

# Two's Company

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**The Characters**  
 Nina, a nice girl with flaxen hair, meets a young man at a party.  
 David drives her home, confessing he crashed the party and is an automobile salesman. He has copper hair and a dog named Button.  
 Honey, Nina's plump, youthful mother, brings home a new husband.  
 Richard, Nina's stepfather, is charming, poised, dark-haired, well-tailored and Honey's junior by 10 years.  
 Cordelia, Nina's closest friend.

## Chapter Four 'Stick Close To Her'

TONIGHT Nina did not notice her beautiful room, or drink it in appreciatively, as she usually did. She drew her things off over her head, cold-creamed her face, brushed her teeth and hair and opened the windows, in a sort of daze; and the minute she was in bed, she started to cry, softly.

"Oh, daddy," she murmured into her pillow; and as the entry dawn crept in, she was a little girl again, having her first serious talk with her father, about Honey.

"But it would have been so easy for her to remember, daddy! I said 'tan,' so plainly, and she got green . . . and now I'll have to wait a whole week for another order, and your present won't be done for Christmas! I do think she might have . . ."

"Now, listen, youngster," she could absolutely see her tall thin father, with his sensitive mouth and kind, humorous eyes. "There are two kinds of people in this world: the serious, sensible kind, like Annie, who mend your clothes and look after you, and never forget things . . . and then there are people like your mother, who make all the fun and gaiety in the world. Now you couldn't expect Annie to make you scream with laughter, and think up wonderful new kinds of games, and have all the kids crazy about her, could you? . . . No. Well then, you mustn't expect your mother, who brings you so much of another kind of happiness, to be like Annie, as well. That's sensible, isn't it?"

Nina had been able to see that it was. After that she had thought of Honey as having a very special

Your mother cares for me a lot. As a young girl she was engaged to a man, and something went wrong. . . I practically browbeat her into marrying me."  
 Nina had interrupted. "Oh, daddy, darling, you couldn't browbeat anyone!"  
 "Well I did, just the same, youngster; and I don't feel badly about it because we have you as a result, and we've been awfully happy together. Of course I should have let her go in a minute, if she had ever wanted to . . . ever met anyone else. And on the best of all this is that your mother is still a child, almost. You're not old enough to know it yourself yet, but a normal passion, a love that is satisfied, matures a person—completes them; and Honey has never had that. . . All her sudden enthusiasms . . . her instability . . . her darling crazy fads, are simply because she has never been—crazy enough about me. Can you grasp all this, Nina dear? . . . Well, now, a person like that needs a lot of looking after, and on the best of authority, I'm not going to be here much longer to do it."  
 Nina had marveled at his being able to speak of his death so lightly. Her own throat had closed up on her till she had had to make a little choking sound to breathe.

## 'You've Got To Grow Up'

"YOU'VE had a grand childhood, haven't you? And I want you to forget all this, for now, and go on being just as young and silly as you like. But when I'm gone, Nina," he was very solemn, "when I'm gone, you've got to grow up . . . and speedily. Will you promise me, child?"

"I do promise, daddy, I do."  
 "And another thing, I don't want any loyalty to me on your part; to make you unhappy if your mother should marry again. I want her to . . . if he's the right man she would turn into an entirely different person if she really fell in love, deeply . . . and if I'm anywhere up high enough to get a good view of her, I shall be entirely happy about it. But if he isn't the right man (and here's where you've got to be grown up and keep an eye on her) . . . she'll go to pieces, you know that. Stick close to her, youngster, you've got a good head on your shoulders. I'm depending on you. . ."

Nina remembered all this, as she lay, now, between her peach crepe de Chine sheets.

Her father had been depending



Nina brushed her hair in a sort of daze.

sort of gift—as indeed she had—and had understood her much better.

## Never Been In Love

ONCE or twice she had come upon her father unexpectedly, with an inexpressible sad look in his brown eyes, and she had wondered if Honey's special gift brought him as much happiness as it did others; but she had been too young to think very much about it. It was not until she was 16, and daddy had another little private talk with her, that she understood better.

