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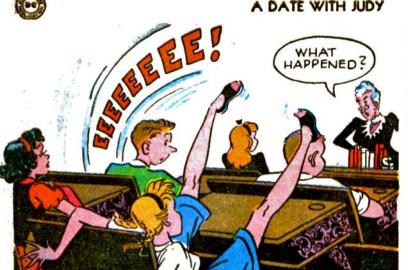
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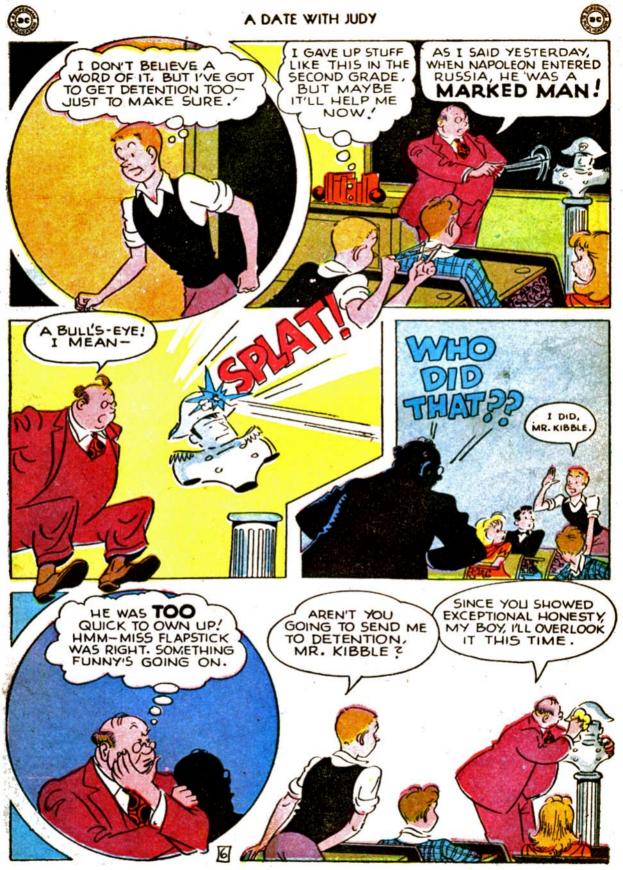




