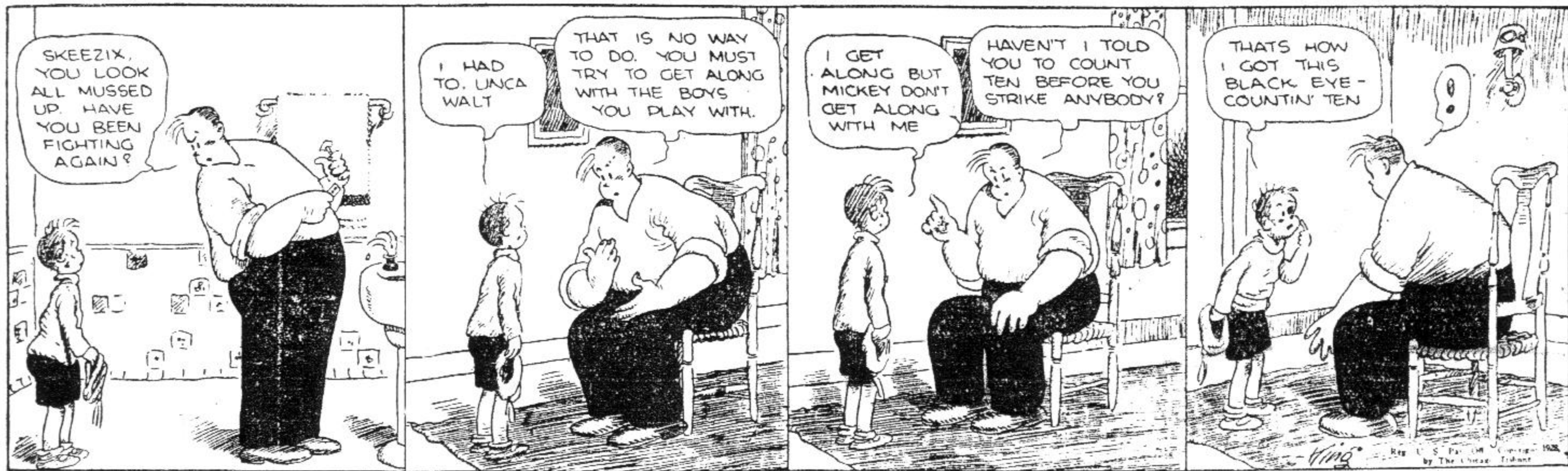


GASOLINE ALLEY — THERE'S A FLAW SOMEWHERE



Gasoline Alley—A Blind Ad, But It Opens Walt's Eyes

WALT DEAR, YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY LOW LATELY. DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER TELL ME ALL ABOUT WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

IT ISN'T ANY SECRET, PHYLLIS. IT'S ALL FINANCIAL. YOU KNOW WHAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH HAS LEFT US PRETTY FLAT.



DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT, HONEY. WE'LL PULL THROUGH ALL RIGHT.

IT ISN'T ONLY PAYING UP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND COURT COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH SKEEZIX'S CASE BUT I CAN SEE OTHER EXPENSES COMING ALONG I WANT TO BE READY FOR



AND THEY'RE FOR SOMETHING I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO ECONOMIZE ON.



GOLLY I'D LIKE TO FIND JUST THE RIGHT KIND OF A SITUATION. HERE'S ONE THAT OFFERS A FINE OPPORTUNITY. THAT'S QUITE A COINCIDENCE - IT'S JUST WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!



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Gasoline Alley—Walt Launches Himself into Business



I'M SURE YOU'RE THE VERY MAN FOR THE POSITION, WALT. AND I KNOW YOU CAN CONVINCE THEM YOU ARE.

THIS BLIND AD SOUNDS GOOD. I'VE GOT TO EARN ENOUGH TO SQUARE US WITH THE WORLD AGAIN.



FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG EXECUTIVE OF CHARACTER AND ABILITY WHO IS WILLING TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY." THAT'S ME. ALL I NEED IS A CHANCE.



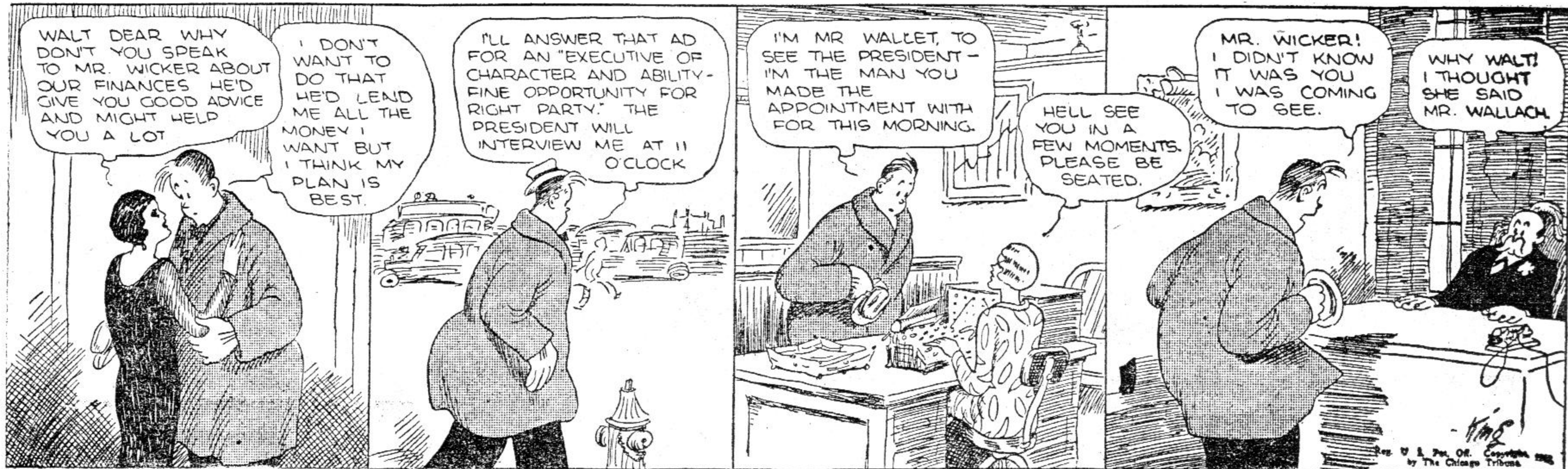
ARE YOU GOING RIGHT DOWN AND APPLY FOR THE POSITION?

NO. I AM GOING TO TALK TO THEM OVER THE TELEPHONE BUT I COULDN'T GET ANYWHERE IF I WASN'T DRESSED UP IN MY GOOD CLOTHES



I'M ANSWERING A BLIND AD AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT. — NOT IN? WELL PLEASE TELL HIM TO DO NOTHING UNTIL HE SEES ME. I CAN QUALIFY 100 PERCENT. — ALL RIGHT I WILL BE VERY GLAD TO CALL TOMORROW AT ELEVEN.

Gasoline Alley—Hope Springs Intermittently



WALT DEAR WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK TO MR. WICKER ABOUT OUR FINANCES HE'D GIVE YOU GOOD ADVICE AND MIGHT HELP YOU A LOT

I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT HE'D LEAD ME ALL THE MONEY I WANT BUT I THINK MY PLAN IS BEST.

I'LL ANSWER THAT AD FOR AN "EXECUTIVE OF CHARACTER AND ABILITY-FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR RIGHT PARTY." THE PRESIDENT WILL INTERVIEW ME AT 11 O'CLOCK

I'M MR WALLET, TO SEE THE PRESIDENT - I'M THE MAN YOU MADE THE APPOINTMENT WITH FOR THIS MORNING.

HELL SEE YOU IN A FEW MOMENTS. PLEASE BE SEATED.

MR. WICKER! I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU I WAS COMING TO SEE.

WHY WALT! I THOUGHT SHE SAID MR. WALLACH

Gasoline Alley--Walt Sells Himself

GOLLY, MR. WICKER IT WAS A SURPRISE WHEN I FOUND OUT IT WAS YOUR WANT AD I WAS ANSWERING!

WELL, IT WAS SURELY A SURPRISE WHEN YOU STRUCK ME FOR A JOB. YOU SEE WE NEED A MAN TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE JOBBERS AND RETAILERS AND TO OVERSEE OUR SALES FORCE.

I'M SURE I COULD BE OF SERVICE TO YOU.

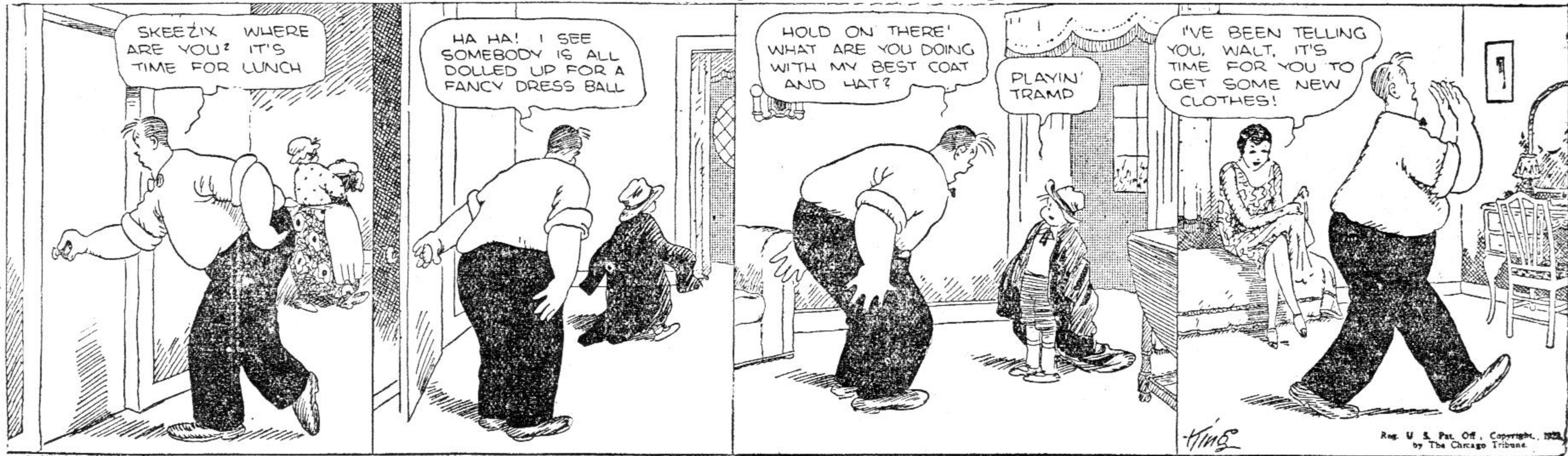
I THINK YOU CAN WALT. I KNOW YOUR EXPERIENCE HASN'T COVERED JUST THAT END OF THE BUSINESS BUT YOU ARE GOOD AT MAKING CONTACTS AND ARE QUICK TO LEARN.

THANK YOU MR. WICKER. I'M CERTAINLY READY TO DO MY UTMOST FOR YOU AND THE FIRM.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME A LONG TIME AGO THAT YOU WOULD TAKE A JOB I'VE TURNED DOWN A LOT OF APPLICANTS.

WOW! IT SEEMS GOOD THAT I CAN WORK MY WAY OUT OF THE WOODS! LUCK WAS SURE MY BUDDY THAT TIME!

Gasoline Alley—It's a Good Makeup.



Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Is Getting Technical



I'M GOING TO FEEL A LOT BETTER TO GET BUSY AND KNOW I AM ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING TOWARD THE FUTURE. AND WITH THE BIGGEST EVENT IN HISTORY AHEAD OF US WE MUST BE READY FOR IT.

WHEN DO YOU START IN WITH MR WKKER, WALT?

TOMORROW MORNING I WON'T BE WITH YOU SO MANY HOURS A DAY HONEY, BUT IT WILL BE BETTER ALL AROUND

I'VE GOT LOTS OF THINGS TO DO SEWING AND EVERYTHING.

NECKIN'?

WHY SKEEZIX!

WHERE ON EARTH DID YOU GET SUCH A TERRIBLE WORD?

MICKEY'S GOT A BIG SISTER AN' THAT'S WHAT HE SAYS SHE DOES WITH HER FELLA.

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Gasoline Alley—In on the Ground Floor



Gasoline Alley—Walt Is Going to Be a Tired Business Man

ALL THE WICKER AND COMPANY ORDERS FOR WICKER FURNITURE PASS THROUGH THIS DEPARTMENT. WALT. WE HANDLE MANY CARLOADS A DAY— SHIPPED 27 CARLOADS YESTERDAY

I AM BEGINNING TO FEEL PROPRIETORSHIP ALREADY, MR. WICKER.

MR. MCGATT, THIS IS MR. WALLET WHO IS COMING WITH US TO OVERSEE SALES AND ADVERTISING. MR. MCGATT IS OUR SALES MANAGER.

OH YES, MR. WALLET.

GLAD TO MEET YOU MR. MCGATT. I WILL BE IN TO TALK OVER THINGS WITH YOU SHORTLY.

THIS WILL BE YOUR DESK, WALT. WE CAN MAKE WICKER FURNITURE AS FAST AS ALL THE MOVERS IN AMERICA CAN SMASH IT. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS INCREASE OUR SALES

I HAVE A LOT OF IDEAS WHICH I AM SURE CAN BE MADE TO BRING SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS. FROM NOW ON I'M ON THE JOB 100 PER CENT.

Gasoline Alley—You Ought to Have Learned That Before

AUNTIE BOSSOM— WHERE'S UNCA WALT?

HE IS WORKING YOU KNOW. WE CAN'T HAVE HIM AS MUCH AS WE USED TO.

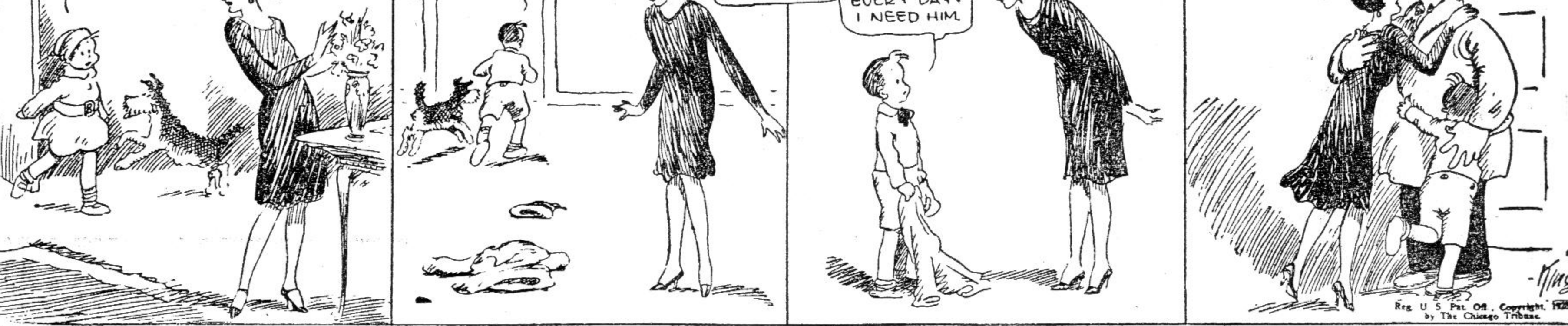
I GOT TO BUILD A DERRICK

HERE SKEEZIX! YOU MUSTN'T THROW YOUR THINGS ON THE FLOOR PICK THEM UP LIKE A GOOD BOY

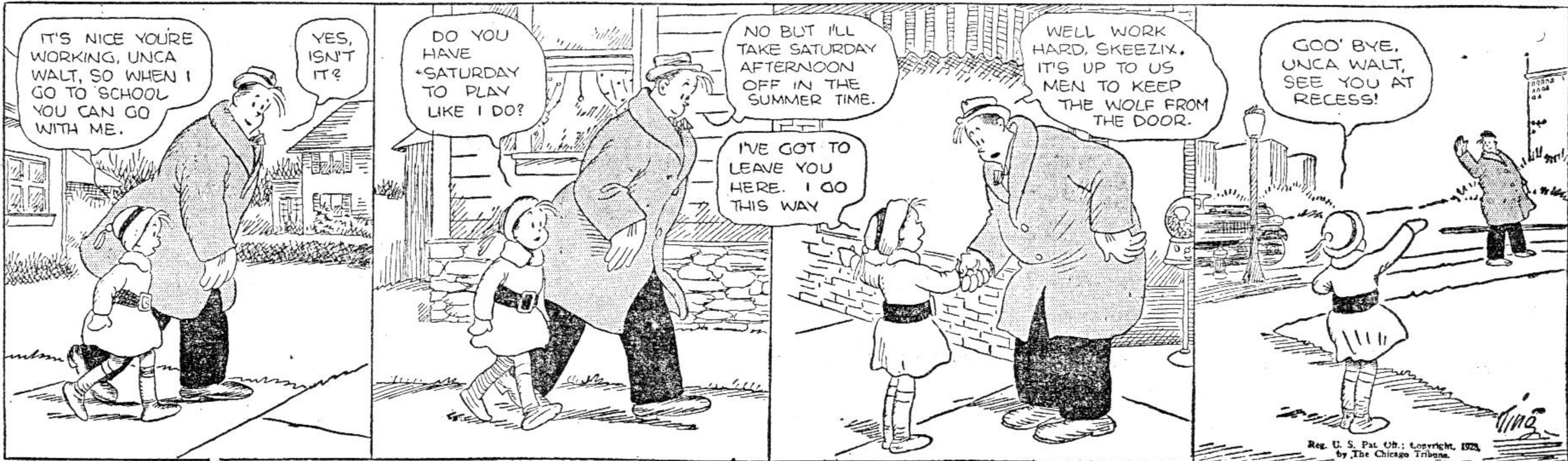
IS HE GOIN' TO WORK EVERY DAY? I NEED HIM.

YES HE IS BUT HE'LL BE HOME BEFORE LONG NOW.

WELL I GUESS IT PAYS TO GO TO WORK! EVERYBODY IS SO GLAD TO SEE ME WHEN I COME HOME!



Gasoline Alley—Two of a Kind



IT'S NICE YOU'RE WORKING, UNCA WALT, SO WHEN I GO TO SCHOOL YOU CAN GO WITH ME.

YES, ISN'T IT?

DO YOU HAVE SATURDAY TO PLAY LIKE I DO?

NO BUT I'LL TAKE SATURDAY AFTERNOON OFF IN THE SUMMER TIME.

I'VE GOT TO LEAVE YOU HERE. I GO THIS WAY

WELL WORK HARD, SKEEZIX. IT'S UP TO US MEN TO KEEP THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR.

GOO' BYE, UNCA WALT, SEE YOU AT RECESS!

Gasoline Alley—Every Penny Helps

AVERY, DID YOU WIRE YOUR COUSIN THAT I'M WORKING EVERY DAY AND WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THE AGENCY FOR HIS CHEWING GUM RENEWER?

NO, WALT, I DIDN'T.

YOU SEE I GOT TO FIGURING THAT A POSTCARD WOULD DO AS WELL, AT A LOT LESS MONEY. SO I WROTE HIM ONE TELLING HIM ALL ABOUT IT AND WHY.

YES?

THEN JUST BEFORE I MAILED IT I REMEMBERED THAT A POSTCARD TAKES A TWO CENT STAMP NOW. SO I TORE IT UP.

AND WHEN I GET TIME IM GOING TO WRITE HIM A LETTER.



Gasoline Alley—The Family Alarm Clock

WALT! SKEEZIX!
IT'S TIME TO GET
UP!

I HAVE A REAL
JOB ON MY HANDS
NOW TO GET TWO
OF YOU UP AND
OFF TO WORK
IN THE
MORNING.

I'M IMPROVING
A LITTLE. DON'T
YOU THINK?

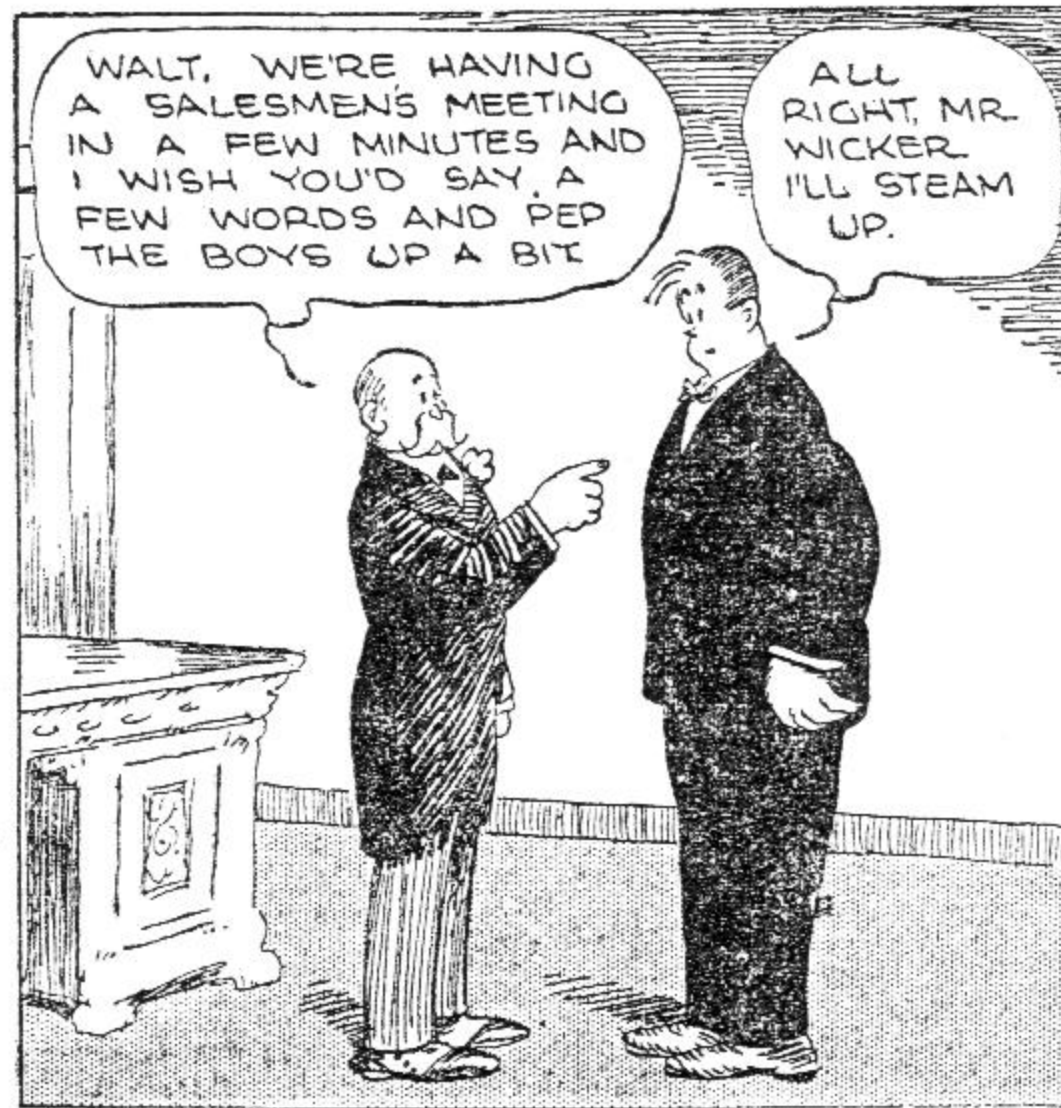
YOUR BEATING
UNCA WALT THIS
MORNING! ISN'T
THAT NICE.

I'LL LET
HIM BEAT
ME
TOMORROW
MORNING.

I WON'T HAVE
TIME FOR THAT
OTHER EGG,
PHYLLIS AND
WOULD YOU
TAKE ME OVER
IN THE CAR?

WALT, BY THE WAY
YOU ACCELERATE FROM
THE TIME I FIRST CALL
YOU, YOU MUST BE A
WHIRLWIND BY THE
TIME YOU GET TO
THE OFFICE.

Gasoline Alley—Vim, Vigor, Vitality Is What We Need



Gasoline Alley—Your Sending Station May Need Overhauling, Walt

DEAR MR. MULLIGAN: ONLY THE BEST OF MATERIALS GO INTO WICKER FURNITURE. WE BACK UP OUR GOODS AND WHATEVER IS DEFECTIVE MAY BE RETURNED AT OUR EXPENSE. PERMIT US TO OFFER YOU OUR BOOKLET, "HOW TO SELL WICKER QUICKER," WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS.

YOURS VERY TRULY. NOW PLEASE READ IT FROM YOUR NOTES.

DEAR MR. MULLIGATAWNY: THE BEST OF MATERIALS GO INTO WICKER FURNITURE. BACK UP. OUR GOODS AND WHATEVER IS DEFECTIVE MAY BE RETURNED IF OUR EXPENSE PERMITS US. WE'RE OFFA YOU. OUR BOOKLET HOW TO SELL WICKER QUICKER IS OUR COMPLIMENTS.

THERE WERE A COUPLE OF MISTAKES IN THAT ONE—TRY ANOTHER. PERHAPS IT WAS MY FAULT BUT I'M OF THE OPINION THAT YOUR RECEIVING SET NEEDS A NEW B BATTERY.

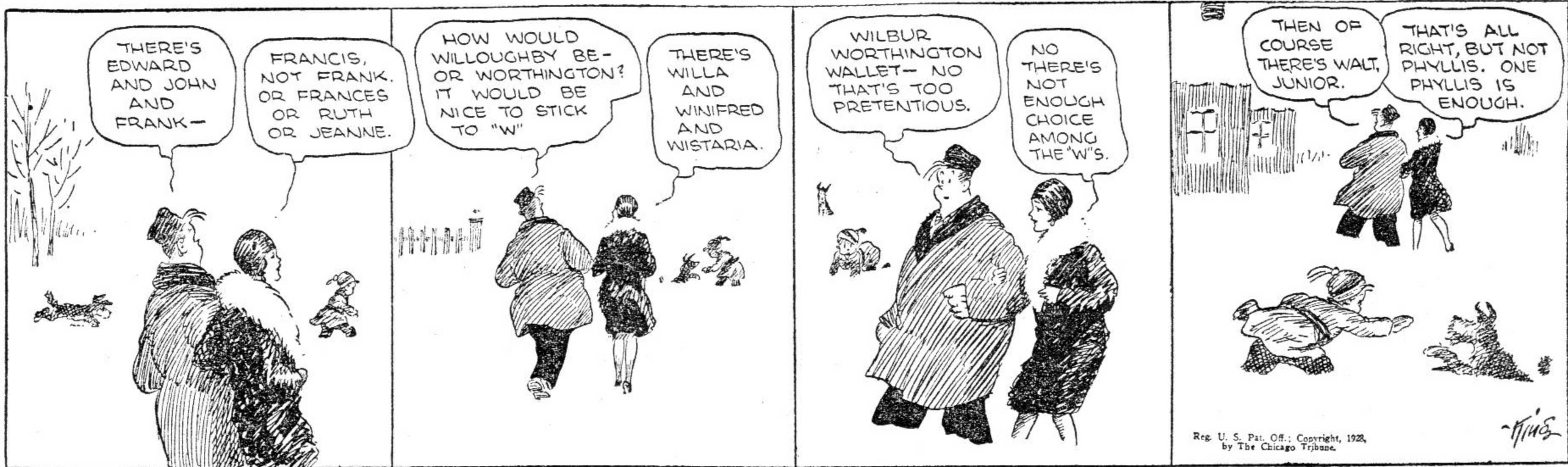
Gasoline Alley—True to Form



Gasoline Alley—Avery's Car Needed a Paint Job, Anyway



Gasoline Alley—Speaking of Names



THERE'S EDWARD AND JOHN AND FRANK—

FRANCIS, NOT FRANK. OR FRANCES OR RUTH OR JEANNE.

HOW WOULD WILLOUGHBY BE— OR WORTHINGTON? IT WOULD BE NICE TO STICK TO "W"

THERE'S WILLA AND WINIFRED AND WISTARIA.

WILBUR WORTHINGTON WALLET— NO THAT'S TOO PRETENTIOUS.

NO THERE'S NOT ENOUGH CHOICE AMONG THE "W'S."

THEN OF COURSE THERE'S WALT, JUNIOR.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT PHYLLIS. ONE PHYLLIS IS ENOUGH.

Gasoline Alley—The Busy Business Man

JINKS, HAVE THAT CAR OF WICKER LOVE SEATS AND PIANO BENCHES TRACED AND WIRE THAT MILWAUKEE JOBBER IT WAS SHIPPED TUESDAY.



THIS IS MR. WALLET— YES I THINK THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE THAT PURCHASE— I AM IN CONFERENCE BUT WILL ATTEND TO THE MATTER AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.



(THE OTHER END OF THE CONVERSATION MR. JINKS DIDN'T HEAR:)

IS THAT YOU WALT DEAR— WELL WOULD YOU HAVE TIME TO STOP AND GET ME TWO BALLS OF NUMBER 3 TWIST? — YOU TALK SO FUNNY. CAN YOU BRING HOME TWO HEADS OF LETTUCE? — WALT, YOU FORGOT TO GET YOUR LAUNDRY READY THIS MORNING. THE MAN WAS HERE.

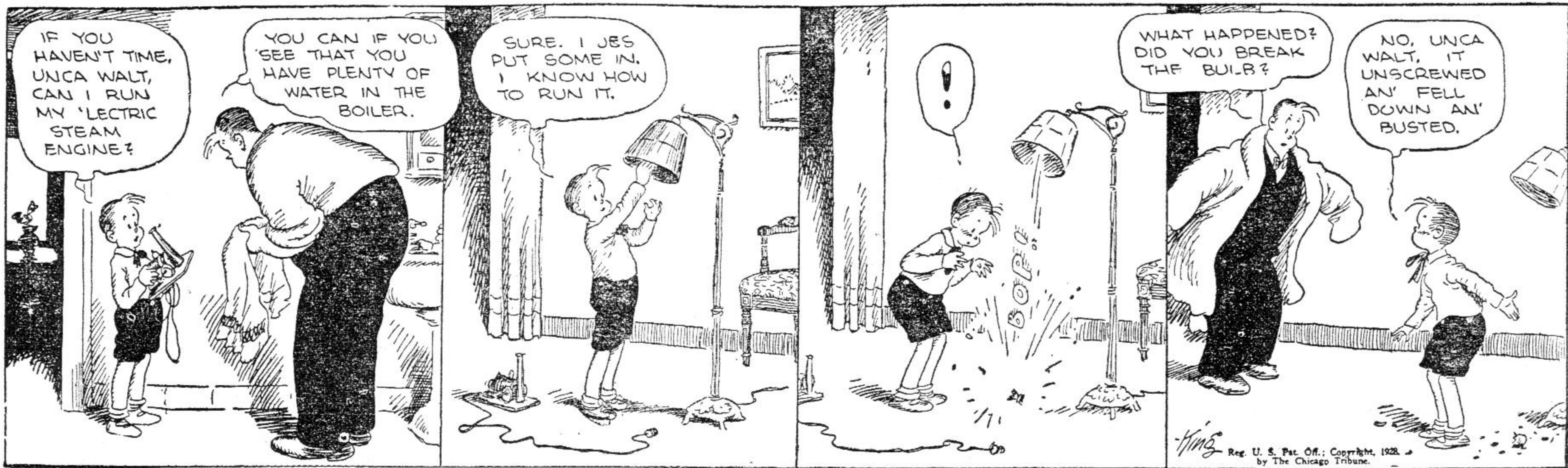
OH, YES! THE SHIPMENT WILL BE PACKED THE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING WITHOUT FAIL



AND OH YES, JINKS— GET JOE STARTED ON THAT SPECIAL ORDER OF WICKER SHRIMP BASKETS FOR JULES FISHER AT BARATARIA BAY!



Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Was Merely an Innocent Bystander



IF YOU HAVEN'T TIME, UNCA WALT, CAN I RUN MY 'LECTRIC STEAM ENGINE?

YOU CAN IF YOU 'SEE THAT YOU HAVE PLENTY OF WATER IN THE BOILER.

SURE. I JES PUT SOME IN. I KNOW HOW TO RUN IT.

!

WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU BREAK THE BULB?

NO, UNCA WALT, IT UNSCREWED AN' FELL DOWN AN' BUSTED.

Gasoline Alley—Fair Exchange

WALT, IT'S KIND OF COLD THIS MORNING. HERE'S SOME ALCOHOL FOR YOUR RADIATOR. I HAD THIS MUCH I DIDN'T NEED.

THANKS AVERY, THAT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU.

I'VE GOT A GALLON AND A HALF IN THERE BUT EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

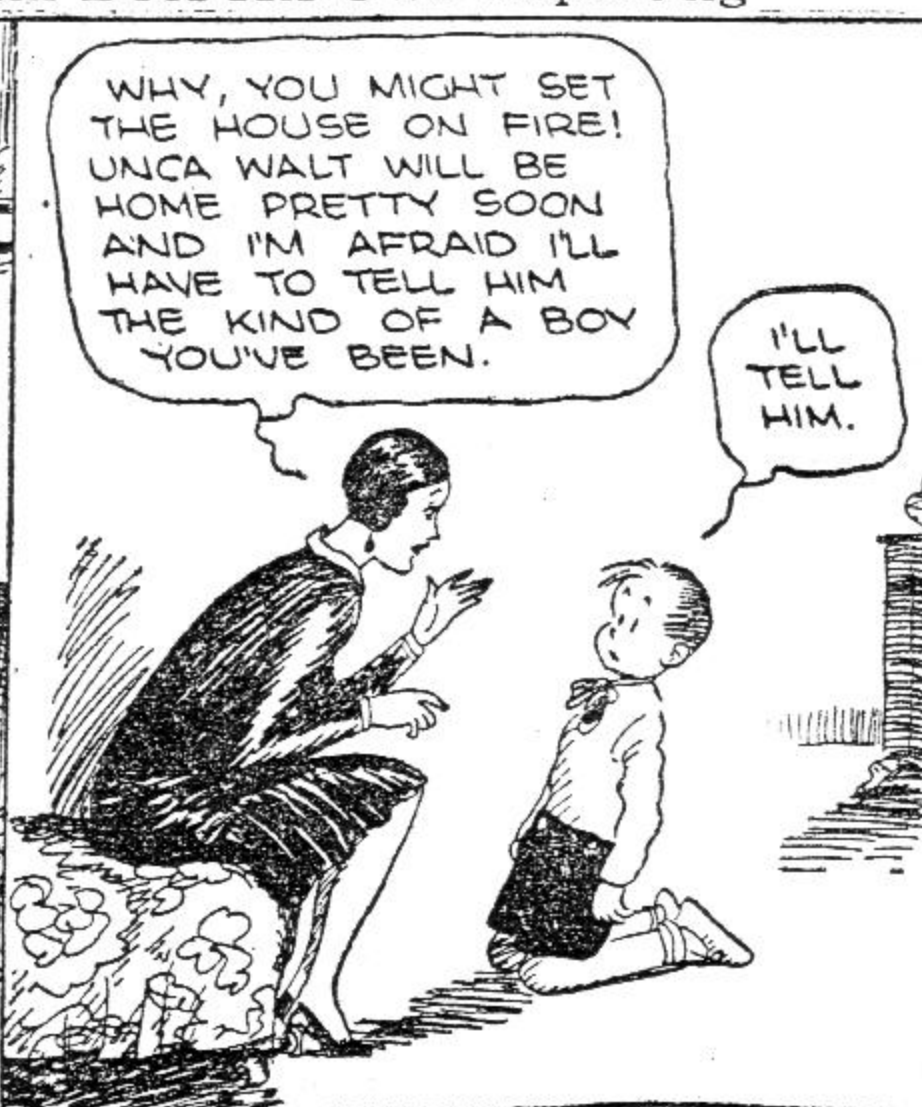
IT MIGHT BE JUST THIS MUCH THAT WOULD KEEP YOU FROM FREEZING UP.

HOW IS EVERYTHING GOING ON THE NEW JOB, WALT?

FINE AVERY. I'M WORKING HARD BUT I GUESS I'M GETTING BY.

BY THE WAY, WALT, HOW MUCH CAN YOU GET ME OFF ON SOME WICKER FURNITURE FOR THE PORCH.

Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Does His Own Reporting



Gasoline Alley—Results



WELL, PHYLLIS. I
COME HOME WITH GLAD
TIDINGS TONIGHT— IT
WAS PAYDAY TODAY.

