

# Two's Company

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**The Characters**  
 Nina impulsively married David, hoping to forget her intense love for her stepfather.  
 Richard, the charming, well-tailored stepfather, shamelessly talks of love to Nina.  
 Honey, Nina's gay, plump, youthful mother, is wild about Richard, her newly acquired husband.  
 David, a bright young auto salesman, adores Nina and strives to make her happy on his small salary.

Chapter 31  
**A Little Tight Budgeting**  
 NINA was thinking the same old thoughts, all over again. Her terrible, insatiable longing to have Richard for her own... No effort, no reasoning, had been able to curb it. Now perhaps separation might.



David was having fun budgeting. Said he was feeling married for the first time.

morning. And after she had done the marketing, she started the dinner. And after she had started the dinner, she brushed her hair, and refreshed herself for David... The thought of the dishes she must wash made her feel angry and rebellious. She decided to ask David to take her to the theater. Dress up, and everything. If ever there was a time when she needed a little diversion, it was now.

But when David came dashing in, with that engaging eagerness of his, it was apparent that he had already made plans. "You know what we're going to do tonight, sweetheart? ... Book-keeping. We're going to do a little tight budgeting, if you can stand it. ... We've sort of been meandering along rilly, without any definite plan... but, as the walrus said, The time has come."

Nina repressed a shudder. Dishes—greasy dishes—and a budget... and Richard sailing farther away with every minute that ticked by!

**Thirty-Seven Fifty A Week**  
 "DID Honey get off all right, darling? Feeling a touch blue?"  
 "Come here, then. David'll fix that."  
 But David couldn't fix it; and the whole evening was one long, hideous effort not to cry... into the soup; into the dishpan; into the strong box, with the separate compartments, where David put different allotments of his pitiful week's salary... It was awful.

The budget went like this: They figured it on a \$50-a-week basis—when he made more, they agreed to save the surplus.  
 Now then—\$12.50 a week for rent. The long compartment at the back of the strong box was the rent compartment. Into it went two fives, two ones—and a battered 50-cent piece.  
 David licked his pencil.  
 "That leaves thirty-seven fifty a week, left over."  
 Nina said, making a tremendous effort to act interested: "I can put seven days into \$35, but I can't into \$7... let alone that extra 50 cents!"  
 "I can't either. What do you say we put the two-fifty aside... for emergencies?"  
 Nina had to smile at the thought of what a very tiny emergency it would have to be.  
 "Good idea. Print 'emergency' on

# STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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**FIELDING H. YOST—**  
 U. of Mich. football coach from 1901 to 1923, DIDN'T LOSE A SINGLE GAME IN HIS FIRST 5 YEARS! THE WOLVERINES SCORED 2,821 POINTS TO THEIR OPPONENTS' 40!



**PIGTAIL CODE—**  
 SECRET MILITARY MESSAGES WERE BRAIDED INTO THE PIGTAILS OF CHINESE SPIES BY JAPANESE OFFICERS DURING THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR, 1904-05



**OUTLAW'S PARADISE—**  
 THE "OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE," AN AREA OF 5,950 SQUARE MILES, EXISTED WITHOUT LAW OR GOVERNMENT FOR 45 YEARS (1845-90) THE "ORPHAN" STRIP WAS A HAVEN FOR WESTERN BAD MEN WHO WERE FREE WITHIN ITS LIMITS FROM PUNISHMENT OR EXTRADITION!

**Outlaw's Paradise.**  
 Strange as it seems, the "Oklahoma Panhandle," an area of 5950 square miles, from 1845 to 1890 was unclaimed, unwanted and without governmental control of any kind whatever!  
 This strip of land, 35 miles wide and 170 miles long, now comprising the Oklahoma counties of Cimarron, Texas and Beaver, was successively a part of the Spanish possession in North America, a section of the Republic of Mexico and the northernmost tip of the Republic of Texas.  
 When in 1845 Texas was admitted to the union as a state, the "panhandle" area, lying north of 36 degrees, 30 minutes north latitude, was prohibited by terms of the Missouri Compromise from statehood, as the document ruled that no land north of the "36 and 30" line should enter the Union as a slave-holding state. Inasmuch as Texas favored slavery, the strip of land was abandoned by Texas, unclaimed by the federal government, and until 1890, when it was annexed to the Oklahoma Territory, was literally a "No Man's Land" in the center of the United States!  
 Strange as it seems, no government control whatever could be exercised in this "Outlaw's Paradise" during those 45 years. Law enforcement was non-existent because there were no laws there. Extradition also was unknown, and the spot became a mecca of the bad men of the west, who had merely to step over the border line to secure immunity from the law.  
 Many of the most desperate outlaws of the last century found their way to the "No Man's Land"—a geographical loophole in the law of the west.  
 From 1627 until 1912, when the Manchu dynasty of China was overthrown, Chinese men were forced to wear pigtails as a sign of submission to the Tartars who first placed a Manchu on the throne of China. Strange as it seems, these same pigtails were utilized by Japanese military officers during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05 to hide secret messages. Chinese spies were employed and messages were braided into the innocent-looking queues of Chinese runners who passed unnoticed through Russian lines in Korea, tomorrow: Russian's Escape Artist.

once snapped "Royalty speaking!" when a nurse ignored her order—refused to be ordered to do anything.  
 But she has come to respect a new authority in her father during the year he has been on the throne, Buckingham palace circles related today.

**B-H RESUMES MINING ON FORREST CREEK**  
 The B-H mining operations in the Forest creek-Pocroman creek section near Rich, have been resumed with three shifts daily, according to Jack Horner, manager. Some of the operations are on virgin ground, but principally worked soil.  
 There is sufficient water for the winter's operations, according to Horner.  
 Closing time for too late to classify ads is 1:30 p. m.

