Uncle Wiggily's Adventures

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WHEN YOUR WATCH GOES TICKITY-TICK, THEN 'TIS TIME FOR A PICKITY-NICK. OFF IN THE WOODS ON A SUNNY DAY, THERE TO EAT AND THERE TO PLAY.

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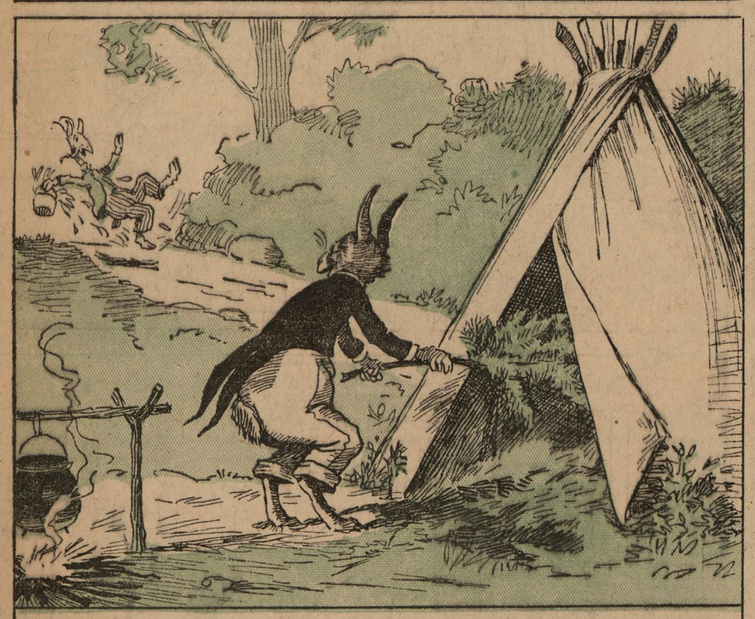
1. One beautiful day in Spring, when the little birds did sing, Uncle Wiggily said to Uncle Butter: "Let's have a picnic!" Uncle Butter shook his horns and bleated: "That will be fine! We'll go to the woods, eat our lunch and sleep in a tent like the Indians." Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy put up a basket of dinner. "And I'll take a spring trap to catch any bad chap that may bother us," said Uncle Wiggily.

2. After a while the two friends reached the woods. "First we must make a camp fire," said Uncle Wiggily. "It wouldn't be a picnic without a camp fire." Uncle Butter said that was so, and he began to open the basket to see if Nurse Jane had put in any postage stamp pudding. "I hope none of the animal children find out about our picnic and come to bother us," said Uncle Wiggily, putting wood on the fire.

3. At the time Uncle Wiggily and Uncle Butter started off on their picnic, Baby Bunty saw them. "I'll get some of the boys and we'll go to the picnic, too," thought the little rabbit girl. When she told Billie Wagtail, Jackie Bow Wow and Curly Twistytail, the little goat, dog and pig said: "Sure we will go to Uncle Wiggily's picnic!" Off they started through the woods, but Curly fell down!

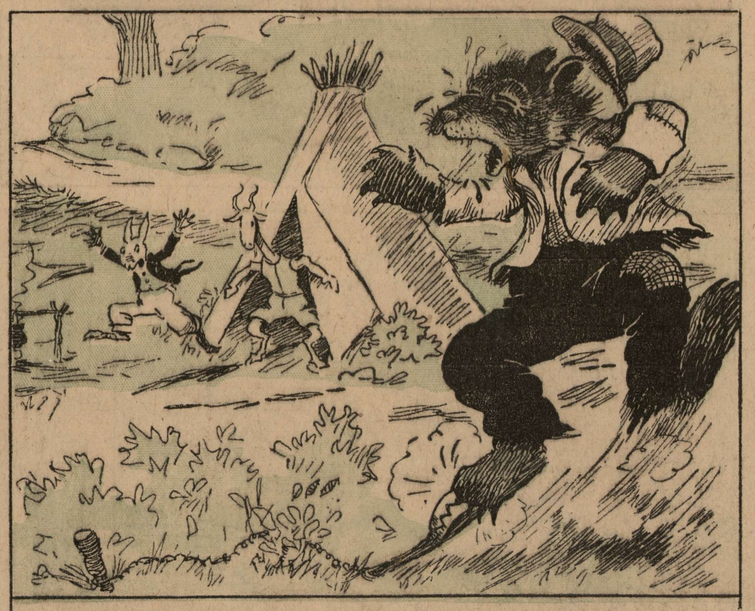


4. While Baby Bunty and the others were helping pick Curly up, many things were happening at Uncle Wiggily's picnic. "Before we eat we must have a place to sleep," said the bunny. "I'll put up an Indian tent." Uncle Butter went to get a pail of water at the spring. The bunny put some evergreen boughs in the tent to make a soft bed. All of a sudden Uncle Butter fell down. "Ha! Ha!" laughed the rabbit.

