

DAUGHTERS MIDAS

by Anne Austin

THIS HAS HAPPENED

Billy Wells, head of the glove department of the big Curtis store, wins a prize for her answers to a questionnaire prepared by T. Q. Curtis himself. Billy is suspicious of old T. Q.'s motives, when she observes that Nyda Lomax, Winnie Shelton and the other twenty-two winners of prizes are the very prettiest girls in the store.

When the old man announces a second and amazing contest, Billy feels her suspicions are substantiated, and she resolves to uncover his plans. When she tells Clay Curtis, son of the millionaire owner, about the second contest Clay is instantly suspicious and warns Billy to let the contest alone. Clay has disinherited himself and is now living in the home of the Wells family in a poorer part of the town, working in a factory and writing music at night.

He has been thrown down by an actress who refused him when she learned their marriage meant his disinheritance. He determines to make his own way, though the life of a working man grates harshly on his sensitive soul—a soul that loves beauty and music above all else. Billy's ambition to be a great concert violinist is the strongest bond between the two friends.

"What is old T. Q. up to?" Billy asks herself the day after the big celebration while she pores over the rules for the second contest. When she sits down to write her essay on



and it was T. Q. Curtis' eyes that she remembered. He was sorrowing for Clay, of course. He was lonely and bewildered. He was wondering, she mused, nibbling at her pen, what money was good for anyway, if it could not buy things for his boy. No wonder he wanted to know what other people thought of money—what good things it could buy for them that he had missed.

"If I had a hundred thousand dollars," she mused, bending her mind deliberately to the problem, her impudent, bright little face very grave and mature of a sudden. "Why—" she drew a deep breath of astonishment as she made an important discovery. "I don't want a hundred thousand dollars! It would frighten me to death, all that money; then, if I got over being frightened, it would be me all up in a snarl of obligations. Clothes and a big house and cars and servants and—things! Things! I'd be a slave to things if I tried to spend a hundred thousand dollars. Of course I don't want it! What do I want?"

She laid one of her small, exquisite hands over her eyes the better to concentrate. "I want the finest violin that money can buy a Stradivarius or a Cremona. And I want to be violin teacher in the world. And after that I want to play before people who understand and love music, and who will pay me just enough for playing for them so that I can live and go on playing and hear other musicians make lovely music. That's really all I want for me myself—but mother—of course mother would like things, too, not enough grand things to frighten her, but just cozy things—a snug little house all paid for, money enough so that she could buy three nice dresses in one season without feeling like a criminal. No, I can see it wouldn't take much of that hundred thousand to give the Wells family its heart desires. I suppose I could give it away in small lots to other girls that don't see how their dreams are coming true. Well, anyway," she nodded emphatically, "I'm glad old T. Q. put his silly con-

Billy paused, telling the names of the girls off on her fingers.

what she would do should she inherit a hundred thousand dollars, she discovers that she doesn't want wealth; only enough money for a fine violin and lessons from a good teacher. After her whimsical little confession is written, she tells her mother she believes she can prophesy who eight of the ten winners of the contest will be. She writes down on a slip of paper the names of the eight prettiest girls.

She had intended to write a flip-sent, impudent letter to old T. Q., guarding her dreams for his sardonic quizzical eyes, but she found, when she sat with her pen poised above a fresh sheet of paper, that there was no impudence left in her.

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Billy studied the two paragraphs of instructions.

drum up to me. It gives me a nice, free, warm feeling inside to realize I don't really want lots of money. I always thought I did."

Her face grew rosy and her blue eyes sparkled like living sapphires with the joy of her discovery. She hugged that odd joy to her heart for another precious moment, then, with a soft chuckle that brought its back, she bent over the paper and began to write.

It was not until she had finished her funny, intimate, whimsical little confession that she remembered her half-formed suspicions and the wager she had made to her mother.

"I'd be willing to bet right now that I could name at least eight of the prize winners."

As her exultation died down and reality pressed in upon her—the kitchen was getting bleakly cold—she did remember. All the cynicism which life had forced upon her came rushing back. She seized her pen again and wrote rapidly—eight names.

"Here, mother, keep this list until the prizes are announced, and see if I can't say 'I told you so!'" she said in a hard little voice as she tucked the folded bit of paper into her mother's apron pocket.

CHAPTER XIII
The barometer of the Curtis store morale that first week of February registered a drop of at least ten degrees. Tired middle-aged women who had tried and failed to win prizes in the questionnaire contest, or who had been too sure of failure to try, said cutting, lip-twisting words to the pretty girls who had won, and suspicion and speculation raged about bobbed and shingled and marcelled young heads.

Billy rather dreaded to go to work on Monday morning, for fear she would find herself besieged with pleas for help by girls who had no gift for composition. But she found that nearly all of the twenty-five winners of the first contest were strangely reticent as to their hopes and plans for winning the second. Only Leila Sampson, her devoted chum, asked diffidently and humbly for her help.

