

Peddler of Dreams

By PEGGY DERN

(Chapter 18)

They went to a movie and thought it was a picture widely advertised and supposed to be very good, neither of them was conscious of anything that took place on the screen. They were conscious only of their shoulders touching, of the fact that they were together here in a little world all their own. They lived each other. And something would have to happen so that they could have each other.

At the end of the week Felicity received a letter from Uncle Charles. He had been very happy to hear that things were going so well. He felt that Tippy was very fortunate to be on the verge of being adopted by Susan Fleming, and was sending her a costume for herself and one for Garret. And he added:

"About your play, I don't know why anybody should be surprised to know you've written one. I've read it and I'm not going to tell you what I think of it for fear you may feel that I'm prejudiced, in fact I may be, because I am very fond of you. But I am sending it along to a friend of mine who is actively producing. I'll forward you this report as soon as I get it."

"Yes, I am very proud of your father. I didn't think he had it in him. I'm afraid I'll have to change my opinion of him, at this late date. That he would be willing to take a job as a department store Santa Claus argues that he must be more of a man than I thought."

Felicity let the letter drop from her nervous hands and was deeply thankful that the children were out playing and alone. She knew there was a letter from Uncle Charles. Father a department store Santa Claus! And that pitifully brave letter he had written about a new part in which I am really the lead. The apologies for sending only ten dollars a week! An actor has to dress, you know, and maintain a front—entertain the press—Oh, poor Father! How he must hate it!

She drew a long breath at last and tore the letter into minute bits. Nobody must know. The children must go on thinking that Father was back on his beloved Broadway, that he was playing a part in a play, that he was a genuine success. Felicity herself was a genuine success had been able to send even that much.

The box of costumes arrived. The one for Felicity was a hoop-skirted affair of Civil War days. Garret's costume was that of a dandy of the same period. The children were wild with excitement and admiration when Garret and Felicity put on a dress rehearsal a few days before Christmas.

Christmas was a time of mixed pleasure and pain. Felicity felt the loss of Tippy from their small circle. But since Denny did not seem to feel it, and since Ellen was thriving, gaining a bit of bloom in her pale cheeks, and Corolla seemed entirely happy. Felicity told herself she was being foolish and tried to let it go at that.

The problem of cooking a turkey when Jason reported that turkeys were cheaper than any other kind of meat and they could get one at even less than the market price, was unexpectedly solved by Ma Green the day before Christmas.

"I knew you'd want to have a turkey for the kids," she told Felicity cheerfully. "And I ain't going to any other about Christmas. Seems kind of silly, when you're all alone and an old woman. So you just help yourself to my kitchen and cook anything you want. I'll be out of the house most of the time till after Christmas."

Felicity thanked her and Ma Green said with a little sigh, "Somehow, I don't ever realize how lonely some I am until around this time of the year. My husband used to get awful excited about Christmas, and of course we had the boys—until our luck ran out. Her kind nut-brown face worked a little and there was a mist of tears in her eyes."

"Ma Green," she said almost hurriedly, for she was shy of what she was about to say for fear of the day Ma Green would take it, "why don't you have Christmas with the children and me?" We'd love it. Ma Green studied the girl shrewdly, and suddenly her face softened and she patted Felicity's arm with the awkwardness of one unaccustomed to demonstration, because there has been no opportunity to become demonstrative.

"You're a smashing sweet girl, Felicity—and it's sweet of you. I'd love to come—only couldn't we have our dinner here in the house? There's more room than in the trailer and I wouldn't feel like I was crowding you. I'd feel kind of like you were partly my guests and I was partly yours. And I could do some of the cooking. I used to be a right good cook before I stopped having any opportunity for cooking."

And so it was settled and the children were thrilled over the prospect of a real Christmas in a house. The children were wild with excitement, but as Ma Green expressed it, "so good it fair hurts you to see 'em."

"You mean I've — well, I've been too strict with them?" Felicity asked swiftly. "I've made them afraid of me?"

