

Gasoline Alley—Aftermath

YOU OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN AT THAT CONVENTION, WALT. THEY HAD SOME KIND OF A PARTY FOR US EVERY NIGHT. SOMETHING DOING ALL THE TIME - NOT A DULL MOMENT EXCEPT DURING THE SPEECHES!

WALT, I MET NINE SENATORS, FOUR GOVERNORS, AND CONGRESSMEN UNTIL YOU COULDN'T SEE STRAIGHT. ALSO AUTHORS, NEWSPAPER MEN AND WHAT NOT. AND I WAS IN A PICTURE IN THE HOUSTON POST-DISPATCH AMONG THE VISITING PHYSICIANS.

THINGS HAPPENED JUST AS I SAID THEY WOULD, WALT. I GOT MORE INSIDE DOPE ON NATIONAL POLITICS IN A FEW DAYS THAN I'D HAD IN YEARS. IT WAS AN EDUCATION FOR ME AND I GUESS THE BOYS HAD A GOOD TIME.

HOW DID YOU LIKE IT, AVERY?

ALL RIGHT, WALT, BUT YOU KNOW THE MONEY I HAD TO SPEND ON TIPS WOULD KEEP ME IN TOBACCO FOR TWO MONTHS.

Gasoline Alley—Full Regalia

SEE WHAT I'VE FOUND, SKEEZIX! THESE WHISKERS WERE THE BADGE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BEACHCOMBERS WHEN I WAS DOWN IN PROVINCETOWN.

LET'S PUT 'EM ON.

GOODNESS GRACIOUS WHAT'S THIS?

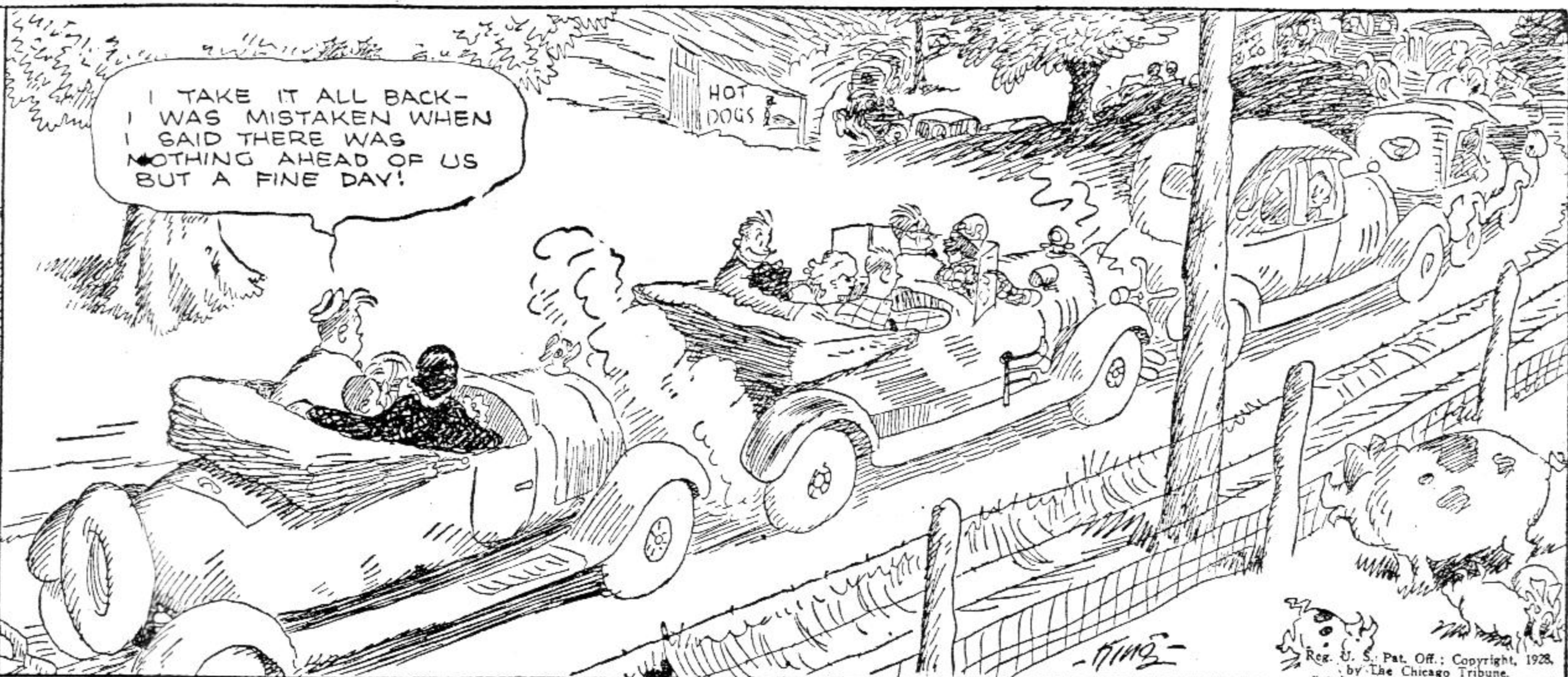
HELLO, CORKY! DO YOU KNOW THE OLD MAN?

LOOK AT ME, CORKY!

DOC, I'M THINKING OF ORGANIZING A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE BEACHCOMBERS. LET'S SEE IF YOU'D QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE—NO, NOT SO GOOD!

THERE THAT'S BETTER—WEAR 'EM WHERE YOU NEED 'EM. YOU'LL DO.

Gasoline Alley—That—and More



Gasoline Alley—Here's Hoping for the Best

SOME SAY CORKY LOOKS LIKE WALT AND SOME SAY HE LOOKS LIKE MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY. I HAD A RED HEADED UNCLE ONCE.

I THINK HE LOOKS LIKE WALT. YOU CAN'T MISTAKE THAT ROUND FACE AND THAT SNUB NOSE.

HE'S TOO HANDSOME TO RESEMBLE WALT. HE MAY HAVE SOME OF WALT'S MANNERISMS BUT HE HAS LOVELY CLEAR SKIN AND BEAUTIFUL EYES.

BLONDS SOMETIMES TURN DARK, EYES AND ALL, BUT RED-HEADS NEVER. TOO BAD BUT HE HASN'T MUCH CHANCE!

WHO DO YOU THINK HE LOOKS LIKE, DOC?

OH, HE LOOKS JUST LIKE A BABY! YOU CAN'T TELL ANYTHING ABOUT IT FOR A YEAR OR SO.— IT'S ALL IMAGINATION.

HE LOOKS LIKE MISTA WALT, 'CEPT FOR CURLY HAIR. YES, I'VE HEARD OF LIGHT HEADED ONES TURNIN' DARK, BUT I DUNNO. WE' NEVER HAD NO BLONDS IN OUR FAMILY.

YOU THINK SO?

Gasoline Alley—The Start of a Great Fortune?

A NICKEL? I'VE GIVEN YOU SEVERAL NICKELS LATELY. HAVE YOU DONE AS I SUGGESTED, SAVED SOME OF THEM— PUT THEM AWAY WHERE THEY ARE NOT EASY TO GET AT?

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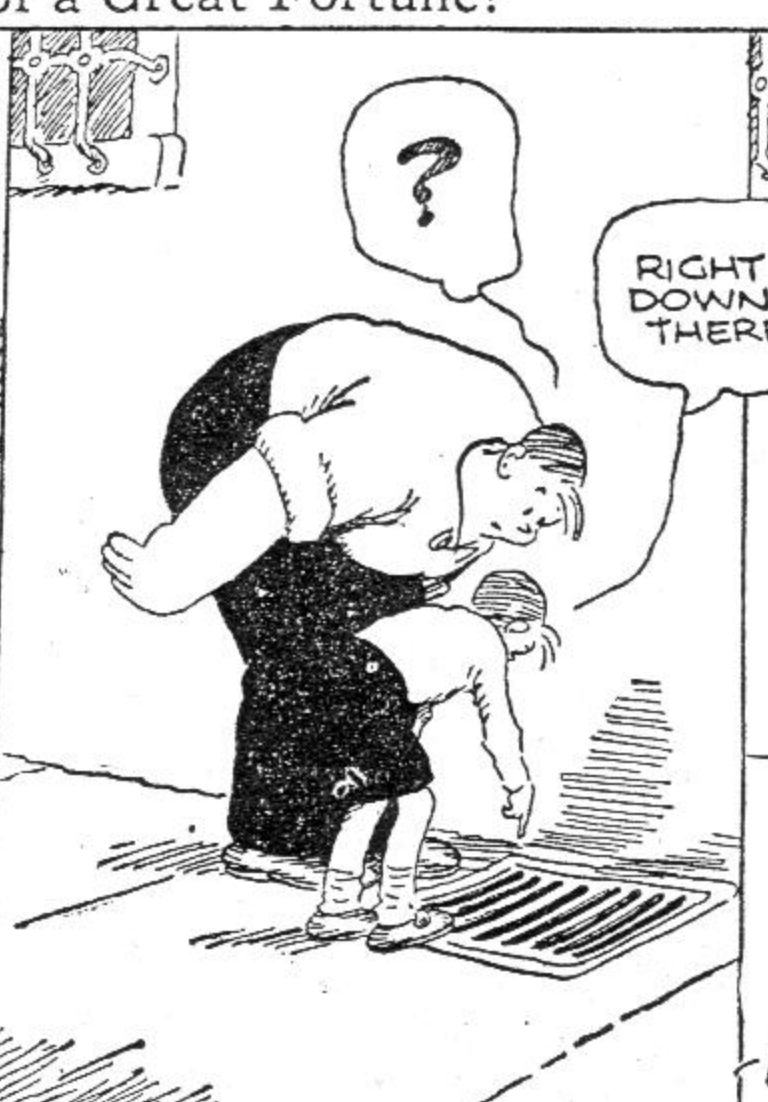
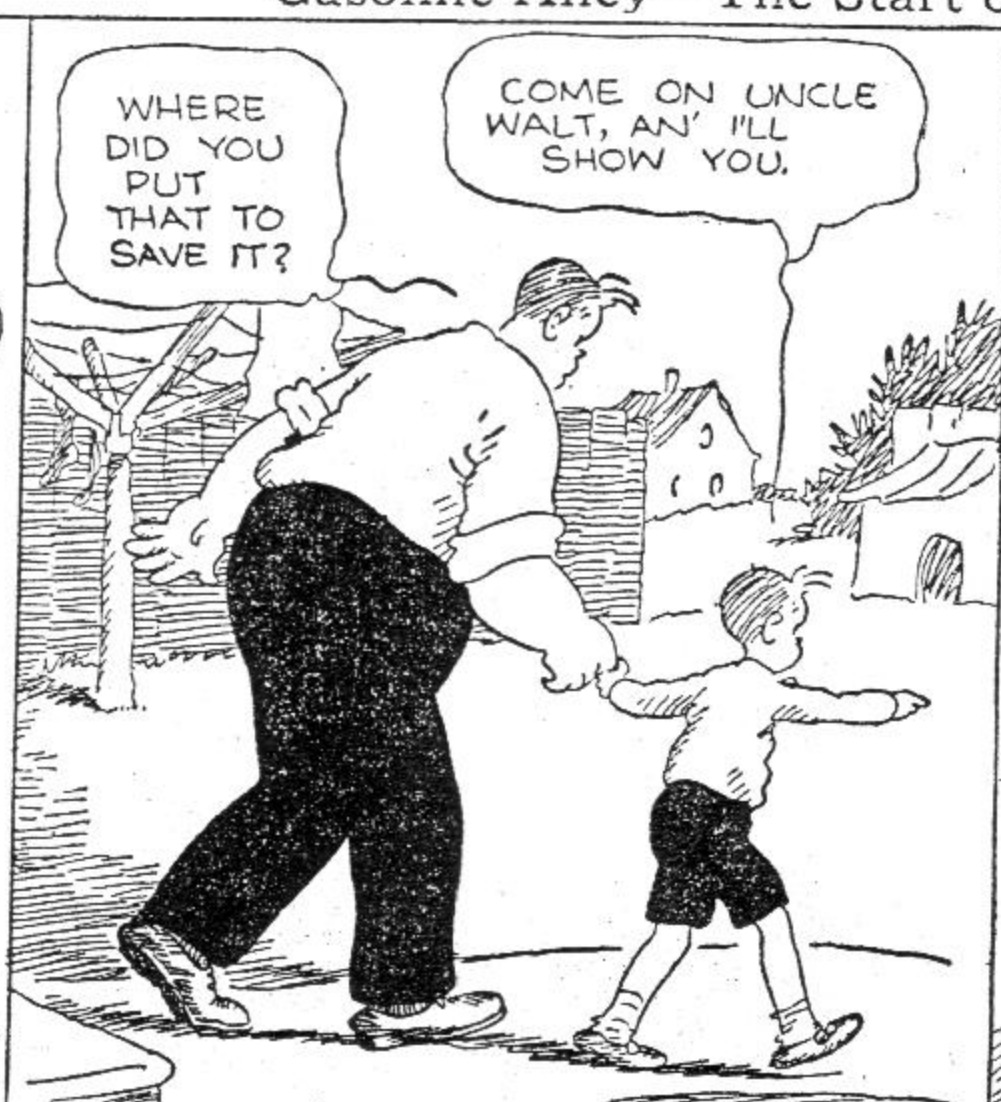
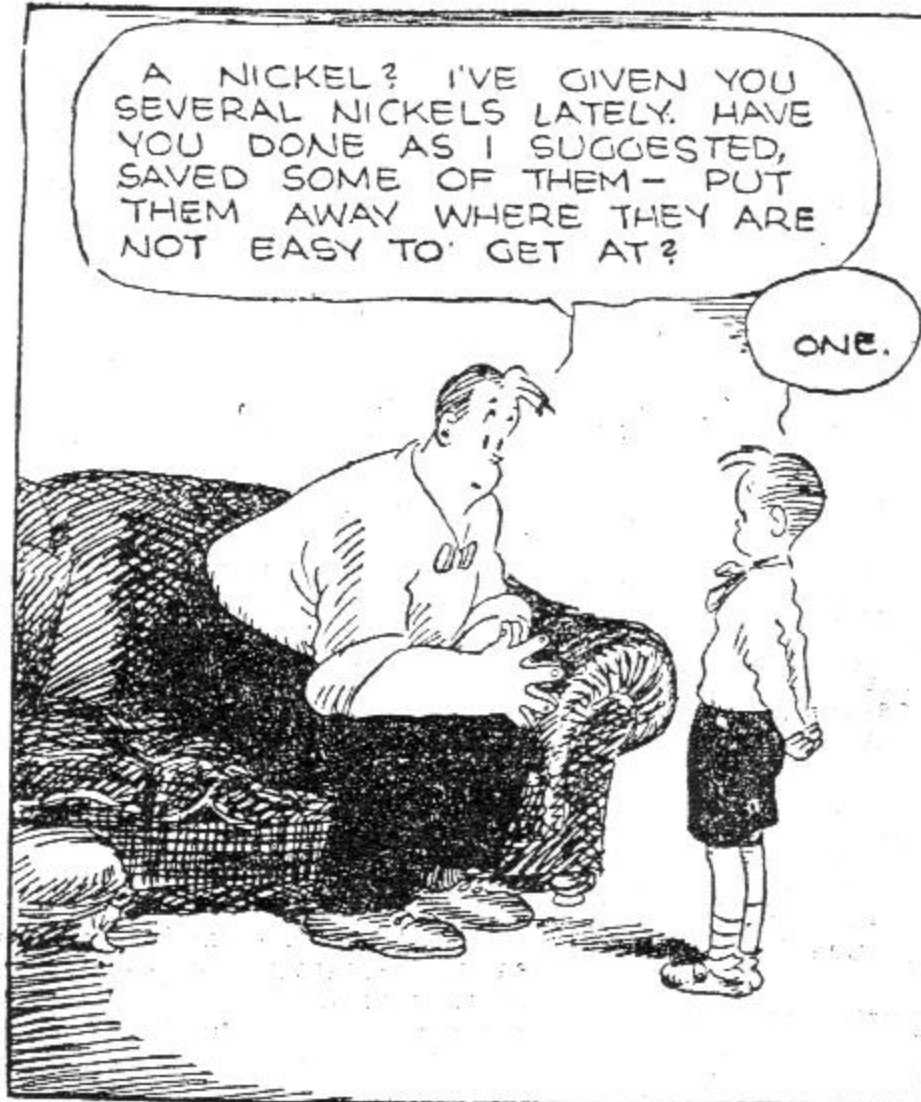
WHERE DID YOU PUT THAT TO SAVE IT?

