

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

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Nanny and Danny Hear a Familiar Voice. Mouse had started on their strange journey in the great man-bird, the Green Meadows were brown. Most of

the leaves had fallen from the trees in the Green Forest and the Old Orchard. Happy Jack Squirrel, Chatterer, the Red Squirrel and Fussy the Fox Squirrel were busily engaged in carrying acorns and hickory nuts and chestnuts and beechnuts to their

storehouses. Jack Frost came every night. Johnny Chuck had gone to sleep for the winter. Jerry Muskrat and Paddy the Beaver had finished making their houses ready for winter. Honker the Goose had come down from the Far North and had already

continued on his way to his winter home in the Sunny South. Jenny Wren had been a long time gone. So had most of the feathered folk of the Old Orchard, excepting those who had planned to spend the winter there. Old Mr. Toad had

buried himself in the ground and had already been in his deep winter sleep for some time. Grandfather Frog had long since sought his winter bed in the mud at the bottom of the Smiling Pool. As for Danny and Nanny themselves, they had prepared for the

long weeks of cold weather, snow and ice, which the coming of Jack Frost warned them were close at hand.

It was the third day of their strange journey that Danny noticed how much warmer it had been. The great man-bird had come to rest late in the afternoon, and, as was his way, the aviator had first made sure that there was plenty of food in their cage, and then had gone away for the night. It was only after the noise the great man-bird made when flying had stopped that Danny and Nanny could talk.

"Have you noticed, my dear," said Danny, "how much warmer it has grown? I do not believe Jack Frost has been here at all. That is queer. Usually when Jack Frost comes he

Nanny had to admit that it was comfortable enough, but she reminded Danny that they were prisoners and that no amount of comfort would ever make up for loss of freedom. It was very early the next morning while they were eating their breakfast that Danny and Nanny heard a voice that fairly startled them. They thought they must have been fooled by their own ears. They stopped eating and listened again. In a moment they heard it again. It was a scolding voice. "If I didn't know that it couldn't be so I would say that Jenny Wren is right near us," whispered Danny. "But she can't be," whispered Nanny. "She started for the Sunny South some time ago. But that voice certainly does sound like her. It certainly does. Do you suppose she has come back?" "Tut, tut, tut, tut," sounded that voice. It certainly was familiar, very familiar indeed.

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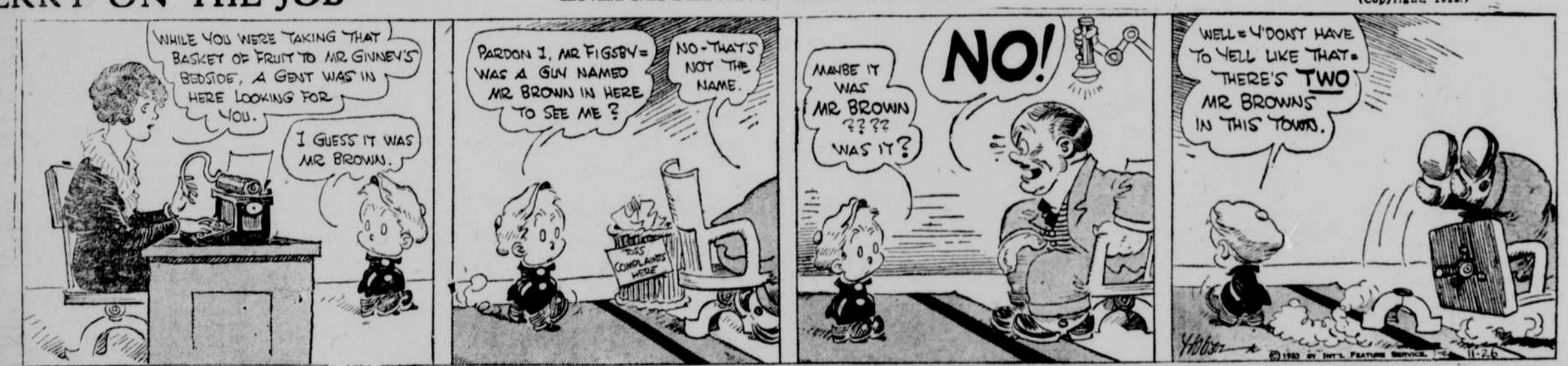
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