

# "Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlyle H. Holcomb

MR. HUNTER PUTS IN AN APPEARANCE.

Tinker Bob was so surprised that he could not speak for a moment when the door of his palace opened and in came the Hunter with his gun on his shoulder and his dog by his side. He had not fired a shot yet but his presence frightened the forest fangs so that they all ran home but Red Fox and Jack, the Rabbit. It was impossible for them to get away for they were in the palace of the King and couldn't get out unless someone opened the door.



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The Hunter's dog sat down by the fireplace and looked at Red Fox out of the corner of his eye as much as to say: "If I dared I'd show you how I can fight!"

Red Fox looked at the Hunter's dog as much as to say: "If I was out of here I'd show you how I can run." Poor Jack, the Rabbit, was under the bed and he couldn't see who was in the Palace but he could smell the Hunter's hound, and he began to tremble as he thought of the time when he nearly lost his tail as he jumped into a hole when the hound was after him.

There was Sammy Squirrel who had gone home in a hurry when he saw the Hunter. Billy Mink went away in a hurry also when he looked over the edge of a clod of earth and saw the hound sniffing about. Mrs. Nighthawk got out of the way in a great hurry for she remembered how the Hunter killed her husband and hung him up in the barnyard by the foot, thinking it would scare the chicken hawks away, but it didn't work.

Major Pole Cat and Chief Porky arrived a little late for they had been to the farthest point in the forest to tell the Dwellers of the Woodland that the King was going to visit the Jungle whatever they were. So when Major came along he was surprised to see that there were no creatures waiting at the King's door.

"What does this mean?" he asked. "Can it be possible that all of the folks have gone into the King's house so soon?" Chief Porky looked about the palace

door and soon he spoke: "There are some strange footsteps here about the King's door. I never saw a foot that made such a big track as this before. And look here, the tracks of the other creatures lead back into the forest. What does it all mean?"

Chief looked at the tracks and sure enough he found the statements of the forest folk to be true. "Well," said he, "this creature is a large fellow all right. He looks big enough to eat all of the other up and then never know that he had anything to eat. Why, that track is as long as I am."

Chief Porky was a curious fellow. He was listening with his ear to the crack of the door and he heard voices. "What does this mean?" he asked. "Can it be possible that all of the folks have gone into the King's house so soon?" Chief Porky looked about the palace

That is the rumor, far and near. We hope it will not pass. Among the foreign diplomats we'd seat Fritz in the middle, and in the concert of the powers, he'd scrape a wicked fiddle.

Mrs. Smith-Wilkinson's coming in a five-million-dollar gown. She'll give us a laugh for a day and a half. Then we'll forget she's in town.

While abroad Douglas Fairbanks was bitten by a camel. The fight that ensued surely must have been worth a thousand feet of film. If there's any animal in the world that makes a red-blooded American mad now, it is a camel and most would walk a mile to soak one on the point of the jaw.

Staten Island children have sent President Harding a 135-pound pumpkin, and there are always a lot of people hanging around the vicinity of the White House waiting for pie.

WILEY ON THE WING. Hugh Wiley, author of "Lady Luck," writes us: "I am flitting about between my San Francisco shack, the Los Angeles studios and a five-acre 'rest cure' on which the apocryts and other insects are racing for supremacy. I have learned one thing this year—no matter what club you are invited to, your most invariably shows you the swimming tank and announces you have time for a plunge before lunch. It has become a mania with hosts.

"It may interest you to know that I made nine straight passes in a crap game near Monterey the other evening, thereby relieving Sam Blythe and Harry Wilson and other notorious members of the assemblage of enough money to get home on.

"I have given up golf. Between golf and 'home brew' the United States is well along the road to Hades. I have not given up 'home brew.' I stand for better brewing; the nation awaits some master mind who can bottle it so it will stay clear.

"My Wildcat has begun to act a little uppity here on the coast, and so I am giving him a ride back to the south via the Panama canal."

"Matt-Hari Smiled and Waved Kisses Just Before Being Shot in French."—Headline. It must be pleasanter to be shot in French than in English.

We hope Germany will not try to get even with us by sending Bergdoll back home.

## OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS  
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A BIRTHDAY JOY RIDE  
Just ahead is another mile post bright  
Along old life's highway,  
Through the valley of the shadow of  
death at night  
We drive as we do by day.

The headlights' gleam shows the way  
That we turn not left or right.  
For at the end of the journey we know  
Are the hills of life and light.

Sometimes the gasoline gets low  
Sometimes the oil runs dry  
Or a punctured tire! shouts out, "Go  
Slow!"  
While others pass us by.

The pistons heat and the knocks grow  
loud  
As over the hills we creep  
And the brakes all slip or groan or  
crowd  
As into the valley we sweep.

Over a boulder and into the grass  
Breaking a spring or two.  
We sidle swipe another trying to pass  
There's nothing else to do.

In towering the other fellow along  
Our differential groans  
Then snap goes the spider! Everything  
wreng!  
Gears, bearings and housings moan.

So onward we go over life's highway  
In stormy weather and fair  
Sometimes we are sober and sometimes  
Passing things common and rare.

Mile posts go by us more rapidly now  
Than when we were kiddies, you  
know.  
But as they approach us we make a  
new vow  
Pull open the throttle and GO.

We humbly suggest that the cuties  
who roll their own, batik their knee  
caps. There exists a great need for  
this.

POEM  
There was a young lady who studied  
batik,  
To make her an evening gown  
freak chic;  
She painted a gunnysack  
Red, blue, yellow and black,  
Oh, Golly, she looked like a freak!