"Only twenty of the twenty-five winners will compete," Leila told Billy as they sat over their luncheon in the cafeteria. "You know Susie

Howard's leaving the store Saturday night, and Callie Bostwick, who won the twenty-fifth prize, says she wouldn't waste ink and paper on the silly contest. So does that Meyers girl who won the next to the last prize. Mrs. Allison in the stylish stouts, says she hasn't time, because

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two of her children are sick, and Mrs. Kinley in the French lingerie says the whole thing's too silly for words. So that leaves only twenty and there are ten prizes. Maybe I'll get one if you'll help me."

"All right, but don't talk so loud," Billy cautioned. "Nyda and Winnie are listening. I'll be glad when my lunch hour's changed tomorrow so I won't be running into them. Now, Leila, what would you do if you had a hundred thousand dollars?" Billy grinned at her as she dug her spoon into a baked apple.

"I couldn't put down on paper what I'd really do," Leila whispered, her plain, freckled face staining a dull red. "I'd go to Paris and have all those beauty treatments they

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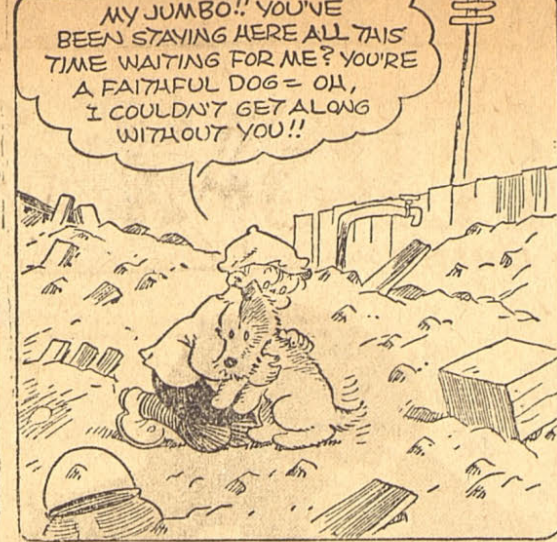
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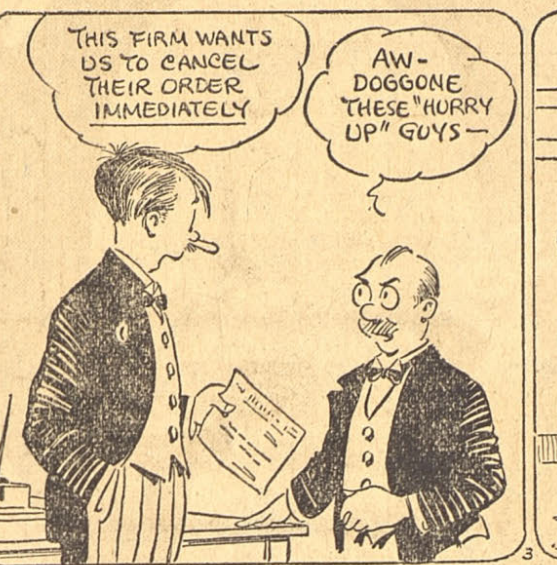
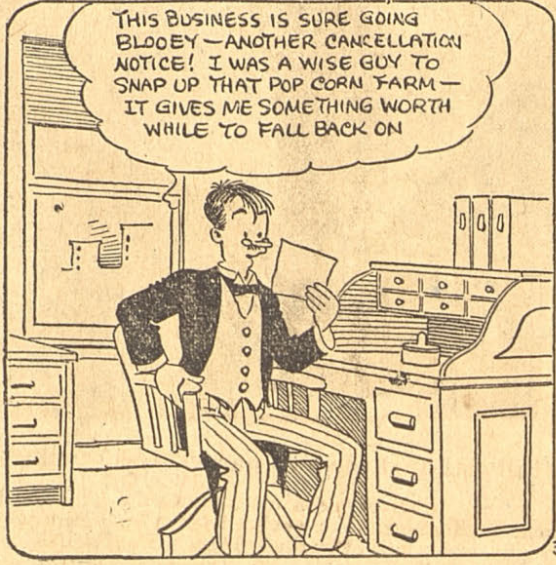
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At four o'clock when the store was at its highest peak of nervous tension, augmented by the fatigue of an unusually heavy day's business, old T. Q.'s personal office boy, Gus, darted like a grinning mercury from department to department, carrying sealed envelopes which he delivered with his choicest wisecracks to the twenty girls and women who had answered the question, "If I had a hundred thousand dollars."

fringe of black lashes almost lying against the smooth, swarthy skin of his lean cheeks. She had a foolish, fleeting thrill of fear that the man's eyes were hypnotizing her, and she was curiously relieved when he smiled. Her eyes, released from the spell he had momentarily laid upon her, traveled swiftly over his face and figure. He was very slim and extremely well groomed. His straight, dark brown hair lay flat and polished against his narrow, aristocratic head, and the sprinkling of gray above the temples added distinction to his Oriental good looks.

off from the rest of the store, that they were alone in a charmed, tiny area of precious intimacy. Her pulse was leaping, and she feared that her voice had trembled. "I believe the young lady's hands are almost as small as yours," he smiled. She was passionately grateful that she need feel no shame for her hands.

you that you are one of the ten prize winners in the contest, "If I had a hundred thousand dollars." Mr. Curtis also requests that you refrain from conversation on the subject of the contest until after he has made the awards.

