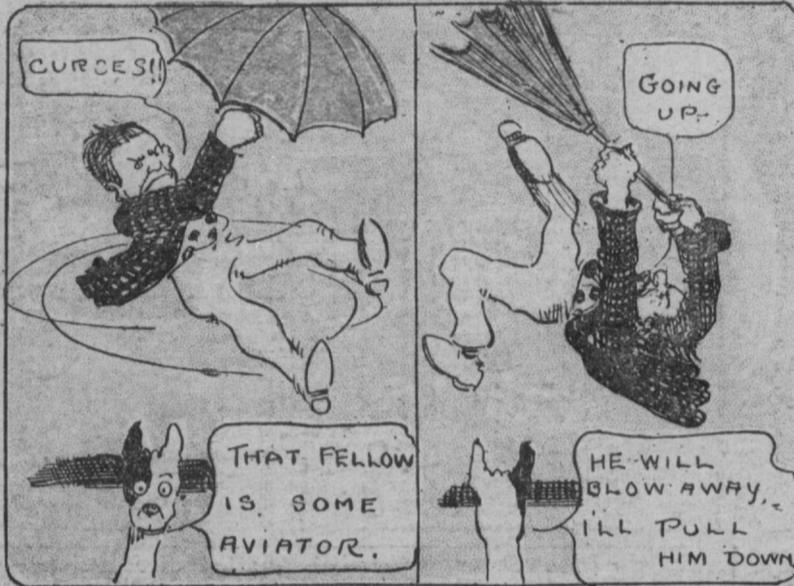


# ALONZO

HE TRIES TO HELP, BUT DOES NOT SUCCEED.



### WORDS OF THANKS

Editor Junior Call—Dear Sir: I received the paper dolls and thank you very much for them.

BESSIE PRATER,

Stockton.

The Junior Call—I received my watch and was very thankful for it. I will use it for school, so I won't be late. Yours truly,

BUD McNERNEY,  
Sacramento.

Dear Editor: I wish to thank you for the watch you sent me for solving the puzzles. My sister and I are very much interested in The Junior Call and like to read the stories in it. Thanking you again, I remain yours sincerely,

CORDELIA SANDER,  
San Francisco.

To Editor Junior Call: I received the watch awarded me for solving the puzzles today. I appreciate it very much and thank you many times for it. A Junior friend,

FLORENCE LUDWIG,  
San Francisco.

Editor Junior Call—Dear Sir: I received the watch you sent me. It is just lovely. I thank you again and again for it.

EDRIS FENO,  
Oakland.

To the Editor of Junior Call—Dear Sir: Thank you very much for the lovely watch that you sent me. It keeps time perfectly. Yours truly,

IRENE ANDERSON,  
San Francisco.

Dear Editor—I received your paper dolls and enjoyed them very much. Yours,

MARGUERITE DWYER,  
Oakland.

Editor Junior Call: Dear Sir—I received the watch yesterday, and wish to thank you very much for it. It is a very fine one, and I am proud of it. I have 52 books that I received for guessing Call puzzles before the big fire. Thanking you again for the lovely watch, I remain, ever a friend of the Junior Call,

LLOYD ANDERSON,  
San Francisco.

Dear Sir: I thank you very much for sending me the book I received for my drawing in The Junior Call. I have read seven or eight chapters and I think it very nice. Yours truly,

ALFRED BEIBLINGER,  
San Francisco.

Editor Junior Call—Dear Sir: I received the book which was a prize for my drawing, and I thank you very much. It is a very nice book and I feel proud of it because I have won it. Yours truly,

HOLT WAGENER,  
Sacramento.

Dear Sir: I wish to thank you most heartily for awarding me a prize for my New Year's resolution. It took me a long time to decide and I am trying very hard to keep it, as I know it not only makes me happy, but all the people around me. I enjoyed reading the resolutions of the other Juniors and think they were excellent.

The drawing contest is very interest-

## OPEN LETTER SECTION

### The World's Progress

CARMELITA G. McCARTY

When we hear of new inventions of marvelous natures and of more daring feats performed by aviators and the like, we can not help thinking of the wonderful way in which the world is progressing. With what rapid strides new work is accomplished!

It seems very strange indeed when we hear that in our grandmothers' age no such things as aviation and automobiling were ever dreamt of. "How could any one entertain such foolish ideas?" thought our forefathers. But still, this dream has come true.

Perhaps, now we think, "How can any one successfully manipulate an aeroplane?" To think of rising from the ground, ascending higher and still higher for hundreds of feet in the air, till earth beings appear to be tiny particles; to fly over the country like a beautiful bird is marvelous.

This is just what is being accomplished at the present day, however, besides numerous other astounding acts. The American people have mastered the intricacies of golf, tennis, automobiling and other pastimes, and wish to add aviation to their collection. Some years hence we may be proud owners of sky flyers and scoff at the timeworn automobile.

Thus, we see that the world is not a worshiper of old ideals, but is continually discovering new fads, and is very rapidly progressing.

The multitude asks, "What next will the people undertake?"

