

Santa MAGICIAN AND THE

(Chapter 11)
THE PARTY
It was the night before Santa's party and all through Santa's house not a creature was sleeping though all were snug in their beds.

Mrs. Claus could not sleep because she was counting cakes and cookies instead of sheep and wondering if she had made enough. Santa couldn't sleep because he had just thought of a new toy he wanted to make for Christmas: a bicycle with water wings which a boy could ride on the ground or pedal in water whichever he wished.

Mr. Dilly lay wide awake worrying about the rabbit trick and wondering when Santa would find the time to show him how to do it. As for Henry and Serena—they were too excited to rest. Henry had Tweedledee's present under his pillow where he could feel it from time to time. What could it be? What could it be? Would Christmas never come!

Along about half past midnight they all fell fast asleep but mercifully not sooner had they begun to dream than there came a swishing and clattering and hallooing all about the roof of the tiny cottage. They sprang from their beds and ran to the windows. It was black night and not a thing could they see.

Then came a thundering at the door. Quickly Mrs. Claus lit the lamps and Santa threw open the door. In walked seven of the ugliest witches ever known on a Halloween night.

Henry shook with fright and Serena hid in the wood box while Mr. Dilly snatched up two umbrellas to defend them all.

But Santa cried, "Come in! Come in!" and Mrs. Claus said, "Goodness, I'm so glad to see you!" The seven witches clomped in dragging their brooms behind them.

"We had to come early, you know," stretched the ugliest witch. "We can ride our brooms only from midnight to one."

"Don't worry about us," chortled another. "We'll curl up under the stove and never be a bit of bother."

But Mrs. Claus knew that witches hate to sleep at night. Besides, when you have a party only once every hundred years or so you don't mind missing a night's sleep.

So Mrs. Claus wrapped herself in her best red woolen bath robe and put a big pot of cocoa on the stove. "We'll start our party this very minute," she declared. "Santa, do poke up the fire and put your slippers on, too. Mr. Dilly, find seats for everyone. Henry, bring me sugar and cinnamon for toast."

In a moment the little cottage was bustling with activity. What an odd sight it all was! Mrs. Claus with her hair still wrapped in paper curlers, Santa in his red pajamas and slippers, and the seven witches strewn about the room like long legged dolls suddenly come to life.

"Are you really the witches who fly on Halloween night?" asked Henry when he had overcome his fear.

"Indeed we are," said a witch. "Are you one of the boys who throws stones at us and locks the door against us?"

Now Henry had thrown stones at Halloween witches but how could he ever know they were nice like this?

"If only you weren't so ugly!" he blurted. "Then boys would not be so afraid of you."

"It is a good thing for you to learn," said a witch. "That the ugliest creatures are very often the kindest." And she drank her smoking cocoa down in one great swallow.

What a wonderful night it was! At dawn other guests arrived for the party. By nine o'clock everyone had come. There were three men in a tub. Simple Simon carrying an extra load of pies, Little Boy Blue holding Miss Muffet's hand, Tom Thumb, Cinderella, Yankee Doodle, Father Time, the Gingerbread Man, Jack Frost and many many others.

The Santa Land workers raced from the shops and started games and dances and zons. Mrs. Claus

set out bowl after bowl and platter after platter heaped with buttered rolls, ham with eggs, pancakes, waffles and sausage.

Santa and the Easter Rabbit talked about children they knew—which were good and which were bad and which were only middling.

Mr. Dilly found a quiet corner and discussed magic with the Wizard of Oz. Henry went off for a snowball fight with Pinocchio. Serena played checkers with Red Riding Hood's wolf.

But alas! all this pleasure could not last. Suddenly the terrible blue-nosed, saucer-eared Wiggle Waggle burst into Santa Land.

The Santa Land folk and their guests quivered with fear. But Santa was undisturbed. "I'll get my magic wand," he said. "And we'll soon be rid of them."

