

PATCHWORK GIRL DISAPPEARS

GNOME KING ESCAPES FROM RUNAWAY ISLAND

Escape of Ruggedo Worries Emerald City

Philadelphia (Ozmapolitan News)—Word has been received by the Royal Historian of Oz that the sly old Gnome King of Oz who was banished from the Land of Oz to Runaway Island, has escaped his confinement. There is also a rumor to the effect that he plans to capture the Emerald City and thus gain complete rule of the entire Land of Oz.

He has been seen in the company of a little boy, a new friend of the citizens of the Emerald City, who apparently is ignorant of the evil reputation of Ruggedo, the Gnome King.

Mr. Kuma Party, the come-apart man, has reported the strange visit to his home of an evil-looking old man and a little boy and states that he is suspicious of the sly actions of the old fellow. His description of these strangers leads us to believe that the old man is the Gnome King.

Ruggedo's escape and the mysterious disappearance of the Patchwork Girl have caused great alarm and fears are expressed for the safety of Scraps. Has she fallen into the clutches of the wicked Gnome?

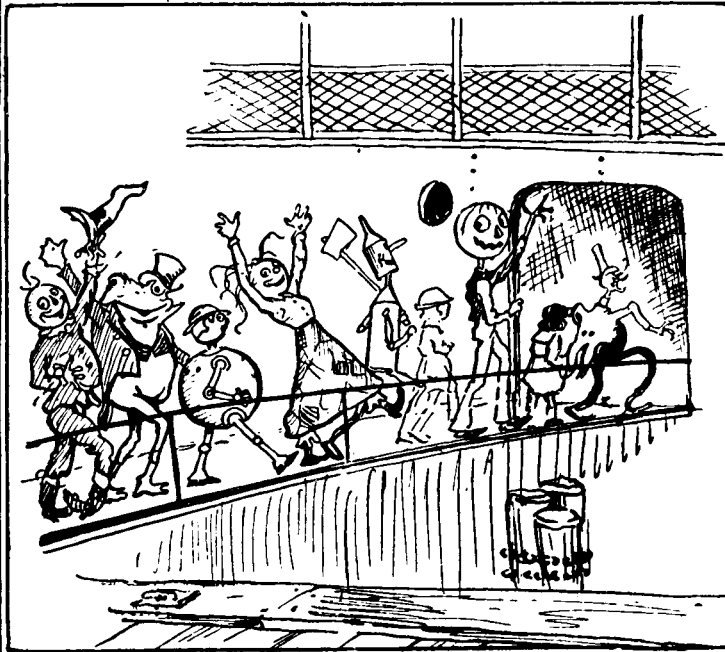
As news of the latest developments comes to her, the Royal Historian is recording the baffling incidents of this new Oz mystery. A full account will be published in her new book, the "Gnome King of Oz."

Professor Wogglebug Explains Flood

Emerald City (Special Dispatch)—Professor Wogglebug has just completed his study of the Winkie River flood and states that the excessive amount of water in the river is the cause.

It was generally believed that the Scarecrow's field of corn which grows into the river caused the overflow, but it was found that this corn is of the lily pad variety (without roots) and merely floats on the surface of the river.

PROFESSOR WGGLEBUG'S PARTY EMBARKING FOR RETURN FROM MUNCHKIN RIVER OUTING



WGGLEBUG'S TOUR A HUGE SUCCESS

Emerald City—

Professor Wogglebug entertained several of his friends of the Emerald City on a chartered river boat for a day's cruise up the Munchkin River and return. He called at his old home in the hearth of Professor Nowitall, where he lived before his magnification. The accompanying photograph shows the party boarding ship on the return trip after leaving Professor Wogglebug's college.

Standing Army Cuts Whiskers

Emerald City—

The standing army had threatened many times to cut off his whiskers. Not heeding the warnings of his colleagues, he finally visited the Royal Barber Shop. He now is entirely unrecognizable, much to his discomfiture, and he therefore no longer commands the respect due his high military position. He has now decided to let his whiskers grow again when he will once more enjoy the esteem and recognition he deserves.