Q.5s private office, they found that the other eight prize winners were already there, clustered self-consciously about the department store owner's unoccupied desk, smiling with their lips, but regarding one another with suspicious, speculative eyes.

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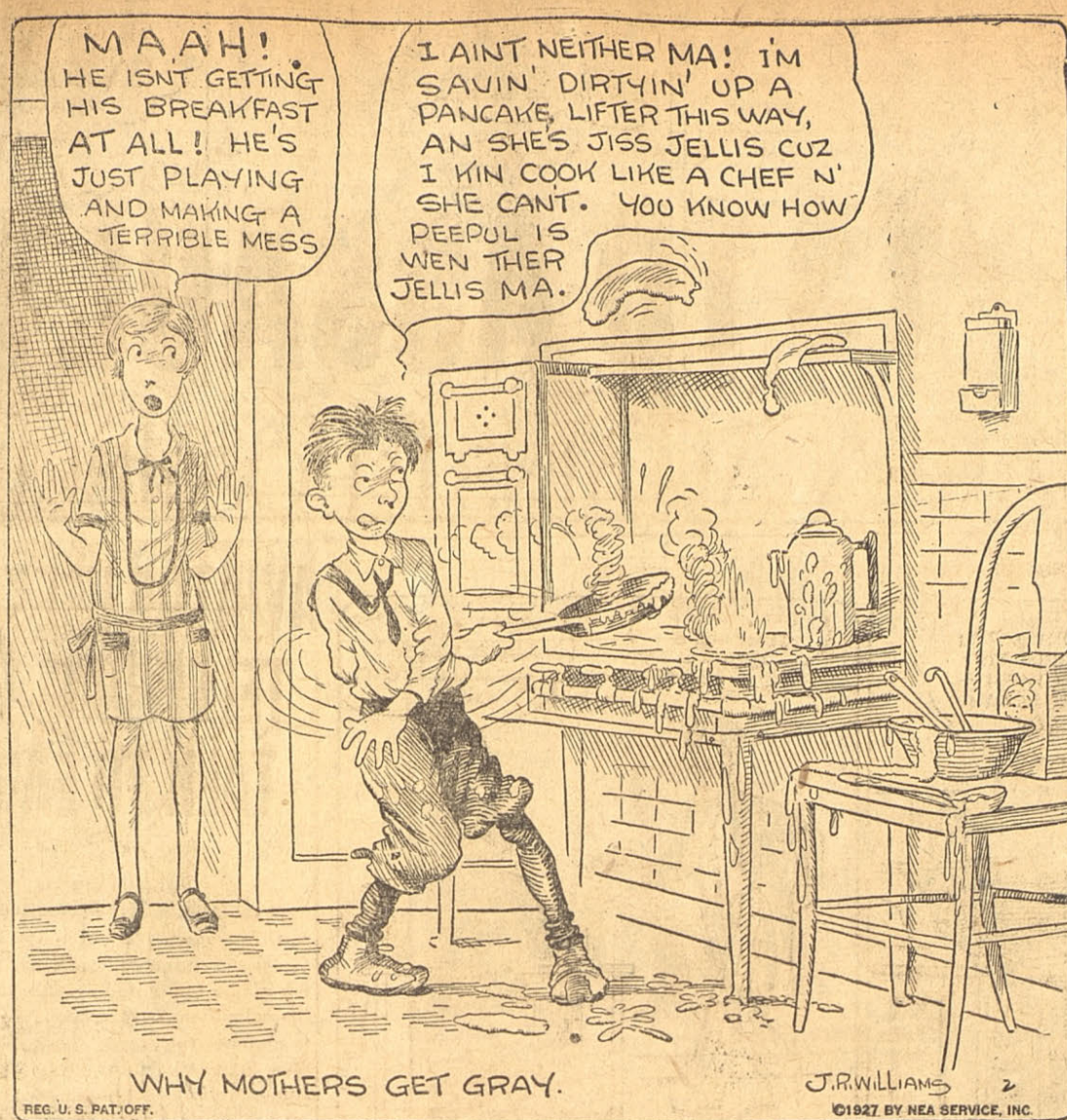
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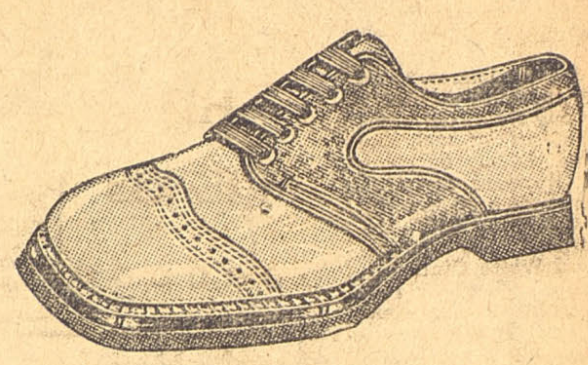
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