

# Santa and the MAGICIAN



SERENA WAS SITTING ON MR. DILLY'S HEAD.

## Chapter 3 MR. DILLY GOES TO SCHOOL

Mr. Dilly gave the queer-looking duck to Henry. "How did you ever get her?" cried Henry. "Mrs. Snell said she had tied her in the kitchen." "You forget I am a magician," laughed Mr. Dilly. "You mean you used real magic?"

"Well, not exactly. While the old lady was sweeping you out I just went into the kitchen, grabbed Serena, and hopped out the back window."

"Yippity, yippity, what a life!" quacked Serena.

"Mercy me! She does talk!" cried Mr. Dilly in delight.

"Hackety, racketsy, of course I talk," snapped Serena. "But I'm most particular to whom I talk and I never ever cared for Mrs. Snell, mell, pell."

"There, there," soothed Henry patting the duck. "Everything is going to be all right now. We are going to put on magic shows with Mr. Dilly and never see Mrs. Snell again."

"I don't know anything about magic," protested Serena. "I am a poet. I love poems. I spend my life searching for perfect rhymes."

"I think your rhymes are lovely," said Mr. Dilly but would you mind if I pulled you out of my hat?"

"Pockety, lockety!" exclaimed Serena. "Whatever for?"

Mr. Dilly then explained to the duck how he had never been able to pull a rabbit out of his hat and so all his magic shows were failures.

"Mickle, rickle and a rosy liekle," exclaimed Serena. "I'll be glad to help you out."

"Oh," said Henry joyfully. "Aren't we going to have a wonderful life?"

And, truly, it seemed so, for what could be more wonderful for a little boy than to roam the world with friend and pet and give magic shows wherever he went.

But, alas, Serena was never able to come out of Mr. Dilly's hat.

Mr. Dilly took a tall silk hat and pushed Serena into the bottom. Then he laid a false bot-

tom on top of Serena and put the whole thing on his head. When he stood before his audience he said, "Now I will take off my hat and show you it is empty then— presto! before your eyes I'll pull a real live talking duck from the empty hat."

He took off his hat and the audience burst out laughing. Serena had fallen out of the false bottom and was sitting on Mr. Dilly's head!

"Leaper, deeper!" said Serena. "It was hot in there."

But, even this didn't please the audience. Not being special people like Henry and Mr. Dilly they thought the duck said, "Quack quack." They didn't for a moment believe she was a wonderful talking duck and a rhyming duck at that.

After the audience went home feeling cheated, Mr. Dilly talked it over with Henry.

"Perhaps I had better give up magic," he said sadly. "Now I have you and the duck to take care of maybe I'd better get a job selling tooth brushes or stomach medicines. I'll never make money as a magician until I can get a rabbit out of a hat."

"I learned to be a poet by going to a school for poets," said Serena. "Why don't you go to a school and learn this rabbit trick?"

"Why, yes?" cried Henry. "Right in this town there is a college of science where they can teach you anything."

So the very next morning Mr. Dilly and Henry and Serena walked into the marble halls of the College of Science. As they walked around they saw many men and women reading large, important-looking books.

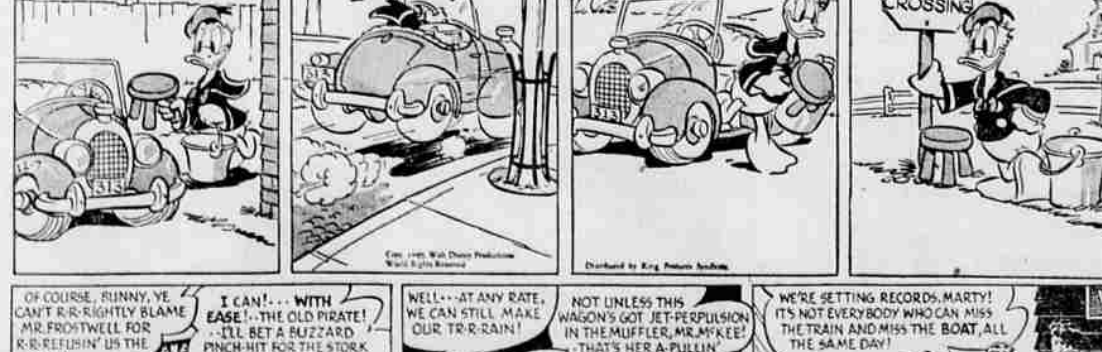
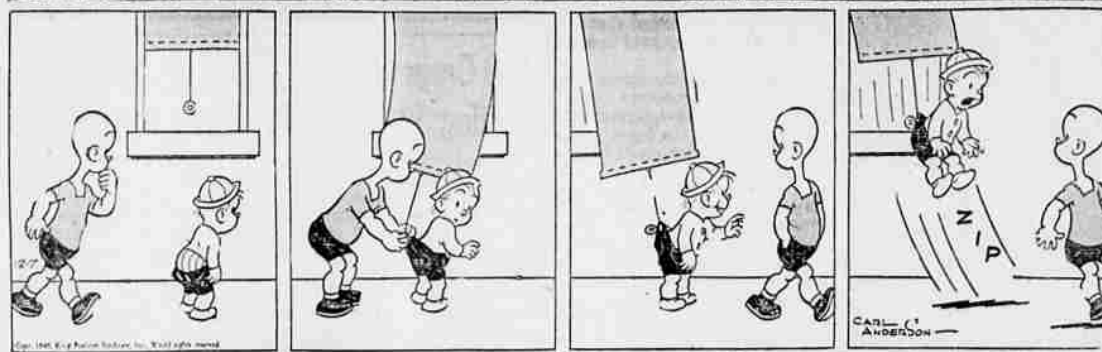
At last they came to an office where a sign said, "President of the College." They went in and found a wise-looking man sitting behind a desk.

