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## Puppets and their pals



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unch sits limply on the bench, impersonating an inanimate object. Then the puppeteer picks him up and Punch reassumes his rascal-like character.

Wooden hands and feet clack together as Punch goes through his antics with his nagging wife, Judy. Will he put the poor baby through the sausage-grinder again or merely throw it out the window?

Punch is everything a bad man (or a puppet) can be, yet the audience forgives him and cheers him on. To children, he's color, movement and a funny voice. To adults he's mostly devil, with enough mortal in him to be intriguing.

Punch and Judy are members of a 50-puppet, six human being family. And though it's crowded at the Maurice Van household, the family members and their stuffed, carved and stringed friends manage to get along quite "hand-some-ly." Please turn to Page 4B.