She—How do you like Batik?  
Me—Am, them Russians is too  
glorious.

Prof. Einstein says American women  
are lovely. How much easier it is to  
understand the professor when he cuts  
out theory and gets down to common  
sense.

The army of the unemployed are not  
all drafted men. Some are volunteers.

President Harding wants \$800,000,000  
for the Army and Navy. He talks like  
a councilman.

MARRIED LIFE A LA MODE.  
Husband (angrily)—"What! No supper  
ready? That is the limit. I'm going to a  
restaurant."  
Wife—"Wait just five minutes."  
"Will it be ready then?"  
"No, but then I'll go with you."

CHICAGO WANTS BEER.  
Chicago, Dec. 29.—The Chicago City  
Council, by a vote of 51 to 6, yesterday  
called on the nation and state to  
amend the prohibition laws to permit  
the sale of "wholesome beer and  
light wines."

## MUSIC CLUBS AS COMMUNITY AID

Mrs. Lyons, President of National Federation, Writes of Work.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 29.—Recognizing the universal and practical value of music, Mrs. John F. Lyons, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs, in a letter to the individual clubs of the federation, sets forth the aims of that organization for the coming year. Eleven hundred clubs, with approximately 200,000 members are affiliated with the national organization, Mrs. Lyons said.

"I want to see the music clubs function properly as the greatest and most powerful single asset for the good of the community and for the advancement of the community life in all its phases," said Mrs. Lyons, in her first direct communication to the clubs over which she took charge this year. "We have long left behind us the idea that music was only for the favored and cultured few and have come to recognize its universal and practical value. We must make good as a community asset. The music clubs have been chiefly instrumental in the advancement thus far and future progress is largely in their hands."

"As a national organization, I feel that our strongest efforts must be centered for a time along line of extension, education and greater efficiency, for the national, state and individual organizations. We must have more clubs, stronger clubs, greater unification of plans and a general co-ordinating and strengthening of federation machinery before our organization can command the consideration that is rightfully its own and take its proper place in the history of musical America." Mrs. Cecil Frankel, Los Angeles, Calif., is chairman of extension and will plan and carry on the work through the district and state presidents, according to Mrs. Lyons.

Attention to the cause of music in the public schools was urged by Mrs. Lyons as first among her policies. Mrs. Francis Elliott Clark, of Camden, New Jersey, is chairman of the education department. Mrs. William John Hall, St. Louis, Mo., is chairman of junior and juvenile clubs section and of the department of American music in the hands of Mrs. Ella May Smith, Columbus, Ohio.

Three matters of legislation were called to the attention of the individual clubs by the national president, Mrs. Lyons urged a protest against the proposed tax on musical instruments and support of the Towns-sterling bill for a department of education and establishment of a national conservatory of music.

## NEW OVERCOATS ARE GIVEN POLICEMEN

All members of the Charlotte police force are resplendent in handsome new overcoats, the handsomest garments, in the opinion of members of the force, that Charlotte officers have ever been equipped with.

The new coats are blue serge in color, of exceptionally fine texture and specially made for police service. Five rows of the regulation brass buttons adorn the breast on each side and three nobby brass buttons of a different type adorn each sleeve.

A specially nobby feature is the belt across the back behind, with two brass buttons as embellishments. The length is half way from the knee to the ground. On each side are deep pockets within which the officer may comfortably stow his hands, but which are not really pockets.

The new coats are especially constructed for winter service by having a double-constructed breast so that there are two folds of the coat over the breast when the coat is buttoned up. The four officers mounted on motorcycles are also clothed in new coats. The coats of these officers are of the same general design and texture as the new coats worn by the other officers but are shorter, so as to permit the officers to operate motorcycles with a minimum of inconvenience.

The new coats were ordered from a Philadelphia house through the local firm of Fink & Elliott, tailors. It is the first order of new overcoats the "force" has had in several years. The city furnishes each officer with two suits a year of the regulation street type, but it is not necessary to have new overcoats each year.

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9:06a	15 Monroe-Rutherford	15 9:06a
9:55a	34 Rutherford-Wilmington and Raleigh	34 9:40a
5:00p	20 Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet	19 11:35a
3:45p	21 Wilmington-Raleigh and Rutherford	31 3:35p
3:20p	16 Monroe-Rutherford and Raleigh	16 3:12p

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3:22a	29 Atlanta-B'ham	30 12:55a
1:25a	30 Wash-New York	29 2:15a
7:25a	32 Wash-New York	31 7:10a
7:40a	18 Atlanta-Danville	43 11:20p
8:00p	8 Columbia	9 9:10a
8:30p	12 Taylorsville	11 8:20a
8:10p	35 Wash-New York	37 9:20a
9:10p	138 Wash-New York	139 9:20a
9:30p	128 Richmond-Norfolk	11 10:15a
9:02p	35 B'ham-N. Orleans	36 10:05a
10:45a	112 Columbia-Chicago	114 12:35p
5:20a	10 Winston-Salem	9 12:45p
4:40p	49 Wilkes-Barre	48 1:20p
3:00p	46 G'boro-Danville	45 2:40p
7:25a	37 Columbia-Augusta	32 7:20p
8:20a	107 Taylorsville	15 8:00p
10:12a	36 New York-Wash.	35 8:55p
9:25a	137 Atlanta	138 9:35p
16:37a	37 Atlanta-N. Orleans	38 8:05p
4:25a	44 G'boro-Danville	43 8:05p
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