COME ON UNCLE WALT, AN' I'LL SHOW YOU.

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RIGHT DOWN THERE.

THAT ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT. THIS WILL HAVE TO BE CLASSED AS INVOLUNTARY SAVINGS.



Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Has Already Made Deposits

SKEEZIX, WHY DON'T YOU WASH BEHIND YOUR EARS? IT'S FRIGHTFULLY DIRTY BACK HERE.

I CAN'T. MY EARS ARE IN THE WAY.

THERE THAT'S BETTER. REMEMBER WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT YESTERDAY—SAVING? I'M SERIOUS ABOUT IT. I'M THINKING OF MAKING YOU AN ALLOWANCE OF TWENTY FIVE CENTS A WEEK IF YOU WILL SAVE SOME OF IT.

I WILL, UNCLE WALT.

I DO THE SAME THING.— I SAVE UP SOME MONEY AND WHEN I GET ENOUGH I TAKE IT OVER TOWN AND GIVE MINE TO THE MAN IN THE BANK.

I'M GOING TO SAVE MY MONEY AN' I KNOW WHO I CAN GIVE IT TO.

WHO IS THAT?

THE MAN IN THE CANDY STORE.

Gasoline Alley—Of Course It Is



Gasoline Alley—He's a Steady Customer, Too

WHAT'S THE MATTER, AVERY?  
YOU LOOK HOT  
UNDER THE  
COLLAR.

I AM. I JUST  
CAN'T GET  
OVER THE  
NERVE OF  
SOME PEOPLE.

HOW'S  
THAT?

WELL YOU KNOW THAT  
ARM CHAIR RESTAURANT  
DOWN THERE?  
I'VE BEEN IN  
THERE HALF A DOZEN  
TIMES AND A CUP OF  
HOT WATER IS  
ALWAYS FREE.

TODAY I HAD A COUPLE  
OF DOUGHNUTS IN MY POCKET  
SO I WENT IN AND ORDERED  
A CUP OF HOT WATER.  
I HAPPENED TO HAVE SOME  
TEA IN MY POCKET TOO SO I  
PUT SOME OF THAT IN THE  
HOT WATER AND HAD MY  
LUNCH.

THE CHEAP  
SKATES HAD THE  
NERVE TO SOAK ME  
A NICKEL FOR THE  
CUP OF HOT  
WATER.



# Gasoline Alley—The Road to Fortune

HOW ABOUT A NICKEL, UNCLE WALT?

BY THE WAY, I PROMISED YOU TWENTY FIVE CENTS A WEEK ALLOWANCE PROVIDING YOU'D SAVE PART OF IT.

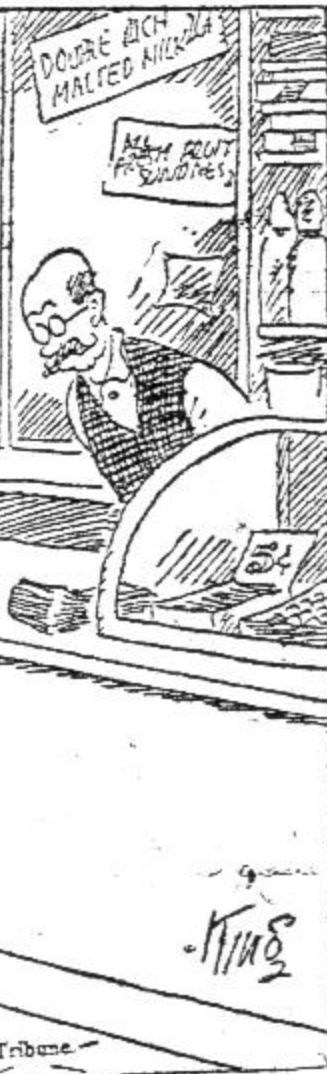
NOW YOU MUST SAVE AT LEAST A DIME OUT OF IT. I WANT YOU TO LEARN TO PUT PART OF YOUR INCOME AWAY. IT'S A FINE HABIT TO ACQUIRE

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET IT CHANGED. I'M GOING TO GET YOU A DIME BANK TO KEEP YOUR MONEY IN.

I KNOW WHERE I CAN GET IT CHANGED, UNCLE WALT.

MR. SNOZZLE, WILL YOU CHANGE THIS QUARTER FOR ME? CHANGE IT TO TWO DIMES AN' AN ICE CREAM SUCKER.

AW RIGHT.



King

Gasoline Alley—Watch This Financier

UNCLE WALT!  
DID YOU  
BRING  
ME  
ANYTHING?

BRING YOU ANYTHING?  
WHY SHOULD I BRING  
YOU ANYTHING, I'D LIKE  
TO KNOW.

WELL, I DID AT THAT!  
HERE IS THAT DIME  
SAVINGS BANK I  
PROMISED YOU. NOW I  
EXPECT YOU TO SAVE PART  
OF YOUR ALLOWANCE OF  
TWENTY FIVE CENTS A  
WEEK AND PUT IT IN  
HERE.

AW RIGHT.  
YOU GIVE ME  
A LOT OF  
'LOWANCES  
AN' I SAVE  
A LOT O'  
DIMES.

YOU SEE IF  
YOU SPEND  
FIFTEEN CENTS  
A WEEK YOU  
HAVE A DIME  
TO PUT IN  
HERE. BUT IF  
YOU ONLY  
SPEND A NICKEL  
YOU HAVE TWO  
DIMES LEFT.

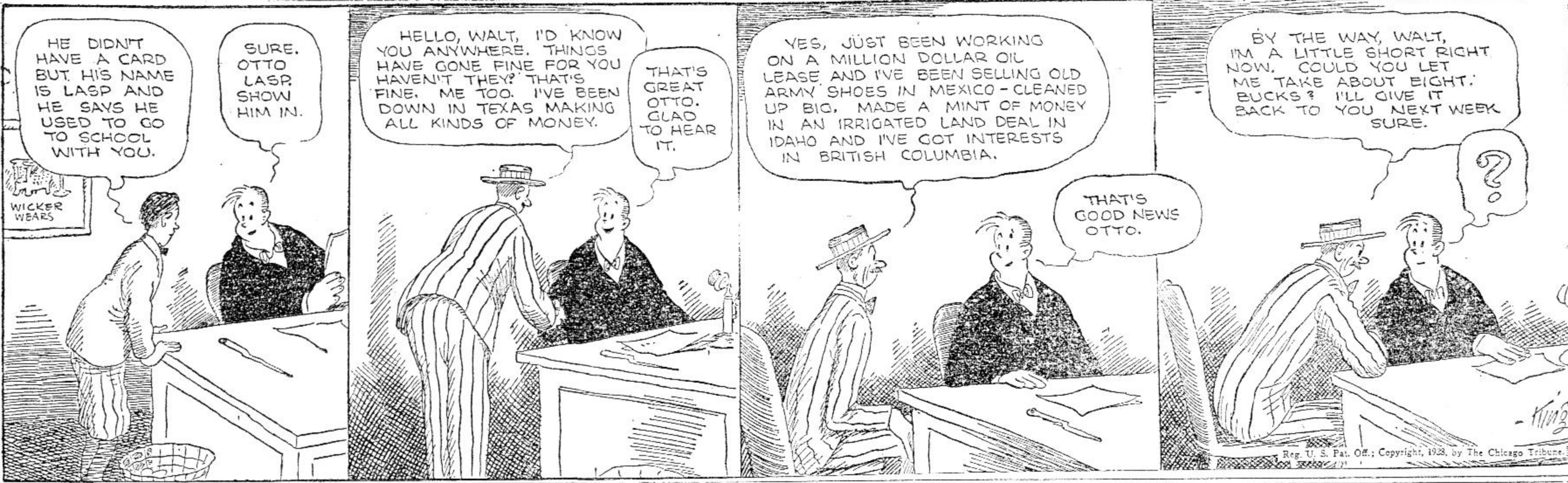
HOW DO  
I OPEN IT  
TO GET THE  
MONEY  
OUT?

YOU DON'T.  
YOU ARE  
TO LEAVE  
IT THERE  
UNTIL THE  
BANK IS  
FULL.

WHY DON'T  
YOU GET A  
NICKEL BANK?  
I CAN FILL  
IT FASTER.

-King

Gasoline Alley--It's An Art



HE DIDN'T HAVE A CARD BUT HIS NAME IS LASP AND HE SAYS HE USED TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH YOU.

SURE. OTTO LASP. SHOW HIM IN.

HELLO, WALT, I'D KNOW YOU ANYWHERE. THINGS HAVE GONE FINE FOR YOU HAVEN'T THEY? THAT'S FINE. ME TOO. I'VE BEEN DOWN IN TEXAS MAKING ALL KINDS OF MONEY.

THAT'S GREAT OTTO. GLAD TO HEAR IT.

YES, JUST BEEN WORKING ON A MILLION DOLLAR OIL LEASE AND I'VE BEEN SELLING OLD ARMY SHOES IN MEXICO - CLEANED UP BIG. MADE A MINT OF MONEY IN AN IRRIGATED LAND DEAL IN IDAHO AND I'VE GOT INTERESTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THAT'S GOOD NEWS OTTO.

BY THE WAY, WALT, I'M A LITTLE SHORT RIGHT NOW. COULD YOU LET ME TAKE ABOUT EIGHT BUCKS? I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU NEXT WEEK SURE.

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# Gasoline Alley—Not Knocking or Anything



WALT DEAR, I COULD HAVE SOLD AN OLD SUIT TO THE SECOND HAND MAN THIS MORNING IF I'D KNOWN WHICH ONE YOU DIDN'T WANT. AND YOU OUGHT TO GET A NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES. THAT ONE IS GETTING TO LOOK RATHER SHABBY.

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, PHYLLIS. THIS ONE LOOKS AS IF I WAS HOLDING OUT ON THE SECOND HAND MAN.

LET'S SEE NOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING HERE HE WOULDN'T STICK UP HIS NOSE AT.

BY GOLLY! THIS ONE DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD. I COULD GET IT CLEANED AND FIXED UP A LITTLE AND WEAR IT.

LOOK, PHYLLIS, I'VE JUST SAVED EIGHTY DOLLARS TOWARD A VACATION FOR US NEXT MONTH. FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU'D LIKE TO GO — ON A SECOND HAND SUIT OF CLOTHES.

I THINK WE'D BETTER GO TO THE WOODS.

-Ming

Gasoline Alley—Rachel Has Raised Dozens of 'Em



THE HICCOUGHS USUALLY STOP, WALT, IF I RAISE HIM UP BUT THEY DON'T THIS TIME.

THEY USED TO SCARE ME OUT OF 'EM BUT I'M AFRAID THAT WOULD STUNT HIS GROWTH.



DO YOU THINK WE'D BETTER CALL THE DOCTOR? HE'S BEEN AT IT A LONG TIME.

WAIT, I'LL LOOK IN THE BOOK FIRST AND SEE WHAT THEY SAY TO DO.



HICKUPS, MISTA WALT? JES' WAIT TILL I TIE UP A LITTLE SUGAH IN A CLOTH AN' YOU LET HIM SUCK THAT. AIN'T NOTHIN' BETTA.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL TRY ANYTHING



IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM, RACHEL. THEY'VE STOPPED!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO LOOKIN' IN NO BOOK IF YOU JES' AST RACHEL.

*Wings*

Gasoline Alley—Just What Skeeze Would Say



BY, GOLLY, THIS SUIT I HAD FIXED UP DOESN'T LOOK BAD AT ALL. PHYLLIS SMILED AT THE IDEA BUT I THINK IT'S O.K.



LOOK ME OVER, PHYLLIS. HERE'S WHERE THE CLEANERS AND DYERS PUT ONE OVER ON THE SECOND HAND MAN.

WHY WALT, IT DOESN'T LOOK HALF BAD!



THERE, I GUESS WITH A SAVING OF EIGHTY BUCKS FOR A NEW SUIT, AND THE SUMMER SUIT PROBLEM SOLVED I CAN AFFORD TO LOOK AT RESORT ADS.