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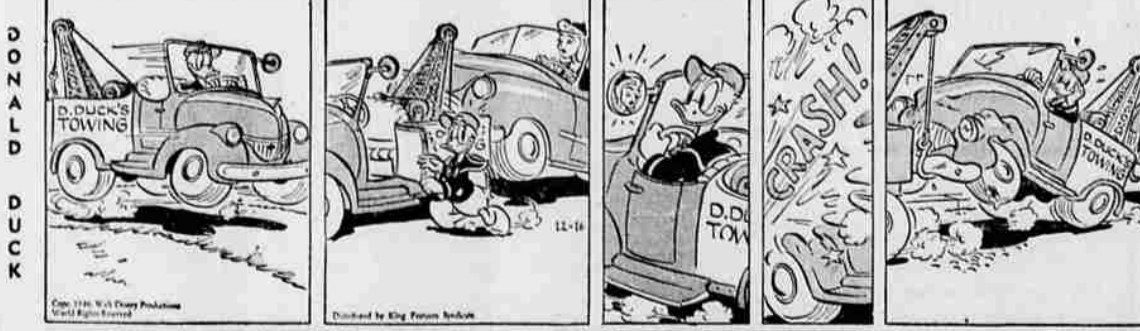
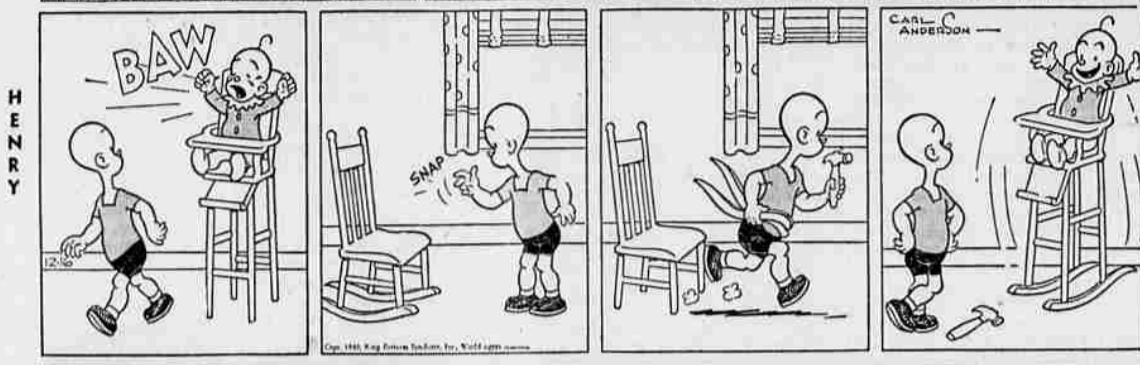
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5:00 The 3 of Us	Knox Manning	Chal. of Yukon	Santa's Mail	Band of Day
5:15 News	The Little Show	Chal. of Yukon	Tom Mix	Band of Day
5:30 Ringers	News	Sky King	Tom Mix	Business News
5:45 Elmer Peterson	News	Sky King	Tom Mix	Business News
6:00 Henry Morgan	Leave It to Joe	Freighters	Gabriel Heiser	Candle Light
6:15 Henry Morgan	Leave It to Joe	Home Edition	Tom Mix	and Silver
6:30 Ivarson	Lum 'n Abner	Modern	Fishing and	Fishcatcher
6:45 Duran	Lum 'n Abner	Romances	Hunting Club	Twilight Song
7:00 Directors'	Young Love	Fights	Sam Hayes	Pat O'Brien
7:15 Playhouse	Young Love	Fights	March Hays	Mustang Jackpot
7:30 Bill Stern	Number Please	Fights	Cisco Kid	Evelyn Knight
7:45 Rhythm Time	Number Please	Fights	Cisco Kid	Midcourt
8:00 Sinatra-Kirsten	Lawell Thomas	Fat Man	Straight Arrow	SBS - Eugene
8:15 News of World	Jack Smith	Fat Man	Straight Arrow	SBS - Eugene
8:30 Orchestra	The Goldbergs	Your FBI	Lean Back	SBS - Eugene
8:45 Orchestra	The Goldbergs	Your FBI	Jerry Secca	SBS - Eugene
9:00 Star Kinas	My Favorite	Oasis & Harriet	News	SBS - Eugene
9:15 Orchestra	Husband	Oasis & Harriet	News	SBS - Eugene
9:30 Dance Music	Round	Western Skies	Music	News
9:45 Dance Music	Club 15	Western Skies	Music	Tropicana
10:00 Sam Hayes	5 Star Final	Rich. Reporter	Full. Lewis Jr.	Warwick Theat.
10:15 Sports Final	Sports, Special	Intercom Hour	Walter News	Warwick Theat.
10:30 Dick Haymes	Harry James	Concert Hour	Charlie Hoivak	Muste You Want
10:45 Orchestra	Harry James	Concert Hour	Charlie Hoivak	Muste You Want
11:00 News	Sernade	Concert Hour	Love Mystery	Nocturne
11:15 Wax Museum	Organ Music	Concert Hour	Navy Air	Nocturne
11:30 Wax Museum	Trasury Band	Concert Hour	Car. Cavaliero	Nocturne
11:45 Wax Museum	News	Memo	Car. Cavaliero	Nocturne
12:00 Sign Off	Silent	Xtra Hour	Sign Off	Sign Off

