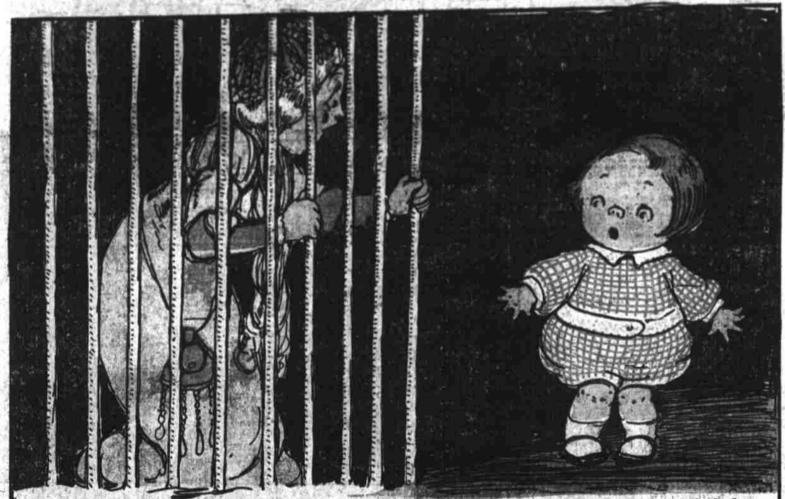
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Mine Uncle Ned gived me a—a funny-graft for mine birfday. It's a n'orful nice fing, a box an' a horn an' a lot o' black dinner plates called records, an' you put one o' the dinner plates on an' it goes roun' an' roun', an' one o' the ladies or gemplums what lives in the box commences to sing or talk magniferously jus' like grand uproar.



An' one day one o' the ladies was singin' a—a—a n'orful strong, squealey kind o' a song, an' she was screemin' somepin orful, an' Puppo he gotted scared an' he runned downstairs an' she was screemin' "tra-la-s la-a-a-la! Hellup! Oh, hellup!". An'—an' I—I gotted a chair an' I climbed right into the horn o' the funny graft.



An' I runned down some—er—some steps an'—1—1 finded a bu'ful Prim—Prim-o-dummy all locked up in a 'ittle bird cage an' she was cryin' an' sobbin'—an' she sed a n'orful bad ol' magician had locked her up ther' an' he turned her into a crank so she'd sing for his funny-graft. Now, what-che-know-'bout-'at?



So I sed, "Don-che-cry, poor Prim-o-Dummy," I sed, "I'll set you free." 'En I opened the door o' the cage an' she flied out an' 'en ther' was a nuvver cage wif a lovely big fat gemplum locked in it, an' he was cryin' an' cryin', an' I left him out, too. an' ther' was a lot o' folks shutted up ther' in the box o' mine birfday funny-graft, an' I setted 'em all free.



An' we squoze out froo a littles' teenies' door an' we got out o' the big horn o' mine birfday funny-graft, an'—an' all o' those uproar ladies an' gemplums was so 'lighted to get free an' 'ey kissed me an' sed, "You is certainly one big magniferous hero!" An' 'ey—'ey—well, 'ey all flied out o' the winder far—fa-ar away, till you couldn't see 'em no more.

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An' 'ey broked a whole lot o' the big black dinner plates, an' mine Cousin Alice comed in an' she sed, "Oh, look! Somebuddy has broked all the uproar records!" An' she sed, "Naughty Kiddo! Did you!" An' I telled her 'bout me reskewin' the Prim-o-Dummy what cried, "Hellup!" an' she (mine Cousin Alice) jus' sitted down an' laffed an' laffed, an' sed, "Oh, you Kiddo!"