

LAB GIRL

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THE KISS

CHAPTER VII

BARBEE was initiated into full responsibility at the laboratory sooner than the chief chemist had planned. Far sooner than she herself had anticipated. It happened simply enough. Sue Keller didn't show up at work Friday. David Kent came back to Barbee with a worried look on his face. "Sue just phoned. Says she's sick with a cold. I bet that cold is a hangover."

He saw Barbee's startled face. "Yes, she drinks. Sue's no paragon of virtue." He went on quickly. "Think you can run the test alone today?"

"Oh—" Barbee hesitated nervously. "I've only been here three days. I'm afraid—"

Kent explained patiently. "There's no one else on this shift who knows how to run this test. And there happens to be a lot of samples to be gone over. Tell you what—you go ahead, and I'll come back and check on things every once in a while. If anything goes wrong let me know at once."

Tensely Barbee went to work. If she were careful, very careful to remember everything Susan had showed her perhaps she'd get along all right.

The second game turned into a druggy one-sided contest and they left in the middle of it. Ken suggested some steak sandwiches at a popular drive-in stand. The sandwiches were excellent, and Barbee was hungry after her hurried supper. She ate ravenously. Ken lit a cigaret and offered her one after the waitress had taken their door-tray away. When she refused, he threw his away impatiently, and slid closer to her on the leather seat of the old convertible, putting his arm familiarly across her shoulder. Suddenly he drew her to him and kissed her.

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The chief chemist laughed cheerfully. "Oh, yes, you will. Something like this happens every once in a while. He turned on an electric fan. "This will blow the gas out in a jiffy, what hasn't gone up the hood."

Seeing that she was still humiliated. "Don't worry now. Nobody's hurt. You'll have to run this last test over in the morning, that's all. Better put the samples back in the desiccator now, and get ready to go home."

She was still burning with the humiliation of her failure when she went into the dressing room, and it didn't help when the other girls, with a very natural curiosity, wanted to know what had gone wrong. She had to explain the mishap over and over again.

"But it serves me right," she thought truthfully. "I thought I was so superior to Sue Keller, and maybe some ways she's smarter than I am."

It wasn't a comforting revelation, and she was still thinking about it when Ken Carter took her home. She told him about it, ending, "I guess I've been a sort of a snob, and didn't know it."

He looked aside at her. "I'll tell you what you need, a chance to forget all about it. There's a ball game tonight, how about going with me?"

HOLD EVERYTHING!



"Don't take any wooden nickels!"

Barbee drew away from his embrace furiously. "Why—why—what do you think you're doing?" She wanted to slap his face. But that was cheap. No need to make a fuss. She started to open the car door at her side.

He reached around her and covered her hand gently and yet firmly with his free one. "Don't run away. I suppose I shouldn't have done it... but you looked so well—kissable."

His action in detaining her had brought his face close to hers again. His blue eyes were dancing into her dark ones.

"It didn't hurt you, did it? I think I'm going to do it again."

She should have slapped him... really she should. But she didn't feel like it now. His arms were so strong, his lips so warm and eager.

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When stale, hard rolls are soft and soft rolls are hard. Says E. T. Burns, Edgewood, Pennsylvania.

NEXT: When we had a different North star.