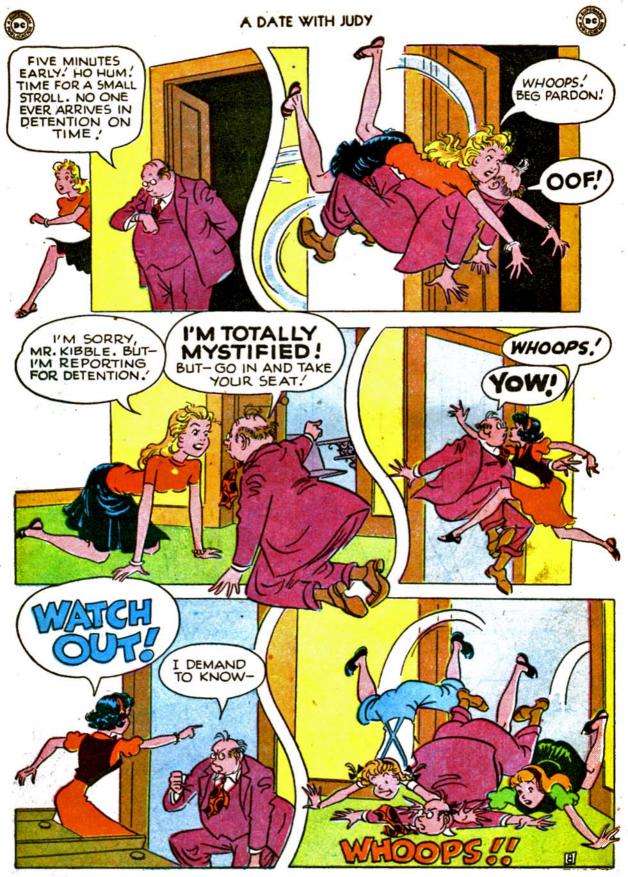






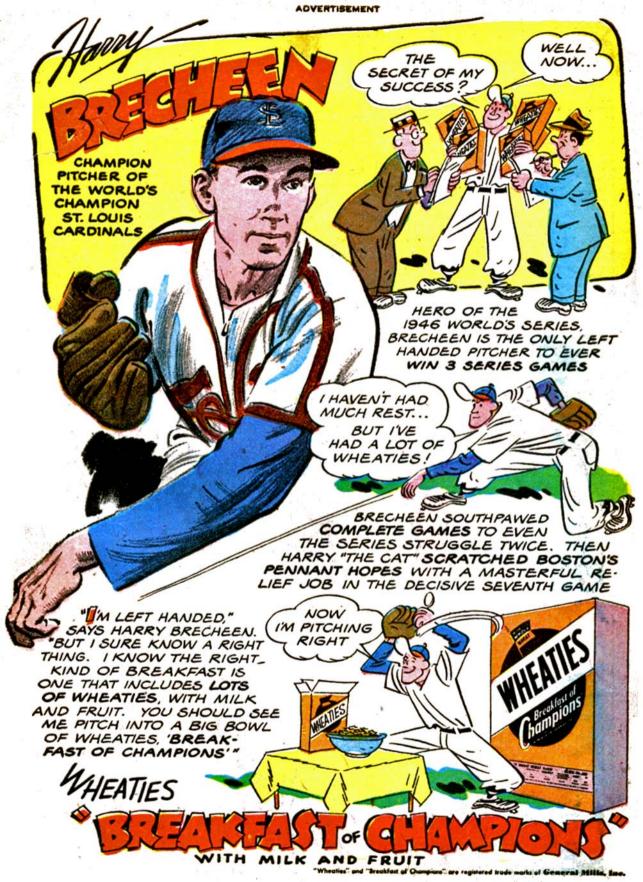








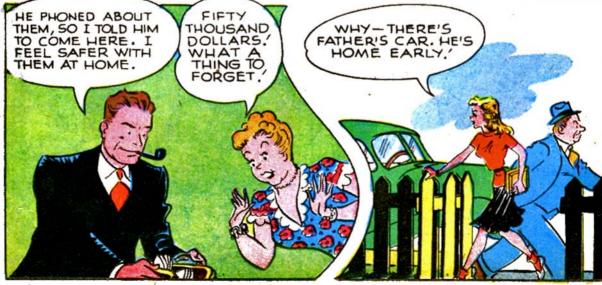






















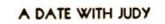






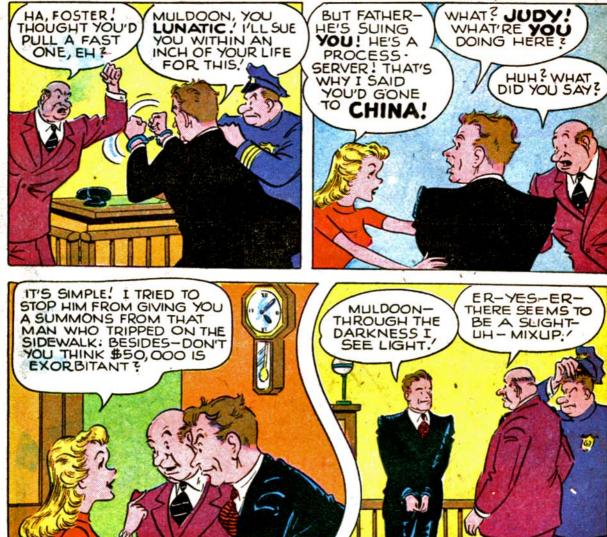


























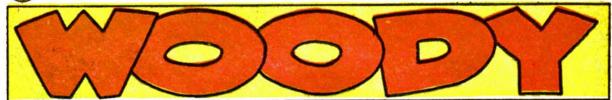


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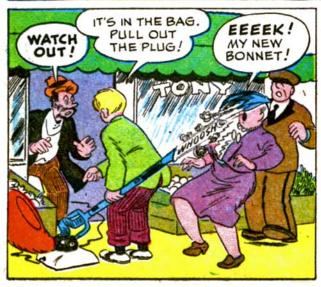
















