

PREFACE

Gus the Bus, at the time of this writing, has appeared on about one hundred consecutive Monday mornings in the Chicago *Herald* and the newspapers served by the Herald syndicate.

In answer to many inquiries it might be not amiss to record that the writer had an individual in mind, a bus boy of his dining acquaintance, but that the incidents are entirely fictional.

The stories were written as part of an everyday program, and have not been revised in text. Each was written on a Sunday afternoon in a newspaper editorial room, and each consumed about an hour in the process.

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