

EVENING TIMES-STAR MAGAZINE PAGE FOR THE HOME

ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

By Olive Roberts Barton

THE TWINS MEET MISTER ZIP



"Well, you see it's this way," said the fairy. "Well, I'm glad of that," said the little fellow, "for I expect you'll see a good bit of me before we're through." "Through with what?" asked Nick. "Well, you see it's this way," said the fairy, sitting down on a stone and crossing his knees. "My name is Zip—Mister Zip—and I'm going to run an amusement park for the wood folk. And I need extra help."

"Oh, will we do?" asked Nancy eagerly. "Hopping rain toads!" exclaimed Mister Zip. "Don't go so fast, please. I was coming to that pretty soon. Well, as I was saying, I need help, so I went to the Fairy Queen and told her my troubles." "And what did she say?" asked Nick. "There! There!" laughed Mister Zip. "I'll tell you what the Fairy Queen said. She said, 'Go to the Twins at once, Mister Zip, and take them these magic shoes. And take them these magic shoes will make them just the right size so they won't be stepping on you all the time.' And so saying he reached down behind the stone and help up the two pairs of green shoes. Nancy and Nick slipped the shoes on and suddenly a funny thing happened. The place where the Twins had stood was as empty as air. It seemed as though the ground must have opened up and swallowed them. Mister Zip was so astonished that he fell clear off the stone he was sitting on. "Where are you, Twins?" he called loudly. "Nancy! Nick! Where are you?" And then he had to laugh for there were the Twins under a daisy plant right beside him. "We're all ready to go!" said Nancy happily. "Where is your amusement park, Mister Zip?" "Right over there on the edge of the woods near that patch of May apple blossoms," said the fairyman. "Come on and I'll show you. There's a merry-go-round and a roller coast-

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



er and a ferris wheel and everything." With a skip and a run they reached the place beside the May blossom patch and as sure as the moon's round wasn't there the cutest little park you ever saw with a fence around it and a place to take tickets 'n' everything just like the park in the cities where you've been lots of times. There were free swings and sliding boards and sand piles for the children to play in and places to sell ice cream cones and

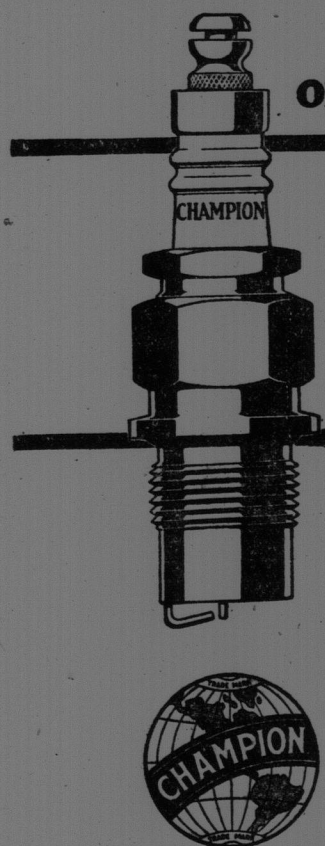
lemonade and lollypops and peanuts. And a merry-go-round and a roller coaster and everything—just as Mister Zip said. Only these things were not free. Over the gate was a big sign which said, "Happy-Go-Lucky Park, Come In."

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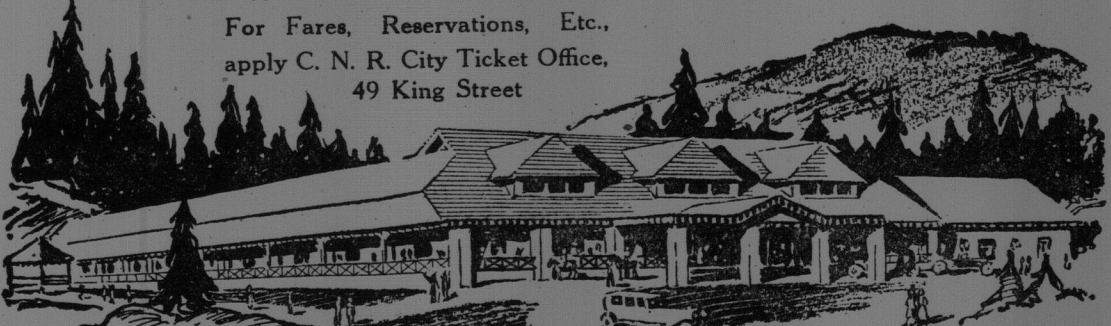
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