

SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

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THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specifying that his secretary, Carol, and five other employees...

on Andy was now asking him for mercy.

What would Andy do? Carol was afraid to think.

The door opened at last and Carol read the answer in Miss Fanny's hopeless eyes.

His lips denied the doubt in his eyes. "Mr. Herrick did it Carol. I won't interfere."

"But it's YOUR store," her voice rose in condemnation. "It's Dearborn's! Why don't you run it your own way? You know this isn't right!"

He regarded her silently. Then, "She wanted \$500," he said evenly. "Santa Claus stays in Toyland, Carol. Not in the manager's office."

He was angry with her, too. Carol knew why she expected the sum. It was what Mr. Dearborn usually set aside for retirement.

Five hundred dollars! Her mind toyed with it until she began to accept its reality. She had righted other wrongs. Why not this one?

True, she had never written so large a check. It would be certain to come to Mr. Herrick's attention at the end of the month. But by then surely the will would

have been found and both he and Andy would understand she did it in deference to Mr. Dearborn's wishes.

The letter to Miss Fanny was different from the others. It praised her long service in the store and thanked her for her loyalty.

She paused a tense moment before she put Miss Fanny's name and the three figure sum on the check—\$500. She signed it Dearborn's with her own initials underneath.

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JAKE'S IN TOWN-- LOCK THINGS UP

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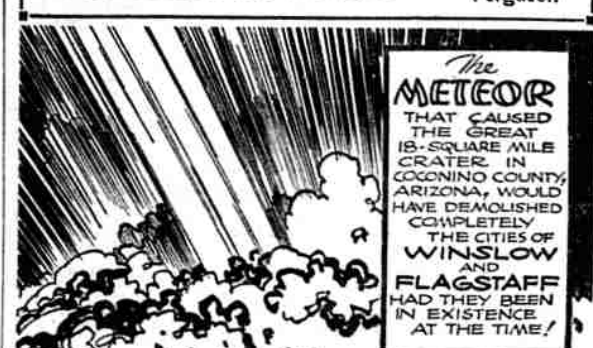
LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE



By Fred Harman

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Canada.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



By Martin

HOLIDAY PUZZLE

Word puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Clues include: 1 Pictured Roman god, 5 He is... of this month, 8 Twelfth part of a year, 13 God of war, 14 Considerable in degree, 16 Mud, 17 Anger, 18 Made shirts in, 20 Sesame, 21 Music note, 22 Horse's gait, 23 Close to, 25 Afternoon (abbr.), 26 Sixty sixties (astron.), 28 Minute skin opening, 31 Electrical engineer (abbr.), 32 Symbol for tantalum, 34 Sweet secretion (pl.), 35 Nautical, 36 Indian Army (abbr.), 38 Symbol for tellurium.



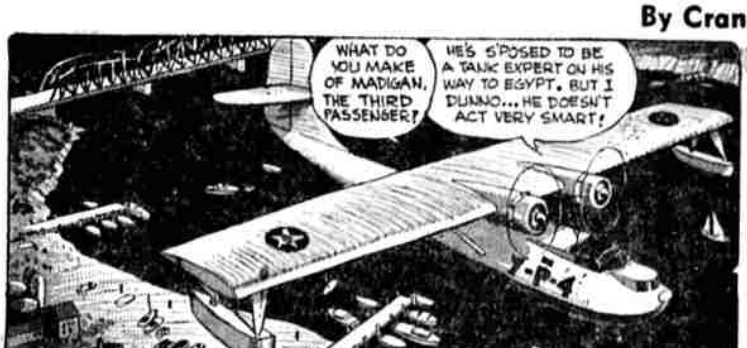
WASH TUBBS



By Crane



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

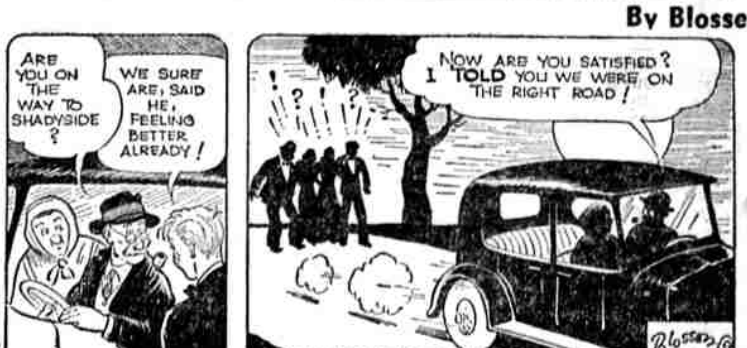


By Blosser

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61. A small illustration of a woman is included in the grid.



ALLEY OOP



By V. T. Hamlin



THE next customer to come to Andy was Mrs. Grover. She made three trips to his office before she caught him in. She wanted to return a bicycle she had bought for her little boy's Christmas.

SHE corrected many similar cases in the next days. But she hadn't anticipated the most serious of them all. It concerned Miss Fanny in Hosiery.