

LIL ABNER

The Parrots of Wimpole Street - by

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Within this happy little home in the suburbs—

—the cage of the Bassetts, and their sturdy little green son, Eggbert.

OH, BASSETT!!—THERE'S WONDERFUL NEWS!!

THE FAMILY HAS WON \$5,000 IN A JINGLE CONTEST!!

BIG DEAL!!

WHAT'LL IT MEAN TO US?—MORE BIRDSEED?—A BIGGER CAGE?—MORE PRIVATE—B-USH!!—FACILITIES?—

THAT \$5,000 WON'T CHANGE OUR LIVES BY A SINGLE FEATHER!! SO LET'S GO TO SLEEP, AND FORGET IT!!

WELL—I STILL THINK IT'S NICE!!

MIDNIGHT

BURGLARS!!

WONDER WHERE THEY'VE GOT THAT FIVE GRAND STASHED AWAY—

I'LL SCARE 'EM OFF!! I'VE BEEN PRACTICING BIG VOICES!!

BUT, BASSETT, DEAR—YOU'RE NOT BIG!!—YOU'RE LITTLE AND WEAK!!

THEY CAN WRING YOUR NECK—EASILY!!

STOP NAGGING!!—I'M SMARTER'N THEY ARE—WATCH!!

STICK 'EM UP!!

YES, SIR!!

SEE!—CHUCKLE!!—BRAINS WIN OVER BRAWN, EVERY TIME!!

—AN' KEEP 'EM UP, OR I'LL FLY OVER THERE, AN' GIVE YOU SUCH A PECK ON THE HEAD—

FLY? PECK?

IT'S JUST A LOUSY LITTLE PARROT, WIT' A BIG VOICE!!

I'LL QUIET HIM DOWN—

OH, BASSETT!!—NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!!

TO BE CONTINUED

ALLEY OOP

by V.T. HAMLIN

HEY, LOOK! YEH... I DON'T BELIEVE IT EITHER!

HEY, FOOZY!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE OOP A-CALLIN' ME... COULD BE URGENT, I'D BEST GO SEE

MY GOSH, OOP, WHAT A SURPRISE! A PERFECT DINNY, EXCEPT FOR SIZE!

THAT'S RIGHT, FOOZY...

...DANGEST THING I EVER SAW!

BUT WOULDN'T IT BE AWFUL IF THAT REALLY WAS HE A-SHRUNK WAY DOWN, GREAT JIMMINY GEE!

YOU SAID IT! IN FACT, I'M NOT SURE THAT AIN'T JUST WHAT HAS HAPPENED

AW, BE YOUR AGE, FOR CATSAKE, OOP. YOU KNOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! DON'T BE A GOOP!

YEH, BUT HE ANSWERS TO DINNY JUST LIKE HE'D ALWAYS BEEN CALLED THAT!

AW, HE'D ANSWER, I BET, TO WHATEVER YOU'D YELL! JUST WATCH ME HOLLER AN' THEN YOU CAN TELL!

HEY, THERE, WOOGY! HANK! JOE! OR IS IT JEFF, OR JACK, OR MAYBE CLOE!

LIKE I SAID... NO RESPONSE!

OKAY, THEN I'LL GET REAL CHINNY... AN' GIVE OUT A ROBUST DINNY!

BEEP!

THERE, Y'SEE? AIN'T THAT TH' SPOOKIEST THING Y'EVER SEEN?

HE ANSWERS LIKE DINNY, THAT'S PLAIN T'SEE, BUT OF COURSE THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE!

YEAH? SAYS WHO?

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