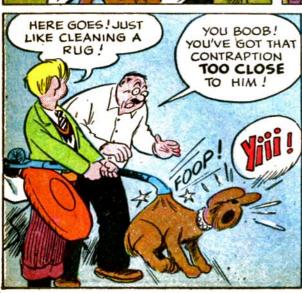














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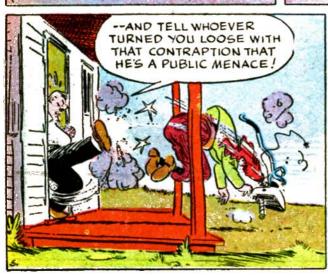
















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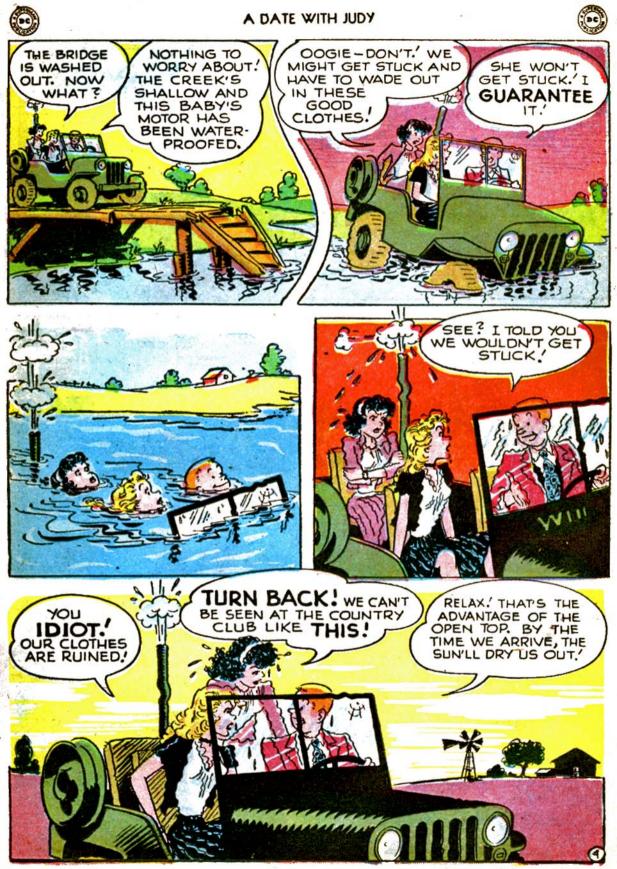