"Good Lord, child, what a crazy idea," snapped Ma Green. "There never was children anywhere in the world that were whipped anybody like them young-ones do you. It's just that they're not wild and shrieking and under-foot every minute. You are a mighty fine girl, Felicity. The fellow that gets you is going to be a lucky man. And I reckon I wouldn't have to hunt no more'n twenty feet to find him."

"(To Be Continued)"



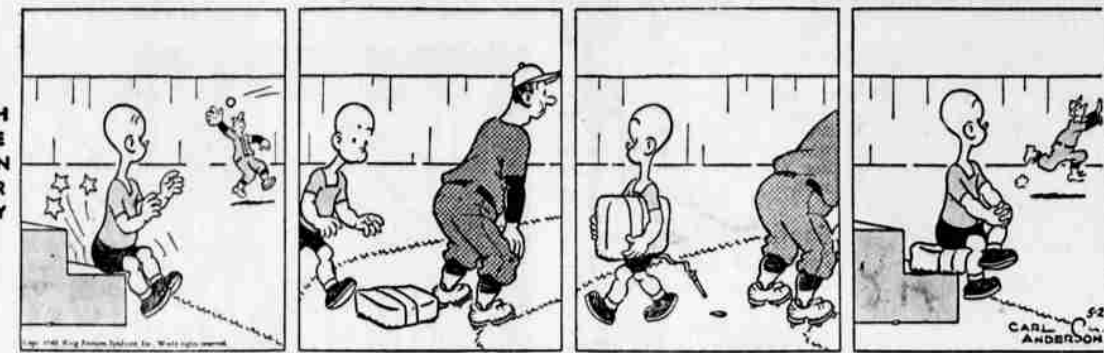
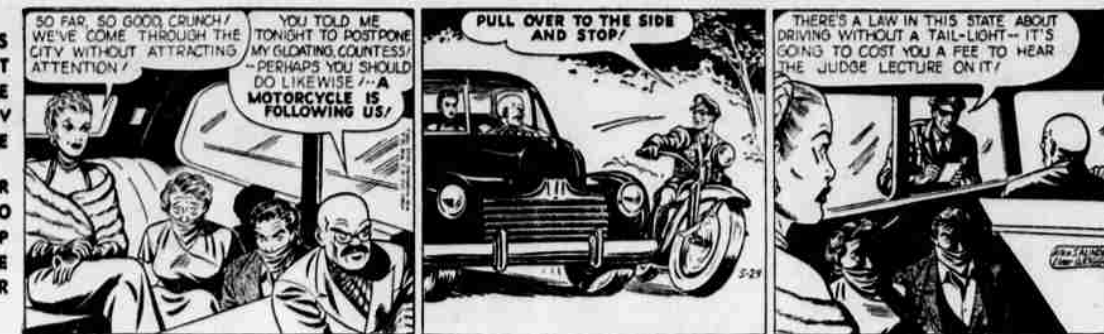
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9	Monte Cristo Monte Cristo Favorite Story Favorite Story	Supper Club News of the World This is Your Life This is Your Life	Handstand News Dancin' Dope Baseball	Lowell Thomas Jack Smith Show Mr. & Mrs. North Mr. & Mrs. North
10	News News Local News Local News	Sports Page Final Sports Page Final Hand Wagon Hand Wagon	Baseball Baseball Baseball Baseball	Five Star Final Mystery Theatre Let's Dance Serenade
11	Music Paulon Lewis, Jr. Bob Poole Show Sisn Off	Sam Hayes Morion Downey Orchestra Orchestra	Track 1400 Track 1400 Track 1400 Sisn Off	You & the World Orchestra Orchestra Sisn Off

