

# The Kiddies' Korner

MADRE PENN

## THE LAUGHING DUMPLING

Part II

LEAVING the second Jizo, she laughed and ran on, still crying out, "My dumpling! My dumpling! Where is that dumpling of mine?" And she came to a third Jizo, and asked it:

"O dear Jizo, did you see my dumpling?"

But Jizo said: "Don't talk about dumpling now. Here is the Oni coming. Squat down here behind my sleeve and don't make any noise."

Presently the Oni came very close and stopped and bowed to Jizo, and said:

"Good day, Jizo San!"

Jizo said good day, too, very politely.

Then the Oni suddenly sniffed the air two or three times in a suspicious way and cried out: "Jizo San, Jizo San! I smell a smell of mankind somewhere, don't you?"

"Oh!", said Jizo, "perhaps you are mistaken."

"No, no!" said the Oni, after sniffing the air again; "I smell a smell of mankind."

Then the old woman could not help laughing—"Te-he-he!"—and the Oni immediately reached down his big, hairy hand behind Jizo's sleeve and pulled her out, still laughing, "Te-he-he!"

"Ah! ha!" cried the Oni.

Then Jizo said:

"What are you going to do with that good old woman? You must not hurt her."

"I won't," said the Oni; "but I will take her home with me to cook for us."

"Te-he-he!" laughed the old woman.

"Very well," said Jizo, "but you must really be kind to her. If you are not I shall be very angry."

"I won't hurt her at all," promised the Oni, "and she will only have to do a little work for us every day. Good-by, Jizo San."

Then the Oni took the old woman far down the road till they came to a wide, deep river, where there was a boat. He put her into the boat and took her across the river to his house. It was a very large house. He led her at once into the kitchen and told her to cook some dinner for himself and the other Oni who lived with him, and he gave her a small wooden rice paddle and said:

"You must always put only one grain of rice into the pot, and when you stir that one grain of rice in the water with this paddle the grain will multiply until the pot is full."

So the old woman put just one grain of rice into the pot, as the Oni told her, and began to stir it with the paddle, and as she stirred the one grain became two, then four, then eight, then sixteen, thirty-two, sixty-four

and so on. Every time she moved the paddle the rice increased in quantity, and in a few minutes the great pot was full.

After that the funny old woman stayed a long time in the house of the Oni, and every day cooked for him and all of his friends. The Oni never hurt or frightened her, and her work was made quite easy by the magic paddle, although she had to cook much more than any human being eats, for an Oni eats much more than any human being.

But she felt lonely and always wished to go back to her own little house and make dumplings; and one day, when the Oni was out somewhere, she thought she would run away.

(Concluded in next week's issue.)

### COLORED OMAHA LAWYER ENTERS SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C., March 11.—Lieutenant H. P. Pinkett, lawyer of Omaha, was admitted today to practice before the United States supreme court. He says he is the first Colored man from the state of Nebraska to scale this legal height.

Lieutenant Pinkett is back from an eight months' stay in France. Before his return to Omaha he will visit his aged parents in Virginia. Pinkett says he will be glad to return to Nebraska and says he doesn't want to stray very far away from it again. After his return he will make several speeches for the next liberty loan.

### OREGONIANS DEMANDING EQUAL CIVIL RIGHTS

(By Associated Negro Press.)  
Portland, Ore., March 13.—The Colored people of Oregon, the population of which has increased in large numbers in the last two years, are much incensed over the failure of the legislature to pass the "Equal Rights" bill, which was finally voted down by a vote of 31 to 24. The bill was to extend equal privileges, which even without a law should be denied, in hotels, theaters, and other public places regardless of race. The declaration is being loudly made that there will be a day of reckoning.



DANCING GIRL

### CHICKADEE

Penestrestes atricapillus



Length, about five and one-fourth inches.

Range: Resident in the United States (except the southern half east of the plains), Canada, and Alaska.

Habits and economic status: Because of its delightful notes, its confiding ways, and its fearlessness, the chickadee is one of our best known birds. It responds to encouragement, and by hanging within its reach a constant supply of sweet the chickadee can be made a regular visitor to the garden and orchard. Though insignificant in size, titmouse are far from being so from the economic standpoint, owing to their numbers and activity. While one locality is being scrutinized for food by a larger bird, ten are being searched by the smaller species. The chickadee's food is made up of insects and vegetable matter in the proportion of seven of the former to three of the latter. Moths and caterpillars are favorites and form about one-third of the whole. Beetles, ants, wasps, bugs, flies, grasshoppers, and spiders make up the rest. The vegetable food is composed of seeds, largely those of pines, with a few of the poison ivy and some weeds. There are few more useful birds than the chickadees.