SATURDAY—6 A. M. TO 4:45 P. M.				
6:00 Hodge Podge	News	Downbeat	News	Timekeeper
6:15 Hodge Podge	KOIN Klock	Downbeat	News	Timekeeper
6:30 Hodge Podge	KOIN Klock	Downbeat	News	KOCO Klock
6:45 Hodge Podge	KOIN Klock	Downbeat	News	KOCO Klock
7:00 Now Hear This	News	Round-Up Boys	News	Tex Ritter
7:15 Now Hear This	News	M. Agronky	Breakfast News	News
7:30 Sam Hayes	Consumer News	Breakfast News	Breakfast News	Organ Meads
7:45 Sam Hayes	Consumer News	Breakfast News	Breakfast News	Extension Serv.
8:00 Fred Waring	Let's Pretend	Home Agent	Bargain Counter	Reminiscing
8:15 Fred Waring	Let's Pretend	Musical Bridge	Musical Bridge	Reminiscing
8:30 Fred Waring	Let's Pretend	Musical Bridge	Musical Bridge	Reminiscing
8:45 Fred Waring	Let's Pretend	Musical Bridge	Musical Bridge	Reminiscing
9:00 Mary Lee	Theatre of 101	Northwest News	Northwest News	Pop Varieties
9:15 Taylor	Today	101 Ranch	Northwest News	Defense Report
9:30 Reading is Fun	Grand Central	101 Ranch	Northwest News	Defense Report
9:45 Reading is Fun	Grand Central	101 Ranch	Northwest News	Defense Report
10:00 Farm Hour	Stars Over	Stars of Tomorrow	News	Babe Ruth
10:15 Farm Hour	Stars Over	Stars of Tomorrow	News	Salem Air Res.
10:30 Farm Hour	Stars Over	Stars of Tomorrow	News	Salem Air Res.
10:45 Farm Hour	Stars Over	Stars of Tomorrow	News	Salem Air Res.
11:00 Lasse	County Fair	Met. Opera	Platter Jack	Sat. Sernade
11:15 T B A	County Fair	Met. Opera	Platter Jack	Sat. Sernade
11:30 T B A	County Fair	Met. Opera	Platter Jack	Sat. Sernade
11:45 T B A	County Fair	Met. Opera	Platter Jack	Sat. Sernade
12:00 Young	News	Met. Opera	Top Trades	At the Opera
12:15 Young	News	Met. Opera	Top Trades	At the Opera
12:30 Young	News	Met. Opera	Top Trades	At the Opera
12:45 Young	News	Met. Opera	Top Trades	At the Opera
1:00 T B A	Family Party	Met. Opera	Man on Farm	Sat. Matinee
1:15 T B A	Family Party	Met. Opera	Man on Farm	Sat. Matinee
1:30 T B A	Family Party	Met. Opera	Man on Farm	Sat. Matinee
1:45 T B A	Family Party	Met. Opera	Man on Farm	Sat. Matinee
2:00 Mind Manners	Col. Feature	Met. Opera	News	Sat. Matinee
2:15 Mind Manners	Col. Feature	Met. Opera	News	Sat. Matinee
2:30 Mind Manners	Col. Feature	Met. Opera	News	Sat. Matinee
2:45 Mind Manners	Col. Feature	Met. Opera	News	Sat. Matinee
3:00 News	News	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
3:15 News	News	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
3:30 News	News	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
3:45 News	News	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
4:00 NBC Symphony	Handstand	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
4:15 NBC Symphony	Handstand	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
4:30 NBC Symphony	Handstand	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music
4:45 NBC Symphony	Handstand	Met. Opera	News	Spotlight Music