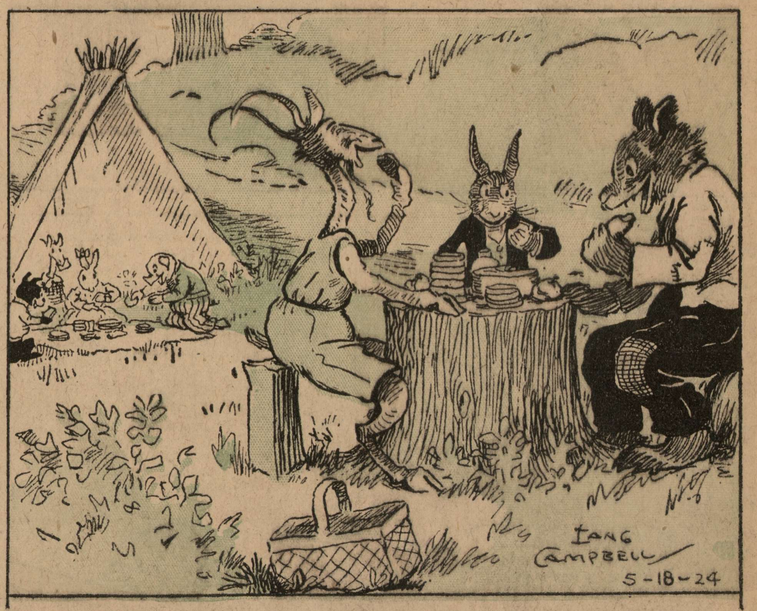
5. "That wasn't anything to laugh at!" bleated Uncle Butter when he picked himself up. "I'm all wet!" Uncle Wiggily said he was sorry. "Go in the tent and take your wet clothes off. I'll help you," offered the bunny. While the goat and rabbit were in the tent, along came the animal children. "Oh, Uncle Wiggily and Uncle Butter have gone and left the lunch!" cried Baby Bunty. "We can have it!" So they took it.

6. Inside the tent, where Uncle Butter was taking off his clothes, neither he nor Uncle Wiggily heard the animal children take away the lunch. But when Uncle Butter came out to hang up his wet things, he saw that the basket was gone. "Some bad chap has been here!" bleated the goat. "I'll set the trap and catch him when he comes back," cried the bunny. "I'll teach him to spoil our picnic!"

7. When the trap was set Uncle Butter said: "I'll go in the tent and sleep until my clothes are dry." Uncle Wiggily said he, too, would go to sleep. "Our picnic lunch is gone. When I sleep I'm not hungry," said the rabbit. While the two friends slept up came a big Black Bear. "Wuff! Wuff!" sniffed the Bear. "This looks like a picnic. But where is something to eat? I'll take a look in the tent, for I'm hungry."



8. All of a sudden the Bear stepped into the trap. "Snap!" it closed on his foot. "Wuff! Wow! Wuffie! Wowfie!" howled the big fellow. He made such a noise that he awakened Uncle Wiggily and Uncle Butter. "Oh ho! So it was you who took our picnic lunch, was it?" asked Uncle Wiggily. "Oh, no, sir! I didn't take it!" howled the shaggy chap. "I am a good bear, I am! I never touched your lunch!"



9. Uncle Wiggily looked closely at the Bear. "Why, so you are a good chap!" cried the bunny. "You aren't bad at all! I'm sorry you are caught in my trap." Then Uncle Wiggily and Uncle Butter helped the good Bear out of the trap. And Baby Bunty, with the animal boys, looking back, and seeing what had happened, returned with the basket of lunch "Now we'll have a fine picnic together!" cried the bunny.

And if the gold fish doesn't try to swing in the hammock while the canary bird is playing golf with the egg beater the next story and pictures will be about

UNCLE WIGGILY AND NURSE JANE'S BIRTHDAY.

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