



The Rollicking, Frolicking Jollikens CHRISTMAS CHEER OF THE JOLLIKENS

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The kitchen cupboard was quite bare,
The children had no supper.
Mother and Dad were in despair,
They had not even a copper.

Poor Dad had tried
with might and
main
To get work in the
city
For weeks he'd tramped
the streets in vain.
It was an awful pity!

So Dad sat down and
bowed his head
Upon his hands, in
sorrow.
To get his little ones
some bread,
He'd have to beg or
borrow.

But hark! they heard
a funny noise
Like some wood-
pecker tapping.
Said Mother, "That's
the neighbour's
boys
At tricks of window
-rapping."

Dad threw the window open wide,
To see what was the trouble,
And all at once, there blew inside,
Astide upon a bubble,

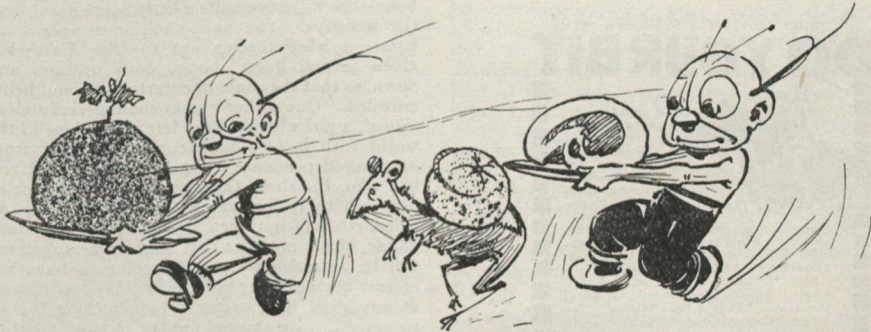
He whistled thrice, this manikin.
Says Dad, "I must be dreaming."
The Jollikens came laughing in,
Their crystal bubbles gleaming.

Then suddenly, the
light went out,
There was a sound
like Babel.
And little Tom was
heard to shout
"What's all this on
the table?"

Dad found the matches,
struck a light.
The Jollikens, up-
roarious,
Had vanished far into
the night,
But, oh! the sight
was glorious!

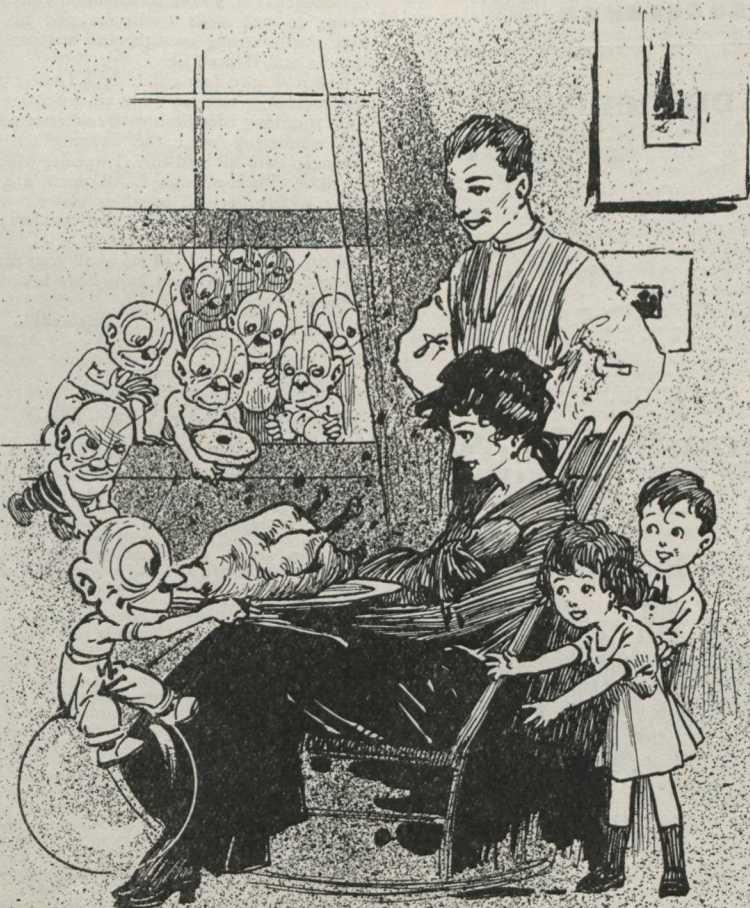
Roast turkey, beef
and pumpkin pies,
And every kind of
pastry,
Fruit cake and short-
bread met their
eyes
And puddings rich
and tasty.

The kitchen bin was full of flour,
Fresh tea was in the caddy,
And, slipped beneath the kitchen door,
There lay a note for Daddy.



A funny little oddity,
Who looked so queer and happy,
The children clapped their hands in glee,
To see this cheerful chappie.

"A Merry Christmas all!" it ran,
"We spoke to Wilson's waiter;
"He says the boss requires a man
"To run the elevator."



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