UNCLE WALT! YOU MUST TAKE OFF YOUR HAT IN THE HOUSE.

GOLLY! I FORGOT.

Gasoline Alley—All for Corky's Sake

YES I'D LIKE TO GET AWAY ON A LITTLE TRIP THIS SUMMER, WALT, BUT CORKY HERE IS GOING TO KEEP US FROM IT I'M AFRAID.

I DON'T SEE WHY WE AREN'T TIED DOWN TO A LOT OF BOTTLES AND PARAPHERNALIA LIKE I HAD TO BE WITH SKEEZIX.

WE COULD ALL HOP IN THE CAR AND TAKE EASY JUMPS. I'VE GOT MY EYE ON A PLACE IN THE COUNTRY WE COULD GET.

I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY. I MEANT THE DOCTORS' AND HOSPITAL'S BILLS WE'VE BEEN PAYING ON SINCE CORKY CAME WOULD KEEP US AT HOME.

I HAVEN'T OVERLOOKED THOSE AND IT'S GOING TO BE CLOSE SAILING, BUT I THINK WE CAN DO IT.

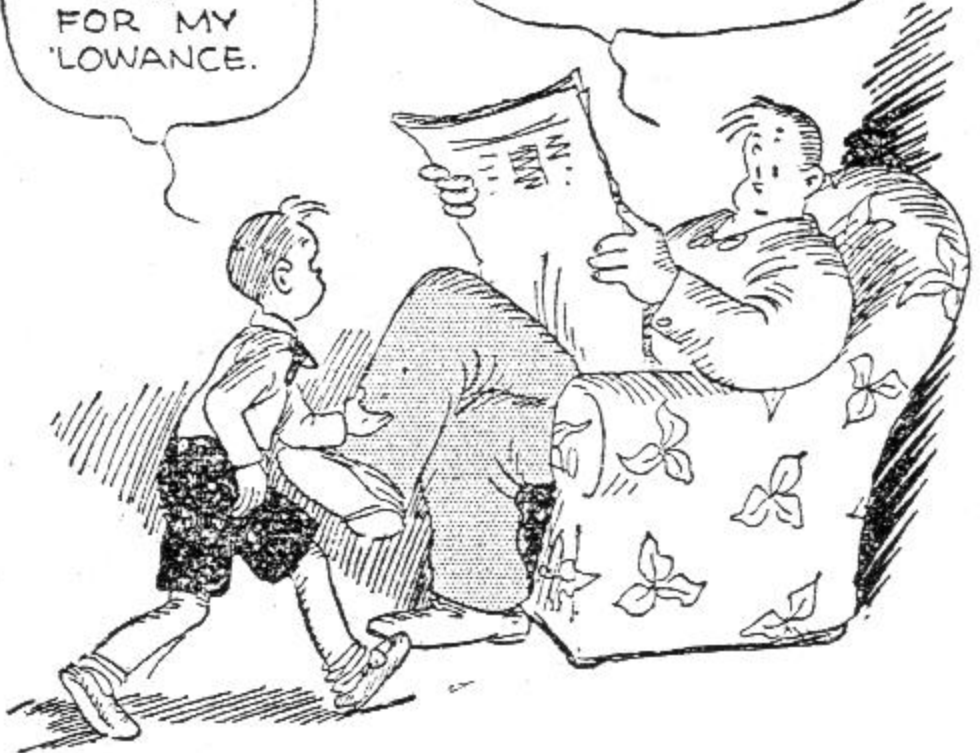
I'D LOVE TO, WALT, IF WE ONLY COULD!

GAS AND ELECTRICITY, GROCERIES AND INSURANCE—THEY OUGHT TO BE WILLING TO WAIT A FEW WEEKS SO THAT THE WALLETS CAN TAKE A VACATION.

Gasoline Alley—Safe Deposit

UNCLE WALT, IT'S TIME FOR MY 'LOWNCE.

GREAT SPINACH! HAS A WEEK ROLLED AROUND SO SOON?



WHERE IS YOUR DIME BANK AND HOW DID YOU COME OUT WITH YOUR SAVINGS THIS WEEK?

HERE IT IS IN MY POCKET AN' THERES A DIME IN IT THAT I COULDN'T SPEND.



THAT'S ALL RIGHT, THAT'S A START IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. YOUR ALLOWANCE THIS WEEK AGAIN IS TWO DIMES AND A NICKLE. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT?

I'M PUTTIN' ANOTHER DIME IN HERE SO I CAN HEAR 'EM.



AN' I'M PUTTIN' THE REST IN MY POCKET WHERE I CAN FEEL 'EM.



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Gasoline Alley—Don't Tell—It's to Be a Surprise



AVERY, I'M SCOUTING AROUND TO SEE IF I CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO TAKE THE WIFE AND KIDDIES FOR A VACATION.

WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

GOING TO CAMP ON THE BRULE RIVER IN WISCONSIN.



I'D LIKE TO, AVERY, BUT WITH A BABY IT CAN'T BE DONE. YOU'LL BE HOBNOBBING AROUND WITH THE PRESIDENT I SUPPOSE.

WELL, STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED—WE'LL BE NEIGHBORS YOU KNOW.

THAT'S RIGHT.



WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS IN COMMON TO TALK ABOUT—I SUPPORTED HIM IN 1924, HIS ECONOMY PROGRAM, AND ONE OF MY SCHOOL TEACHERS CAME FROM VERMONT.

King

Gasoline Alley—They Say the Best Things in Life Are Free

THIS WEATHER CERTAINLY MAKES ME THINK OF VACATION. I'M LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO GO AND TAKE THE FAMILY—COMFORTABLE AND CHEAP.

GEE WALT, I'VE GOT A COTTAGE DOWN ON THE SHORE YOU CAN HAVE JUST AS WELL AS NOT AND IT WON'T COST YOU A CENT.

IF IT'S WHAT WE CAN USE, JOE, I'LL BE GLAD TO PAY YOU FOR IT. WHAT'S IT LIKE?

IT HAS THREE BEDROOMS, BIG LIVING ROOM AND KITCHEN, NEAR WOODS, ROCKS, AND OCEAN, QUIET AND HANDY TO SUPPLIES. I'LL GIVE YOU THE KEY ANY TIME YOU SAY AND IT'S YOURS.

I DON'T LIKE TO DO THAT, JOE, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE JUST THE PLACE. CAN'T I RENT IT FROM YOU?

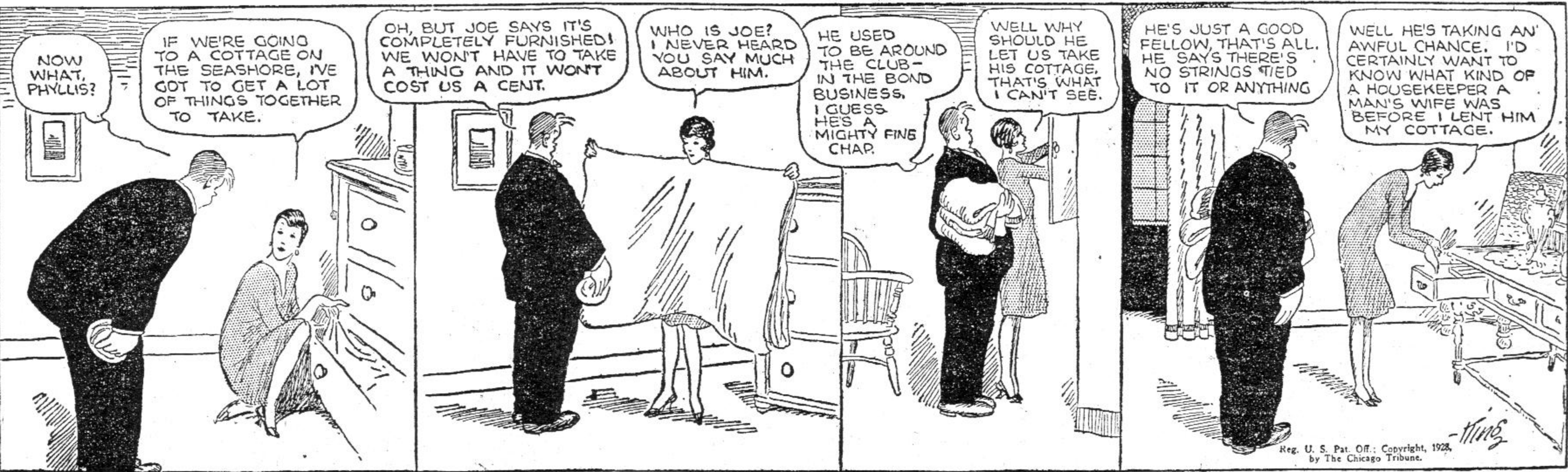
NO CHANCE, WALT. MAYBE YOU CAN DO SOMETHING FOR ME SOMETIME.

GOLLY, PHYLLIS, I'VE GOT JUST THE THING—SEVEN ROOM COTTAGE IN THE WOODS AND ON THE WATER, FURNISHED. WE CAN TAKE RACHEL AND IT WON'T COST A CENT. SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, BUT IT ISN'T.

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Gasoline Alley—Perhaps Walt Told Him



NOW WHAT, PHYLLIS?

IF WE'RE GOING TO A COTTAGE ON THE SEASHORE, I'VE GOT TO GET A LOT OF THINGS TOGETHER TO TAKE.

OH, BUT JOE SAYS IT'S COMPLETELY FURNISHED! WE WON'T HAVE TO TAKE A THING AND IT WON'T COST US A CENT.

WHO IS JOE? I NEVER HEARD YOU SAY MUCH ABOUT HIM.

HE USED TO BE AROUND THE CLUB—IN THE BOND BUSINESS. I GUESS HE'S A MIGHTY FINE CHAP.

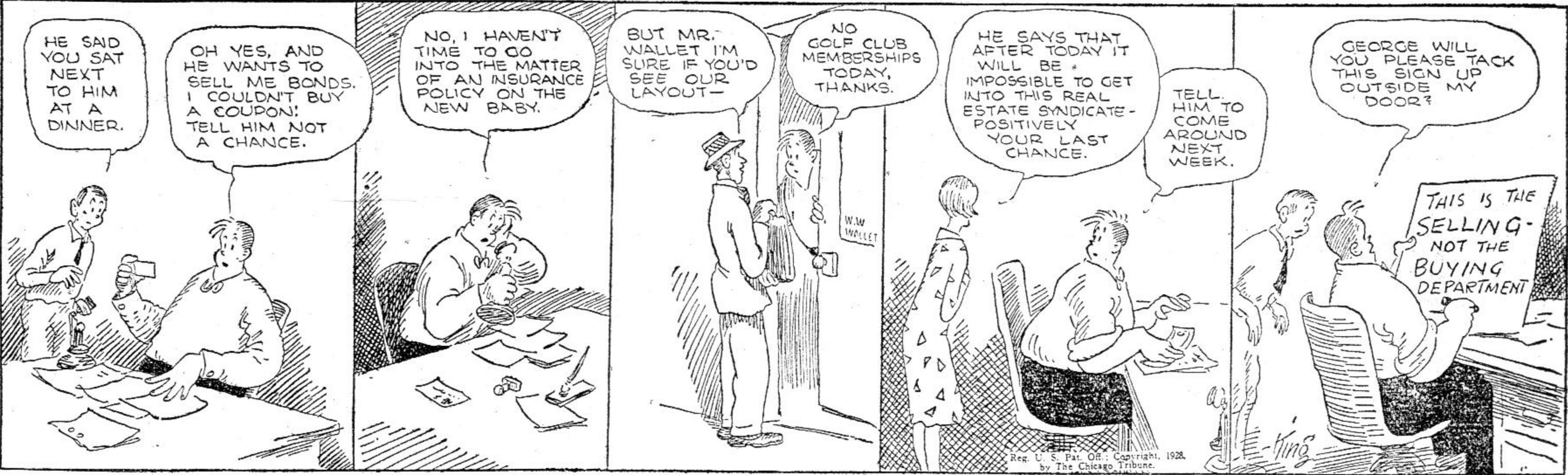
WELL WHY SHOULD HE LET US TAKE HIS COTTAGE, THAT'S WHAT I CAN'T SEE.

HE'S JUST A GOOD FELLOW, THAT'S ALL. HE SAYS THERE'S NO STRINGS TIED TO IT OR ANYTHING

WELL HE'S TAKING AN' AWFUL CHANCE. I'D CERTAINLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF A HOUSEKEEPER A MAN'S WIFE WAS BEFORE I LENT HIM MY COTTAGE.

-King

Gasoline Alley—And Walt Trying to Get Away, Too



HE SAID YOU SAT NEXT TO HIM AT A DINNER.

OH YES, AND HE WANTS TO SELL ME BONDS. I COULDN'T BUY A COUPON! TELL HIM NOT A CHANCE.

NO, I HAVEN'T TIME TO GO INTO THE MATTER OF AN INSURANCE POLICY ON THE NEW BABY.

BUT MR. WALLET I'M SURE IF YOU'D SEE OUR LAYOUT—

NO GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIPS TODAY, THANKS.

HE SAYS THAT AFTER TODAY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET INTO THIS REAL ESTATE SYNDICATE— POSITIVELY YOUR LAST CHANCE.

TELL HIM TO COME AROUND NEXT WEEK.

GEORGE WILL YOU PLEASE TACK THIS SIGN UP OUTSIDE MY DOOR?

THIS IS THE SELLING— NOT THE BUYING DEPARTMENT

King

Gasoline Alley—Fifty-Fifty

WHAT! HAS ANOTHER PAYDAY COME? IS YOUR TWENTY FIVE CENT WEEKLY ALLOWANCE DUE AGAIN? MY, BUT A WEEK GOES FAST!

I DON'T THINK IT DOES, UNCLE WALT.

I'M GLAD YOU ARE SAVING A DIME A WEEK AND PUTTING IT IN YOUR LITTLE BANK. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING— I'M TRYING TO PUT ENOUGH AWAY SO WE CAN ALL TAKE A VACATION.

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING. YOU HAVEN'T ANY DOCTOR BILLS TO PAY NOR TAXES NOR INSURANCE NOR YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY GROCERIES AND CLOTHES.

