

WIDE WATERS

By CAPTAIN A. E. DINGLE

THE Orontes had crossed the Line in twenty-two days. Any other skipper would have called it a long haul. Captain Stevens might have thrilled to it under different circumstances; but he did not. He had withdrawn into a grim, sullen shell of taciturnity which only cracked or softened when Mary was on deck.

In the days that followed, the Angel of peace hovered a bit further away from the Orontes than usual. After the first few days of settling down, when men and mates not yet acquainted with each other, the mates of necessity seemed hard upon the crew. The men, the finest harmony had ruled the tall clipper. The men were as good as the average, if not better; the mates knew their work and did not drive the men unnecessarily. But the devil seemed to have entered into Captain Stevens. He ordered the mates to work the men at jobs and hours out of reason. The mate had to do it. Instead of peace, there was smoldering discontent in the forecastle, and the men blamed Drake for it. Even Joe Bunting and Nick Coombs, both friends, grumbled that he had brought this upon the men by daring to put up a fight when the skipper hammered him.

Drake took all their grumbling with a laugh. He was sorry for them, but told them to blame the skipper rather than him. It was the skipper who started in to hammer him, not he the skipper. But all told, there was unrest in the forecastle where before had been peace.

Erbert Oats asked to be shifted over to the other watch. He was afraid of Tony. Tony was bound to kill him, he said. Erb was laughed at by the mate. He took his tale to the skipper, who ran him out of the cabin by his collar, and told the mate to tie a rattle around his neck. And Tony grinned evilly at the panic he was starting. Tony and the Doctor formed themselves into a gang of two. The Doctor, dirty at first, dirtier as the voyage rolled on, was an outcast. Not even the apprentices stopped to tend to him for privileges. Instead of flattering him so that they might cook their Doctor's Body in the afternoons for supper, they went boldly to the mate and secured the privilege officially. That made the Doctor hate the mate. Soon there would be trouble with the crew, too; for the food, good enough, was spoiled by bad cooking. Tony was a good man to swing in with. He handled a knife like a man, did Tony. Thus the Doctor reasoned. And old Bill Gadget, the bosun, after settling down to a comfortable work with a crew who knew their way, found himself suddenly as he-damned and outcast as the Doctor; and all because he was ordered by the mate to work up the men.

Drake had in turn done all the humiliating jobs of the ship. The apprentices were given the brasswork to clean, and he was given the morning job of cleaning out the chicken coops and the sheep pen. That was

always to be done in the hours when Mary Manning invariably took her morning walk on deck. It was an unpleasant job. Chickens kept in narrow quarters became nasty. They smell. The smell has a bad habit of lingering in a fellow's clothes. But Drake whistled and sang at his unpleasant tasks. He whistled Anchored; and when Mary was in sight he sang Mianama.

The breezes hardened into gales as the latitudes were crossed. The watches were hard worked all day without any extra jobs having to be invented. New running gear, prevented backstays, a new sail or a quick shift to an old one while a rent was patched. Sails sewed all day on stout, heavy weather canvas. Chips overhauled tops and cross-trees, mast fids and rigging screws; saw to his tarpaulins and batten wedges.

Then came the night when the Doctor was washed out of his galley, bombarded by his pots, and smothered in a sticky mass of dough which would certainly have brought his end as a cook had it ever been made into bread. The Doctor never knew that his narrow escape from drowning had saved his life for a little while longer. But the sea that cleaned out his galley filled the deep main deck. It held the ship down perilously. It was no time for cracking on.

"Two 'and send down th' skya's yard!" roared old Bill Gadget.

Young Tubbs and Sims sprang into the main rigging. Strong young sailormen they were, whatever faults might have been theirs in other ways. They raced each other for precedence at the futtock rigging, each striving to be first over the top. They fought for first place in the narrowing topmast rigging. The apprentice on the royal yard heard them cursing each other above the shrieking of the squall. Wondered why they were coming up. There was already somebody on the skysail yard above him.

"On deck!" yelled a voice from the skysail yard. "Take the weight, skya's yard!"

