

Two's Company

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The Characters

Nina, a nice girl with hazel hair, has fallen in love with her stepfather.

Richard, the charming, well-to-do stepfather, is openly attentive to Nina.

Honey, Nina's gay, plump, youthful mother, is crazy about Richard, her new husband.

David, a young auto salesman, adores Nina and has urged her to marry him.

Chapter 16

Alone With Richard

HONEY was still looking anxious, so Nina asked: "Darling, don't you feel well?"

Her mother gave a little laugh... it didn't sound quite like her, somehow.

"It's probably naughty of me to say this to you, baby, but being married—just newly married—to Richard does not tend to make one feel exactly... placid. Sometimes, I feel a trifle worn out..."

Nina felt a stirring in her breast. She knew it for what it was—jealousy; but she tried to tell herself that it was concern for Honey.



It was a misty, delirious dream. It was heaven on earth. It was wrong.

But the next time she heard of it, it was all settled.

Honey was going to Palm Beach with Horace in a week and Richard—was not.

Nina's knees almost sagged beneath her as she heard the news; but in a moment she felt better, for Honey went on.

"Richard's had a marvelous invitation to fly up to Canada and go on a month's hunting trip. So what with everyone telling me that I'm looking more like a hag every minute... and this opportunity for him, coming at the same time, it seemed like a sensible decision to make."

Richard said: "I didn't want to accept, naturally, and leave my small bride at home... but since..."

Nina cut in. She had to ask one question, quickly. "When do you leave—Richard?"

He smiled at her slowly. "You and I are going to keep the home fires burning for a few days, darling... I leave a week after Honey."

In spite of her efforts to command it, Nina's heart broke into its familiar tap-dance. A week—alone with him...

Exerting The Will-Power WHEN the day of Honey's departure did dawn at last, Nina rolled over in bed, and with the last vestige of her will-power lifted the telephone and invited herself down to Harmony for the weekend.

"I'm depressed because Honey's going away. There'll be just the three of us..."

Well, she had asked Cordelia, and had made arrangements to go down to Harmony, the next day... So she had done her best, anyway...

Honey and Carrie Van Alstyne

set out in the latter's chauffeur-driven Lincoln, shortly after breakfast. They were to make the journey in easy stages, pausing to visit friends on the way.

Honey's little round face peered tearfully at them through the car window, above Richard's orchids.

The minute they disappeared around the corner, Nina bolted to her room, and then bolted out of the house; and she didn't come back until the late afternoon.

Richard wasn't about then, but at 8:30 when she came down, he was mixing cocktails in the living-room.

Nina took two, and then promptly wished she hadn't. Fears and doubts began to iron themselves out, and she found herself looking forward to the evening with joyous anticipation.

She had on a simple little dress with a chaste, high neck line and cap sleeves. It was yellow—the color that Hester Semple couldn't wear, and that Nina could, so advantageously. Its seductiveness lay in the clever way it was moulded to the figure—suggestive, rather than revealing. It was one of those deceptively ingenuous frocks, that your aunt Minnie couldn't possibly object to. It was new.

"That's new, isn't it?" And she said: "Yes."

And he said: "It's bad."

And she said: "Oh, do you think so?"

And then they switched to the atrocious creation that that traitor Van Alstyne had chosen to travel in... and their conversation was gay and innocuous.

They had another cocktail and went in to dinner.

With Burning Desire WHEN it happened, it came like a bolt from the blue.

Nina and Richard were playing backgammon, and Bridget had just come in to ask if there was anything else she could do for them, before retiring.

Nina said: "No, thank you, Bridget," and Richard said the same; and then, when the house had settled down to that stillness for the night, which is more—enfolded—than anything else in the world... he rose quietly and lifted the table away.

For a delirious half-second Nina knew what was coming... and then it was reality. She was in his arms.

"Nina... Nina... it just is, that's bigger than I and you are. Bigger than right or wrong... or life. We couldn't stop it any more than we could stop the sun from rising. Precious... beautiful..."

His lips again, tender, demanding. It was a misty, delirious dream... It was heaven on earth... It was wrong.

"Richard..." He was looking at her with all the things that had been in the back of his eyes, quite open now; tenderness, and admiration, and a burning desire that was so fierce it seared her, and left her weak.

It fanned her own terrible longing, until it seemed that the whole meaning of life... the whole reason for their having been born, was so that this moment could—be.

After an interval that could not be measured by time, he released her and drew her down beside him, onto one of the seats by the fire.

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Nina elopes, tomorrow.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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ALL VOWEL-WORD, ELOJAE— AN ENGLISH WORD FOR "TROPE"

THE "PRINCESSA JOLANDA," LARGEST ITALIAN SHIP OF HER TIME, NEVER MADE A SINGLE TRIP! SHE CAPSIZED AND SANK AT HER LAUNCHING... 1907

A POUND OF ALUMINIUM AND A POUND OF LEAD WONT BALANCE ON AN EVEN-ARM BALANCE UNLESS PLACED IN A VACUUM!

