

# Buying Barbara

by Julia Cleft-Addams & Author of "YOU CAN'T MARRY"

**SYNOPSIS:** The law firm of Quentin, Lodely & Cane is about to crash because it has entrusted the fortune of young Farrell Armitage to a crook, and must make it good. It is Cane, the former office boy, who protected the action; the top "gentleman" partner who brought it off. Quentin lies dying; Cane has ordered Lodely out of his apartment. Cane takes his little daughter, Lella, and goes to call upon Mrs. Quentin. Mrs. Lodely is also there.

Chapter 3  
**A SHOT IS HEARD**  
MRS. QUENTIN rose, circumspectly.  
"I wonder if it would be very unkind of me to slip into the house by the rose-walk? Then I could be finding out if Lionel is able to see him."  
"Run along," agreed Mrs. Lodely. "I'll just say a few words to Cane; that'll give you time. And my regards to your husband and I hope—"  
But Mrs. Quentin was gone, seeing through the beautiful garden. Mrs. Lodely's relief at not having to frame a suitable message to a dying man made her almost her old boisterous self as she stepped out into the drive and began to shout conversation.  
"Afternoon, Mr. Cane! Get up to see Mr. Quentin? I'm afraid he's a good bit weaker today. His

at Mrs. Lodely waited, attentive for once. But no further information was offered. Mr. Cane's neat smile slid into place again and his everyday voice uttered a common place about the weather.  
Mrs. Lodely's mind, slow with years of well-being, relinquished its curiosity. A trivial business matter. Nothing to do with her.  
Nevertheless, after she had taken leave of him, after Lella and the little servant had romped past her on their way out of the gates, she looked back. She remembered afterwards that Mr. Cane, dark against the golden autumn, had taken the telegram from his pocket-book and was reading it once more. She took her way up the hill and presently came within sight of her home.  
In this four-square box of a house had passed all the years of her married life. This afternoon, because she was wont to lose it, she stood for a moment, looking at it; and, for the first time, saw. Judith Lodely demanded that things have no nonsense about them; be no more than she could see or touch. Nevertheless, she was a woman who did not feel at ease without a certain display of comfort; ample food, though she herself ate little, huge fires, though she never felt the cold, numerous

## DANCE TONIGHT MAIN INTEREST AT SCHOOL COMMITTEES ACTIVE

By Dean Pieper  
At the present time, all ninth grade activities are being centered on the annual 9A dance, to be given this Friday. An excellent orchestra has been acquired for the occasion, and an enjoyable evening is planned.  
John Dickinson, president of the 9A class, states that the various committees connected with the program have met and are carrying out their duties. The decorations committee, with Herbert Spencer as chairman, has some novel ideas which they plan to put into effect.  
The gym will be decorated with Christmas trees and other novelties. Among the features to be presented during the evening is a tap dance, presented by the Shelby twins, and a group of songs by Betty Pasko and Georgia Webb.  
Each year the outgoing ninth graders hold this affair, and as it was successful last year, a bigger and better one is planned for this year.  
Newberg—Curtis Hooser opened lumber, sash and door establishment at First and Main streets.  
Culp Creek—Bohemian Lumber Co. sawmill will resume operations in short time.

# SANTA and the MAGIC DOLL

**SYNOPSIS:** Santa gives a party for Toyland after Inga and Pinocchio return from burning a witch who had turned Inga into a ragged old doll. Inga has a magic, gold mirror and a basket that is never empty which once belonged to the witch.  
**CHAPTER XI. THE DWARF.**  
All the time Inga and Pinocchio had been returning home so happily there was a very evil dwarf on the mountain, where they had found the witch. This dwarf was cooking a magic potion which he planned to use to revenge the witch's death.  
It wasn't widely known, but the dwarf was the witch's brother. People in the fairy world seldom saw him. He just lived underground and did odd jobs for his sister.  
The dwarf was a tiny, little old man with a hump back, black eyes and huge ears that stuck up above his cap.  
He was so ugly that the witch used to send him to frighten children. He would suddenly appear standing on the edge of a school book and then he'd disappear so suddenly that you couldn't tell whether you'd really seen him or not.  
But he planned in some way to harm Toyland. Two dolls had burned his sister. And though he didn't know as much as she did about magic there were a few things he remem-