YES BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY MARBLES AND GUM.

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Gasoline Alley—Off for the Brule River



GOOD LUCK, AVERY! WHEN YOU GET SETTLED WITH THE PRESIDENT I'M COMING TO VISIT YOU

IF HE'S GOT A SPARE ROOM, AVERY, YOU WON'T HAVE TO PUT UP YOUR TENT.

OH, AVERY, I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THAT LETTER OF INTRODUCTION!

SEND ME A SIX POUND BASS AUTOGRAPHED BY CAL, WILL YOU, AVERY?

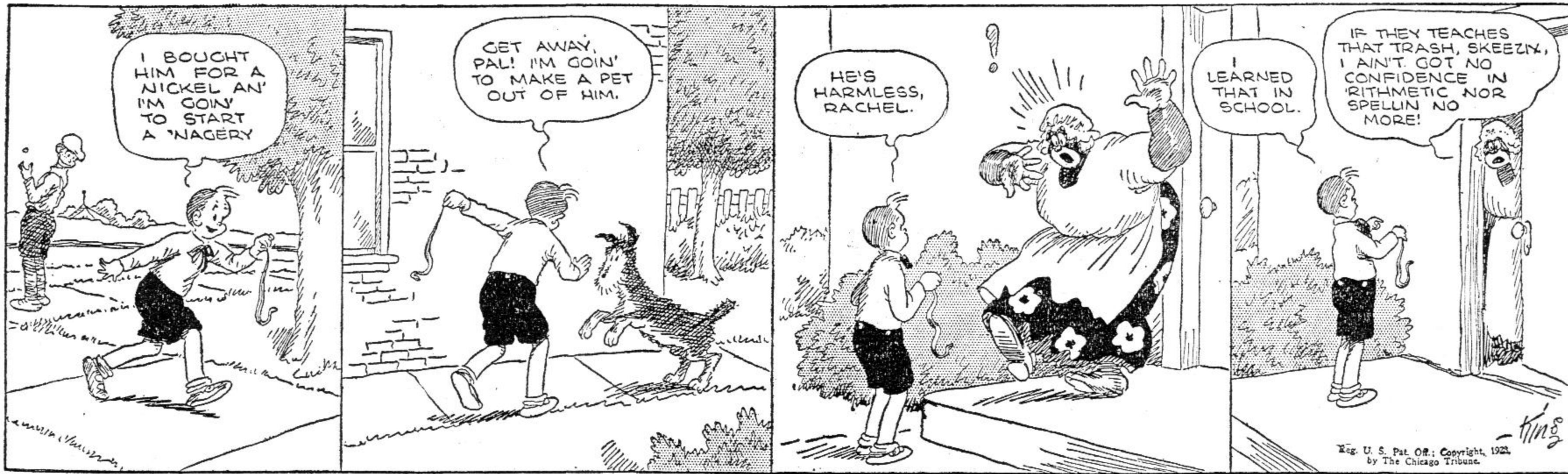
YOU FELLOWS CAN KID ME ALL YOU LIKE BUT YOU'LL BE SURPRISED IF I SEND YOU A SNAPSHOT OF ME AND THE PRESIDENT FISHING TOGETHER I'LL BET!

IF AVERY DOES THAT I'M GOING TO PLAY BRIDGE ON THE FRONT PORCH WITH THE FIRST LADY OF THE LAND!

GOLLY! MR. COOLIDGE AIN'T GOIN' HAVE NO REST FROM NOW ON.

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Gasoline Alley—Physically Harmless, but Not Mentally So



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Gasoline Alley—Only a Loose Nut or Two

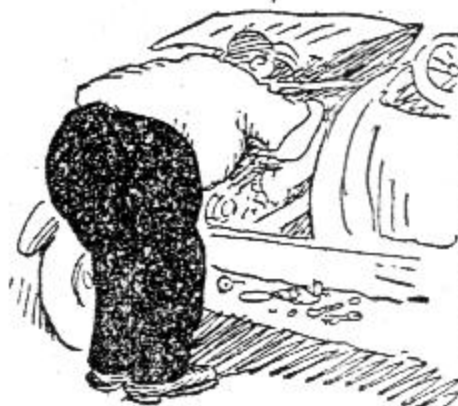
WALT, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE CORKY AND ME ON AN AUTOMOBILE TRIP NEXT WEEK I WANT YOU TO SEE THAT THE CAR IS IN GOOD SHAPE.



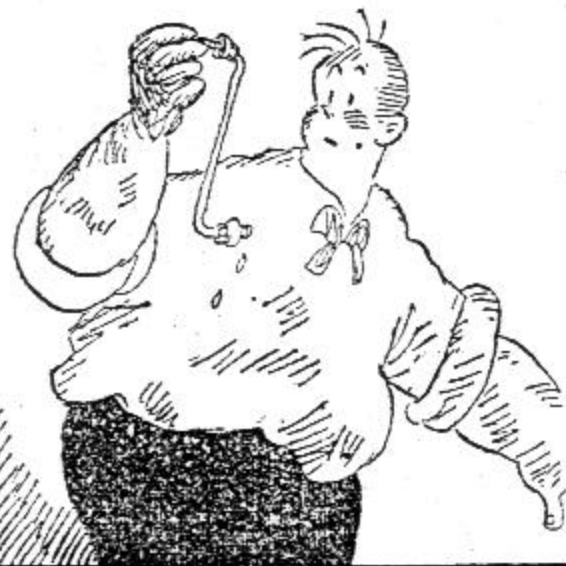
IT IS, PHYLLIS. ALL SHE NEEDS IS A TOUCH! WITH THIS LITTLE SCREWDRIVER TO MAKE HER IDLE BETTER.



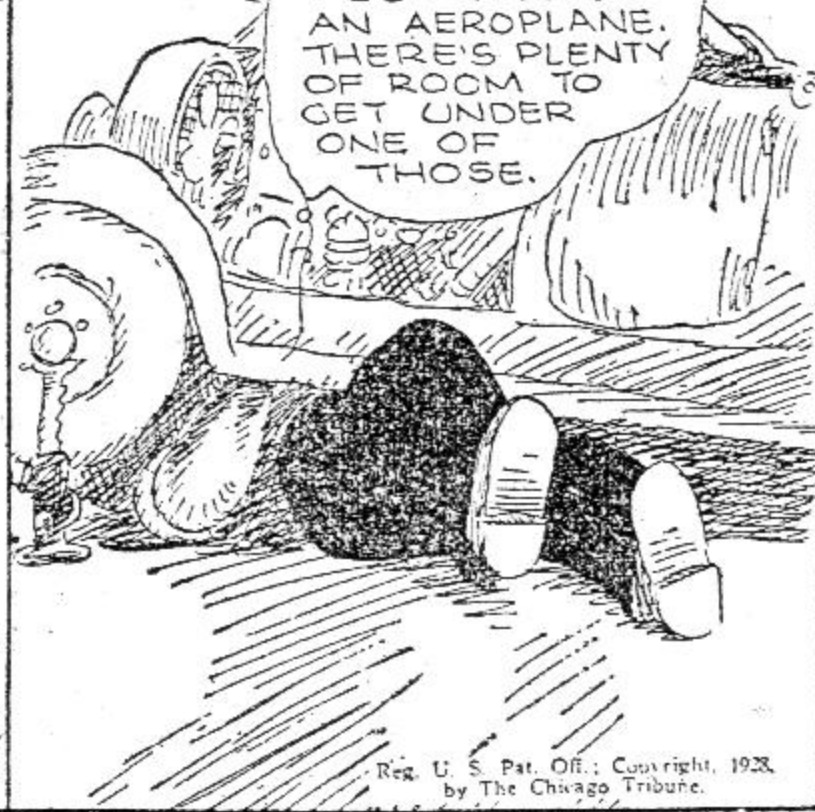
GOLLY, IT'S A GOOD THING I FOUND THIS LOOSE CONNECTION BEFORE WE STARTED OUT ON THE ROAD.



THOSE THREADS ARE PRETTY WELL SHOT. I'LL BE LUCKY IF I CAN GET THIS BACK INTO THE FEED LINE.



SHUCKS! I DROPPED THAT LITTLE WRENCH INTO THE PAN. THE NEXT THING I BUY WILL BE AN AEROPLANE. THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM TO GET UNDER ONE OF THOSE.



OH, PHYLLIS! I'M GOING TO DRIVE OVER TO THE SHOP A FEW MINUTES. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS I HAVEN'T TOOLS FOR.



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Gasoline Alley—It's All Fixed

LISTEN, JOE, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU UP ON THAT COTTAGE PROPOSITION. HAVE LUNCH WITH ME TODAY AT THE CLUB.

YOU CERTAINLY ARE A GOOD SCOUT, JOE, TO LEND ME YOUR COTTAGE DOWN ON THE COAST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO FOR YOU.

DON'T WORRY, WALT. IT'S A LOT BETTER TO HAVE IT OCCUPIED AND I WANT YOU TO ENJOY IT.

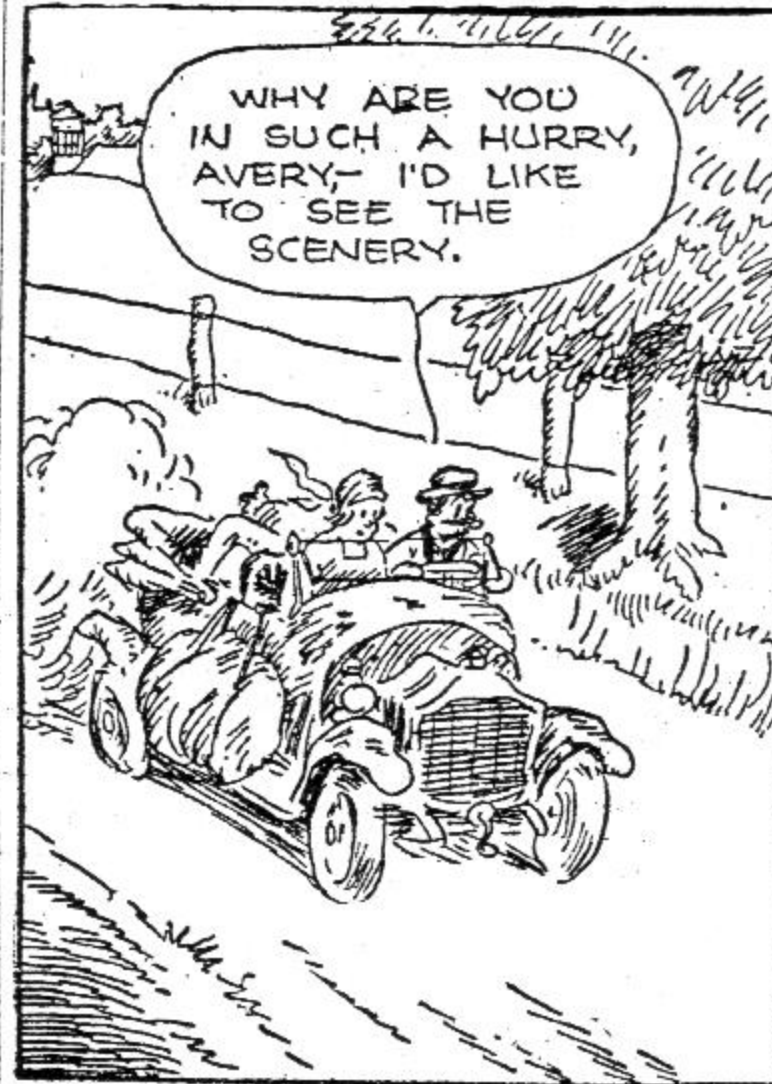
WELL WE'LL CERTAINLY TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT AND LEAVE IT IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS IT IS NOW

I KNOW YOU WILL, WALT. I WOULDN'T LEND IT TO ANYBODY.

LOOK PHYLLIS! THIS IS A KEY TO A MONTH OF FUN DOWN ON THE COAST.

I ONLY HOPE IT FITS, WALT.

Gasoline Alley—Opportunity Should Be Seized by the Radiator



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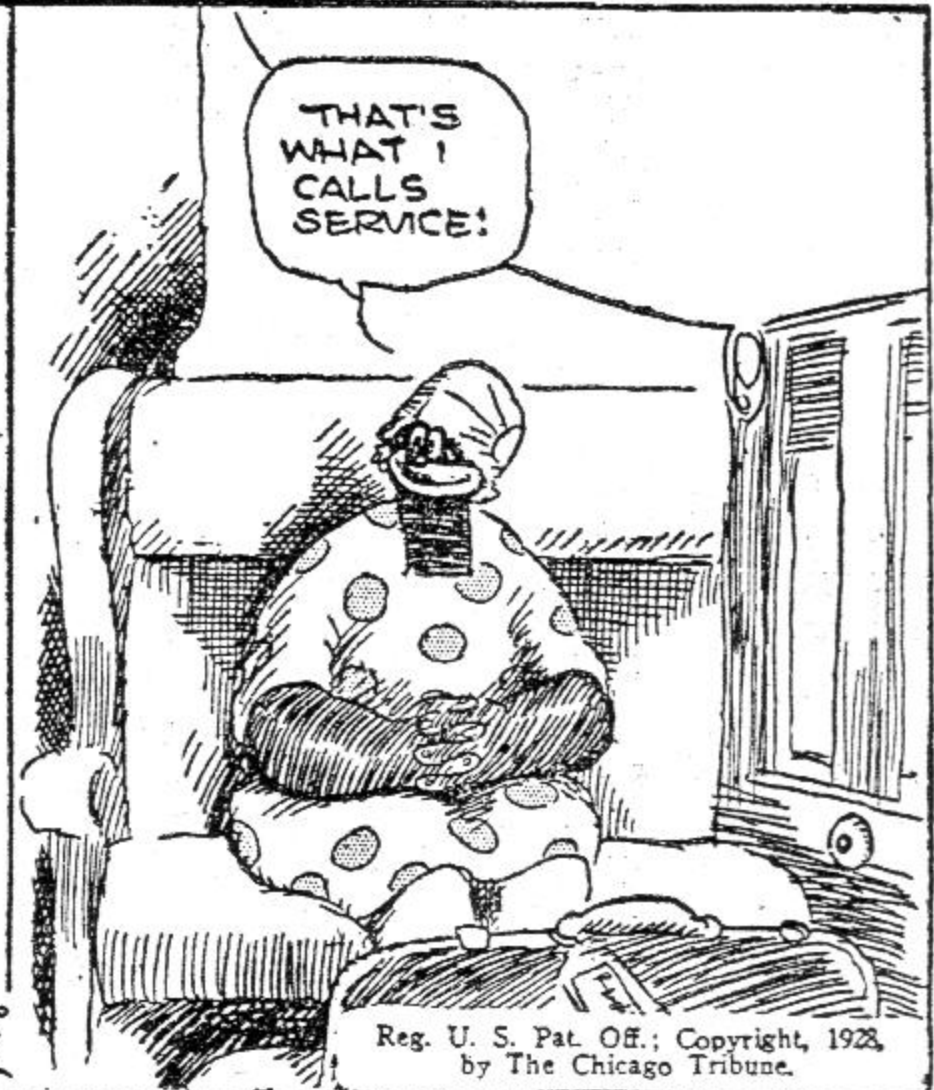
Gasoline Alley—Off to Find That Cottage

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD IT SEEMS TO ME, PHYLLIS, TO START OUT ON A VACATION AND FEEL THAT MY CARES AND TROUBLES ARE ALL LEFT BEHIND FOR A WHILE.

WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, WALT?

I FORGET. ANYWAY, IT WASN'T AT ALL IMPORTANT.

Gasoline Alley—Rachel Is All Set



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Gasoline Alley—It's All Right, Neighbor



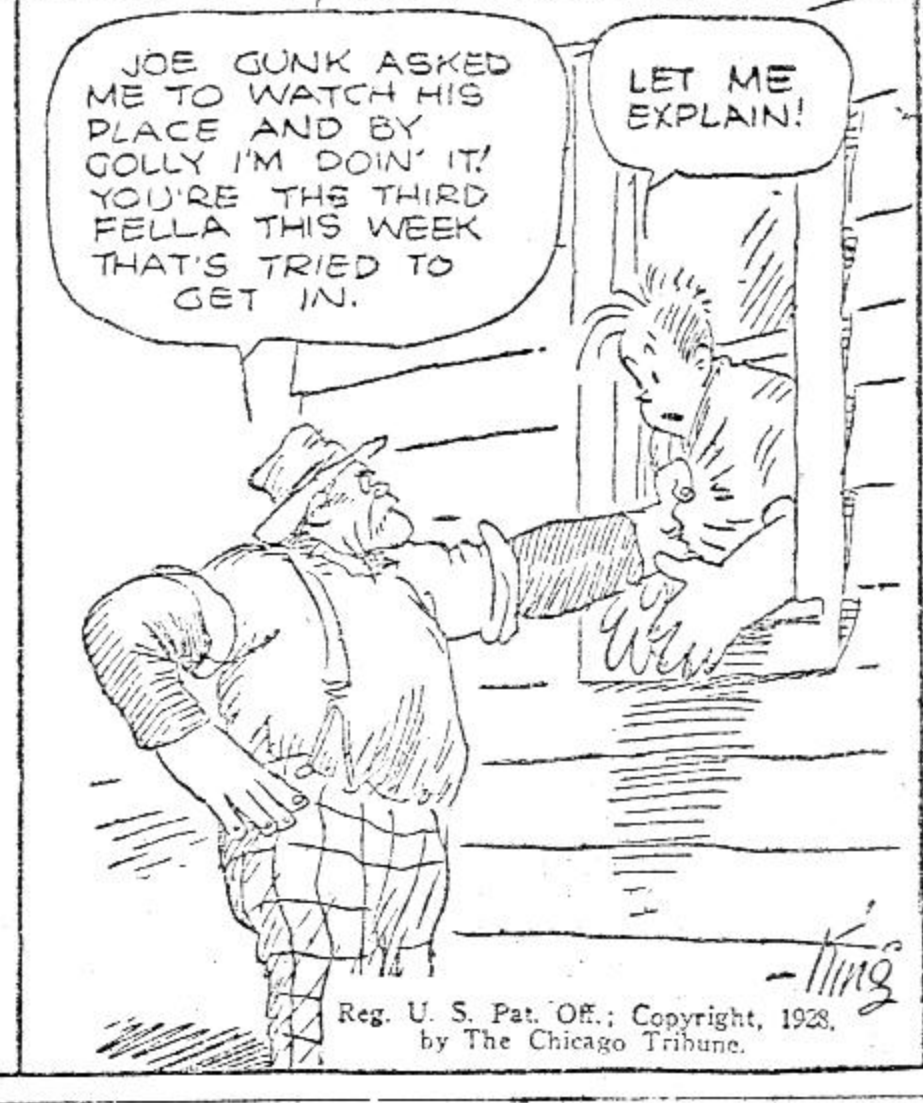
JOE NEVER TOLD ME IT WAS SUCH A LONG HAUL FROM WHERE WE HAD TO LEAVE THE CAR UP TO THE COTTAGE.



AND THIS IS THE WRONG KEY HE GAVE ME OR THE LOCK IS JAMMED. I'LL HAVE TO TRY TO GET IN A WINDOW.



COME OUT O' THERE! WHADDA YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIN'?



JOE GUNK ASKED ME TO WATCH HIS PLACE AND BY GOLLY I'M DOIN' IT! YOU'RE THE THIRD FELLA THIS WEEK THAT'S TRIED TO GET IN.

LET ME EXPLAIN!

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Gasoline Alley—A Few Flies in the Ointment

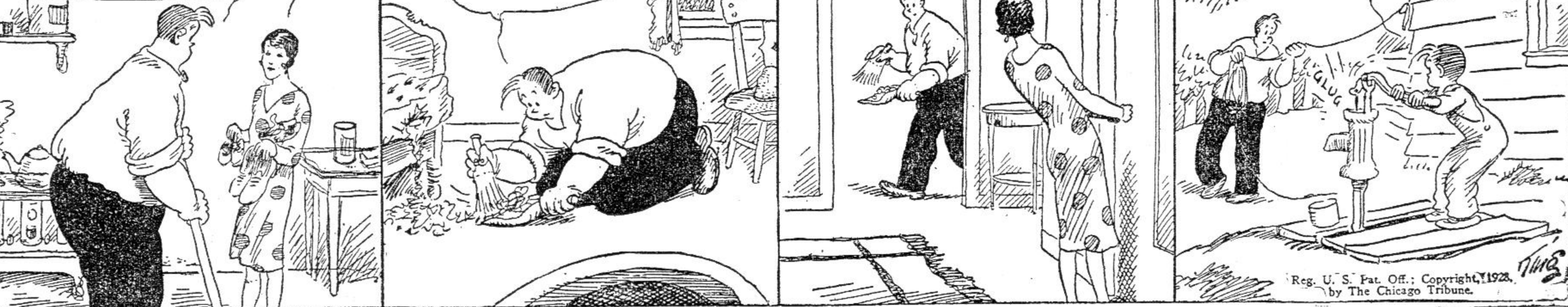
I EXPLAINED TO THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE THAT THE REASON MR WOGGLEDUFF, NEXT DOOR CAUGHT ME GETTING IN HERE THROUGH A WINDOW WAS THAT JOE GAVE ME A WRONG KEY.

ANYWAY YOU SEEM TO BE OUT ON BAIL.

IT WAS NICE OF JOE TO LEND US HIS COTTAGE, BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW A SQUIRREL HAD GOTTEN IN AND EATEN HIS MATTRESS AND CURTAINS.

WALT WILL YOU SEE IF YOU CAN OPEN THIS DOOR. IT'S SWELLED SHUT.

UNCLE WALT! THE PUMP DON'T PUMP.



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Gasoline Alley—As Rachel Sees It

I NEVA SEEN SECH A PLACE TO CLEAN UP. THEY GOT ME DOWN TO A COTTAGE ON THE OCEAN AN' I AINT HAD TIME TO SEE THE OCEAN.

MAYBE IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU CAN FISH IN THE BAY BUT IT AIN'T NO VACATION CLEANIN' UP YEAR OLD RUBBAGE

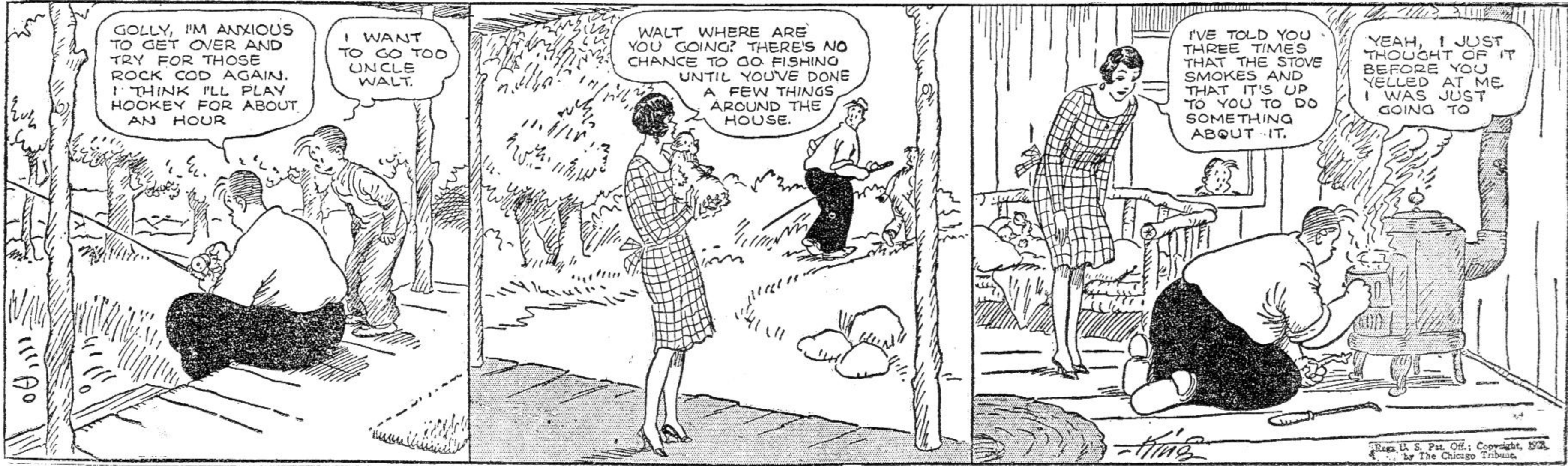
HOW COME YOU ALL COME TO GET THIS COTTAGE, MISTA WALT. YOU MUSTA GOT IT SIGHT N' UNSEEN.

I DID, RACHEL. A FRIEND LET ME TAKE IT BECAUSE HE WANTED SOMEONE IN IT. I'M GETTING IT ABSOLUTELY FREE.

WELL THEN, YOU JES' ABOUT BREAKIN' EVEN.

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Gasoline Alley—The Fish Are Still Waiting



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Gasoline Alley—Brule River Politics



# Gasoline Alley—A Busy Vacation for Walt

SINCE WE CAME  
HERE, UNCLE WALT,  
THERE ISN'T ANY  
PLACE I CAN  
SPEND MY  
'LOWANCE

SO MUCH THE  
BETTER, SKEEZIX.  
YOU CAN SAVE  
IT' ALL.

AND HERE'S A  
CHANCE TO MAKE  
SOME MORE. I'LL  
GIVE YOU A NICKEL  
IF YOU'LL DIG ME  
A CAN OF WORMS.

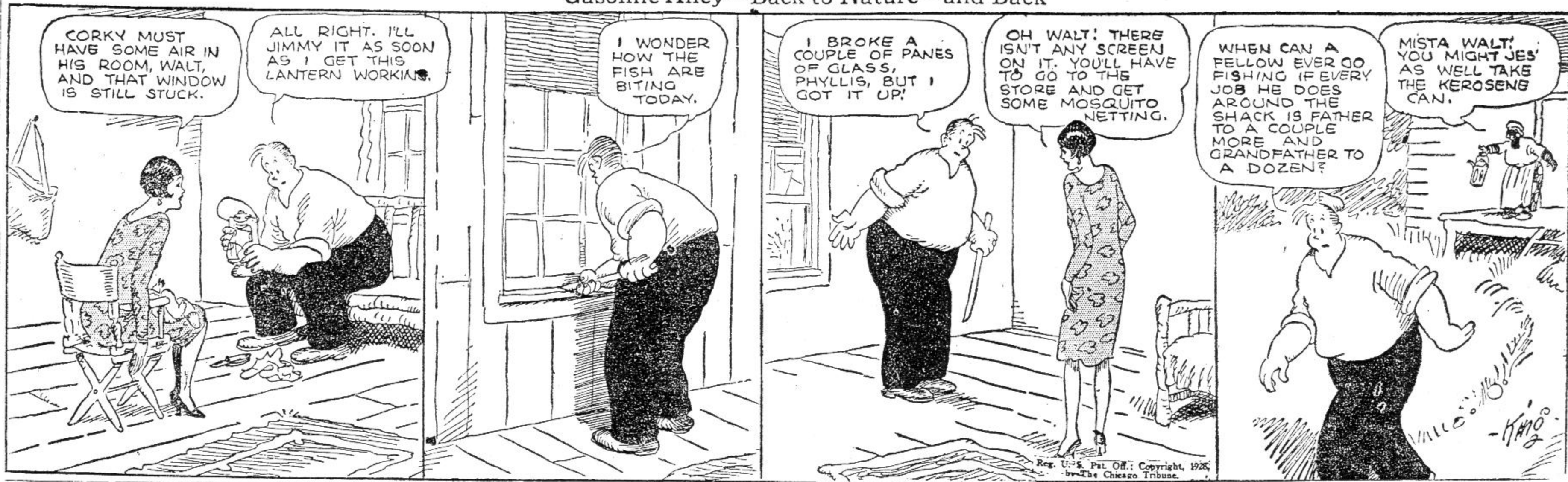
I DON'T  
WANT  
TO.

WHY NOT?  
IT'S AN EASY  
WAY TO MAKE  
SOME MONEY.