THAT'S GRAND
WALT. IT MEANS
SOMETHING DOESN'T
IT AFTER YOU'VE
WORKED HARD
ALL WEEK!

LOOK, HONEY! IT
MAY NOT LAST LONG
BUT WE'RE ON EASY
STREET FOR A FEW
MINUTES AT LEAST!

WE
CERTAINLY
ARE

GOLLY, IT DOES
FEEL GOOD TO BRING
HOME A RASHER OF
BACON ONCE IN A
WHILE!

THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
THAT HAVE BEEN
WAITING SINCE
THE FIRST THAT
WILL HAVE TO
COME OUT OF
THIS, WALT
DEAR.

YES BUT BEFORE
THEY DO WE'RE GOING
TO PUT FORTY
DOLLARS AWAY
AGAINST THE BIG
EVENT. EVERYTHING
ELSE IS SECONDARY
TO THAT.

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Gasoline Alley—They Call 'Em "Boosters," Walt

I CAME IN AND STARTLED YOU PHYLLIS— AND YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME!

WHY WALT, WHERE DID YOU GET SUCH AN IDEA?

YES YOU ARE! LET ME SEE WHAT IT IS!

I'VE JUST BEEN WORKING ON SOMETHING— THAT'S ALL. YOU WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED.

YOU LET ME BE THE JUDGE OF THAT.

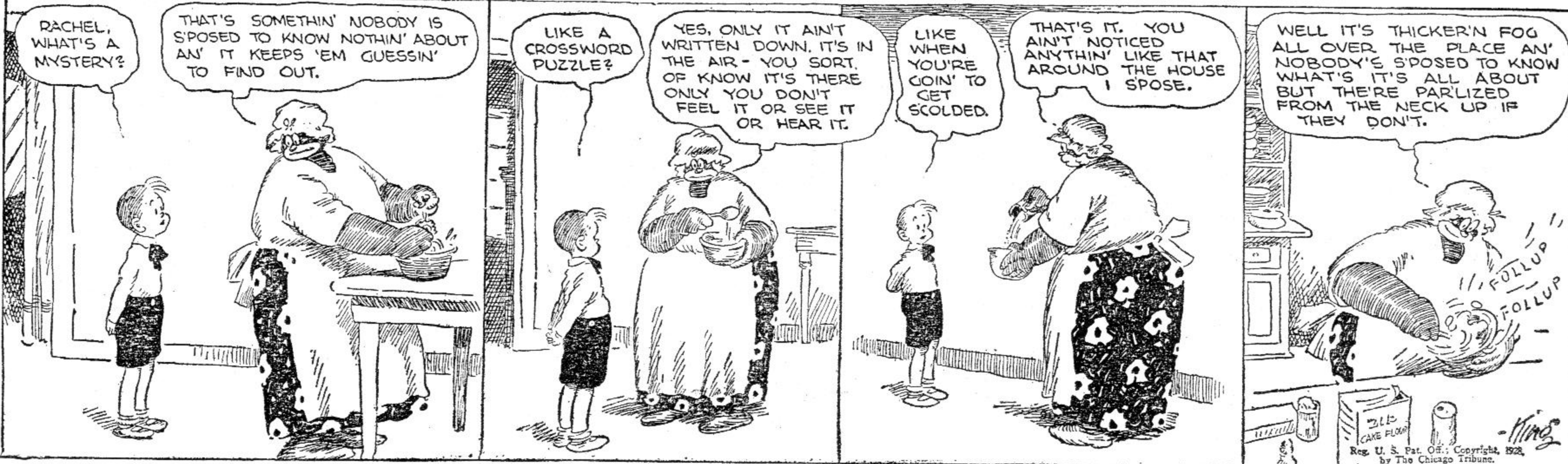
OH WELL JUST TO PROVE THAT I'M RIGHT I'LL SHOW YOU!

THERE! AREN'T THEY THE DEAREST THINGS! I JUST FINISHED THEM!

GOLLY THEY'RE CUTE AS AN OYSTER! LITTLE CROCHETTED SHOES!



Gasoline Alley—When Is a Secret Not a Secret?



RACHEL, WHAT'S A MYSTERY?

THAT'S SOMETHIN' NOBODY IS S'POSED TO KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT AN' IT KEEPS 'EM GUESSIN' TO FIND OUT.

LIKE A CROSSWORD PUZZLE?

YES, ONLY IT AIN'T WRITTEN DOWN, IT'S IN THE AIR - YOU SORT OF KNOW IT'S THERE ONLY YOU DON'T FEEL IT OR SEE IT OR HEAR IT.

LIKE WHEN YOU'RE GOIN' TO GET SCOLDED.

THAT'S IT. YOU AIN'T NOTICED ANYTHIN' LIKE THAT AROUND THE HOUSE I SPOSE.

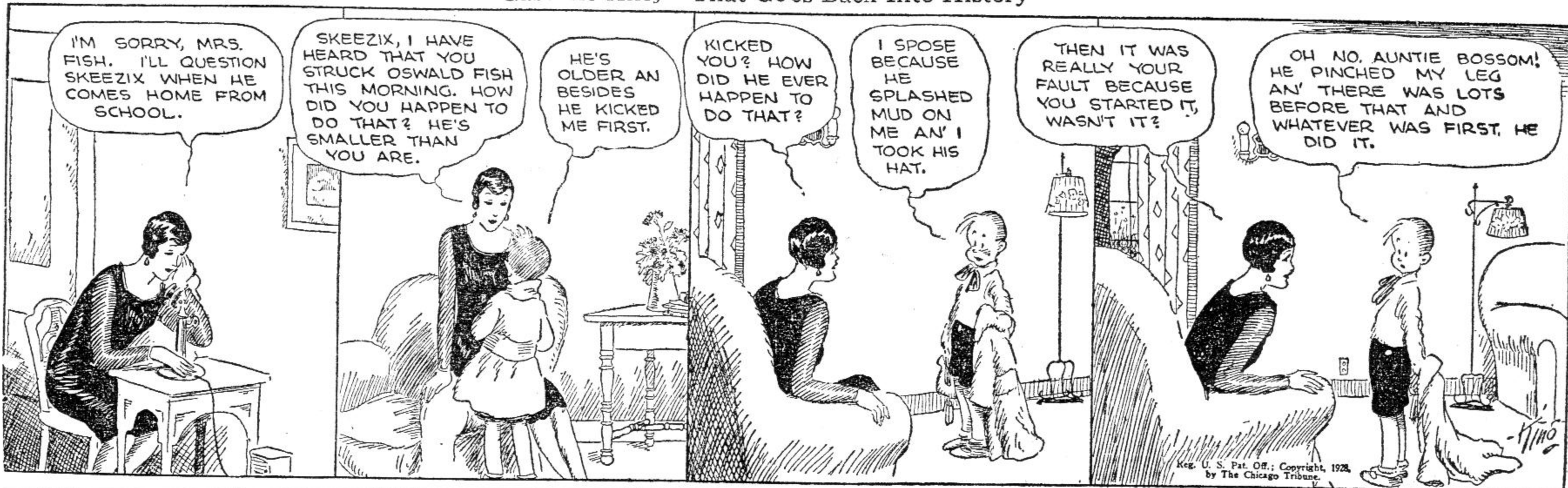
WELL IT'S THICKER'N FOG ALL OVER THE PLACE AN' NOBODY'S S'POSED TO KNOW WHAT'S IT'S ALL ABOUT BUT THE'RE PARLIZED FROM THE NECK UP IF THEY DON'T.

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CAKE FLOUR

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Gasoline Alley—That Goes Back Into History



Gasoline Alley—The Busy Business Man

THE PRODUCTION MANAGER SAYS WE HAVE 200 CHAISE LOUNGES IN THE WAREHOUSE



TELL HIM THEY ARE DESIGN 7A64 AND WE'VE GOT TO SHIP 50 9A77'S BY THURSDAY.

YES, MR. WICKER. I'LL BE INTO CONFERENCE DIRECTLY.



BRING YOUR ADVERTISING REPORT ALONG, WALT.

I'M SURE YOU SAID "WOULD OF BEEN!"



WELL I DIDN'T SPELL IT OUT THAT WAY, ANYWAY.

THAT SALESMAN COVERS HIS TERRITORY LIKE A LADIES HANDKERCHIEF COVERS A DANCE FLOOR, BUT GIVE HIM ONE MORE CHANCE.



WRONG AGAIN! TELL THAT FILE CLERK I'LL SEND A SEARCH WARRANT AFTER TWO MORE TRIES.



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GEE, PHYLLIS, I DO LIKE TO HEAR YOU PLAY. I ALWAYS HAVE, BUT YOU SEEM TO GET MORE INTO IT THAN EVER BEFORE.

I HAVE NEVER LOVED TO PLAY AS I DO NOW. I'M FILLED WITH MUSIC AND I HATE TO STOP.

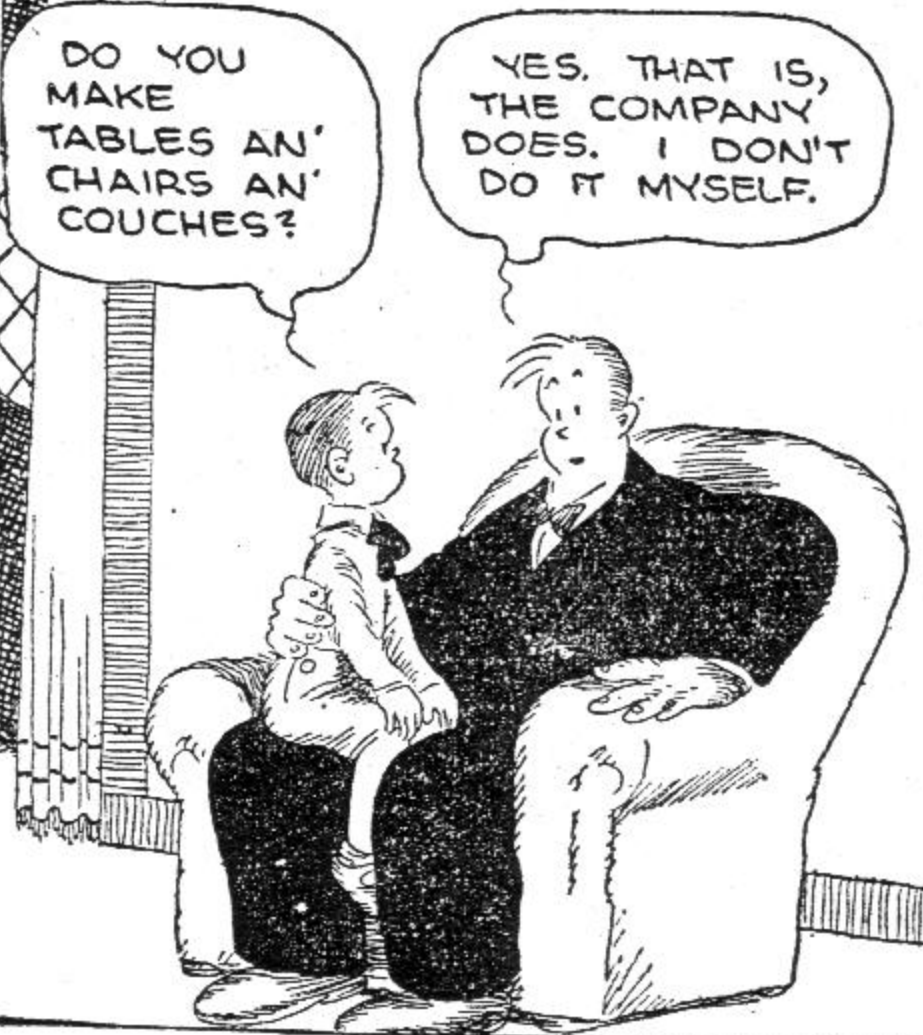
DON'T STOP, HONEY. I CAN JUST KEEP ON LISTENING.

IT ISN'T MY PLAYING, WALT—IT'S ONLY THAT YOU ARE IN A MOOD TO LISTEN TO ME.

YOU ALWAYS PLAY WELL BUT THIS MUSIC IS SOMETHING THAT SORT OF SOAKS IN— I CAN'T TELL YOU JUST HOW. I'D LIKE TO LISTEN TO YOU FOREVER.

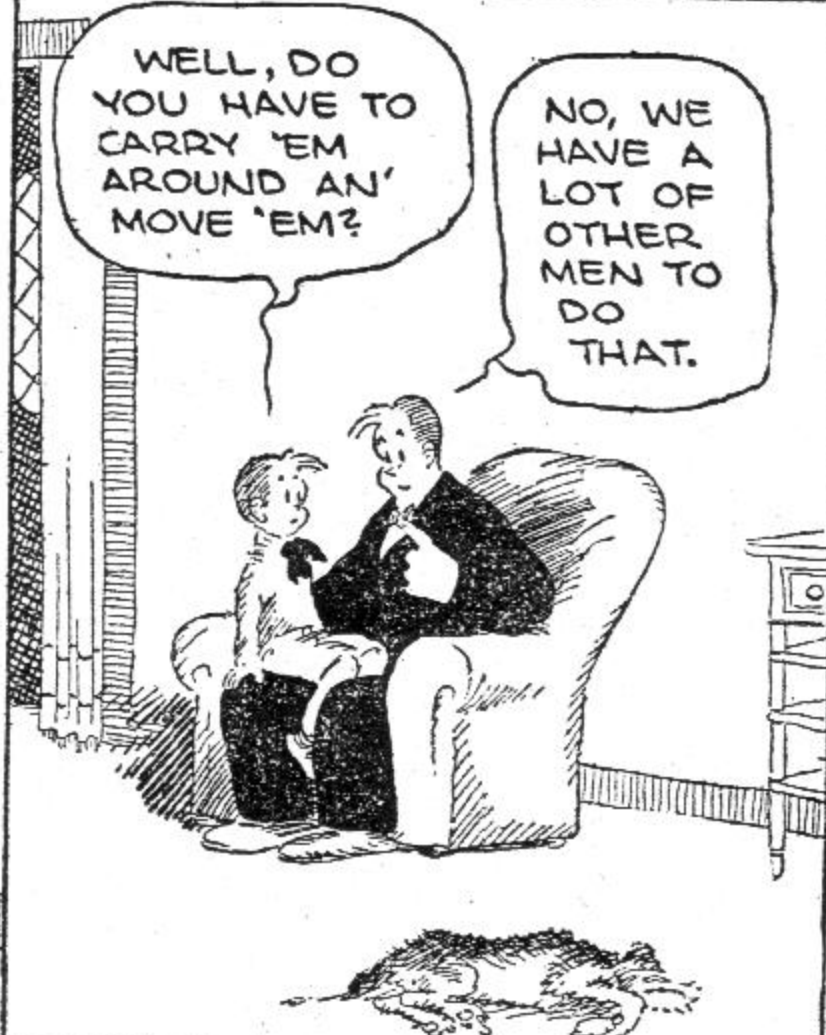
THAT'S ALL VERY FLATTERING, BUT IT'S YOU AS WELL AS I. WE BOTH HAVE A REAL REASON TO GET A THRILL OUT OF LIFE NOW.

Gasoline Alley—Walt Can't Fool Skeezix



DO YOU MAKE TABLES AN' CHAIRS AN' COUCHES?

YES. THAT IS, THE COMPANY DOES. I DON'T DO IT MYSELF.



WELL, DO YOU HAVE TO CARRY 'EM AROUND AN' MOVE 'EM?

NO, WE HAVE A LOT OF OTHER MEN TO DO THAT.



I HAVE TO SEE THAT THINGS ARE MADE AND PACKED AND SHIPPED, AND ALL THAT.

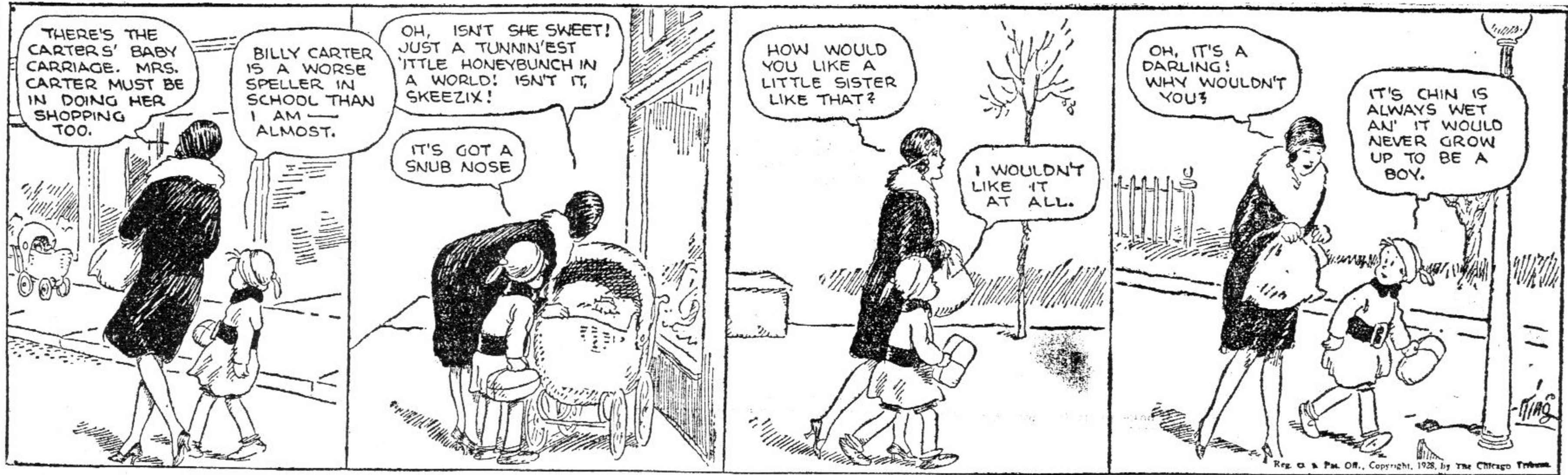
OH, YOU JES' WATCH 'EM DO IT!



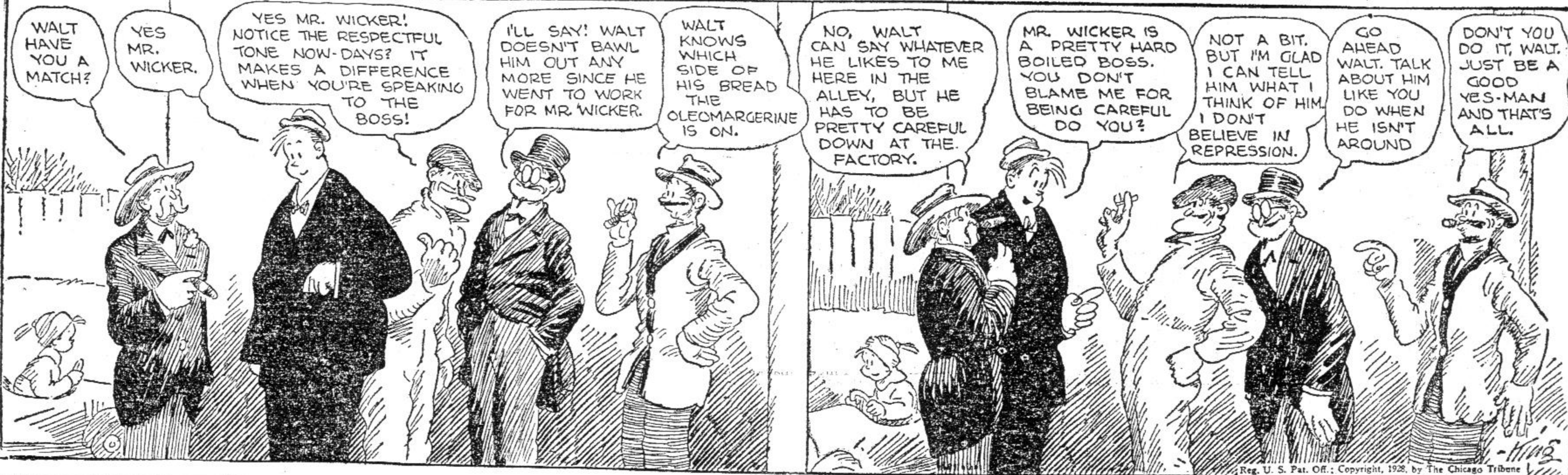
I COULD DO THAT, TOO.

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Gasoline Alley—No Sale



Gasoline Alley—The Alley in Conference



WALT HAVE YOU A MATCH?

YES MR. WICKER.

YES MR. WICKER! NOTICE THE RESPECTFUL TONE NOW-DAYS? IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU'RE SPEAKING TO THE BOSS!

I'LL SAY! WALT DOESN'T BAWL HIM OUT ANY MORE SINCE HE WENT TO WORK FOR MR. WICKER.

WALT KNOWS WHICH SIDE OF HIS BREAD THE OLEOMARGERINE IS ON.

NO, WALT CAN SAY WHATEVER HE LIKES TO ME HERE IN THE ALLEY, BUT HE HAS TO BE PRETTY CAREFUL DOWN AT THE FACTORY.

MR. WICKER IS A PRETTY HARD BOILED BOSS. YOU DON'T BLAME ME FOR BEING CAREFUL DO YOU?

NOT A BIT. BUT I'M GLAD I CAN TELL HIM WHAT I THINK OF HIM. I DON'T BELIEVE IN REPRESSION.

GO AHEAD WALT. TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE YOU DO WHEN HE ISN'T AROUND

DON'T YOU DO IT, WALT. JUST BE A GOOD YES-MAN AND THAT'S ALL.

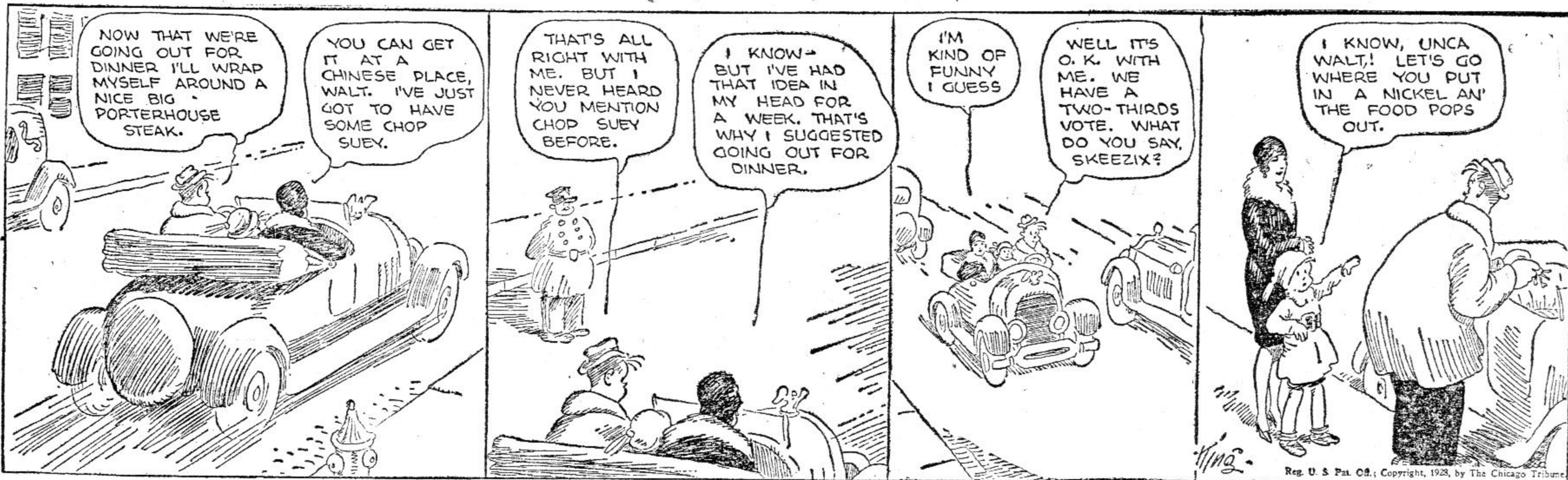
Gasoline Alley—Catch This Opportunity by the Forelock

OF COURSE YOU KNOW THE WICKER LINE IS THE FINEST ON THE MARKET AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SALESMAN IS UNLIMITED. WE WOULD EXPECT A LOT OF NEW BUSINESS FROM YOU.

NOW IF YOU WOULD GO OUT INTO THIS TERRITORY AND WORK EARLY AND LATE AND NOT BE AFRAID OF SMALL TOWNS YOU COULD CLEAN UP. YOUR SALES WOULD BE HIGH AND YOUR EXPENSES LOW.

WHEN I WAS ON THE ROAD I PUT IN LONG HOURS AND I'D NEVER TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER. HOTELS WERE FIERCE AND TRAVELING WORSE BUT BELIEVE ME I GOT THE BUSINESS!

Gasoline Alley—Skee zix Prefers Mechanics



NOW THAT WE'RE GOING OUT FOR DINNER I'LL WRAP MYSELF AROUND A NICE BIG PORTERHOUSE STEAK.

YOU CAN GET IT AT A CHINESE PLACE, WALT. I'VE JUST GOT TO HAVE SOME CHOP SUEY.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME. BUT I NEVER HEARD YOU MENTION CHOP SUEY BEFORE.

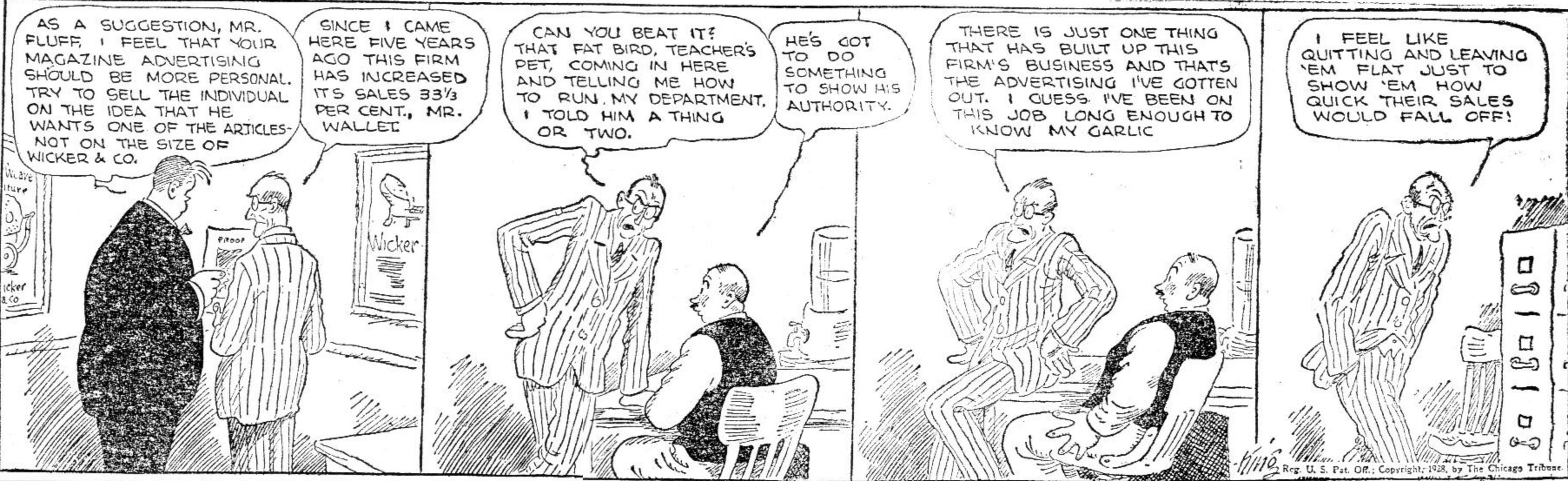
I KNOW— BUT I'VE HAD THAT IDEA IN MY HEAD FOR A WEEK. THAT'S WHY I SUGGESTED GOING OUT FOR DINNER.

I'M KIND OF FUNNY I GUESS

WELL IT'S O. K. WITH ME. WE HAVE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. WHAT DO YOU SAY, SKEEZIX?

I KNOW, UNCA WALT! LET'S GO WHERE YOU PUT IN A NICKEL AN' THE FOOD POPS OUT.

Gasoline Alley—Look Out, Walt—You'll Wreck the Place



AS A SUGGESTION, MR. FLUFF, I FEEL THAT YOUR MAGAZINE ADVERTISING SHOULD BE MORE PERSONAL. TRY TO SELL THE INDIVIDUAL ON THE IDEA THAT HE WANTS ONE OF THE ARTICLES—NOT ON THE SIZE OF WICKER & CO.

SINCE I CAME HERE FIVE YEARS AGO THIS FIRM HAS INCREASED ITS SALES 33 1/3 PER CENT., MR. WALLETT

CAN YOU BEAT IT? THAT FAT BIRD, TEACHER'S PET, COMING IN HERE AND TELLING ME HOW TO RUN MY DEPARTMENT. I TOLD HIM A THING OR TWO.

HE'S GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO SHOW HIS AUTHORITY.

THERE IS JUST ONE THING THAT HAS BUILT UP THIS FIRM'S BUSINESS AND THAT'S THE ADVERTISING I'VE GOTTEN OUT. I GUESS I'VE BEEN ON THIS JOB LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW MY GARLIC

I FEEL LIKE QUITTING AND LEAVING 'EM FLAT JUST TO SHOW 'EM HOW QUICK THEIR SALES WOULD FALL OFF!

Gasoline Alley—Another Theory Exploded

I'LL BE GLAD WHEN I GET SQUARED AWAY SO I CAN LET THE GARAGE MAN DO THIS. JUST NOW MY TIRES ARE IN SUCH CONDITION I CAN MAKE A LOT OF MONEY FIXING 'EM MYSELF.



WALT, CAN YOU LEND ME A COUPLE OF COLD PATCHES AND A HEADLIGHT BULB?



YOU HERE AGAIN, DOC? I'LL NEVER BELIEVE IN ANY OF THE OLD SAYINGS AGAIN

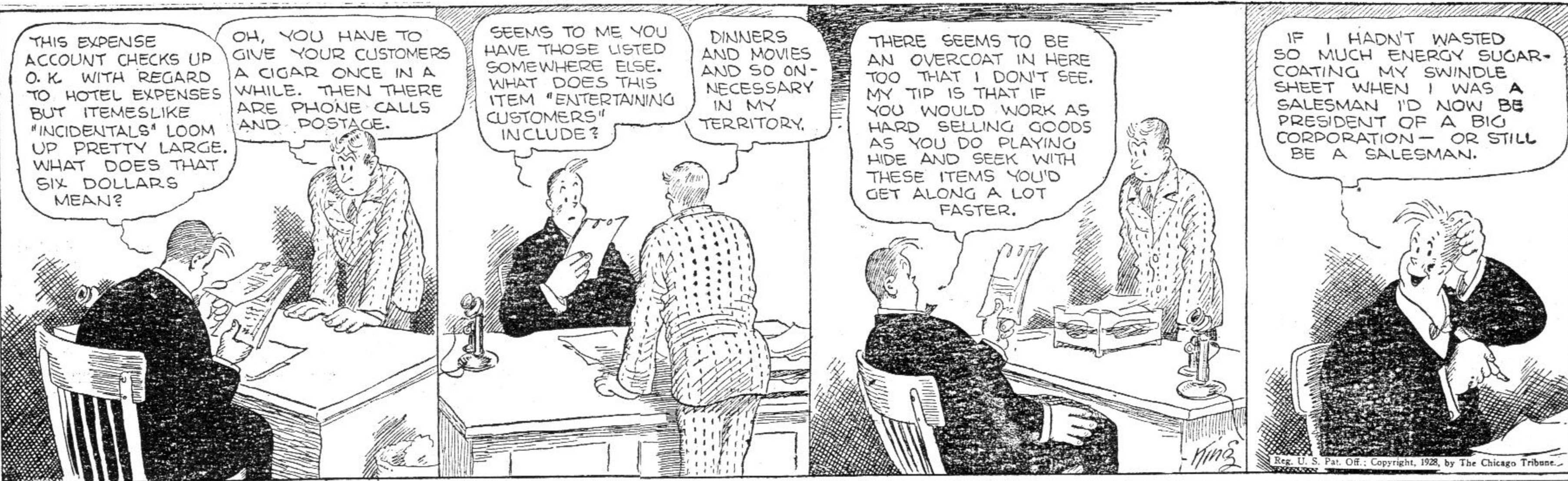


WHY?

I'VE BEEN EATING AN APPLE A DAY.



Gasoline Alley—The Secret of Walt's Success



THIS EXPENSE ACCOUNT CHECKS UP O. K. WITH REGARD TO HOTEL EXPENSES BUT ITEMS LIKE "INCIDENTALS" LOOM UP PRETTY LARGE. WHAT DOES THAT SIX DOLLARS MEAN?

OH, YOU HAVE TO GIVE YOUR CUSTOMERS A CIGAR ONCE IN A WHILE. THEN THERE ARE PHONE CALLS AND POSTAGE.

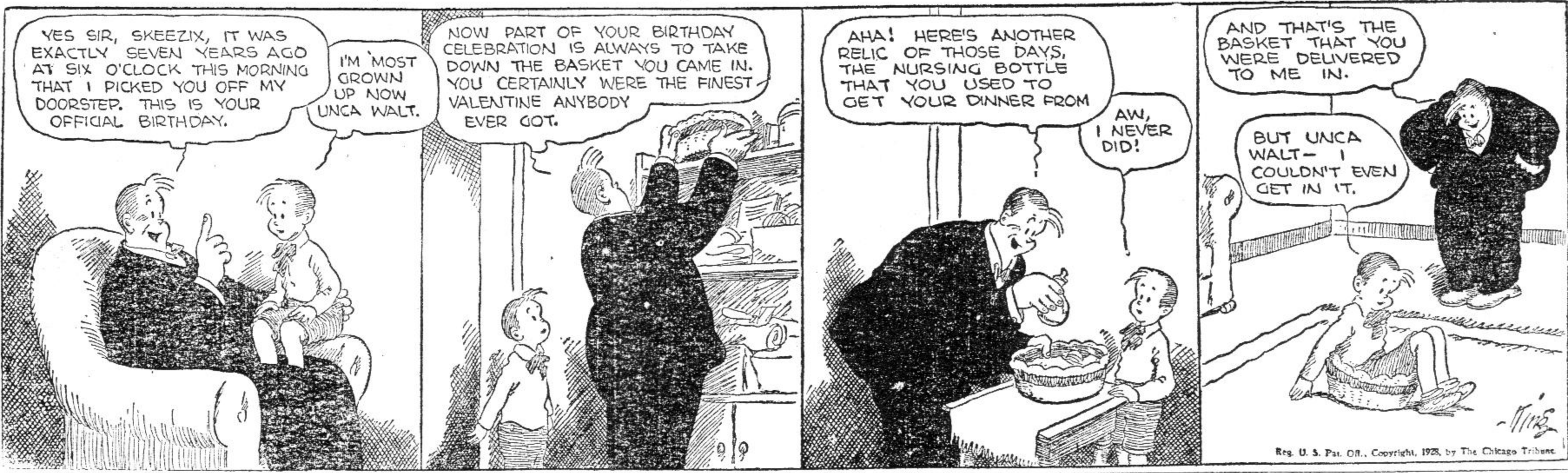
SEEMS TO ME YOU HAVE THOSE LISTED SOMEWHERE ELSE. WHAT DOES THIS ITEM "ENTERTAINING CUSTOMERS" INCLUDE?

DINNERS AND MOVIES AND SO ON—NECESSARY IN MY TERRITORY.

THERE SEEMS TO BE AN OVERCOAT IN HERE TOO THAT I DON'T SEE. MY TIP IS THAT IF YOU WOULD WORK AS HARD SELLING GOODS AS YOU DO PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK WITH THESE ITEMS YOU'D GET ALONG A LOT FASTER.

IF I HADN'T WASTED SO MUCH ENERGY SUGAR-COATING MY SWINDLE SHEET WHEN I WAS A SALESMAN I'D NOW BE PRESIDENT OF A BIG CORPORATION— OR STILL BE A SALESMAN.

Gasoline Alley—Another History Lesson



YES SIR, SKEEZIX, IT WAS EXACTLY SEVEN YEARS AGO AT SIX O'CLOCK THIS MORNING THAT I PICKED YOU OFF MY DOORSTEP. THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY.

I'M 'MOST GROWN UP NOW UNCA WALT.

NOW PART OF YOUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IS ALWAYS TO TAKE DOWN THE BASKET YOU CAME IN. YOU CERTAINLY WERE THE FINEST VALENTINE ANYBODY EVER GOT.