THE HAILSTORM THAT ENDED A WAR! A 23-YEAR WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND WAS ENDED BY A HAILSTORM THAT KILLED HUNDREDS OF ENGLISH SOLDIERS... CONVINCED THAT HEAVEN WAS AGAINST HIM, EDWARD III AGREED TO PEACE... -1360-

Hailstorm That Ended a War.

History's most important hailstorm fell at Chartres, France, in April, 1360. Before the storm it looked as though the war between France and England, then in its 23rd year, would never end. France was beginning to favor the English, but Edward III of England stubbornly held out. Here is the account of the results of the storm as given by Jean Froissart, famous French chronicler of the time:

During the time that the French commissioners were passing backwards and forwards from the king to his council and unable to obtain any favorable answer to their efforts, there happened such a storm and violent tempest of thunder and hail, which fell on the English army, that

it seemed as if the world were to come to an end. The hailstones were so large as to kill men and beasts, and the boldest were frightened. The king turned himself toward the church of Our Lady of Chartres, and religiously vowed to the Virgin that he would accept terms of peace.

King Edward kept his vow by signing the famous Treaty of Bretigny, bringing the war to an end.

Unbalanced Pounds. Two bodies of unequal volume but of the same weight will not balance each other on an even-arm balance unless the balancing takes place in a vacuum. The reason is the fact that the larger body will displace a greater volume of air and will be

buoyed up by a greater force than will the smaller body. The larger body will appear to be lighter in weight than the smaller body.

Capsized at Her Launching. Still unexplained is the cause of the fate of the 10,600-ton Princessa Jolanda, the largest Italian ship of her day. As she was launched on September 22, 1907, near Spezia in the Gulf of Genoa, a section of the "cradle" clung to the ship's hull and burst into flames. Describing a wide curve when she hit the water, the Princessa Jolanda "turned over and sank."

Tomorrow: The Tomb of 2,000 Unknown Soldiers!

HARVEY FIELD NAMED CHAIRMAN FOR CLUB

OREGON STATE COLLEGE CORVALLIS, Nov. 10.—(Sp.)—Harvey Field of Medford, freshman in business administration at Oregon State College, has been elected social chairman of the Rosewood Aces, club for independent men.

JACKSONVILLE DANCE WILL BENEFIT C. OF C.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 10.—(Sp.)—The R. N. A. lodge of Jacksonville will give a dance tonight at the U. S. hotel for the benefit of the chamber of commerce. There will be refreshments and Silva's orchestra will furnish music.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—The Sheriff Takes His Time!



BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—A Wreck!



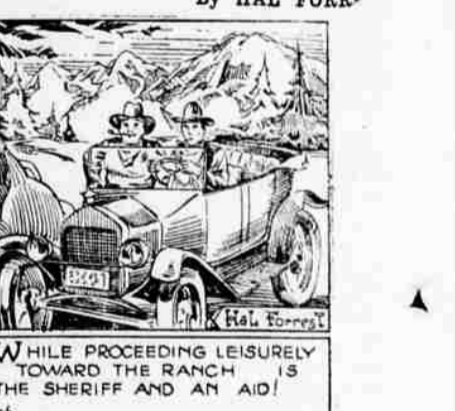
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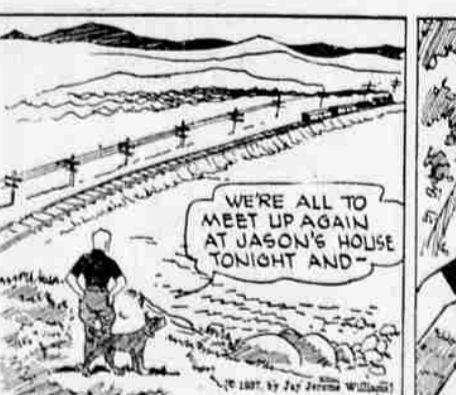
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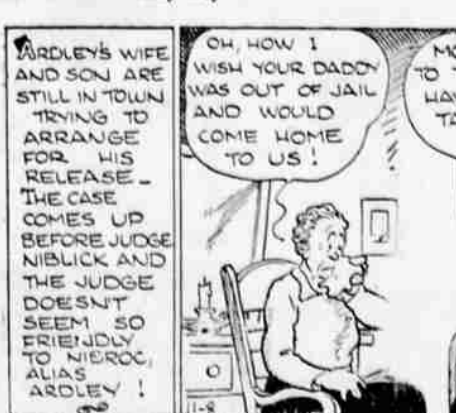
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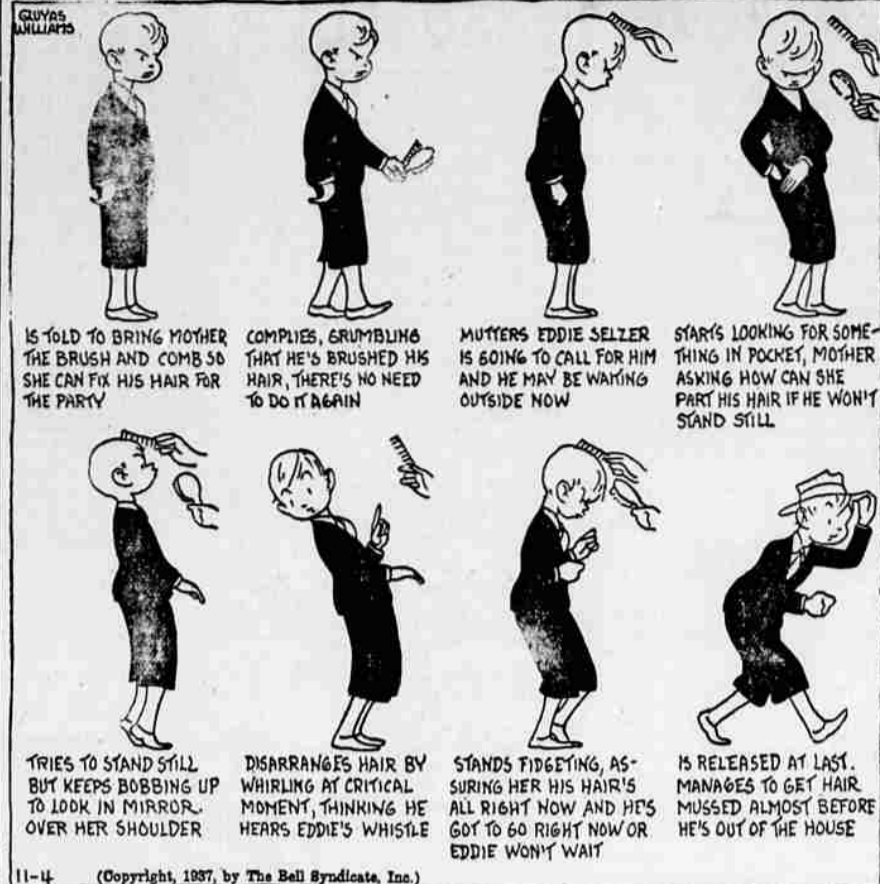


