

Marian Gordon by JEANNE ROWMAN

Synopsis: Marian Casad's husband, Lon, is worried almost beyond endurance. His boss, the crooked contractor, McSwain, holds a check over Lon's head...

Chapter 41 MESSAGE FROM KING The district attorney had said he believed McSwain would force Lon to bear the responsibility of the high school...

Choosing wouldn't be an easy matter for her would have her to consider. She must hurry her counter attack. King should have an answer to her query before very long.

Lon stirred, awakened and Marian thought she detected a new attitude as he arose and prepared for the day. It was as though he had made a decision that night and his mind was at rest.

"Jan," he said at breakfast, "I'm going to be late again tonight, only, and he gave a wry smile, "I won't be out with the boys."

"Oh, Lon," she couldn't help the

SUNDOWN STORIES

MANY VISITORS

By Mary Graham Bonner "Santa Claus" he interrupted, "I don't want to be interrupted," he shouted Willy Nilly. "He picked out Puddle Middle because he thought it was far enough away from places so that he could work here, and yet near enough so he could go anywhere he wanted in double-quick time."

Santa Claus was putting on the roof of the building and couldn't hear Willy Nilly, but he could hear all the voices and he called down from his ladder:

"Were you expecting guests?" "No," Willy Nilly called back, "and I'll tell anyone who comes here that we're busy with secrets."

But Willy Nilly did not have a chance to finish his sentence before the air was filled with birds, and

jumping from tree to tree were any number of squirrels.

"Oh," said Santa Claus, "I don't mind having the birds watch me at my work. I simply didn't want the children to know my secrets, and all I was doing, until Christmas day."

"Twit, twit, chirp, chirp," sang the birds. "We followed you sleigh and we've come to sing to you while you work. You've always been too far north for us before. And, if we're very good, could we make little stockings out of some of our feathers and hang them on the twigs for you to fill, Santa."

"And," chattered the squirrels, their eyes as bright as could be, "if we ran errands for you and were very, very good and didn't scold or gossip or anything, do you suppose we could have a Christmas treat, too?"

"You could, you all could!" shouted Santa Claus. "There's going to be Christmas for everyone."

Tomorrow: "A Terrible Moment."

lan interposed. "No, but he also left word that I was to come prepared to stay for dinner." "Oh," A monosyllabic answer. It sounded stupid. She felt stupid, but after having promised to trust him. "Will you be too lonesome here?" He asked. "Why don't you telephone your folks and have them drive down, or you might take me over, they drive up and see them."

"No," she answered, "I'd rather be here... right here on the spot. I'll read and then there's the radio." But she didn't read and she didn't even look towards the radio. The day was warm and clear and she worked in the part of the garden from which she might hear a telephone, and when she could find nothing else to do, followed Lon's newly formed habit of pacing up and down the path which led to the hill top.

Instantly, she decided was more trying than actual suffering. To be forced to wait while unseen forces seemed to be gathering about her was the most nerve wracking ordeal she had ever faced.

"Here I sit while he goes putting his head into a noose," she thought once. Not that she was sitting, or felt she would ever sit peacefully again.

Here gave a short bark. Someone coming. She raced to the top of the hill, hoping to see the familiar V of Lon's car, instead she saw the van of a truck. She saw the van vanishingly trying to make the grade. Yank bent earnestly over the wheel as if by pushing he would help.

His face was beaming when he arrived. May at his side. They had come to call, he explained. May wished to see the garden but first the inside of the house.

Marian conducted them inside and assured that he wasn't being observed. Waki brought a telegram from the innermost recesses of the coat, sweater and vest he wore.

Marian tore it open eagerly. It was from King.

"Have located party stop he is waiting at Oakmere for word from you stop suggest you telephone for appointment stop advise immediate contact. John."

Marian read the telegram, then looked at the mantel clock. It was 3:15. She could make the 3:45 with Waki's help, and the hills drawn. If Mr. Casad comes home, tell him I went to... let's see... to Mrs. Steele's. Remember that?

"I remember that," May assured her. "I say, Mix Casad, she go Miz Steele's."

"You'd better say Anne Steele," Marian decided, "and if he needs me you have him telephone there, won't you, May?"

"I do."

The Waki car charged down the hill. Marian tried to look as much like Mrs. Waki as her tall form would decide. Perhaps her shadow would decide the Waki's had merely come to call and were returning home, and would stay on, guarding the house.

They reached the depot just as the electric train pulled in and Marian was relieved to find no trace of a Kanaka boy or anyone else who seemed interested in her, in the background.