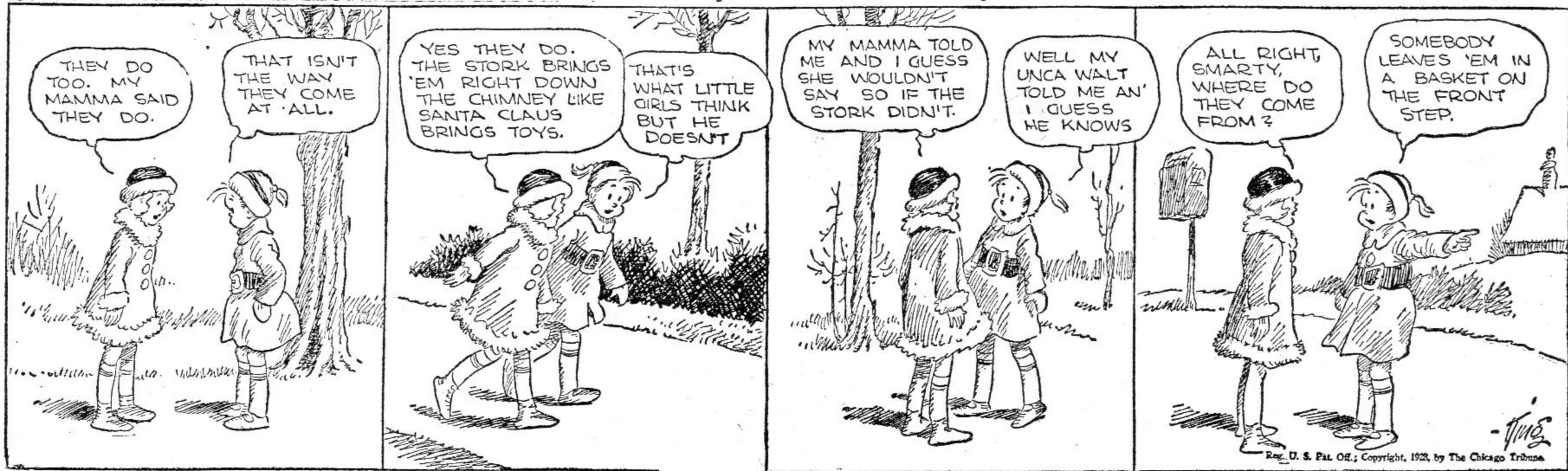
AHA! HERE'S ANOTHER RELIC OF THOSE DAYS, THE NURSING BOTTLE THAT YOU USED TO GET YOUR DINNER FROM

AW, I NEVER DID!

AND THAT'S THE BASKET THAT YOU WERE DELIVERED TO ME IN.

BUT UNCA WALT— I COULDN'T EVEN GET IN IT.

Gasoline Alley—Science Versus Fairy Tale



THEY DO TOO. MY MAMMA SAID THEY DO.

THAT ISN'T THE WAY THEY COME AT ALL.

YES THEY DO. THE STORK BRINGS 'EM RIGHT DOWN THE CHIMNEY LIKE SANTA CLAUS BRINGS TOYS.

THAT'S WHAT LITTLE GIRLS THINK BUT HE DOESN'T

MY MAMMA TOLD ME AND I GUESS SHE WOULDN'T SAY SO IF THE STORK DIDN'T.

WELL MY UNCA WALT TOLD ME AN' I GUESS HE KNOWS

ALL RIGHT, SMARTY, WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

SOMEBODY LEAVES 'EM IN A BASKET ON THE FRONT STEP.

Gasoline Alley—Hazel Must Suffer in Ignorance

HELLO, RACHEL!
WHAT'S NEW
OVER AT
YOUR HOUSE?

NOTHIN'
A-TALL.
EVERYTHIN'S
JUST A
SAME

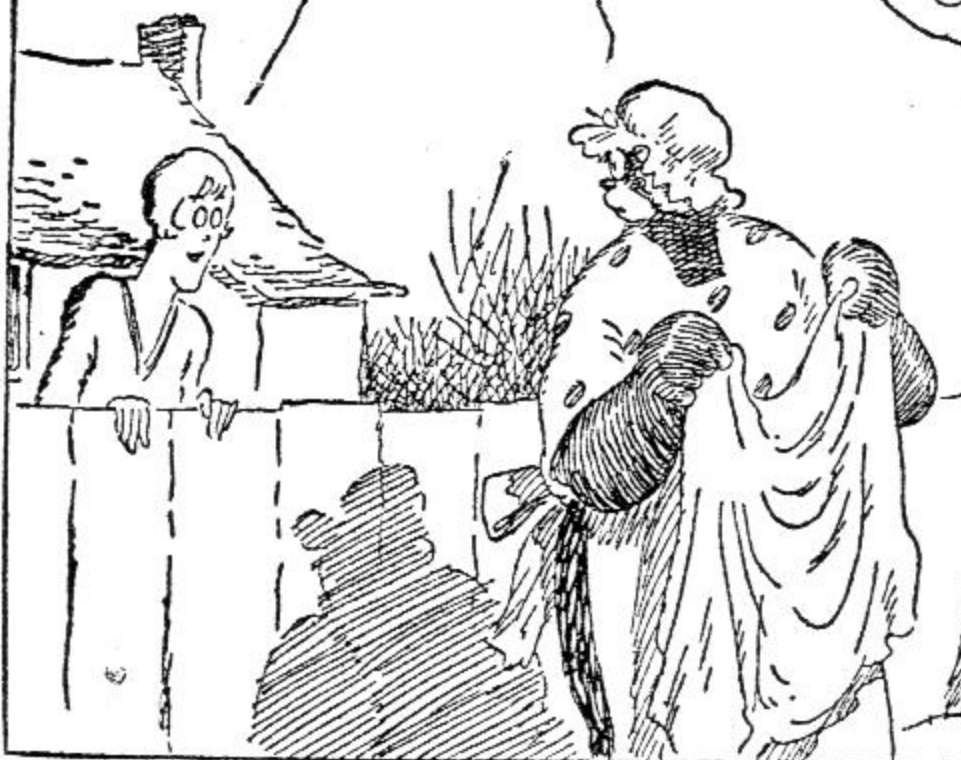
BUT LISTEN,
RACHEL, I'VE HEARD
RUMORS THAT THERE
IS SOME REAL NEWS.
YOU SURELY KNOW
WHETHER IT'S TRUE
OR NOT.

ME? I
DON'T KNOW
NOTHIN'
'BOUT
NOTHIN'.

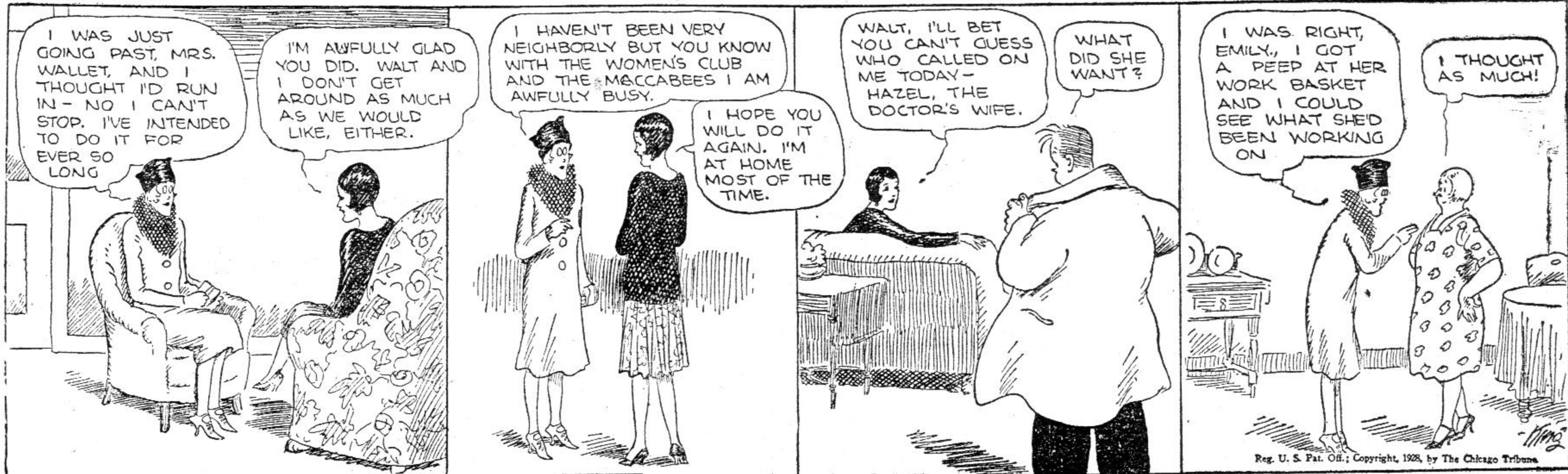
ARE YOU SURE THAT
THE FOLKS HAVEN'T
A SECRET THAT THE
FOLKS ARE PLANNING
TO SURPRISE US
WITH?

IF THEY HAS THEY
CAN SPREAD IT FAST
ENOUGH BY PRINTIN'
IT IN THE NEWSPAPA'

IF I DOES KNOW
SOMETHIN', I IS SURE
SAINT PETER AIN'T
GOIN' CALL IT A LIE
IF I TELLS HER I
DOESN'T.



Gasoline Alley—The Detective Is Successful



I WAS JUST GOING PAST, MRS. WALCOTT, AND I THOUGHT I'D RUN IN - NO I CAN'T STOP. I'VE INTENDED TO DO IT FOR EVER SO LONG

I'M AWFULLY GLAD YOU DID. WALT AND I DON'T GET AROUND AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE, EITHER.

I HAVEN'T BEEN VERY NEIGHBORLY BUT YOU KNOW WITH THE WOMEN'S CLUB AND THE MACCABEES I AM AWFULLY BUSY.

I HOPE YOU WILL DO IT AGAIN. I'M AT HOME MOST OF THE TIME.

WALT, I'LL BET YOU CAN'T GUESS WHO CALLED ON ME TODAY - HAZEL, THE DOCTOR'S WIFE.

WHAT DID SHE WANT?

I WAS RIGHT, EMILY, I GOT A PEEP AT HER WORK BASKET AND I COULD SEE WHAT SHE'D BEEN WORKING ON

I THOUGHT AS MUCH!

Gasoline Alley—Have You Heard?



I GOT IT FROM HAZEL AND SHE HAD CALLED ON PHYLLIS WALLET. NOW DON'T TELL A SOUL BECAUSE NOBODY IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW.

GOLLY, THAT'S GOOD NEWS! WALT THE OLD TIGHTWAD HASN'T SAID A WORD

IT'S ON THE Q.T., BILL. SO DON'T SAY A WORD OR EMILY WILL BLOW ME UP FOR BROADCASTING.

WHY, THE OLD RASCAL!

SURE IT'S THE TRUTH ONLY DON'T EXHALE A WORD OF IT. KEEP IT UNDER YOUR HAT— THAT'S ALL THERE IS ON THAT BALD PATE OF YOURS TO HOLD IT IN.

NOT A MOUTHFUL TO ANYBODY.

JUST GOT IT FROM BILL, DOC, AND I GUESS IT'S STRAIGHT. DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

PROFESSIONALLY YES, SOCIALLY NOT UNTIL NOW AND I'M VERY MUCH SURPRISED!

King

Gasoline Alley—Dated Up

WALT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ONE OF OUR FOREMOST AND RESPECTED CITIZENS, A MAN OF ABILITY AND INTEGRITY—

GO ON, DOC— YOU CAN'T GET AN ARGUMENT OUT OF ME THAT WAY.

AND CONSIDERING YOUR PREEMINENCE AS A FAMILY MAN AND THE SUCCESS OF YOUR ENTRY INTO BUSINESS—

ADMITTED. THEN WHAT?

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A STAG IN YOUR HONOR DOWN AT HERMAN'S PLACE THURSDAY NIGHT.

ME? WHAT HAVE I DONE TO HAVE A STAG GIVEN IN MY HONOR?

GREAT GUNS, MAN! HAVEN'T I ENUMERATED ENOUGH REASONS? WHAT MORE CAN YOU EXPECT?

I ACCEPT THE NOMINATION BUT I STILL THINK THERE'S A JOKER IN IT SOMEWHERE.

Gasoline Alley—Higher Learning

DON'T FORGET, WALT, THAT WE'VE GOT YOU BOOKED FOR THE STAG DOWN AT HERMAN'S PLACE THURSDAY NIGHT.

I'VE ASKED MY WIFE AND SHE SAYS I CAN GO, AVERY.

NOW ABOUT THIS REPORT CARD, SKEEZIX. I'VE SIGNED IT BUT I WISH YOU'D TRY TO DO BETTER THIS NEXT MONTH.

HERE'S A D IN ARITHMETIC. I WISH YOU'D TRY TO MAKE IT A C OR A B.

I'M NOT AS LOW AS SOME OF 'EM ARE.

PERHAPS NOT BUT YOU CAN DO BETTER.

NOW WORK HARD AND SEE IF YOU CAN'T BRING HOME SOME A'S

AW RIGHT, UNCA WALT. BUT I DIDN'T GET ANY G'S OR H'S THIS TIME.

YES, UNCA WALT

Gasoline Alley—Preliminary Skirmishes

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE WE'LL DO, FELLAS, TAKE —

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT LET'S YOU AND I —

LISTEN, THIS WOULD BE A WOW!



THIS STAG YOU MEN ARE FRAMING UP MUST BE AWFULLY FUNNY BUT WALT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT IT.



HE'LL KNOW ALL ABOUT IT SOON ENOUGH.

AND YOUR HUSBAND CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT WHEN IT'S OVER.



YOU MUST GO TELL MR. WICKER. THAT'S RICH!

I JUST WANT TO SEE HIS FACE WHEN I SPRING IT ON HIM.



GOLLY I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IT'LL COST ME FIFTY CENTS TO PUT IT OVER BUT I DON'T CARE. I'D DO IT IF IT COST HALF AGAIN THAT MUCH.



Gasoline Alley—Who Spilled the Beans?

WE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER, FRIENDS, TO HONOR ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO, IN MANY WAYS, HAS PROVEN HIMSELF WORTHY OF FELLOWSHIP IN OUR EXCLUSIVE, IF UNOFFICIAL, ASSOCIATION, THE GASOLINE ALLEY GANG. THIS IS NOT A STAG. IT IS A SPECIAL OCCASION BEARING A SPECIAL NAME—ALREADY BESTOWED UPON SUCH OCCASIONS BY THE LADIES.

LOUDER AND FUNNIER!

IT IS CALLED A SHOWER AND EACH ONE OF US HAS TRIED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE CONVENIENCE AND HAPPINESS OF OUR ESTEEMED MEMBER, WALT. WITH THIS, SIR, I WISH YOU MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY.

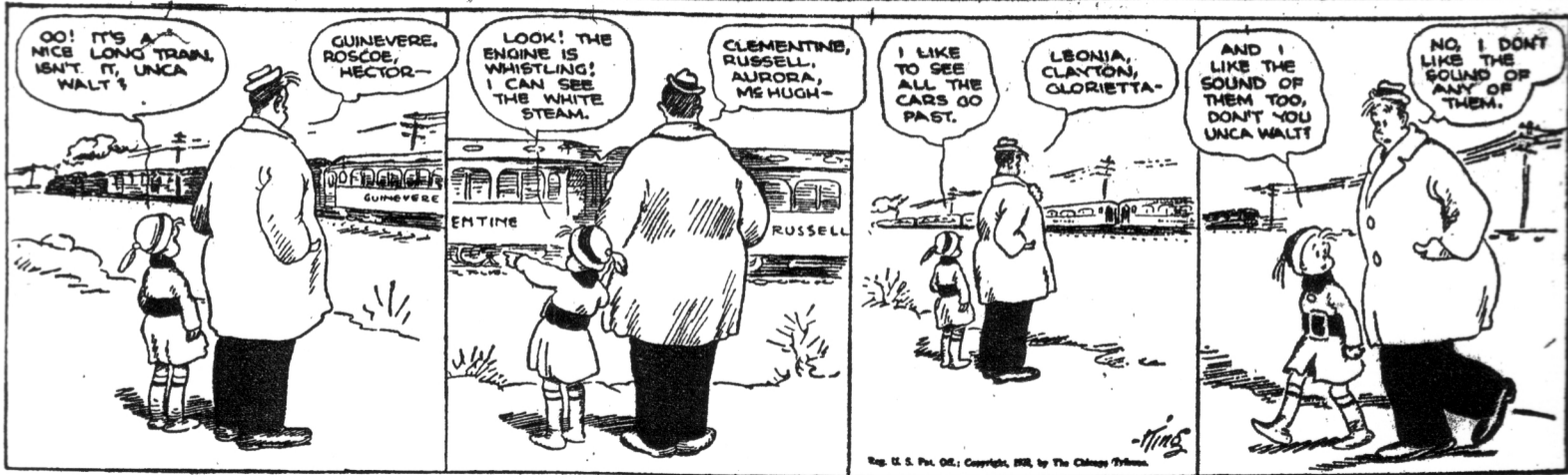
BUT, FELLOWS, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THIS.

YOU DON'T? PERHAPS THESE WILL HELP TO PUT YOU STRAIGHT.

YOU CAN EXCHANGE THIS DOWN AT THE STORK SHOP, WALT, IF I DIDN'T GET THE PROPER SPECIFICATIONS

THIS IS ONE OF A DOZEN THAT I HEMSTITCHED MYSELF, WALT

GASOLINE ALLEY—WALT IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS



OO! IT'S A NICE LONG TRAIN, ISN'T IT, UNCA WALT?

GUINEVERE, ROSCOE, HECTOR—

LOOK! THE ENGINE IS WHISTLING! I CAN SEE THE WHITE STEAM.

CLEMENTINE, RUSSELL, AURORA, ME HUGH—

I LIKE TO SEE ALL THE CARS GO PAST.

LEONIA, CLAYTON, GLORIETTA—

AND I LIKE THE SOUND OF THEM TOO, DON'T YOU UNCA WALT?

NO, I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF ANY OF THEM.

GASOLINE ALLEY — SKEEZIX HAS THE DOPE



YOU ARRANGED THAT 'POINTMENT FOR ME, DID YOU, MANDY?

EVERYTHIN'S ALL FIXED, RACHEL. WE GOTTA GIT THERE AT 3 P.M.

RACHEL AND MANDY HAD A VERY IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT FOR THIS AFTERNOON. I'D GIVE A NICKEL TO KNOW WHAT IT WAS

I KNOW. I HEARD 'EM TALKIN'!

SHE'S GONE TO GET HER HAIR UNPERMANENTED

GASOLINE ALLEY—SOMETHING ON WALT'S MIND

THESE ARE THE DAYS, HONEY, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET BACK HOME AGAIN!

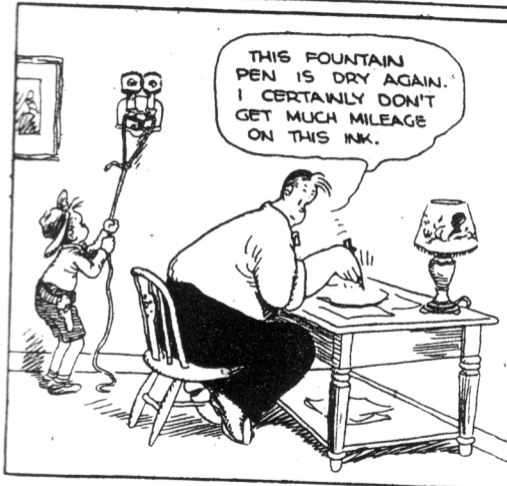
WHAT WAS THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER? I'VE LOOKED IT UP THREE TIMES.

LET ME SEE, WHERE WAS IT? SOMETHING ABOUT THAT HALF CAR SHIPMENT TO RAINBOW LODGE? READ THAT LAST PARAGRAPH, MISS APRICOT.

WHAT DID I GET UP FOR? OH, YES—A DRINK!

BY GOLLY, I WAS TO CALL UP THE COLES AND INVITE THEM TO DINNER AND I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT.

GASOLINE ALLEY—SKEEZIX IS A SELF-FILLER



Simplicity. Alone Is Lacking in

The Inquiring Reporter

Gasoline Alley—Back Up, Walt

I CAN'T GET THESE FIGURES TO DO WHAT I WANT THEM TO BUT AT THAT I CAN FIGURE OURSELVES OUT OF THE WOODS THIS MONTH.

PHYLLIS, IF ALL GOES WELL WE CAN GET THAT NEEDED DRESS FOR YOU AND COME OUT SEVENTY DOLLARS TO THE GOOD.

FINE, WALT. YOU ARRANGE RIGHT AWAY FOR SOMEONE TO MAKE YOU A SUIT FOR THAT.

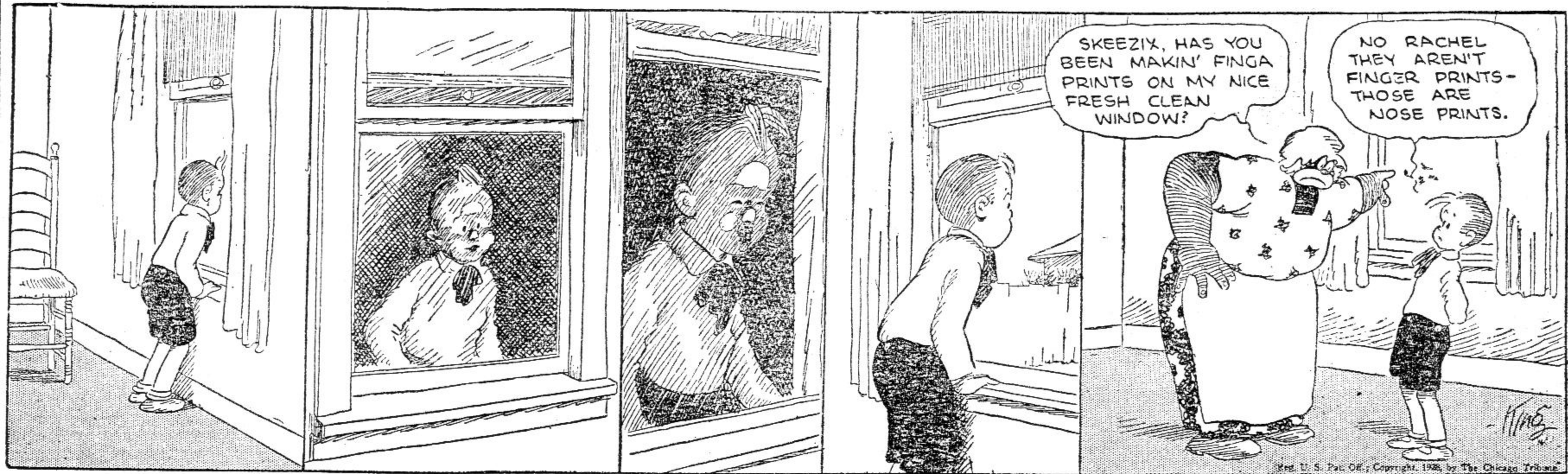
WHAT'S THIS BILL FOR \$72.55 FROM THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE? OH YES, THAT'S THAT PAVING ASSESSMENT I FORGOT ALL ABOUT!

THIS SUIT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, PHYLLIS, IF I HAVE THE SLEEVES RELINED AND SEND IT TO THE CLEANERS. SURE IT WILL!

Gasoline Alley—Do Not Disturb



Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Accounts for Himself

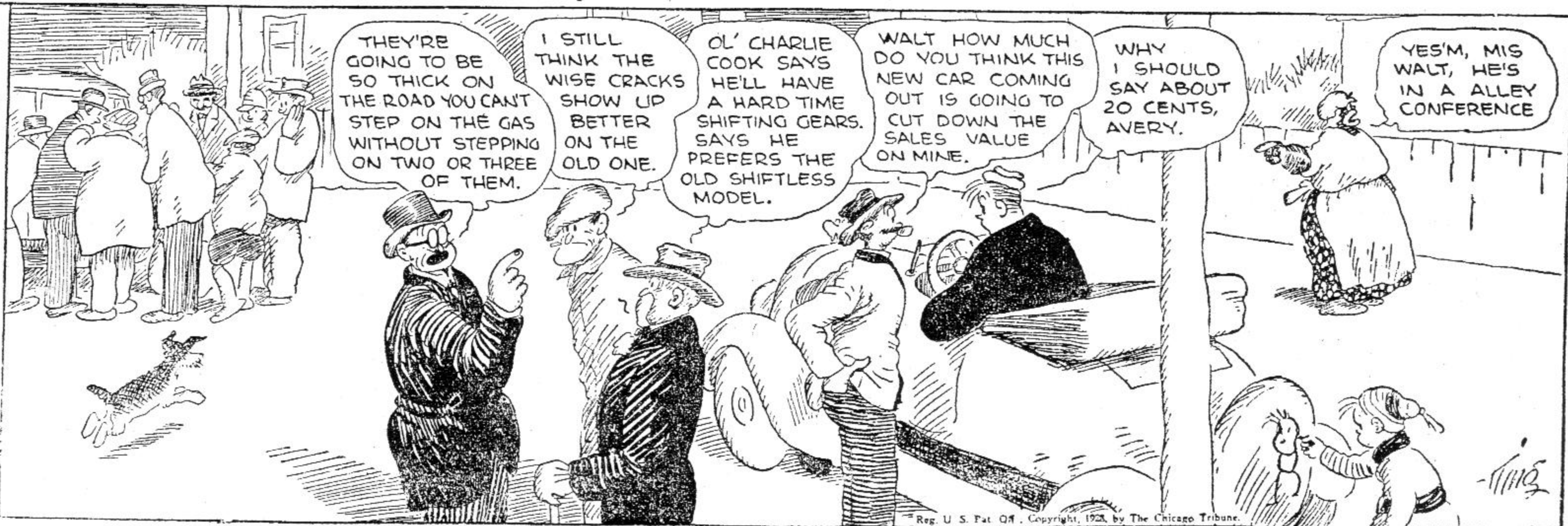


SKEEZIX, HAS YOU BEEN MAKIN' FINGA PRINTS ON MY NICE FRESH CLEAN WINDOW?

NO RACHEL THEY AREN'T FINGER PRINTS—THOSE ARE NOSE PRINTS.

Gasoline Alley—Automotive Convention

ONE OF THE BOYS DOWN THE ALLEY HAS JUST HAD DELIVERY ON ONE OF THE NEW MODEL SMALL CARS. THE BUNCH HAS BEEN DOWN TO LOOK IT OVER AND HAVE DECIDED THAT IF IT GOES AS FAR ON A GALLON AS ADVERTISED THE FILLING STATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED FARTHER APART.



THEY'RE GOING TO BE SO THICK ON THE ROAD YOU CAN'T STEP ON THE GAS WITHOUT STEPPING ON TWO OR THREE OF THEM.

I STILL THINK THE WISE CRACKS SHOW UP BETTER ON THE OLD ONE.

OL' CHARLIE COOK SAYS HE'LL HAVE A HARD TIME SHIFTING GEARS. SAYS HE PREFERENCES THE OLD SHIFTLESS MODEL.

WALT HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THIS NEW CAR COMING OUT IS GOING TO CUT DOWN THE SALES VALUE ON MINE.

WHY I SHOULD SAY ABOUT 20 CENTS, AVERY.

YES'M, MIS WALT, HE'S IN A ALLEY CONFERENCE

YOU SEE, SKEEZIX, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO MAKE A LITTLE NEST IN THE EARTH AND PUT THE BULB INTO IT. THIS DRY BULB HOLDS A SLEEPING GERM OF LIFE JUST LIKE A LITTLE SEED DOES.



THEN WE MOISTEN THE EARTH AROUND IT AND PUT IT IN THE SUNSHINE. THE WARM SUN WILL SOON WAKEN THE TINY LIFE AND IT WILL BURST AND SEND FORTH A SPROUT.



DO ALL THE FLOWERS COME FROM SEEDS AN' BULBS?

THEN THE SPROUT CREEPS UPWARD TOWARD THE LIGHT AND GROWS INTO LEAVES AND A STALK AND A BUD AND THE BUD SWELLS AND OPENS INTO A BEAUTIFUL TULIP.



AN' WHY DO THEY?

THEY DO BUT NO ONE KNOWS JUST WHY OR HOW. IT IS NATURE'S WAY OF MAKING A LITTLE SLEEPING SPARK OF LIFE BLOSSOM OUT INTO A GROWING, LIVING THING—HER WAY OF MAKING THE WORLD MORE BEAUTIFUL.



Gasoline Alley—Walt Has An Afternoon's Work Ahead of Him



WALT, OUR SALES INCREASED IN FEBRUARY BUT THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE WAS UNDER THE LAST THREE YEARS AVERAGE. SEE IF YOU CAN'T PEP UP THE SALES DEPARTMENT TO GREATER EFFORT.

I WILL, MR. WICKER.

MR. MCGATT, THE SALES FOR FEBRUARY WERE NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS. SEE IF YOU CAN'T GO OVER THE TOP IN MARCH.

SAY, WE CAN SELL GOODS, PLENTY! BUT WE CAN'T GET ANYTHING PAST THE CREDIT DEPARTMENT. THEY SEE EVERYTHING THROUGH BLUE GLASSES. IF WE'D BRING IN CASH THEY'D SAY HALF OF IT WAS COUNTERFEIT.

THE SALES DEPARTMENT SAYS YOU ARE TOO TIGHT WITH THEM, MR. MACWUFF.

SAY THOSE HUMMINGBIRDS WOULD GIVE AWAY WICKER FURNITURE AND CHALK IT UP AS SALES. IF ANYBODY SAYS YES THEY'LL GIVE HIM THE WORKS. THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMEONE WITH A LITTLE COMMON SENSE AROUND THIS JOINT.

THE OPTIMISTS DEPARTMENT AND THE PESSIMISTS DEPARTMENT AND ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS BRING 'EM TOGETHER!

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I REALLY SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT THE OFFICE TONIGHT BUT I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET HOME TO PHYLLIS.

HELLO SKEEZIX! YOU JUST GETTING HOME FROM SCHOOL?

I'VE JUST BEEN OVER TO BILLY'S AN WE PLAYED MARBLES.

WELL IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU WERE GETTING IN

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN YOUR BAG UNCA WALT?

OH, I HAVE SOME FIGURING TO DO AND I BROUGHT IT HOME TO DO TONIGHT!

AUNTIE BOSSOM, UNCA WALT, HAD TO BRING HIS ARITHMETIC HOME TOO!

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Gasoline Alley—Cases Alter Circumstances

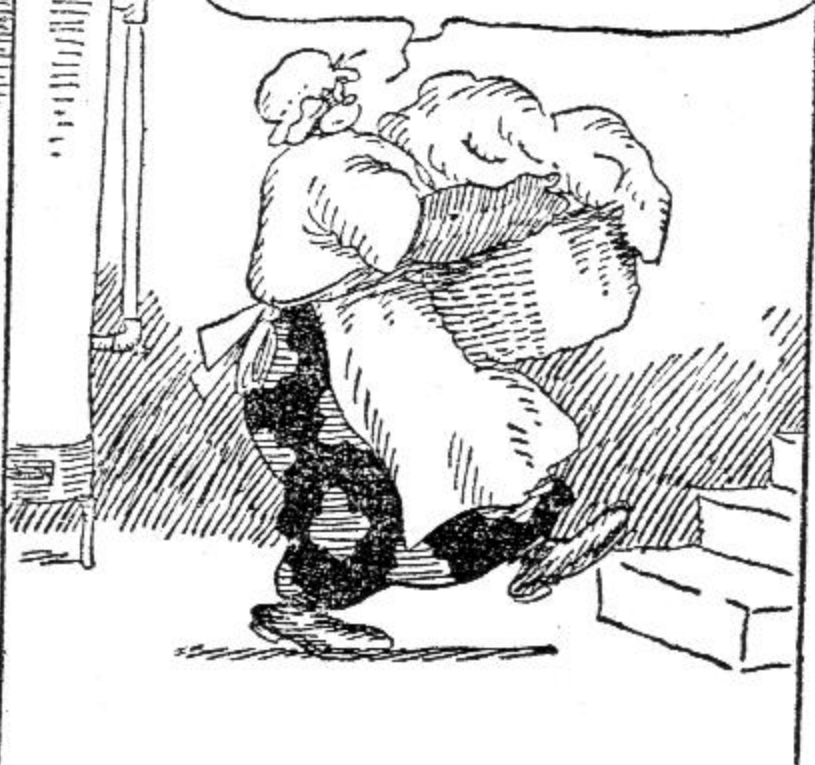
I KNOWS WHAT MISTA WALT USE TO KNOW BUT HE AIN'T NO MORE—"I KNOWS WHEN I IS WELL OFF." WHEN YOU GITS MARRIED YOU DON'T GIT NO THURSDAYS AN' SUNDAY AFTANOONS OFF.



MANDY GOT A SWELL LOOKIN' FELLA WITH A STIFF CADY HAT, YELLA SPATS AN' A CANE. AN' HE SURE HOT AFTA HER, BE THAT AS IT MAY—



THEM FELLAS IS LIKE A TIN DISH—THEY COOLS OFF QUICK. I AIN'T TAKIN' NO JOB I HAS TO HIRE A LAWYA. WHEN I WANTS TO QUIT.



RACHEL, WHAT IS MANDY DOING NOW? DO YOU THINK SHE'D COME AND WORK FOR ME?

NO, MANDY GOIN' GIT MARRIED THIS JUNE AN' SHE AIN'T GOIN' WORK FOR NOBODY NOW, BUT YOU MIGHT TRY HER AFTA SHE'S MARRIED.



Gasoline Alley—On Second Thought—

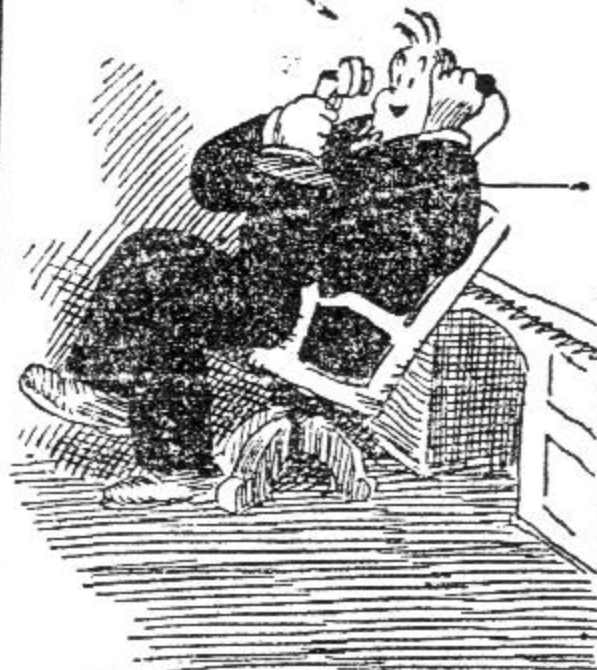
GREAT, JOHN. I'D LOVE TO! THAT SOUNDS GRAND! GLACIER PARK, YELLOWSTONE, ZION, AND GRAND CANYON ABOUT THE FIRST OF JULY.



AND HOW LONG DO YOU FIGURE IT WILL TAKE? SIX WEEKS? SURE. WE BOTH ARE CRAZY ABOUT HORSEBACK RIDING.



EITHER WAY—CAMP OR STAY AT HOTELS. I LIKE TO ROUGH IT. AND SO DOES PHYLLIS



GOLLY! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT! I MUST BE GETTING ABSENT MINDED! I THOUGHT FOR A MINUTE WE WERE FREE TO DO AS WE LIKE. BUT WE'RE NOT.



JOHN? THIS IS WALT AGAIN. IT'S ALL OFF. I FORGOT ALL ABOUT BEING A WORKING MAN. I ONLY GET TWO WEEKS VACATION.



King

Gasoline Alley—Improving

SKEEZIX,
YOU LEFT
THE DOOR
OPEN.

YOU LEFT
THE LIGHT ON
IN THE CLOSET,
SKEEZIX.

SEEMS TO ME
YOU ARE ALWAYS
LEAVING THINGS
WHERE THEY SHOULDN'T
BE. YOU'VE LEFT
YOUR OVERALLS
ON THE
BATHROOM FLOOR.

COME AND SEE,
UNCA WALT.
ANYWAY I
DIDN'T LEAVE
ANY PIE ON
MY PLATE.

