long as that of Willie Beaver. He thought it would be brownish-black in color if the sun could shine on it. He acted like the wonderful Mr. Weasel, the Great.

"That's just the fellow I was telling you about, O King," said Major Pole Cat. "If you will let me out of here I will soon fix him." That is the very thing that Major would have done had he been given the chance. This fellow would have gone to stay there as Silky was when he thought he was watching Jack, the Rabbit.

In the shadows where the Moon could not shine there were other creatures waiting to see who would be victorious. There could be seen now and then some creature darting across a light spot on the ground. Also a twig cracked every little while, indicating that there were some larger creatures watching the fight from the darkened thicket.

Tinker Bob was anxious to see just what his Chief of the Forest would do if the enemy was successful in turning him over. That was the reason the other creatures of the forest were gathered there. They too were interested in the Chief for they knew him to be a fellow that allowed everyone to go their way unmolested. I can tell you truthfully that Chief Porky had many friends amongst the forest creatures, for in his work for the King he had helped many of them out of just such trouble as this.

It was only a little while till the King saw the form of Red Fox in the shadows. He had arrived and was anxiously watching the proceedings of this wicked fellow who sought to take the life of the Chief of the Forest.

Now Reddy was not anxious to get into the fight for he knew that even the Hunter's dog was afraid of this furry forest dweller and that many more of the folks who walked the forest paths were ever ready to get out



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of the way when he was seen in the distance. The trouble was that he was not always seen and when he came into sight he was so close that no one was able to get out of his path.

He was a fast runner, and had at different times molested the Rabbit family. Jack, the Rabbit, had cautioned his children about this dangerous fellow and they were even more afraid of him than of Red Fox. The only thing that saved them was that he seldom went out of his beaten path and so long as they didn't get in the road they were safe.

"Look there!" cried Tinker Bob, "he has jumped fairly upon him."

Next—Red Fox Appears As Chief Porky Is Turned Over.

VOLCANO VULCANO IS OWNED BY MERE MAN

New York, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.) The next news of a big volcano eruption is likely to come any day from the volcano Vulcano, in the Lipari Islands, near Stromboli, Frank A. Perret of the geophysical laboratory staff of Carnegie Institute, predicted yesterday upon his arrival from the islands.

Casualties, however, promises to be nil, as Vulcano has only one inhabitant—a man named Conte, who owns the volcano and works it for borax acid.

GUILFORD TO HAVE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Greensboro, Dec. 21.—The people of Guilford county yesterday voted in favor of an issue of \$100,000 in bonds for the erection of a tuberculosis hospital here and a tax of five cents on the \$100 worth of property for maintenance. The hospital will be under control of the county authorities and will be operated solely for the treatment of tubercular cases.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

ARMS AND MEN.

"Arma virumque cano," Sang Virgil long ago; And still in Washington, In Nineteen twenty-one The song is sung again By every race of men Listen to Harding and Hughes, To Brand's and Balfour's views, To chants from the Japanese, To cries from aggrieved Chinese, To Italian melodies.

But note the new refrain: "Too many horses slain, Too much of cruel war, Oh, sing of ams no more, Put think alone of men, Let us be brothers again; Let warships no longer be built, Purge us, O God, of the guilt That fostered war's waste and death, And give to our age the birth Of peace and good on the earth."

—ELLA KIRK JELLIFFE.

THE HOOP SKIRT IS COMING.

The purists are going to have their fring and the jazz skirt is doomed. Those who have refrained from drinking wood alcohol for fear of going blind during the brief skirt epidemic read here no such compunctions in the future. A prominent French fashion journal says the hoop skirt will be all the rage within one year.

The first hoop skirt was designed by Omar the Tentmaker and the idea was later used by P. T. Barnum to house his congress of freaks and animals. So far as history goes Omar's design was first used as a skirt by the late lamented Queen Elizabeth. When Queen Liz floated out of Windsor to take the air she resembled a full rigged ship sailing before the wind, with everything, including the foretops, spinnaker and bows working. She occupied so much territory that she had to speak in loud tones of voice to be heard by her large circle of admirers. They used to

hold the six-day bicycle race around the edge of her skirt.

In those days the lady herself merely acted in the capacity of center pole for the tent she wore and when she was overtaken by a high wind it was customary for her flunkies to stake her gown to the ground around the edges.

There was a lull in the hoop skirt epidemic for some time, and hoop skirts broke out in this country along about the Civil war period. They didn't exactly cause the war, but they may cause one this time.

The Lucas "Independent" expects the undertakers to oppose any effort on the part of the government to force bootleggers to comply with pure food laws.

Back to earth: Newspaper report says that while the minister was tying the nuptial knot in an aeroplane for a young couple the pilot did a nose dive.

ARE YOU A FATHEAD? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Eminent scientist says the fat in the brain is responsible for vigor of mental processes.

For the information and guidance of its readers, the Parsons "Sun" says there are six footmen in attendance at the main entrance of Buckingham palace throughout the day until 7 o'clock when the number is reduced to four.

STRIKES THE MARTIAL NOTE.

We are in receipt of a program which announces Mr. Drummond Fyfe as an accompanist.

Sign on Seventh avenue: "Ajax Shrinking Corporation." The first corporation we ever heard of that possessed that quality.

Japan's motto: "Don't give up the ships."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

MENU HIT.

