

STRANGE ADVENTURES OF BESSIE BUSYBODY



HAVE A GOOD NAP, BESSIE!

1—I JES' FELT so sleepy, and the strange land we were passing looked so inviting, I thought I'd go ashore and take a nice nap while the captain went out to the banks to catch some fish.



YOU'LL MAKE GOOD DESSERT FOR DINNER!

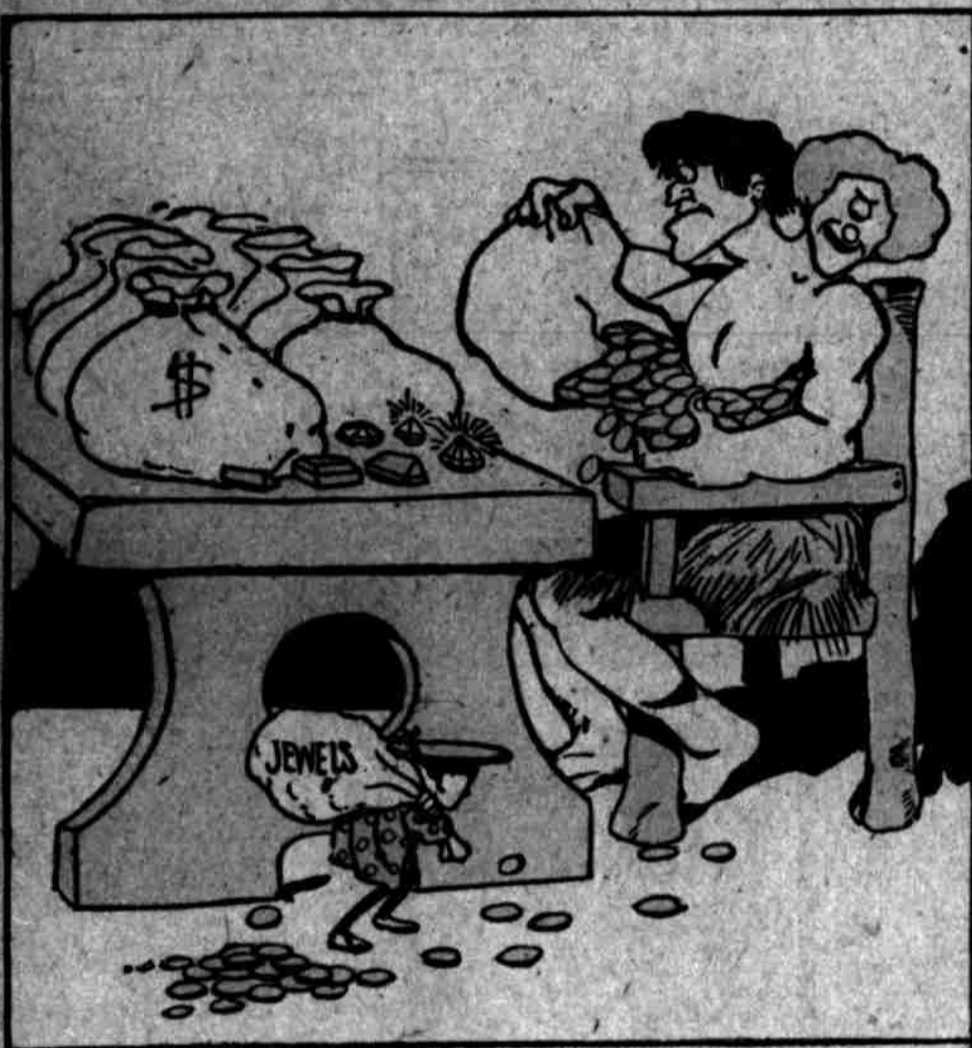
O HORRORS!

2—WELL, I DROPPED asleep awfully quick, and before I knew it I was dreaming about a terrible two-headed giant, and each head only had one eye. I dreamed he came toward me and snatched me up, and it gave me such a shock I woke up screaming; and would you believe it?—sure enough, I really was captured by the very monster I had dreamed of.