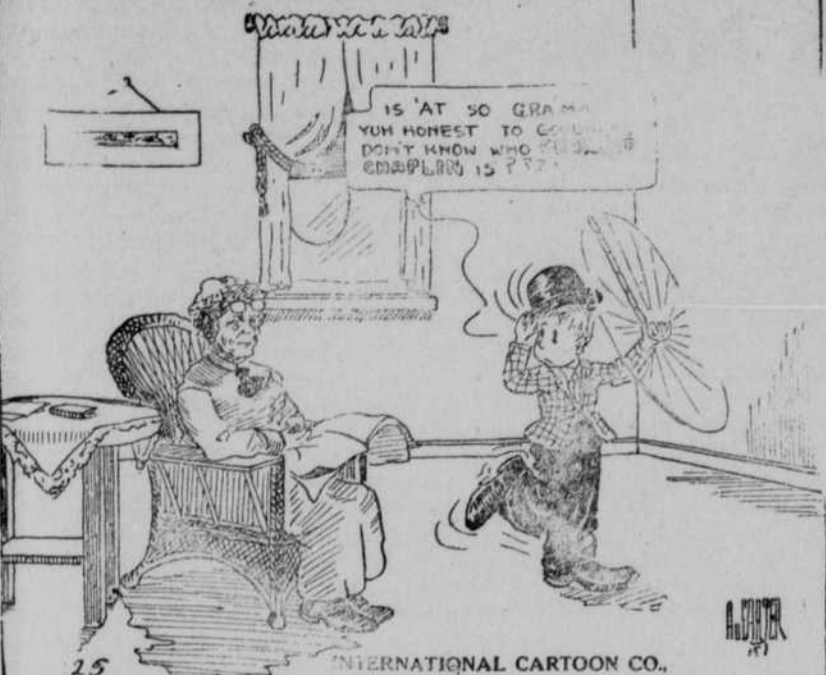
The New Way.  
"Don't be in such a hurry to succeed, son. Look at me. I began life at the bottom."  
"Well, I've been in France, and I began by going over the top."

### THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I've made a slide on our front walk; It's long and smooth as glass. I love to sit on our front porch And watch the people pass.



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### CAMPAIGN FOR W.S.S. NOW ON

County Officials for War Savings Stamps Have Instructions From State Headquarters.

QUOTA FOR STATE \$28,000,000.

Definite instructions are now in the hands of the War Savings officials for the various counties of the state. The War Savings society in each district will be charged with the task of raising the quota assigned to that territory by taking pledges through the medium of society meetings or by personal solicitation where necessary.

School boards will play an important part in the campaign. Communication will go to the Secretary or Moderator of the School Board in each district advising that the school officers are charged with equal responsibility in the work of taking subscriptions in their territory, either assisting the society officers in the first place or checking over pledge cards later and securing additional subscriptions where necessary.

During the two weeks allowed for School and Society officers to finish their work, the County Chairman and Director will determine upon a canvassing committee for each district or territory. These committees will work under the direction of the County Chairman and will carefully check over all pledges taken through societies or otherwise and determine from

financial rating, property valuation, etc., whether or not each one has done his or her full share. The committee will call in or visit such parties as the investigation discloses should do more, or have not pledged at all.

Remember that while the fighting has stopped our work has not been completed. Our slogan is, "Finish The Job"—or even better, "Don't Quit—Finish It." We have two million men abroad. They finished their job quickly and thoroughly. In doing so they have saved us lives and money! If they had not, instead of bringing two million men home, we would be sending two million additional men over. These men must be brought home with the same comfort and care they had in going over. Your Government needs money to accomplish this.

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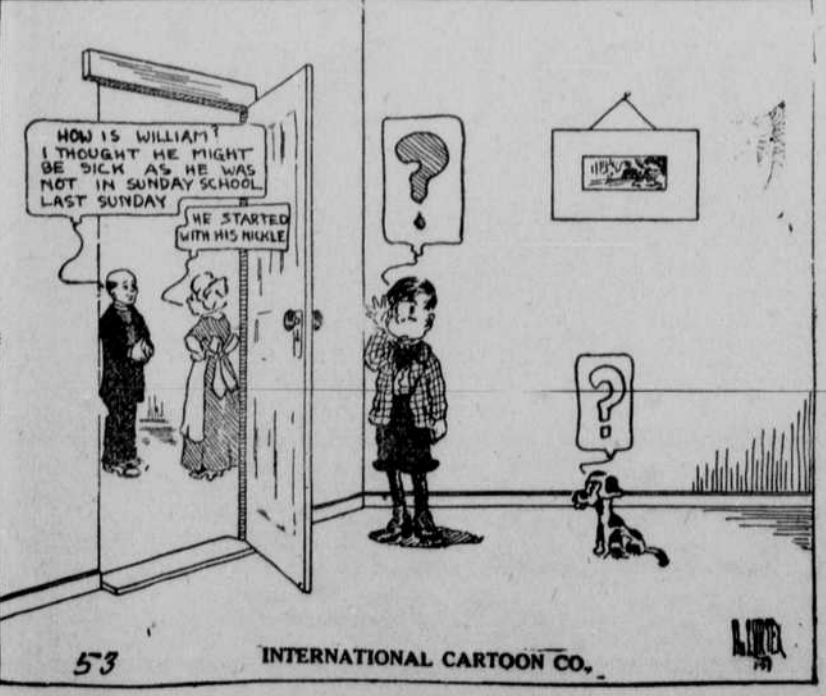
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