- King

Gasoline Alley—A Special Order

NO USE WORKING FOR THE WICKER FURNITURE COMPANY WITHOUT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT ONCE IN A WHILE.

WAIT A MINUTE - HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD BOY TODAY?

SURE, UNCA WALT. I GOT 100 IN SPELLIN. WHAT YOU GOT FOR ME?

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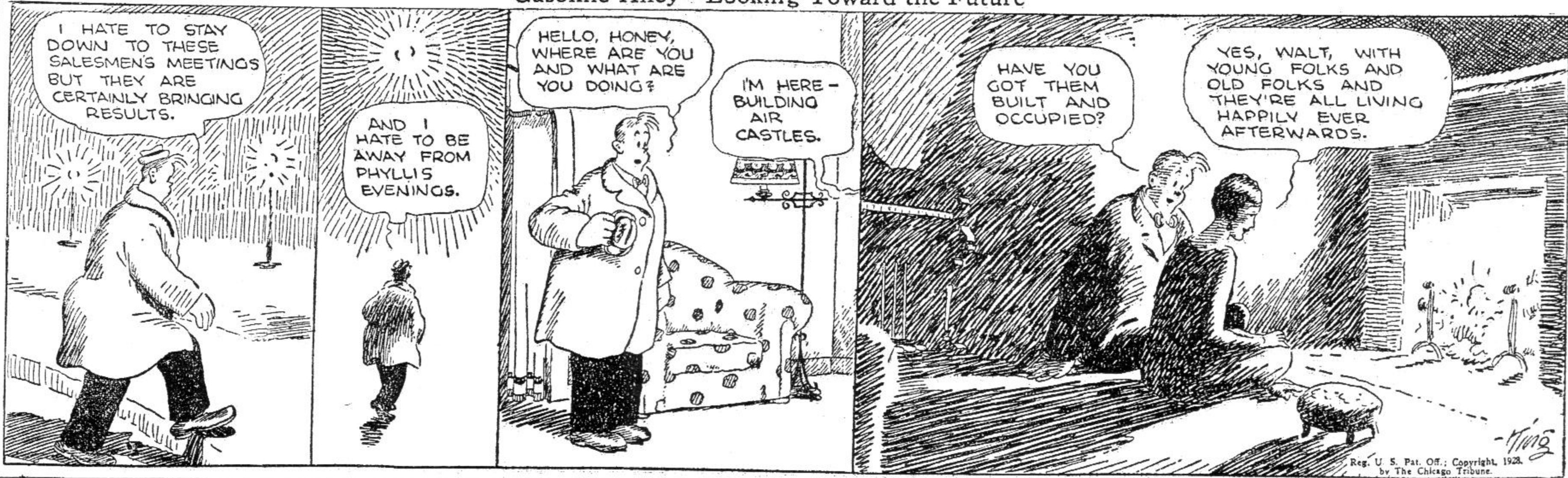
I GOT GEORGE IN THE FACTORY TO MAKE IT.

LOOK! IT'S A BITTIN' DOWN BED!

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Gasoline Alley—Looking Toward the Future



I HATE TO STAY DOWN TO THESE SALESMEN'S MEETINGS BUT THEY ARE CERTAINLY BRINGING RESULTS.

AND I HATE TO BE AWAY FROM PHYLLIS EVENINGS.

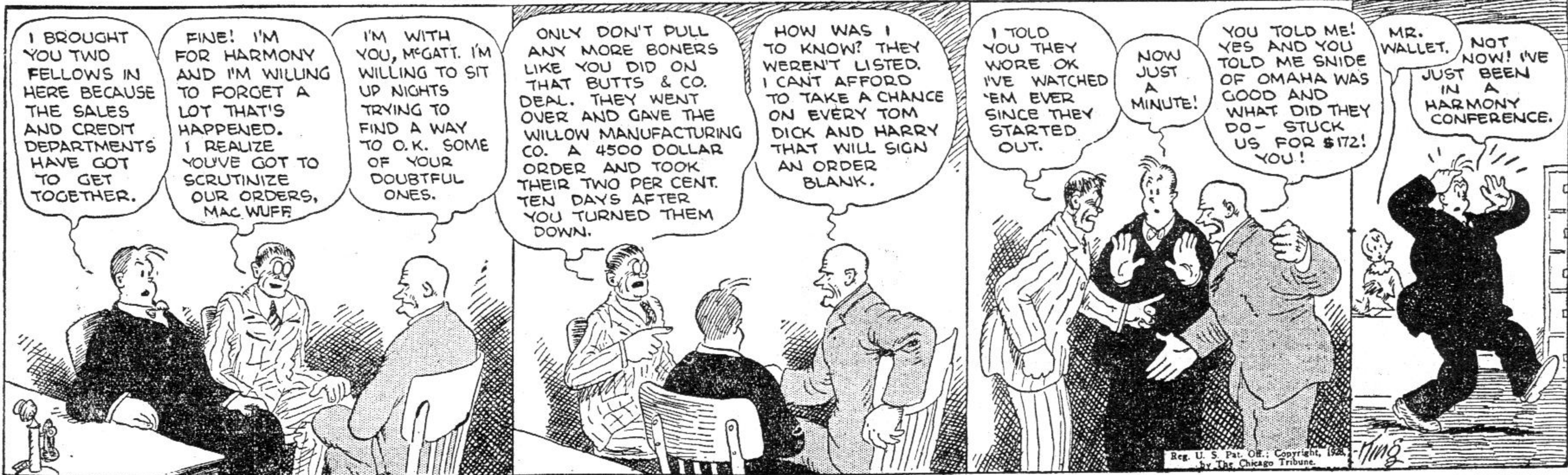
HELLO, HONEY, WHERE ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M HERE - BUILDING AIR CASTLES.

HAVE YOU GOT THEM BUILT AND OCCUPIED?

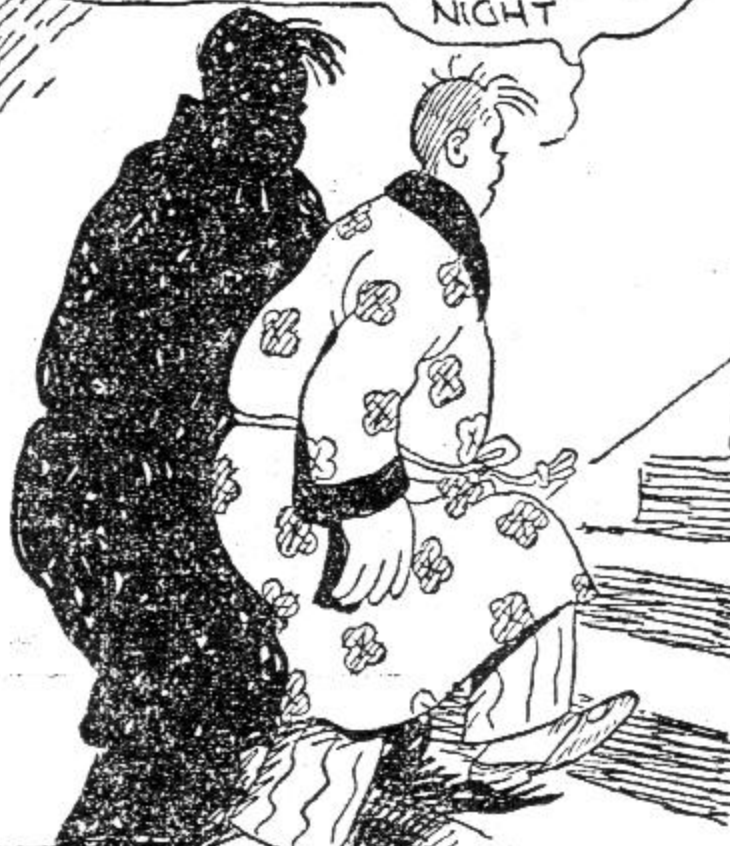
YES, WALT, WITH YOUNG FOLKS AND OLD FOLKS AND THEY'RE ALL LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTERWARDS.

Gasolin • Alley—As the Sales Manager Said to the Credit Man



Gasoline Alley— A Midnight Call

WHAT CAN BE THE MATTER WITH SKEEZIX? IT'S MIGHTY RARELY WE EVER HEAR FROM HIM IN THE NIGHT



WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY?

MY TUMMY HAS GOT CRAMPS, UNCA WALT, AN IT HURTS ME TOO!



ALL RIGHT, WALT, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER.



NEVER MIND, HONEY. THE DOCTOR WILL FIX YOU UP IN A JIFFY.

IT'S JUST A CASE OF ACUTE INDIGESTION, WALT. THIS WILL RELIEVE HIM.



HE'S RESTLESS BUT HE'S FINALLY DROPPED OFF TO SLEEP.



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Gasoline Alley—All Tired Out

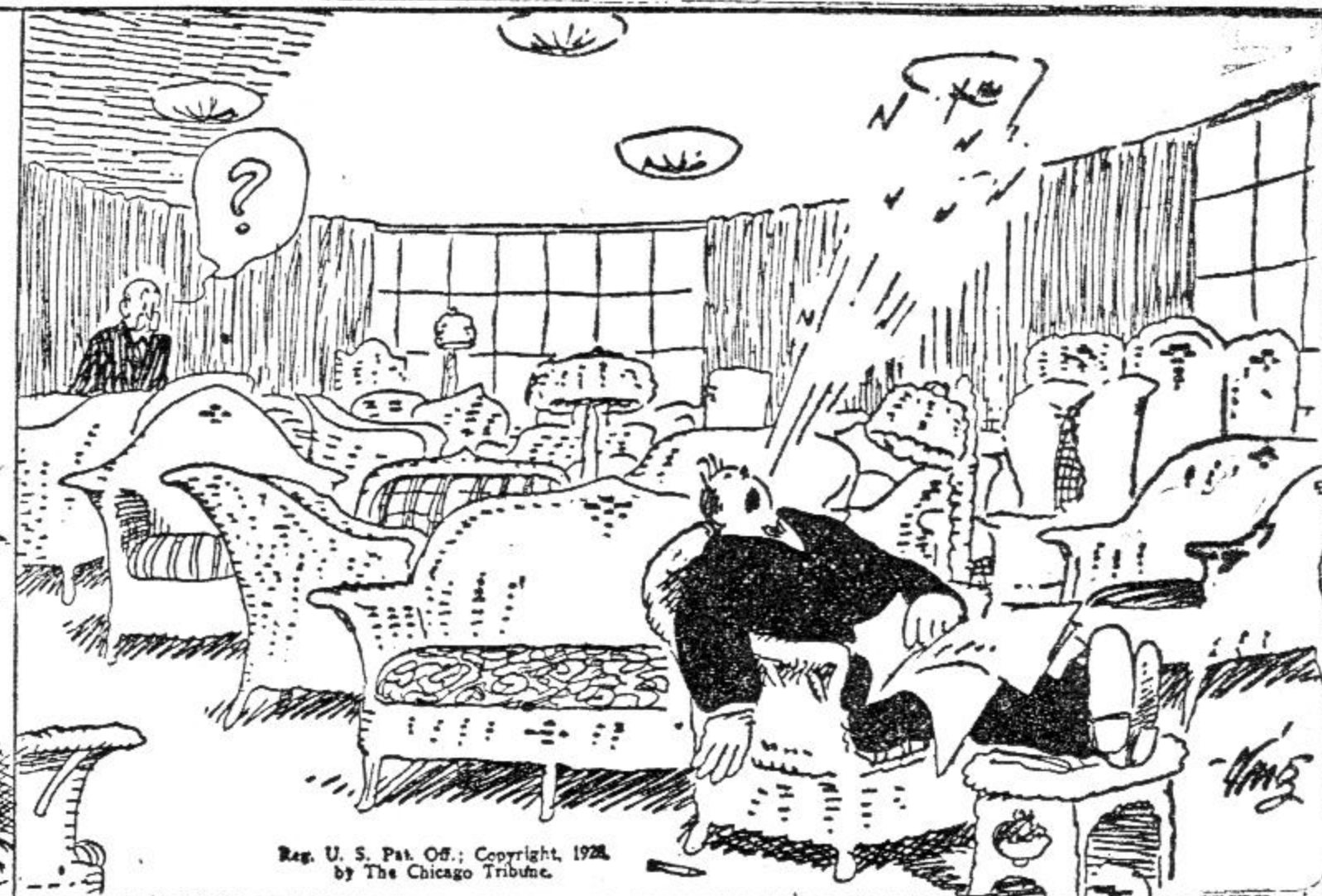
BULLETIN:-

SKEEZIX IS IN BED BUT RESTING EASILY THIS MORNING. WITH THE DOCTOR'S HELP THE CRAMPS WERE OVERCOME. BUT WALT SAT UP WITH SKEEZIX A LARGE PART OF THE NIGHT. HE IS A BIT SLEEPY TODAY BUT OTHERWISE ALL RIGHT.

I'VE GOT TO CHECK THESE CUSTOMER LISTS AND REAPPORTION SOME OF THE TERRITORY, BUT MY OFFICE IS A MADHOUSE TODAY.



THIS IS MORE LIKE IT. THESE SHOWROOMS ARE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY AND I WON'T BE DISTURBED. I CAN CONCENTRATE HERE.



Gasoline Alley—The Fatal Error

MY TUMMY WAS LONESOME. IT WANTED FOOD.

WALT, YOU'VE BEEN SO NERVOUS AND WORRIED EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT. CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHAT IS WRONG?

SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED YESTERDAY, PHYLLIS. I WENT UP INTO THE SHOW ROOMS WHERE IT WAS QUIET TO DO SOME WORK. I FELL ASLEEP IN AN EASY CHAIR AND MR. WICKER SAW ME. I'M WONDERING WHAT HELL DO WITH ME.

WALT, THIS IS A SERIOUS AFFAIR. NOT ONLY IS IT A STARTLING AND UNUSUAL SITUATION THAT I HAPPENED ONTO YESTERDAY BUT ONE WHICH CAUSED BEWILDERMENT AND CONSTERNATION AMONG THE FORCE.

I DIDN'T INTEND TO MR. WICKER— I DIDN'T KNOW I DID THAT.

YOU SEE I WAS UP THE NIGHT BEFORE—

EVIDENTLY, BUT THAT IS NO REASON YOU SHOULD UPSET THE WHOLE PLACE. YOU OUGHT AT LEAST TO HAVE GIVEN SOME WARNING OF WHAT TO EXPECT. THE NEXT TIME YOU DO SUCH A THING AS THAT DON'T SNORE!

KEEZIX IS SITTING UP TODAY AND IS WELL ON THE WAY TO RECOVERY. WALT WASN'T UP WITH HIM LAST NIGHT.

Gasoline Alley—Home Industry

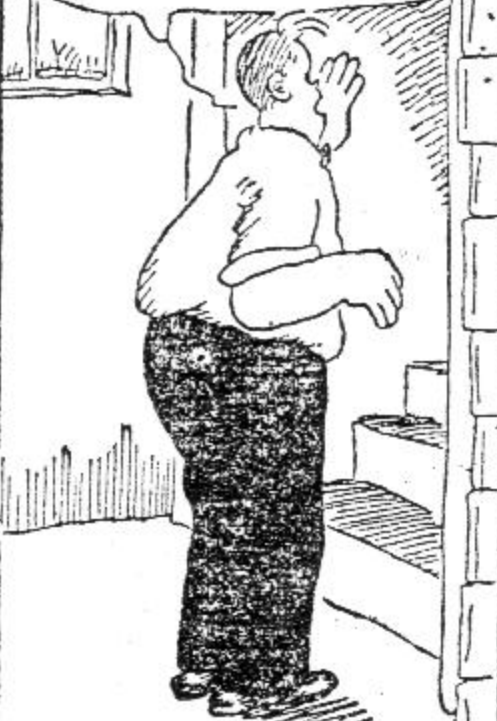
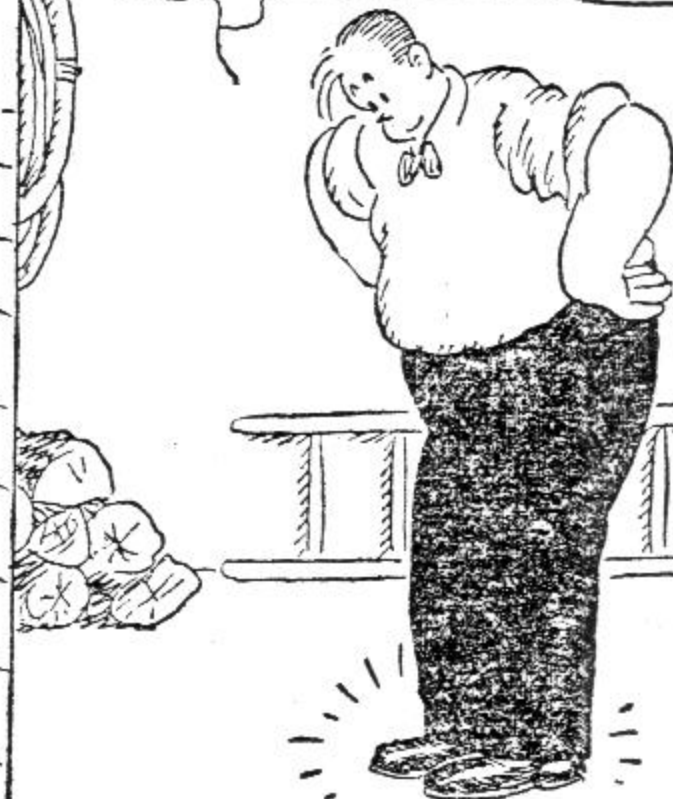
IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE PERHAPS, BUT A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED.

AND THAT'S A BETTER JOB THAN I'D GET OVER TOWN AND IT DOESN'T TAKE ANY MORE TIME.

PHYLLIS, ARE THERE ANY SHOES UP THERE YOU'D LIKE SHINED? I'M IN THE BUSINESS RIGHT NOW.

IF I DO A GOOD JOB I MAY BE ABLE TO KEEP HER AND SKEEZIX AS REGULAR CUSTOMERS.

FOUR PAIRS AT 15 CENTS APIECE SAVED—THERE'S 60 CENTS I'M GOING TO DROP IN THE AIR CASTLE FUND.



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Gasoline Alley—That Isn't Too Much to Expect



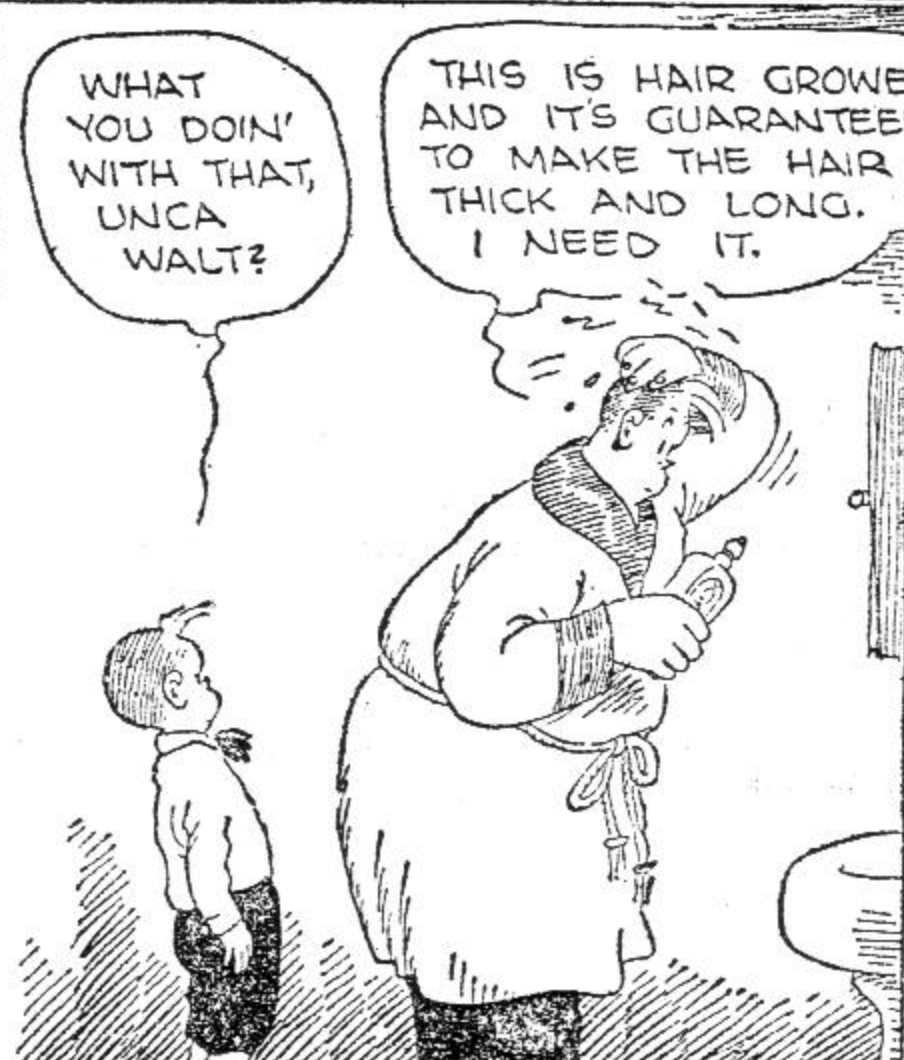
WALT, I DO BELIEVE YOUR HAIR IS GETTING A LITTLE BIT THIN ON TOP!

YOU DON'T SAY!



I CAN RECOMMEND IT. IT STIMULATES THE SCALP AND MAKES THE HAIR HEAVY AND LUXURIOUS.

I'LL TRY IT.



WHAT YOU DOIN' WITH THAT, UNCA WALT?

THIS IS HAIR GROWER AND IT'S GUARANTEED TO MAKE THE HAIR THICK AND LONG. I NEED IT.



SKEEZIX! HAVE YOU GOT MY HAIR LOTION?

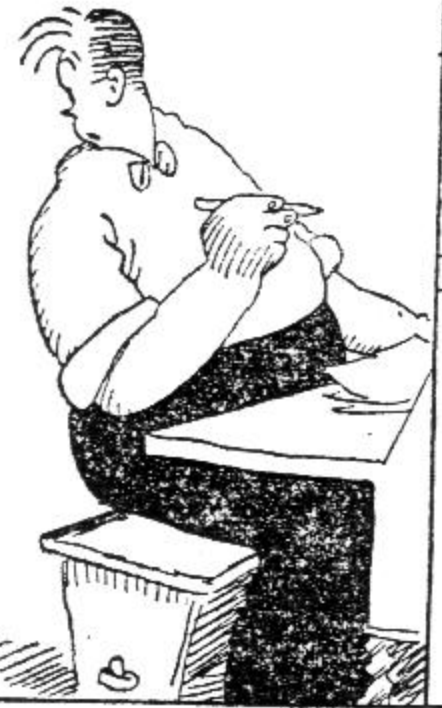
YES, UNCA 'WALT. I'M MAKIN' A ANGORA OUT O PUFF.

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PHYLLIS, WHAT DO YOU THINK! MR. WICKER HAS ASKED ME TO MAKE THE WELCOMING SPEECH AT THE FURNITURE CONVENTION DINNER NEXT WEEK.



GEE WHIZ, SKEEZIX, GO TOOT YOUR HORN OUTDOORS! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M TRYING TO WORK?



COME SKEEZIX! UNCLE WALT IS WRITING A SPEECH.



CHILE, I CAN'T HAVE YOU 'ROUND UNDA MY FEET. YOU GO IN THE OTHA ROOM.



NO, RACHEL. UNCA WALT IS IN THERE AN' HE'S CROSSER THAN YOU ARE.



-King

Gasoline Alley—Oratorically Speaking

MR. CHAIRMAN, FRIENDS AND GUESTS: WE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ONE OF THE MOST ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES IN THE WORLD, THE FURNITURE BUSINESS. IT IS AN AUSPICIOUS OCCASION - ONE WHICH MAKES ME THRILL WITH PRIDE.

WE ARE ALSO HERE TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE. WE MUST TURN THE SEARCHLIGHT AHEAD AND SEE THAT THE POSSIBILITIES STAND OUT IN AS BOLD RELIEF AS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST.

WE WELCOME THE OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS. WE KNOW THAT YOU COME IN A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION. AND WE KNOW THAT EACH ONE WILL GO AWAY WITH A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE NOBILITY OF HIS CRAFT.

DO YOU THINK I'LL GET AWAY WITH IT BEFORE THE FURNITURE DINNER, PHYLLIS?

CERTAINLY, WALT. WHY YOU'D GET AWAY WITH IT BEFORE THE SENATE!

-Ting

Gasoline Alley—Too Scotch

DOC, GIVE ME A GOOD SCOTCH STORY. I'VE GOT TO HAVE ONE FOR MY SPEECH AT THE FURNITURE DINNER.

ALL RIGHT. SANDY GETS A LETTER AND THE TWO CENT STAMP ON IT HASN'T BEEN CANCELED.

THE LETTER IS FROM UNCLE JOCK ASKING FOR AN ANSWER AND ALSO ASKING SANDY TO FORWARD UNCLE JOCK'S ADDRESS TO SANDY'S BROTHER, WULLIE.

SO SANDY SOAKS OFF THE STAMP AND TRIES TO TRADE IT AT THE POST OFFICE FOR TWO POSTAL CARDS!

BUT THAT ISN'T A SCOTCH STORY—AVERY PULLED THAT ONE HIMSELF.

DON'T YOU CARE. THE SCOTCH LIKE TO HEAR ECONOMICAL STORIES ON THEMSELVES

BUT I'VE INVITED AVERY TO THE DINNER—AND AVERY WOULDN'T STAND FOR A STORY AT HIS EXPENSE!

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Gasoline Alley—A Story With Two Endings

THEN THE BEAR, AFTER HE HAD EATEN THE HONEY, PULLED HIS NOSE OUT OF THE HOLLOW TREE AND CURLED UP BESIDE A LOG.

A SQUIRREL ON A BRANCH ABOVE DROPPED A NUT AND IT HIT THE LITTLE BEAR ON THE CHEEK. "YOU BE CAREFUL," THE BEAR SAID AS HE OPENED HIS EYES, "OR I'LL COME UP THERE AND GET YOU." "I DARE YOU TO," SAID THE SQUIRREL.

POOR LITTLE FELLOW, HE DROPPED OFF TO SLEEP RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORY.

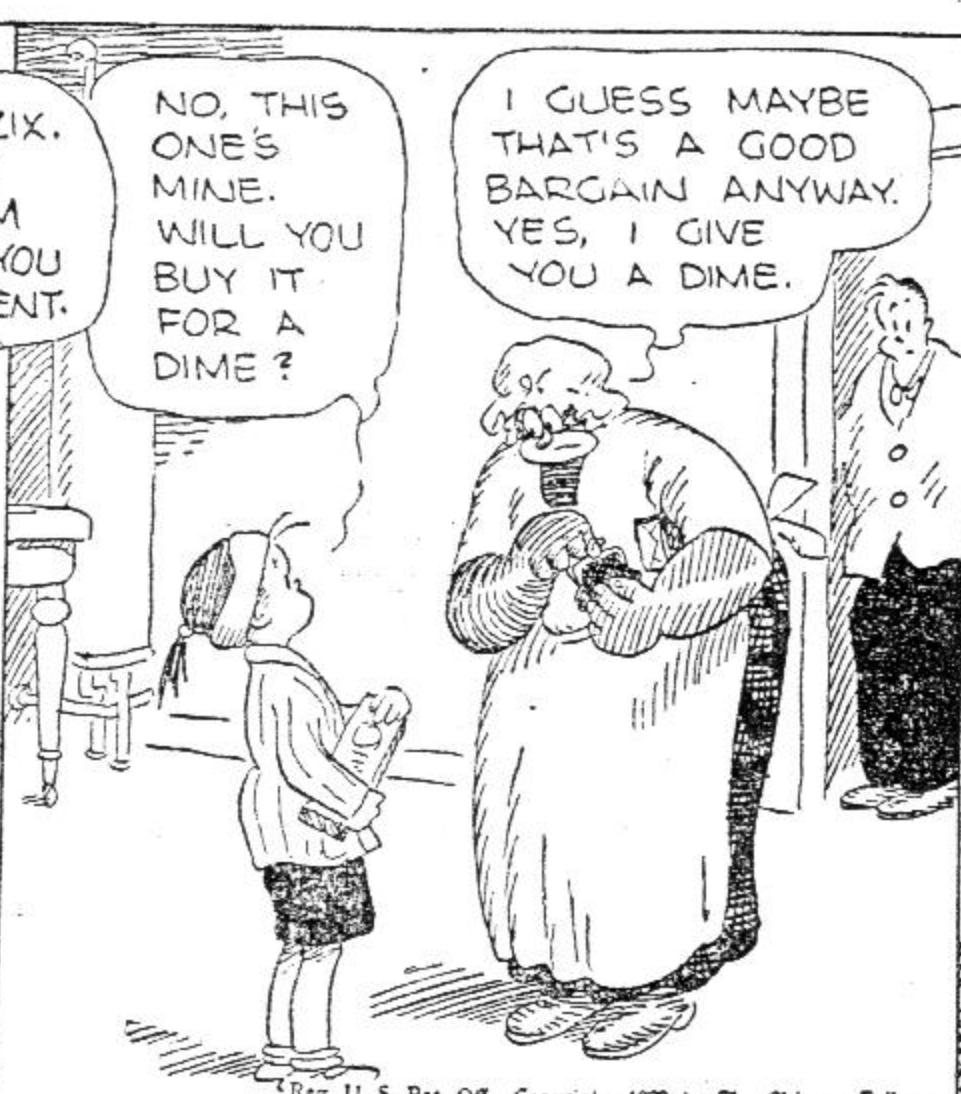
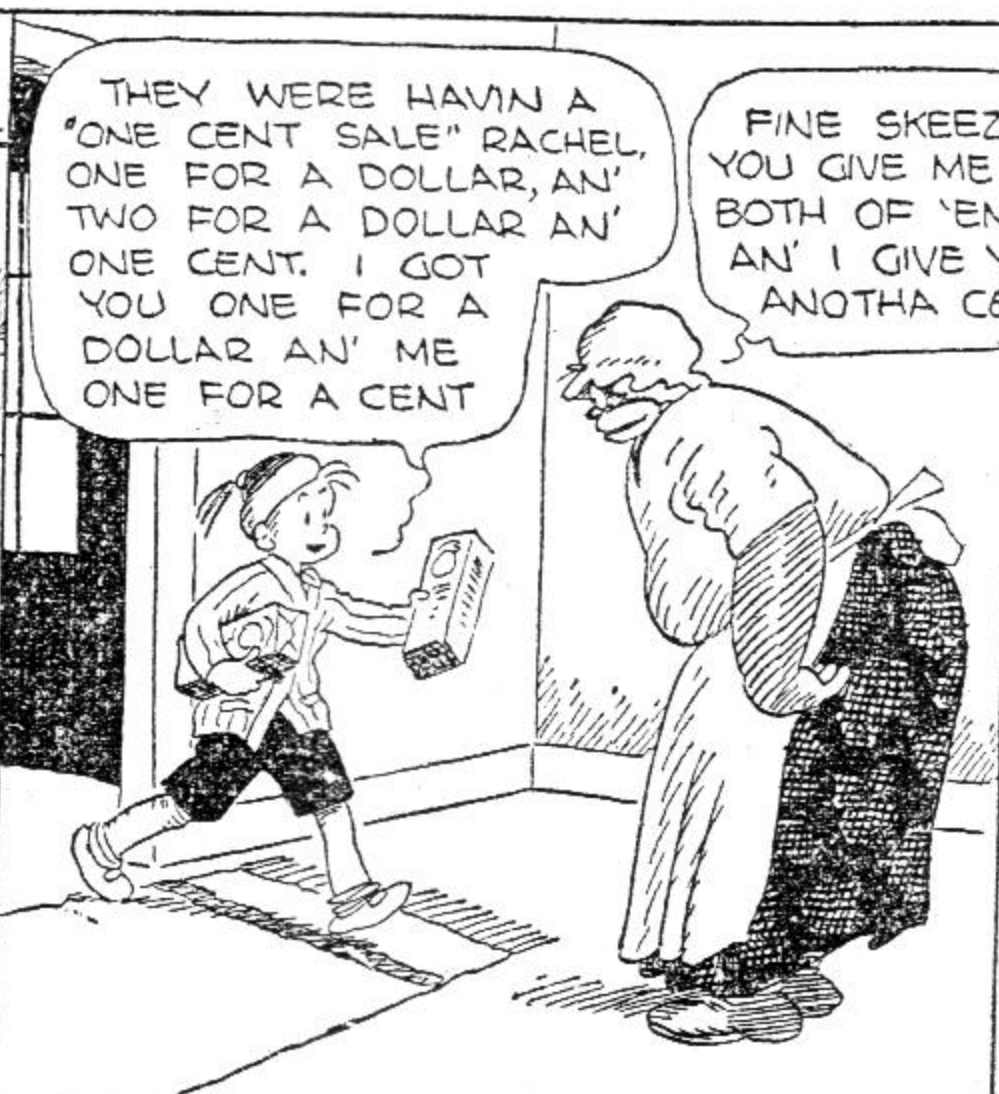
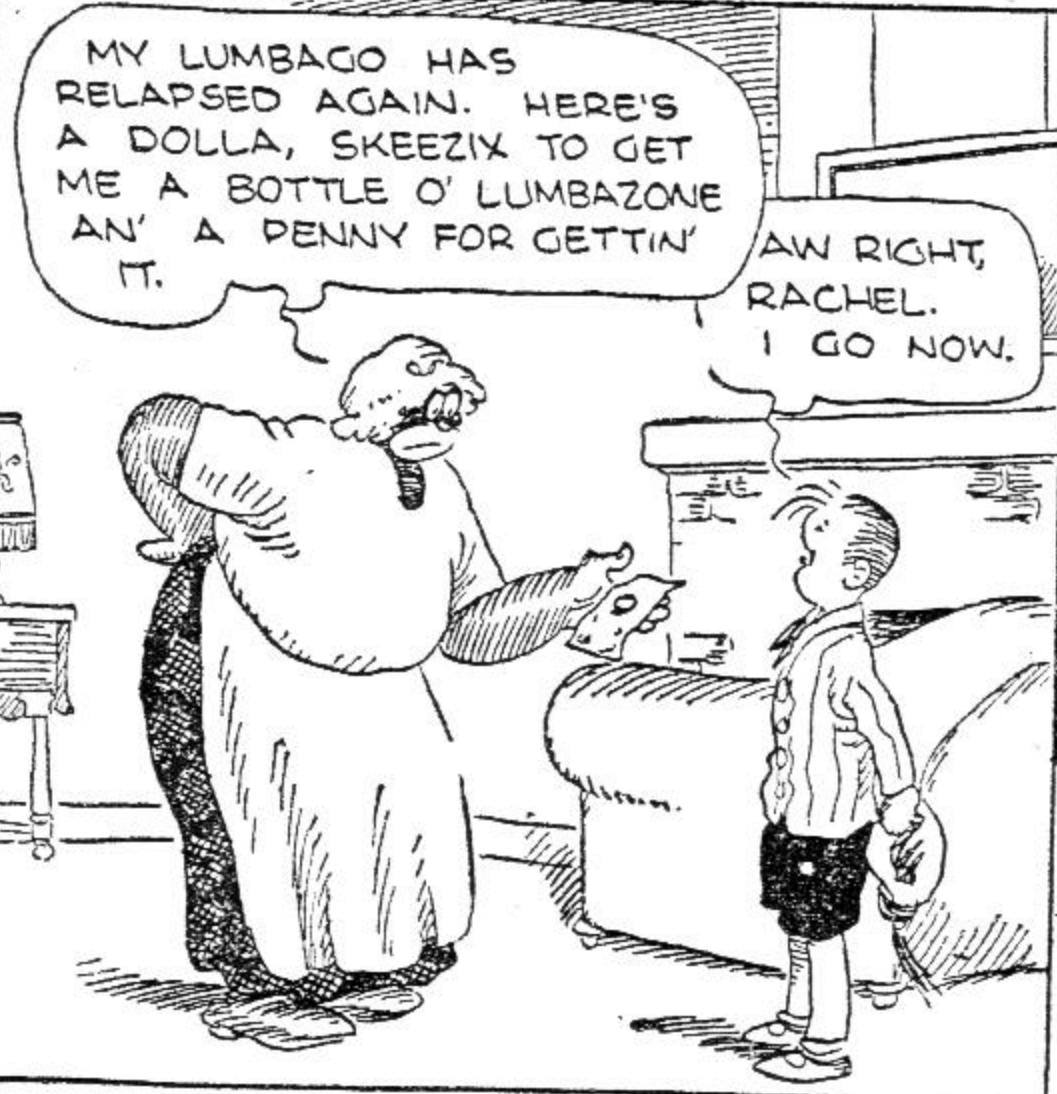
WHY DID I BRING YOU UP AND PUT YOU TO BED? YOU FELL ASLEEP WHILE I WAS READING, THAT'S WHY.

