

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

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A New Acquaintance. Nanny Meadow Mouse, watching at a safe distance, saw Danny Meadow Mouse climb up on a little mound of sand and prepare to dig down in the middle of it. But he didn't dig. No, sir, he didn't dig. He changed his mind, and he changed it very suddenly. You see, his quick ears heard some one in the ground just below him. He listened for just a second, then turned and scampered over to join Nanny.

"Look, Danny, look!" exclaimed Nanny in great excitement as Danny joined her. You may be sure Danny turned and looked. Sand was being pushed up from the very middle of that little mound. The door was being opened, but it must be the one Mr. Mocker called Salamander. Mr. Mocker spoke at once. "Hello, Salamander!" said he. Salamander looked up. "Hello, Mr. Mocker," he replied. "When did you set back from the North?"

"Oh, I've been back some time," replied Mr. Mocker. "It certainly is good to be back here." "Huh," replied Salamander. "If it is so good to be back here why do you ever go away?" Mr. Mocker chuckled. "Just to find out how good it is to get back," said he. "I see by the mounds of sand around here that you are as busy as ever. Come out where I can have a good look at you. You know it is a long time since I have seen you."

"Huh," replied Salamander again. But he came out. The wish of Danny Meadow Mouse was granted. He and Nanny had a splendid chance to see Salamander. He was anything but handsome. He was considerably bigger than Miner the Mole, but not as long as Robber the Rat. He was very stout, and for his size looked to be very strong. He had almost no neck at all. He had a brown coat and a funny, short, little tail with almost no hair at all on it. His legs were short, and a sizzling little laugh. "Has made a dead set at Alfred," I continued calmly, "regardless of Lella's feelings, and has bamboozled him into thinking her the original all-around, faithful, family friend, with the corollary that dislike of her on Lella's part is rank ingratitude and unworthy prejudice. No prospect for Lella, but the fact remains that she has to face it thanks to Dr. Braithwaite. Just where you come in I don't know."

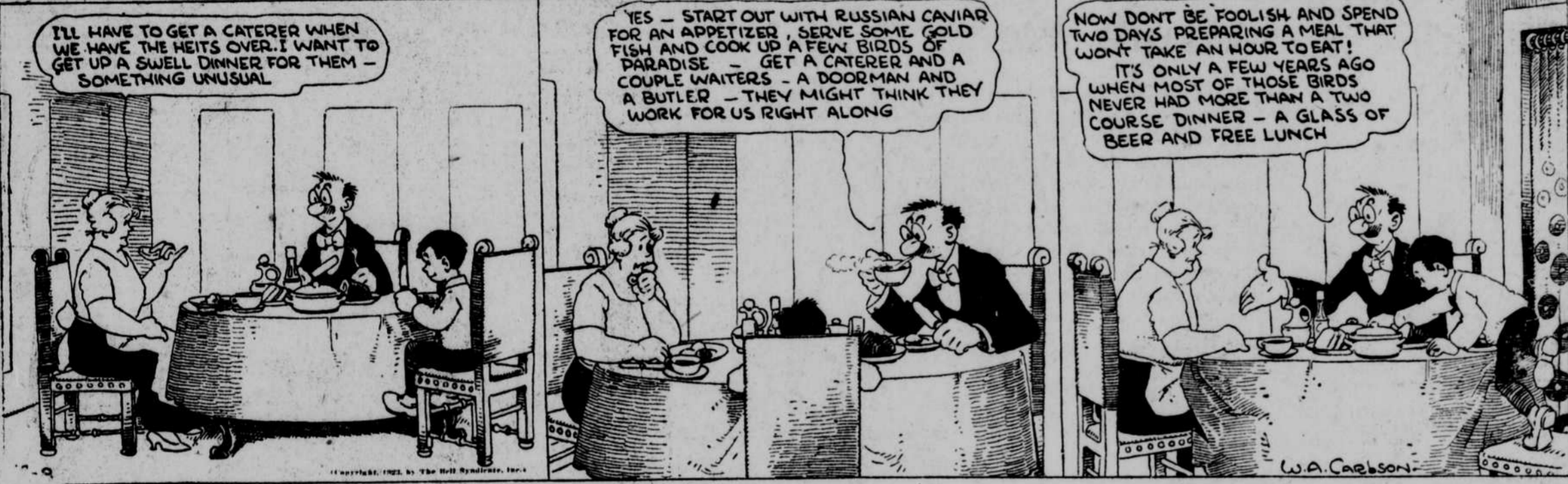
"Nor care," Dicky finished roughly, his face darkening. "You don't need to rub that in, old dear. I'm quite aware of the fact that you would like to see a hair no matter what you found out about me just so long as I didn't make a public spectacle of myself and hurt your vanity. But just as an evidence of good faith and distinctly not for publication to Lella, I'll tell you where I came in. It was also in the role of faithful friend, trying to keep Alfred from making a bally ass of himself. You're dead right about the Dean dame, and most of the rest of it. Very clever deduction. But what you didn't know was that I've been trying to beat the truth about Bess Dean into Alf's noddle for some time, but I've had to go about it diplomatically. I'm glad Edwin has been able to use a sledge hammer. Now, if you'll kindly excuse me, I'm going to get out of here for a few minutes."

"I'm glad to make the acquaintance of friends of my friend Mr. Mocker," said he. "Are you staying here long?" The next story: "The Real Gopher."

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Magde's Deductions Drew Admissions from Dicky. I had not long to wait for the meaning of Dicky's sudden change from anger to a humorous, self-satisfied scrutiny of me. The words "wounding Bess Dean's vanity" were scarcely out of my mouth before he answered with a menacing smile which enlightened—and enraged me. "That's one of your best little stunts, isn't it, trying to amuse poor Bessie's little nanny? Well, let me tell you something, my dear. That's a little job you won't succeed at in a thousand years. She is altogether too canny a lady. But if it's any satisfaction to you, I'll give you my spiritual organ a treat. Alfred had nothing to do with that little party in which the car was wrecked, for your logical deduction was right—we did wreck it. Alf will have to get another one, when he straightens out the insurance on that one—but yours truly was alone responsible for the expedition. So you see, your sympathy for Lella has all been wasted. You'd better—"

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