

Ups and Downs



It was a day of ups and downs for Lorraine. First, she was happily en route in a taxicab to 57th Street and Seventh Avenue to perform a violin recital at Carnegie Hall. But when she stepped out of the cab, her precious instrument somehow slipped out of her hand and fell right in the path of a city steamroller. Her distress abated a bit when esteemed violinist Jerome Dinklaker offered to loan her his prized Amati-Spumoni fiddle for the night. But her luck turned again when she discovered that the violin, recently bitten by a West Nile Virus-transmitting mosquito, was exhibiting signs of gigantism – the first ever instance in a stringed instrument. Alas, the only other “up” to her day was the direction on the backstage stepladder she had to climb just to tune the darned thing!