

SANTA and the MAGIC MIRROR

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"Let Me Out," Cried Santa in Alarm. "I Am Santa!"

SYNOPSIS: Belinda and Tommy in search of a way to make Mr. Lump kind, ask Santa to help them. But, alas, everything they do seems to go wrong. The horrible Hobbits get horrible again and Tweedledees is imprisoned by Winnie the Witch. "We must get Winnie to look into her own pond," says Santa. They make a beautiful dress and wrap it in the box the horrible Hobbits had sent as a gift to Santa when they were good. Just as the children start off for Winnie's Pond, the giants arrive and give chase. They want their gift back. But the children reach Winnie first and persuade her to put on the beautiful dress and look in the pond. When she stands up she is kind and gentle. As the giants arrive, she turns and invites them to look in the pond, too.

CHAPTER 16 SANTA IN PRISON

Winnie the Witch broke off a large piece of ice from the Frozen Pond. She held it up before the giants. "Look!" she ordered. "Look into my magic mirror!" The giants looked and instantly their hearts were softened. They kissed the witch. They hugged each other. Then the giants went happily back to their gloomy castle. Winnie the Witch freed Tweedledees from his cage of ice. "Don't you want to look at yourself in a piece of my ice?" the witch asked him. "I should say not!" howled Tweedledees. "Being hard-hearted is my business!" Tommy laughed. "Santa says that Tweedledees' heart is already soft as a cream puff," he told the witch.

"But we would like a piece of ice," Belinda reminded her, "for the story heart of Mr. Lump." So Winnie gave the children a bit of the magic mirror and the children returned with Tweedledees to Santa Land.

"Now we must hurry home," said Belinda to Santa, "for we have what we came for."

"I shall take you home myself," said Santa.

"How can you leave Santa Land?" asked Tommy.

"Because tonight is Christmas eve," said Santa, "and I shall travel over the whole wide world before another dawn."

Then everyone set to work piling Santa's sleigh high with bicycles and drums and wagons and books and dolls.

At last all was ready. Santa sat in the sleigh with Tommy and Belinda all snug beside him. "Hang

on! We are going to travel faster than a dream!" Then Santa called to his eight reindeer and away they flew across the snow and into the sky. In only a tiny speck of time they were flying over the great city where Tommy and Belinda lived. The streets were dark and empty. All the town was asleep.

"But, look!" cried Belinda. "There is Tommy's house and every light is on!"

Santa halted the sleigh in front of Tommy's house. "You two go in and give Mr. Lump the magic mirror," he said. "I'll speed to the jail and see about Poppy."

Now a strange thing had happened in the jail that very night. Poppy just couldn't stand to think of Belinda all alone on Christmas eve. Then, suddenly, a wonderful chance came his way. The guard who brought him his supper left the key in the door. Perhaps he forgot it or perhaps he did it on purpose not liking to have a Santa in jail on Christmas day.

Anyway, that night when the guards were having a Christmas party in the guard room, Poppy unlocked his cell and walked right out of jail. He went home but found no one there.

"Perhaps Belinda has gone to bring poor Tommy Lump some Christmas cheer," he thought. "I will go there and see." And he set off for Tommy's house.

At this very moment Santa himself arrived at the jail. Finding the door open, Santa walked in and straight to Poppy's empty cell.

As he looked about, the party in the guard room ended and the guards trooped down the hall. Seeing the door to Poppy's cell open they slammed it shut.

Now, of course, all this time Poppy had been wearing his Santa Claus suit and the guards had no way of knowing that in the cell now was not Poppy but Santa himself.

"Someone left all the doors to the jail wide open!" cried one of the guards.

"Let me out!" let me out!" cried Santa in alarm. "I am Santa Claus!"

But the guards only smiled at him sadly and turned away.

(Next: A Merry Christmas to All)

Albany Pythians

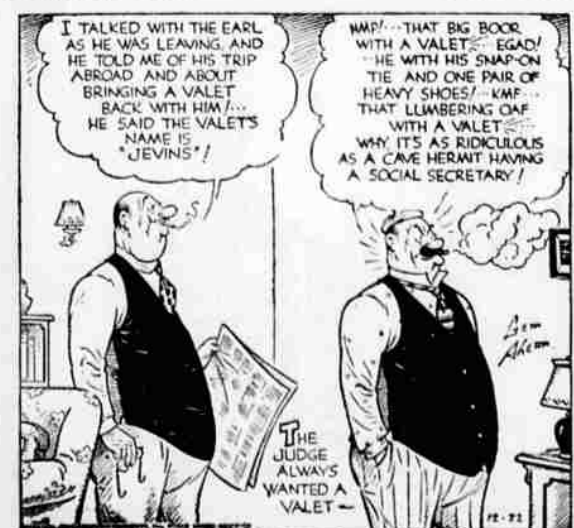
Albany—Election of officers was held this week by Alpha Temple No. 1 of the Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Daphne Schainick of Corvallis was elected most excellent chief. Other officers selected are Mrs. J. H. Thompson, excellent senior; Mrs. Florence Becker, excellent junior; Mrs. Naomi Hoel, manager; Mrs. Mary Ochse, protector; Mrs. Irene Irby, guard; Mrs. Frank Horsky, trustee and installing officer; Mrs. Roy Kinsey, captain of the degree staff; Mrs. Glenn Junkin was re-elected treasurer and Mrs. Henry D. Schulte was re-elected secretary and press correspondent. Installation will be held January 15.

PUT 'EM IN STOCKINGS—WANG 'EM ON THE TREE—PACKS OF WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT ADD LOTS OF JOY!

AT HOME—AT WORK—AT PLAY
WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM
ENJOY CHEWING EVERY DAY!

ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern



I TALKED WITH THE EARL AS HE WAS LEAVING AND HE TOLD ME OF HIS TRIP ABROAD AND ABOUT BRINGING A VALET BACK WITH HIM... HE SAID THE VALET'S NAME IS "JEVINS!"



MR. KLUTCH—I THINK YOU'VE KILLED ROPER!



YOU WAIT HERE, MITCH! I WANT TO BUY A PRESENT THAT I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE!



HEY! SIMPLE SAMSON! YOU CAN'T FOLD UP HERE! WE'RE NOT THERE YET!



LOOKIN' FER BLACK JOHN IS GETTIN' US NOWHERE, POPPY!



WHAT'S COOKIN', JEFF? IT'S SOMETHIN' MRS. FARMER WANTS ME TO WATCH FOR HER!



NO, IT'S SOMETHIN' I NEVER SEEN HER COOK BEFORE!



WAIT!... HE CAME TO HIS STUDY BEFORE HE LEFT!



YOU'RE SHAKING, JUDITH! IT'S GETTING QUITE CHILLY SINCE THE SUN WENT...



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RADIO PROGRAMS

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