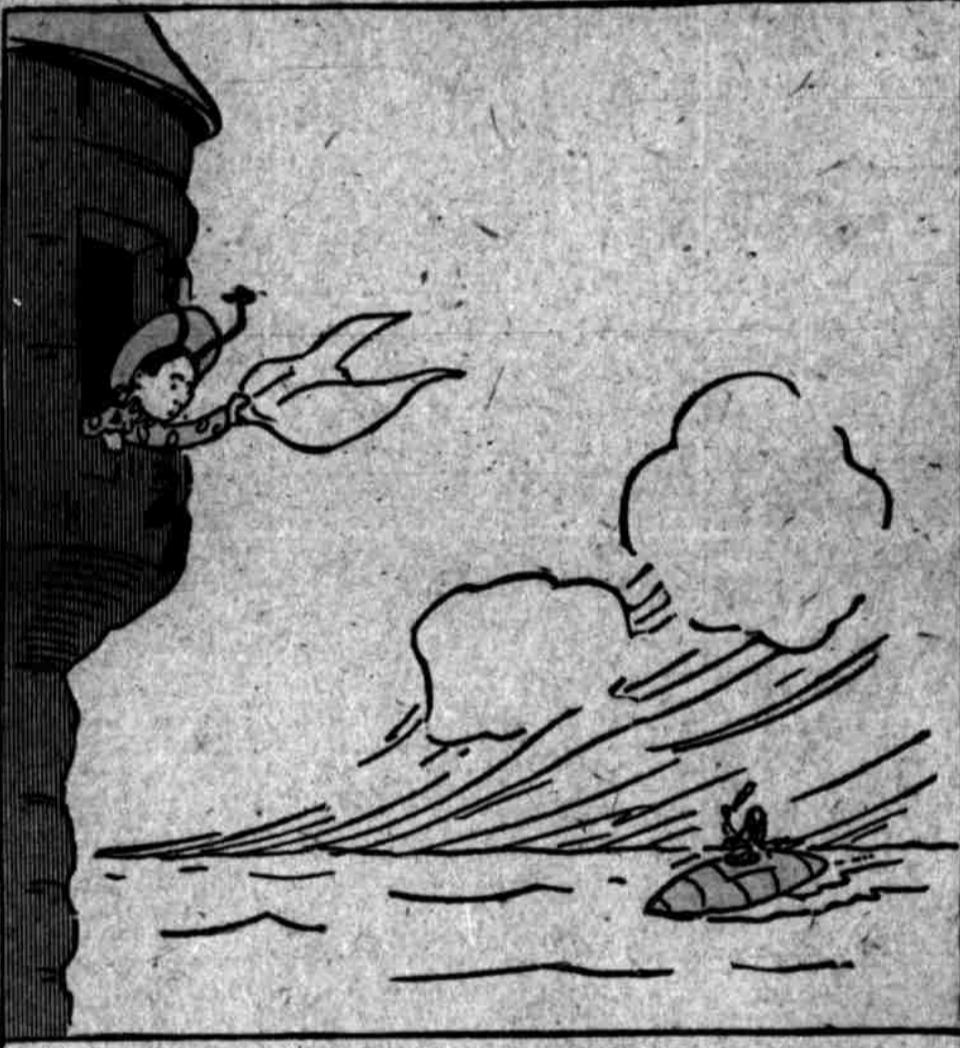
BRING ANOTHER BROILED TOX!

3—HE TOOK ME to his castle and put me to work writing on cable for him. That was a terrible job, for he ate two or three men, and drank several casks of wine just for one meal, and then he said he was going to eat me for dinner.



JEWELS

4—WELL, HE DRANK so much wine he forgot all about his dessert for a while, I guess; and after he had eaten he got out several bags of gold and jewels that he had stolen from kings and princes and began to count them over.



SHOW ME THE ROBBERS?

5—WHILE HE WAS doing this he fell asleep. Then I ran to the tower window and searched the water far below; and, sure enough! there was the captain in the distance, fishing. I waved a white cloth at him, and finally he must have seen it, for the Besie Boat came rushing through the water toward the castle.



GOLD

6—AS SOON AS THE captain recognized me I ran back and took up a bag of gold, and chucked it out the window into the sea far below. Then I threw out another and another, until I had sent every one of them to the bottom of the sea at the foot of the tower, knowing that the captain would get in his dining suit and recover them again!



WHERE'S MY TREASURE?

ROBBERS?

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7—THEN I RUSHED back to where the giant was asleep and screamed "Robbers!" at the top of my voice. The giant jumped up with a roar like thunder, and saw that all his treasures had disappeared. "Where are they? Where are the robbers?" he shrieked, and dashed madly down the halls and out the door!



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HERE'S WHERE I ESCAPE!

8—AS SOON AS the giant ran you one way I took a sneak in the other direction, but I hadn't gone far when I saw the giant come sneaking after me. I was too scared to run, so I hid behind some rocks; but you late! Mr. Two-face was hot on my trail and soon snatched me out of my hiding place!



BETTER EAT HER RAW!

BACK TO THE DUNGEON FOR YOURS!

9—MY, BUT HE was still very angry. "Gee!" He took me back and snatched me into his dungeon. He was too mad to kill me then, I guess, so he just thought he would wait until he could think of some way that would be terrible enough to satisfy him. I'll tell you how he did it later rather than let you do it, now.

Bessie D. ...