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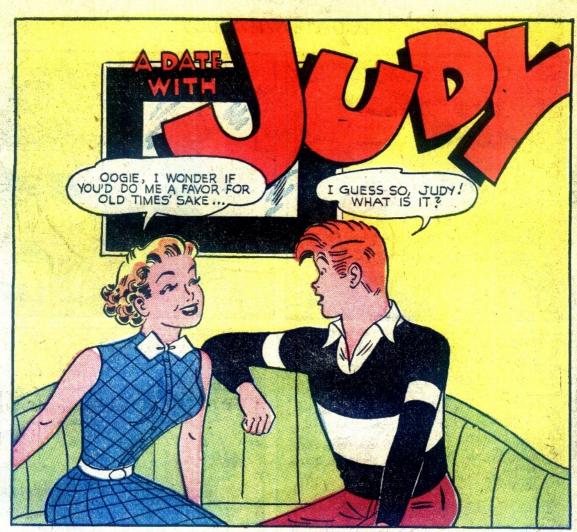
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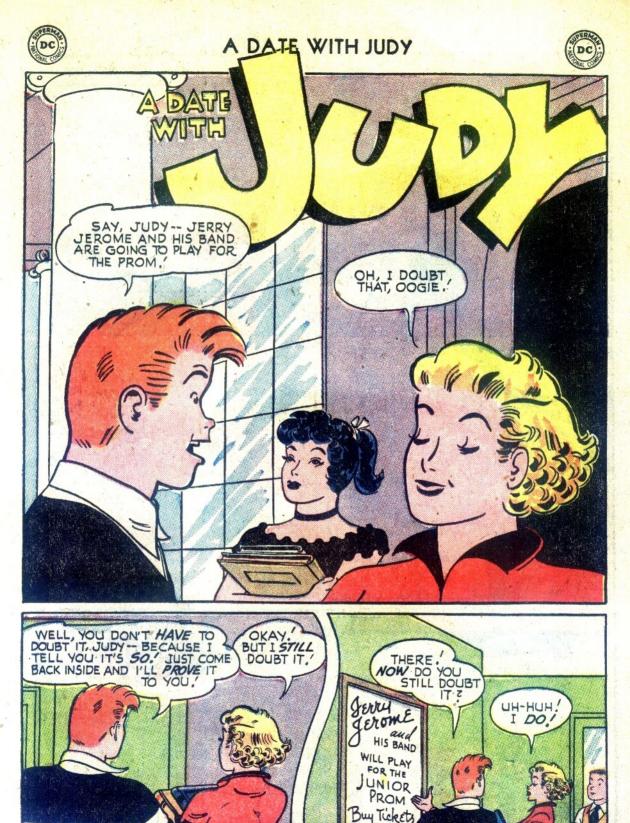
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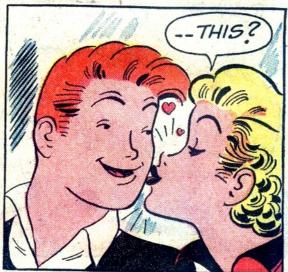


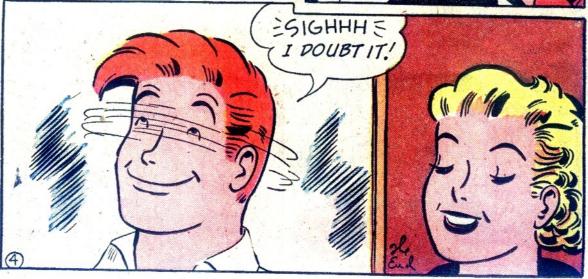














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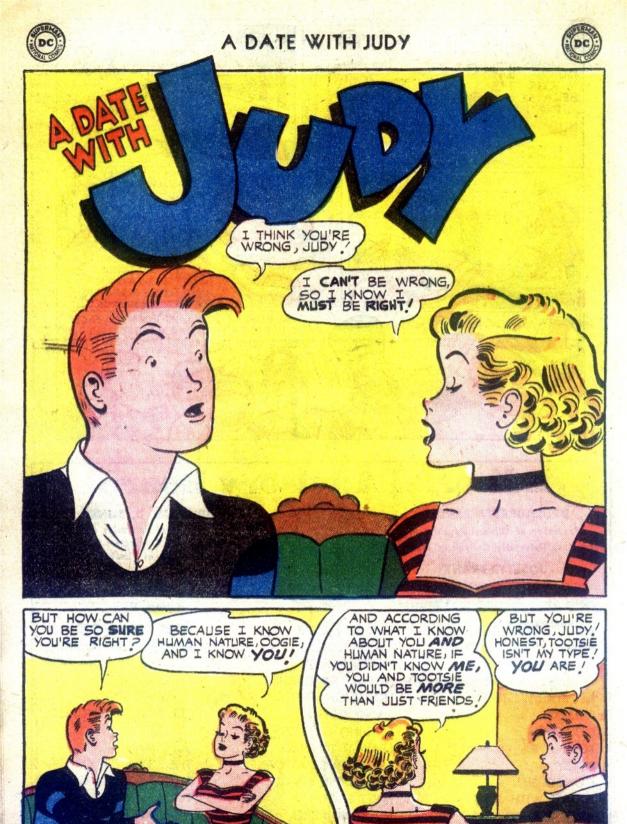
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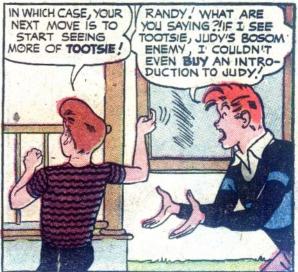


















































































