

MICHAEL O'HALLORAN

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SYNOPSIS
Mickey O'Halloran is a neveshoy who finds a family who want to entertain some poor girl from the city for two weeks and Mickey makes arrangements to take Lilly Peaches to the farm. Bruce is engaged in an investigation of the city offices and is working hard checking over accounts. He meets a man with his father and Bruce they move out of the city for the summer.

(Continued From Yesterday.)
"Well," said Mickey calmly, "there is making things that's factories. There's selling them, that's stores. There's doctors, and lawyers, that's professional, like my boss. And there's office holders, like the men he is after, but of course you'd have to be old enough to vote and educated enough to do business, and have enough money earned at something else to buy your office; that's too far away. Now if you don't like the street, there's the other three. The quickest money would be in the first two. If you were making things, what would you make?"

"Automobiles!" said Junior.
"All right!" said Mickey, "we can try them first. If we can't find a factory that we'd like, what would you rather sell?"

"Automobiles," said Junior promptly.
"Gee!" said Mickey. "I see where we hit that business at both ends. If we miss, what next?"

"I don't know," said Junior. "I'll make up my mind when I have looked around some."
"You can come closer deciding out here, than you can in the rush of the streets," said Mickey. "There, you'll be rustling for your supper, and you'll find boys hunting jobs hunting as men, and you'll have to furnish their room and board."

Junior hesitated, but Mickey ex-
cused himself and without having been told what to do, he accomplished half a day's work for Mrs. Harding, then began some of Peter's jobs and afterward turned his attention to hearing Peaches' lesson and setting her new copy. When Junior paid his fare Monday morning, judging by the change he exhibited, realized that both his mother and father had given him a dollar to spend. Mickey would have preferred that he be penniless. He decided as they ran cityward that the first thing was to part Junior from his money, so he told him he would be compelled to work in the forenoon, and for a while in the afternoon, and left him to his own devices on the street, with a meeting place agreed on at noon.

When Mickey reached the spot he found Junior with a pocket full of candy eating early peaches, and instead of hunting work, he had finished three picture shows. Mickey could have figured to within 10 cents of what was left of one of Junior's dollars; but as the cure did not really begin until the money disappeared, the quicker it went the better. As he ate his sandwich and drank his milk, he watched Junior making a dinner of meat, potatoes, peas and ice cream, and made a mental estimate of the remains of the other dollar. As a basis for a later "I told you so," he remonstrated, and pointed out the fact that there were hundreds of unemployed men of strength, skill, and art with families to support, looking for work that minute.

"I know your dad signed up that contract with Jud Jason," he said, "cause I saw him, and that means that he's got no use for you for three months; so you must take care of yourself for that long at least, if you got any ginger in you. Of course," explained Mickey, "I know that most city men think country boys won't stick, and are big cowards but I'm expecting you to show them just where they are mistaken. I know you're not lazy, and I know you got as much sand and grit as any city boy, but you must prove it to the rest of them. You must show up!"

"Sure!" said Junior. "I'll convince them!"
By night the last penny of the second dollar was gone, so Junior borrowed his fare to his room from Mickey, who was to remain with him to show him the way back and forth, and to spend an early hour in search of employment. It was Mickey's first night away from Peaches, and while he knew she was safe, he felt that when night came she would miss him. This thought that she might cry for him tormented him to sleep. He pointed out to Junior very clearly that he would have to mark corners and keep his eyes open because he need not expect that he could leave her longer than that. Junior agreed with him, for he had promised Peaches in saying goodby to keep Mickey only one night.
He had treated himself to candy and unusual fruits until his money was gone, while by night these and a walk of miles on hot pavement had bred such an appetite that he felt he had not eaten a full meal in years, so when Mickey brought out the remains of the food Mrs. Harding

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Above are members of the reception committee that greeted Archbishop Nathan Soderblom, primate of the state church of Sweden, when he arrived in New York recently. In the front row, from right to left, beginning with "Arkebiskopin" Soderblom, are Acting Mayor Hulbert of New York City; Dr. S. G. Ohman, New York, and Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, Rock Island, Ill., editor of Augustova, a Swedish publication. Archbishop Soderblom is planning an extensive lecture tour throughout the United States. He will be a guest in Omaha, November 2 and 3, and will speak at the chamber of commerce, under the auspices of the Noon Day club, November 3.

had given him, her son felt insulted. But Mickey figured a day on the basis of what he had earned, what he had expended, what he must save to be ready when the great surgeon came, and prepared exactly as he would have done for himself and Peaches. On reaching the tenement and climbing until his legs ached, Junior faced stifling heat, but Mickey opened the window and started a draft by setting the door wide. While they ate supper Mickey talked un-
ceasingly, but Junior was sulky and tossed on the bed.
Mickey listened sympathetically, supplied a dime, which seemed to be all he had, for breakfast, and said as he entered the building: "Well kid, 'til we can find a job you'll just have to go up against the street. If I can live and save money at it, you ought to be smart enough to live. Go to it 'til I get my day's work done. You just can't go home, because they'll think you don't amount to anything; the fellows will make game of you, and besides Jud is doing wonderfully well, your father said so. He seemed so tickled over him, I guess he remembered his mother's sloop bucket. How did she dare put big pieces of bread and things good enough for any one to eat in feed for pigs and poultry? If he ever reached home he resolved he would put a stop to that."

