

# LITTLE JOHNNY AND THE TEDDY BEARS

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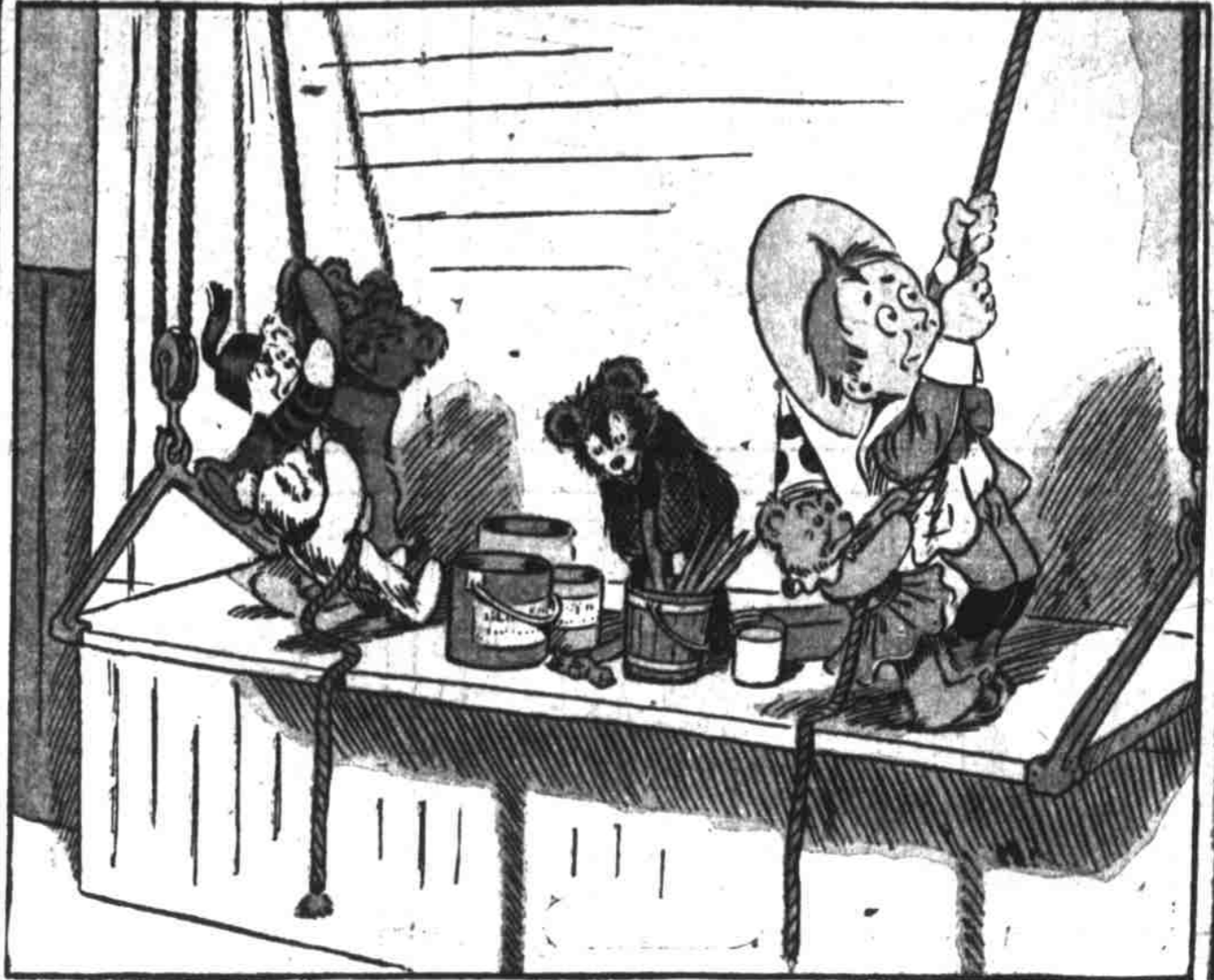
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1. Just how this enterprise arose  
We will not stop now to disclose.  
Suffice to tell what they will do:  
They're going forth to paint things blue.

2. In short, John's hit upon a plan  
To make some money—all he can.  
He thinks he'll paint papa's barn blue,  
And get paid for it when he's through.



3. The shelf's drawn up, the work begins;  
Each Ted slaps on blue paint and grins.  
No doubt the barn will look quite gay  
If it's all going to look that way.

4. But suddenly the painting stops  
Because the hanging paint shelf drops,  
And John and Teds and paints and all  
Are in it for a first-class fall.



5. Now, here's what we don't understand:  
Just as our painters want to land  
Comes this old woman toting home  
A great big bundle on her dome.

6. An extra ton or so of freight  
Is just a flea-bite on her pate.  
Where Teds are bound for we can't say,  
We only know they're on the way.