ROYAL HISTORIAN VISITS PUBLISHERS

Chicago (Ozmapolitan News)

A welcome visitor at the offices of the Royal Publishers was Miss Ruth Plumly Thompson, of Philadelphia. Miss Thompson was in Chicago to help the Royal Publishers celebrate their 25th birthday anniversary and brought with her a lovely birthday cake with 25 candles on it.

Miss Thompson charmed all with her pleasing personality and vivacity, and it is not difficult to understand how she is able to write such popular and delightful stories as the tales of the Land of Oz. We hope that she will visit Chicago soon again.

Tik-Tok Adrift in Truth Pond

Emerald City—

In practising a new swimming stroke for the coming Munchkin River Water Carnival, Tik-Tok caught some seaweed in his hip joint and is now adrift in the Truth Pond. His mechanism is completely clogged up and he is unable to turn a gear in an effort to gain the shore.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE VERY BAFFLING

Emerald City in Furor. Ozzites Alarmed.

(Ozziordinary News Special)
Ozmapolitan Building—

Great consternation reigns in the offices of the Royal Publishers of Oz. Word has been received from the Royal Historian that the Patchwork Girl has mysteriously disappeared from Emerald City. What has become of her? No one can answer. She seems to have dropped through the earth.

To add to our anxiety, another and later dispatch from the Royal Historian tells of the escape of Ruggedo, the wicked Gnome King, from Runaway Island, and further states that he is plotting dire vengeance on Princess Ozma and all her loyal subjects for his banishment to the island some years previous—is planning, in fact, to make captive all the people of Oz and proclaim himself King.

Is he to blame for the Patchwork Girl's disappearance? Is he already succeeding in his evil schemes? What would all lovers of the Oz stories say if there were no Princess Ozma, no Dorothy, no Scarecrow nor Cowardly Lion, no Wizard nor any other of their beloved Oz friends left to read about? These are some of the thoughts that flit in rapid succession through our minds as we wait anxiously, with what patience we can muster, for news of further developments.

In an interview with our reporter, the Royal Historian said there seemed to be some strange and queer characters mixed up in the affair, some people we've never before met, which lends added mystery to the sad situation. Are they involved in the disappearance of the Patchwork Girl? Who can tell?

The Royal Publishers are busily printing up the strange story as the news comes in from the Royal Historian who is keeping in close touch with all Ozzian events.

And such a story it promises to be, full of thrills and surprises!

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WIZARD OF OZ, Editor

Royal Historian's Letter

Emerald City (Ozmapolitan News)

Dear Boys and Girls:

There are so many interesting pieces of Oz news to report, I scarcely know where to begin. Of course, the most exciting is the attempt of the old Gnome King to conquer the Emerald City. But as you'll be reading all about this pretty soon in the newest history of Oz, I'll hurry on to the next item.

Scraps has had her yarn bobbed, and really it's quite becoming.

Then, plans are underway for making Betsy and Trot Princesses of Oz, so that they will have equal rank with Dorothy and be able to wear crowns at all the Court parties. Ozma is arranging for the double coronation and as soon as the date has been set, invitations will be sent to all Oz celebrities. Meanwhile Betsy and Trot are planning their coronation robes and the Court Jeweler is busily at work on the new crowns which are to be of gold inset with pearls and emeralds.

You will be interested to know that Professor Wogglebug has been making some interesting experiments with crackers. Finding that his scholars had tired of his history, geography and arithmetic pills, the Professor has found a way to make education even more palatable. This time he has compressed the necessary knowledge into crackers which he calls, **Wise Crackers**. After eating a dozen or so boxes of the history, geography and mathematical crackers, the education of the students is quite complete. Naturally the crackers must not be eaten too rapidly, for in spite of the sugar and spices added by the Professor, they are exceedingly choky and dry. But they are certainly an improvement on books and pills, and the Professor is delighted with the progress of his pupils. The Wizard of Oz, not to be outdone by the Professor, has invented a new cracker, too. His is a telegraph cracker, and anyone wishing to send a

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Repairs on the Yellow Brick Road

The condition of the yellow brick road has been causing great trouble and inconvenience to travelers to and from the Emerald City. Volunteers for repairing the road have been called for and at the Scarecrow's suggestion, gold bricks are being substituted for the yellow ones, as they are cheaper and wear better. Sir Hokus is in charge of operations and the Good Knight of Oz hopes to have the Highway in walking order by fall. If you have a spade and some spare time, please report to Sir Hokus.

