

Santa and the Magician

MR. DILLY TRIES SOME TRICKS

Santa, with Mr. Dilly and Henry close behind him, ran into the barns where the living reindeer were kept. "Well fly away on the deer," said Santa, puffing and panting. "Then we can decide what to do next."

"Where are the deer?" cried Mr. Dilly. "It's so dark in here I can't see them." "Henry light the lamps," ordered Santa. Quickly the boy obeyed. Santa and Mr. Dilly and Henry each took a lantern to the stalls and peered in. There were no reindeer. Instead eight little gum drops, green and orange and yellow, lay in the straw.

"Oh, my!" gasped Santa. "I can't think what has happened. I can't understand why my magic wand caused this terrible thing." Henry dropped his head. He had to tell Santa what had happened. "It's all my fault," he whispered so low Santa could scarcely hear him. "Why boy?" exclaimed Santa in surprise.

"No, no!" cried Mr. Dilly in a loud voice. "It's all my fault!" "Why man?" cried Santa, more surprised than ever. Then Mr. Dilly and Henry told Santa how they had taken his wand in the woods to learn how to get a rabbit out of Mr. Dilly's hat. They told how they had lost the wand and the Wiggle Wagglies found it and gave Henry their evil wand in its place.

"And that's the wand you have now," finished Henry. "That's the reason I cursed our friends instead of the Wiggle Wagglies." "For a long time Santa sat thinking. Finally he said, 'I do not dare use this wand again for who knows what evil it might cause. But, anyway the Wiggle Wagglies will never have it again!'"

With that he broke the stick over and over across his knee until it was in a dozen pieces and of no use to anyone. "Now," he said, "We must get back my wand and all will be well." "I'll go after it," cried Henry. "I'll get it some way. They won't fool me again."

"No," said Santa. "Next time they get you will be the end of you for they mean to destroy us all." At that very instant they heard the whopping and howling of the Wiggle Wagglies and the wicked creatures raced to the barns. For the first time Santa seemed truly worried. "Only magic can save us," he murmured.

Mr. Dilly flung up his hands. "Merciful day! I had forgotten I was a magician. I have a thousand magic tricks! Come let's hurry outside." They ran out behind the barn. "What trick could you possibly know that would save us?" asked Santa.

"I must think," said Mr. Dilly. His chin sank on his chest as he thought and thought. All the time the Wiggle Wagglies came closer on the far side of the barn. You could almost hear them breathe as Mr. Dilly quietly thought over every trick he'd known in all his life as a magician.

Suddenly Zepp appeared around the corner of the barn. "Too late!" whispered Santa sadly. A hundred Wiggle Wagglies joined Zepp and pushed around the corner. "Too late!" they echoed gleefully. But Mr. Dilly raised his head. So quickly that no eye could follow his hand, he yanked a rope from his pocket and flung one end into the air.

"It's the magic rope trick," he shouted. "Follow me!" Santa looked and Henry looked and even the Wiggle Wagglies stopped to look. Mr. Dilly's rope was standing straight up on the ground and Mr. Dilly was climbing the rope. In an instant Santa and Henry followed and all three climbed steadily into the blue. In the next moment the Wiggle Wagglies had recovered from their astonishment and when they raced to the rope it really was too late—this time too late for them! Santa had pulled the end of the rope up after him!

Next: The Thunderbirds

Aloha Needle Club Has Holiday Party

Pleasantdale—The Aloha Needle club's annual Christmas gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McFarlane. Mrs. Minnie Shepard, mother of Mrs. Adolph Schutz, was the guest.

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Comic strip panels showing characters in a boat and a kitchen. Text includes: 'I SOLD A ROLL OF SAIL CLOTH WORTH O' SCOTCH GARGLE, WORTH O' SCOTCH GARGLE, WORTH O' SCOTCH GARGLE... GOTTA DO TO COLLECT?', 'BACK DOWN THEM STEPS! CAREFUL!', 'I TOLD YA T'GO EASY STURD/ GET UP YA'NT HURT BAD?'