It had been in the library—daddy's room then—with rows of slightly musty books and dark green leather chairs and sofa. When he had called her in for that second talk about Honey, they had all known of his heart trouble—that he might go, suddenly, at any time.  
 He said: "I want to tell you some things, Nina dear, that I wouldn't be telling you if I were a well man. I'll plunge in." He sighed. "You may, or may not have noticed, that your mother has never been—in love with me. That's very different, you know, child, from caring for someone.

# STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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"I WILL NOT PERMIT 30 MEN TO TRAVEL 400 MILES MERELY TO AGITATE A BAG OF WIND."  
 —PRESIDENT WHITE OF CORNELL IN VETOING THE FIRST SUGGESTED INTERSECTIONAL FOOTBALL GAME—1875—

CARSON CITY—Capital of Nevada, WAS FOUNDED BECAUSE ITS FOUNDER, ABRAM CURRY, REFUSED TO PAY \$1000 FOR A LOT IN ANOTHER TOWN...

LIEUT. DICK DOWLING—COMMANDING A CONFEDERATE FORCE OF 47 TEXANS, FOUGHT OFF A YANKEE ARMY OF 6000 MEN AND 4 GUNBOATS... THE TEXANS CAPTURED 2 GUNBOATS AND 350 MEN!  
 —Sabine Pass, 1863—

**Battle of Sabine Pass**  
 Along with the credit of having saved Texas from invasion during the Civil war, to Lieut. Dick Dowling and his 47 men goes the distinction of having won out in a battle against what were perhaps the more overwhelming odds faced in the entire war.  
 Backed up by four gunboats a Yankee force numbering 6,000 men attacked the small, rebel-held fort at Sabine Pass, Texas, on September 8, 1863—and, strange as it seems, were beaten off by the tiny force manning it. To top this off Dowling and his men actually captured two of the attacking gunboats with the crews and soldiers aboard them. The captives numbered 350—over seven times the number of men who captured them!

**Founding of Carson City**  
 Late in the 1850's a pioneer named Abram Curry arrived in the Mormon settlement of Genoa, Nevada, liked the town and considered settling down there. When told that the price of the corner lot he selected for himself was \$1,000, though he was riled, "I'll found a town of my own rather than pay that price," he declared, and found a town he did. Going farther into Eagle Valley, Curry bought a ranch for a few hundred dollars and laid out the settlement which grew into Carson City, now capital of Nevada.

**Football Veto**  
 Challenged in 1873 by the University of Michigan, the Cornell university football team agreed to take part in what would have been, if it had come off, the first intersectional football game. The game was to be played in Cleveland. When Cornell accepted the challenge they didn't foresee any faculty objection, but a faculty veto of the game was fast in coming. President White, of Cornell, on being told of the impending game said, "I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind!"—and that was that.