An Old-Fashioned Girl



FOR more than a month the house had been littered with needles and pins, tailor's chalks and bobbins, full, half full, and empty spools of thread, and myriad scraps of cloth and yarn. And in the midst of it all was Judy, cutting, basting, humming, stitching, trimming, sighing, pinning, fitting, groaning, smiling, frowning, and dreaming. She had until the 25th of the month to get it all done, and there wasn't a moment to lose. That's why she was in stitches all the time.

"Golly," she said, as she basted the gores of a skirt together, "wouldn't it be wonderful if I won a prize? They're giving lots of them, you know. There's a prize for the best suit, a prize for the best blouse, another for the best coat, the best hat, the best purse, and lots of other things! And there's a grand prize for the best complete outfit!"

"That's fine," said Mr. Foster, taking a good look at the cushion of the armchair before he sat down—just to make sure there were no stray needles or pins lying about. "Which category are you planning to enter?"

"All of them," answered Judy promptly. "I figure I have more of a chance of winning something that way. My, it's exciting, isn't it?"

"It puts one on edge, all right," quipped Randolph, perching on a couple of inches of clear space on the sofa, the rest of which was covered with Judy's patterns and materials.

"What are the other girls making, Judy?" asked Mrs. Foster. "Mitzi and Tootsie and Eleanor and all the rest?"

"I don't know," answered Judy. "Not a word has been said since the poster announcing the contest first appeared on the bulletin board at school. They don't discuss it with me and I don't discuss it with them. It's the best way. After all, each contestant is supposed to be strictly on her own."

"Well, win or lose, I think it's a splendid idea," said Mrs. Foster. "The Centerville Sewing Machine Company should be highly recommended for running the contest among you high school girls."

"And it's such fun!" said Judy with enthusiasm. "I just love it!"

"So do I," grinned Mr. Foster. "It's only about one-fourth as hard on my pocketbook as a ready-to-wear outfit from a store would have been."

By the 25th of the month Judy had everything finished, from the crocheted gloves and pouch bag in her hands to the feather in her hat and the hem in her skirt. She stood breathlessly in the center of the living room waiting for her family's inspection before hurrying downtown for the judging.

"You look grand, Judy!" beamed Mr. Foster. "Pattern perfect!"

"Yes, indeed!" agreed Mrs. Foster warmly. "I'm proud of you! It's too bad none of us can go with you, but we've got to get the house cleaned up for company tonight."

"That's all right," said Judy, going out the door. "If it hadn't been for me, the house wouldn't be in such a mess. Well, keep your fingers crossed for me!"

The morning had worn well away before Judy turned the knob of the front door and let herself into the living room again. She plopped down on the sofa with an air of complete dejection. "Well," she announced, "I got the prize for the best suit."

"What do you know!" whooped Mr. Foster, waving a dust cloth in the air and showering down a cloud of brightly colored threads like confetti. "That's my girl! Yessir! That's my Judy!"

"Congratulations, dear!" beamed Mrs. Foster. "We're bustin' our buttons! What about the coat? Who got the prize for that?"

"I did," said Judy gloomily. "I also got the prize for the best hat, the best blouse —in fact, I got the prize for the best of everything, plus the grand prize for the best complete outfit."

"No!" exclaimed Mrs. Foster with undisguised pleasure. "No!"

"Yes," said Judy flatly. "Yes."

"It's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard!" said Mr. Foster. "It's marvelous!"

"I'll say!" said Randy. "But it sure must have been hard on the other contestants!"

"What other contestants?" asked Judy mournfully. "I was the only one in the contest! Th-that's how I happened to win all the prizes!" She sniffed a melancholy tear away.

"But what happened to Mitzi and Tootsie and Eleanor and Mary Jane and the others?" asked Mrs. Foster, perplexed. "I thought they were going to enter, too. I don't understand."