Tubbs and Sims stopped in their mad race, staring aloft into the darkness. The royal was finished, the apprentice climbed into the topgallant rigging beside them. They felt the skysail hiliards pull tight as men on deck swayed away. Then:

"Lower away easy, skysail hiliards!" The slender yard crept down into sight. "Hold on!" bawled the unseen man aloft. There was a very brief pause while he cast off the upper yardarm brace and lift, then:

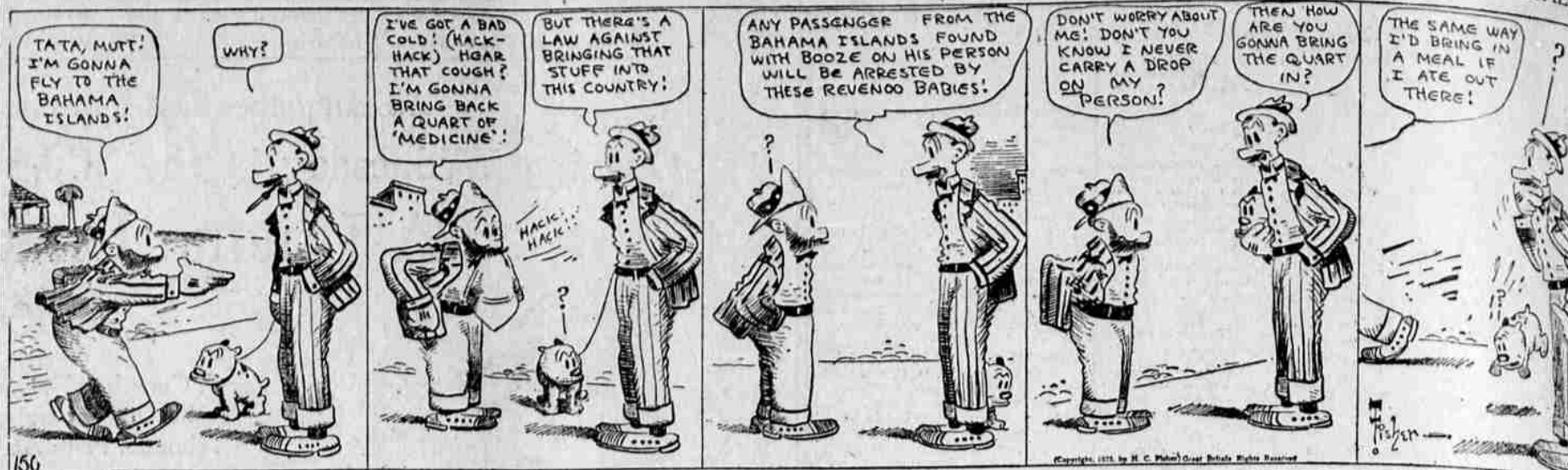
"Lower away handsomely! All clear!" and a figure flashed downwards by a backstay to the deck.

"That was Drake sent down the skysail yard, sir. Did it single-handed," the second mate told the skipper when the ship was snug again.

"I'll have the police investigate him in Cape Town," the captain growled.

(To be continued.)

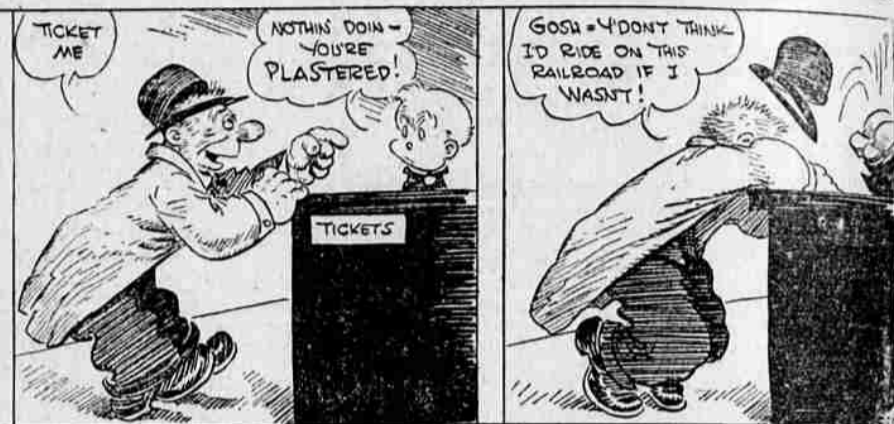
MUTT AND JEFF



Jerry On the Job



Every Man For Himself



Put a Lining On Curtain



A lining makes a curtain hang better and protects the material from the sun. Besides it looks better in most cases. And it keeps the curtain longer.