Breakfast.
Cereal.
French Toast. Rhubarb Jam.
Coffee.
Noon Dinner.
Baked Meat Balls.
Brown Gravy.
Boiled Rice. Buttered Beans.
Lettuce Salad.
Chocolate Junket. Sponge Cake.
Supper.
Brown Bread. Cotton Cheese.
Blackberry Jelly.
Tea.

or mix it with the sugar and sour milk. Bake 30 minutes.

BROWN BREADS.

Health Bread—One cup sour milk, one teaspoon soda, one cup brown sugar, one egg, one teaspoon salt, one cup flour, two cups bran, one-half cup raisins. Beat all up well and bake in greased oven 40 minutes. Makes one loaf.

Boston Brown Bread—Two cups corn meal, two cups graham flour, two cups buttermilk or sour milk (buttermilk is better), one-half cup good cooking molasses, one-half cup sugar, one teaspoon salt, two teaspoons soda. Put this mixture into a greased dish, cover closely to keep out water and steam three hours. Do not remove the cover.

Graham Bread—One-half cup of white flour sifted with two teaspoons of baking powder, three-fourths of a teaspoon of soda, and a teaspoon of salt; two cups of graham flour, one-third cup of sugar or molasses dissolved and beaten with one and a half cups of sour milk; one-fourth cup of shortening. To lighten the graham sift it partly, then pour what is in the sieve back with the sifted part, mix this and the white flour thoroughly, then stir them, part at a time, into the liquid. Add the melted fat last.

SUGGESTIONS.

Laundry Hints—White cotton or linen clothes may be soaked to advantage all day or over night. It is a mistake to think that woollens cannot be soaked at all. Soak them in a weak solution of ammonia in barely warm water for half an hour. This will not injure the woolen and will make it easier to wash.

All clothes should be turned inside out in washing. A good idea is to wash the outside first, then turn the clothes, wash on the inside, and leave turned this way for drying. If you use a washing machine, a good plan is to soap the clothes right side out and then turn them as they are put into the washing machine.

All soap chips or soap powders should be thoroughly dissolved in boiling water before being used in the laundry. Sometimes washing preparations that are harmless if used in this way eat the clothes if allowed to rest in undissolved bits on the material.

For Ecur Curtains—Saffron added to the rinsing water is much better than coffee for retaining the ecur shade in curtains.

Clean Milk Bottles—Tea leaves are just the thing for cleaning dirty milk bottles. Put them in the bottles with a little hot or cold water.

Broom Bags—In making broom bags you will find them to wear longer and give better satisfaction if you make a hem five inches deep at the bottom and then stitch back an inch for a ruffe.

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RESULTS OF THE EXTRA SESSION

Summary of Important Action Taken by the Legislature

BY JULE WARREN.
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Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The Legislature did the work for which the special session was called, passed several other measures of State-wide importance, enacted a large number of local laws, and also killed a number of proposed measures. A summary of what the special session did in the larger matters is given below:

SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

1. Authorized the State Treasurer to sell \$710,000 in bonds to meet the deficit in the State school fund last year.
2. Validated all county school tax rates this year, fixed 39 cents as the proper rate next year and put \$322,000 in State fund for aiding weaker counties run schools six months.
3. Provided jury trial for cases brought against county commissioners for failing to levy sufficient tax to run schools six months.
4. Amended the high school districting bill so that high school districts can overlap township lines.
5. Appointed a commission of five members of this General Assembly to study school laws and Supreme Court decisions on school law cases and submit report to the next General Assembly.

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

1. Passed municipal finance act, relieving cities of the restrictions in tax matters thrown around them by failure of the bill to properly pass in the regular session.
2. Require that all local bond issues of cities, towns, counties or any other local taxing districts be registered and listed with State auditor, and provides penalty for bond which fails to make provision in taxes for interest and payment of bonds at maturity and penalty for official who neglects to meet these payments.
3. Amended State of State road and institutional bonds six months in order to keep pace with progress of work on roads and institutional buildings.
4. Provide for proper registration of State bonds, discarding the antiquated system now in use.
5. Allow banks exemption from taxation for that portion of surplus funds invested in Liberty Bonds, State bonds, and up to 5 per cent off for insolvency debts.
6. Allows Corporation Commission to employ attorneys to prosecute officials of defunct banks, and levies on stockholders for twice amount of stock.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

1. Repealed the 25 cent per bale tax on cotton ginned to create fund for erection of cotton warehouses.
2. Repealed inspection and tax on paints, varnishes and oils.
3. Speeded up stock law of general session by turning down all appeals for exemptions from operation of this law in January, 1922.
4. Increase salary of adjutant general from \$3,000 to \$4,500, putting him on same pay as heads of other State departments.
5. Confirmed the nomination of Col. A. D. Watts as Commissioner of Revenue.
6. Revised the code of civil procedure.
7. Gave Secretary of State right to employ inspectors to help enforce the automobile license law.

WHAT SPECIAL SESSION KILLED.

1. Bill to repeal the primary law.
2. Call constitutional convention.
3. Pass amendments to summary ejectment bill which would enable landlords to put tenant farmers and mill operatives out of house before higher courts had heard their appeals.
4. Adopt oxide daisy as the State flower.
5. Repeal law providing penalties for failure to pay taxes promptly.
6. The auto theft law proposed by the automobile association.
7. Amend the four-power pact.
8. Reduce the exemption on personal property from \$300 to \$1100. Bill passed Senate but was killed in House.
9. All bills intended to amend the capital punishment laws.
10. Revoke Col. A. D. Watts through enactment of "painless publicity" bill, requiring publication of notices of all appeals for reduction of tax values.

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