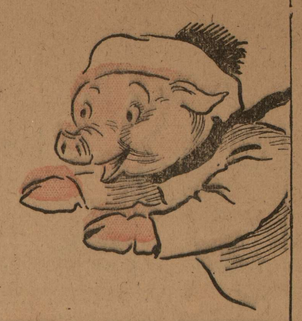

Uncle Wiggily's Adventures

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CHRISTMAS COMES AROUND EACH YEAR, TO MAKE US ALL FEEL JOLLY. AND UNCLE WIGGILY GAVE NURSE JANE A GLISTENING WREATH OF HOLLY. CHERRIO!

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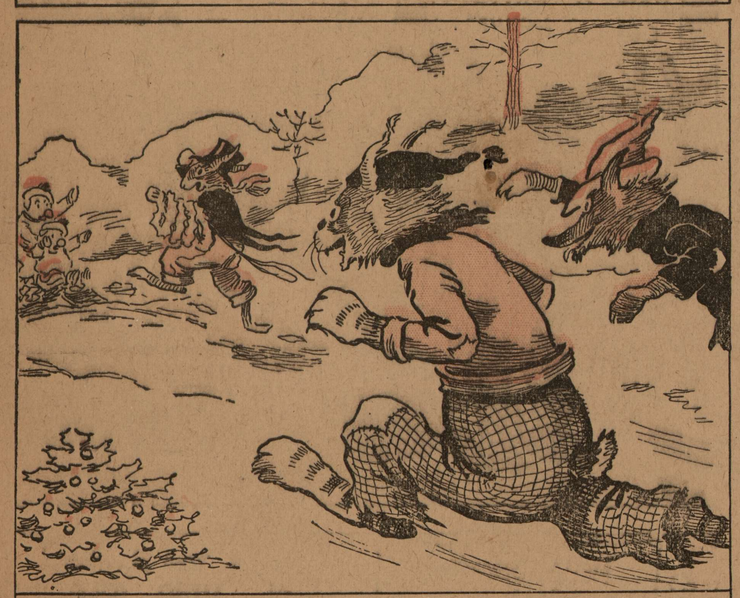
1. A few days before Christmas Nurse Jane looked in the room where she wanted to set up the tree, so Santa Claus could fasten on the presents at Christmas. "Dear me! Uncle Wiggily's asleep in there," said Nurse Jane. "I want to surprise him with the tree. I'll wake him and send him out to gather some holly for wreaths." And she tickled the bunny with the feather duster, making him sneeze: "Kerchoo!"

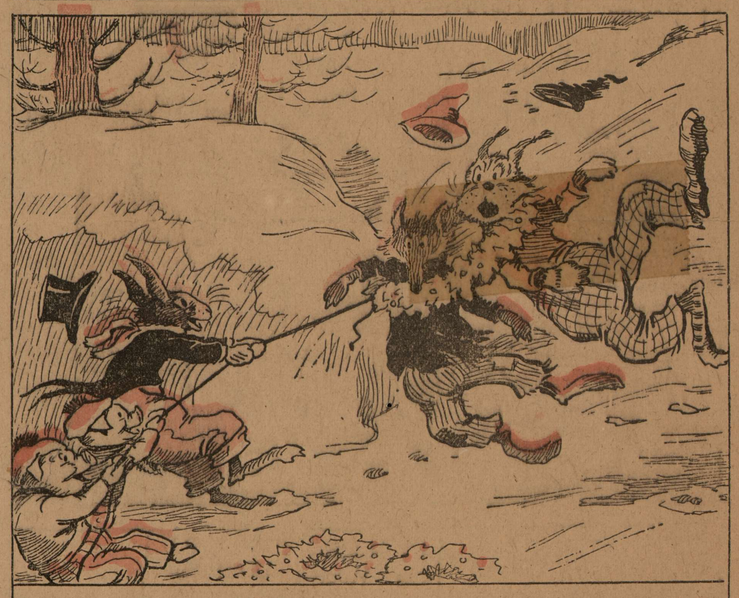
2. "Kerchoo! Kerchoo!" sneezed the bunny, and he opened his eyes and said: "I'm catching cold!" Nurse Jane laughed and told about the feathers. "But I wish you'd go out and catch some holly berries and green leaves to make into Christmas wreaths." Uncle Wiggily said he would go, and he took Curly and Floppy, the piggie boys with him to the woods. "This is our chance!" whispered the Bob Cat to the Fox.

3. Knowing nothing about the bad chaps who were watching him with hungry eyes, Uncle Wiggily and the pig boys went to the woods where they found some holly bushes, with green prickly leaves and bright red berries. "I'll pile the sled with holly, and we'll pull it home," said the rabbit. One pig tossed a wreath of holly on his brother's head. "I'll make believe I'm a cowboy lassoing you!" squealed Floppy.



4. All of a sudden, when Uncle Wiggily and the pigs were ready to go back with the Christmas holly, out of the bushes sprang the Bob Cat and Fox. "Catch Uncle Wiggily!" howled the Bob Cat. "We can get the pigs afterward!" The pigs jumped on their sled and went coasting down the hill. The bunny grabbed some holly wreaths and hopped along as fast as he could. "They'll not get me if I can help it!" he cried.

5. "We'll play a trick on these bad chaps!" shouted Uncle Wiggily to the pigs. "Run through the woods and take the short cut to the big rock. We'll hide behind that, and when the bad chaps come along I'll lassoo them with a holly wreath." In safety the bunny and pigs reached the rock. The rabbit made a wreath lasso and tied it to a rope he had brought with him. "Now let the bad chaps come!" he cried.



6. "Come on!" cried the Bob Cat to the Fox. "We'll soon catch that rabbit. He can't be far away!" On they ran. They didn't know the bunny was waiting for them behind the big rock. But no sooner did the Bob Cat jump into sight than Uncle Wiggily swung his holly wreath lasso, like a cowboy, and he caught the bad chap. The Fox came along just in time to be caught also. "Pull, piggies!" cried the bunny.

7. Taken by surprise, the Fox and Bob Cat could do nothing. The sharp leaves of the holly stuck them, and the red berries rattled down their necks. Before the bad chaps knew what was happening Uncle Wiggily had tangled them in the rope and tied them to a tree. "Here we shall leave them!" laughed the bunny. "I will ride you piggies home on the sled." Which he did, spreading a blanket on the holly.

8. Leaving the bad chaps behind, Uncle Wiggily and the piggies reached the hollow stump bungalow. "Here's your holly, Nurse Jane!" called the rabbit. But he got no answer, and when Uncle Wiggily tried to open the door he couldn't. "Oh, dear!" he cried. "The bad chaps have been here and taken Nurse Jane away!" The pigs cried: "Wee! Wee!" "Something dreadful must have happened," thought the bunny.

9. Just as Uncle Wiggily was going to telephone the Police Dog, the door opened and there stood Nurse Jane! "Why, I thought the bad chaps had you!" said the bunny. "Nonsense!" laughed Nurse Jane. "I just locked the door because Santa Claus has been here and trimmed the Christmas tree. He didn't want to be caught at it!" And when Uncle Wiggily saw the tree he danced for joy with Nurse Jane.

And if the cream puff doesn't put red pepper in the talcum powder box and make the face of the clock sneeze its hands off, the next pictures and story will be about

UNCLE WIGGILY'S NEW YEAR'S.

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