CROSS-WORD FOR LITTLE FOLKS

By LITTLE JOE

NOT hard, in this puzzle, especially prepared for you youngsters. One letter of a word in each square. You guess the words by reading the definitions. The numbers with the definitions are the same as the numbers in which the words start. Let's go!

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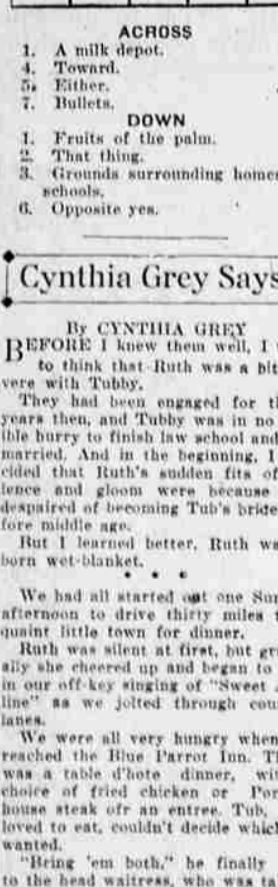
ACROSS

1. A milk depot.
4. Toward.
5. Either.
7. Bullets.

DOWN

1. Fruits of the palm.
2. That thing.
3. Grounds surrounding homes or schools.
6. Opposite yes.

Today's Styles



The Frenchwoman is always true to the combination of black and white, no matter what new ones may be the vogue. Here is a typical Parisian street frock of moosehewn with the fashionable high collar, long sleeves and pleated panels that are so smart. A few white buttons are added for good measure.

Today's Cross-Word Puzzle

What a party for the puzzle fan! Only two words of seven letters. The rest not longer than five letters, and very few unkeyed! This ought to be solved in record time.

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55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72

- HORIZONTAL**
1. Triangular pieces of land.
 4. Minut holes in the skin.
 11. Wooden shoe.
 13. Fortification with two parapets.
 15. Jumbled type.
 17. A game in which ponies are used.
 18. Particle of matter.
 19. Pronoun.
 20. Purpose in view.
 22. Short slumber.
 23. A wheeled vehicle.
 24. The legal profession.
 25. Poverty.
 27. A noisy feast.
 29. Formerly.
 30. Carts used for heavy loads.
 32. A spike of corn.
 33. A small evergreen shrub.
 34. Negotiate.
 36. Bottom of a ship.
 37. A raising music.
 38. A reception.
 41. A class of species.
 45. South American hunting implement.
 46. Highest card.
 48. Leaf of the calyx.
 50. The orient.
 51. An idle fancy.
 53. An infant.
 54. Consumed.
 55. A tree.
 56. A drunkard.
 58. An Indian weight.
 59. Be quiet.
 60. A plane surface.
 61. Morally bad.
 63. Musical note.
 64. Small stinging insects.
 65. An acid fruit.
 67. Cleaners.
 68. To vomit.
- VERTICAL**
2. A bone.
 3. A sharp blow.
 4. Black.
 5. Pertaining to the sun.
 6. Part of a flower.
 7. Seent.
 8. Hydraulic engine.
 9. Meaning in or on.
 10. What some people do with their money.
 12. Fish helmet.
 13. Variety of snake.
 14. Sleeping place.
 16. Lifeless.
 19. Speed.
 21. Expensive.
 24. To boast.
 26. Coloring liquid.
 28. Drapery for a window.
 29. Snake-like fish.
 31. Bargaine.
 33. Employ.
 35. Golfing expression.
 36. A mire.
 38. Reluctant.
 39. Besides.
 40. A large vessel.
 42. Beak of a bird.
 43. Tree with a poisonous sap.
 44. Cavalry weapon.
 45. Four-footed animal.
 46. Tapestry.
 47. Tripod.
 49. Musical instruments.
 51. National assemblies.
 52. One who moves.
 55. To draw taut.
 57. Measure of duration.
 63. Literary gossip.
 62. Twisting.
 64. Move on.
 68. A southern state.

