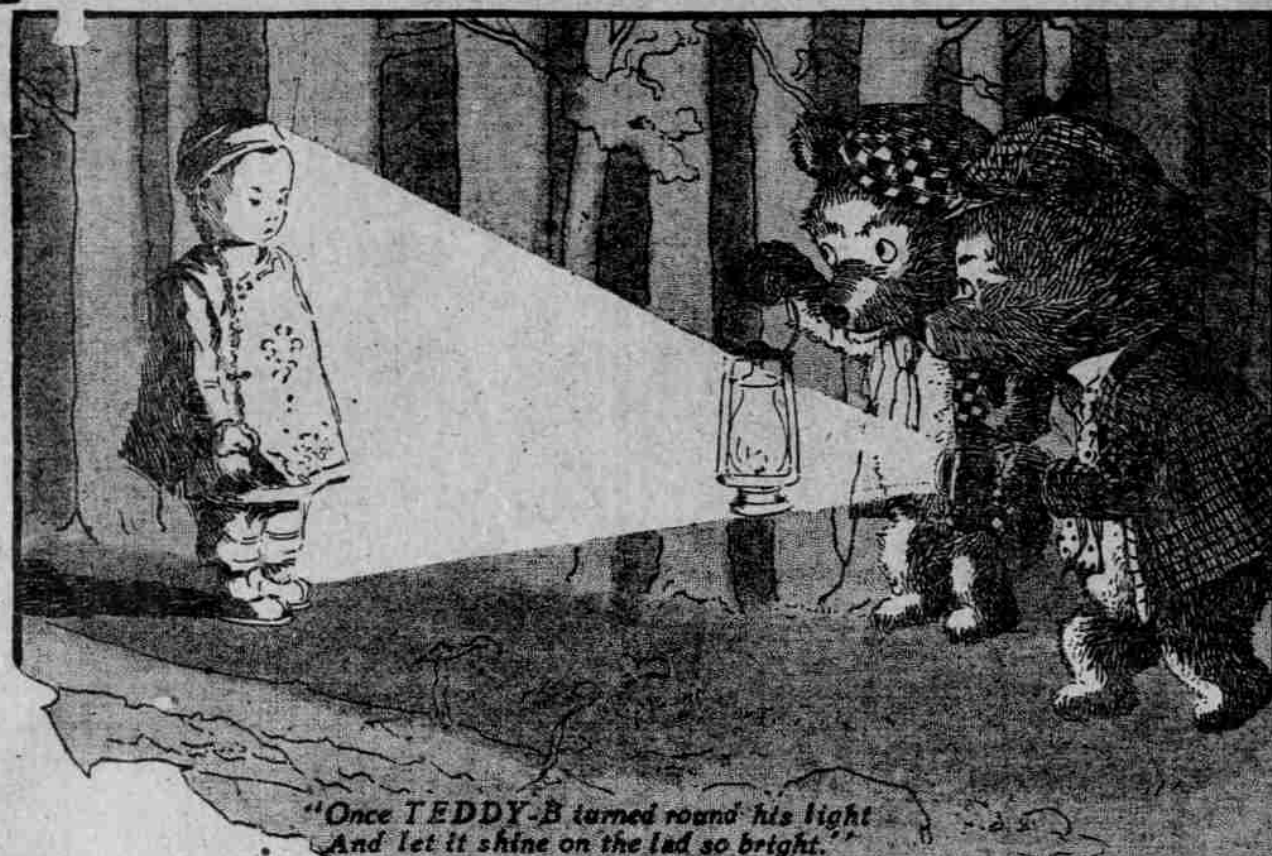


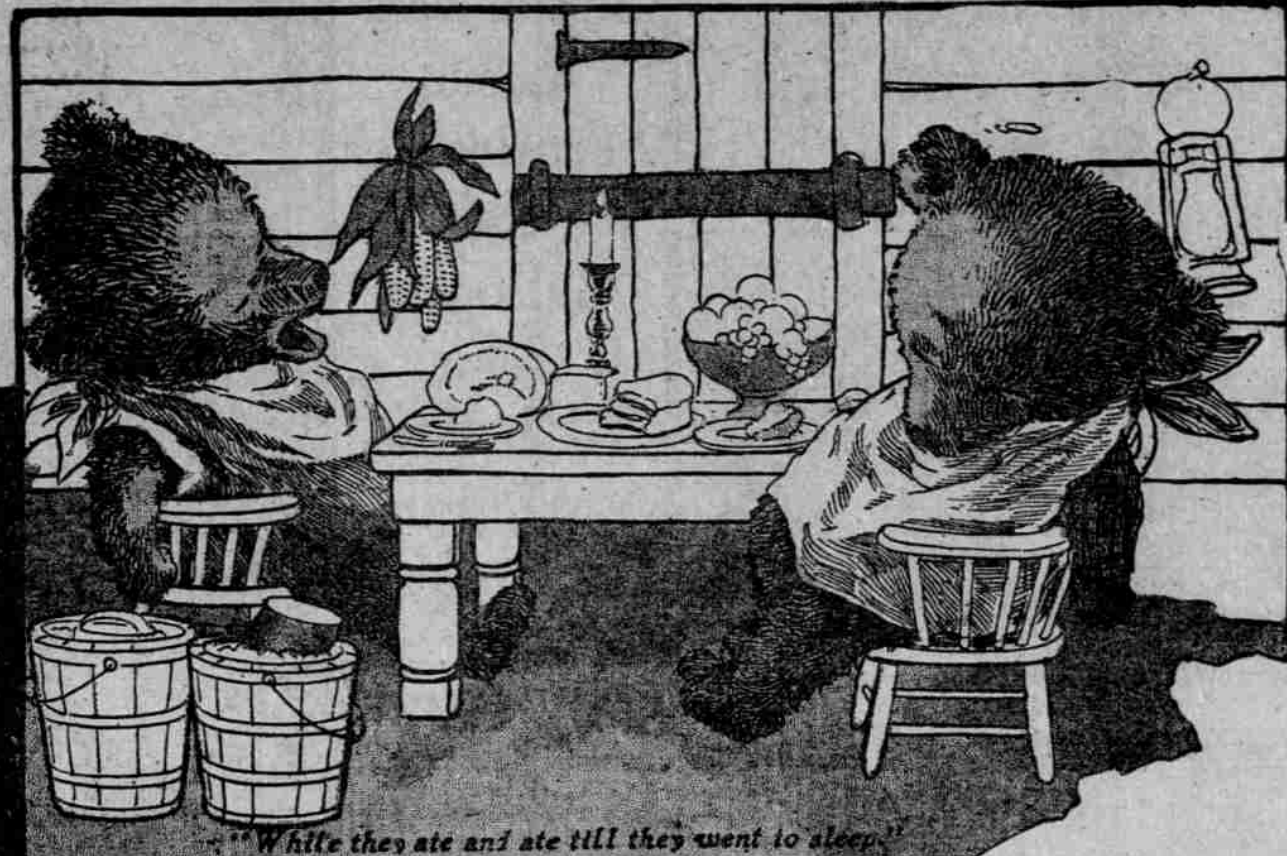
TEDDY-B AND TEDDY-G; THE BEAR DETECTIVES

VIII. THE MYSTERY OF ALADDIN'S LAMP.

VERSES BY SEYMOUR EATON — DRAWINGS BY C. H. TWELVETREES.



"Once TEDDY-B turned round his light
And let it shine on the lad so bright."



"While they ate and ate till they went to sleep."

The Bears returned one evening late
From a friendly campfire and debate
In charge that night of TEDDY-G:
"To prove that animals," said he,
"Have a better time in life than birds."
The owl's address, in the use of words,
Was so complete and full of fun
The judge decided the birds had won;
But TEDDY-G would not agree
And kept on arguing with TEDDY-B;
And as they tramped along and talked
A little lad behind them walked;
A Chinese boy, whom they didn't see
As he stole along from tree to tree.

Once TEDDY-B turned round his light
And let it shine on the lad so bright
They saw his face and funny queue
And sandalled feet and shirt of blue.
"Why follow us?" said TEDDY-B,
"Don't run away; come here to me."
The lad obeyed, and at their camp
He told them of his mysterious lamp.
"My name's Aladdin," said the lad;
"I talk the English pretty bad;
But I come here ten thousand mile
To see the Teddy Bears a while;
I walk these woods to find your camp
To get your help about a lamp."

"I've heard of you," said TEDDY-B,
"Your father lived in Tartary;
By trade, a tailor, but now he's dead,
And you and your mother, the story said,
Lived quite alone and were very poor
Until a magician on a tour
Made you believe in truth that he
Was your rich uncle from across the sea.
This magician kindled a fire one day
And mixed the fire with a lot of clay;
He then poured on some perfume sweet
To put out the fire and stop the heat.
The coals removed, a stone was there,
With a ring to lift the solid square.
The magician made you, all alone,
Lift up that square of heavy stone;
And then he pushed you down below
To a secret cave where, long ago,
Treasures were stored by rulers great,
The most famous jewels in all the state.
And there he said a lamp you'd find
Of old design, an unusual kind.
This queer old lamp, if you would bring,
He'd loan you his magician's ring
To keep you safe from any foe
Which you might meet in the cave below."
"I find the lamp," Aladdin said;
"And jewels of gold and diamonds, spread
Before me so thick on every tree
They shine so bright I cannot see.



"TEDDY-G was scared and climbed a tree."

When back I go, the magician frown
And shut the cave and keep me down."
"What happened then?" said TEDDY-G
"This kind of story interests me."

"For days and nights I there shut tight,
With naught to eat and no where light.
Till once I rub the magic ring
And then a genius before me spring."