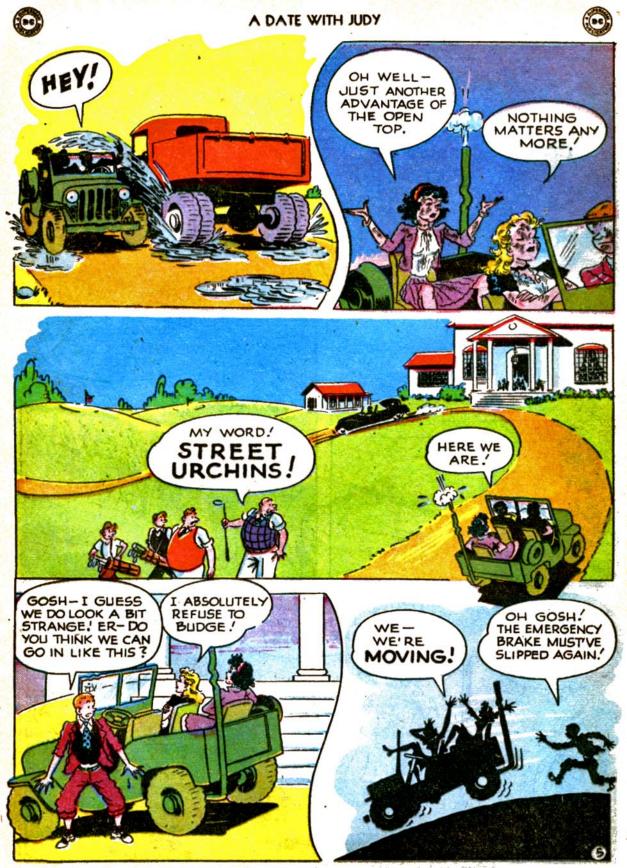
















A Visit From Oogie

RANDY was seated on the front steps of the Foster home so absorbed in a book that he didn't notice Oogie's approach. The latter moved with a kind of self-conscious stiffness, treading gingerly across the walk until he stood directly before Randy.

"Hi," he said.

Randy looked up, recognized his visitor and casually returned the greeting, after which his eyes fell back again to the book.

A look of disappointment spread a shadow over Oogie's face. He lingered a moment, made a slight sound in his throat and said, by way of conversation: "What're you reading, Randy?"

"A history book," Randy said laconically. He added with a quick movement of his thumb over his shoulder: "Judy's inside."

"Randy!" There was enough hint of disturbance in Oogie's voice to cause Randy to regard him now with some surprise.

"What is it?" he asked.

Oogie hesitated and appeared to be wrestling with some momentary embarrassment. "Er—don't you notice anything—er—different about me?"

Randy surveyed the other carefully from head to foot. He pursed his lips thoughtfully. "Those are new shoes, aren't they?"

"No-not that," Oogie said. "Look again."

Randy looked but was unable to discover what the other so anxiously desired. "I don't know," he said finally. "I guess you've aged in the last week, but the change doesn't seem to show on you."

Oogie shrugged. "Well-I guess your powers of observation are a bit below par."

"Sorry," Randy said. "I do the best I can. But I can't be good at EVERY-THING!"

Oogie made a sound of disgust, stepped past Randy and knocked at the front door.

"Hi, Judy," he said, resorting again to his stiff self-conscious manner as the door opened.

"Oogie—come in." Judy caught him by the hand and led him into the parlor. "I'm glad you came. I was just dying for company."

He stood stiffly and silently in the center of the room watching her.

"What is it, Oogie? Why are you standing there like that?"

"Judy-don't you notice anything either?"

"Notice what?"

"Me! Don't you notice anything different?"

"Well—" She regarded him curiously. "I don't know. Did you get a hair-cut?"

"Come closer, Judy. Take a good look."

She peered at him with puzzled intensity and finally shook her head. "Well-you're certainly acting strangely. I noticed that the moment you came in."

"Did you notice that?" Oogie said eagerly. "Uh-more dignity-more maturity? Was that it?"

"No-that's not what I mean. You just seem so-so funny."

Oogie made a sudden movement of irritation. "What do you mean—funny?"

"Just that! What's come over you, any-

"Well—" Oogie let his hands drop resignedly to his sides. He sank weakly into a chair. "Maybe I was a little premature," he said. "Maybe I should have waited another week. But—gosh—I thought it was as plain as the nose on my face."

demanded in exasperation. "All right, Judy. All right. Kindly take a close look at my upper lip. Now-what do you see there?" Judy leaned forward and peered. "It's

"WHAT are you talking about?" Judy

fuzzy." she said finally. "Fuzzy?" Oogie repeated in a hurt voice.

"Doesn't it LOOK like anything?"

"Yes," Judy admitted. "It looks-kind of -kind of SMUDGY!"