Answer to yesterday's cross-word puzzle:

ESPY	LOBED	BOTH	CLAD	REGULAR	BARE	HOSE	CHARLES	SALE	SOL	PAST	PLATE	REMENTS	ASD	DIRABLE	SIRE	SEES	RELAX	SPAN	TRAPPED	RESPECT	TRREAD	S	SOONER	VSAT	TOP	MUDY	RESONATES	OF	PRATE	BOEN	ALTS	DUSTINE	ORE	GLEE	TOAST	SENT
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one was gay or talkative. Ruth had spoiled the party as usual. After about ten minutes Tub got up and went out into the sitting room where Ruth was playing "I Want to Be Happy" on the old piano. Presently he returned with her. The waitress had served him with both chicken and steak, as he had ordered, but he ate only the steak. And when mince pie, ice cream and choc-

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



like a woman's secret, for few seem to be keeping it.

Home Hints

Do not buy vegetables or fruits of poor quality. The waste amounts to more than the saving in the first cost.

Better Soup

Always keep a pot of beef extract on hand to use for soup on quick no-



ties or to make gravy or meat sauce richer.

Keeps Iceing On

To prevent cake iceing from running off the edges of the cake dust the top of the cake lightly with cornstarch.

No Starch Needed

When packing away cotton clothes for an indefinite period, have them washed clean but not starched as the starch causes them to rot.

Tweezers Help

To remove pin feathers from a fowl use a small pair of tweezers.

Use Buttermilk

Corn and butter breads should be made with fresh buttermilk. Biscuits are better made with buttermilk which is a little acid.

Mark Linen

If bed linen is marked with the date when it was put into use it is easier to judge whether it is wearing satisfactorily.

Use Stoppers

Keep turpentine, naphtha and kerosene in tightly stoppered bottles.

THE GUARD AVIARY

THE Prairie Warbler's very small

And colored olive green. Around the open prairies is Where he is mostly seen. The little fellow builds his nest In briars, near the ground. His song is six or seven notes, A quite delightful sound.

JACK DAW'S ADVENTURES

Story by Hal Cochran—Drawings by L. W. Redner
TIMBERLAND—CHAPTER 17



THE ride through the woods was a very interesting one. Jack had never seen such pretty scenery. Up hill and down went the sap sled. And now and then it would pass under a tree laden with snow. A slight waft of breeze would send little showers of the white flakes down on Jack and Dotty.



"THIS would be a great place to have a snowball fight," suggested Jack. The driver heard the remark and replied, "Sorry, sonny, but I haven't got time to stop. And anyway you certainly wouldn't want to just have a snow fight with your little cousin." Dotty laughed and so did Jack.



"WELL," said Dotty, "if we haven't time for that, why don't you get Jack ride on one of the horses?" "Why, you can both do that if you want to," said the kindly driver. So Jack and Dotty scrambled off the sled and were soon astride the two sled horses. Then the team went on again. (Continued.)

Kindergarten Bill Is Re-Considered

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17.—The kindergarten bill, introduced by Representative Woodward and others and Senator Joseph's bill to change the probate court system in Multnomah county, both of which were defeated in the senate a few days ago, were re-considered yesterday. The kindergarten bill was referred to the committee on education and the Joseph bill was tabled.

CHILDREN DROWNED

SANDY LAKE, Pa., Feb. 17.—Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Safran, were drowned yesterday while playing along Sandy creek. More than 50 years ago the Missouri legislature created the office of county marshal of Jackson county, Mo., for the sole purpose of catching the bandits. The office has just been abolished, showing the speed with which legislatures work.

GUESSWORD LIMERICK



A flapper well call Rena Kiew Cut a star, as they say, on (1) When an onlooker (2) Rena surely got (3) And much that she said wasn't (4) (1) Congealed aqua pura. (2) Cross between a grin and a single. (3) Untamed. (4) Beautifully responsible.

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