

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

SYNOPSIS: Jervis Weare, left to drown in a tidal cave by Robert Leonard, came to life from death by swimming a ledge above high water. Leonard demands \$100,000 to release Jervis. Rosamund Caves, Jervis' former mistress, is in league with Leonard, but when Leonard tells her Jervis probably has drowned she rushes into the cave to aid him.

Chapter 47
A GASTLY TEA PARTY
Rosamund's footsteps woke Jervis, who lay asleep in his soaked clothes on the high ledge.

He shot out a hand and caught her by the wrist as she leaned forward and called his name. He felt her stiffen and fall back. His grip tightened. She began to try to wrench herself free. He got her other wrist with his left hand and pulled her down on her knees. She kept her hold of the torch.

After a moment Rosamund laughed. "You needn't hold me so fiercely!" Jervis' grasp relaxed. He drew his hands back through the bars and was humiliated to find that they were shaking. Rosamund flashed the light on his face and exclaimed, "Are you all right?"

"That—comes well—from you," said Jervis. "What's the matter?" "Nothing, I'm thirsty."

"Nan!" said Rosamund. "The torch swung round in an erratic circle as she jumped up. Next moment she was round the bend. He could hear her running. The dusk went black.

Robert Leonard heard sounds in the kitchen and went in, to find Rosamund coming out of the pantry with eggs in one hand and a jug of milk in the other. She set a kettle boiling on the oil stove. She turned on him in a cold fury.

"I didn't say you were to starve him!" "Dead men don't eat."

"Don't push me too far!" said Rosamund. "I got him out of the house for you, and you went back on me by hitting him over the head."

SUNDOWN STORIES
JUMPING PUDDLES
By Mary Graham Bonner

As soon as Old Toad had finished his first ride in his birthday automobile, the Puddle Jumper Toadster, and it had jumped over every puddle in turn, all the others wanted rides.

Toadies, Mother Toad, the other Toads, Top Notch, the Rooster—all had ridden except Rip, the dog, who was a little too large, and Willy Nilly, who was much too large.

He felt that a quarter-of-a-cylinder car wasn't quite powerful enough to carry his fat body, or big enough for him to manage, even if he hung his long legs over the side.

"I think I'll take a ride down the road and show the Quackers of Quackerville my car," Old Toad said, "and also Flotilla Bottilla will want to see it."

She is being a little careful after her illness and couldn't come down for the party.

So Old Toad started with some of the other Toads riding with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Quacko and the Ducks rode in the Duck coupe, and Rip, the dog, and Willy Nilly walked.

There were three puddles to jump before they reached the road leading to Flotilla Bottilla's house.

The Puddle Jumper Toadster jumped over them in fine style, but then, along a straight piece of road, the car stopped and simply wouldn't move.

"I guess I'm carrying too heavy a load," said Old Toad, and so Mother Toad and Toadies and several of the other Toads got out.

But still the car wouldn't move. "We're stuck," said Old Toad with a look of misery on his Toad face.

ACROSS
1. Affirmative
4. Chess piece
9. Sheep-killing porcupine
12. Lamb
13. Custom
14. Rich
15. Greek letter
17. Viaduct
21. Allowance
22. Redoubt
23. Most
25. Singular
28. Actual
29. French article
30. Breathes quickly
31. French coin
32. Assistance
33. Visionary
35. Female salutation
36. Back of a vessel
38. City in Iowa
40. Alternative
41. Present
42. Stiff
43. Opponent
44. Avoid
45. Apparent
46. Aquatic mammal
51. Untruth
54. More tender

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
RAJAH BOB LAD
ADOBE ARE LERA
PACES NATCHEZ
NILE ANTLARES
ARA STAIRS
GARNET NAPKIN
ABET NEE ANEW
POLAR DROVE
HOLLAND METAL
INE TEE ANILE
SEN EON RACED

"Come—is it a deal?" "I'll see you both a good deal farther than Peru before I give you a penny!" he said.

Nan slept, and as she slept she dreamed as was in a dark place, sweeping bitterly. Then there was light. It shone through her hands, and through her closed lids, and through her tears, and she looked and saw what she had seen once before in a dream.

She saw wet stones, and Jervis lying on them, his head back and his eyes open as if he were dead. A wave of agony broke against her heart. She cried out in her sleep and woke, shuddering from lead to foot.

Nan got out of bed. She had dreamed that dream twice. She had the first time Jervis had come to her. Now she must go to him. She was quite sure of this. Her fatigue was gone, and the trouble in her mind was gone.

She had gone to bed crushed down by the thought that Jervis and Rosamund were together. This she had to find. She dressed herself, putting on a thin dress and a raincoat over it.