### Agriculture

GEORGINA LOUISA SCHLUETER

On account of the extent of the United States and its various climates many different kinds of agriculture are carried on. In the north central part of the country and on the prairie lands, corn, wheat, grain, etc., are raised. In the southern states cotton, tobacco and sugar are raised in great quantities. The soil of the New England states is rocky and unfertile and therefore their products are manufactured goods, such as shoes, clothing and many hundreds of small manufactured articles.

When gold was discovered in California and near Pike's peak there was a great rush of people to the west, and it was these people who tilled the soil, fertilized the ground and made the western states the land of plenty.

The great American desert, which was known to be a barren, unuseful land, was cultivated and made productive. Various crops were raised there, which afterward were sent to the eastern states in exchange for manufactured goods.

In California great quantities of wheat and grain are raised, as well as fruit and other crops. The rich, black soil that our state is amply provided with is indeed being used for a good purpose—that of the raising and cultivating of good crops, which, besides making us all healthy and well fed, give plenty of labor to the people.

Corn is our largest crop. It grows in nearly all parts of eastern United States, but mostly in the southern part of the wheat region. We export great quantities of wheat each year and also much cotton. In fact the most of our products are exported each year, and the people themselves consume a large quantity of the agricultural harvest that the United States reaps each year. Agriculture is one of our leading industries and it helps us a great deal. If we didn't have such good soil, if our people weren't industrious and if America were overcrowded, agriculture would never be carried on so extensively as it is today. The new and modern implements with which we have to work help us greatly, but as we are sure of having good soil it is up to the people themselves to make agriculture stand out as one of the foremost and leading industries of the world.

### A True Gift for Fiction

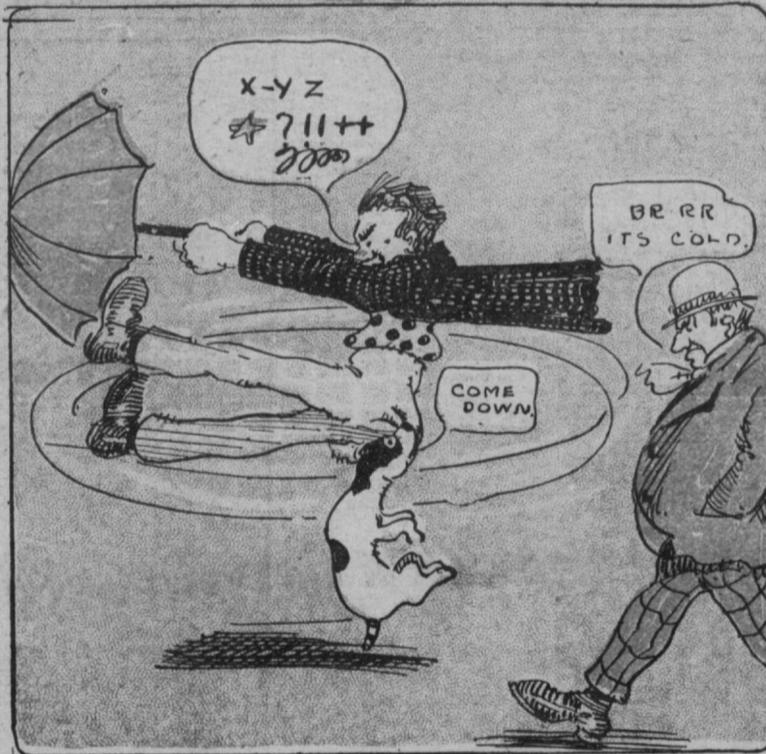
In a New Brunswick village a town character who preferred emphasis to the verities was a witness in a petty trial involving an auger. He positively identified it as the property of the parties to the suit.

"But," asked the attorney for the other side, "do you swear that you know this auger?"

"Yes, sir."

"How long have you known it?" he continued.

"I have known that auger," said the witness, "ever since it was a gimlet." Everybody's Magazine.



ing, and now many Juniors who are not writers can express their ideas in drawing. Alonzo, I guess, was surprised to see how many artists have come to light in his Junior band since the contest opened. For my part, I'm not an artist. I like to draw, but I can far better express my ideas in writing than in any other way. Hoping to succeed again, I remain yours truly,

MARJORIE MAUZY.

The Junior Call—Dear Sirs: The watch was duly received, for which kindly accept my sincerest thanks. Your promptness in the matter was greatly appreciated. I am, with thanks,

ILSE VOCKEL,  
Oakland.

### Smile

Attune your mood  
To the jungle brood;  
When others are smiling, smile.

Add with the busy adder,  
Chatter with chimpanzees;  
If porcupines  
Have fretful spines  
Be tactful, and strive to please.

Clean the spots from the leopard;  
Return the bear's fond hug;  
When the tigers bound,  
Lie on the ground  
And act like a tiger rug.

With zebras wear striped clothing;  
With camels a camel's hair shawl;  
Adapt your tone  
To the beasts' own  
And you'll have no trouble at all!

—Carolyn Wells, Harper's Weekly.

