

THE GUMPS—From Far-Away Australia

THE GUMPS RECEIVE A LETTER FROM UNCLE SIM IN FAR AWAY AUSTRALIA—

MY DEAR NIECE AND NEPHEW— I RECEIVED HOME AFTER A STORMY VOYAGE— NOT ONLY DID I FEEL BAD MENTALLY AFTER ALL THAT HAPPENED IN THE STATES BUT I WAS NOT FINANCIALLY WELL EITHER— IT SEEMED LIKE THE TRIP WOULD LAST FOR EVER— I HAVE NOT SEEN AT ALL WELL SINCE MY RETURN, BUT HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO MY BED ALMOST ALL THE TIME—

IT'S NOTHING VERY SERIOUS BUT IF I DON'T IMPROVE SOON I MAY CABLE EXPENSES AND HAVE YOU COME OVER AND VISIT WITH ME A WHILE— I HAVE A BUILDING HERE WHICH I HAVE JUST LEASED FOR 99 YEARS— THE INCOME IS BETWEEN TWO AND THREE THOUSAND POUNDS ANNUALLY— I HAVE SIGNED THIS OVER TO MY LITTLE CHESTER (AS GUARDIAN)— IN REGULAR MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS TO BE PAID FOR CHESTER'S EDUCATION—

YOU WILL HEAR FROM MY COUNSELORS IN A FEW DAYS— NOW DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME MY DEAR RELATIVES— YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN SHORTLY WITH LOTS OF LOVE AND A KISS FOR CHESTER— UNCLE SIM—

BETWEEN TWO AND THREE THOUSAND POUNDS— THAT'S OVER \$10,000 A YEAR— AND FOR 99 YEARS— I WONDER IF HE EXPECTS ME TO LOOK AFTER IT ALL THAT TIME— WELL, THAT KID'S IN CLOVER FOR AT LEAST 99 YEARS— HE MAY HAVE TO MAKE HIS OWN LIVING—

I WONDER IF HE IS VERY ILL— IF HE HAS TO GO TO AUSTRALIA I'LL HAVE TO GET A LOT OF NEW CLOTHES— I HAVEN'T A THING TO WEAR—



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YES, MISS, YOU GOT TO GO ON FIVE MILES TO BENNINGTON— OLD MAN LORD THAR WAS THE FIRST TO TRAIN HIS MOUSTACHE ENDS UP AGAIN AFTER THE WAR TURN RIGHT AT HIS HOUSE, THEN LEFT AND GO A PIECE, BY THE BIG ELM TREE IS WHERE THE LARKINS LIVE. OLD MAN LARKINS LAUGHED HIMSELF SILLY WHEN HE GOT HIS PRICE FOR THE FARM FROM PHIL BIBBERS, THEY HAD TO TUK HIM AWAY, THERE WAS FIVE DAUGHTERS— ALL MARRIED AN DIED HERE RESPECTFUL, BUT THE ONE WITH RED HAIR RUN DOWN TO THE BIG CITY. WE ALL HAD SAID SHE WAS A GOOD ANYWAY, WALL— TURN THAR—

AND GO RIGHT BY SALL FETHERS PLACE, SAM WILL ONLY TRY TO SELL YER A DOZEN OF HIS HEADS AINT, HES GOT A FRESH HEAL BUT HIS AIGS AINT, TURN LEFT AND GO A COUPLE OF PIECES BY THE HOUSE WITH THE RED RAIN SPOUT, THAT'S WHERE JED SMITH TIED HIS MULE WHEN HE RODE OVER BALK MOUNTAINS ON SATURDAY NIGHTS BACK IN 1883, HIS GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER LINES IN POWALL SHE AINT RIGHT, KEEP ON FOR A COUPLE OF STOWE THROWS BY JACKSONS IF YER SEE HIM TELL HIM I WANT TO KNOW WHEN I GITS THAT FIVE DOLLARS, NOW—

GO UP OVER A HILL AND GO DOWN HILL AGAIN AND THEN ON A PIECE, AND THATS MANCHESTER, WHEN Y'GIT THAR LOOK UP FRANK WEBER, HELL FIX Y'UP FOR THE NIGHT, I HELL I HELPED YER SOME, BUT I NEVER SAW SUCH A BUNCH FOR TAKIN' UP A FELLOW'S TIME ASKIN' QUESTIONS!



The Young Lady Across the Way



PATHTIC FIGURES



SCHOOL DAYS



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JUST AS THE SUN WENT DOWN..

PETEY—His Temperature Is Away Up Now



GASOLINE ALLEY—Leave It to Avery



CONTINUED TOMORROW.

How a Brisk Cow-Puncher Starts a Sleepy Eastern Town... By Katharine Newlin Burt... Mary or Eloise? Which Should Win? Unusual Hero!

WHY WHO IN '09? ... She Crept Into His Arms... HE SMILED faintly and sat up...

A Message from the Moon... Dear Miss Mary (Q had written that morning with exceeding carefulness and very bitter gravity)...

For five days Q had kept himself at the Mills grinding out from his heart the memory of Heloise and following the tracking impulse of his hatred...

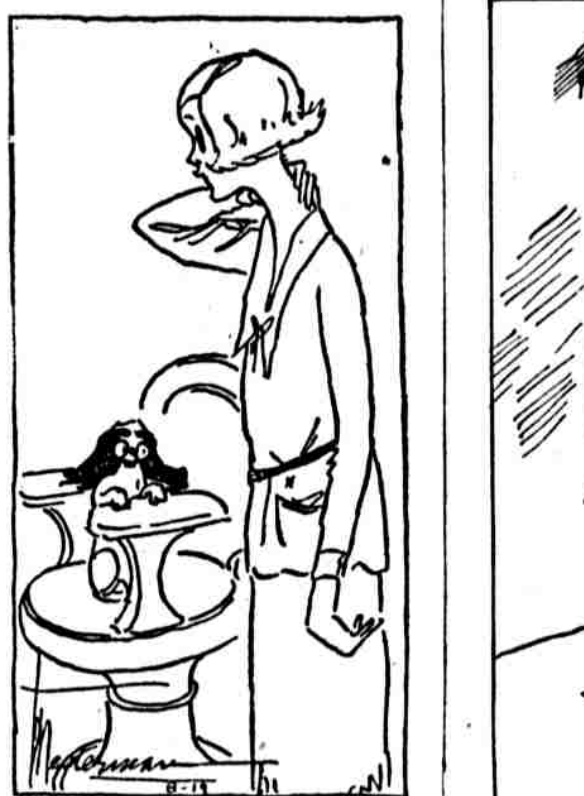
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