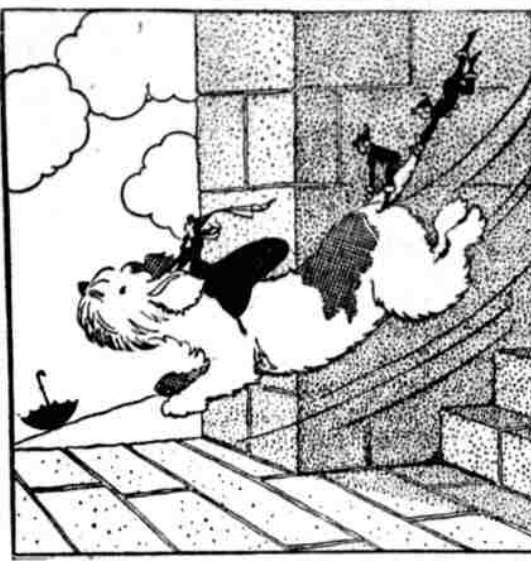


SANTA and the FLYING PUP

By LUCRECE HUDGINS BEALE



He ran down the castle corridor and out the castle door.

SYNOPSIS: The Gremlins capture Willie and the two Dreamlins. Willie accidentally swallows the magic pill Santa made for the Dreamlin queen and turns into a coffee pot. He escapes and hides in a coffeepot and there he finds the Dreamlin queen.

CHAPTER 16 THE QUEEN
"Why—you must be the Dreamlin queen!" whispered Willie when he found the lovely creature with a crown on her head imprisoned in the coffeepot.
"Indeed I am!" replied the queen. "And I do wish you would go somewhere else for you are spoiling my coffee."
"But I have come to save you!" protested Willie.
"You are choking me and causing my eyes to sting quite badly," complained the queen.
"That's because I ate a pill which was sent for you," explained Willie. "The pill turned me into a coffee pot and that is how—"
But before Willie could finish a terrible thing happened. The magic of the pill wore off and he turned back into his old self.
Instantly the pot was stuffed with puppy dog.
The poor queen was crushed against the sides. Willie's ears popped off the lid and his tail went up the spout.
"There he is!" cried the Gremlins. "He is in the prison with the queen!"
They gathered under the shell and shook their fists with excitement.
"Careful!" warned the leader. "Watch out for more magic he may try on us."
But even if Willie had had more magic he could not have used it. He could not even draw a breath he so crowded in the pot.
The queen could stand it no longer. "You are mashing me!" she squealed.
Willie leaped and as he leaped the coffeepot turned on its side, rolled across the shell and crashed upon the Gremlins below scattering them over the kitchen floor.
The pot burst open and Willie sprang out, the queen clinging to his neck.
Willie fled across the kitchen. "Wait for me!" shouted Mr. Not Much.
"And me!" echoed Mr. Very Little.
The two Dreamlins snatched onto Willie's tail as the puppy passed through the door.
Willie never stopped. Carrying the three Dreamlins he ran down the castle corridor and out the castle door straight to Santa's umbrella. They didn't rest until they were all safely in the umbrella and on the way to Santa Land.
Then Willie lay back in exhaustion while the Dreamlins told their queen of their long adventure to save her and how Willie had helped.

The queen said, "What an unselfish dog!"
Willie heard her say he was unselfish and thought, "Now I shall be able to fly!"
When they arrived in Santa Land they found Santa and all the workers waiting for them. There was Santa's big sleigh and the eight flying reindeer, too, for it was Christmas eve and soon Santa must take off with his load of toys.
Willie climbed out of the umbrella. "Wait until those reindeer see me fly!" he thought and he leaped into the air.
But alas! Willie still could not fly.
"I said the Dreamlin queen," moaned Willie. "Wasn't that a fine unselfish thing to do? Why can't I fly now?"
"Willie," said Santa, "true unselfishness is something that grows in the heart. I cannot explain it."
"I shall never fly," said Willie. He gazed longingly at the reindeer waiting patiently to fly away with Santa. "Oh, I did so want to go with you tonight!" he cried.
"You do not have to fly to go with me," said Santa. "Climb in the sleigh and we'll ride together. Hurry now for we must cover the whole world this night."
(Next: A Merry Christmas to All!)

Silverton
Silverton — Judge Alf O. Nelson of the Justice court issued a written warning to potential drunken drivers over the Christmas holiday season, citing the case that at one time such a local offender was fined \$1000, continuing: "In my judgment, every drunk driver is a potential murderer—a traffic menace against which the most careful driver hasn't a chance."
School Christmas vacation is from Wednesday, Dec. 23, to Monday, Jan. 4.
The Silverton processing company bought more than 100 winning turkeys from the Pacific Coast Turkey Show company, the exhibit held recently at McMinnville. The local manager, J. A. Shoemaker, reported the heaviest tour weighed 44½ pounds, and the heaviest hen, 25½ pounds.
The local paper, Appeal Tribune, is announcing publication a day earlier for the coming two weeks, on Wednesday, until after New Year's week.
Don Evans, Silverton, is a surgery patient at Silverton hospital.
Three brothers of Evans have been with him during the week, Harvey Evans of Labish, and Fred and Bill Evans of Klamath, Calif.
Airplane designers expect to have airliners in a few years which can leave New York at noon and arrive in Los Angeles at noon the same day.