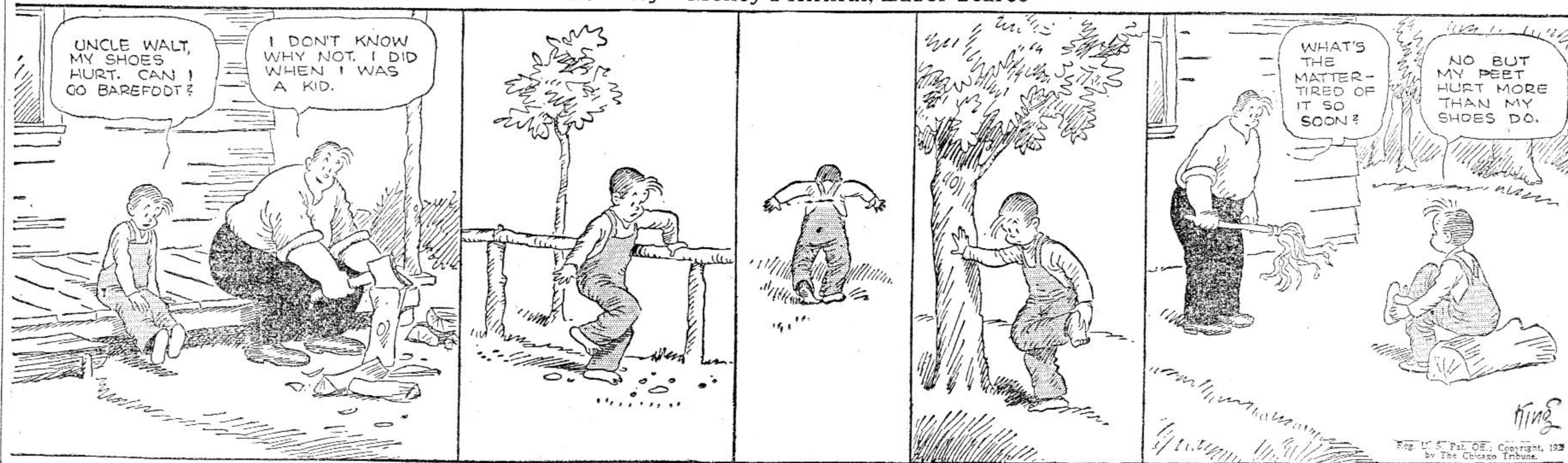
I DON'T  
NEED  
ANY MONEY.  
I'VE GOT  
SOME.

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Gasoline Alley—Back to Nature—and Back



Gasoline Alley—Money Plentiful, Labor Scarce



Gasoline Alley—Vacation Days

QUICK, WALT,  
THE ROOF IS  
LEAKING LIKE  
A SIEVE.  
TAKE ONE  
OF THESE  
PANS AND  
CATCH SOME  
OF IT.

THIS IS CERTAINLY A SWELL  
HOUSE YOU GOT US INTO.  
WHAT DID YOUR FRIEND JOE  
HAVE AGAINST YOU TO WISH  
IT ONTO YOU. IT WAS A  
MEAN WAY TO WORK OFF  
A GRUDGE.

JOE MEANT ALL  
RIGHT PHYLLIS.  
HE DIDN'T KNOW  
WE'D HAVE ALL THIS  
TROUBLE WITH IT.  
EXCEPT FOR A  
FEW THINGS IT'S  
A NICE COTTAGE.

IT'S A NICE  
ENOUGH COTTAGE  
BUT I CERTAINLY  
WOULD TELL THIS  
JOE A FEW  
THINGS ABOUT  
IT.

I CAN'T DO THAT PHYLLIS.  
HE'S LETTING US HAVE IT FOR  
NOTHING. WE CAN'T VERY WELL  
DO ANYTHING BUT TELL HIM  
WHAT A NICE TIME WE'VE HAD.  
MAYBE WE WILL  
YET.

King

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# Gasoline Alley—A Penny Saved

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BRULE!  
"DEAR WALT AND PHYLLIS. HAVE BEEN HAVING A TOUGH TIME TRYING TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. THERE ARE A BUNCH OF CRUSTY TOURISTS UP HERE THAT WOULD GIVE THEIR EYE TEETH TO CATCH SIGHT OF HIM FISHING SO HE KEEPS TO HIMSELF. I DON'T BLAME HIM BUT IT'S HARD ON ME AND EMILY."

"I'VE VOTED REPUBLICAN FOR YEARS BUT I THOUGHT AT FIRST HE'D HEARD I'D GONE TO THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND WAS DODGING ME, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT AT ALL. THE SECRET SERVICE MEN WERE GOOD NATURED AT FIRST BUT SO MANY NUTS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET NEAR HIM YOU CAN'T BLAME 'EM."

OF COURSE WE'VE WATCHED HIM GOING INTO CHURCH BUT ANYBODY CAN DO THAT IN WASHINGTON. WHAT I WANT IS TO SEE HIM PULL OUT A TWO POUND TROUT. WE'RE HANGING AROUND TILL OUR LUCK CHANGES. BEST WISHES TO THE BUNCH— AVERY."

IT WAS NICE OF AVERY TO WRITE US SUCH A LONG LETTER.

LETTER!  
IT'S A POSTAL CARD!

Gasoline Alley—And If He Sinks?

COOCHIE  
COOCHIE  
COOCHIE!

UNCLE WALT,  
CAN I TAKE  
CORKY?

YOU  
CAN HOLD  
HIM FOR  
A MINUTE  
IF YOU  
WANT TO.

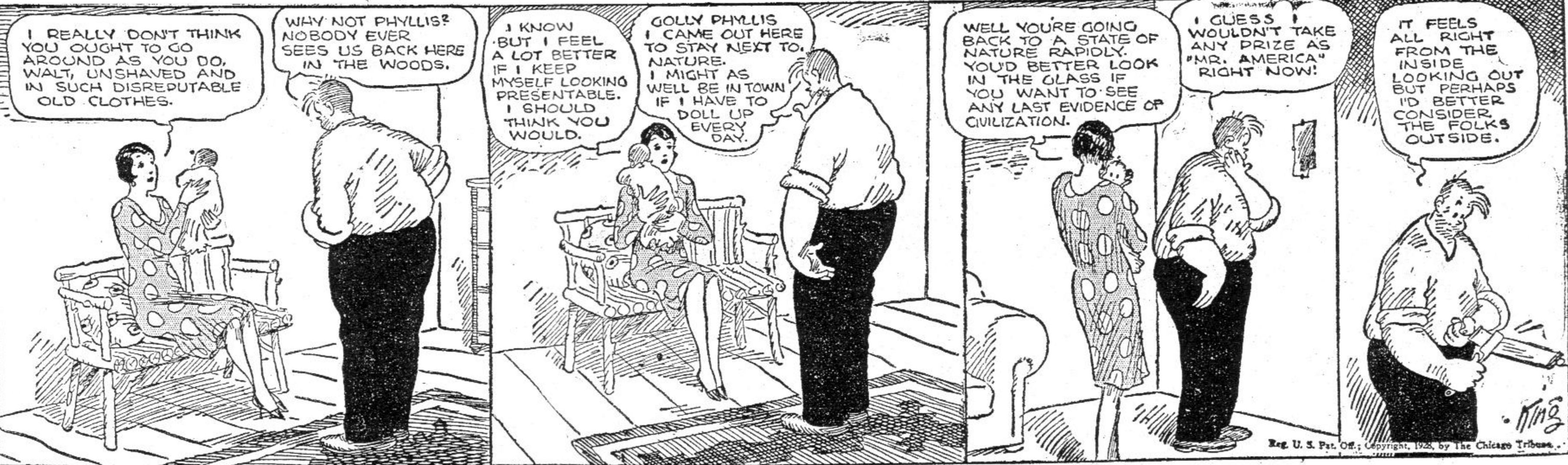
NO.  
I WANT  
TO TAKE  
HIM FOR  
A MINUTE.

WHERE DO YOU  
WANT TO TAKE  
HIM AND WHAT  
DO YOU WANT  
TO DO WITH  
HIM.

I JES'  
WANT TO  
TRY  
SOMETHING.

IKE DOWN AT THE  
DOCK SAYS IF I PUT HIM  
IN A TUB OF WATER  
AN' HE FLOATS HE'S  
GOIN' TO BE A SAILOR.

Gasoline Alley—It Pays to Look Well



I REALLY DON'T THINK YOU OUGHT TO GO AROUND AS YOU DO, WALT, UNSHAVED AND IN SUCH DISREPUTABLE OLD CLOTHES.

WHY NOT PHYLLIS? NOBODY EVER SEES US BACK HERE IN THE WOODS.

I KNOW BUT I FEEL A LOT BETTER IF I KEEP MYSELF LOOKING PRESENTABLE. I SHOULD THINK YOU WOULD.

GOLLY PHYLLIS I CAME OUT HERE TO STAY NEXT TO NATURE. I MIGHT AS WELL BE INTOWN IF I HAVE TO DOLL UP EVERY DAY.

WELL YOU'RE GOING BACK TO A STATE OF NATURE RAPIDLY. YOU'D BETTER LOOK IN THE GLASS IF YOU WANT TO SEE ANY LAST EVIDENCE OF CIVILIZATION.

I GUESS I WOULDN'T TAKE ANY PRIZE AS "MR. AMERICA" RIGHT NOW!

IT FEELS ALL RIGHT FROM THE INSIDE LOOKING OUT BUT PERHAPS I'D BETTER CONSIDER THE FOLKS OUTSIDE.

King



# Gasoline Alley—On How to Keep House

MISTA WALT, THIS HERE OIL CAN GOT A LEAK IN IT AN' I 'FRAID YOU GOTTA GIT A NEW ONE.

I BOUGHT A SOLDERING IRON, RACHEL, AN' I CAN FIX IT.

GOLLY! IT'S ALL RUSTED OUT! I CAN PUSH MY THUMB THROUGH IT ANYWHERE. NO USE

YOU WERE RIGHT, RACHEL. I'LL HAVE TO BUY A NEW ONE.

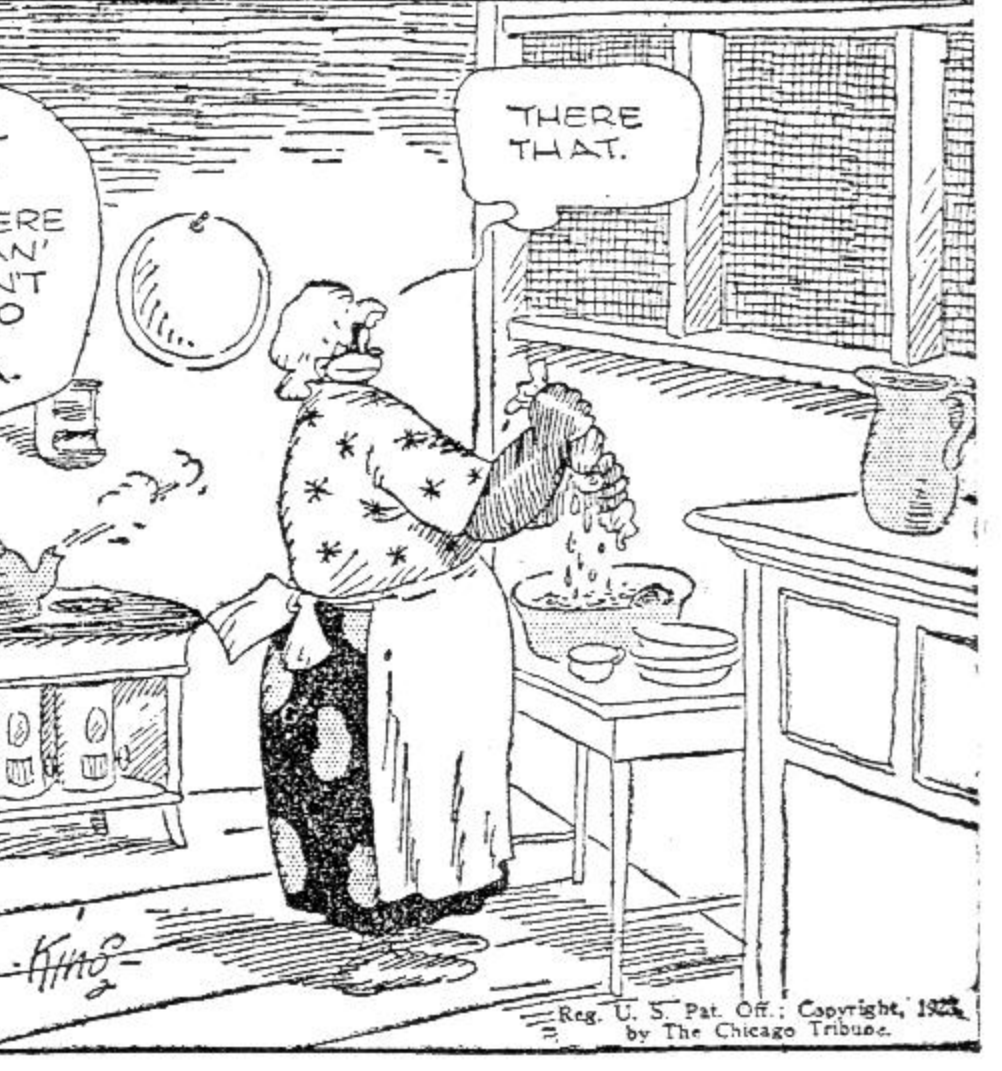
AN' WHILE YOU IS ABOUT IT YOU BETTA GIT ME A NEW SKILLET AN' A MIXIN' BOWL AN' SOME BAKIN' DISHES. THERE AIN'T ENOUGH KITCHEN THINGS HERE TO COOK A SALAD.

JUDGIN' BY THE SALMON AN' SARDINE CANS OUT BACK O' THE SHED THE FOLKS THAT OWNS THE PLACE NEVA DID NO COOKIN! BUT I PLAYS MY SYMPHONIES ON COOKIN' UTENSILS. I AIN'T NO CAN OPENER SOLOIST.