NO, UNCA WALT. THE LITTLE BEAR ATE THE HONEY AN' FLOATED WAY UP INTO THE SKY AN' OVER THE MOON AN' IT RAINED AN' HE CHANGED TO A BIRD WITH FUR ON—I HEARD IT ALL.



King

Gasoline Alley—Bargain Day



-Tino

Gasoline Alley—The Furniture Blowout Draws Nigh

MISTER WALLET, THOSE TICKETS I SENT TO THE GRAND RAPIDS CROWD SEEM TO BE LOST. IN THE MAIL. WHAT SHALL I DO?

WIRE THEM WE ARE HOLDING THREE TABLES FOR THEM. AND GEORGE, TELL THE JAZZ TRIO AND GOLDEN VOICED TENOR TO BE THERE EARLY.

I'M SORRY BUT THE TABLES ARE ALL ALLOTTED. IF YOU ARE SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT TABLE 13 PERHAPS YOU CAN TRADE WHEN YOU COME.

MR. WALLET, THE BUNCH FROM MENOMINEE MICHIGAN WANT YOU TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR NINE INSTEAD OF SIX.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT. I'M BUSY NOW.

THERE IS ROOM FOR ONLY 12 AT THE SPEAKERS TABLE, MR. WICKER AND THERE ARE 18 ON YOUR LIST ALREADY.

WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND A PLACE FOR MR. OLDER. HE'S CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUE DIVISION AND THE INVENTOR OF THE GANG WORM-HOLING MACHINE.

WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID, PHYLLIS, SOMETHING ABOUT GROCERIES?

WALT, YOUR MIND IS FAR FAR AWAY ON A NON-STOP FLIGHT. YOU'D BETTER COME DOWN TO EARTH.

IT'S THIS FURNITURE BANQUET I'M ENGINEERING FOR MR. WICKER. I'VE GOT SO MANY THINGS TO THINK ABOUT I'M DIZZY.

I'LL PICK YOU UP FOR THE DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT, AVERY. WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING—DYING YOUR DRESS SHIRT BLACK?

PART OF IT, WALT. I GOT MY TUXEDO OUT AND FOUND IT HAD SOME MOTH HOLES IN IT.

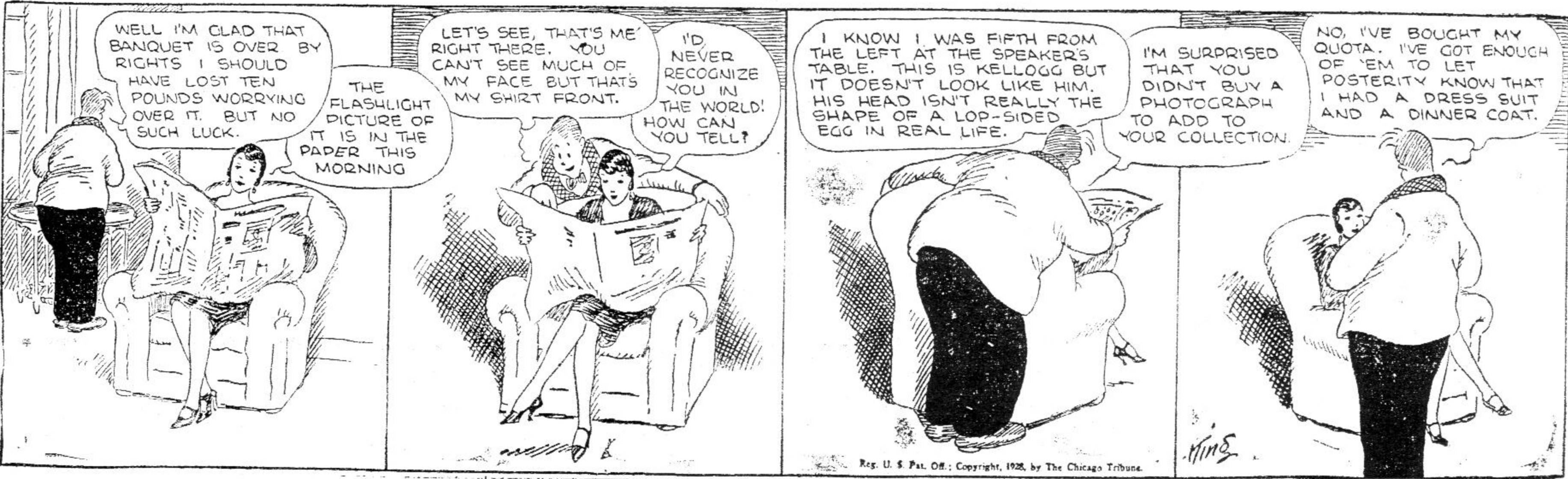
I DON'T THINK THEY'LL SHOW AT NIGHT DO YOU?

Gasoline Alley—The Furniture Banquet Is Going Off Like Clockwork

ONCE, GENTLEMEN, THE CAVE MAN HAD TO BE SATISFIED WITH A LOG HE BROUGHT INTO HIS CAVE AND PLACED BEFORE THE FIRE TO SIT UPON. NOW THERE IS A PIECE OF FURNITURE TO SATISFY EVERY NEED AND SHAPE OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THIS BRIGHT FAIR LAND OF OURS.



Gasoline Alley—Aftermath



WELL I'M GLAD THAT BANQUET IS OVER BY RIGHTS I SHOULD HAVE LOST TEN POUNDS WORRYING OVER IT. BUT NO SUCH LUCK.

THE FLASHLIGHT PICTURE OF IT IS IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING

LET'S SEE, THAT'S ME' RIGHT THERE. YOU CAN'T SEE MUCH OF MY FACE BUT THAT'S MY SHIRT FRONT.

I'D NEVER RECOGNIZE YOU IN THE WORLD! HOW CAN YOU TELL?

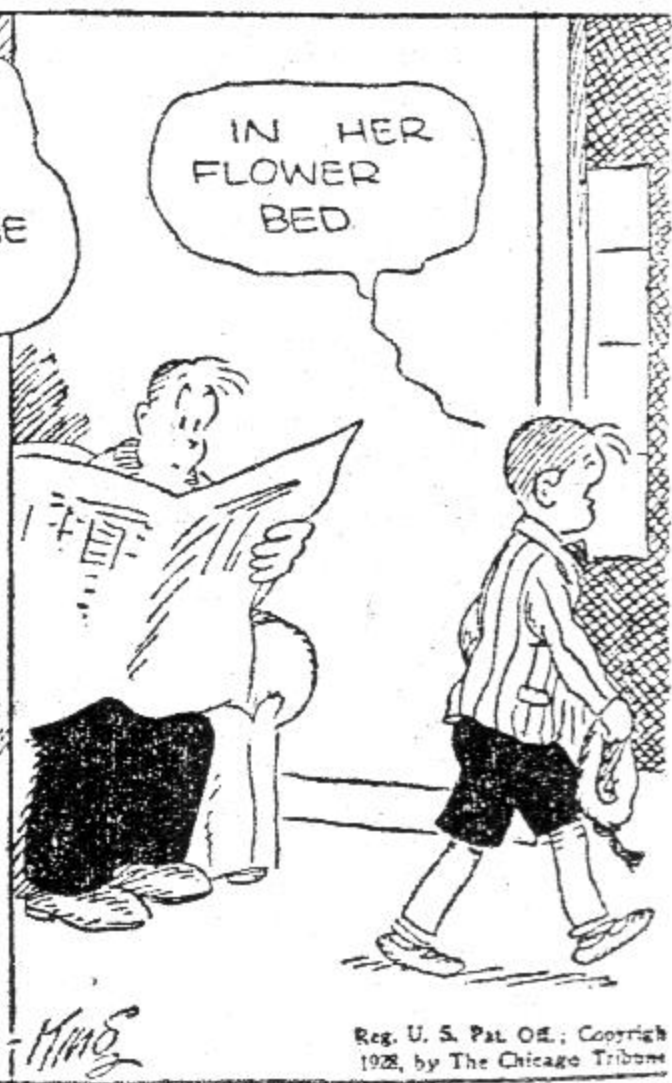
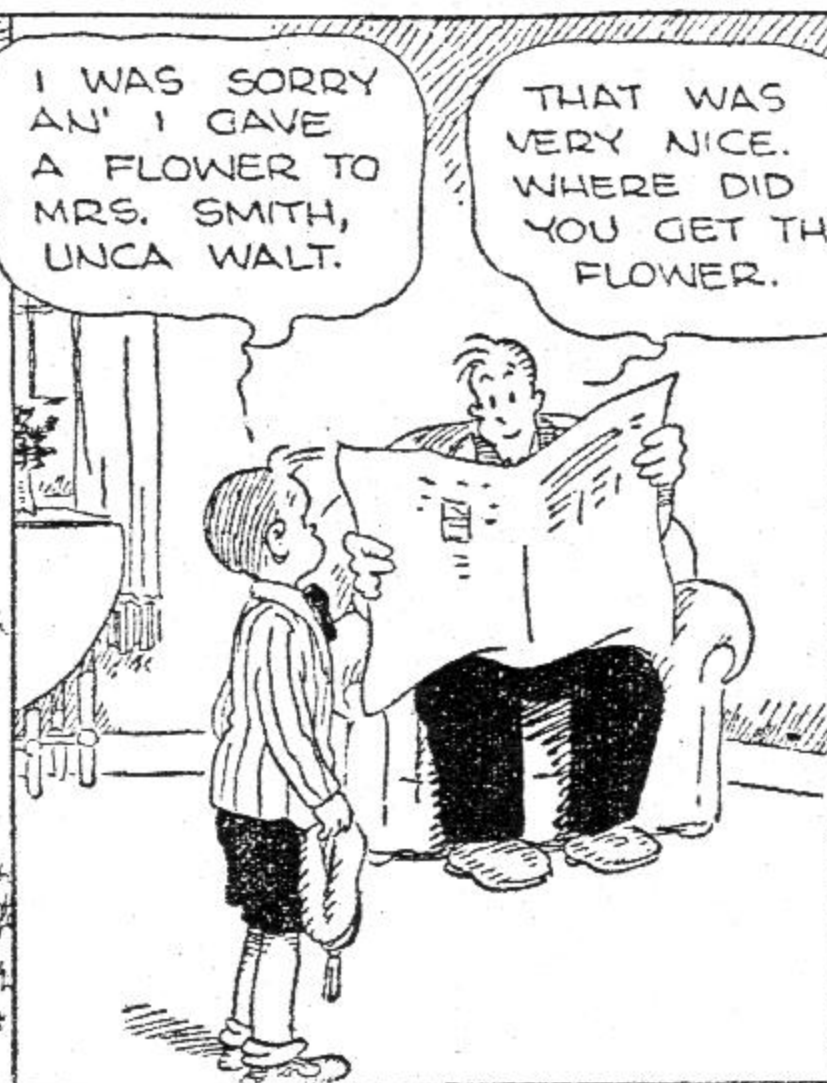
I KNOW I WAS FIFTH FROM THE LEFT AT THE SPEAKER'S TABLE. THIS IS KELLOGG BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIM. HIS HEAD ISN'T REALLY THE SHAPE OF A LOP-SIDED EGG IN REAL LIFE.

I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU DIDN'T BUY A PHOTOGRAPH TO ADD TO YOUR COLLECTION.

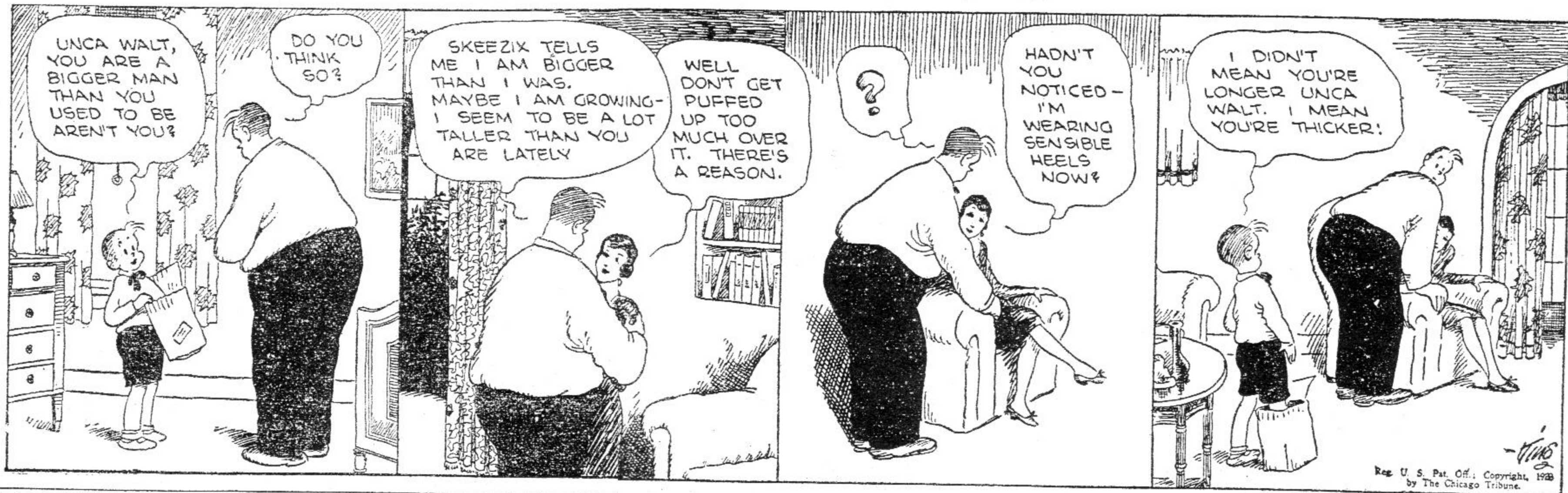
NO, I'VE BOUGHT MY QUOTA. I'VE GOT ENOUGH OF 'EM TO LET POSTERITY KNOW THAT I HAD A DRESS SUIT AND A DINNER COAT.

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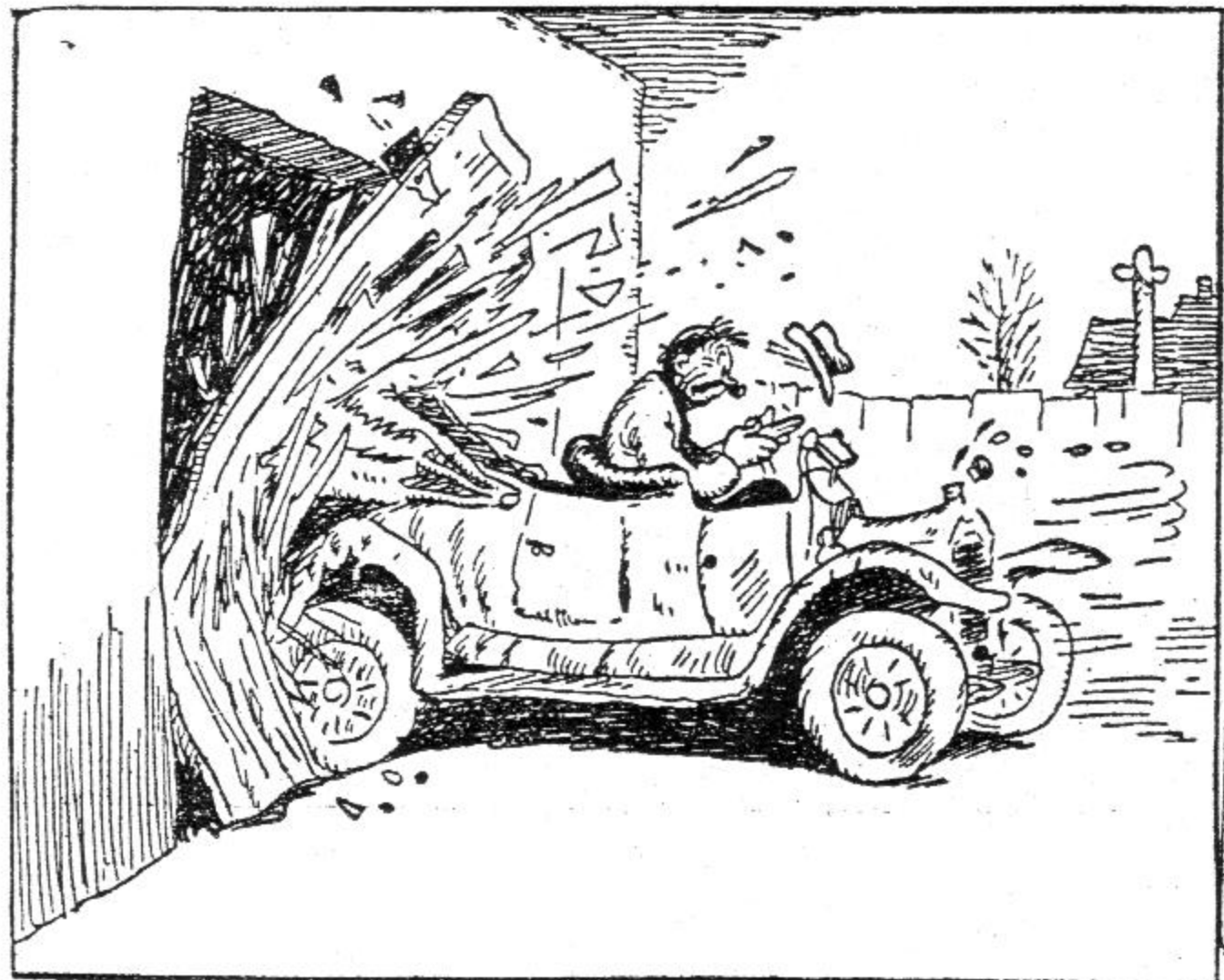
Gasoline Alley—In Which Skeezi Makes Amends



Gasoline Alley—Thanks for the Compliment



Gasoline Alley—Avery tries to Turn Around



GOLLY WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT! IT'S BILL'S GARAGE! IT EXPLODED LIKE A PAPER BAG!

AVERY, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN GOING SOME IN REVERSE WHEN YOU HIT MY DOOR.

GOLLY, I'M SORRY, BILL! IF I COULD ONLY GET AS MUCH POWER FORWARD WITH THE OLD BOAT AS I CAN BACKWARD SHE'D TRIM EVERYTHING ON THE ROAD



Gasoline Alley—A Chance to Get Your Car Fixed, Avery

EVERY'S CAR DOWN IN THE ALLEY, SHOWED A SURPRISING BURST OF SPEED IN REVERSE YESTERDAY MORNING AND BACKED VIOLENTLY INTO BILL'S GARAGE. DOOR. THE IMPACT RUINED THE DOOR AND BILL'S CAR INSIDE SUFFERED CONCUSSION OF THE REAR BUMPER.

IT WAS ALL MY FAULT, BILL, AND I WANT TO PAY FOR ALL THE DAMAGE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WILL AMOUNT TO, AVERY. BUT ANYWAY—ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN. FORGET IT.

NO I CAN'T LET IT GO THAT WAY. I WANT TO PAY FOR THE WHOLE THING.

WELL I CAN'T FIGURE IT YET BUT IF YOU LIKE I'LL MAKE YOU A PROPOSITION. YOU PAY ME \$50 NOW OR DO THIS—OWE ME ONE CENT TODAY, TWO CENTS TOMORROW, NEXT DAY FOUR CENTS AND SO ON UNTIL I GET MY BILL FOR REPAIRS THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.

YOU MEAN THAT WHAT I OWE YOU DOUBLES EACH DAY, STARTING AT ONE CENT, BUT THE WHOLE THING WON'T RUN OVER 30 DAYS. SURE. I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT ONE

I DON'T WANT TO BE HARD ON YOU, AVERY. AND WHEN YOU PAY ME I'LL SETTLE FOR ALL DAMAGE TO YOUR CAR BESIDES.



Gasoline Alley—No Use Coughing Up Fifty Dollars

BILL'S GARAGE DOOR IS A WRECK SINCE AVERY SMASHED INTO IT WITH HIS CAR. AVERY HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT BILL'S OFFER AS TO PAYING DAMAGES. THAT IS, AVERY IS TO OWE BILL ONE CENT THE FIRST DAY, TWO CENTS THE SECOND, AND DOUBLING EACH DAY FOR 30 DAYS. IT LOOKS LIKE A CINCH.

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I CAN'T LOSE ON THIS ONE— ONE CENT, TWO CENTS, FOUR, EIGHT, SIXTEEN CENTS IN FIVE DAYS AND THERE'S ONLY A MONTH TO GO.



64 CENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK. SURE I'LL TAKE YOU UP, BILL!



I HAVE SOME WITNESSES OUT HERE— I WON'T ASK FOR ANYTHING IN WRITING.

AVERY, I AM GIVING YOU THE CHOICE OF PAYING ME \$50 DAMAGES NOW OR OWING ME ONE CENT THE FIRST DAY AND DOUBLING THE AMOUNT EACH DAY FOR 30 DAYS, AND PAYING ME THEN. WHICH WILL IT BE?



WELL, I'M NO PHILANTHROPIST. I'LL TAKE THE LATTER CHOICE, NATURALLY.

THAT'S RIGHT, AVERY, DON'T LET HIM SOAK YOU

WE'LL WITNESS THIS SO BILL CAN'T RENIG.

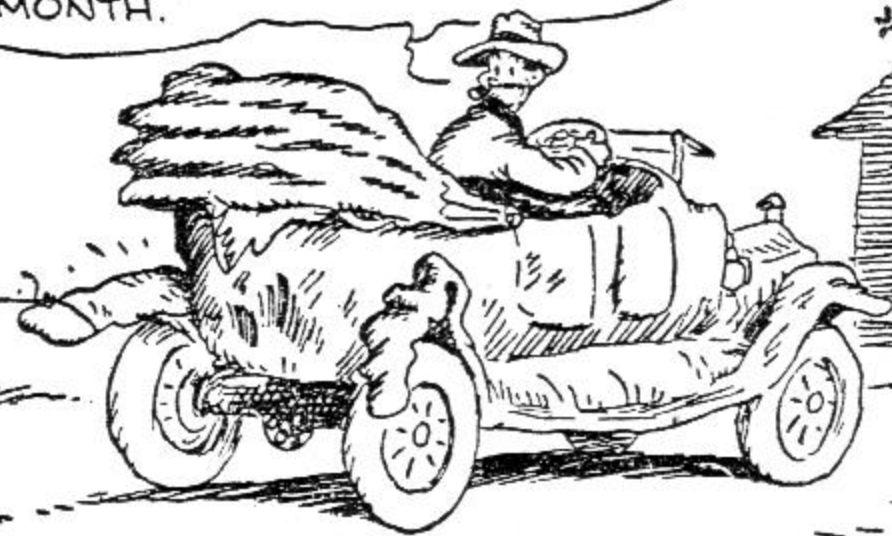


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Gasoline Alley—A Great Light Dawns

THAT SURE WAS A GENEROUS PROPOSITION BILL MADE ME ABOUT PAYING THE DAMAGES FOR BACKING THROUGH HIS GARAGE DOOR—STARTING AT ONE CENT AND DOUBLING EACH DAY FOR A MONTH.



I OWED HIM ONE CENT THE FIRST DAY, TWO CENTS THE SECOND, FOUR CENTS THE THIRD AND EIGHT TODAY IT WILL AMOUNT TO 64 CENTS FOR THE WEEK. THAT'S EASY.



OUR AGREEMENT ONLY RUNS FOR 30 DAYS. LET'S SEE, THE SECOND WEEK DOUBLING EACH DAY RUNS \$1.28, \$2.56, \$5.12, \$10.24, \$20.48, \$40.96, \$81.92! GREAT GUS! THAT CAN'T BE POSSIBLE.



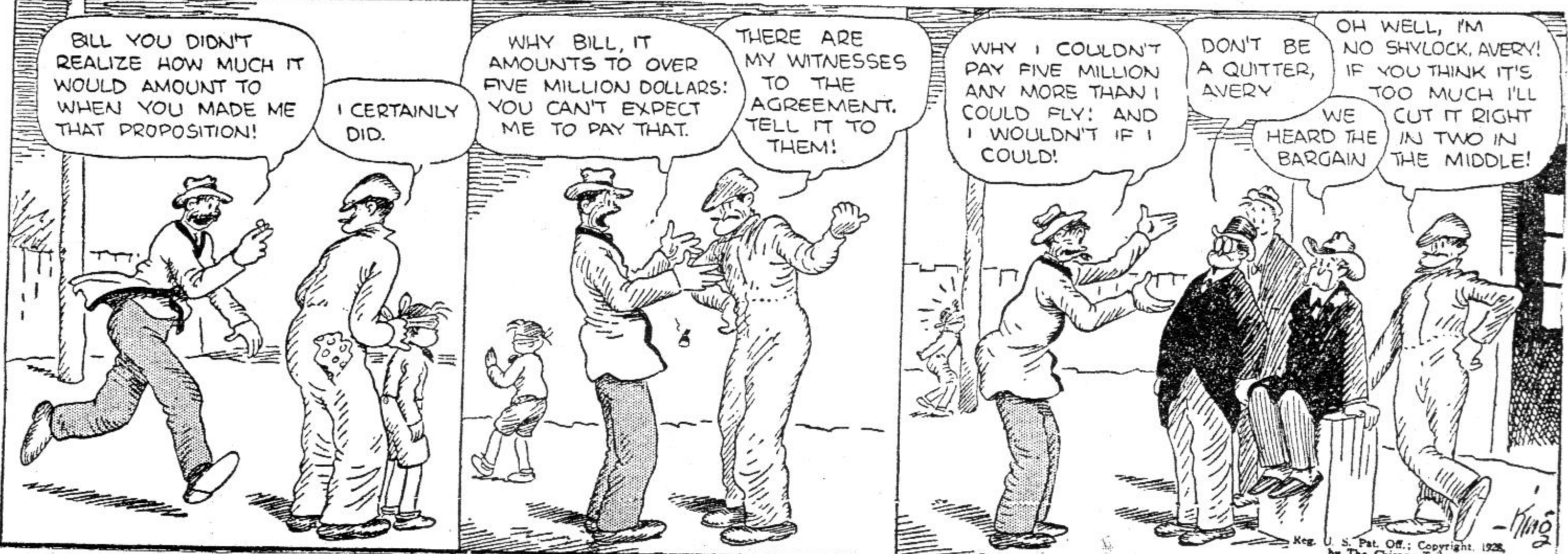
WHY THE THIRD WEEK JUMPS IT FROM \$163.84 TO \$10,485.76! AND THE FOURTH TO \$1,342,177.28! AND DOUBLED TWICE MORE TO MAKE 30 DAYS IS OVER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS! THE ROBBER STUNG ME!



Gasoline Alley—Fifty Off for Cash

AFTER AVERY BACKED THROUGH BILL'S GARAGE DOOR BILL MADE THE PROPOSITION THAT AVERY COULD COMPUTE HIS DEBT BY STARTING AT ONE CENT THE FIRST DAY AND DOUBLING THE AMOUNT EACH DAY FOR ONE MONTH. AVERY JUMPED AT THE CHANCE BUT HE HAS SINCE FIGURED IT THIS WAY:—

		\$ 163.84
1ST DAY	\$.01	327.68
2ND	.02	655.36
3RD	.04	1,310.72
4TH	.08	2,621.44
5TH	.16	5,242.88
6TH	.32	10,485.76
7TH	.64	20,971.52
AND	1.28	41,943.04
SO	2.56	83,886.08
ON	5.12	167,772.16
	10.24	335,544.32
	20.48	671,088.64
	40.96	1,342,177.28
	81.92	2,684,354.56
AND THE 30TH DAY		\$5,368,709.12



BILL YOU DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH IT WOULD AMOUNT TO WHEN YOU MADE ME THAT PROPOSITION!

I CERTAINLY DID.

WHY BILL, IT AMOUNTS TO OVER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS! YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO PAY THAT.

THERE ARE MY WITNESSES TO THE AGREEMENT. TELL IT TO THEM!

WHY I COULDN'T PAY FIVE MILLION ANY MORE THAN I COULD FLY! AND I WOULDN'T IF I COULD!

DON'T BE A QUITTER, AVERY

OH WELL, I'M NO SHYLOCK, AVERY! IF YOU THINK IT'S TOO MUCH I'LL CUT IT RIGHT IN TWO IN THE MIDDLE!

WE HEARD THE BARGAIN

BLUE MONDAY AGAIN AND THE SAME OLD GRIND. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE ON EASY STREET THIS MONTH. BUT I PLAINLY SEE I'M NOT.

I DON'T DARE TELL PHYLLIS BUT THAT LAST INSURANCE PREMIUM TOOK ALL MY READY CASH AND I HAD TO BORROW THIRTY BUCKS FROM BILL.

AND HERE ARE A LOT OF KICKS I SUPPOSE. THE MONDAY MORNING'S MAIL IS ALWAYS ABOUT AS CHEERFUL AS COLD WHEATCAKES.

HELLO HONEY! THAT YOU? OH, EVERYTHING'S JUST FINE — ROLLING ALONG GREAT! HOW ARE YOU? I KNEW YOU'D BE BRIGHT AND SNAPPY. KEEP UP THE GOOD CHEER! WE'RE SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD.

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Gasoline Alley—All's Well That Ends O. K.

YES, WALT, I'M ALL SETTLED UP WITH BILL ABOUT THE ACCIDENT. HE'S GETTING A NEW DOOR AND I'M PAYING FOR IT—ABOUT 20 DOLLARS.

SO HE'S NOT HOLDING OUT FOR THE FIVE MILLIONS DAMAGES YOU OWE HIM? THAT'S QUITE A REDUCTION. I THINK YOU OUGHT TO TREAT THE CROWD TO A DINNER ON THAT.

THAT'S AN IDEA. MAYBE I OUGHT TO TREAT THE GANG. PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE A DUTCH TREAT DINNER AND I'D BUY THE CIGARS. WAIT, I'VE GOT A BETTER HUNCH.

AVERY, YOU ARE GETTING OFF EASY I'D HAVE HELD OUT FOR THE FIVE MILLION

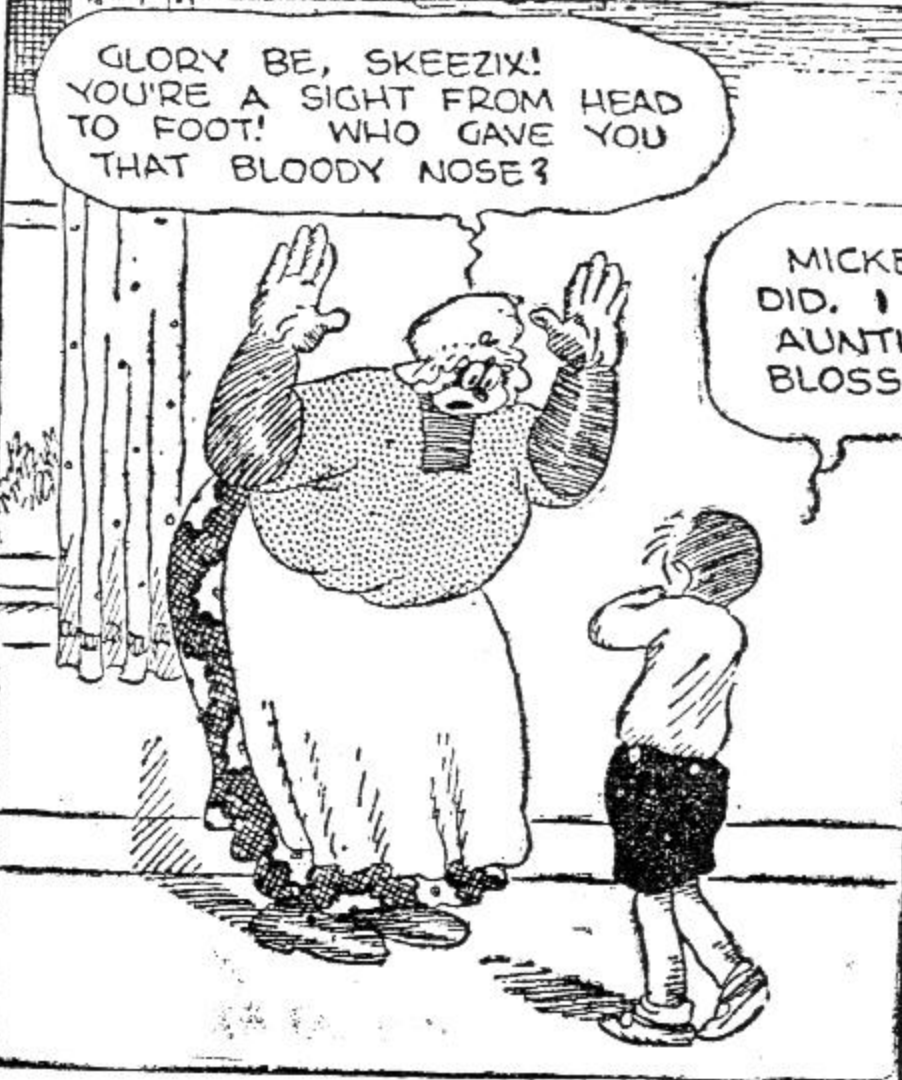
YES BILL CAME DOWN \$4,999,980.00 BUT YOU'RE OUT 25 CENTS FOR THIS ROUND OF DRINKS.

BILL AND I HAVE REACHED A SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDING AND I'M GLAD TO BUY

AVERY WOULDN'T PAY IT IN A LUMP SUM SO WE BOTH MADE CONCESSIONS. THIS IS AVERY'S.

HERE'S HOW AVERY! MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE GENEROUS IMPULSE.

Gasoline Alley—Rachel's on the Warpath



GLORY BE, SKEEZIX!
YOU'RE A SIGHT FROM HEAD
TO FOOT! WHO GAVE YOU
THAT BLOODY NOSE?

MICKEY
DID. I WANT
AUNTIE
BLOSSOM!



NO SIR! YOU STAY
AWAY F'M AUNTIE BLOSSOM.
YOU'LL GIVE HER A START
AND SCARE HER
FRIGHTFUL!



THAT WAS
THE TROUBLE
I COULDN'T
SCARE MICKEY.

YES, AN' WITH CLEAN
CLOES ON YOU LOOK LIKE
A HUMAN BEING AGAIN.
YOU COULDN'T SCARE
NOBODY NOW.



IF THAT MICKEY COMES
BY THIS WAY HE GOIN'
TO HAVE A RUG PATTERN
ALL OVA HIM.

Gasoline Alley—Better Keep It in Mind, Anyway, Walt

WALT DEAR,
YOU'VE BEEN WITH
MR. WICKER'S
COMPANY QUITE
A WHILE NOW,
AND YOU'VE
DONE A LOT
FOR HIM.

WELL I'VE DONE
THE BEST I COULD
AND HE SEEMS
SATISFIED.

I THINK YOU OUGHT
TO HAVE MORE MONEY
FOR WHAT YOU'RE
DOING. YOU CAN'T
LET FRIENDSHIP
COUNT FOR
EVERYTHING YOU
KNOW.

OH THAT WILL
ALL COME IN
TIME. IT DOESN'T
PAY TO TRY TO
HURRY THOSE
THINGS ALONG
TOO FAST.

IF A FELLOW IS WORTH
TO THE COMPANY WHAT
HIS WIFE THINKS HE
OUGHT TO GET HE'S GOING
TO GET AHEAD FAST.

I'M JUST MAKING
A PLACE FOR
MYSELF. SO FAR
I'M DOING MERELY
WHAT A LOT OF
OTHER FELLOWS
COULD DO AND
LEARNING THE
BUSINESS.

YOU'RE TOO MODEST.
THEY OUGHT TO
APPRECIATE YOU A
LOT MORE THAN
THEY DO.