"I know this genius," said TEDDY-B;
"He's the slave of every mystery,
And takes his orders from lamp or ring
And brings good luck and everything.
He let you out, the story said,
And brought you heaps of gold and bread;

He did each thing you said to do
And made you rich, and your mother, too.
But now, my lad, it's growing late.
"What can we do for one so great?"

"I'm much distressed," Aladdin said,
"Because a princess I would wed.
And now my lamp is rusty black
And will not bring the genius back."

"Give me the lamp," said TEDDY-B,
"And let me shine it up and see."
He rubbed that lamp all round about,
Handle and bottom, inside and out,
And made it shine so new and bright
It sparkled like their lantern light.

When he had finished before them stood
Aladdin's genius, great and good,
Their willing slave to do or bring
Service or wealth or anything.

TEDDY-G was scared and climbed a tree,
But he soon came down again to see
How this genius brought things as quick as wink
When Aladdin called for food and drink.

TEDDY-B said he would an order place
Their little home in the woods to grace:
A silver stove and plates of gold,
And spoons and pots of copper rolled,
And beds of down and quilts of silk,
And a horse to ride and a cow to milk,
And an automobile of finest make,
And a hundred hams and a ton of steak,
And a suit of clothes and a watch and chain,
And an opera hat and a walking cane.
The things were there, just as he said,
Before he could count or nod his head.

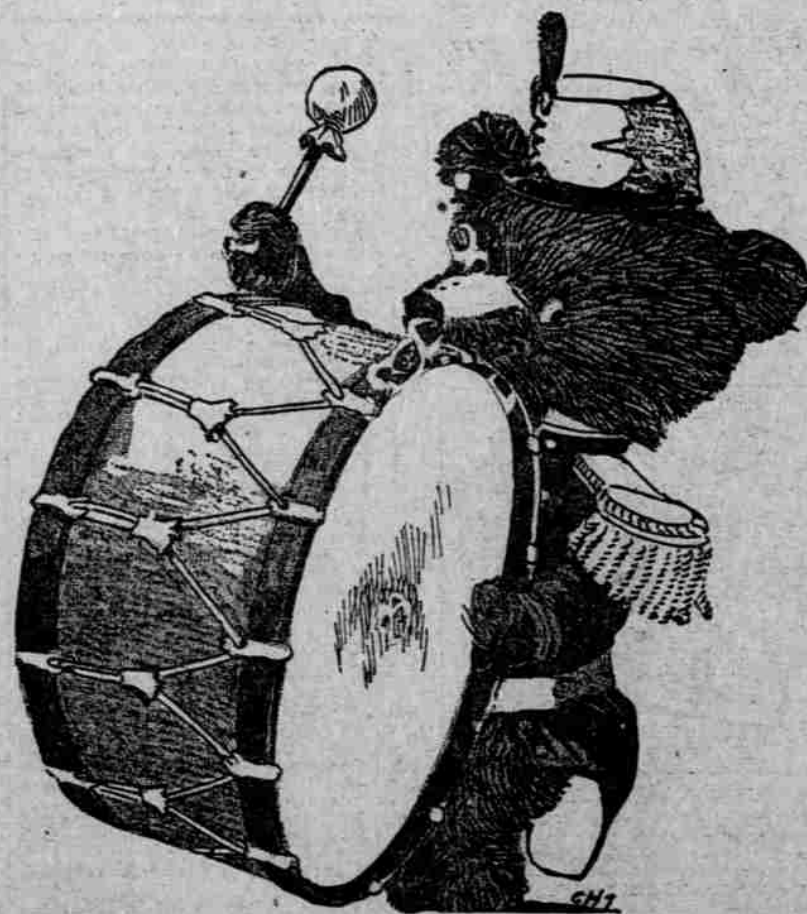
Then TEDDY-G made his request:
"Bring on your ice cream, your very best,
And chocolate cake and candied fruit,
And a fife and drum and soldier suit,
And a bag of gold and a pony team,
And chicken pie and more ice cream."
The things appeared without a wait,
And everything on a silver plate.

Said TEDDY-G: "This Aladdin lamp
Is the greatest thing that struck our camp.
I wish Billy Blink and Jack were here,
And Little Bo Peep and her lambs so dear,
And Cinderella and Red Riding Hood;
This cream and cake they taste so good."

They gave Aladdin his lamp to keep,
While they ate and ate till they went to sleep
But when they awoke at noon next day
Aladdin had taken the lamp away,
And not a thing was there in sight
Of the bags of gold and jewels bright,
Or treasures left the previous night.

Said TEDDY-G: "'Twas all a dream,
That chocolate cake and peach ice cream,
And the Chinese boy with his magic lamp
Who spent last night at our mountain camp.
If that genius fellow was all a joke,
I'm sorry now that I awoke."

"A dream it was," said TEDDY-B,
"But life itself is a dream," said he.
"And as over its mountain roads we tramp
We carry with us an Aladdin lamp
Which brings success and lights the way
If we keep it shined up every day."



"And a fife and drum and soldier suit,
And a bag of gold, and a pony team."



"And a suit of clothes and a
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ing cane."