Uncle Wiggily's Adventures

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IN THE WATCH THE CHEERFUL CRICKET SAID: "I'LL BE THE ONE TO TICK IT!" HE BIT THE WEASEL ON THE NOSE AND ENDED THUS THE BUNNY'S WOES.

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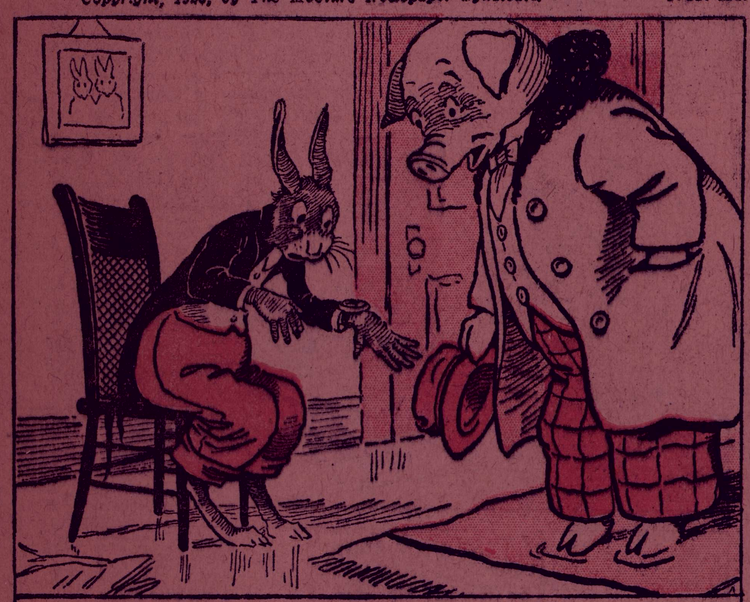
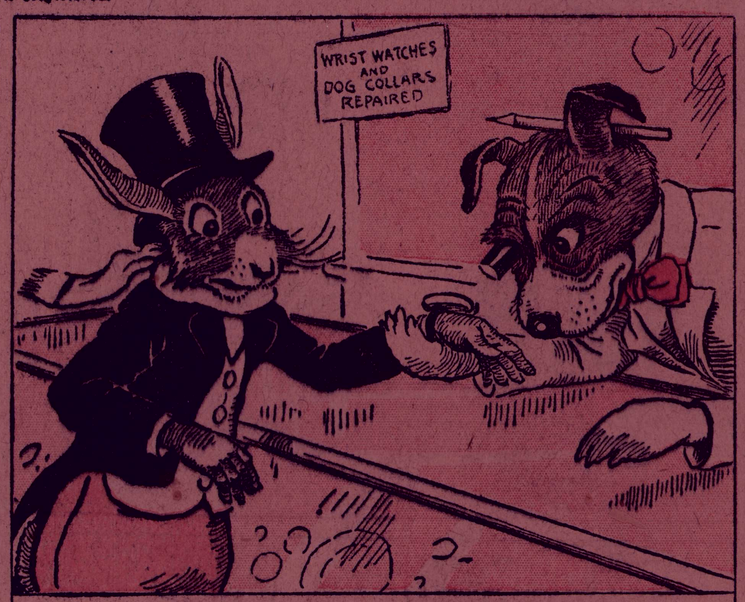


1. Mr. Twistytail, the gentleman pig, went one day to call on Uncle Wiggily Longears, the bunny rabbit gentleman. "I am very glad to see you, Mr. Twistytail," greeted Uncle Wiggily. "Can't you stay all night and we'll play checkers." The pig gentleman asked what time it was then. Now Nurse Jane had given Uncle Wiggily a wrist watch for Christmas. "Goodness! My wrist watch has stopped!" said the bunny.