At 3 to Mickey's cheerful, "Now we'll find a job or make it," he answered: "No we will find a square meal or steal it," and then he told Mickey watched him reflectively, but as he figured the case, it was not for him to suggest retreat. He con-
doled, paid for the meal, and started hunting work again, with Junior silent and dogged beside him. To the surprise of both, almost at once they found a place for a week with a florist.
Junior went to work. After a few tasks bunglingly performed, he was tried on messenger service and started with his cartage to deliver a box containing a funeral piece. He had no idea where he was to go, or what car line to take. In his extremity a bootblack came to his aid. He safely delivered the box at a residence where the owner was leaving his door for his car. He gave Junior half a dollar. Junior met the first friend-
ly greeting he had encountered in Multiopolis, as he reached the street.
Two boys larger than he walked beside him and talked so frankly, that before he reached his car line, he felt he had made friends. They offered to show him a shorter cut to the car line just by going up an alley and out on a side street. At the proper place for seduction, the one behind knocked him senseless, and the one before wheeled and re-
lieved him of money, and both fled. Junior lay for a time, then slowly came back, but he was weak and ill. He knew without investigating what had happened, and preferring the mercy that might be inside to that of the alley, he crawled into a back door. It proved to be a morgue. A workman came to his assistance, felt the lump on his head, noticed the sickness on his face, and gave him a place to rest. Junior was dubious from the start about feeling better, as he watched the surroundings. The proprietor came past and inquired who he was and why he was there. Junior told him, and showed the lumps behind his ear and on his forehead to prove his words.
The man was human. He gave Ju-