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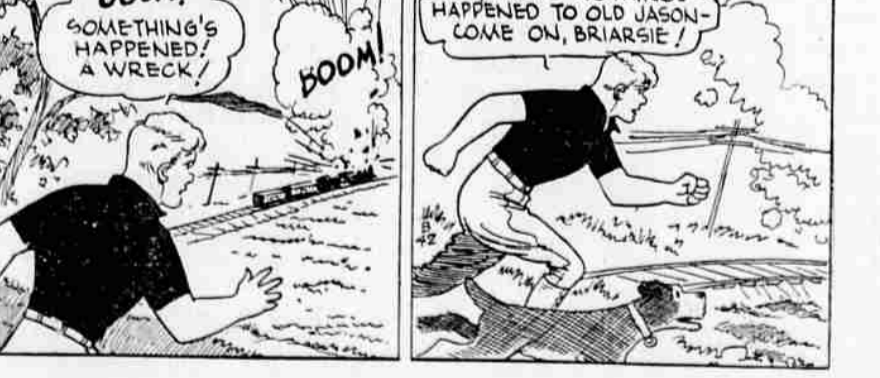
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By SOL HESS



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GIFTS SHOWER DOWN ON 8-YEAR-OLD HERO

ASTORIA, Nov. 10.—(Sp.)—Gifts of clothing, candy and toys showered down today on a boy of eight who saved four brothers and sisters and two other children from a burning home at Seaside.

Leaving his home to mail a letter, Arthur Graston returned to find it in flames but his five children and two babies of neighbors who had left their children with him to go to a dance all saved.

Graston's oldest son, a lad of eight, was awakened by the fire. He got one sister and a brother out and ran back. With the aid of another sister of six years, he rescued the remaining children.

ACTRESS BITTEN BY ANGERED POLICE DOG

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 10.—(Sp.)—Ann Sheridan, film actress, visiting at the home of friends, stepped on a police dog's tail. The dog snapped at her, inflicting a deep gash over her eye. Despite five stitches, Dr. Charles M. Taylor said today she will not be permanently disfigured.

ROSEBURG SEWER JOB GIVEN WPA APPROVAL

ROSEBURG, Nov. 10.—(Sp.)—Word was received today at the local office of the Works Progress Administration that approval has been given Roseburg's intercepting sewer project. C. D. Pies, WPA engineer for Douglas county, announced.

The sewer project for which application recently was made by the city of Roseburg, calls for a total expenditure of \$80,837, of which the federal government will contribute \$44,740 for labor, while the city's cost will be \$35,997 for materials, equipment, engineering and supervision.

Weather. Northern California: Fair south, unsettled with occasional rain north portion tonight and Thursday, moderate temperature; fresh and strong southerly wind off coast, decreasing Thursday.

Oregon: Occasional rain tonight and Thursday, moderate temperature fresh and strong east and southeast wind off the coast, decreasing Thursday.