bered, such as making a magic potion that put people to sleep for twelve hours.  
When he had his potion bubbling nicely over the fire he poured it into tiny little molds and let it cool. When he dumped out the molds he had a whole dish of tiny, little balls that looked just like candies. He colored them all bright pink and slipped them into a leather pouch.  
"Ha, ha," he chuckled, "I guess that will fix them. One of those little pills would put a giant to sleep to say nothing about some silly dolls."  
Then he pushed a gate across the entrance to his underground home, pulled up his belt real tight, pulled his cap down as far as his big ears would permit and set out with great, big strides to go to Toyland. But on the road he met a huge rat.  
"Say, Mr. Rat," he called, "let me ride on your back." The rat agreed and they went through the woods like a gray streak. Soon they were at the toyshop.  
"Guess I'll just stay out here and wait for you," said the rat. "This is none of my business."  
"I won't be long," said the dwarf, "hee, hee, hee."  
He slipped into the toyshop and when Santa wasn't looking he walked up to each of the dolls with a silly grin on his face, and said, "Have a candy. They're very good."  
The little pink candies looked so good when he held them out that

## the little dolls never gave it another thought. They all grabbed for some and popped them into their mouths. In a twinkling they were all asleep. Santa was sitting by the fireplace,



putting together a toy cart, and he didn't see any of this.  
When all the toyshop was quiet and nobody could see what the dwarf was doing he slipped around and took all the keys out of the toy-trains, jumping jacks, toy carts and doll cupboards, and stuck them in his pouch.  
Then he hopped right out of the

## WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—(AP)—

Expressing "profound pride as an American in the history of labor in this country," President Hoover today laid the corner stone of the new \$1,250,000 department of labor building.  
Simultaneously, by means of electrical synchronization, the president also laid the corner stone of the new interstate commerce commission building which is rising nearby.  
"It is indeed a pleasure," Mr. Hoover said at the outset of his brief address, "to make this further step in the fulfillment of the magnificent plan for the nation's capital. Since George Washington first envisioned this city, it has steadily grown nearer to his dream of a fitting symbol of a great peoples purposes and energy and power."  
Princetonville—Mrs. Lester Davenport and Mrs. Roy McCallister opened Art Shop here.  
Central Point—Plant with capacity of 3000 pounds of cheese daily being established at this place by Rogue River Cheese & Products Co., Inc.

## SHERIFFS ENJOY JAILHOUSE LUNCH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16—(AP)—The annual "jailhouse luncheon" for sheriffs of Oregon was the featured event at today's session of the State Association of Sheriffs, and Martin T. Pratt, Multnomah county sheriff, presided at the tables which were heaped with corned beef and cabbage. The luncheon was held in the county jail dining room.  
John F. Logan, chairman of the civil service board here, addressed the convention at the morning session, on "Crime Prevention." He urged universal fingerprinting as a means of prompt identification, citing many instances in which persons injured or killed in accidents had remained unidentified for many days because no one could recognize them.  
**Railroads Refuse Proposal on Wages**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 16—(AP)—The railroads flatly refused today to agree to their union employees' proposal that the present deduction of 10 per cent from wages be continued for another year.  
St. Helens—Piling for 50-foot Jetty in Columbia river near Martin's Island being driven.  
MONMOUTH—Joe Rogers took over Maplemead dairy.



Cane opened and read the telegram.