Gasoline Alley—A Letter From Grandma

BYE BYE, HONEY. IT'S A FINE SPRING DAY. YOU'D BETTER GET OUT AND TAKE YOURSELF A LITTLE WALK

LETTER MR. WALLET

THANKS MICHAEL

LISTEN PHYLLIS, A LETTER FROM MOTHER. I'VE BEEN THINKING OF ALL OF YOU AND HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED WITH THE NEWS IN YOUR LETTERS. IF I CAN EVER DO ANYTHING FOR YOU I'LL COME ON SHORT NOTICE.

SHE'S A DEAR

AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE SKEEZIX FOR AS LONG OR AS SHORT A TIME AS YOU'D LIKE TO LET ME HAVE HIM.

THAT IS AN IDEA, WALT. WE'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

I'M NEXT.

CAN I GO?

- King

Gasoline Alley—Tempting the Fates

I NEVA SEEN SECH CARELESS FOLKS. WHY MR. WALT DELIB'ATELY LOOKED RIGHT AT THE MOON OVA HIS LEFT SHOULDA, AN' LAUGHED!

AN' I SEEN HIM SIT ON A TABLE, WHICH IS BAD LUCK, AN' THEN KNEEL ON THE THRESHOLD O' THE DOOR, WHICH IS WORSE.

THERE IS TIMES WHEN FOLKS HAS GOT TO BE 'SPECIALLY CAREFUL. MRS. WALLET SAT ON A TRUNK AN' THAT'S A SURE SIGN O' DISAPPOINTMENT.

AN' I BEEN MIGHTY CIRCUMSPECK ABOUT GIVIN' EITHER ONE OF EM TWO FORKS OR TWO KNIVES. THE FIRST MEANS MISFORTUNE AN' THE OTHA', HE OR SHE GOIN' MARRY TWICE.

- King

Gasoline Alley—Up to Date Mechanical Methods



UNCLE WALT,
LOOS-SOOF!

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE
SAYING? TAKE YOUR
FINGERS OUT OF YOUR
MOUTH AND MAYBE I
CAN UNDERSTAND
YOU.

SKEEZIX HAS A LOOSE
TOOTH AVERY AND
WE'RE GOING TO TIE A
ROCK TO IT AND DROP
THE ROCK

I'VE GOT A BETTER
SYSTEM THAN THAT, WALT.
YOU TIE THE STRING TO
THE BACK OF MY CAR
AND WHEN I STEP ON
THE GAS OUT COMES
MR. TOOTH.

STOP! AVERY, STOP!
I HAVEN'T THE HEART
TO DO IT THIS WAY!

-KING

Gasoline Alley—Error in Calculation

IT SHOULD COME OUT SKEEZIX NOW I'LL GO AROUND AND WHEN I OPEN THE DOOR SUDDENLY THE TOOTH WILL BE GONE AND YOU WON'T EVEN FEEL IT.

AW WIGHT

OH, WALT! WHAT HAVE I DONE!

UNCLE WALT! YOU HAD ME ON THE PUSH SHIDE INSTEAD O' THE PULL SHIDE O' THE DOOR.

Gasoline Alley—Too Late!



WELL YOUNG FELLA,
ARE YOU READY FOR
ANOTHER TRY AT
THAT TOOTH?

IT'S GONE
UNCA WALT.
MAYBE I
SWALLOWED
IT IN THE
NIGHT!

WILL
IT BITE
ME?

NOT UNLESS
IT BIT YOU IN
BED. THAT'S
WHERE I JES'
FIND IT.

NOW HONEY, IF YOU
DOESN'T PUT YOUR
TONGUE IN THE HOLE
A GOLD TOOTH SURE
TO GROW IN.

BUT
I'VE HAD
MY
TONGUE
IN IT
ALREADY.

THEN NOTHIN' BUT
A ORDINARY COMMON
BONE TOOTH GOIN'
GROW IN.

-KING

Gasoline Alley—A very Knows How

PHYLLIS,
YOU
OUGHT
TO LET
RACHEL
DO THAT.

THIS IS RACHEL'S
DAY OFF AND I'M
JUST PRESSING
OUT A FEW
LITTLE THINGS.

BY THE WAY,
WALT,
WHEN
YOU COME HOME
BRING SOME
CHOP SUEY
FOR DINNER
TONIGHT.

SAY I'VE HAD SO MUCH
CHOP SUEY ON RACHEL'S
DAY OFF THAT WHEN I
READ I START AT THE
LOWER RIGHT HAND
CORNER AND READ UP
LIKE A CHINAMAN.

AVERY, I DON'T LIKE TO
REPEAT MY OWN JOKES BUT
I TOLD PHYLLIS I'D EATEN SO
MUCH CHOP SUEY LATELY THAT
NOW I BEGIN AT THE LOWER
RIGHT HAND CORNER AND
READ UP.

I GET
YOU.

YOU MEAN
LIKE A PERSON
READS A MENU!

Gasoline Alley—No News Is No Good News

WHAT WAS THE NEWS DOWNTOWN TODAY WALT?

NOTHING AT ALL. SAME OLD GRIND.

OH, BY THE WAY! HOMER WAS IN TOWN AND I HAD LUNCH WITH HIM.

THAT'S REAL NEWS! I SHOULD THINK YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT THE FIRST THING. WHAT DID HE HAVE TO SAY?

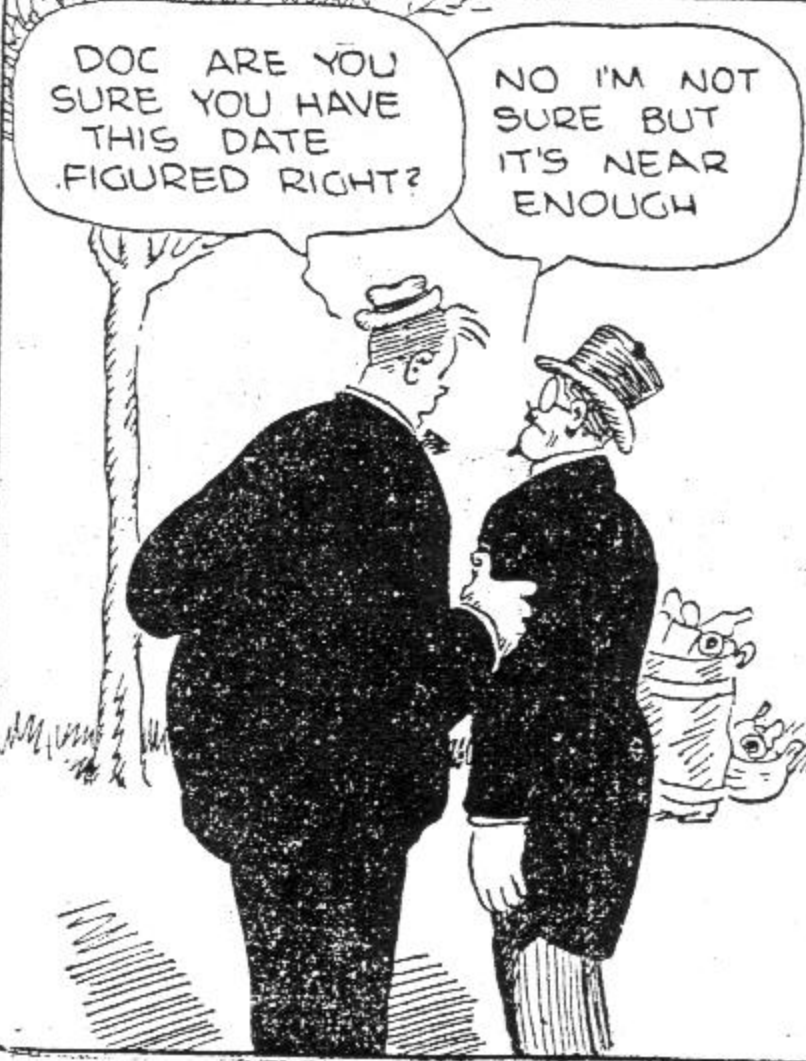
NOTHING MUCH.

NOTHING! DON'T TELL ME YOU TWO MEN SAT AT A TABLE AN HOUR AND A HALF AND HAD NOTHING TO SAY. DIDN'T HE GIVE YOU ANY NEWS AT ALL?

OH, EVERYTHING'S FINE AT HOME AND HE SENT HIS REGARDS.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS I'D HAVE FOUND OUT. WHAT'S JOHN DOING? HOW'S THE SISTER? IS ELLEN MARRIED YET? IS AUNT HATTIE WITH THEM? IS GEORGE OVER THE MEASLES? AS GOSSIPS YOU MEN ARE A TOTAL LOSS.

Gasoline Alley—There, That's Settled



DOC ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE THIS DATE FIGURED RIGHT?

NO I'M NOT SURE BUT IT'S NEAR ENOUGH



FIGURING IT AGAIN I GET IT APRIL 28TH BUT A FEW DAYS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO ME.

WELL IT DOES TO ME. I BELIEVE IN BEING ACCURATE. DO YOU COUNT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS?



IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU DOC WE'LL FIGURE IT'S DUE ON THAT DAY.

SUIT YOURSELF WALT IT MEANS MORE TO YOU THAN IT DOES TO ME



YOU SEE IT SAYS "90 DAYS AFTER DATE" AND I CAN PAY FOR IT THEN. YOU'RE A BRICK. DOC, FOR TIDING ME OVER

GLAD TO DO IT, WALT. DIDN'T WANT A NOTE BUT YOU INSISTED WHAT'S A FEW DOLLARS AMONG FRIENDS? PAY ME WHEN YOU LIKE

Gasoline Alley—What No Man Can Understand



THESE OLD THINGS,
I FEEL AS IF I NEVER
WANTED TO SEE THEM
AGAIN.



IF I ONLY COULD I'D
THROW THEM AWAY AND
GET A COMPLETE NEW
OUTFIT. BUT I MUSTN'T
LET WALT KNOW I FEEL
THAT WAY ABOUT IT.



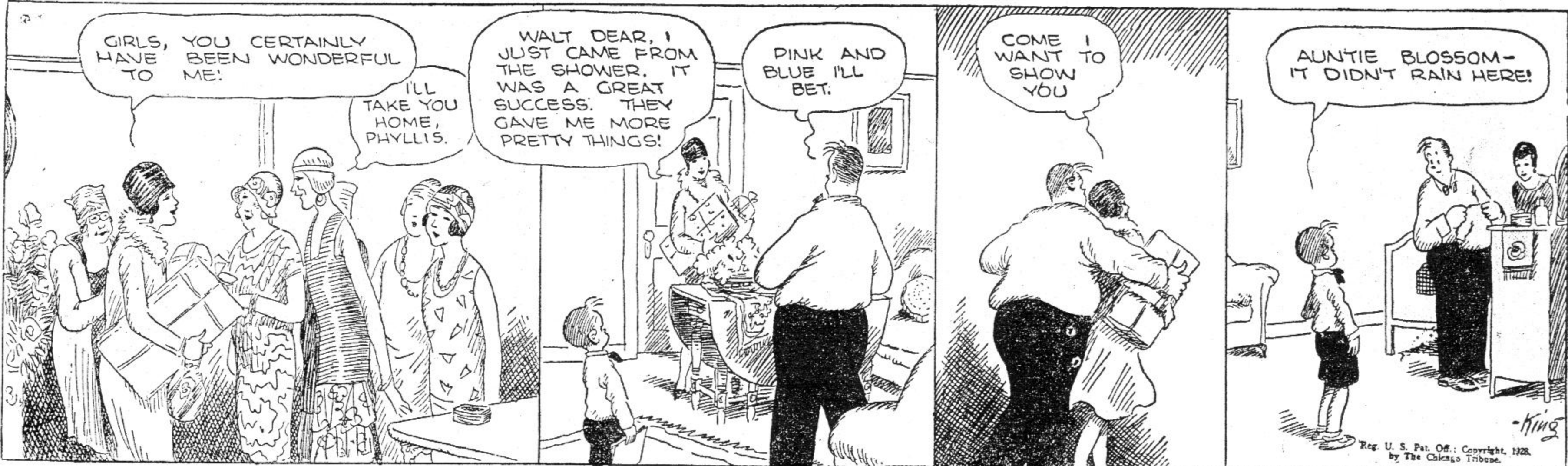
YOU'RE GOING TO
THAT PARTY MAY
IS GIVING FOR
YOU AREN'T YOU
PHYLLIS?

I SUPPOSE
SO BUT RIGHT
NOW I DON'T
SEE WHAT I
CAN WEAR.



ISN'T THAT A WOMAN
FOR YOU! A WHOLE CLOSET
FULL OF CLOTHES AND
NOTHING TO WEAR! IF
HAD AS MANY SUITS I
COULD LIVE AT ST. JAMES
PALACE.

Gasoline Alley—Unsettled Weather



GIRLS, YOU CERTAINLY
HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL
TO ME!

I'LL
TAKE YOU
HOME,
PHYLLIS.

WALT DEAR, I
JUST CAME FROM
THE SHOWER. IT
WAS A GREAT
SUCCESS. THEY
GAVE ME MORE
PRETTY THINGS!

PINK AND
BLUE I'LL
BET.

COME I
WANT TO
SHOW
YOU

AUNTIE BLOSSOM—
IT DIDN'T RAIN HERE!

-King

Gasoline Alley—No, Thanks

YOUR GRAMMA'S COMIN' PRETTY QUICK AN' YOU DON'T WANT HER TO THINK YOU LIVES WITH YOUR HAIR MUSSED UP.

SKEEZIX, COME TO YOUR GRANDMA! MY, BUT YOU'RE THE NEATEST AND CLEANEST BOY I'VE EVER SEEN!

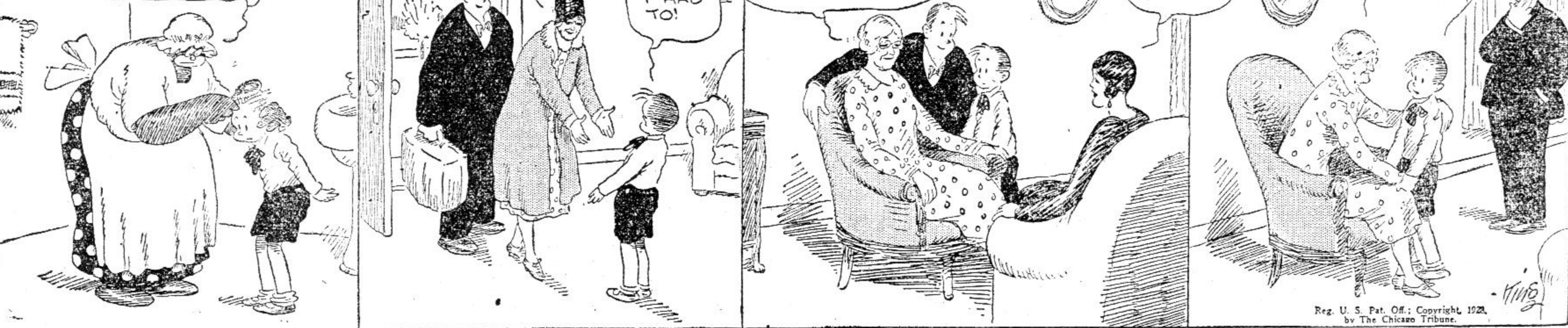
I HAD TO!

I WAS DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF MACCABEES DOWN AT PEORIA AND I THOUGHT I'D COME AROUND THIS WAY AND SEE IF THERE WASN'T SOMETHING I COULD DO.

NO MOTHER, BUT WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME.

ANYWAY I CAN TAKE SKEEZIX FOR A WHILE.

I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA!



Gasoline Alley—Walt Will Pull Through

WALT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE SOME KIND OF A TRIP WITH US THIS SUMMER AREN'T YOU?

YES WE ALL OUGHT TO FRAME UP A JUANT.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? YOU'RE MORE ABSENT MINDED THAN A TAILOR'S DUMMY. YOU'RE HOLDING OUT ON US.

NO. I'M ALL RIGHT, FELLAS, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO NOW.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT WALT. HE ISN'T HIMSELF AT ALL.

I'M NOT. HE'S JUST GOING THROUGH A DEPRESSION WHICH PRECEDES A GREAT BOOM. IF YOU WANT TO BUY WALT STOCK BUY NOW. I PREDICT IT IS GOING TO BE SKY HIGH.

KING

Gasoline Alley—Calm Yourself



AH! THE TELEPHONE!



WALT, HOW ABOUT TAKING THE WEEK END FOR A FISHING TRIP? THE TROUT ARE BITING FINE RIGHT NOW.

I'D LIKE TO JOE, BUT I'M STICKING MIGHTY CLOSE TO HOME RIGHT NOW!



AW WALT! ASK YOUR WIFE IF SHE WON'T LET YOU OFF FOR A DAY AND A HALF.

NO THE TROUT WILL HAVE TO WORRY ALONG ON BUGS WITHOUT ANY DESSERT FROM ME. I'M SAVING MY FLIES FOR 'EM TILL LATER ON.



GOLLY, I'VE BEEN EXPECTING AN IMPORTANT CALL AND EVERY TIME THE PHONE RINGS I'M SURE IT'S THE ONE!

Gasoline Alley— That's the Idea

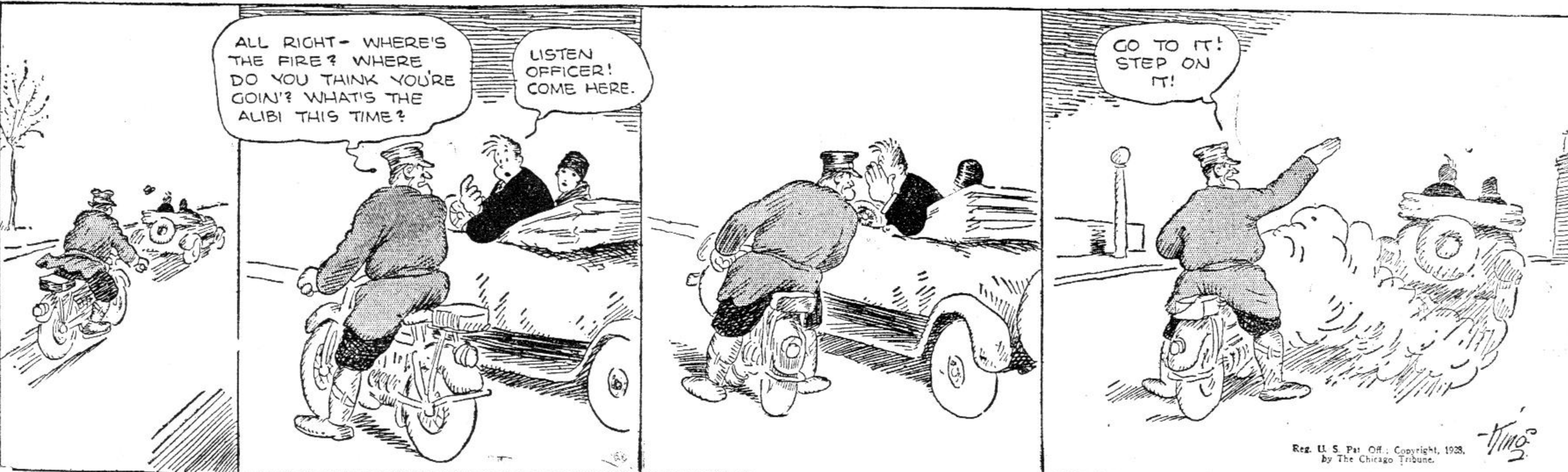


Gasoline Alley—This One Always Quiets Them

ALL RIGHT - WHERE'S THE FIRE? WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOIN'? WHAT'S THE ALIBI THIS TIME?

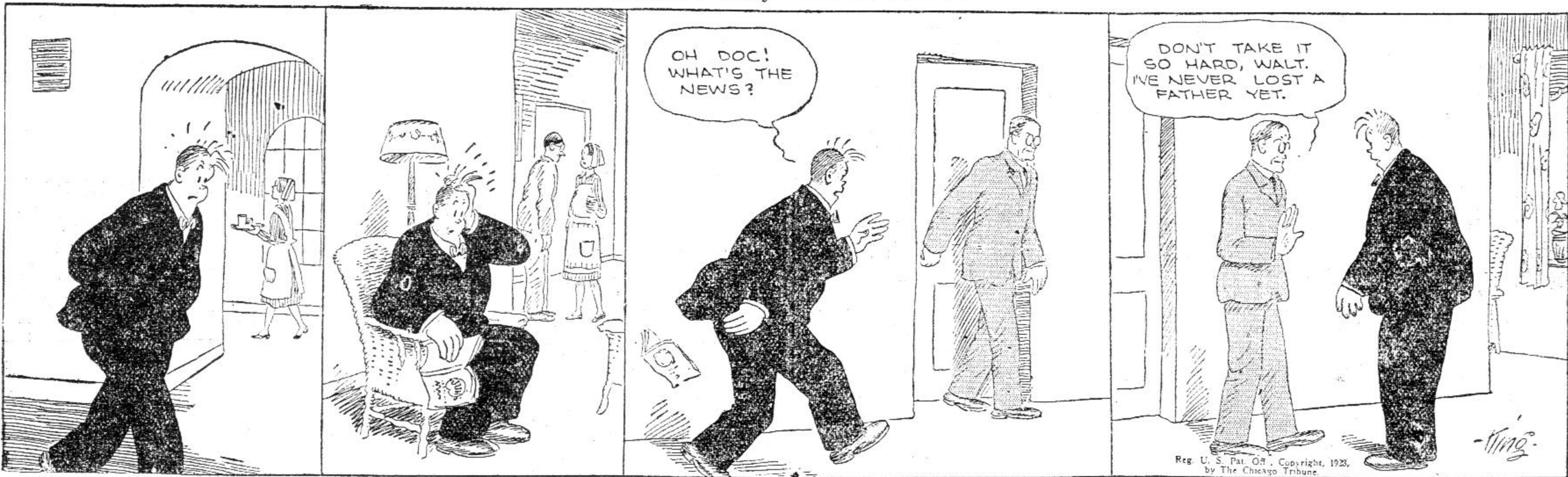
LISTEN OFFICER! COME HERE.

GO TO IT! STEP ON IT!



-King-

Gasoline Alley—Extra! Extra!



OH DOC!
WHAT'S THE
NEWS?

DON'T TAKE IT
SO HARD, WALT.
I'VE NEVER LOST A
FATHER YET.

-King-

Gasoline Alley—All's Well

I HOPE IT'S A GIRL SO SHE'LL NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE LAST FEW HOURS!

IT'S A BOY, WALT!

THE NURSE WILL SHOW HIM TO YOU AFTER A LITTLE.

HE'S A NICE BABY, MR. WALLET.

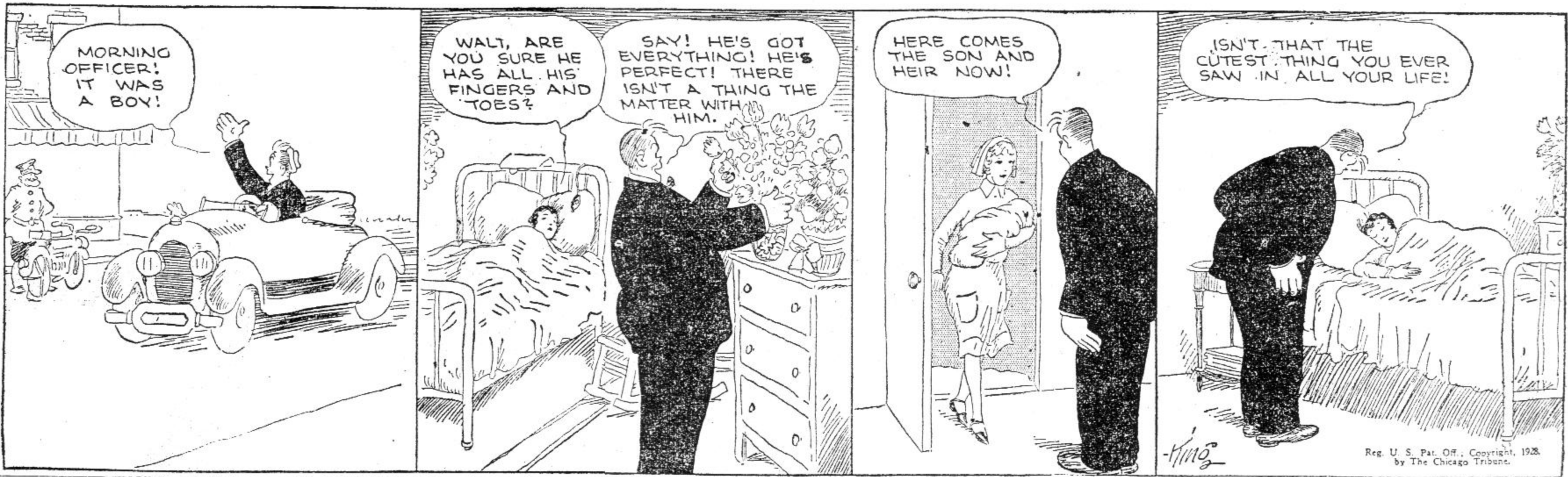
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S IT?

PHYLIS HONEY, HE IS JUST WONDERFUL! THE LITTLE THING'S FACE WAS JUST AS RED! I GUESS WE WERE BOTH EMBARRASSED.

King

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Gasoline Alley—One Side for Another Generation



MORNING OFFICER!
IT WAS
A BOY!

WALT, ARE
YOU SURE HE
HAS ALL HIS
FINGERS AND
TOES?

SAY! HE'S GOT
EVERYTHING! HE'S
PERFECT! THERE
ISN'T A THING THE
MATTER WITH
HIM.

HERE COMES
THE SON AND
HEIR NOW!

ISN'T THAT THE
CUTEST THING YOU EVER
SAW IN ALL YOUR LIFE!

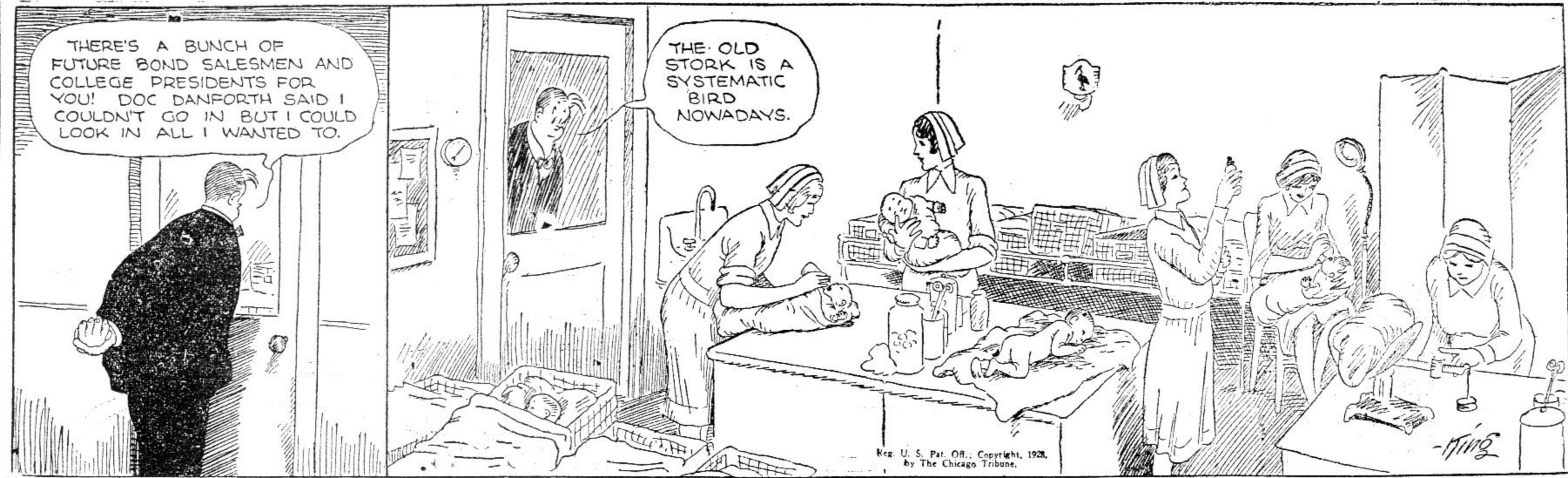
Gasoline Alley—So Thrilling

THERE'S A BUNCH OF FUTURE BOND SALESMEN AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS FOR YOU! DOC DANFORTH SAID I COULDN'T GO IN BUT I COULD LOOK IN ALL I WANTED TO.

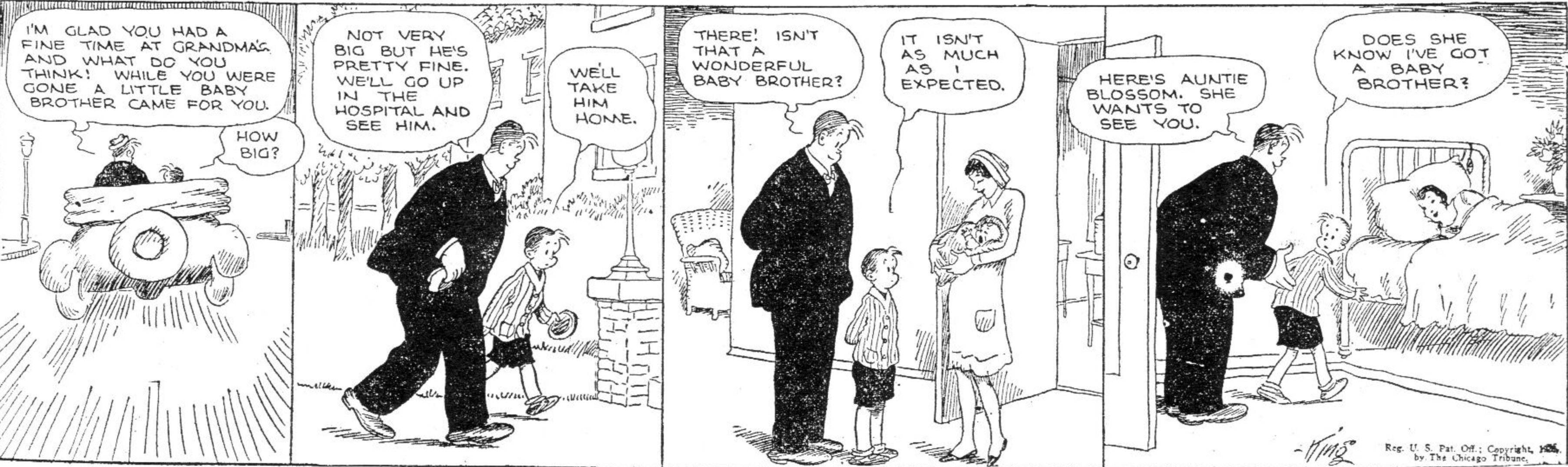
THE OLD STORK IS A SYSTEMATIC BIRD NOWADAYS.

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Gasoline Alley—Extenuating Circumstances



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Gasoline Alley—Walt Takes Things Into His Own Hands

YOU SAY YOU DON'T REMEMBER WHAT MY SON WEIGHED THIS MORNING? THAT'S FUNNY!

IT'S WRITTEN DOWN ON THE CHART, BUT YOU SEE I WEIGH SO MANY OF THEM!

WELL WE'LL SOON FIX THAT. I'LL WEIGH WITH HIM IN MY ARMS AND THEN WITHOUT HIM. THAT'S EASY.

NOT SO BAD! 213 MINUS 204 LEAVES 9 POUNDS!

HE WEIGHED $8\frac{1}{2}$ WHEN HE WAS BORN AND NINE NOW. I GUESS THAT'S A REGULAR WALLET GAIN!

BUT YOU FORGOT! YOU WEIGHED BLANKET AND ALL. YOU'D BETTER TRY AGAIN.

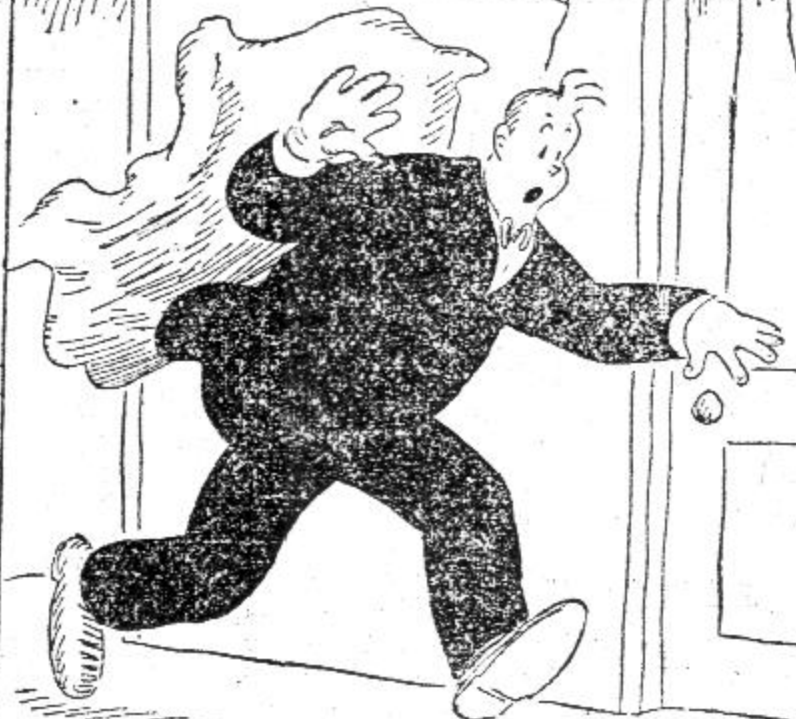
Gasoline Alley—Also Loss of Memory

WALT MADE A MISCALCULATION YESTERDAY WHEN HE DEvised A WAY TO WEIGH THE BABY. HE TOOK THE TOTAL WEIGHT WHILE HOLDING THE BABY AND THEN TOOK HIS OWN WEIGHT AND SUBTRACTED IT. BUT HE DIDN'T FIGURE ON THE WEIGHT OF THE BLANKET THE LITTLE FELLOW WAS WRAPPED IN.

I WAS KINDA DUMB BUT I'M TRYING THE SAME STUNT THIS MORNING— WITH THE BLANKET.

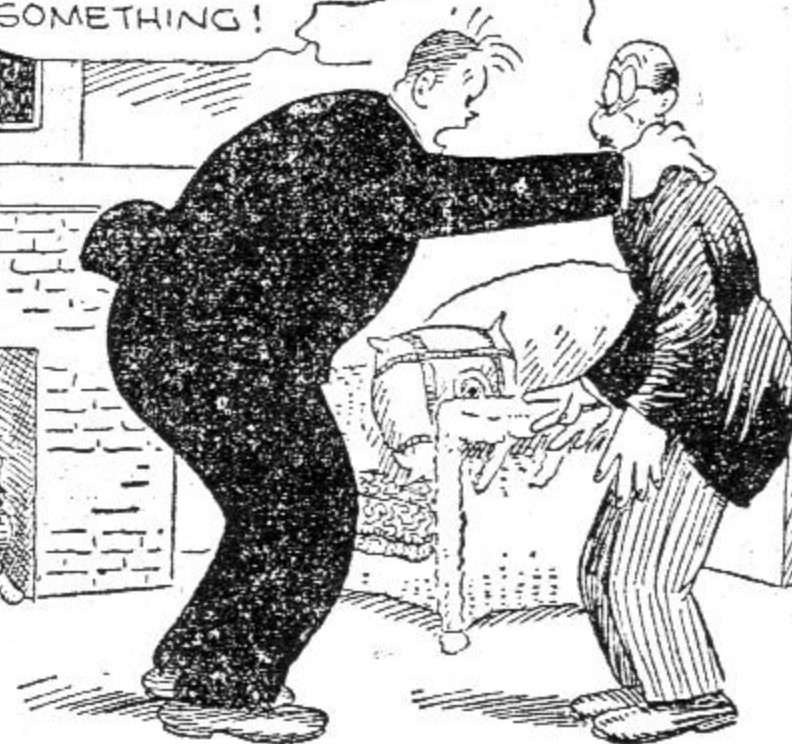


GREAT GUNS! SOMETHING AWFUL HAS HAPPENED!