"Good day," said Mr. Dilly politely. "I would like to come to your school."

"Why," said the president, "that's fine. What do you want to study?"

"I want to study magic," said Mr. Dilly.

Next: Planning a Trip to Santa Land.



### RADIO PROGRAMS

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### Pleasantdale Club Presented Program

Pleasantdale—A full house of patrons of the district attended the December meeting of the Pleasantdale community club at the hall.

The program consisted of an illustrated talk on the farm home by Louis Gross, county extension agent; Mrs. E. W. Grabenhorst gave a travelogue of a three-

weeks automobile vacation trip taken through central and southern states with her husband in October; E. W. Budke gave a report of his moose hunting trip in British Columbia in October; Lester McDougall of Unity district gave impersonations of various types; piano solo, Betty McFarlane. Refreshments were served.

Men of the district will be in charge of the program and refreshments to be held Friday evening, December 30.

### Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Fruit
2. Resinous substance
3. Part of a wheel
4. Fresh supply
5. Arabian garment
6. American Indian
7. Winged insect
8. Unwanted making plays on words
9. Cause of ruin
10. Mountain lake
11. Burelesque
12. Vegetable
13. Came to rest
14. Thought
15. Adhere
16. Eater
17. Ailed
18. Low saltier
19. Sick
20. Curulant
21. Covering of a watch dial
22. Swiss river
23. Devoured
24. Great theater
25. Stain
26. Obstruct
27. Interpreter
28. archaic

DOWN

1. Breed of horse
2. Chinese wax
3. Common weed
4. More recent
5. Point at which a bear sprouts
6. Keyhole guard
7. Touching the boundary
8. Is able
9. List
10. Roman road
11. Daybreak
12. Fashion
13. Kicker
14. Watchful
15. Claw
16. Legume
17. Spire ornament
18. Flogged soundly
19. Salutation
20. Stun
21. Fits one inside another
22. Wind sprightly
23. Of greater height
24. Lasso
25. Haffle
26. Clear fish
27. Beebeetle
28. Northernmost point of the island of Man
29. Fruit of the blackthorn
30. Domestic fowl
31. Shrikebird
32. June bug

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Bred of horse 2. Chinese wax 3. Common weed 4. More recent 5. Point at which a bear sprouts 6. Keyhole guard 7. Touching the boundary 8. Is able 9. List 10. Roman road 11. Daybreak 12. Fashion 13. Kicker 14. Watchful 15. Claw 16. Legume 17. Spire ornament 18. Flogged soundly 19. Salutation 20. Stun 21. Fits one inside another 22. Wind sprightly 23. Of greater height 24. Lasso 25. Haffle 26. Clear fish 27. Beebeetle 28. Northernmost point of the island of Man 29. Fruit of the blackthorn 30. Domestic fowl 31. Shrikebird 32. June bug

### ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern

"THE REASON YUH AIN'T SEEN ME FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS IS BECAUSE I GOT MARRIED AN' BEEN AWAY ON A HONEYMOON. I MARRIED TH' CASHIER AT A DRIVE-IN WHERE I GRAZE!"

NOW I HOPE YOU DON'T TAKE A HEADER ON THIS, BUT THE TRUTH IS, MY WIFE MADE ME GIVE UP BOXING!—NEXT WEEK I START DRIVING A TRUCK FOR TH' CHAIN OF DRIVE-INS SHE WORKS FOR!

CONGRATULATIONS, ALF!

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