As they sped towards the city, she thought of the wire. The O'Connors, one of the more obscure hotels. She would go directly to Anna, then telephone from there and wait for him.

(To be continued)

To save his sugar industry from probable bankruptcy, the Trinidad government will loan to sugar factories \$9.50 on each ton of the sweet produced.

20. Gazed fixedly in a desert.

21. To the other side.

22. Custom fabric.

23. Height.

24. Helmed.

25. 100 square meters of land.

26. Grads.

27. Soviet republic of south central Europe.

28. Coloring of the sky when the sun strikes below the horizon.

29. Proper.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS By Frederic J. Haskin

A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Capital Journal Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for reply.

Q. What was the first intercollegiate football game in the United States? C.K. A. Princeton and Rutgers on November 23, 1869, played the first intercollegiate football game in history.

Q. What group of professional men has the greatest longevity? M.B. A. Life insurance statistics indicate that ministers, as a group, may expect greater longevity than men in any other calling.

Q. What is the average age of a Spanish War veteran? V.F. A. The average age of Spanish War veterans is now 60.

Q. Which State ranks first in area, and which in population, A.M. A. Texas is first in area, but New York is first in population.

Q. Can gasoline be made from peat? H.T.W. A. The process of making gasoline from peat has been developed at the Leningrad Industrial Institute. The gasoline has been used in an automobile test run from Leningrad to Moscow and return and experts there report that the new fuel gives more power than ordinary gasoline, makes no smoke,

and costs only half as much to produce as gasoline from petroleum.

Q. Has Eugene O'Neill, the playwright, ever been an actor? H.T.D. A. Eugene O'Neill is the son of James O'Neill, who was a famous actor. The son played with the father for one season in The Count of Monte Cristo.

Q. How much does it cost to light the Washington Monument? A.T. A. About \$1400 a year.

Q. How much of the Skyline Drive is now completed? S.E.C. A. Thirty-two miles. When completed, the Drive will be about ninety miles in length, reaching from Front Royal to Waynesboro, through the Shenandoah Valley, with its extensions south, it will eventually be 400 miles in length.

Q. What height was reached by the Picards on their stratosphere flight? E.R. A. Dr. and Mrs. Jean Piccard reached an altitude of 57,979 feet or nearly eleven miles.

Q. How many pounds of tobacco does it take to make one thousand cigarettes? M.W.S. A. About 2.85 pounds.

Q. Were Negroes called slaves when they were first brought to America? F.M. A. Apparently the word slave was not applied to the African Negroes imported for servants and sold, un-

til many years after the practice originated in America. It was a common custom for white persons to be brought to America either as prisoners or emigrants and their services sold for a varying term, either to fulfill their sentences or to pay for their transportation. For many years it appears that the status of the African was not greatly different from that of white servants and both were called by the latter term. The transition from servitude to slavery was made when the servitude became hereditary and descended to the offspring of the original servants.

Q. When was "Tom Sawyer" written? A.M. A. It was finished in 1875 but was not published until December, 1876.

Q. Who started the first hospitals for foundlings in the United States? C.T.W. A. The first institution designated for foundlings seems to have been St. Vincent's Infant Asylum established by the Sisters of Charity (St. Vincent de Paul) in Baltimore, Md., in 1856.

Q. Is it considered that President Roosevelt's action prohibiting the use of gold as money and substituting paper is Constitutional? W.N. A. The Supreme Court ultimately will pass upon the matter but, meantime, reference is made to Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution which says: "No State shall make anything but gold and silver coin tender in payment of debts" and some lawyers hold that what is forbidden to any of the States must be forbidden to all of them.