Sir Hokus is to be commended on his untiring efforts in this great civic movement.

The Greatest Show in Oz

Notta Bit More, the Circus Clown about whom you have all read in "The Cowardly Lion of Oz," has organized a circus and taking Bob Up with him, has gone on the road. They expect to visit all the principal cities and to perform before all the crowned heads of Oz before their return to the Emerald City. Scraps and the Scarecrow have signed up for a trapeze act. The Cowardly Lion and Hungry Tiger have agreed to be wild animals for the duration of the trip. The Doubtful Dromedary and Comfortable Camel are also with the show; Bob Up is animal trainer and Tik Tok, chief barker and ticket taker. They are not only drawing great crowds but are having the time of their lives.

Circulation Greatly Increased

The Ozmapolitan has reached a high point in circulation. The printing of this, the second edition, amounted to 65,000. Our readers have increased to a startling number during the past month, and our business office is flooded with letters of commendation and with many good wishes.

The staff extends thanks to the loyal readers of the Ozmapolitan for their splendid support of the magazine.

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message has but to whisper the message to the telegraph cracker and toss it into the air. It immediately flies off to the person who is to receive the message, and upon eating the cracker he gets the message I wish I had a box of telegraph crackers. If I had, I would send my love to each and every one of you. But I haven't, so I'll just put my love in this letter. Love!
Good luck to you all.

Ruth Plumly Thompson,
Royal Historian of Oz.

PRIZE WINNING OZZY POEM

The Royal Publishers of Oz offered a prize for the best poem celebrating the wonderful characters of Oz . . . or their adventures . . . or about the Oz books, as announced in the last issue of the Ozmapolitan.

The Prize, a copy of the new Oz book, "The Gnome King of Oz," goes to

Frederic Reeve, Jr., Age 10
51 Euclid Ave.,
Maplewood, N. J.

His poem appears below.

The Ozmapolitan extends thanks to all of the Ozzite contributors to the contest, and if thanks to all of the Ozzite committed would be published, as all are exceptionally well composed.

About the Land of Oz

The scarecrow is a funny man
All stuffed with yellow straw;
He wears a suit of Munchkin
clothes

And loves the crows' caw-
caw.

Queen Ozma rules the land of
Oz,

And she's a pretty girl,
She has a magic picture
And a brown and silky curl.

From Kansas Princess Dorothy
came,

She's Ozma's chosen friend;
In Oz she's very happy,
Her sweetness has no end.

Crazy Scraps, the Patchwork
Girl,

All made of scraps is she,
And if you ever saw her,
You surely would "Tee-
hee."

Tik-Tok is the machine man
Of burnished copper bright;
He never can be damaged,
No, not in any fight.

Aunt Em and Uncle Henry
Are Dorothy's Kith and Kin;
They came to live in Ozland
When Dorothy wished them
in.

I've told you of some people
Who live in these good
lands,
But they're not all, you may
be sure.

They're numerous as the
sands.

Have you read these cheerful
books?

I hope you have, my friend—
And had the real contentment
That the Oz books always
lend.

An Ozy Yell

Zickety Zak
Oh! Can't you see
Hokus Rumpus
We're from O Z?

Tongue Twister

Slipshod Scraps so suddenly
slid sideways she sloppily
spilled some syrupy strawberry
sodas.



THE WIZARD OF OZ

This gay little man used to live
here, you know,
And do comical tricks in a big
circus show.

But one day in a storm his
balloon blew away
To the magical country of Oz
and HURRAY!

The people all thought him a
wizard, because
He fell down from the clouds.
He decided he was.

So he practiced trick magic in
Oz many years,
But now he's a really real
wizard, my dears!!