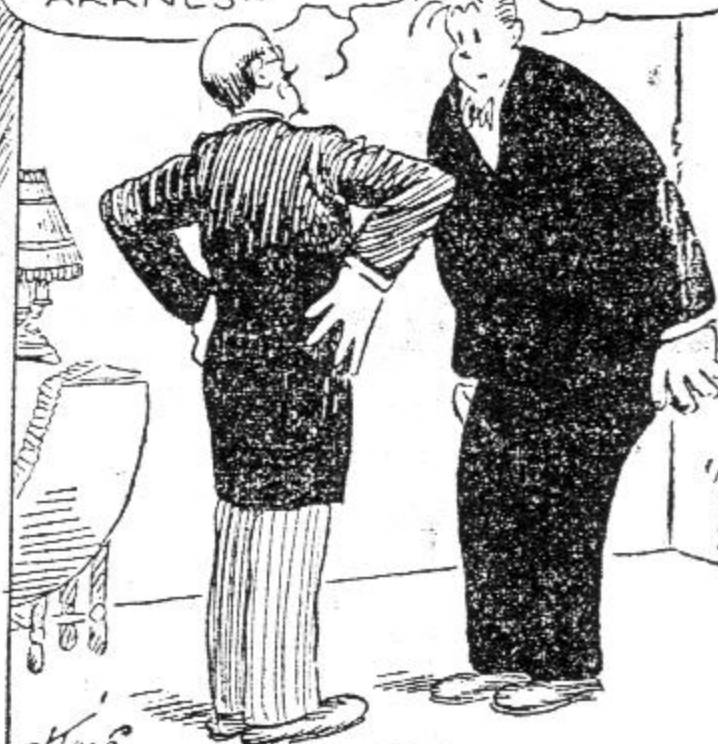
DOC LISTEN! THE BABY WEIGHED $8\frac{1}{4}$. WHEN HE WAS BORN AND HE WEIGHS ONLY $7\frac{3}{4}$ NOW! DO SOMETHING!

CALM YOURSELF, FATHER!



BABIES ALWAYS LOSE WEIGHT THE FIRST WEEK. WRITE THAT DOWN SO WHEN YOUR NEXT ARRIVES—

GOLLY, I KNEW THAT ONCE! I FORGOT.



Gasoline Alley—Let's See, What'll We Call Him?



Gasoline Alley—Walt Spreads Himself

I OUGHT NOT TO SPEND THAT MUCH ON FLOWERS RIGHT NOW. GOLLY, EXPENSES DO MOUNT UP!

OH WELL, OCCASIONS LIKE THIS ONLY COME HALF A DOZEN TIMES IN A LIFETIME. I CAN SWING IT.

WALT, YOU'RE A DEAR, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO EXTRAVAGANT. YOU KNOW I'M AWFULLY FOND OF JONQUILS AND POT MARIGOLDS.

I DON'T HAVE A GENEROUS STREAK VERY OFTEN. YOU OUGHT TO ENCOURAGE IT.

HOW IS THE CARROT THIS MORNING?

YOU OUGHT NOT TO CALL HIM THAT, WALT, JUST BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO BE RED HEADED. IT SOUNDS SO DISRESPECTFUL.

Gasoline Alley—The Busy Business Man

MRS. WALLET. OH, THAT YOU PHYLLIS? I JUST GOT LONESOME FOR YOU, IS ALL. HAS THE CARROT HAD HIS LUNCHEON YET?

WHY SHOULDN'T I? WE'VE GOT TO BEGIN CALLING HIM SOMETHING PRETTY SOON— AND HE'S JUST ABOUT THE SIZE OF ONE, BESIDES.

OF COURSE IF WE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO BE A PRIZE FIGHTER WE COULD NAME HIM CAULIFLOWER. SERIOUSLY THOUGH, HOW ABOUT AUGUSTUS? YOU CAN TRIM BOTH ENDS AND STILL HAVE GUS.

AND YOU TELL THE DOC I'M GOING TO GET YOU BOTH HOME PRETTY SUDDEN WHERE I CAN START THAT YOUNG FELLA OFF AS A CUSTOM JOB AND NOT A JUST FACTORY PRODUCTION.

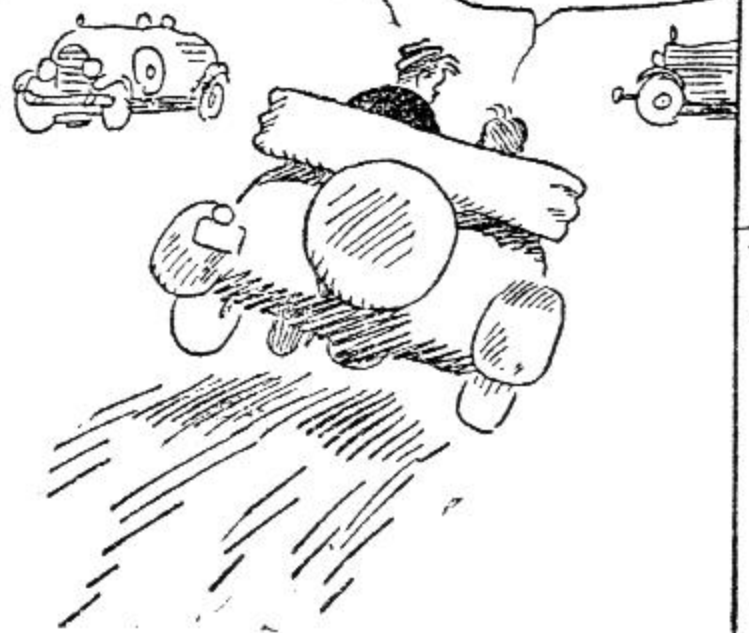
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Gasoline Alley—Special Service

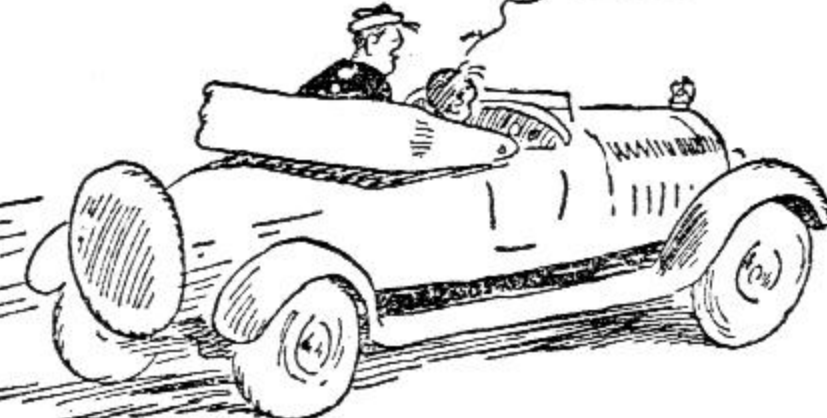
WE'LL GO AND PAY A VISIT TO AUNTIE BLOSSOM AND LITTLE BROTHER. WHAT'S THAT YOU HAVE?

THAT'S THE NICKEL YOU GAVE ME FOR STAYIN' CLEAN FOR A HOUR



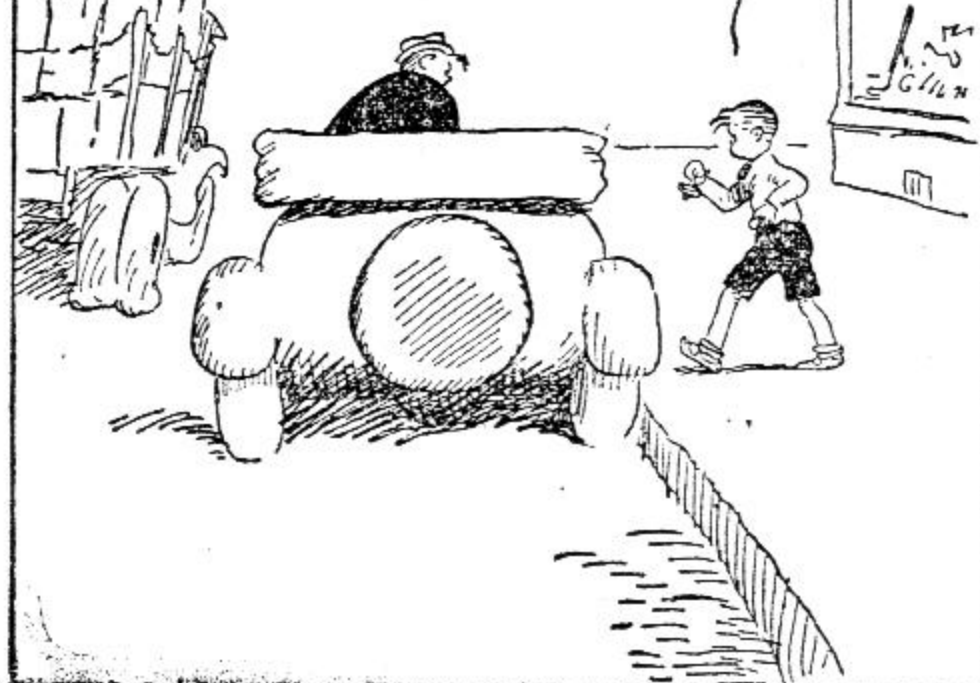
DON'T LET IT SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS. HANG TO IT TIGHT.

I AM. WILL YOU STOP AT THE TOY STORE UNCLE WALT?



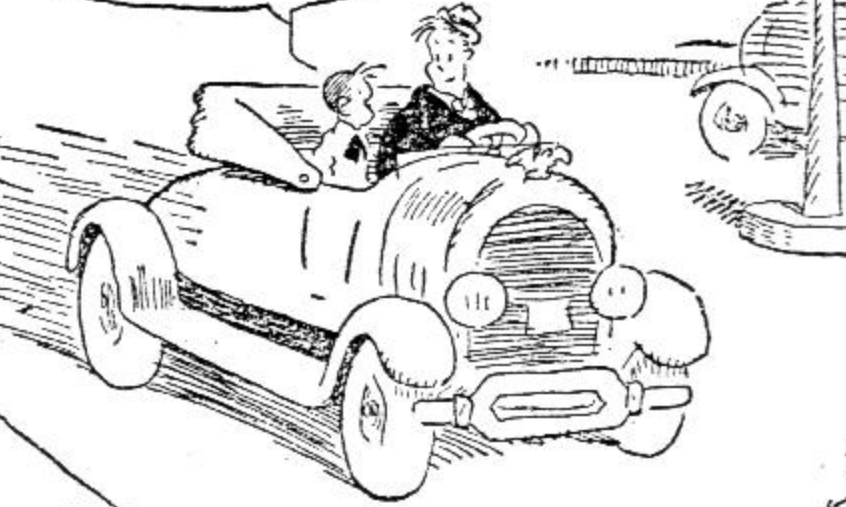
NOW WHAT?

I BOUGHT BABY BROTHER A TOP.



DON'T YOU THINK HE'S RATHER YOUNG TO ENJOY A TOP?

I'LL PROBL'Y HAVE TO USE IT TILL HE GROWS UP.



Gasoline Alley—You Can Choose a Name, but You Can't a Nickname



WERE YOU AWFULLY DISSAPPOINTED PHYLLIS, THAT HE WAS A BOY?

I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE, WALT. I WANTED A GIRL. BUT I WOULDN'T TRADE NOW, I'M PERFECTLY SATISFIED.

I WAS GOING TO NAME HER FRANCES WE CAN NAME HIM FRANCIS INSTEAD.

NOTHING DOING! THIS FELLA ISN'T GOING TO HAVE ANY COMPROMISE NAME LIKE THAT. WE'RE GOING TO PICK A HE-NAME JUST FOR HIM— AND IT ISN'T GOING TO BE MARION.

I'VE ALWAYS LIKED THE SIMPLE BIBLICAL NAMES LIKE PAUL AND JOHN.

YES AND LUKE AND SAM. I DON'T REMEMBER IF GEORGE IS ONE OF THEM BUT ANYWAY THAT'S TOO MUCH LIKE A PULLMAN PORTER.

WILLIAM AND HENRY AND CHARLES ARE NAMES THAT ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD— LIKE I HOPE HE'LL BE.

BILL AND HANK AND CHUCK— YES THEY ALL CARRY READY MADE NICK-NAMES, BUT THEY'LL PROBABLY CALL HIM RED.

Gasoline Alley—Looking Ahead

I WASN'T AS LITTLE AS THAT WHEN I WAS LEFT ON UNCLE WALT'S DOORSTEP WAS I?

JUST ABOUT THAT SIZE, SKEEZIX.

THEN I'VE DONE PRETTY WELL, HAVEN'T I?

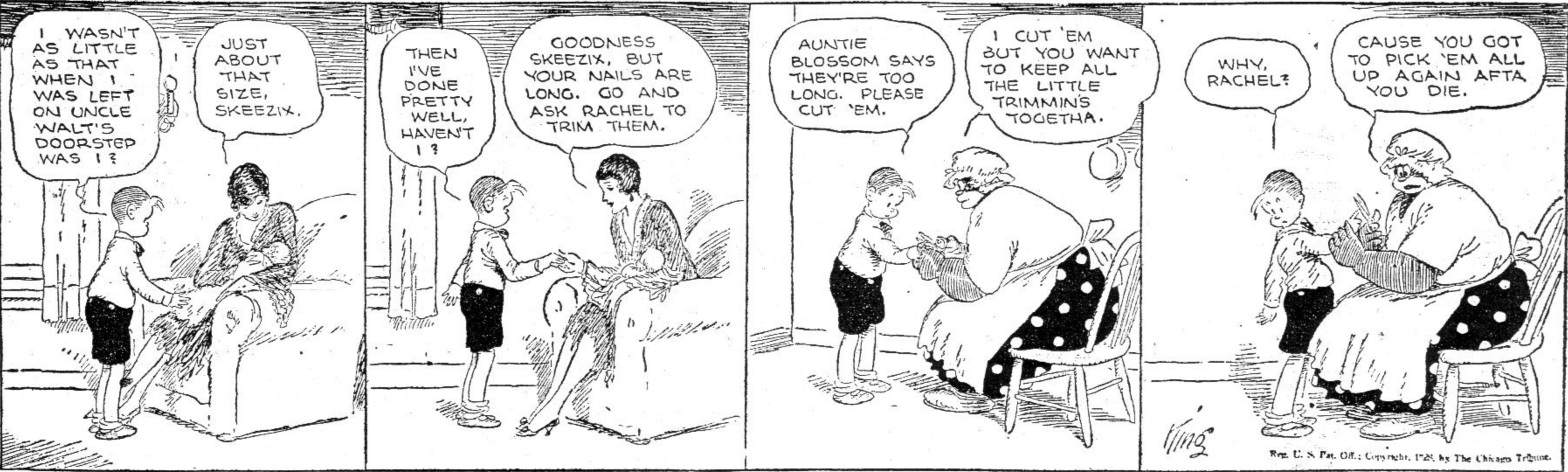
GOODNESS SKEEZIX, BUT YOUR NAILS ARE LONG. GO AND ASK RACHEL TO TRIM THEM.

AUNTIE BLOSSOM SAYS THEY'RE TOO LONG. PLEASE CUT 'EM.

I CUT 'EM BUT YOU WANT TO KEEP ALL THE LITTLE TRIMMIN'S TOGETHA.

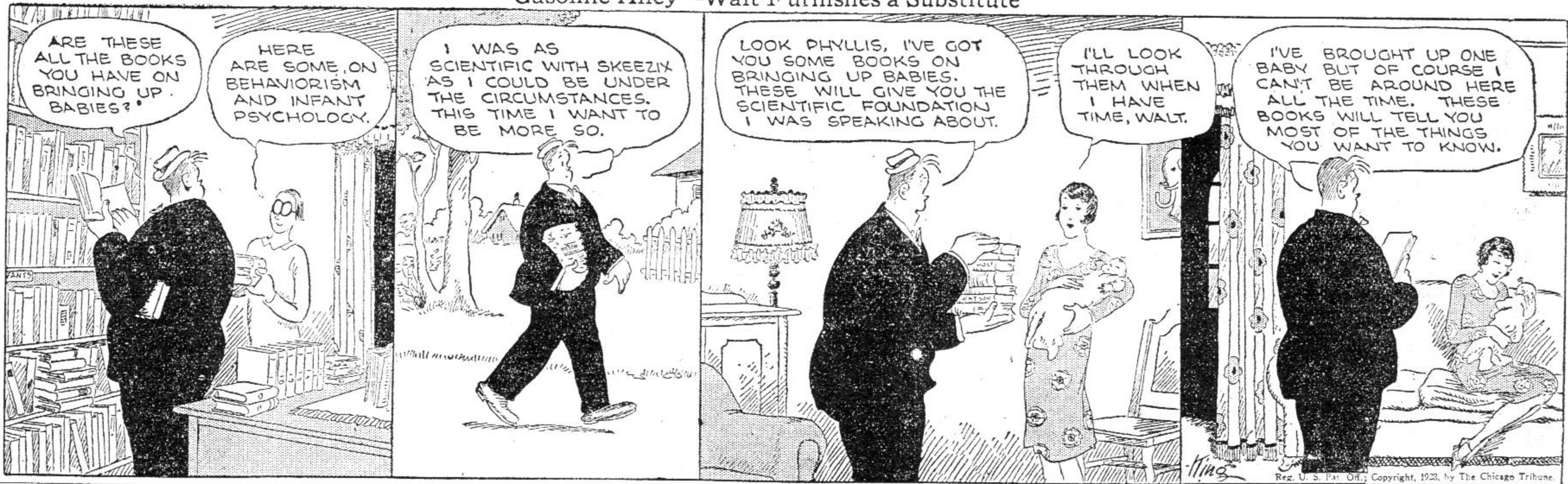
WHY, RACHEL?

CAUSE YOU GOT TO PICK 'EM ALL UP AGAIN AFTA YOU DIE.



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Gasoline Alley—Walt Furnishes a Substitute



ARE THESE ALL THE BOOKS YOU HAVE ON BRINGING UP BABIES?

HERE ARE SOME ON BEHAVIORISM AND INFANT PSYCHOLOGY.

I WAS AS SCIENTIFIC WITH SKEEZIX AS I COULD BE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS TIME I WANT TO BE MORE SO.

LOOK PHYLLIS, I'VE GOT YOU SOME BOOKS ON BRINGING UP BABIES. THESE WILL GIVE YOU THE SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION I WAS SPEAKING ABOUT.

I'LL LOOK THROUGH THEM WHEN I HAVE TIME, WALT.

I'VE BROUGHT UP ONE BABY BUT OF COURSE I CAN'T BE AROUND HERE ALL THE TIME. THESE BOOKS WILL TELL YOU MOST OF THE THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW.

Gasoline Alley—Walt's an Old Timer

OF COURSE WE MIGHT CALL YOU "CURLY," WITH THAT CORKSCREW CURL OF YOURS.

OR BETTER YET "CORKY". THAT MIGHT BE A NICKNAME FOR CORNELIUS.

PHYLLIS, I'VE GOT A NAME FOR THIS!

WALT! YOU HANDLE HIM SO CARELESSLY!

YOU SCARE ME TO DEATH!

IT ISN'T CARELESSNESS, PHYLLIS, IT'S EXPERIENCE. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST ONE I'VE RAISED YOU KNOW.

Gasoline Alley—It Cramps Avery's Generosity

HELLO PAPA!
NOW DON'T START
OUT TO TELL ME
WHAT THE BABY
SAID THIS MORNING.

NO AVERY,
BUT YOU
CAN TELL
ALREADY
HE'S A
SMART
KID.

GOLLY! THERE ISN'T
A FINER FELLOW IN
THE WORLD AND I
WANT TO DO
SOMETHING FOR HIM.

AND I DON'T
KNOW ANYTHING
HANDIER THAN ONE
OF THESE COMBINATION
DRESSING TABLES
AND BABY BATHS.

BUT GOLLY,
I CAN'T FIGURE
HOW TO WORK IT.
I CAN'T STUDY
IT OUT.

WALT CAN GET ME 25
PER CENT OFF ON
FURNITURE BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO GET IT
THROUGH HIM WITHOUT HIM
KNOWING ALL ABOUT IT!

Gasoline Alley—Looks Like Walt's Lucky Day

I'M GOING TO GET WALT A PRESENT FOR THE NEW BABY. ANY OF YOU BIRDS WANT TO JOIN ME?

SURE, I'M ON.

IT'S A GOOD IDEA. COME WITH ME AND WE'LL GET HIM AN OUTFIT.

ALL RIGHT WE'LL GO IN BILL'S CAR

I CAN GET A GENEROUS REDUCTION ON ANYTHING WE BUY.

I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT MR. WICKER

THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF NEW-FANGLED THINGS SINCE I WAS A YOUNG FATHER THAT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT.

LOOK DOC, HERE'S THIS RUBBER TUB AND DRESSING TABLE I TOLD YOU OF.

WELL HERE'S A COMPLETE OUTFIT.

IT LOOKS TO ME AS IF WALT WILL HAVE TO MOVE INTO A LARGER HOUSE.

Gasoline Alley—Any Suggestions?

I'VE GOT ANOTHER SCHEME FOR PICKING OUT A NAME. I'VE WRITTEN DOWN A LOT OF THE ONES WE'VE DISCUSSED AND WE'LL EACH CROSS OFF THE ONES WE LIKE LEAST.

WELL IF YOU'VE GOT ALFRED AND LEONARD AND RONALD ON IT YOU CAN CROSS THEM OFF.

ALL RIGHT. AND HERE'S WHERE I CROSS OFF CARL AND FRANK AND FERDINAND AND SIDNEY AND HAROLD.

STRIKE OUT HOMER AND EDWARD AND ELBERT AND FAYE AND ARCHIBALD.

CLARENCE WOULDN'T GO AT ALL NOR IRWIN NOR STEPHEN. NEITHER WOULD WALLACE NOR RALPH.

THAT LEAVES BURTON AND ROBERT AND THEODORE AND STANLEY AND WILLIAM. NONE OF THEM WILL DO. YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A NEW LIST AND START ALL OVER AGAIN.

Gasoline Alley—Presentations and Introductions

MR. AND MRS. WALLET, HAVING BEEN CHOSEN TO MAKE A PRESENTATION SPEECH ON BEHALF OF THIS ALLEY BUNCH, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE HAVING A FEW LITTLE ITEMS SENT UP TO YOU AS CONCRETE SYMBOLS OF OUR JOY AND PRIDE IN YOUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENT—A FINE STRAPPING BABY BOY.

IT'S MIGHTY FINE OF YOU BOYS BUT I THOUGHT YOU DID ALL THAT AT MY SHOWER.

YOU MUST COME AND SEE THE BABY.

SO THAT'S THE PARTY IS IT?

GENTLEMEN, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW YOU ARE GAZING ON THE FINEST SPECIMEN OF FRESH NEW HUMANITY THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER.

GOLLY HE'S A FINE BOY, MRS. WALLET, NO KIDDING!

STEP RIGHT UP, MEN. I'VE MET HIM BEFORE.

CAN HE WALK YET, WALT?

NO HE CAN'T WALK! HE ISN'T OLD ENOUGH.

Gasoline Alley—Merry Christmas

WALT WALLET LIVE HERE? GOT SOME THINGS OUT IN THE TRUCK.

BRING 'EM UP.

GREAT JUMPIN' GRASSHOPPER! THESE ARE THE THINGS THE ALLEY BUNCH ARE MAKING THE BABY A PRESENT OF! IT LOOKS LIKE MOVING DAY

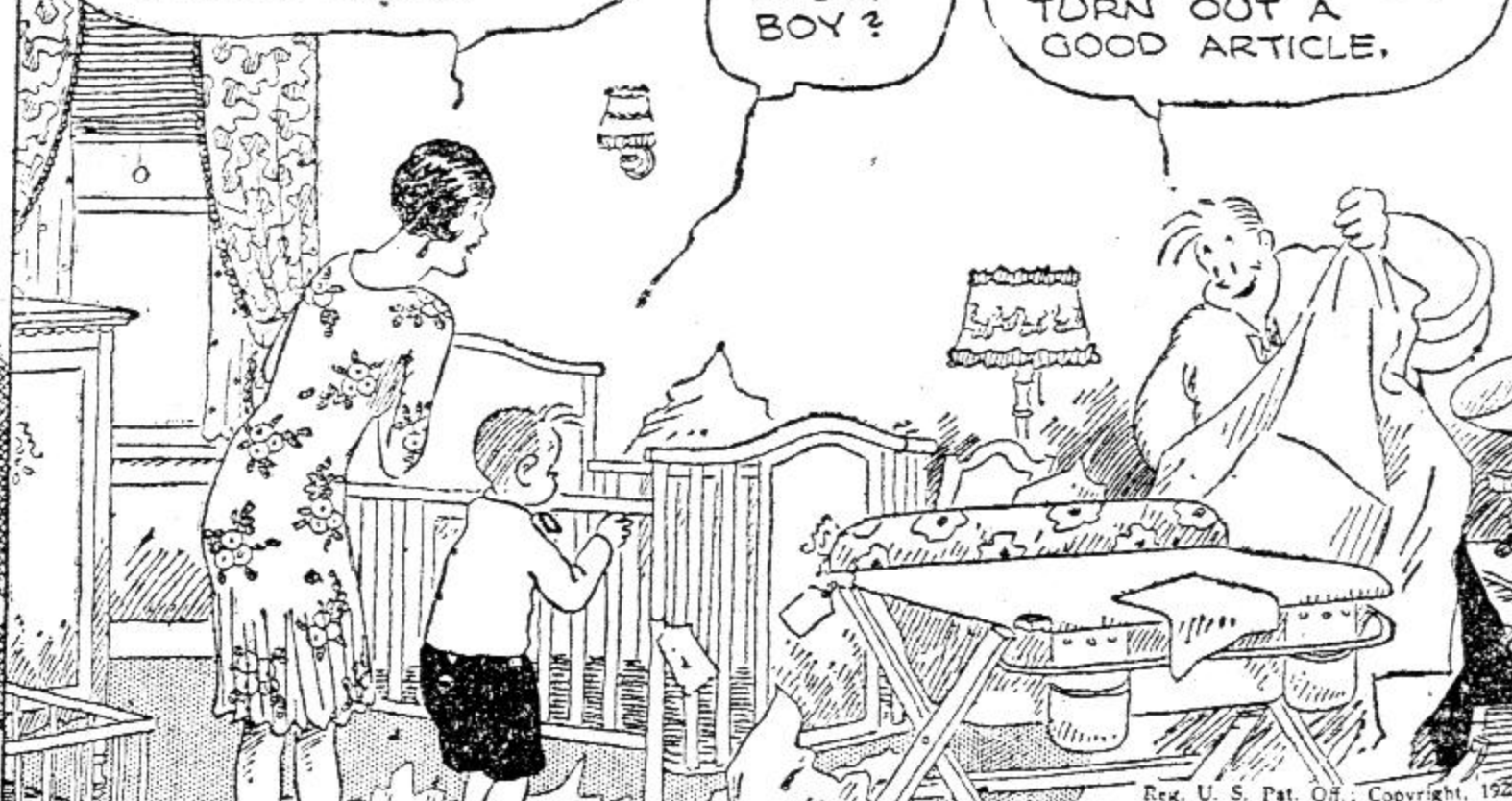
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT ALL THIS CAN BE!

THEY'RE BIG ONES FOR A LITTLE BABY.

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE ARTICLES I WANTED TO GET. THEY CERTAINLY BELIEVE IN DOING THINGS RIGHT.

ISN'T ANY OF IT FOR A BIG BOY?

NOW WE'VE GOT FULL EQUIPMENT. IT WILL BE OUR FAULT IF WE DON'T TURN OUT A GOOD ARTICLE.



Gasoline Alley—For Political Reasons

HERE'S A HUNCH—
THERE ARE A LOT
OF NAMES IN THE
DICTIONARY.

LISTEN PHYLLIS—
DOES ANY OF THESE
SOUND GOOD TO
YOU— ABEL, ADAM,
AMOS, ANTHONY,
ARTHUR, AXEL—

GO ON.
THOSE ARE
ALL TOO
CONVENTIONAL
AND NOT
DIGNIFIED
ENOUGH.

SKEEZIX, WE'RE TRYING
TO PICK OUT A NAME FOR
LITTLE BROTHER. WHAT
WOULD YOU LIKE TO
HAVE HIM CALLED?

SQUID!

WHY
SQUID?

HE'S THE
NEW KID IN
SCHOOL AN'
HE SAID
HE'D LICK
ME IF I
DIDN'T
NAME HIM
SQUID!

King

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Gasoline Alley—There Are Methods and Methods

MISTA WALT SAYS THAT THE FOLKS THAT WRITE THE BOOKS KNOWS ALL ABOUT BRINGIN' UP BABIES. BUT I GOT MY OWN IDEAS.



FOLKS THAT RAISES BABIES AIN'T GOT NO TIME TO WRITE BOOKS. I'VE RAISED PLENTY AN' I NEVER HAD NO TIME TO WRITE NONE.



LET 'EM CRY, THE BOOKS SAYS. I KNOWS A BETTA WAY.



THERE, SEE! HE'S ALMOST GOT A SMILE ALREADY! HE AIN'T TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHAT HE WANTS.



HE AIN'T INTERESTED IN NO BOOK LEARNIN'. ALL HE WANTS IS HUMAN NATURE.



Gasoline Alley—On Second Thought

HERE'S THE CASTILE SOAP AN' THE OLIVE OIL FROM THE DRUG STORE MAN FOR THE BABY.

ALL RIGHT, SKEEZIX. I'M GLAD YOU'RE ABLE TO RUN A FEW ERRANDS FOR US.

BY THE WAY, WAS THERE ANY CHANGE?

YES THERE WAS FIVE CENTS LEFT OVER SO I BOUGHT BABY A ALL DAY SUCKER.

THAT'S FINE! I'M GLAD TO KNOW YOU'RE THOUGHTFUL OF LITTLE BROTHER. OF COURSE HE ISN'T OLD ENOUGH FOR IT YET BUT I'LL KEEP IT UP HERE UNTIL HE IS.

UNCLE WALT, WON'T IT BE JUST AS WELL IF I EAT THIS ONE AN' GET A FRESH ONE FOR HIM SOME TIME?

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Gasoline Alley—Sh! Walt Is Deep in Thought!

I'M THINKING HARD, PHYLLIS, DON'T DISTURB ME! WHY NOT NAME HIM OSWALD?

I KNEW A FELLOW BY THAT NAME AND I DIDN'T LIKE HIM AT ALL. SO I NEVER HAVE LIKED THE NAME.

UNCLE ABRAHAM PROMISED TO MENTION HIM IN HIS WILL IF THE BABY WAS NAMED AFTER HIM.

I WAS NAMED PHYLLIS AFTER A GREAT AUNT AND WAS TO GET A DIAMOND. I'VE HAD THE NAME FOR A GOOD MANY YEARS BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE DIAMOND YET

I'VE GOT IT PHYLLIS! THE VERY THING!

HE'S SUCH A KNOCKOUT. WE'LL CALL HIM DAVID.

Gasoline Alley—There! That's Settled

I'VE HAD A DOZEN NAMES FOR YOU OLD TOPPER, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SELL ANY OF THEM TO THE BOSS.

BUT I'VE GOT ONE NOW I THINK WILL GO OVER. LET'S GO AND FIND HER AND SEE IF WE CAN PUT IT OVER.

PHYLLIS: I'VE GOT IT! WE'LL GIVE HIM YOUR MAIDEN NAME FOR HIS FIRST ONE—CORKLEIGH WALLET! THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER WITH THAT IS THERE?

I HAD THOUGHT OF IT, WALT, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D WANT TO DO THAT.

I THINK THAT'S FINE. THAT CARRIES ON THE TWO FAMILY NAMES AND IT IS A GOOD ARISTOCRATIC ONE ANYWAY. CORKLEIGH GO TO MAMA.

THAT WILL PLEASE HIS GREATUNCLE CORKLEIGH.

Gasoline Alley—Back Yard Comment

CORKLEIGH? THAT SEEMS LIKE A FUNNY NAME TO GIVE A CHILD

IT WAS MY MAIDEN NAME. IT'S AN OLD VIRGINIA FAMILY.

SO YOU FINALLY GOT A NAME FOR HIM. SEEMS TO ME YOU COULD HAVE DONE BETTER IN A SHORTER TIME.

STEP UP FOLKS AND MEET CORKLEIGH WALLET, SON OF WALT WALLET. YOU'VE KNOWN HIM BY SIGHT FOR SOME TIME BUT NOT BY NAME.

PLEASED TO MEETCHA

HE LOOKS HUSKY ENOUGH TO GROW UP UNDER IT.

YOU'LL BE TAKING CORKLIEGH TO SCHOOL SOON, SKEEZIX?

TO KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR. BUT I'LL BE IN THIRD GRADE.

I THOUGHT HER MAIDEN NAME WAS BLOSSOM.

THAT WAS HER WIDOW'S NAME. AN' HER NEE NAME WAS CORKLEIGH.



-King

Gasoline Alley—Corkleigh Ought to Have Something to Say About It

WHY DO I PUT MY ELBOW IN THE WATER? THAT'S TO TELL WHETHER THE WATER IS TOO HOT OR TOO COLD FOR BABY'S BATH.

OH! I PUT MY FOOT IN TO TELL MINE IS ALL RIGHT.

HOW DO YOU LIKE CORKLEIGH FOR THE BABY'S NAME?

I LIKE SPUD OR CHUCK OR SHORTY BETTER.

I THINK YOU'LL LIKE IT AFTER YOU GET USED TO IT.

I BETCHA I KNOW WHY YOU NAMED HIM CORKLEIGH.

WHY DO YOU THINK, SKEEZIX?

'CAUSE HE FLOATS.

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Gasoline Alley—The First Thing Phyllis Learned

GOLLY, PHYLLIS, IT'S TOO BAD THAT ALL THIS CAME AT A TIME I WASN'T ABLE TO AFFORD A NURSE FOR AT LEAST A MONTH OR SO

I WOULDN'T HAVE A NURSE FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD, WALT.

YOU LIKE TAKING CARE OF HIM?

I LOVE IT. I WOULDN'T GIVE THAT PRIVILEGE UP TO ANYBODY.

I'VE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE BRINGING UP A BABY, PHYLLIS, AND YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY. YET YOU SEEM TO KNOW HOW THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED.

YOU THINK SO?

YES. WHERE DID YOU LEARN IT?

IT'S A SECRET WALT, BUT I'LL TELL YOU. I USED TO BE ONE.

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Gasoline Alley—T here Are No Flaws

RACHEL, THERE ARE SOME BROWN PLACES IN MY APPLE. IS IT GOOD?

THEY'S JUST A FEW BAD SPOTS. THE REST OF IT IS GOOD.

I'LL TAKE 'EM OUT FOR YOU AN' IT WILL BE JES' AS GOOD AS NEW.

THANKS, RACHEL.

LOOK AT THAT BROWN SPOT ON HIM, AUNTIE BLOSSOM.

YES, SKEEZIX. THAT'S A MOLE.

OH! I THOUGHT IT WAS A BAD SPOT AN' WE'D HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT.

Gasoline Alley—And That's That

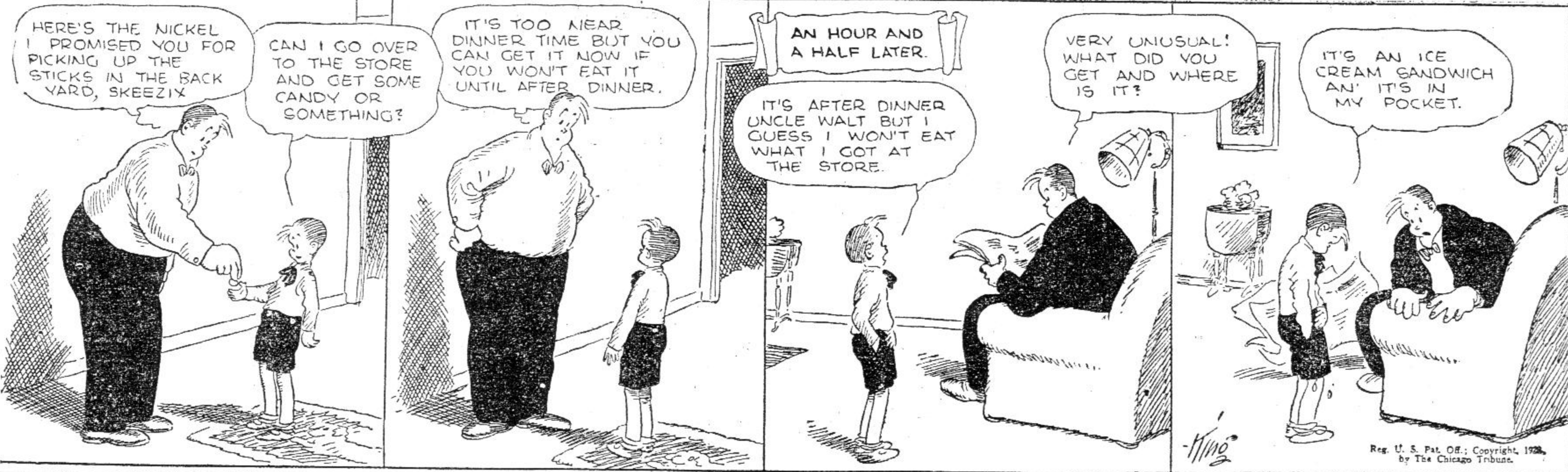
JUST BECAUSE YOUR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME HAPPENED TO BE CORKLEIGH IS NO SIGN I'M GOING TO CALL YOU THAT.