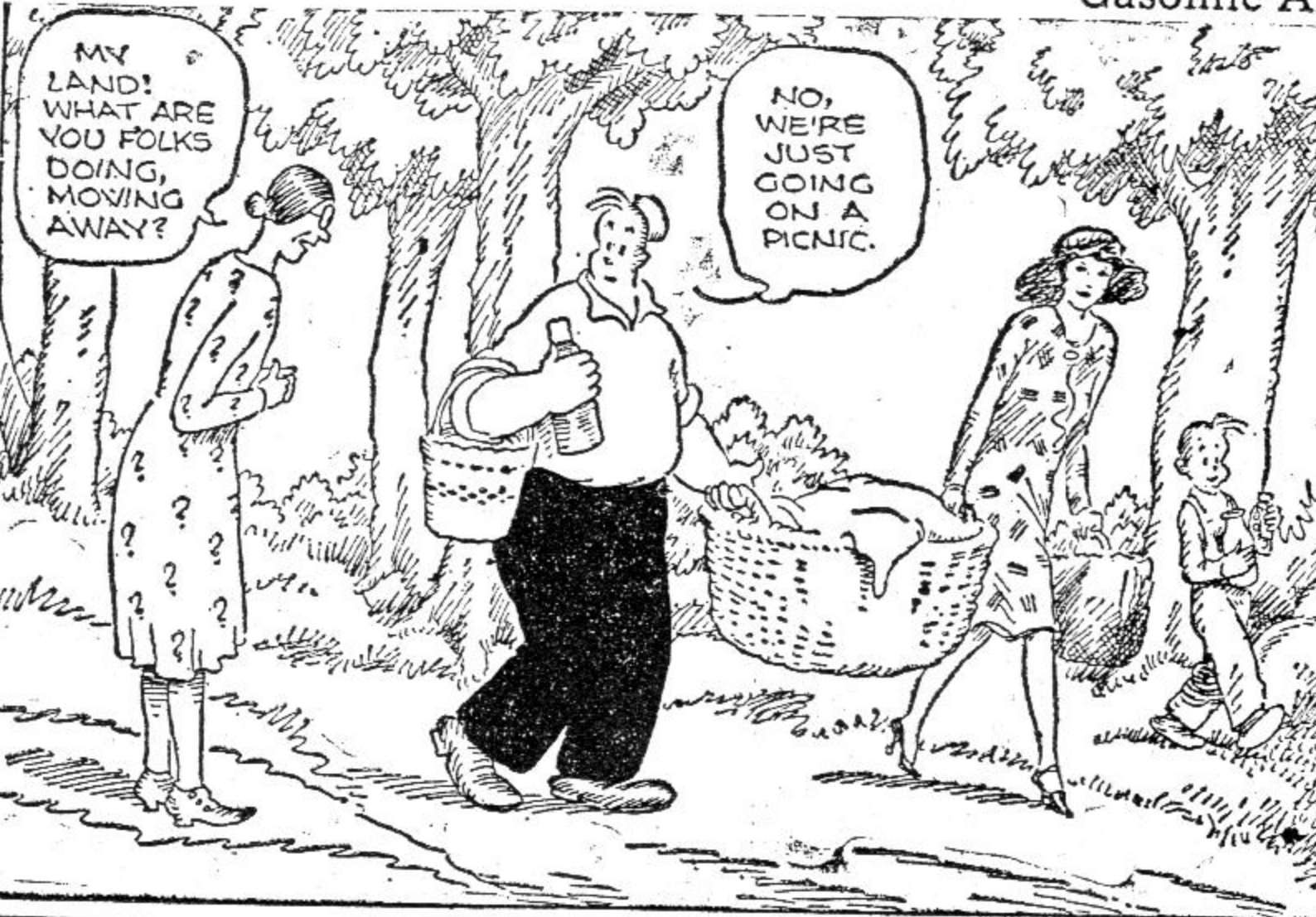
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Gasoline Alley—These Kind Are Easy for Rachel



Gasoline Alley—Mrs. Ratchet Is Alarmed



MY LAND!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU FOLKS  
DOING,  
MOVING  
AWAY?

NO,  
WE'RE  
JUST  
GOING  
ON A  
PICNIC.



GREAT GOODNESS,  
A PICNIC!  
AND THEY HAD  
BASKETS AND BOTTLES  
BESIDES A BIG CLOTHES  
BASKET FULL OF FOOD!  
THEY MUST BE TERRIFIC  
EATERS!

THAT AIN'T  
NOTHIN'. THAT WAS  
JES' A LITTLE  
LIGHT LUNCH  
THEY TOOK.



COME ON OUT  
O' THERE, CORKY  
OL' KID. THIS IS NO  
COUNTRY FOR A  
BABY CARRIAGE,  
BUT NECESSITY IS  
THE PAPA OF  
INVENTION.

Gasoline Alley—Echoes From the Brule

EMILY, IT FEELS TO ME LIKE WE HAD ANOTHER FLAT TIRE.

I DON'T THINK THAT LAST FREE AIR WAS ANY GOOD, AVERY. IT HASN'T GONE THIRTY MILES.

SLOW



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE BACK, AVERY, BUT I CAN'T SEE WHY YOU AND THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T GET ALONG BETTER.

OH WE GOT ALONG ALL RIGHT BUT YOU SEE HE ISN'T VERY TALKATIVE. HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD TO ME ALL THE TIME I WAS UP THERE.

I'LL BET HE DIDN'T. ALL THOSE SECRET SERVICE MEN WOULDN'T LET HIM GET NEAR YOU.

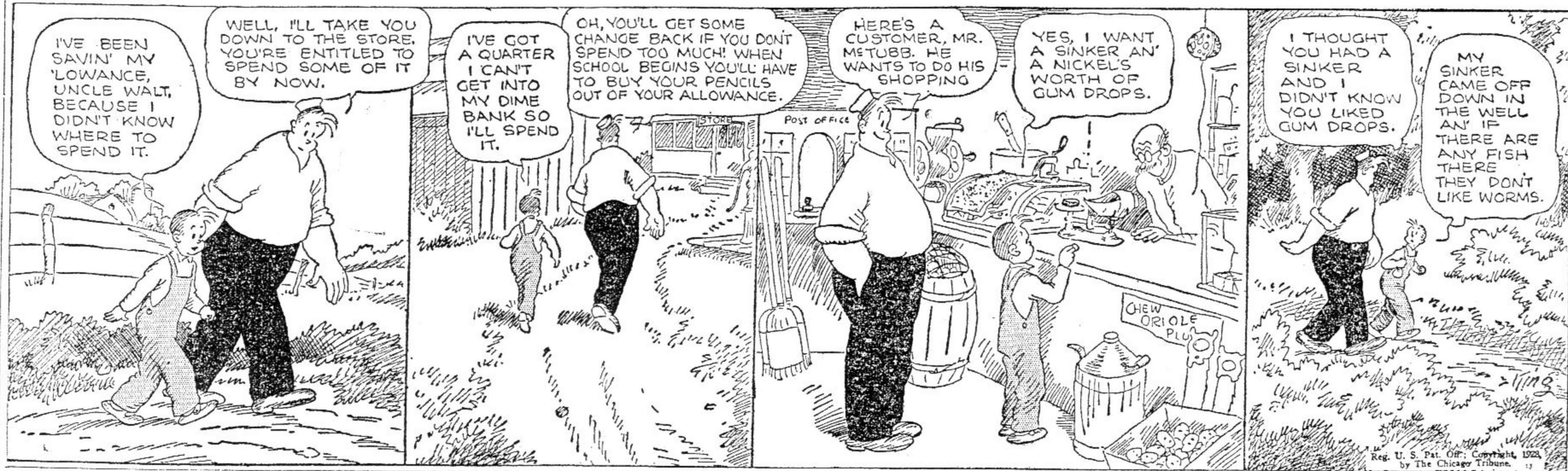
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM WHO YOU WERE?

I DID. I SENT WORD BY A GUARD SEVERAL TIMES BUT MY LUCK DIDN'T BREAK RIGHT. EITHER HOOVER OR SOMEBODY WAS THERE OR CAL WAS OUT FISHIN' OR SOMETHING.

DON'T YOU CARE, AVERY. YOU CAN GET TO HIM AFTER THE FOURTH OF NEXT MARCH.



# Gasoline Alley—Anyway, It's Trying



Gasoline Alley—Score for the Mosquitoes

WALT, I DON'T KNOW HOW ANY MOSQUITOES COULD GET IN THE HOUSE BUT THEY CERTAINLY HAVE.

I THOUGHT I HEARD ONE OR TWO.

LOOK, I SQUUSHED ONE THAT WAS FULL O' BLOOD!

WELL THIS SMUDGE WILL MAKE QUICK WORK OF THEM. I LEARNED THIS IN MY CAMPING DAYS.

THAT DON'T DRIVE NO MOSQUITOES OUT. IT JES' DRIVES FOLKS OUT WHERE THE MOSQUITOES CAN GIT 'EM

-King

Gasoline Alley—The Place Is Getting on Phyllis' Nerves

IT HAS CERTAINLY BEEN FINE FOR CORKY TO GET OUT INTO THE COUNTRY FOR THE FRESH AIR. HE'S GETTING BIG AND HUSKY AND HEALTHY.

I KNOW BUT I OFTEN WONDER WHAT WED DO IF HE WAS SICK. WE'RE SO FAR FROM A DOCTOR HERE.

WHY WE'RE NOT FAR FROM A DOCTOR. THERE'S ONE OVER IN BOGTOWN.

HE DOESN'T KNOW US. THEY SAY HE'S A GOOD DOCTOR BUT HE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT CORKY OR SKEEZIX.

WHY NOT? THEY'RE HUMAN— LIKE HIS PATIENTS ARE. BESIDES WHAT DO YOU THINK THE KIDS ARE GOING TO GET?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS!

YES AND BESIDES THERE MIGHT BE AN EARTHQUAKE OR A TORNADO OR WE MIGHT BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. OR THERE MIGHT BE A FLOOD.

DON'T, WAIT! I'M TRYING NOT TO THINK OF THOSE THINGS.

Gasoline Alley—Looking Ahead

IT'S NICE THAT MR. WICKER DOESN'T TAKE HIS VACATION TILL SEPTEMBER SO THAT HE'LL LET YOU HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME DOWN HERE.

YES. I'D RATHER'VE HAD A RAISE BUT I AT LEAST KNOW HE'S TAKING CARE OF THINGS BACK AT THE FACTORY.



MR. WICKER, HERE ARE THE SKETCHES FOR THE POSTERS AND THE COPY ON THE NEW ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN.

ALL RIGHT, PUT IT ON MR. WALLET'S DESK.



THERE'S NO RUSH ABOUT THAT, MISS OGLETREE. MR. WALLET WILL TAKE CARE OF IT WHEN HE RETURNS.

I'LL PUT IT ON HIS DESK.



MR. WALLET'S DESK.





Gasoline Alley—It's Regulation Stuff

IT'S TOO HOT TO PUT ANY CLOTHES AT ALL ON CORKY.

I'D LIKE TO TAKE HIM IN BATHING. HE'LL BE BIG ENOUGH NEXT SUMMER.

DID YOU SEE THIS RED RASH HE HAS, WALT? I WONDER IF WE'D BETTER CALL THE DOCTOR.

I KNOW WHAT THAT IS—IT'S PRICKLY HEAT. SKEEZIX USED TO HAVE IT. I'LL LOOK IN THE BOOK.

LET'S SEE VINEGAR AND WATER BATH AND BORIC ACID POWDER.

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT, MISTA WALT. IT'S NOTHIN' BUT HOT WEATHA MEASLES.

Gasoline Alley—Relief in Sight



I'LL KEEP THE MOSQUITERS OFF YOU UNCLE WALT.

THAT'S FINE, SKEEZIX. THAT'S REAL SERVICE. I'LL DECLARE A FIVE CENT EXTRA DIVIDEND THIS WEEK.



WHERE DO MOSQUITERS COME FROM?

THEY HATCH FROM THOSE LITTLE WIGGLERS YOU'VE SEEN IN WATER.



I KNOW WHERE OUR MOSQUITERS COME FROM.



WHAT NOW?

THERE'S A LOT O' WIGGLERS IN HERE. I'M GOING TO SWAT 'EM WHEN THEY HATCH

Gasoline Alley—Walt Finally Weakens

NO WONDER YOUR LITTLE PAL JOE LET YOU HAVE THIS COTTAGE FOR NOTHING, WALT. WE'VE FIXED SIX PANES OF GLASS MENDED THE ROOF AND THE OIL STOVE, HAD THE DUMP REPAIRED AND A DOZEN OTHER THINGS.

HE DIDN'T INTEND TO HAVE US DO ALL THOSE THINGS - I'M SURE HE DIDN'T.

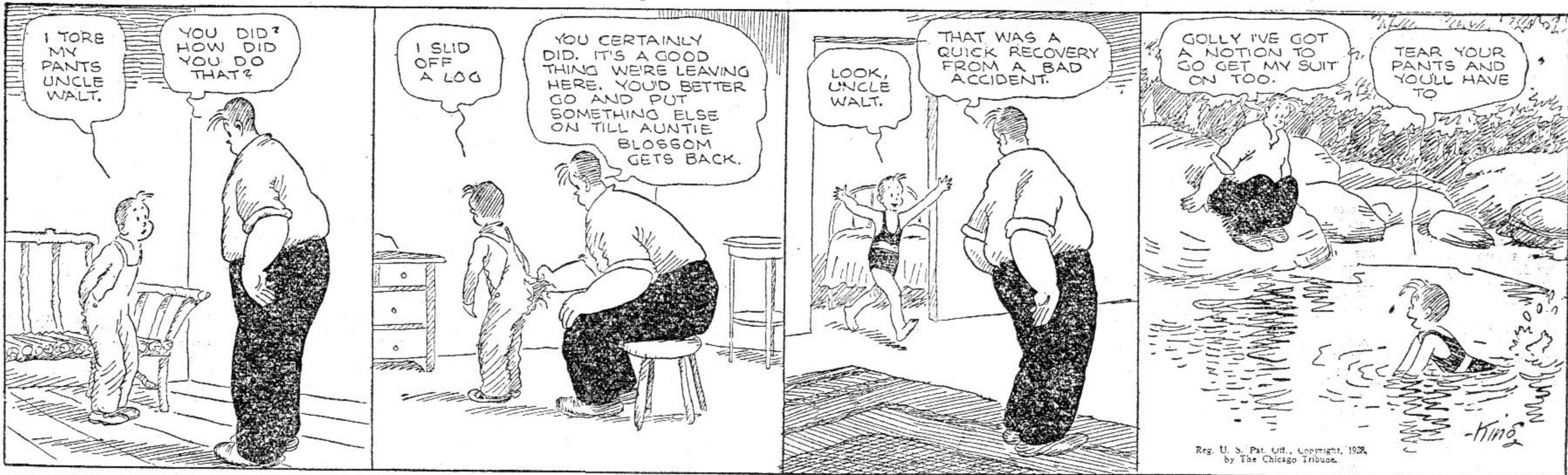
IT'S ABOUT READY TO FALL TO PIECES. NO WONDER HE DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE IN IT HIMSELF.