Why he even speaks magic and
works transformations
And is known and respected
by all Fairy Nations.

The Wizard has had many
strange adventures, perhaps
the strangest being recorded
in "Dorothy and the Wizard of
Oz" and "The Lost King of
Oz."

OZIMERICKS

The queer little Suds of Soap-
ville,
Built their town at the foot of
a hill,

The soap streets like ice, make
walking not nice,
So at skating they exhibit great
skill.

The Scarecrow when out for
a hike,
Was about to turn into the
pike,
When along came a toad,
Bumped him clean off the
road—
Ho ho! laughed the mischiev-
ous tike.

??? Riddles ???

If the alphabet were all in-
vited out to supper, in what
order would they come?

What are the most unsoci-
able things in the world?

(The answers are elsewhere in this
Ozmapolitan—can you find them?)

Fishing for Something

"What are you fishing for,
little boy?"

"Whales."

"But there are no whales in
this pond."

"No, nor anything else, so
I might just as well fish for
whales."

Good for Nothing

"Now, Tommy, I want you
to be good while I'm out."

"I'll be good for a nickel."
"Now, Tommy, you never
can be a real son of mine un-
less you are good for nothing."

RADIOZOGRAM

(Ozziordinary News Special)
Emerald City—
Good Queen Ozma has granted the Oz folk permission to meet all their little friends on the radio as well as in the books about Oz. Queen Ozma grants her permission in a special

RADIO-OZ-O-GRAM

Emerald City—
I hereby grant royal permission to broadcast joy and happiness among children by reading of the doings of the Scarecrow, Jack Pumpkinhead, the Tin Woodman, and other Oz folk, as recorded in the Oz books.

All loyal Ozzites are requested, therefore, to tune in and hear the broadcast of these marvelous stories.

By order of Her Majesty,
Queen Ozma of Oz.

RADIO BROADCAST OF OZ STORIES HUGE SUCCESS

LETTERS OF DELIGHT FLOOD OFFICES OF OZMAPOLITAN

Chicago—
On receipt of Queen Ozma's message, several broadcasting stations throughout America have set a time to broadcast the Oz stories. Now all listeners within range tune in every day and listen to the broadcast of the beloved stories.

Letters of appreciation, thanks and delight are received daily because everybody loves the Oz books, you know.

And now, boys and girls, you can have all your old friends, little Dorothy, Glinda, Rinkitink and all your new friends, the Hungry Tiger, the Airman, the Scarlet Prince, etc., on the air each day. But like everything else worth having, you have to work for this too.

Here's what you do . . .

Write a letter to your own broadcasting station having a Children's Hour, and ask the Radio Man to broadcast the Oz stories, so you can hear them read each day. And tell your little friends to do the same. And if enough children ask Mr. Radio Man, he will do as he is asked. Try it and see

TELLS BABY'S AGE

A little girl entered a dry goods store and asked for a shirt for her little brother. "What size shirt do you want?" asked the clerk. "How old is your brother?" "Oh, I don't know," she replied, "not very old. He just takes two steps and then falls."

ROYAL SURVEYOR ISSUES OZ MAPS

Chicago (Ozmapolitan News)
The Oz contest maps are now ready and may be obtained from your book dealer who carries the Oz books. If he does not have them, ask him to write to the Royal Surveyor, care the Reilly and Lee Co., 536 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, for as many as he will need for the Ozzites in your neighborhood.

The Royal Surveyor is doing research work on the new maps of OZ and surrounding countries and has called on all Ozzites to aid him in locating new places of OZ on the maps. The Contest maps are to be colored and corrections made in the location of cities and places, and new ones are to be indicated. Full directions for contest are on the maps. It will be easy and great fun.

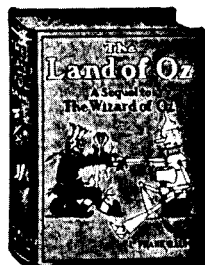
To the contributor of the best revised map will be presented **six Oz books**; to the second best, **four books**, and to the third best, **two books**. The books to be selected by the winners from the twenty titles appearing in the ad on page 4 and each prize will be specially autographed by the Royal Historian of Oz.