"I should have waited," Oogie murmured sadly. "In another week, I wouldn't have had to tell you that this is a MOUS-TACHE!"

about," Judy said, "of course I noticed it. I'm not blind!" "You mean," Oogie exclaimed, "that my

"If that's what you're making all the fuss,

having a moustache doesn't make the least bit of difference?" "Oogie Pringle," Judy shouted, stamping her foot. "Of course it makes a difference. I said it was smudgy, didn't I? I-"

"That's it," Randy interrupted, entering unexpectedly from the porch. "That's what it was!"

Oogie turned toward him suspiciously. "Get ready for a barrage of wit from the small fry," he announced to Judy.

"I knew there was something very differ-

ent." Kandy went on imperturbably "But

I just couldn't figure it out. So-you're growing a moustache!" "Listen." Oogie said threateningly. "If you think you're being funny-"

"Who's trying to be funny?' Randy said innocently. "I'm just amazed at the change. Isn't it astonishing, sis, what a little fuzz can do for a man?"

Oogie looked as if he were about to rush at Randy, but his attention was diverted by

the front door opening once more. Mr. Fos-

ter entered, smiled at everyone and then turned to stare at Oogie. "Well-Oogie!" he exclaimed.

Oogie bristled. "Well-what?" he demanded. "Am I wrong-or is that a moustache

you're growing?" "Er-well-" Oogie said, somewhat mollified. "I was growing a moustache."

Foster smiled. "You seem kind of upset. Reminds me of the first time I started to grow one. I was about your age, Oogie. But everybody made jokes about it, so I didn't go through with it."

"What do you know?" Oogie said. He glanced with sly superiority at Judy and Randy. "I guess I'll be giving up my moustache too." He waved his hand disdainfully. "I too have suffered the scoffs of certain humorists. I guess we men just have to put

"Oogie." Judy said, as she saw him moving toward the door. "Are you mad at me?" "Not at all," Oogie said. "I'll come back

up with these things."

after I shave my lip. And I won't attempt another moustache until after you've reached the age of understanding!" When the front door had closed on Oogie.

Mr. Foster smiled and shook an admonishing finger at his daughter. "You should realize," he said, "that a young man growing his first moustache is likely to be in a very sensitive state."

"Huh!" Randy interposed. "I'll say he was sensitive."

Judy suddenly turned on her younger brother with anger. "Don't you laugh. Remember-it'll be your turn one of these days."

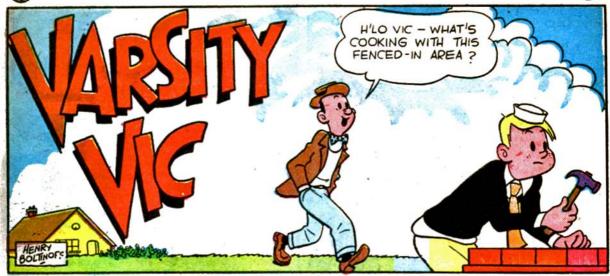
Randy was about to reply, but checked himself. Fingering his upper lip thoughtfully.

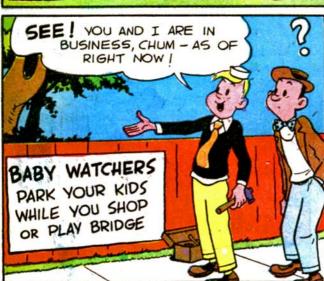
he sighed and murmured quietly: "Gosh-I guess she's right."