Junior another nickel and told him which car to take from his front door. He had to stand aside and see five pieces of charred humanity from a cleaning establishment explosion, carried through the door before he had a chance to leave it. He reached the florist's two hours late and in spite of his story and his perfectly dis-
cernible bumps to prove it, he was discharged as a fool for following strangers into an alley.
On the streets once more and pen-
niless, he started to walk the miles to his room. When he found the building he thought it would be cooler to climb the fire escape and sit on it until he decided what to do, then he could open the door from the in-
side. At the top he thrust a foot, head, and shoulders into the room and realized he had selected the wrong escape. He tried to draw back, but two men leaped for him, and as he was doubled in the window he could not make a swift movement.
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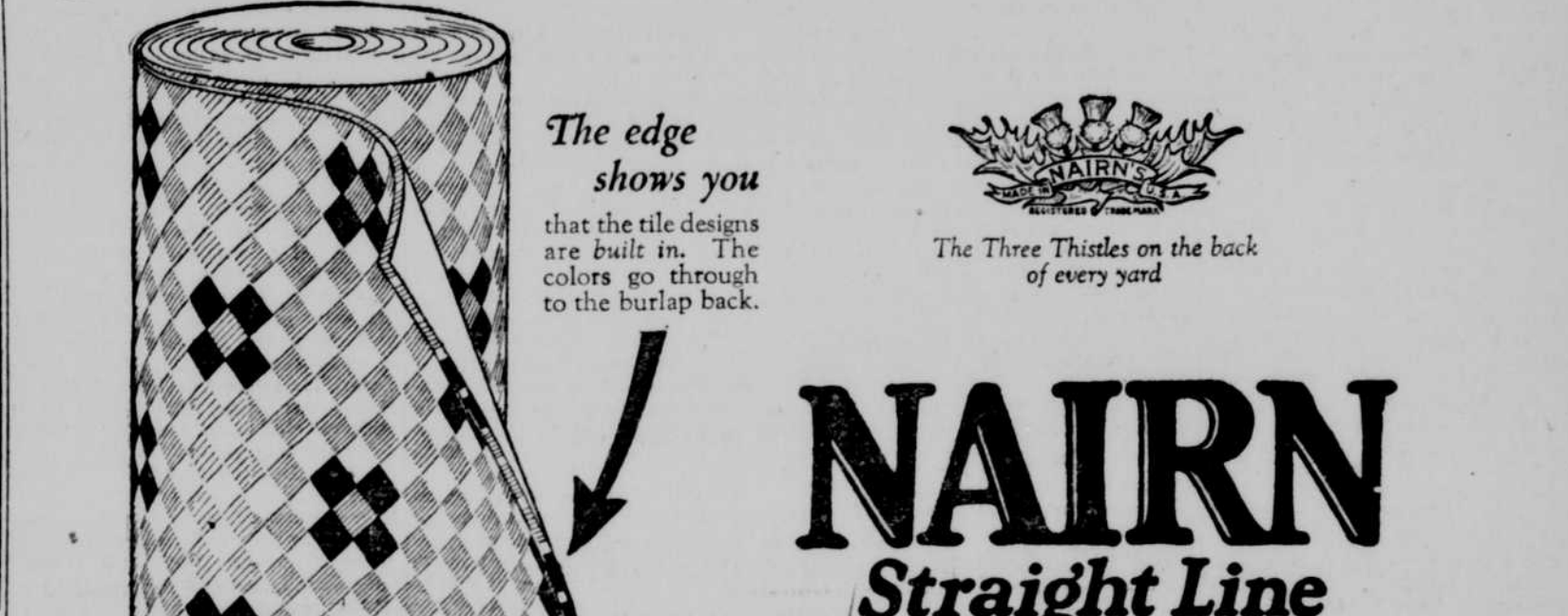
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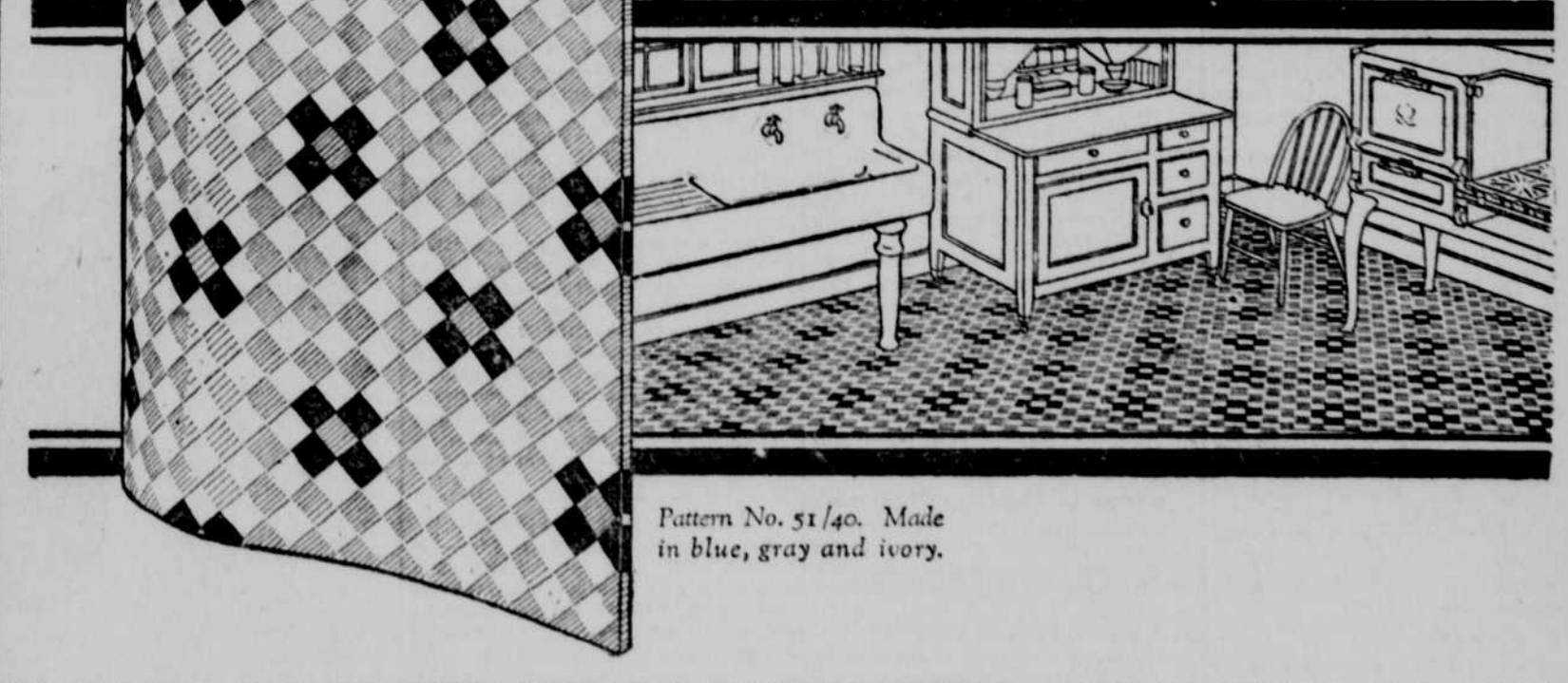
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