ALL CHILDREN LOVE THE OZ BOOKS



The Scarecrow has been hired by the Royal Publishers of Oz to advertise the Royal Histories of Oz. He has proven himself a steadfast worker and can be seen holding various signs aloft in his hat in many leading book stores and department stores.

Above is a photograph of Mr. Scarecrow at work.



SPECIAL

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LIVELY CONFERENCE IN ROYAL PALACE



NEW LAW PASSED

After a long and lively conference at the castle, Ozma and her councilors have decided to limit the number of mortals in Oz to 100. At first the number was set at fifty, but Dorothy, speaking for the Outside World, persuaded the little sovereign to increase the number to one hundred. The Mortal Population of Oz at the present time is one dozen, of which the Wizard and Dorothy are perhaps the most famous.

ROYAL HISTORIAN OF OZ RECEIVES MANY LETTERS

Philadelphia (Ozmapolitan News)

Ruth Plumly Thompson receives hundreds of letters from Ozzites all over the country and many are like the one printed below from Harry C Pavey, 10 Market Street, Norwich, Conn.:

Dear Miss Thompson:—

I am only one of the many thousands of children who read your Oz books and love and enjoy them. I have in my bookcase every Oz book published and have read them all many times. Although they are all very enjoyable, they are never as good as "the new Oz book," and it is hard to wait until the new one is published.

I am anxiously waiting for the next book.

Wishing you good success with your next Oz story (may it be real Ozy), I am

Yours respectfully,

Harry C. Pavey.

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Editor's Note:

Will the mystery of the Patchwork Girl's disappearance be solved? Will Ruggedo succeed in his evil schemes? The answer will be found in the new Oz book, **The Gnome King of Oz**. Of course, you will want to know the outcome of the great Ozzian mystery.

CELEBRATION AT TIN WOODMAN'S CASTLE A JOYFUL PARTY

Emerald City (Ozmapolitan News)

Those of you who had the pleasure of hearing the radio broadcast of the **Unfinished Oz Story Contest** may be interested to know that although the unfortunate disappearance of little Dorothy and the Scarecrow caused some delay, the banquet at the Tin Woodman's Castle was served in the best Oz style.



Nick Welcomes Scarecrow

All celebrities of Oz were in attendance, and although many of those who had arrived on time expressed great fears for the safety of the delayed party, the happy reunion drove away those fears and the banquet turned into a merry celebration of the delivery of Dorothy and her companions from the wicked wiles of the ugly dwarf.

They would all get there down to S. and the rest would come after T.

Milestones, because they always keep a mile apart.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE — One-fourth bale of straw. Used only few times as overcoat. See Scarecrow. Left End at Cornfield.

FOR RENT—Vacant attic. Excellent for storage purposes. Reasonable rental. Apply M. T. Dome Bldg., Scarecrow Row.

WANTED—Chef for Vial Inn. Apply Viola Harp. One-Step Court-Tune Town.

WANTED—Four experienced scrapers to sort scraps for patch work. Apply in person. Quilty Bldg., Patch City.

WANTED—Clerk of bright personality for Emerald Jewelry Shop, Cor. Rigmorole and Gem Sts.

LOST—Gold rimmed Emerald glasses. Liberal reward on return to the Royal Printer of Oz.

SOCIETY COLUMN

General Jinjur expects to take a trip into the Winkie Country very soon, seeking some secluded spot where she may write her memoirs of her army's revolt some few periods ago. She plans on a side trip to the Quadling country to visit Glinda the Good before her return.

There is a rumor that she will stop at the Hotel Right on the shores of the Truth Pond.

The Cowardly Lion was met yesterday on his return from a hunting trip, by one of The Ozmagopolitan reporters who quotes him as saying he has enjoyed especially fine hunting during the past winter and that he was never in better health in his life.

Princess Ozma has made John R. Neill, the Royal Photographer of Oz, a Chevalier of the "Ozly Order of Okmox of Oz," in recognition of his services in illustrating the latest historical volume, "The Gnome King of Oz."