CORKY IS A LOT SHORTER AND A LOT BETTER AND THAT'S WHO YOU ARE TO ME FROM NOW ON.

SO CORKY, OL' TOP, GO TO BED AND GET YOURSELF A NAP. YOU SHOULD HAVE FOOD AND SLEEP IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS.

BYE BYE, CORKY. I'LL CALL AGAIN.

Gasoline Alley—As Per Agreement



Gasoline Alley—That's Where the Interest Comes In

CAN I HAVE ANOTHER NICKEL, UNCLE WALT?—

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT, SKEEZIX. YOU MUSTN'T TRY TO GET MONEY AND HURRY AWAY TO SPEND IT JUST AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO LITTLE BROTHER CORKY AND SAVE YOUR MONEY. IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET AHEAD IN THE WORLD.

I'VE GOT A NICKEL, RACHEL, BUT I'M SAVIN' IT.

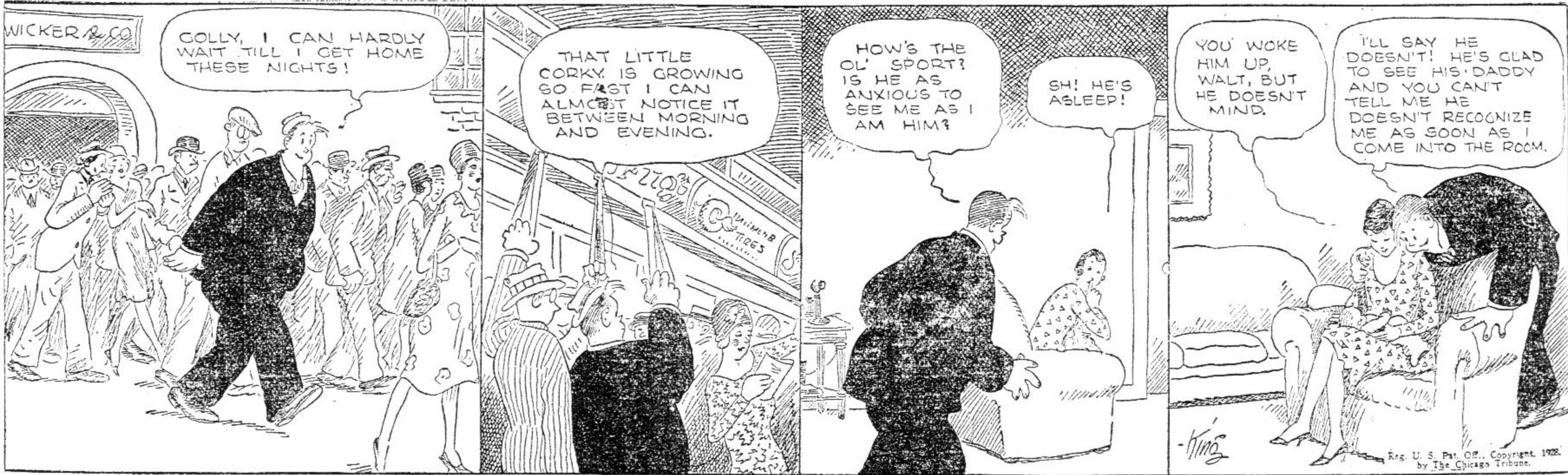
WHAT YOU SAVIN' IT FOR?

SO I CAN BUY SOME CANDY AFTER SCHOOL.

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Gasoline Alley—Walt Has an Appointment



Gasoline Alley—That Reminds Walt

CORKY IS HAVING HIS BATH ABOUT NOW. I'M SORRY I CAN'T BE IN ON IT. HE'S A MARVEL!

MR. WALLET, THAT ORDER FOR OKLAHOMA CITY, NO. 930M— THEY WANT A GREEN AND IT ONLY COMES IN IVORY AND WHITE.

WHAT'S THAT, A CHAISE LOUNGE?

NO, BABY CARRAIGE.

BABY CARRAIGE! GREAT JUMPIN' GRASSHOPPER!

LISTEN PHYLLIS! WHEN I BROUGHT CORKY IN I LEFT HIS CARRIAGE OUT AND IT'S BEEN RAINING FOR HALF AN HOUR!

Gasoline Alley—Startling if True

LOOK, MISTA WALT, THE STARS CORKY WAS BORN UNDA IS TAURUS AN' HE GOING HAVE A GOOD MEMORY. WHEN HE GITS MAD HE GIT AWFUL MAD AN' HE VERY SYNTHETIC WHEN FOLKS IS IN TROUBLE

ASTROLOGY? DON'T RELY TOO MUCH ON THAT STUFF, RACHEL.

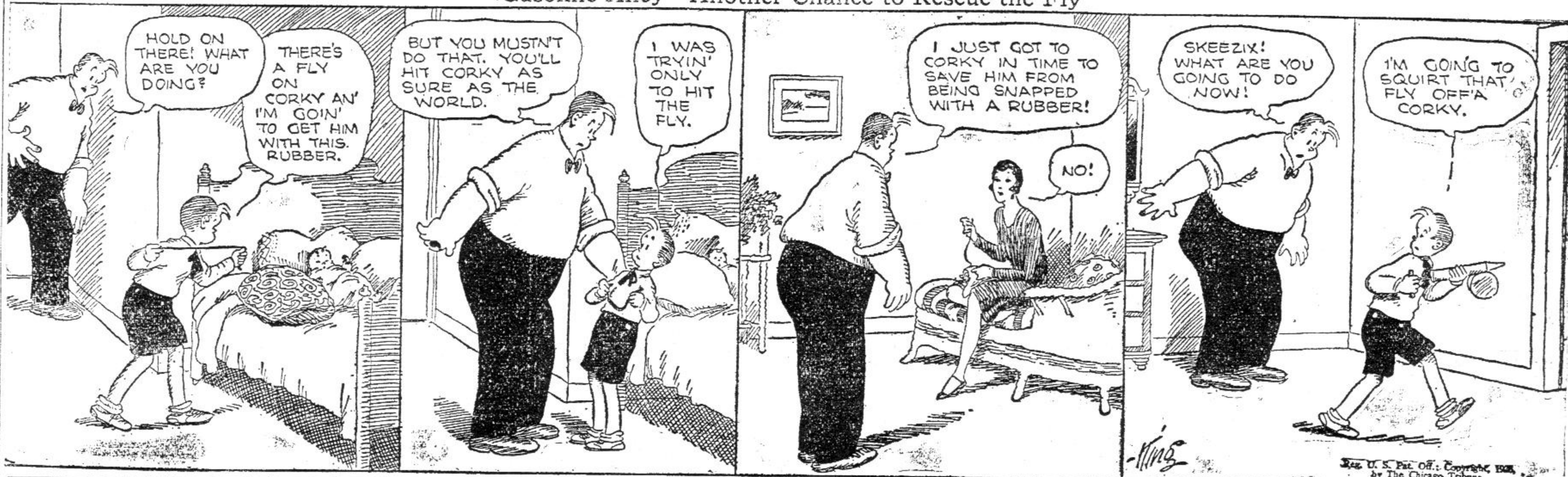
IT'S JES AS TRUE AS THE DAY IS LONG, MISTA WALT. I HAS TRIED IT OUT. HE GOIN' BE SLOW BUT SURE.

AND I SEE HE IS GOING TO HAVE MANY FRIENDS AND BE FOND OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE

I DON'T BELIEVE IN THIS STUFF BUT I LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY. "HE IS SUBJECT TO JEALOUSY SELF-WILL AND STUBBORNNESS" WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR THAT.

"UNCONTROLLED, THE TAURUS NATURE WILL BE THE CAUSE OF GREAT EVIL AND DESTRUCTION." NOT SO GOOD! GOLLY, I WONDER IF THEY'RE RIGHT! I'M GOING TO WATCH HIM LIKE A HAWK.

Gasoline Alley—Another Chance to Rescue the Fly



HOLD ON THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THERE'S A FLY ON CORKY AN' I'M GOIN' TO GET HIM WITH THIS RUBBER.

BUT YOU MUSTN'T DO THAT. YOU'LL HIT CORKY AS SURE AS THE WORLD.

I WAS TRYIN' ONLY TO HIT THE FLY.

I JUST GOT TO CORKY IN TIME TO SAVE HIM FROM BEING SNAPPED WITH A RUBBER!

NO!

SKEEZIX! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW!

I'M GOING TO SQUIRT THAT FLY OFF A CORKY.

King

Gasoline Alley—Isn't That Just Like a Man?

PHYLLIS, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T SING CORKY TO SLEEP. YOU KNOW WHAT THE BOOK SAYS.

BUT WALT, IT ISN'T HUMAN NOT TO WANT TO HOLD HIM AND SING TO HIM.

I KNOW BUT IF YOU DO IT ONLY ONCE OR TWICE YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT EVERY TIME.

THAT WILL SUIT ME.

TAKE SKEEZIX FOR INSTANCE. HE'S GROWN UP INTO A FINE BOY BECAUSE I BROUGHT HIM UP IN A THOROUGHLY SCIENTIFIC MANNER. HE PROVES THAT THE BOOK IS RIGHT.

BUT WALT, IT'S AGAINST NATURE.

CAN YA BEAT THAT! MISTA WALT TAKIN' THE CREDIT FOR RAISIN' SKEEZIX! I BRUNG HIM UP MYSELF!

Gasoline Alley—Looking Ahead



Gasoline Alley Treatment Who

Gasoline Alley—Treatment Where Needed

DOC! CORKY HAS BEEN RESTLESS AND TOSSING AROUND AND I'M SURE HE HAS A TOUCH OF THE COLIC

CONDITIONS DO NOT INDICATE COLIC, WALT. HE SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT NOW.

I KNOW, BUT PHYLLIS WAS SURE HE HAD COLIC A WHILE AGO



IF HE SHOULD WAKE UP AND APPEAR UNEASY GIVE HIM A TEASPOONFUL OF THIS 10 PER CENT SOLUTION.

ALL RIGHT DOC.



10 PER CENT TO EASE THE CHILD AND 90 PER CENT TO EASE THE PARENTS.



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Gasoline Alley—Now or Never

CORKY IS DECIDEDLY THE BEST ALARM CLOCK WE EVER HAD.

WALT, I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO CALL HIM CORKY. CORKLEIGH IS MUCH MORE DIGNIFIED.

WELL I DON'T NOTICE ANYTHING SO TERRIBLY DIGNIFIED ABOUT HIM. I SHOULD SAY HE IS AT LEAST INFORMAL.

IT CAN ALWAYS BE CHANGED TO CORKY BUT NEVER BACK TO CORKLEIGH.

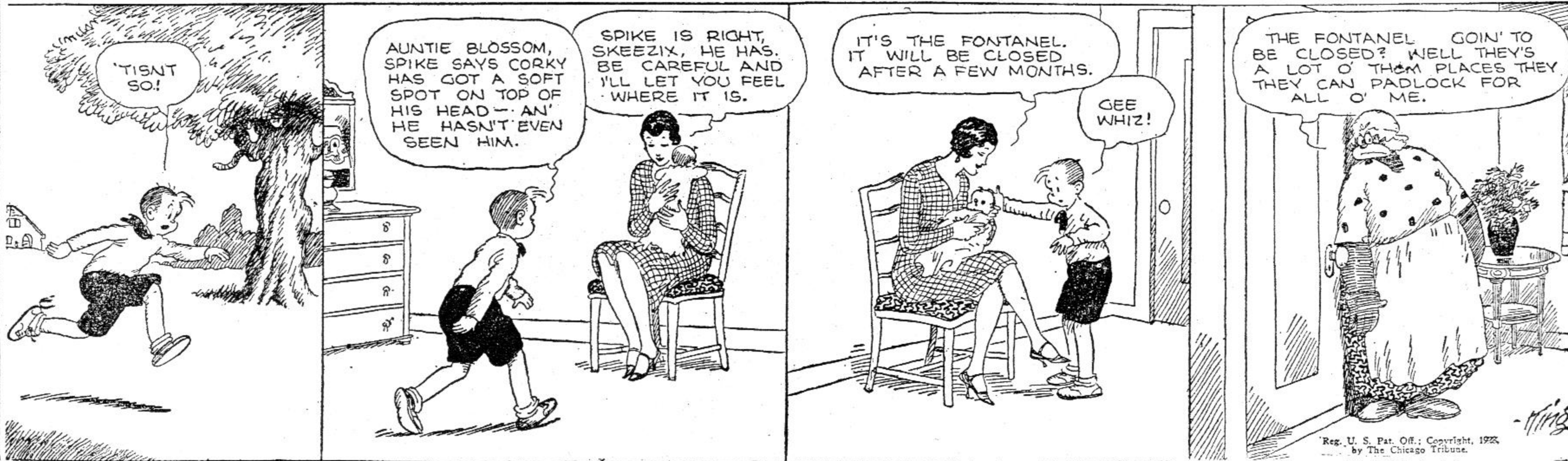
I THINK WHEN HE GETS TO COLLEGE IS EARLY ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM A NICKNAME. HE OUGHT TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT HIMSELF.

WHEN HE GETS TO BE AN AUTHOR OR A SENATOR HE CAN CHANGE IT BACK TO CORKLEIGH.

CORKY, DO YOU WANT US TO CALL YOU CORKLEIGH? NO I DIDN'T THINK YOU DID.



Gasoline Alley—Now or Never



- King

Gasoline Alley—Competition

ISN'T HE JUST THE DEAREST CUTEST LITTLE SWEETIE!

HE'S THE MOST WONDERFUL LITTLE THING IN THE WORLD.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY? WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT?

NOBODY LIKES ME ANY MORE.

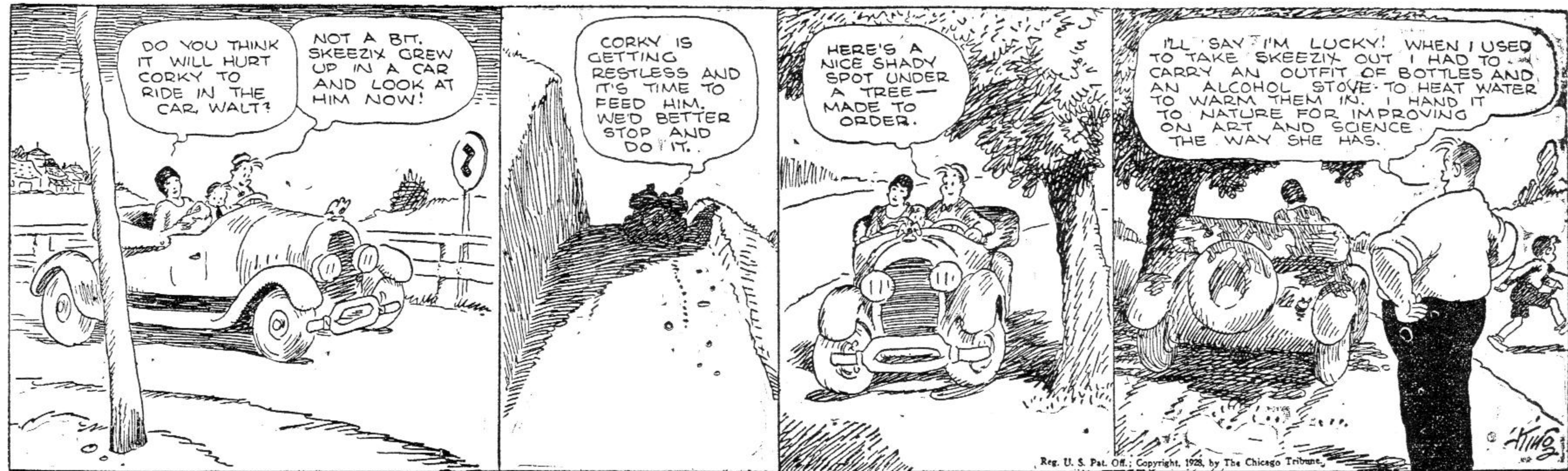
OH HONEY! WE ALL LOVE YOU—JUST AS MUCH AS WE EVER DID! WE MAKE A FUSS OVER CORKY BECAUSE HE'S NEW AND LITTLE, THAT'S ALL!

YOU LIKE ME TOO DON'T YOU UNCLE WALT?

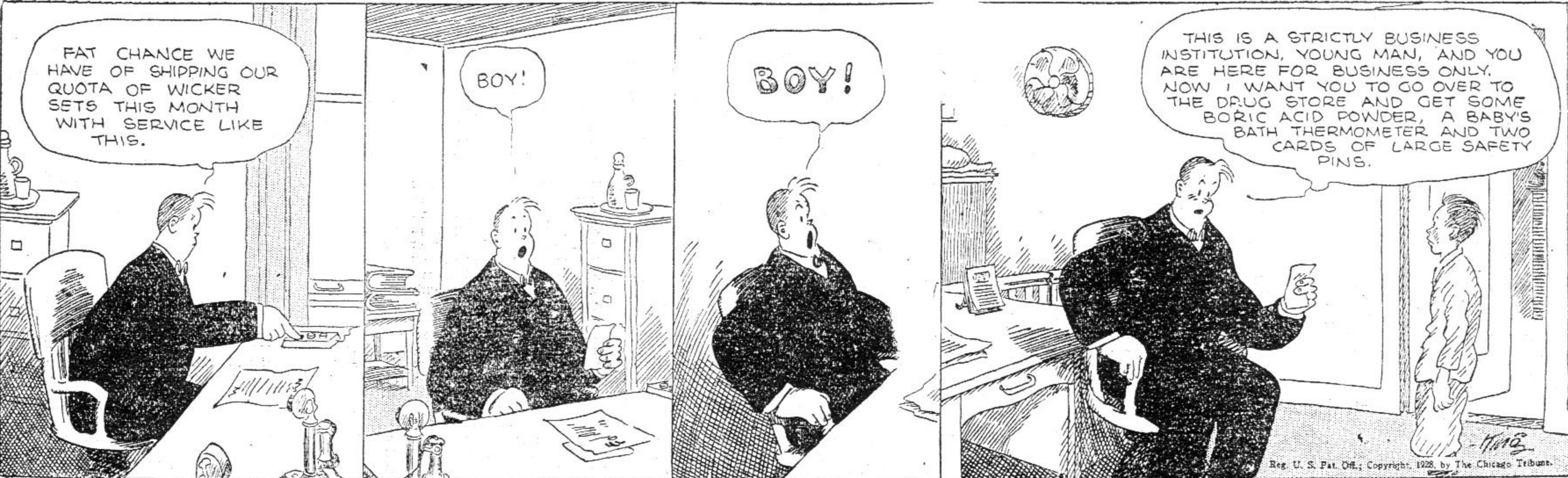
OF COURSE WE LOVE YOU SKEEZIX! YOU MUSTN'T MIND IT WHEN WE TALK THAT WAY ABOUT CORKY—HE'S SO MUCH LITTLER.

I WON'T CRY ANY MORE, AUNTIE BLOSSOM.

Gasoline Alley—Live and Learn



Gasoline Alley—And No Exceptions to This Rule



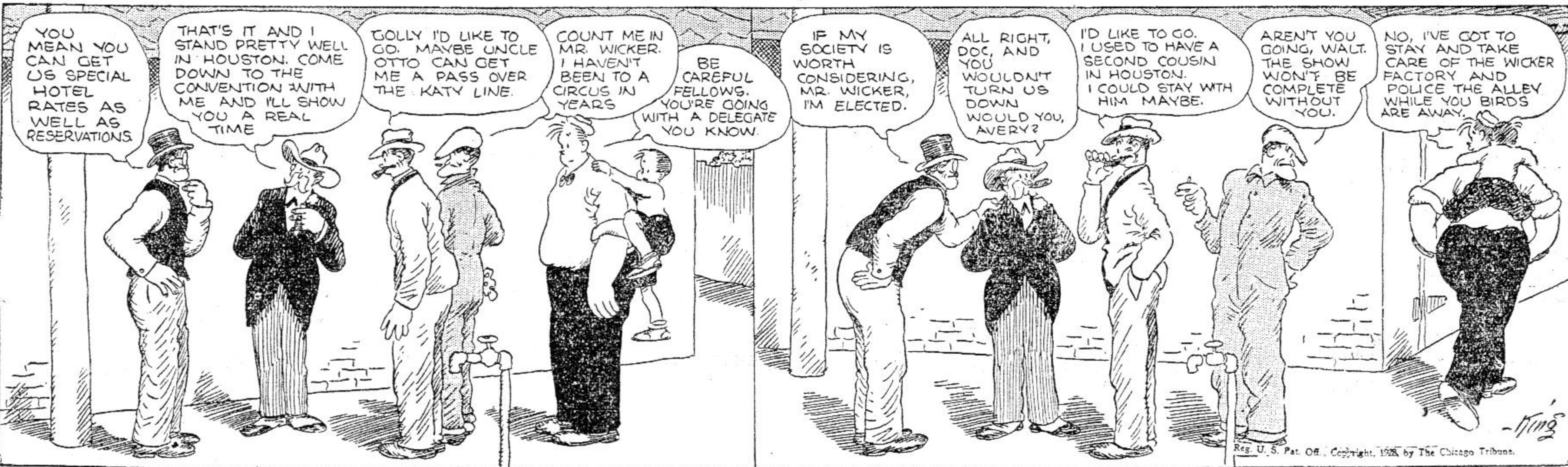
FAT CHANCE WE HAVE OF SHIPPING OUR QUOTA OF WICKER SETS THIS MONTH WITH SERVICE LIKE THIS.

BOY!

BOY!

THIS IS A STRICTLY BUSINESS INSTITUTION, YOUNG MAN, AND YOU ARE HERE FOR BUSINESS ONLY. NOW I WANT YOU TO GO OVER TO THE DRUG STORE AND GET SOME BORIC ACID POWDER, A BABY'S BATH THERMOMETER AND TWO CARDS OF LARGE SAFETY PINS.

Gasoline Alley—Delegates Extraordinary



YOU MEAN YOU CAN GET US SPECIAL HOTEL RATES AS WELL AS RESERVATIONS.

THAT'S IT AND I STAND PRETTY WELL IN HOUSTON. COME DOWN TO THE CONVENTION WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU A REAL TIME.

GOLLY I'D LIKE TO GO. MAYBE UNCLE OTTO CAN GET ME A PASS OVER THE KATY LINE.

COUNT ME IN MR. WICKER. I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A CIRCUS IN YEARS.

BE CAREFUL FELLOWS. YOU'RE GOING WITH A DELEGATE YOU KNOW.

IF MY SOCIETY IS WORTH CONSIDERING, MR. WICKER, I'M ELECTED.

ALL RIGHT, DOC, AND YOU WOULDN'T TURN US DOWN WOULD YOU, AVERY?

I'D LIKE TO GO. I USED TO HAVE A SECOND COUSIN IN HOUSTON. I COULD STAY WITH HIM MAYBE.

AREN'T YOU GOING, WALT. THE SHOW WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU.

NO, I'VE GOT TO STAY AND TAKE CARE OF THE WICKER FACTORY AND POLICE THE ALLEY WHILE YOU BIRDS ARE AWAY.

King

Gasoline Alley—Don't Try This Experiment

PHYLLIS, DID YOU EVER HEAR OF SUCH A GOOD BABY? HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SPENDING HIS TIME CRYING.

HOLD ON THERE, CORKY! THAT'S NO WAY TO DO. I JUST GOT THROUGH BRAGGING YOU UP AS A GENIAL OPTIMIST.

I NEVER KNEW IT TO FAIL! IF THINGS ARE SAILING RIGHT ALONG IT DOESN'T PAY TO MENTION IT. SOMETHING IS BOUND TO HAPPEN TO SPOIL IT ALL

I'M NOT SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT 13 AT TABLE, BLACK CATS, HOWLING DOGS OR NEW MOONS BUT IF YOU WANT A BLOWOUT JUST REMARK ABOUT HOW WELL YOUR TIRES ARE STANDING UP, THAT'S ALL.

Gasoline Alley—An Extra Special Occasion

BUT WALT!
I HAVEN'T A
THING TO
WEAR!

YOU LOOK JUST
SWELL, PHYLLIS.
I KNEW YOU'D
RESURRECT
SOMETHING
IF I'D GIVE
YOU A LITTLE
TIME.

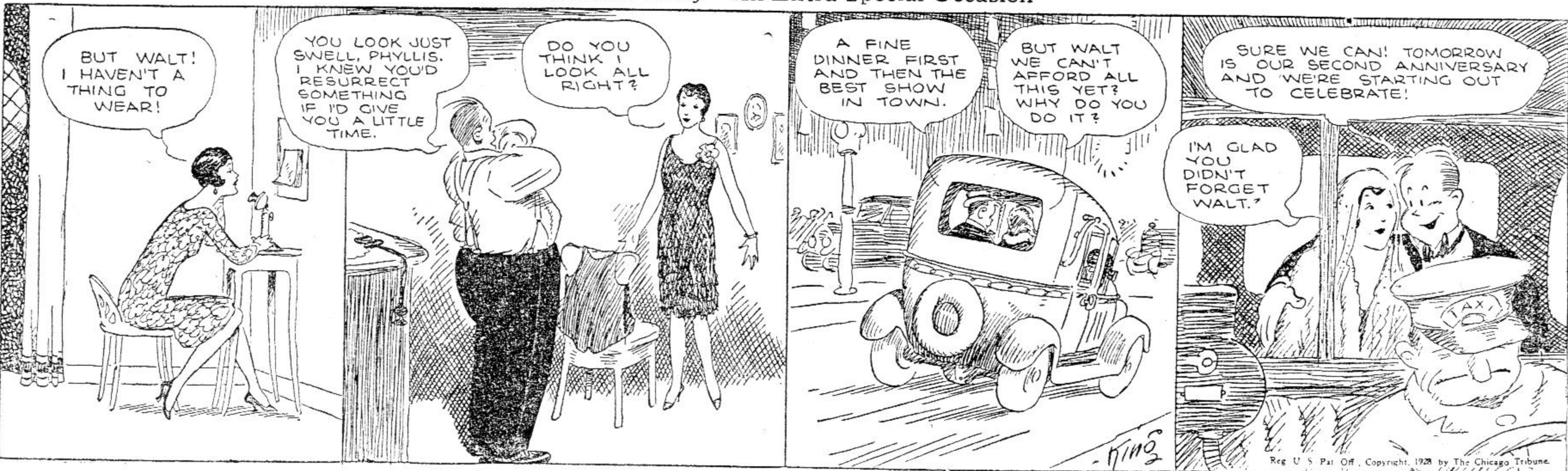
DO YOU
THINK I
LOOK ALL
RIGHT?

A FINE
DINNER FIRST
AND THEN THE
BEST SHOW
IN TOWN.

BUT WALT
WE CAN'T
AFFORD ALL
THIS YET?
WHY DO YOU
DO IT?

I'M GLAD
YOU
DIDN'T
FORGET
WALT?

SURE WE CAN! TOMORROW
IS OUR SECOND ANNIVERSARY
AND WE'RE STARTING OUT
TO CELEBRATE!



- KING

Gasoline Alley—The Great Adventure

DEAR SIR: MR. WICKER IS OUT OF TOWN. BUT WE ARE RUSHING CRATE OF PORCHERETTE CHAIRS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE UNSATISFACTORY GOODS.

THE MAN THAT INVENTED THE WICKER BUILT-IN-WALL BACK SCRATCHER WANTS TO SEE YOU NOW THAT MR. WICKER IS AWAY.

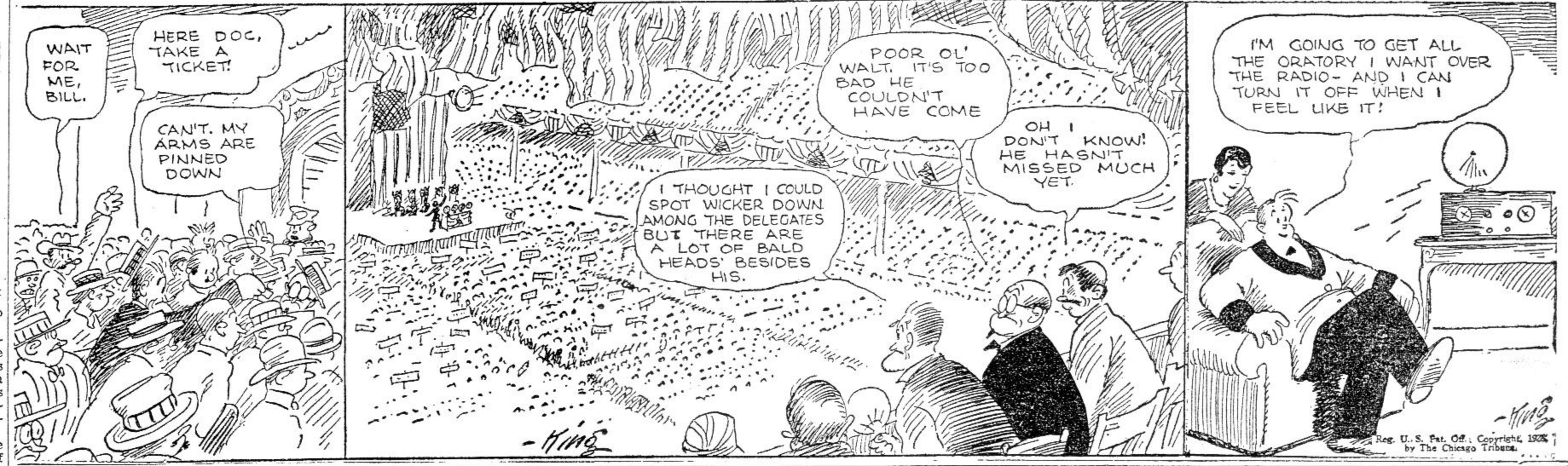
TELL HIM TO COME BACK AT 3:18. I'LL GIVE HIM SEVEN MINUTES.

"DEAR WALT- DON'T WORK TOO HARD. YOU SHOULD BE GLAD YOU ARE IN A NICE COOL OFFICE - NOT A HOT DUSTY SMOKY DRY DRAWING ROOM. PROBABLY FINE SCENERY BUT NOBODY HAS LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW. REGARDS, BUNCH." YES, I'LL BET THEY'RE SUFFERING.

SORRY, BUT THERE AIN'T NO MORE GINGER ALE ON THIS TRAIN TILL WE GIT TO WACO. PASSENGERS BEEN AWFUL HAR- ON GINGER ALE THIS TRIP. BUT WE GOT NICE ROOT BEER AN' LEMON POP.

NO GEORGE, GINGER ALE OR NOTHING. THIS BUNCH IS VERY PARTICULAR WIRE AHEAD FOR TWO CASES AND WE'LL KEEP 'EM HERE IN OUR DRAWING ROOM.

Gasoline Alley—Keynoter Keynoting



WAIT FOR ME, BILL.

HERE DOC, TAKE A TICKET!

CAN'T. MY ARMS ARE PINNED DOWN

POOR OL' WALT. IT'S TOO BAD HE COULDN'T HAVE COME

OH I DON'T KNOW! HE HASN'T MISSED MUCH YET.

I THOUGHT I COULD SPOT WICKER DOWN AMONG THE DELEGATES BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF BALD HEADS BESIDES HIS.

I'M GOING TO GET ALL THE ORATORY I WANT OVER THE RADIO- AND I CAN TURN IT OFF WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT!

- King

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Gasoline Alley—Home and Houston

AREN'T YOU SORRY, WALT, THAT YOU COULDN'T GO TO HOUSTON WITH THE OTHER MEN?

YOU DON'T THINK I'D LEAVE THREE ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS I HAVE HERE FOR FIVE DAYS COOPED UP IN A HOT, SMUDGY HOTEL ROOM WITH HALF A DOZENS WILD INDIANS DO YOU?

I'LL SAY I WOULDN'T, BESIDES I'VE GOT MY OWN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RIGHT HERE! HE ISN'T QUITE RIPE YET BUT HE'LL BE A NATIVE SON ABOUT 1968. I CAN WAIT.

WHEN ARE YOU BIRDS GOIN' TO CRAWL IN AN' LET A GUY GET SOME SLEEP.

QUIT YOUR JIGGLIN', DOC.

THE REST OF YOU HYENAS CAN HANG AROUND AS LONG AS YOU WANT TO. MY FEET FEEL LIKE A COUPLE OF ROAST HAMS WITH CLOVES IN 'EM AN' I'M TURNIN' IN!

I'M WITH YOU, DOC. WE'RE PAYING BIG MONEY FOR THESE BEDS AN' WE HARDLY USE 'EM.

SAY I WAS JUST GOIN' TO INVITE YOU FELLOWS TO GO OUT ON A PARTY!

GINGAH ALE SAH!

Gasoline Alley—But Avery Didn't Sign the Check

THE ONLY REASON I'D LIKE TO BE AT HOUSTON WITH THE BUNCH WOULD BE TO SEE AVERY ON A WILD SPENDING ORGY.

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE TWO GOLFERS?

THAT REMINDS ME OF THE MECHANIC DRIVING OUT IN THE COUNTRY IN HIS NEW CAR. "OH LOOK AT THE GOLFER" "THAT AIN'T A GOLFER"; SAYS THE MECHANIC. "THAT'S A GOLFER'S HELPER. SERVIN' HIS APPRENTICESHIP."

SANDY WAS AWAY FROM HOME TO PUT OVER A DEAL AND HE WANTED TO WIRE HIS PARTNER HE WAS MAKING A GOOD PROFIT. KNOWING THE ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE WERE FREE HE ADDRESSED A TELEGRAPH BLANK TO THE PARTNER AND SIGNED IT SANDY M' MONEY.

I GET IT! SANDY MAKE MONEY! PRETTY SMOOTH! THE SCOTCH ARE A WONDERFUL LITTLE PEOPLE.

ANOTHER NIGHT LETTER: "ON A PARTY WITH A SENATOR, TWO CONGRESSMEN AND AN EX-GOVERNOR. HAVEN'T LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT POLITICS BUT HAVE SOME NEW SCOTCH STORIES. HOME AS SOON AS THE LAST DOG IS HUNG, THE BUNCH."



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Gasoline Alley—Too Bad, Avery



I'LL BET I KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT WHAT'S GOIN' ON DOWN AT THE HOUSTON CONVENTION AS THE ALLEY BUNCH THAT WENT.

WE HOP TO HOUSTON

DRINK THIS, AVERY. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.



COME HERE, DOC, AND SEE WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH AVERY. HE DOESN'T FEEL SO GOOD.

CALL THE HOUSE PHYSICIAN. I'M ON A VACATION.



LACK OF REST AND SLEEP-AND IRREGULAR HABITS. A DAY IN BED WILL DO WONDERS FOR HIM.

I COULD HAVE TOLD HIM AS MUCH BUT HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME.



TA TA! WE'LL BE BACK SOMETIME!

TOO BAD, AVERY, BUT WE'LL WAKE YOU UP IN TIME TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER.

Gasoline Alley— 'Twas a Big Week

COOZIE COOZIE CORKY!

YOU'D BETTER LET HIM GO TO SLEEP, SKEEZIX.



YOU MUSN'T THROW AWAY YOUR COMBIN'S LIKE THAT, MIS' WALLET!



WHY NOT, RACHEL?



BECAUSE THE BIRDS WILL BUILD NESTS OUT OF 'EM AN' MAKE YOUR HEAD ACHE!



IT WILL BE 'A RELIEF TO GET BACK TO THE ALLEY.



YEP, IT SEEMS TO ME I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING BUT DEMOCRATS FOR A YEAR.

WELL IT CAME HIGH BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!

IT CERTAINLY DID. I DIDN'T FIGURE ON HAVING ANY LAUNDRY DONE AWAY FROM HOME

