



BY RALPH WAJDU

PAER stalked into the house with his jaw justing out like a soldier looking for fresh beefsteak.

"Where's my darned socks?" he demanded, popping his head out of the bedroom door and glaring in the general direction of his placid helpmate. "I don't see what you hide 'em in a different place every week for."

"There's no use of your swearing about it," Ma chided calmly. "I wouldn't be surprised you'd find 'em hanging to your nose if you'd try to blow it."

"I ain't swearin'!" T. Paer retorted. "I'm describin' 'em, if it's anything like a darned sock in this house."

"If you wouldn't stub your toes against everything it wouldn't be so hard to keep 'em darned," Ma answered, "but they's a lot of 'em in the right-hand drawer."

"What do you keep 'em covered up for?" T. Paer grumbled. "How'm I goin' to catch a train if I have to go prospectin' for everything I need?"

"Catch a train? You mean in surprise, which way are you going now?"

"South," T. Paer answered briefly.

"You been headed that way for a long time?" Ma asked. "Are you going all the way this time?"

"I'm goin' to Salem," T. Paer answered. "That's far enough ain't it?"

"That'd be about right," Ma responded. "If you put up at the right place when you get there?"

"Doc Steiner's at the coast," T. Paer grinned. "nd I ain't goin' to take no chances when he's out of town."

"You'd be takin' no chances if Doc done his duty?" Ma retorted. "The only thing that'd save you'd be lack of room."

"Lee's my friend," T. Paer boasted. "nd besides, he's got enough dispositions like mine out there."

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"Rehearsing of what?" Ma asked. "Do they have to listen twice before they hear anything?"

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"Is it that rate thing?" Ma asked.

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"But if they was right in the first place, the company's entitled to all the boys give 'em," Ma suggested. "Do you s'pose they think they got off on the wrong foot?"

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"I hope they do," Ma said. "The boys ain't bad boys at heart."

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"What?" Ma asked curiously.

"That a \$4 bill's too much to pay for a \$4000 commissioner," T. Paer grinned, "or something like that."

BRINGING UP FATHER

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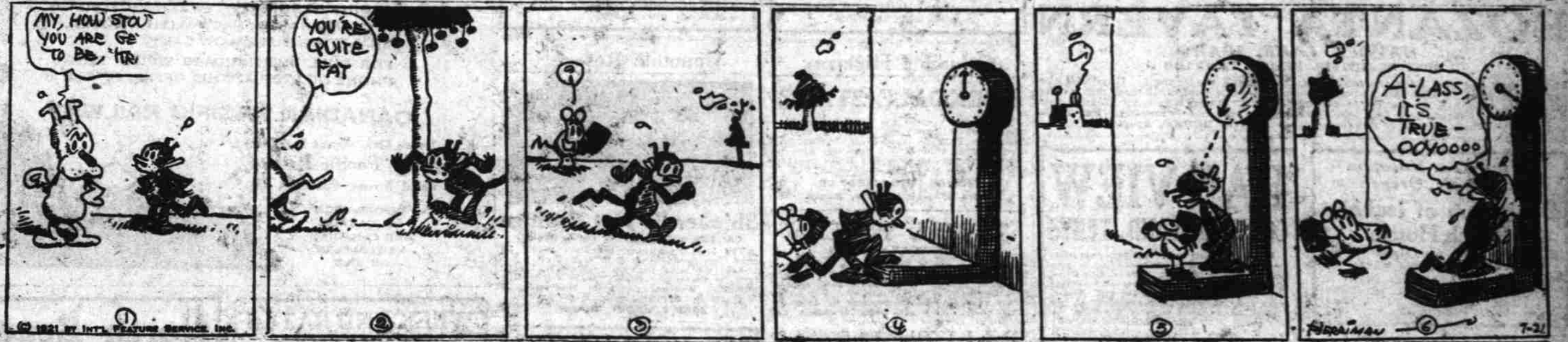
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Skinny's Memory Could Be Worse



BURGESS' BEDTIME STORIES

What Peter Rabbit Did Do

By Thornton W. Burgess

You'll never regret the kindly deed that old rabbit did for me.

—Peter Rabbit.

LONGLEGS the Heron was getting nearer and nearer to Grandfather Frog and still Grandfather Frog sat on the big green lily pad close to the shore and led the Frog chorus. "Chug-arum, chug-arum, chug-arum," as if there wasn't such a thing as danger in all the Great World. I suppose Grandfather Frog thought he was singing. "The only thing that'd save you'd be lack of room," Lee's my friend," T. Paer boasted. "nd besides, he's got enough dispositions like mine out there."

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