The Ozmagopolitan is proud of having a man on its staff who has been so signally honored by Her Majesty.

Glinda the Good has solved a long, unfathomed problem in sorcery that has been baffling magicians and charm workers throughout Oz for many periods. The good sorceress has created the key words that will enable her to perform many good works of magic. The words can only be used in performing good deeds such as assisting the poor, causing crops to grow in abundance, aiding the sick and especially in frustrating the wicked plans of witches in casting their evil spells.

Great joy reigns throughout the Land of Oz, particularly in the Land of Patch where there are many poor folks in need. A committee from the United Charities of Patch has appealed to Glinda the Good for assistance and she has agreed to help in their splendid work. She has found Mothers and Daddies for many little Patch orphans, has sent scraps to make clothes and her discovery already has cheered thousands of sad hearts.

Here below are the magic key words. Glinda has unselfishly published her find to the whole Land of Oz.

GLINDA
G l i n d
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G

OZ PLAY IN CAPITAL CITY A HUGE SUCCESS

(Special Ozmagopolitan Radio Photo to Ozzite Readers)



The Ozmagopolitan staff photographer attended the play "A Day in Oz," presented in Washington, D. of C., the capital city of the U. S. A., and by special request of Queen Ozma, the Royal Historian of Oz, Ruth Plumly Thompson, posed with the cast before his magical camera.

OZZITE COOK BOOK JUST PUBLISHED

Chicago (Ozmagopolitan News)

Last summer, a little girl Ozzite, eight years old, visited her Aunt Sally, who is an excellent cook. Aunt Sally is a very dear woman who loves children and always seems to find something for them to do that's real fun, and it wasn't long before Mary Anne was helping to stir up cake or mix puddings and even making things all by herself.

Mary Anne was delighted when she found that she really could cook, and of course she told Betty and Martha and all of her friends about it, and they wished they could learn to cook, too.

So Aunt Sally invited them into her kitchen, and what jolly mornings they spent there, learning to make many good things. So many Ozzites wanted to come that there wasn't room for them all. But Aunt Sally carefully wrote out all the recipes and put them in a little illustrated book which the Royal Publishers of Oz have published, called "Fun in the Kitchen." Now all little girl Ozzites can try the rules

TEENIE WEENIES OPEN NEW HOTEL

(Ozmagopolitan Foreign News Service)
Teenie Weenie Land—

Final work was completed last week on the palatial new "Teenie Weenie Hotel," and a great banquet was held at the opening ceremony.

Music was furnished by a talented frog orchestra and the entire population of the neighboring swamp crowded the structure to the doors. The guests were entertained while at dinner by a novel mosquito chorus.

At the banquet, announcement was made of the publication of a new novel in which the Teenie Weenies have many interesting adventures, entitled "Alice and the Teenie Weenies."

of cooking that she taught those lucky children to follow

The rules can be followed by any Ozzite and many good things can be made. Opposite each recipe there is a place to keep a record of when it was made, who helped eat it, how it turned out and when it was served. This helps you to remember all about it, and years later this record will be great fun.

SPORT COLUMN

Munchkin River Water Carnival Plans Advance

Emerald City—

The Scarecrow has organized several swimming teams and as mediator of the swimming league, has made the following appointments as cap-



tains of the various teams:

Tin Woodman.....The Submarines
Tik Tok.....The Bell Buoys
Jack Pumpkinhead.....The Floaters
Prof. Wogglebug.....The Water Bugs

Plans are now under way for the water carnival to be held on the Munchkin River next summer, and the teams should be in splendid swimming trim by that time.

Scraps has agreed to do some fancy diving stunts. Although she becomes water-soaked quite readily and suffers from chronic shrinking, she is one of the most graceful divers in all Oz—for divers reasons.

Jack Pumpkinhead Tries Out Sawhorse

Emerald City Jockey Club—

Jack Pumpkinhead tried out Sawhorse yesterday on the Jockey Club race track and although the course was muddy and slow, Sawhorse made splendid time, almost equaling the course record. Sawhorse's chances of winning Saturday's race are very promising.



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20. The Gnome King of Oz.

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