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8	News Breakfast Gang Breakfast Gang Favorite Story Favorite Story	Fred Waring Fred Waring Fred Waring News	Western Melodies Western Melodies Church in Wild Church in Wild	Consumer News Art Baker Robert Lewis Robert Lewis
9	Barbara Center Victor Lindahl Sons of Pioneers Sons of Pioneers	Second Cup Jack Herz Jack Herz N.Y. Herzmann	King's Crusaders King's Crusaders Music Music	Vocal Varieties News Grand Slam Grand Slam
10	News Kate Smith Pastor's Call Wills Waits Time	N.Y. Herzmann N.Y. Herzmann Tommy Dorsey Tommy Dorsey	Coffee Cup N.W. Report Rhapsody in Rhythm	Wendy Warren Anat Janny Hein Trent Our Gal Sunday
11	News Gospel Singers Lean Back Walls Serenade	Tommy Dorsey Tommy Dorsey Today's Children Brighter Day	Glass Wax Glass Wax Glass Wax Glass Wax	Big Sister Six Perkins Young Dr. Malone Guiding Light
12	Ladies First Ladies First Queen for a Day Queen for a Day	Double or Nothing Double or Nothing Light of World Light of World	Everbody's Idea Organ Meets Organ Meets Ted Dale Presents	News Come & Get It News Makes You Tick
1	Top Trades News Bob Eberly Show	Life Beautiful Ma Perkins Proper Young Happiness	Hollywood Music Hollywood Music All-Time Favorites All-Time Favorites	2nd Mrs. Burton Ferry Mason Fat O'Brien Organist
2	Music Johnson Family The Neilshers Walls Serenade	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Lorenza Jones Lorenza Jones	Records Off Shelf Records Off Shelf Records Off Shelf Records Off Shelf	Newspaper of Air Winters Take All Winters Take All Handstand
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6:30, Sports; 7:00, News; 7:30, Report to
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People; 8:00, Counter; 8:30, Town Meet-
ing; 8:50, Minutes; 9:00, Bank Advt.;
10:00, Richfield Reporter; 10:15, Interme-
zzo; 10:30, Concert Hour; 11:30, News to
Tomorrow; 12:00, Xtra Hour; 1:00, Sign
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beat; 9:30, News; 10:00, News; 10:30,
The News; 6:15, Grand Berger at the
KOAC Organ; 6:30, Round the Campfire;
6:45, Farm Hour; 8:00, Grand News;
8:15, Univ. of Oregon Symposium; 8:45,
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Food fish
- Chinese shrub
- One of three
- social party
- Unclasp, unbutton
- Hockey ball
- Wireless
- That which
- Parasitic worm
- Exophthalmos
- Not any
- Quantity per
- unit of time
- Youngsters
- Headache
- Point on the
- moon's orbit
- Discomfort
- Charges

DOWN

- Quail
- Musical drama
- Moot
- Change care
- Deaf
- Artificial language
- Female deer
- Scotch music
- Rich brown
- Palm lilies
- Religion
- Feast day
- Masculine name
- Fencing dummy
- Ancient hero who lived on the tops of pillars
- Upright
- Minnesota
- Contend
- Insect
- Babylonian
- Recipent of a body of the dead
- Particle
- S-shaped molding
- Knock
- Religious figure
- At once

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

Ronald Witham Honor Guest for Birthday

Pratun—Mrs. Theodore Witham honored her oldest son, Ronald, with a birthday party for his eight birthday at her home. She was assisted by Mrs. Will

Andersen and Mrs. Sherman Hofstetter. Children present were Billie Andersen, Dwayne Dale, and Kenneth Fofstetter, Ann Welty, Donald Regier, Clauden Ruyle, Jimmie and Gerald Sprague, Jeral Sharer, Gale Zelish, Alvin, Stanly and Vernon Witham.

ROOM AND BOARD By Gene Ahern

PLEASE, PINKY, DO ME A FAVOR AND ENTERTAIN UNCLE WOLF GANG TONIGHT WILL YOU?—I'M SO BUSHED FROM TAKING HIM OUT THE PAST 5 HOURS, I WOULD DOZE INTO SLEEP WHILE HAVING A TOOTH DRILLED!

OKAY—I'LL TAKE HIM OUT THIS ONCE—BUT \$2 IS THE LIMIT ON MY SQUANDER!—I KNOW UNCLE'S TYPE... HE KEEPS POISON IVY IN HIS POCKETS AND HORNETS IN HIS WALLET!

PINKY ISN'T FAR OFF ON UNCLE WOLF GANG!

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