She had unlatched the window, when a sudden thought turned her back to the writing-table. She found paper and pencil and wrote, "I'm going to look for Jervis. I'm going to Leonard's house first. I am quite sure he knows where Jervis is." She folded the sheet and addressed it to Ferdinand. Then she picked up an electric torch that was lying at the back of the table and went out of the long window.

The thunder set her running. It was like a door banging behind her. She ran, and the wind that was blowing off the sea came up and

carried her along. It was all like a dream. There was the same certainty, the same consciousness of something with which reason had nothing to do. Nan had not thought of where she was going. She had known.

She came out of the lanes and began to climb the road along the cliff, and here the storm caught her like a leaf. One veering gust flung her against the bank and held her there bruised and impotent. Spray drenched her. She fell twenty times. She was near the sheer drop over the cliff, again and yet again, and then, just as she could fight no more, the wind would lift and carry her along.

She came to Robert Leonard's front door, felt for the handle, turned it and knew at once that the door was fast.

(To be Continued)

Bridge Club Has Pleasant Affair
Monmouth—Mrs. Albert Tetherow was hostess to members of her Tuesday afternoon bridge club at her home. Refreshments were served.

Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Glenn Hillebrand, Independence; Mrs. M. Cornelius, Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and Mrs. George Cooper. Members present were Mrs. Cora Riddell, Mrs. H. Morlan, Mrs. A. F. Courter, Mrs. James Gentle, Mrs. E. F. Butler, Mrs. D. Dewey, Mrs. H. Dadds and Mrs. Tetherow.

JOHNSONS ON RANCH
Hopmere—Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Johnson and sons have moved back to the Homer Gouley place where they expect to spend the winter. In February they will leave Hopmere and go back to their ranch in Nebraska.

ANSWERS to QUESTIONS

by Frederic J. Haskin

Q. If the post office department handles the same amount of mail which it did last year, how much more revenue will be realized from increased postal rates? W.B.
A. About \$139,000,000. While the volume of mail probably will not equal last year's it is believed that the receipts will be considerably larger.

Q. Who coined the phrase, the Forgotten Man? S.F.
A. It is attributed to William Graham Sumner, who used the expression in a lecture in 1883.

Q. Are many of the stocks sold on the market assessable? P.F.
A. Very few stocks except bank stocks are assessable. That system has been largely abandoned in modern business because of the difficulty in selling stocks which might develop liability features. It can be generally assumed that the listed industrial, railroad, etc., stocks are not assessable.

Q. What is the history of the prejudice against a third term for presidents? O.N.
A. Washington declined a third term in his farewell address. Some Americans were offended because they believed John Adams would

the acid solution and wash water will evaporate rather than penetrate into the structure, and it will probably be necessary to repeat this procedure several times.

Q. How did the term "midshipman" as applied to men at the Naval Academy originate? C.E.
A. The title originated in the British navy more than 200 years ago when the "young gentlemen" who were under instruction on these vessels for the purpose of becoming officers, were given quarters amidships abreast and maintained on the lower deck.

Q. How much money has the reconstruction finance corporation advanced to farmers? B.V.T.
A. An aggregate of \$65,000,000 in small loans has been distributed among 500,000 farmers to date.

Q. What portion of the population of the United States will attend school this year? M.C.
A. About one-fourth. This means that about 31,000,000 people will be in school. Public grade and high schools account for approximately 25,000,000.

Q. Does the United States owe any World War debts? E.H.
A. The United States owes about \$15,000,000,000 which it borrowed from its own citizens to finance the war.

Q. Why was Geoffrey, Count of Anjou, given the surname, Plantagenet? S.B.
A. The name was derived from his wearing in his cap a sprig of the broom (genet) plant.

Q. Was David Garrick an Englishman or a Frenchman? L.K.
A. David Garrick was an Englishman, but he was descended from a French family named Garric or Garrigue of Bordeaux, which had settled in England on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Q. To whom did George Washington bequeath the River Farm? T.D.B.
A. It was bequeathed to his grandnephew, Fayette Washington and Charles Augustine Washington. This farm is now known as Collingwood and is owned by Mrs. Mark Reid Yates.

Q. When did Bridgeport, Connecticut, become a town? H.E.D.
A. The first settlement, called Pughquonnet, was made in 1639. After various fortunes, in 1800, the borough of Bridgeport was incorporated; in 1821 the town of Bridgeport was set off, and in 1836 it became a city.

Q. How much money did Lotta Crabtree leave? E.D.L.
A. She is said to have been the wealthiest player in America. She left \$3,000,000, most of it to charity.