wife's with him just now. Well, Lella—as the dark-eyed little thing twisted and spun on her father's hand—"when are you coming to play with Mark and Babs again?"  
"She'd like to see little Miss Barbara now, if she's anywhere about. And if Mrs. Quentin agrees, of course."  
"Fraid Babs isn't home. As a matter of fact, she's stayin' over at our place for a bit." Mrs. Lodely, embarrassed as always by the man's smirking deference, launched into superfluous explanations.  
"Seemed the best plan, with things as they are here; though Babs is such a quiet little soul, she wouldn't have been in the way, exactly. But then Mark's taken such a fancy to her, that's a blessing, too; they spend hours together. Lella must come along and play with them one day soon."  
"Very kind of you, I'm sure, Mrs. Lodely. Lella would like it. Wouldn't you, Lella?"  
"There comes our Annie," said Lella prouetting. "Isn't her face red?"  
Both adults turned and Mr. Cane, elaborately excusing himself, retraced a few steps and took a telegram from the hand of the girl who came abruptly up the drive. Pom-pou creature thought Mrs. Lodely, irritatedly watching the junior partner as he opened and read the telegram. Lella had recaptured his disengaged hand and was hanging upon it in a manner Mrs. Lodely considered "common."  
"Ow, daddy! You're squeezing me! Ow!"  
The child wriggled free, her face pockered between laughter and tears. Her father looked in her direction but Mrs. Lodely had the impression that he neither saw nor heard her. He folded up the telegram and thrust it into a pocket, then almost immediately took it out to put it carefully away in a pocket-book which he produced for the purpose.  
"More bad news?" enquired Mrs. Lodely. She laughed anxiously. "I shouldn't have thought we'd any of us any more to lose!"  
"Oh, no bad news, no!" returned Mr. Cane. "A trivial business matter." He spoke so absently

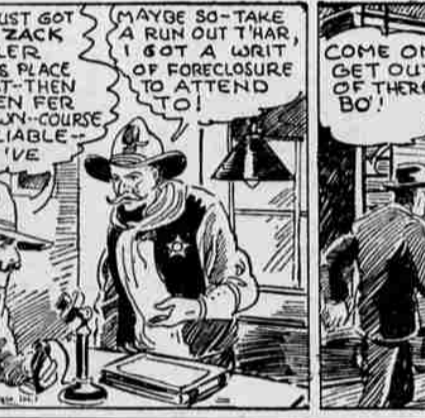
## TAILSPIN TOMMY—Anybody Here Seen Tomkins?



THANKS FER CALLIN' ZACK... YEP WE SURE WILL... DESCRIPTION FITS ALL RIGHT!



WAL—DO I KEEP THIS CELL DOOR OPEN—OR DO I CLOSE IT?



SAY, SHERIFF, JUST GOT A CALL FROM ZACK COFFIN—FELLER STOPPED AT HIS PLACE FER BREAKFAST—THEN LIT OUT SUDDEN FER PARTS UNKNOWN—COURSE ZACK IS UNRELIABLE—BUT IT MIGHT 'VE BEEN THIS TOMKINS!



MAYBE SO—TAKE A RUN OUT 'TAR, I GOT A WRIT OF FORECLOSURE TO ATTEND TO!



COME ON GET OUT OF THERE, BO!

## BOUND TO WIN—Make Haste Slowly



WHERE YOU BOUND FOR NOW, MR. DIGGER?



I'M GOING TO SWEAR OUT WARRANTS FOR THE ARREST OF JONATHAN COBBY, MR. LOTT, BLACK AND BEN WEBSTER—'EM HAVE ALL THREE OF 'EM IN THE COOLER TONIGHT!



SIT DOWN A MINUTE, MR. DIGGER—BY REPORTING THIS COUNTERFEIT MONEY TO YOU I'VE DONE MY DUTY AS A CITIZEN, BUT NOW I WANT TO TALK TO YOU AS MAN TO MAN—CAN YOU THINK OF ANY REASON WHY I'M ABLE TO DEPOSIT ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GOOD MONEY IN THIS BANK IN—

## S'MATTER POP—If a Glass Is Half Empty, Is It Half Full?



GIVE ME A DRINK OF THAT!



NO! MY GLASS IS HALF EMPTY!



TAINT! IT'S HALF FULL!

## THE NEBBS—Just A Smart Girl



THERE HE IS, THE SELF-CENTERED HUB OF THE UNIVERSE—I WONDER IF HE'S COMING IN HERE?



IT MUST BE MIGHTY TIRE-SOME DOING THIS THE WHOLE DAY LONG!



THE TROUBLE IS, I DON'T DO IT THE WHOLE DAY LONG—I HAVE TOO MUCH TIME DOING NOTHING—WHICH IS NOT INTERESTING OR PROFITABLE!

## BRINGING UP FATHER



I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD MAGGIE I WAS SICK SHE THINKS I'M WORSE THAN I AM AN' SHE'S LIABLE TO SEND FER A DOCTOR.



GOOD MORNING!



HUH?

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