BASEBALL MANAGER

HORIZONTAL

16 Pictured ball team manager

12 Exist

14 Flax cloth

15 Withdraw

16 Ad valorem (abbr.)

17 Like

18 Hollow tubes

20 Wander

22 Obtain

24 Weight allowances

25 Ladies out water

26 Upon

28 Pound (abbr.)

29 Narrow paths

33 Speak

36 Outer Guard (abbr.)

37 Mass of soft material

39 And (Latin)

41 Us

42 Fox

44 3,1416

45 Locomotor ataxia

47 Provided

49 Parent

50 Slave

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1 DORIS SCROWELL

2 OVERS OF REPEAL

3 TRADES AMT. DIANA

4 TALE SNEAR CREE

5 ERIC

6 DORIS

7 DUK

8 SLAVE

9 CAN

10 TETHER

11 EDIE

12 MOAT

13 PARR SLATE

14 GNAME ANT HORDE

15 STAINS S RETAIN

16 ENTERTAINMENT

VERTICAL

1 Pennant

2 Ascend

3 Any

4 Fiber knots

5 Weave

6 At liberty

7 Relax

8 That one

9 Courtesy title

10 Shell fish

11 Pertaining to blood

12 He manages a base

13 Nights before

14 Peep

15 Baby's napkins

16 23 2000 pounds

17 Modern

18 Destiny

19 Since

20 Tree fluid

21 Permit

22 Herb

23 Wonder

24 Affirmative

25 Obscure

26 Beret

27 43

28 Flying mammal

29 Frustrates

30 Carry

31 Besides

32 Sorrow

33 Faithful

34 Bobbin

35 Within

36 Nuisance

37 Kind of duck

38 Pierce

39 Monkey

40 Affliction

41 Gravimetric volume (abbr.)

42 Music note

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

Out Our Way



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By J. R. Williams



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

With Major Hoople



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BABY BIGAMIST

BOISE, Ida., (AP)—The state pardons board yesterday freed Daisy Himm Parsley, convicted bigamist, on her 17th birthday, after she served 6 months of a 1 1/2 year sentence.

Married at 14, she was divorced last year, but before the decree became final she married a soldier, then a third who she said threatened her life.

The pardons board said the girl would join husband No. 2, soon to leave the army, in managing a ranch.

Red Ryder



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By Fred Harmon



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By William Ferguson



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Freckles and His Friends



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By Blosser



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

Wash Tubbs



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Boots and Her Buddies



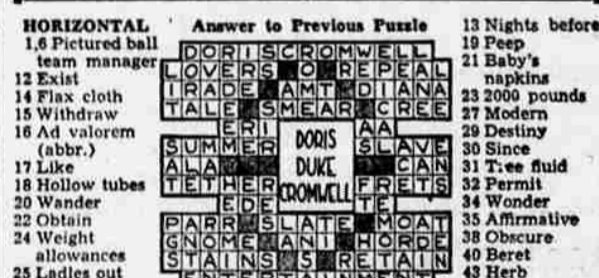
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By V. T. Hamlin



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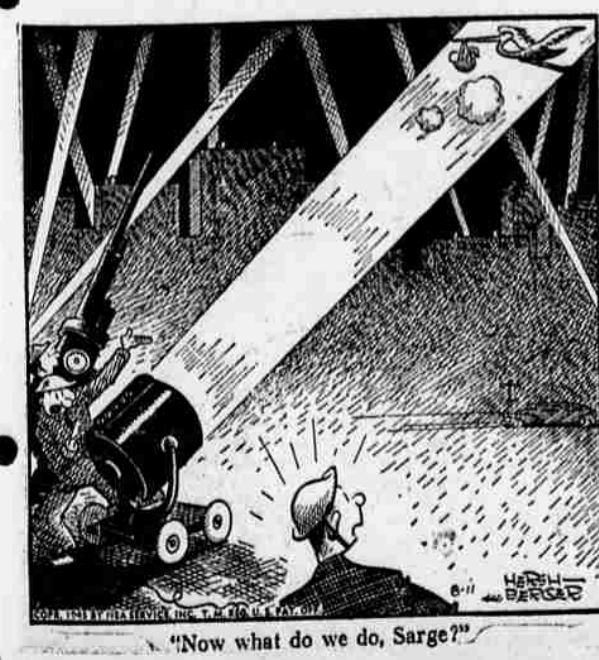
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Little Orphan Annie



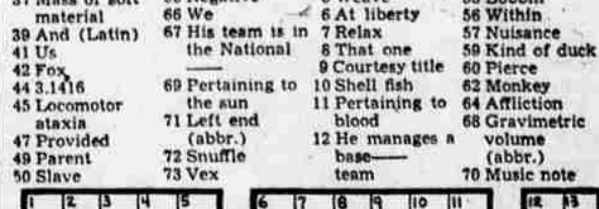
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FUNNY BUSINESS



"Now what do we do, Sarge?"

By Martin



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

By Harold Gray



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By Martin



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