Q. Do more negroes live in Baltimore or Washington? W.A.S.
A. Washington, D.C., according to the census of 1930, has a negro population of 132,968 or 27.1 percent of the total. Baltimore has a negro population of 142,160, or 17.7 percent of its total population.

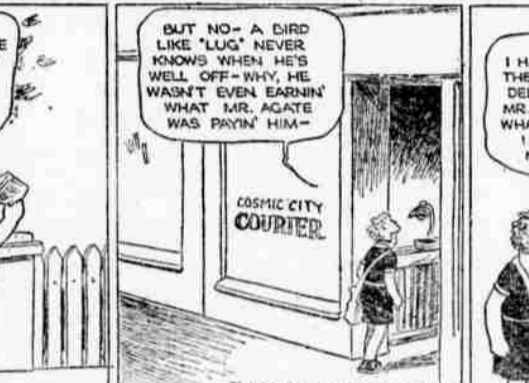
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BRIDGE CLUB HAS PLEASANT AFFAIR



IN THESE DAYS A JOB'S A JOB



BOY PRODIGY



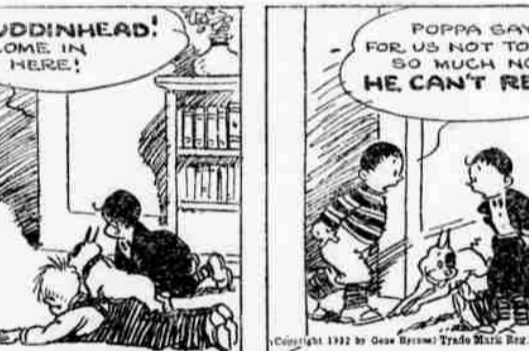
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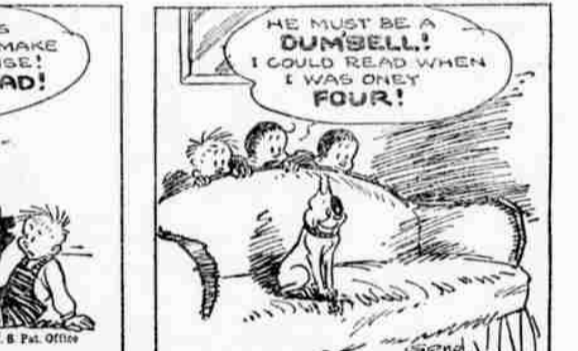
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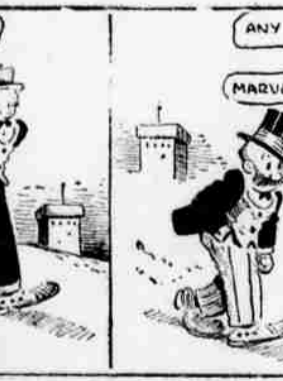
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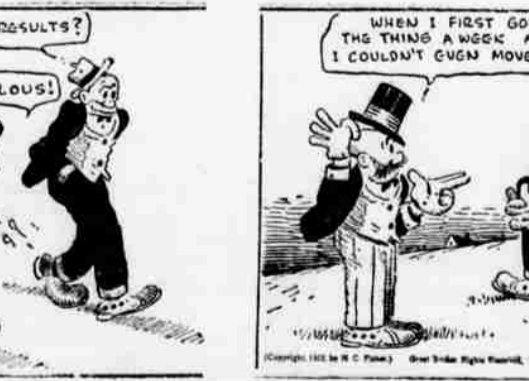
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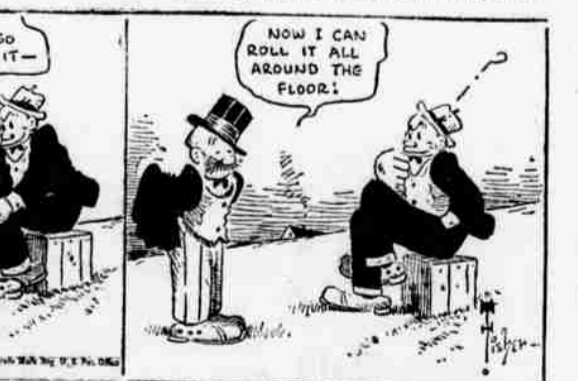
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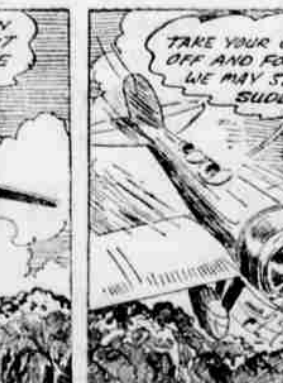
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