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ROOM & BOARD

By Ahern

THIS MAY HURRY HIM INTO LEAVING... I MUST TELL YOU THIS 'FOGHORN' EVERY 5 YEARS ALONG ABOUT NOW I GET OUT IN A SWAMP RASH I GOT IN AFRICA—IT'S QUITE CONTAGIOUS AND THE HOUSE IS PUT UNDER QUARANTINE FOR 3 WEEKS!

IT'D BE AWFUL IF YOUR ORDERS CAME TO REPORT FOR DUTY ON THAT NEW FREIGHTER WHILE YOU'D BE HELD HERE UNDER QUARANTINE!

I HEARD THAT THE PROPELLER SHAFT CRACKED ON A TRIAL RUN AND THE SHIP WILL BE LAID UP FOR A MONTH!

AND HE'D WELCOME CATCHING THE RASH

STEVE ROPER

WHO HAS TWO LEFT FEET? DON'T PLAY CRITIC DAUGHTER! JUST MAKE SURE YOU GET THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE LITTLE UN-FUTURE STARS!

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UNCLE LESTER

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WILST CHURCHY IS LOOK'N UP A NEW CAROL, US KIN REE-LAY WITH A L'L SNACK.

GOOD MORROW, KIND BIRDS—WE IS L'L WASS'ER, WASS'IN LIKE GOOD FELLAS—US WASSAILS WHILE YOU WAITS.

AND AD WE IS THE WAITS.

RIGHT HE IS... WE IS L'L ENGLISH WAITS... WOULDST WE WHIGGLE UP A WASSAIL, WENGBOLAG?

JA, MORN STADT-NOODER, LETS US WASSAIL A FALL TO A—

WE IS NOT DAILY BEGGARS, BUT WE BE NEIGHBOR CHILDREN WHO YOU HAS GIBBED A-FORS.

IF YOU WAS GOOD WAITS YOU MIGHT OF WAITED 'TIL DEC. 25 TO OPEN.

WE IS MORE SHORRY WAITS—THE ESSEY OF THE SONG IS ALL YOU LONG AN' YOU SE—FOR US LASTIN PLANSER OR—STAND BY.

YAH! YAH! COLE SLAM SANDRICHOS!

ORPHAN ANNIE

WE DIDN'T WANT ALL THAT MONEY ANYWAY, SAM.

I SUPPOSE NOT—WE'RE DOING PRETTY WELL AS IT IS—

BUT WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE IS HOW THE LAW KNEW WE HAD IT—

MAYBE I GOT AN IDEA—

ONE NIGHT LAST WEEK I SAW TRACKS IN THE SNOW OUTSIDE THAT WIND-LOST WEDNESDAY. I THINK IT WAS—

WEDNESDAY? WE WERE COUNTING THE HOURS THAT NIGHT ON THE TABLE THERE—

HENRY

BOOP BOOP BOOP BOOP

HOPALONG CASSIDY

THERE ARE PATHS IN THAT JUNGLE... HUNDREDS OF THEM, RUNNING IN ALL DIRECTIONS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PICK THE RIGHT ONE.

YOU'RE NOT SCARIN' ME! I'LL FIND THE WAY OUT OF HERE! I'VE GOT TO!

THE POOL, THE POOL, DOOMED POOL!

MUTT & JEFF

I BOUGHT THIS SHADE HERE AND IT'S NO GOOD! I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

WHY EVERY TIME I GO INTO THE BEDROOM AND PULL IT DOWN, IT IMMEDIATELY SNAPS UP AGAIN!

SHAPPY SHADE, EH?

NO JOKES, YOU! A SHADE IS NO GOOD WHEN IT WON'T STAY DOWN!

THAT PROVES IT'S A GOOD SHADE! IT HAS NOTHING TO HIDE!

REX MORGAN, M.D.

NO, MR. BUDDINGTON!

YOU DO BELIEVE YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT A BRAIN TUMOR WAS A LITTLE PREMATURE, DON'T YOU, DR. MORGAN?

BUT MY WIFE'S HEADACHE WAS RELIEVED BY HYPNOSIS!

HYPNOSIS CAN RELIEVE PHYSICAL PAIN, MR. BUDDINGTON. MY DIAGNOSIS WAS NOT BASED ON THE SYMPTOM OF HEADACHE, BECAUSE VERY FEW HEADACHES ARE CAUSED BY BRAIN TUMORS!

WILL YOU RECONSIDER, MR. BUDDINGTON, AND LET ME TAKE YOUR WIFE TO THE HOSPITAL?

NO, I THINK NOT, DOCTOR!

DONALD DUCK

BOY! I'M TAKING THIS RIGHT BACK!

WALDLER PAINT CO.

MARY WORTH

I'M ASKING YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME—BE MY GUEST FOR DINNER ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

WELL... HERE'S THE ADDRESS!

...I COULDN'T COME LIKE THIS... MAYBE... IF I HAD SOME DOUGH... TO MAKE MYSELF PRESENTABLE...?

SORRY! NO CASH... BUT I'LL ARRANGE WITH THE BARBER AND THE LAUNDRY ON THE CORNER TO GIVE YOU WHATEVER SERVICES YOU NEED AND DINNER WILL BE AT 2 P.M.

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