Q. What kind of a drink was cider joyful, popular in colonial days? M.P. A. It was strong cider mixed with honey.

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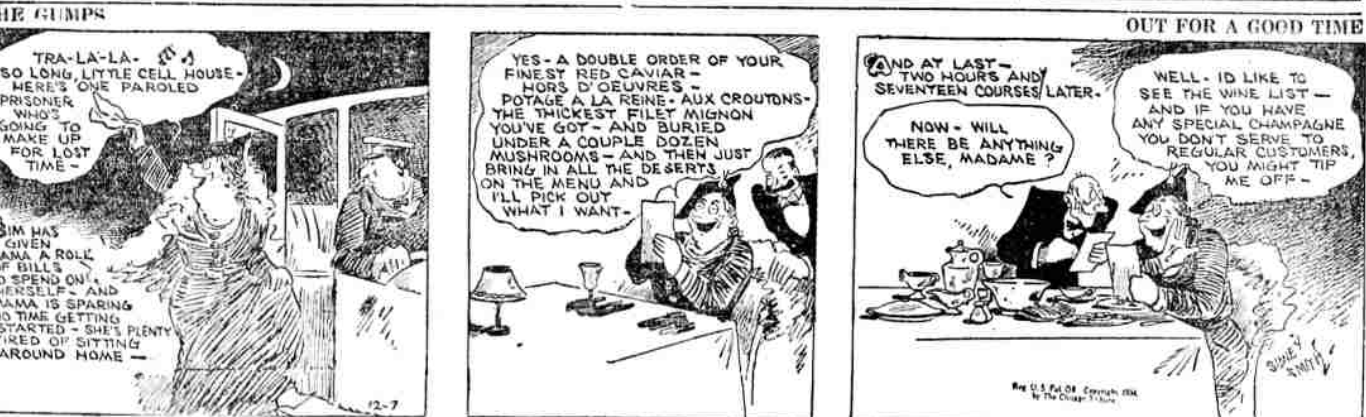
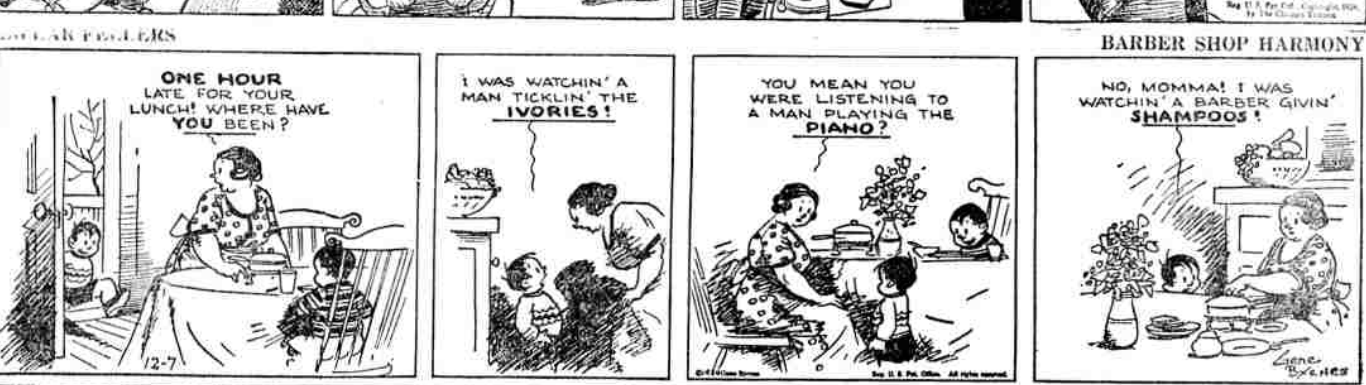
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ACROSS 1. Color. 2. Highway. 3. Weep convulsively. 4. Possessive pronoun. 5. Smallest even number. 6. Sharpener. 7. Blows. 8. Iron. 9. In that case. 10. Sin. 11. Seafood. 12. Pertaining to the ear. 13. Open court. 14. Preposition. 15. Interpretation. 16. Biblical retreat. 17. More lax. 18. Traveled. 19. Writing fluid. 20. Vegetable excretions. 21. Noise and. 22. Vessel. 23. Swimming bird. 24. Owned. 25. Ventilator. 26. Negative. 27. Recruit. 28. Woener. 29. Shaped like a. 30. Sea eagle. 31. Device for affixing. 32. French coin. 33. Cravat.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-33.

PUFFY cartoon featuring a bear and a man.

MUTI AND JEFF cartoon featuring a man and a dog.

THE GUMPS cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

JEFF GOT PLENTY OF SOMETHING HE WASN'T AFTER! cartoon featuring a man and a dog.

ONE HOUR LATE FOR YOUR LUNCHEON cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

ALL RIGHT, BOYS - NOW, ALL TOGETHER cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

THAT'S TH' KIND OF A BOSS I LIKE cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

YOU SAID IT - HE AIN'T SCARED TO GRAB AN OLT AND GIVE A HAND, NOW AND THEN cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

GOOD-NIGHT, BOSS - SO LONG. BOSS - GOOD NIGHT cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

GOOD NIGHT, MEN - SEE YOU IN THE MORNING cartoon featuring a man and a woman.

WELL, ANOTHER DAY - IT'S SLOW, HARD WORK - THIS MAKING A COME-BACK - BUT I WILL GET BACK TO THE TOP OF THE HEAD AGAIN - I'LL PROVE I CAN DO IT, TO THE WORLD - AND TO MYSELF cartoon featuring a man and a woman.