"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlysle H. Holcomb

AN EARLY MORNING SONG.

Tinker Bob, Tinker Bob, where do you go?
The hills and the valleys are covered with snow.
Away from the forest no paths do you know,
Tinker Bob, Tinker Bob, where do you go?

The King of the Forest heard these words ringing in the early morning air just outside the palace. Silky had not heard them for he slept more soundly than Tinker. You see the King thought Silky ought to hear some singing before they started away lest he might forget what it sounded like.

"Listen, Silky," said Tinker Bob. "Do you hear that song?"

Silky listened and heard it repeated. "Who is it that sings like this so early in the morning?" he asked.

"It is the Dwellers of the Forest who have come to say goodbye before we leave for the lands far away," Tinker Bob answered.

"You don't mean to say that they are all singing like that?"

"They can't understand that we are going away to the jungles of a strange land. To those who live in the forest the Jungles mean nothing. They never saw any creatures so large as the Elephant and none of them can understand what it all means to go off to a strange land like that. Of course some of the birds know more about it than Jack, the Rabbit, for he can't see any farther than his nose when it comes to knowing the creatures that he never saw."

"No, he has no imagination," said Silky. "He isn't like me. I can see creatures that never did live in all the world! I can look into the dark and see strange things that never seem to appear in the day light."

"Once upon a time I could do the

Silky Listened and Heard It Repeated.

same thing," said Tinker Bob. "I used to be afraid in the dark. I thought there were a dozen creatures about me all the time. Then when I met Old Man Experience he told me that there were no creatures only those you could really see and feel and then I tried it out. When I thought I saw a creature I went up to him and when I got there he was gone, for there wasn't such a thing. But the creatures of the forest are not that way. They cannot see things unless they really exist."

"Listen!" cried Silky, "that singing sounds closer than it did."

"Open the door, Silky, and let them come in, for this will be the last time for us to see them all together."

Silky opened the door and who do you suppose had come to the King's Palace? Well we will see tomorrow.

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9:05p	35	B'gham-N. Orleans	36	10:05a
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9:25a	137	Atlanta	138	9:05p
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ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

By Roy K. Moulton

ISN'T IT TRUE?

You take them here, you take them there,
And when you've finished they give you the air;
Yet there is one who will surely say:
"It's the woman who always has to pay!"

It's a taxi for this and a taxi for that;
Your roll is lean where it once was fat;
Yet the heroine mutters in all the plays:
"It's the much abused woman who always pays!"

You buy all the eats, you buy all the drinks;
Deep in their hearts we're the missing links;
Yet the poet will quote in his righteous way,
"It's the woman who always has to pay!"

Oh, those Amies and Dotties and Gerties and Lills,
Why don't they ever settle the bills?
I'm changing that phrase with my head in a daze:
"It's the downtrodden MAN who always pays!"

—Mark Hellinger.

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Corn at 20 cents a bushel, says the Department of Agriculture, equals coal at $10 a ton. "What does corn at $10 a quart equal, professor?" inquires the Hootchinson "Gazette." Corn at $10 a quart equals funeral processions at $12 a carriage.

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The dome of the capitol at Washington is now illuminated. Some of the Congressional domes beneath it are light enough.

FOR "THE BLUSHING BRIDE."

For a long time we have read of "blushing brides," but now they are to blush no more. Several ministers throughout the country, notably in New Jersey, have formulated rules for bridal apparel. Before marriage is performed by these pastors, the bride must:

"Wear skirts not higher than where the spring of the calf of the leg begins.

"Skirts must be wide enough to allow genuflecting without exposing the calf, much less the knee.

"No dress called technically an 'evening dress' shall be allowed. That is, they must not be cut low, although a slight 'V' will be allowed.

"Sleeves must not be shorter than the elbow. (How short is an elbow, anyhow?)

"There must be a real covering of hat or veil for the head. If a thin veil is worn, it must be lined.

"All transparent or semi-transparent material shall be heavily lined."

What's the fun of being a bride and having a swell church wedding? Heaven knows it is hard enough to get a husband these days without trying to find one who goes into the affair blind, as these pastors would have him do.

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"No more tobacco after 1924!" is the cry of the antis. We know some cigarette manufacturers who are three years ahead of the time now.

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The average information booth is the place where they are all too busy to give it to you.

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A Long Island man took a drink of prohibition budge last week with suicidal intent.

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A fool and his money keep Wall Street going.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

By Mrs. Morton

MENU HINT.

Breakfast.
Halved Grape Fruit.
Cooked Cereal.
French Toast. Maple Syrup.
Coffee.
Luncheon.
Cream of Tomato Soup.
Croutons.
Pineapple Pie. Cocoa.
Dinner.
Meat Loaf. Mashed Potatoes.
Creamed Canned Beans.
Fruit Whip. Coffee.