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550
 Friday P.M.—Children's Theatre: 5:15, On the Upland; 6:00, News; 6:15, OSG Alumni; 6:30, Music of Creation; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 7:35, Basketball; 8:30, News and Weather; 9:15, Evening Meditations; 10:00, Sign Off.
 Saturday A.M.—10:00, News; 10:15, Especially for Women; 11:00, The Concert Hall; 12:00, News; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour; 1:00, Slide Show; 1:30, Voice of the Army; 1:45, Melody Lane; 2:00, Music of the Masters; 3:00, Selections of Victor; 4:00, Pan-American Rhythms; 4:15, Songs of the West; 4:45, Here is Australia.

Plenty of Water For Entire Nation
 Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—Despite the severe shortage in some parts of the country, the United States will "never run out of water in the foreseeable future."
 So said Secretary of the Interior, Harold I. Christy, yesterday. He issued a statement after receiving a flood of queries, most of them prompted by New York City's water troubles.
 Rather than a general water scarcity, Chapman said, the problem is that "certain shortages confront certain areas where we don't have water where we want it when we want it."
 The cabinet official said "we can no longer take water for granted, as we do the air we breathe," adding: "But on the whole we shall never run out of water in the foreseeable future."

Crossword Puzzle

1. Balkan country
 2. Ringed box
 3. Hardening
 4. Hindu
 5. Pasopon
 6. White
 7. Indian
 8. Astern
 9. Colored fabric
 10. Tidy
 11. Adverbial
 12. Ending
 13. Beginning
 14. Carried on the person
 15. Samuel's mentor
 16. Morning
 17. Genus of oat

18. So. American animal
 19. Two: prefix
 20. Greek letter
 21. Character in Homer's "Iliad"
 22. Exists
 23. Altar screen
 24. Symbol for tantalum
 25. Short for a girl's name
 26. Accross
 27. Purpose
 28. Greenland settlement
 29. College degree
 30. Appellation
 31. One of a wandering
 32. Makers of clothes

33. Down
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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Southern constellation
 2. Symbol for nickel
 3. During
 4. The marble
 5. Land measure
 6. Yagabond
 7. Type of pavement
 8. Slogan whose motto is "Here we're"
 9. Throw of six
 10. Child
 11. Massachusetts cape
 12. Wet blanket
 13. One lost because recall slant
 14. Mammals
 15. You and I
 16. City in Texas
 17. Car
 18. Hawk tool
 19. English
 20. Barber
 21. Append
 22. Growing out
 23. Rows
 24. Accumulate
 25. Tibetan monk
 26. Drug-yielding plant
 27. Article of military
 28. Entirely
 29. So enough
 30. Article
 31. Small fish

ROOM AND BOARD By Gene Ahern