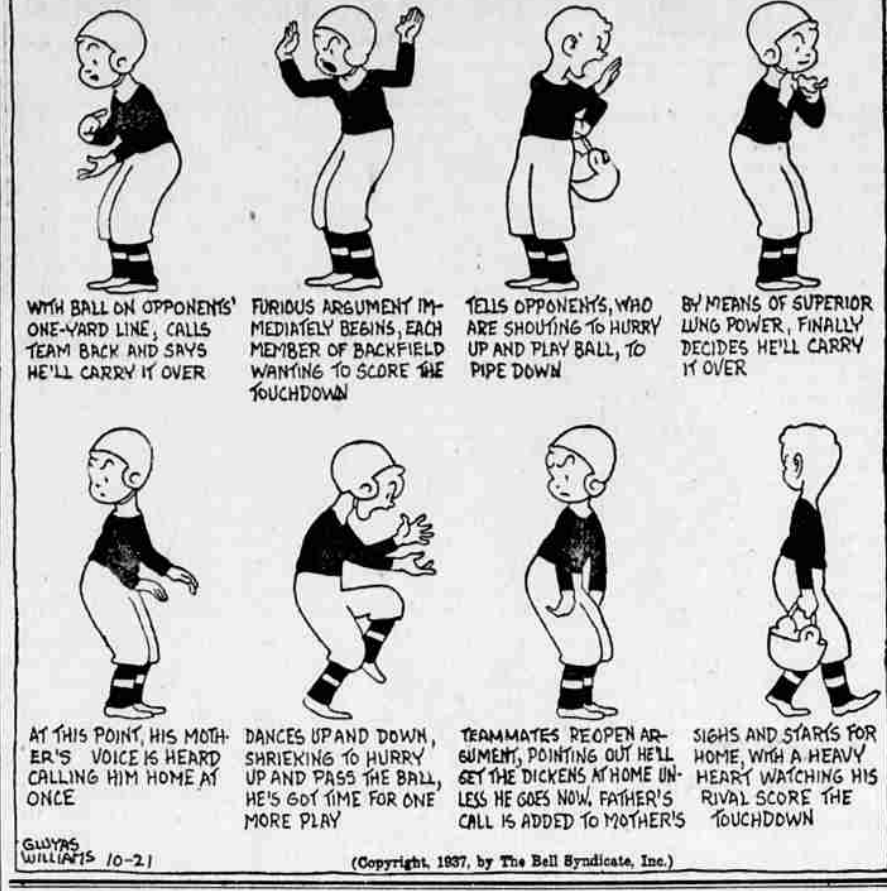
Tomorrow: Which Chapter of the Bible Ends with a Comm?

**Zellerbach to Up Newsprint Price**  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Crown Zellerbach company announced today that it would join other companies in increasing the price of newsprint \$7.50 a ton for the first six months of 1938. The new price will be \$50 a ton. Stock exchange officials here said all major paper companies would post the new price, except Northwestern Paper, which would charge \$48 a ton for the six-month period.  
 Cockroaches were originally confined to the tropics. They spread with the increase of commerce.

**London Too Lonely**  
 LONDON.—(UP)—Because he found London, with its 8,600,000 population, lonelier than his sheep station in Victoria, Stephen Staughton, 29, had a nervous breakdown. This as the story told at an inquest when he fell from a window of a London nursery home and suffered fatal injuries.

# THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



# S'MATTER POI

By C. M. PAYNE



# TAILSPIN TOMMY—Tommy in Grave Peril!



# BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—A Pledge!



# THE NEBBS—Birds of a Feather



# STERILIZATION OF GIRLS PROTESTED

HAYS, Kas., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Kathryn O'Laughlin McCarthy, former congresswoman, today urged the state board of administration to prevent further sterilization in state correctional institutions.  
 Mrs. McCarthy charged last week "wholesale sterilization" had been performed on 62 inmates of the girls industrial school at Beloit the past few years. She told the board in a letter today:  
 "I hope I have brought enough information to your attention . . . for use . . . in drafting an amendment to the present (sterilization) law."  
 At Topeka, Will T. Beck, former chairman of the board, labeled "unfair and untrue" Mrs. McCarthy's charges girls were sterilized as punishment in 1935 and 1936.

# GIANT FLYING BOAT SURPASSES RECORD

PARIS, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The giant French flying boat, Lieutenant De Vaiseau Paris, landed this afternoon at Maceo, Brazil, after a trans-Atlantic survey flight from French Morocco.  
 Air France said the 75-passenger plane travelled 5,780 kilometers (about 3,613 miles) to surpass the world's non-stop distance record for seaplanes. She landed at 12:58 p. m. (EST).  
 Her original destination had been Rio De Janeiro, approximately 1,000 miles southward along the coast but, as the distance record already was surpassed, it was decided to land at Maceo. The plane took off yesterday from the harbor at Lyauter, Morocco.  
 She was in the air 34 hours, 28 minutes.

# By SOL HESS