Comic strip panels showing a character in a kitchen. Text includes: 'ALL THE ICE CREAM YOU CAN EAT 15¢', 'ALL THE ICE CREAM YOU CAN EAT 15¢', 'ALL THE ICE CREAM YOU CAN EAT 15¢'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'YES—THIS IS THE PLACE—NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT, IS IT?', 'I'VE SEEN WORSE—HMM—BUT I DON'T REMEMBER JUST WHERE OR WHEN...', 'WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR? IT'S COLD OUTSIDE HERE—', 'AND JUST ABOUT AS COLD INSIDE, I'M AFRAID—BUT YES—COME ON, ANNE—', 'IT'S DOC! MAMA'S IN THE KITCHEN BY THE STOVE!', 'HELLO, GIRLS! WHERE'S YOUR PAPA? OH, PAPA'S OUT—', 'LO, DOC—', 'OUT—'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'BELIEVE ME I'M GOING TO BLAST THEM AT THE ROTARY MEETING TOMORROW', 'WHY, THE PARKING PROBLEM IN THIS TOWN IS A DISGRACE. WHAT'S I'VE TOLD THEM REPEATEDLY TO PUT IN PARKING METERS BUT THEY WON'T LISTEN!', 'WE NEED MORE PLAY GROUNDS AND HEALTH CENTERS AND OUR TENEMENTS MUST BE DONE AWAY WITH!', 'NICE GOING, POP! YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT BUT YOU JUST WROTE MY CIVIC PAPER ON TOWN PLANNING!'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'SHUCKS! WE GOTTA WAIT TILL AFTER THE WEDDING BEFORE WE SEES WHAT FABULOUS JONES REALLY DOBET—BUT IT LOOKS LIKE', 'SEEN HER FABULOUS FACE AN' FINGER WOULD OF MADE AN OLD MAN AFORD MAH TIME, NO DOBET—BUT IT WOULD BIN WORTH IT!', 'OH, CUSS THAT INTERPRETIN' THE TIDDS! SEEN HER AN' SEEN AN' SEEN', 'IT'S TH' ONLY HOOMANITARIAN THING T' DO! SEEN HER WILL DRIVE 'NO IDIOTS STARK RAVIN' MAD!', 'OH GOT FAITH, I'LL ABNER'S DESTINY IS T'HARRY UP ME! HE CAN'T MARRY UP ME! NOBODY ELSE—SOMETHIN' GOTTA HAPPEN—SOMETHIN'—S-SOMEHOW—S-SOON!!'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'JEFF, GIVE THE GOLDFISH FRESH WATER—THEY NEED IT!', 'THEY DIDN'T DRINK WHAT I GAVE 'EM LAST WEEK YET!', 'MUTT, I'M THROUGH BEIN' A CHAMBERMAID! AFTER THIS TAKE CARE OF YOUR GOLDFISH YOURSELF!', 'JEFF—I CAN'T DOPE THE TIDDS! I ALWAYS ADMIRE YOUR KIND AND SWEET DISPOSITION. ONLY YESTERDAY I DREW UP MY WILL, AND REMEMBERED YOU IN IT FOR YOUR KINDNESS TO MY FISH!', 'WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT! WHAT'CHA LEAVING ME?', 'THE GOLDFISH!!', 'BLUE BLUE TEE HEE...'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'COME ON, RUSTY! WE'VE GOT TO FIND FLIP BEFORE WOOLLY SMITH GETS THE IDEA HE'S BEEN DOING THAT SHEEP-KILLING!', 'GOLLY, YES! AND FROM THE WAY MR. SMITH'S BEEN TALKIN', HE MIGHT SHOOT FLIP IF HE CATCHES HIM ON HIS FARM!', 'MEANWHILE, ON WOOLLY SMITH'S FARM', 'WHERE IN SAM HILL COULD THAT YOUNGSTER HAVE STRAYED TO? IT'S GETTIN' PRETTY DARK!', 'MAGGY... WHERE ARE YOU? MAGGEE-E-E!', 'OH, DEAR! I MUST FIND MY LAMB! HE'S SO LITTLE AND IT'S GETTIN' SO DARK!'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'WELL, SUNNY—ARE YE AGE-R-R-REABLE?', 'REVERTING TO MY NATIVE TONGUE, MARTY: THIS MAY BE "SO SUDDENT," BUT I MUST CONFESS MY REPLY'S EVEN MORE SO. IT'S A SPLIT-SECOND YES!', 'MARRIAGE LICENSES', 'AHEM! FOLKS USUALLY WAIT TILL AFTER THE CEREMONY FOR THAT!', 'AYE!—BUT WE'VE GOT ONLY ONE LIFETIME AHEAD—AN' WE WASTED SO MUCH TIME ALR-R-READY!', 'DR. JONES DENTIST', 'WALT DISNEY', 'UNK IS ON THE LEVEL...'

Comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen. Text includes: 'AND HE GAVE ME \$250 FOR MY CONTRACT ON ALFAY... HA—THE SLIM COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A MORE OPPORTUNE TIME!', 'REALLY, NOW, I SALUTE YOU... YOU HAVE THE RARE GIFT OF ALWAYS SITTING ON THE PARK BENCH OF LIFE, AND EVERY NOW AND THEN THE LVELY WIND OF FORTUNE DROPS A WAD OF MONEY IN YOUR LAP!', 'YOU GET INTO DEALS WHERE THE OTHER FELLA SPREADS OUT THE WHOLE HAYSTACK—BUT YOU PICKS UP TH' NEEDLE?—', 'HONESTLY, YOU'RE A MARVEL...'

RADIO PROGRAMS

Table listing radio programs for Monday-P.M. across various stations: KGW, KOIN, KEX, KSLM, KOCC. Includes program names and times.

Table listing radio programs for Tuesday-6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M. across various stations: KGW, KOIN, KEX, KSLM, KOCC. Includes program names and times.

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

Table listing dial listings for KOAC 550, including program names and times.

Scholarship Awarded Club Boy Gardener. Albany—Jim Tapper, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tapper of Route 2, Albany, has been selected as recipient of a full scholarship to the 1950 4-H club summer school as a result of being selected as the winner of the 14th annual Mullen's Garden contest.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solutions for Saturday's puzzle.

Room and Board advertisement by Gene Ahern. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.

Advertisement for Wrigley's Spearmint Chewing Gum. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.