**TAILSPIN TOMMY—What Does Mr. Dirkman Mean?**



**BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Battle Royal!**

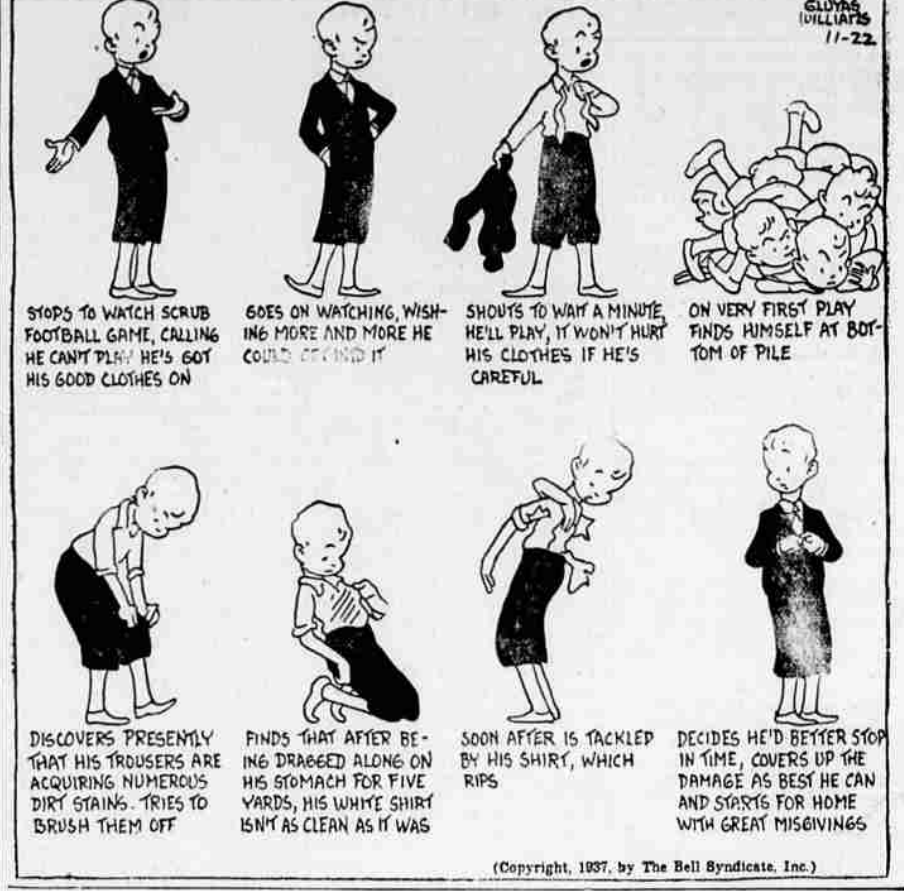


**THE NEBBS—The Law**

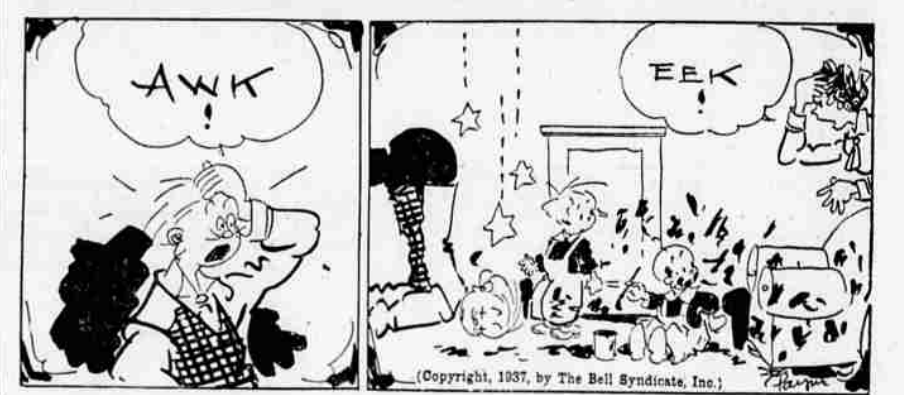


# CAREFUL

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



**S'MATTER POI** By C. M. PAYNE



By HAL FORREST



By EDWIN ALOER



By SOL HESS



# FULL MOON HUNT FOR LOST FLIERS

EDMONTON, Alta., Nov. 29.—(UP)—The winter-long Arctic night has closed in. Sir Hubert Wilkins and four companions soon will begin the airplane flights which they hope will unravel the ice-locked mystery of what happened to Edmund Levanetsky, Soviet air, and his five countrymen, who disappeared last August while attempting a flight from Moscow to San Francisco.  
 Wilkins and his party now are at Aklavik, northernmost Canadian outpost, 1750 miles north of here in a latitude where the sun never rises during most of the Arctic winter.  
 Aided by radio beams from stations at Aklavik and Point Barrow,

# PRINCESS OBEYS HER ROYAL DADDY

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(UP)—Princess Elizabeth, an imperious young lady of 11 who some day may be queen of the British empire, consents now to obey her father without question, "because when he speaks it's the king's command."  
 For several years Elizabeth—who has a strong will of her own and

# ALASKA, SIR HUBERT WILL DIRECT THE HUGE TWIN-ENGINE MONOPLANE SUPPLIED BY THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE FROZEN BEARFOOT SEA, THE GREATEST EXPANSE OF OCEAN WITHOUT LAND IN THE ARCTIC.

The flights will be made during the eight days each month when the moon is full.