RECIPES FOR THE DAY.

When purchasing meat for a meat loaf it is not advisable to ask for a pound of ground meat, for, although the price may be lower, so is the quality, and one cannot always be sure of the freshness of meat purchased in this manner. If one can be sure that the butcher's meat grinder is clean it is sometimes possible to purchase the round steak and ask him to grind it, but the safest way is to purchase the meat and grind it at home. In this way one is assured of the quality and freshness of the meat and the cleanliness of the utensil used for grinding it.

Meat loaves are often made of various meat combinations such as pork and beef or veal and beef. Then, too, there are various things that may be added to improve the flavor. Among these are tomatoes, pepper, onions and pimentos. Occasionally one may like to put a couple of hard cooked eggs in the center of the loaf, so that when it is cut a slice of egg will be in the center.

Tomato Jelly—Two cups of tomato juice, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of sugar, one slice of lemon, cayenne pepper, two tablespoons of gelatine. Boil the tomato juice with the slice of lemon; add seasoning; strain. Dissolve gelatine in cold water. Have tomato juice boiling hot; add gelatine. Pour into mold; let stand for several hours. Serve with mayonnaise. This will be made in the morning and is enough to make the basis for the next day's lunch.

SUGGESTIONS.

Work On A Schedule—Systematize your housework and see how much time there is for other things.

Learn to work with quick, deft motions and even dish washing will lose its terrors.

When hands are trained to do certain tasks in the easiest and quickest manner possible housework can be done on schedule time and a long afternoon be left free. Work on a time-table and adhere to it.

A Time and Money-Saver—Time is money; yes, and so is space. One of the places where space counts the most is in the kitchen, in which "every little movement has a meaning of its own." Time and labor are wasted wholesale on account of awkward arrangement of the furniture and tools. Nowhere has modern efficiency counted for more than in the kitchen, which is the family laboratory, the household bakery and laundry.

One of the primary blunders, oftentimes, is the built-in cupboard, planned when the cook's or houseworker's requirements are merely guessed, not understood. To move the built-in cupboard to the right place or reduce it to correct proportion is out of the question. There it is, to stay.

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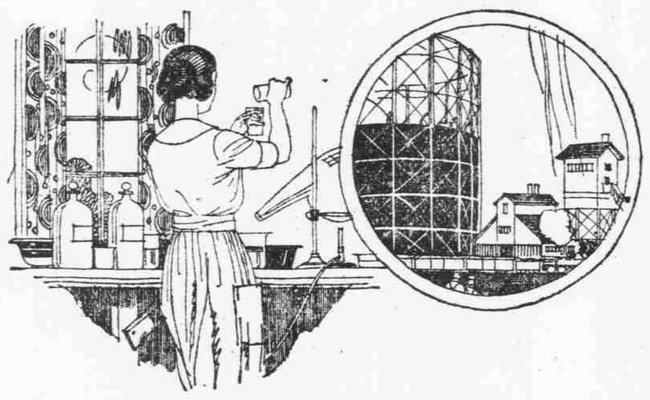

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BY JUNIUS

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PESSIMISTIC.

"It makes me sore",
Said Uncle Jawn;
"I must admit
I'm soreley vexed;
No sooner is
One Christmas gone
Than I must save
Up for the next!"

A negro applied to a Kentucky dairyman for work.

"All right," said the dairyman. "Come around in the morning and I'll put you to work and pay you what you are worth."

"No, suh, No, Suh," protested the darkey. "Ah cain't do dat. Ah'se gittin' old."

HE IS ANGRY.

Fellow whose wife could not speak out loud on account of a cold is sore at a certain doctor who gave the woman some tablets that had her back in full possession of her conversational powers within a very short time "Funny these docs are always doing their best to take the joy out of life," said the husband yesterday as he broke down and wept as if his heart would break.

On a cold day, nothing can make a big, husky man, who is all wrapped up in fur coat, muffler and ear muffs, shiver more than to see a woman, who is clothed mostly in a pleasant smile, tripping along as if it was the middle of July.

Germany has recovered far enough to kick about taxes.

What do they use cloves for nawadays?

In the city, fowers are sent to sick people. In the country, quince jelly, raspberry jam, peach preserves, lemon jelly cake, canned oysters, strawberry tarts and um um um.

JUNIUS KNOWS.

Of all the onery mortals
That on this earth do roam,
The meanest are the soreheads.
Who sometimes use a phone.
These cranky individuals
Should be required to stay
At home until their breakfast foods
Tone up proper for the day.
This indigestion is a thing
That's very hard to fight
And when it hits a cranky man
He can treat no one right.
Some tonic I think would help
To strengthen out the kinks.
And lots of fresh fruits, so they claim,
Is mighty good for jinks.
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Five hundred just like you,
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