

missing. Little Ralph came rushing down the stairs one morning all excitement.

"In the attic!" he announced breathlessly. "I saw him—the bug, crawling out of one of those big idols."

All hands hurried to the attic. There was a number of grotesque wood, glass and plaster idols among the curiosities taken from the uncle's chest. Ralph pointed to one on a shelf.

"There! There!" he insisted.

Edison lifted down the idol. Sure enough, out crawled the lost bronze bug. Edison placed the idol on a stand. In his excitement little Ralph ran up against it, tipped the idol and it was broken into bits upon the floor.

But among the fragments was a small silk purse. Within it was the fortune the dead uncle had boasted of—diamonds!

And now the future was provided for, and through the kindly offices of the bronze bug Vance found a speedy way to the heart of the girl he loved.

#### HOW IT CAME

One night at a great ball a devilish Waltz met a little Two-Step. The little Two-Step was very innocent, despite her seeming worldliness, and proved an easy victim to the advances and wiles of the bold, sophisticated Waltz. \* \* \* After a month had gone by the wicked Waltz abandoned the little Two-Step. \* \* \* And it is their illegitimate child that we have since come to know as Fox-Trot.—Puck.

#### PRINCESS TO RULE FASHIONS By Betty Brown

The princess gown is to "queen" over the fashion world this fall. Not that all the gowns will be princesses, but according to fashion forecasts I hear most of the smart gowns will be built on princess lines.

A demure little frock to be shown soon at the Chicago Garment Manu-

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#### STHILLY STHALLY STHAYS

My ma bought a parrot yestherday an' we had to take it back. You thee, the dern thing sthuttered!