"Neither did I until I phoned the girls

after the judging to find out why they hadn't shown up," said Judy. "Mitzi said she hadn't even given the contest a thought since the day it was first announced. She said only old-fashioned people sew nowadays and she wasn't one of them! Andand Tootsie said she wouldn't dream of wearing anything that was homemade because it always looked just like what it was -homemade! And Eleanor and Mary Jane and Betty all said practically the same thing-that this is the twentieth century and the sewing machine is as out of date as the spinning wheel and anyone who was so passe as to sit and sew her own c-clothes-"

"Judy Foster," said her father, "you listen to me! It's those girls who are off the beam, not you! And someday they're going to realize it. Why, by sewing this outfit I'll bet you've learned more about what makes for good style and line, fine tailoring and good planning than those girls ever will!"

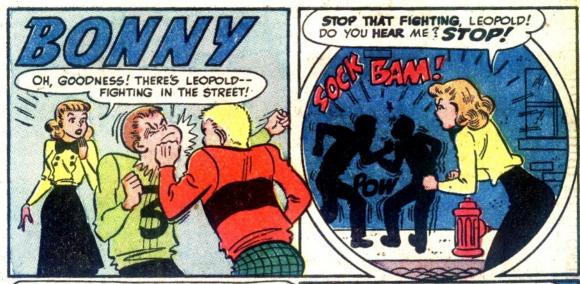
"Absolutely!" agreed Mrs. Foster. "And what's more, sewing isn't old-fashioned. It's just an old fashion that's still as much in style as it ever was. Why, there are more women sewing at home today than ever before in history!"

"Yes," said Randy, "and what's more, I read an article once that said most of the top dress designers got started by doing just what you are doing—sewing at home!"

Judy looked up at them hopefully. "Ththen you don't think I'm just an oldfashioned girl who's 'way behind the times?"

"I should say not!" said Mr. Foster. "We think you're just an old-fashioned girl who's right in step with the times and 'way ahead of her friends! We're so puffed up over what you've done that our feet won't touch ground for days! Right, Randy?"

"Right!" said Randy. "You know, Judy, buss is an old-fashioned word for kiss, but as far as I'm concerned it's as good as new, because right now—" he leaned over and planted an affectionate kiss on her cheek, "—I'm just bussing with pride!"



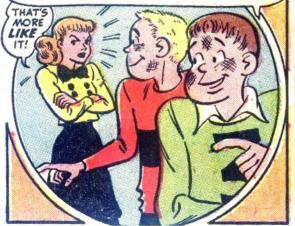
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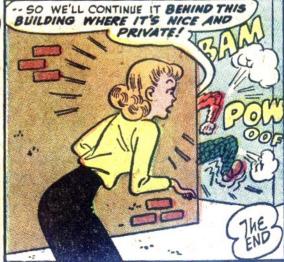


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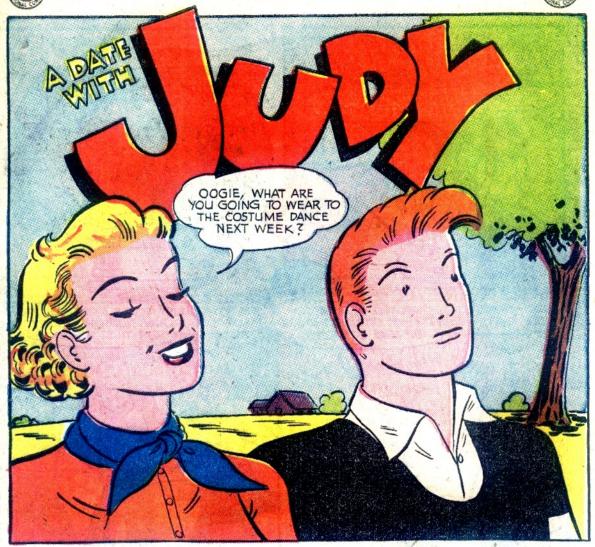
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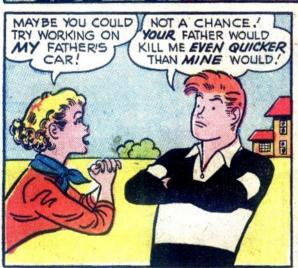




















































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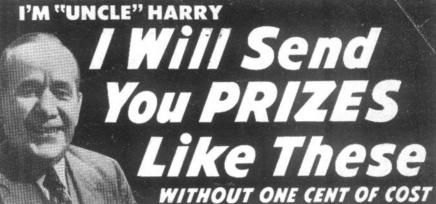
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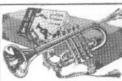


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