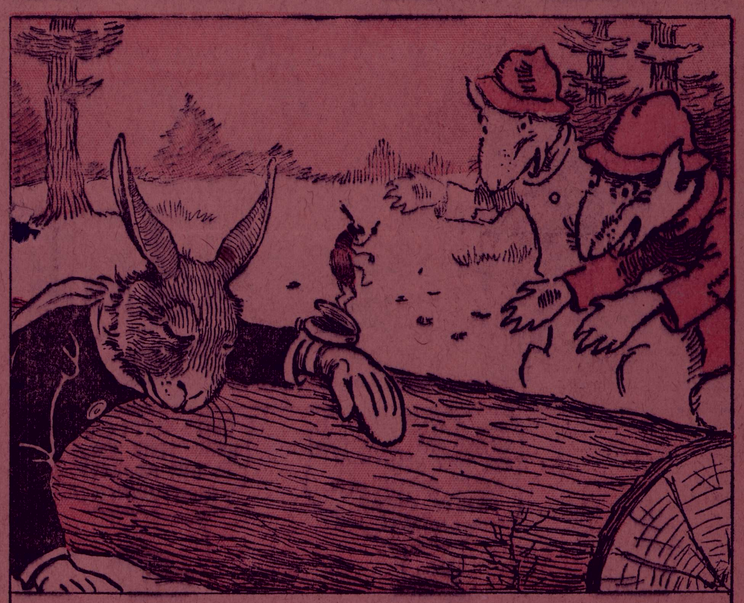


2. "Well, if your watch has stopped, you won't know what time it is, and I may get up after breakfast instead of before," grunted Mr. Twistytail. "O guess I'd better not stay." So the pig gentleman went home, and Uncle Wiggily hopped to the gentleman dog jeweler's to have his wrist watch mended. "It needs cleaning," said the jeweler dog. "I will have to take the works out and put in some new wheels."

3. "Dear me!" exclaimed the bunny. "If you take the works out of my wrist watch it will tick no more. Nurse Jane will think I have been careless." The dog jeweler barked and said: "Well, I have a Tame Cricket. I can put him inside the empty watch and he will chirp like a watch ticking. You can wear your watch with the Cricket inside if you like." Uncle Wiggily said he'd do this until the works were cleaned.

4. The Cheerful Cricket was shut up inside the empty watch case, and Uncle Wiggily strapped it on his wrist. "Chirp! Chirp!" sang the Cricket, and it sounded like "Tick! Tick! Tick!" Even Nurse Jane thought the watch was going. Next day, as Uncle Wiggily left his bungalow, the sly Weasels said: "We'll follow him and take his wrist watch away. He'll chase us and we'll lead him to the Fox den."

5. Nof knowing that the sly Weasels were following him, to get his watch, Uncle Wiggily lay down and took a little sleep. "Now it will be easy to get his watch," said one Weasel to the other. "Listen to the loud tick of it!" The sly chaps went up to the sleeping rabbit very softly. "Ah ha!" said the Cheerful Cricket inside the watch, "it is now my turn to play a trick to save Uncle Wiggily ears! And I'll do it!"



6. All of a sudden, as the Weasels were going to unstrap the bunny's watch from his paw, the Cricket hopped from inside the case. "Hello there!" chirped the Cricket to the Weasels, "what are you doing here?" One Weasel said: "We are going to nibble Uncle Wiggily's ears!" The Cricket sang: "Tick! Tock!" and cried: "Oh, no, you are not!" The Weasels laughed and said: "Is that so? Watch us!"

7. The Weasels leaned over to begin nibbling Uncle Wiggily's ears when, all of a sudden, the Cricket jumped up and bit one of the bad sly chaps on the end of his soft and tender nose. "Ouchie! Wouchie!" howled the Weasel. "Oh, I guess we'd better run!" shouted his brother, and away he ran. "What's all this?" cried Uncle Wiggily as he awoke. "Oh, my watch has stopped ticking again!" he cried. "Oh, dear!"

8. Away ran the Weasels, for they were afraid of the Cricket. "You did me a great favor," said the bunny to the black insect. "Well, it is time for some one else to do you a favor now!" chirped the Cricket. "Here comes the Fox, and he is too big for me to bite!" The bunny told the Cricket to get back inside the watch. He then took off the wrist strap and said: "I think I can play a trick on that Fox!"

9. Up came rushing the Fuzzy Fox as the Weasels ran away. "Ah, now it is my turn to have some ear nibbles!" growled the Fox. "No, not yet!" cried the bunny. "Who will stop me?" sneered the Fox. "I will!" cried Uncle Wiggily. Quickly taking the strap from his wrist watch, the bunny buckled the strap around the sharp nose and mouth of the Fox. "Let's see you bite!" laughed the bunny. The Fox couldn't.

And if the rubber boots don't stay so late at the umbrella's party that the lemon pie has to come home alone, the next pictures and story will be about

UNCLE WIGGILY'S ICE BOAT.

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