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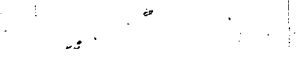
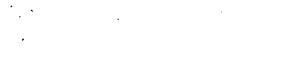
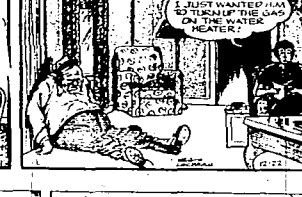
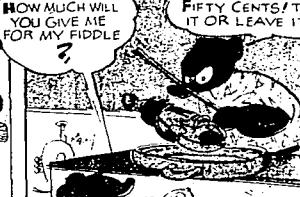
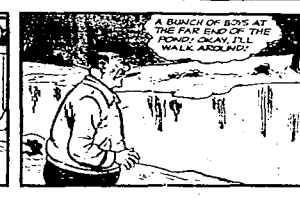
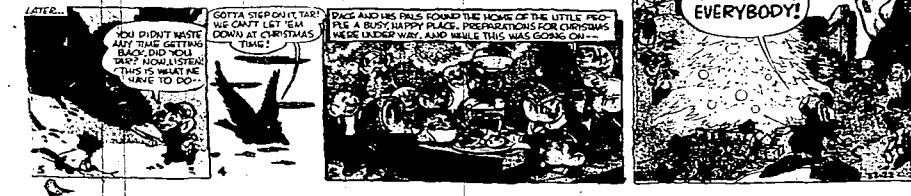
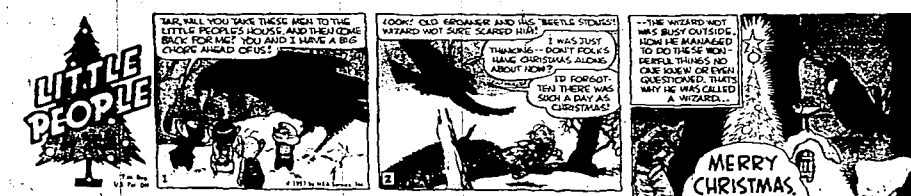
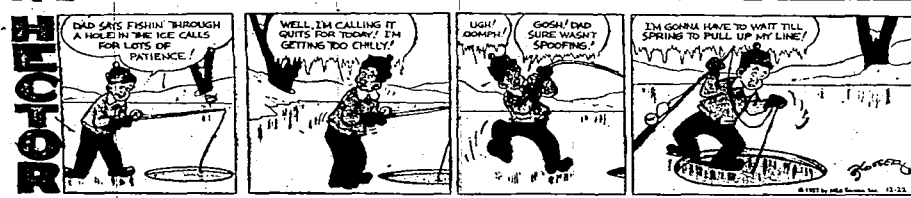
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FRICKLES and his FRIENDS

THE "SURPRISE PACKAGE" by MERRILL BLOSSER



**I SAT
TIGHT
AND
LISTENED.**

WHAT TIME ARE YOU
BOARDING THE SHIP
TOMORROW, SIS?

TOMORROW AFTERNOON--WITH SHEILA, OF COURSE. BE GLAD TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THAT PRIVATE EYE'S BEEN ON MY HEELS AND HIDING OUT ISN'T MY DISH!

WHAT CAN HE PROVE?

I TOOK A CHANCE AND CALLED ON THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT...

YES, MR. FLINT?

I THINK I'M ON TO A TRIO OF SMUGGLERS ... A GILT-EDGED SET OF TWINS, AND A SULTRY NIGHTCLUB PERFORMER.

I KNOW THEY TAKE TURNS GOING TO EUROPE. I HAVE A HUNCH THEY BRING BACK CONTRABAND.

BUT THEN
CLEAR
CUSTOMS.
DON'T
T-EL?

*I LEFT, WONDERING -
THE SAME THING.*

YES, BUT I HAVE A THEORY! IT SOUNDS FAR-FETCHED BUT IT MUST BE RIGHT OR THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HIRED A GUY TO KILL ME!

THE NEXT AFTERNOON, ABOARD THE **QUEEN MARIE**, IN THE STATEROOM NEXT TO THE ONE JON AUBURN HAD OCCUPIED ON HIS RETURN VOYAGE...

THIS PEEPHOLE'S PERFECT. I CAN--
7. WAIT, THE DOOR'S OPENING!

I SIMPLY LOVE SEEIN
YOU OFF, HONEY. IT'S
SO PROFITABLE.

YOU MEAN IT WILL
BE IF THE STUFF IS
WHERE JON SAID
HE LEFT IT

OH, WOTTA NIGHT!
THAT DING-DONGED
CAT OF YOURS!

YOU MEAN HE
SAT ON YOU
ALL NIGHT?

THA'S RIGHT
WURLA; ALL
NIGHT LONG
RIGHT ON HIS
STUMMICK!

OH, I WOULDN'T
HAVE HAD
WHISKERS DO
THAT TO HIS
HIGHNESS FOR

WELL, NEVER
MIND THAT
NOW. IT'S TIME
TO RUSTLE UP
SLIMPIN' FOR

...AND I SUPPOSE
WE'LL HAFTA
FIND SOME-
THING FOR
THAT ANIMAL
OF YOURS TOO.

OH MY, NO, YOUR HIGHNESS, WE'LL NOT HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT HIM.

MY GOO'NESS
DON'TCHA
HAFTA
FEED 'IM?

OH, WE NEVER
FEED OUR CAT.
HE FEEDS US!

OH MY, YES, HERE HE COMES NOW!

IT
IS!

I LOOKED ON AS THE T-MEN COLLARED SHEILA COWING OUT OF JAN'S STATEROOM...

LET'S SEE THE ENVELOPE, MISS.

YOU CAN'T SEARCH ME. I HAVEN'T BEEN OVERSEAS!

HAND
IT
OVER!

THEN I GOT THAT OLD FEELING-
OF COLD, HARD STEEL.

I HAD A HUNCH SOMETHING
WOULD GO WRONG. TELL YOUR
FRIENDS TO CO-OPERATE BEFORE
YOU GET LOST!