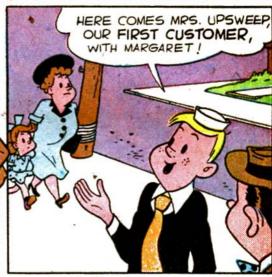




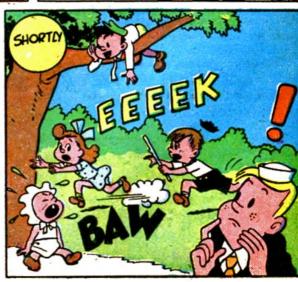
























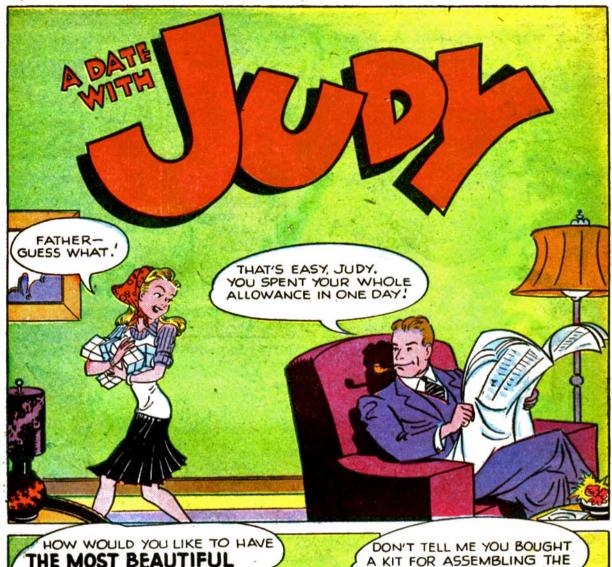






















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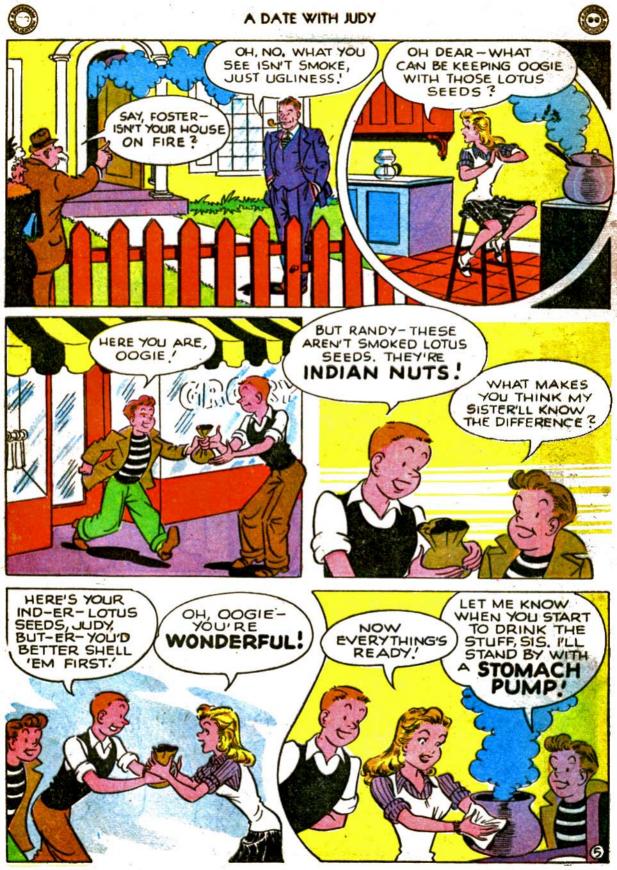
















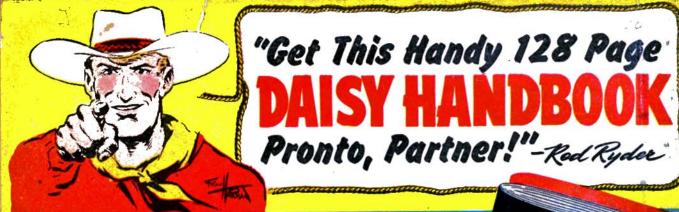












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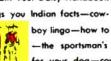
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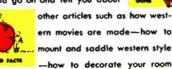
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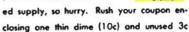


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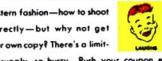


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