YOU SHOULDN'T LOOK AT A GIFT HOUSE IN ALL THE CRACKS AND CREVICES, PHYLLIS IT WOULD BE A NICE LITTLE PLACE IF IT WAS FIXED UP.

WHAT HAPPENED WALT?

NOTHING, PHYLLIS, ONLY YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THIS HOUSE!

Gasoline Alley—No Small Loss Without Some Gain



Gasoline Alley—Sunset Glow



I ADMIT WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TIME TO SPEND ON THE BEACH, PHYLLIS. THE COTTAGE WAS FARTHER AWAY THAN I THOUGHT WHEN I TOOK IT. ON.

AT THAT WITH THE ROOF AND THE WINDOWS THE WAY THEY WERE IT'S KEPT US OUT IN THE OPEN AIR.



LOOK AT THAT SKY OVER THE BAY! IF YOU'D PAINT IT LIKE THAT NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE IT.

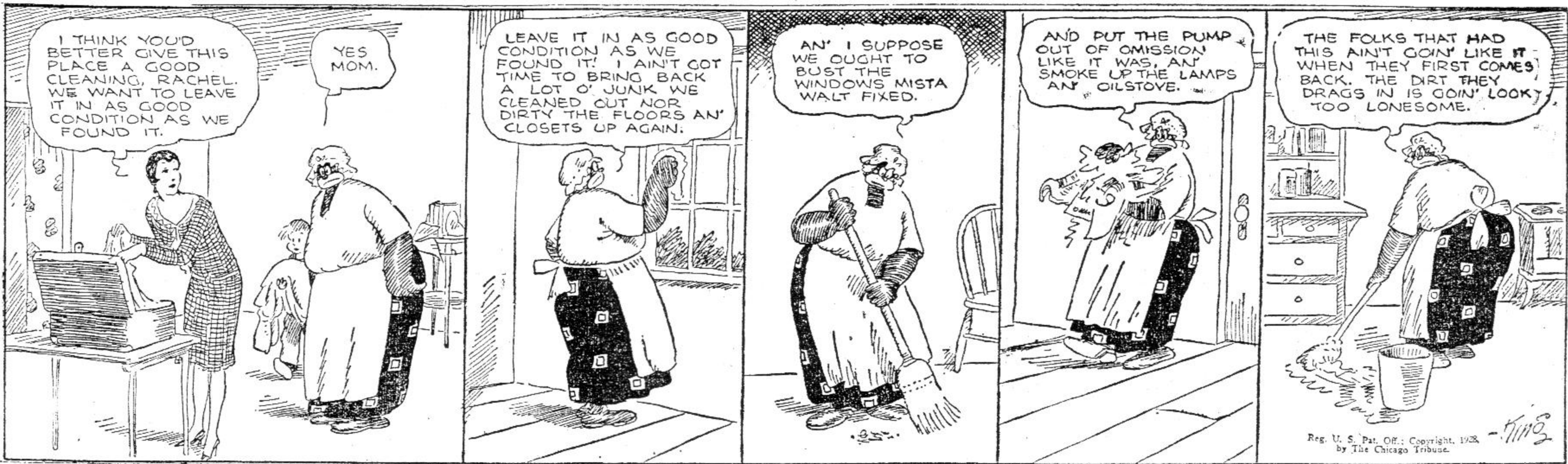
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE AS IT IS.



ANYWAY, WALT, AN EVENING LIKE THIS MAKES UP FOR EVERYTHING AND I RETRACT ALL I'VE SAID ABOUT JOE AND HIS COTTAGE

WELL THE THINGS THAT ARE TOUGHEST WHEN YOU ARE GOING THROUGH THEM ARE THE ONES THAT ARE THE MOST FUN WHEN THEY'RE OVER. WE'LL SEE THE FUNNY SIDE WHEN WE GET HOME.

# Gasoline Alley—Easiest Thing in the World



I THINK YOU'D BETTER GIVE THIS PLACE A GOOD CLEANING, RACHEL. WE WANT TO LEAVE IT IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS WE FOUND IT.

YES MOM.

LEAVE IT IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS WE FOUND IT! I AIN'T GOT TIME TO BRING BACK A LOT O' JUNK WE CLEANED OUT NOR DIRTY THE FLOORS AN' CLOSETS UP AGAIN.

AN' I SUPPOSE WE OUGHT TO BUST THE WINDOWS MISTA WALT FIXED.

AND PUT THE PUMP OUT OF OMISSION! LIKE IT WAS, AN' SMOKE UP THE LAMPS AN' OILSTOVE.

THE FOLKS THAT HAD THIS AIN'T GOIN' LIKE IT WHEN THEY FIRST COMES BACK. THE DIRT THEY DRAGS IN IS GOIN' LOOKY TOO LONESOME.

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# Gasoline Alley—The Fatal Step

AT THAT IT SEEMS GOOD TO BE STARTED BACK HOME.

IT DOES. AND DON'T EVER LET ANYBODY GIVE YOU A COTTAGE AGAIN. IT WOULD BE WORTH A MONTH'S RENT TO TELL THE OWNER WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF IT.

WAIT WALT— SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE TURNED AT THAT LAST CORNER?

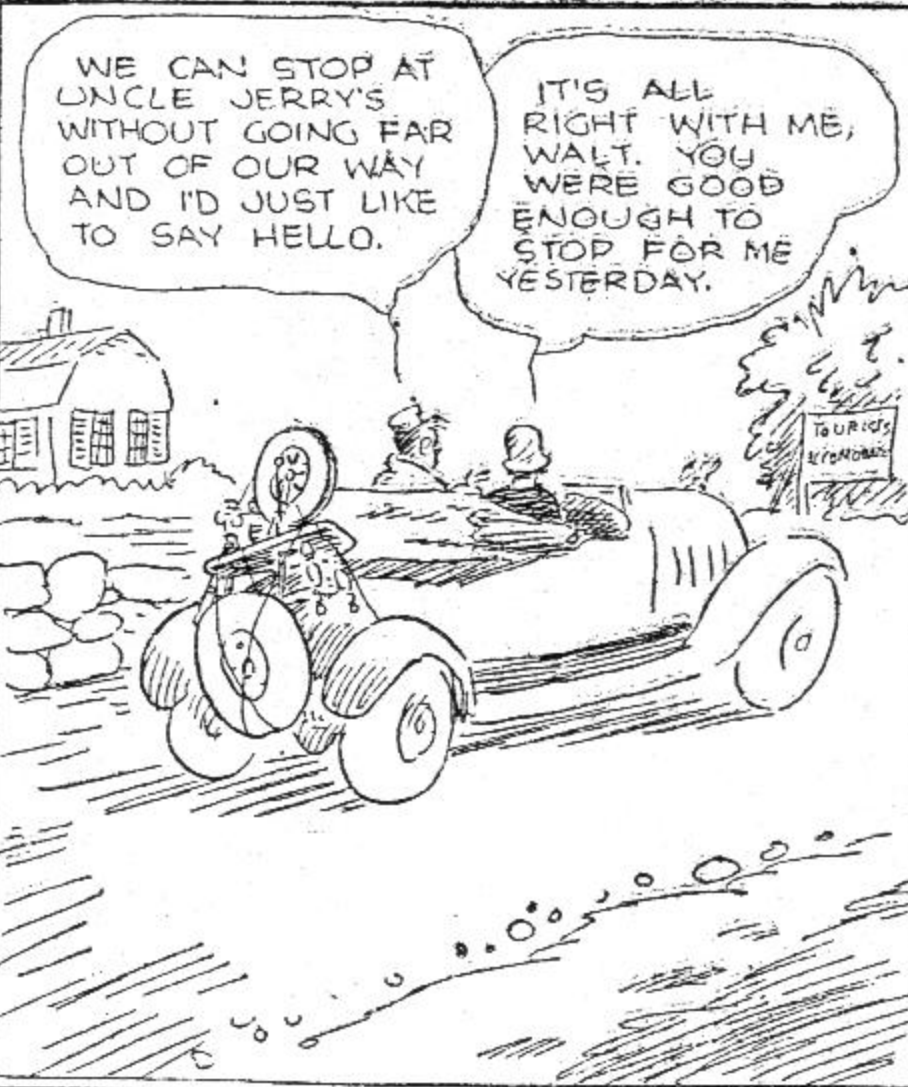
I DIDN'T SEE ANY SIGN. THE EAST HAS THE QUAINT HOUSES AND STONE WALLS BUT THEY COULD TAKE LESSONS FROM THE MIDWEST IN HOW TO PUT UP ROAD MARKERS.

OH WALT DEAR, AN ANTIQUE SHOP! WON'T YOU STOP?

THERE THERE CORKY OL' TOP! MAMA'S IN AN ANTIQUE SHOP AND SHE'LL BE OUT SOMETIME.

I'M HUNGRY

# Gasoline Alley—Relativity



WE CAN STOP AT UNCLE JERRY'S WITHOUT GOING FAR OUT OF OUR WAY AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY HELLO.

IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME, WALT. YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO STOP FOR ME YESTERDAY.



IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU UNCLE JERRY. WE WERE JUST DRIVING BY AND I WANTED TO SEE YOU FOLKS FOR A MINUTE BUT WE CAN'T STOP.

IS IT REALLY WALT? YOU USED TO BE SO SKINNY AS A KID YOU MUST GO IN THE KITCHEN AND SEE YOUR AUNT EL.



YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES, AUNT EL. I'M HURRYING BACK HOME BUT I JUST HAD TO DROP IN.

I WON'T HEAR OF YOUR GOING RIGHT ON BRING IN YOUR WIFE AND THE BABIES AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOUR GOING ON LATER



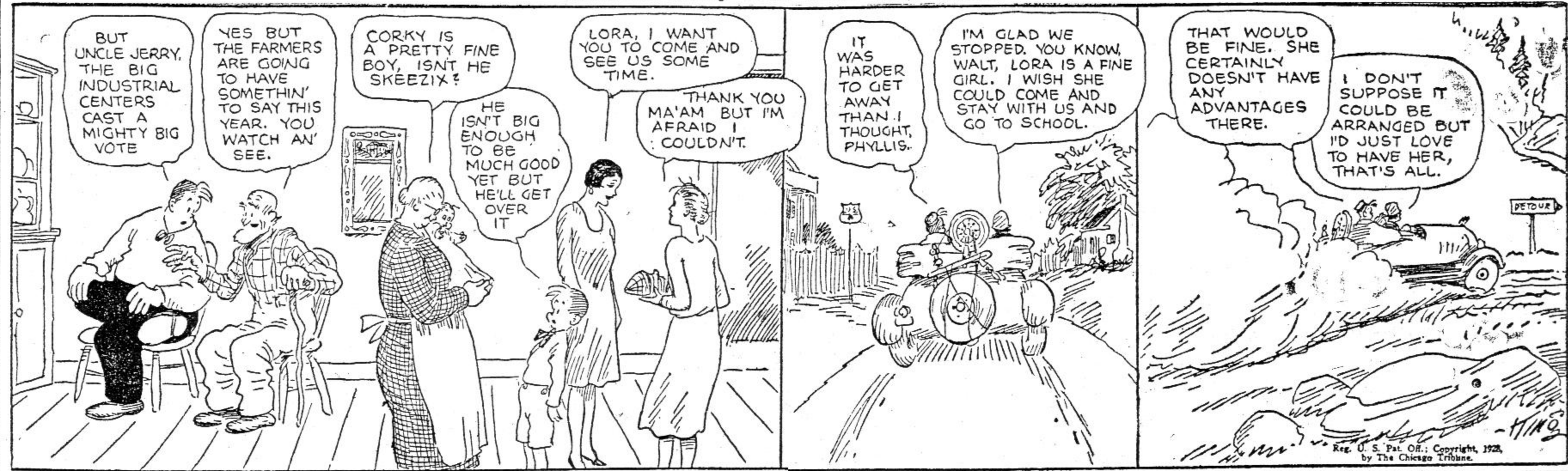
SO THIS IS LORA! WHY YOU WERE A TINY LITTLE GIRL THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU!

HASN'T SHE GROWN?

YES SIR



Gasoline Alley—On Their Way Again



BUT UNCLE JERRY, THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTERS CAST A MIGHTY BIG VOTE

YES BUT THE FARMERS ARE GOING TO HAVE SOMETHIN' TO SAY THIS YEAR. YOU WATCH AN' SEE.

CORKY IS A PRETTY FINE BOY, ISN'T HE SKEEZIX?

HE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH TO BE MUCH GOOD YET BUT HE'LL GET OVER IT

LORA, I WANT YOU TO COME AND SEE US SOME TIME.

THANK YOU MA'AM BUT I'M AFRAID I COULDN'T.

IT WAS HARDER TO GET AWAY THAN I THOUGHT, PHYLLIS.

I'M GLAD WE STOPPED. YOU KNOW, WALT, LORA IS A FINE GIRL. I WISH SHE COULD COME AND STAY WITH US AND GO TO SCHOOL.

THAT WOULD BE FINE. SHE CERTAINLY DOESN'T HAVE ANY ADVANTAGES THERE.

I DON'T SUPPOSE IT COULD BE ARRANGED BUT I'D JUST LOVE TO HAVE HER, THAT'S ALL.

Gasoline Alley—The Chance of a Lifetime

THE FOLKS SENT ME ON AHEAD TO GET THE HOUSE READY FOR 'EM. WELL IT'S ALL READY AN' WAITIN'. ONLY IM EATIN' AN' SLEEPIN' OVA TO MY SISTA'S.

AFTA GITTIN' THAT JINX COTTAGE READY THIS WAS NOTHIN'. TWO HOURS PUSHIN' A DUST RAG AN' A VACKUM CLEANA AN' I IS READY FOR COMP'NY

THE SEA SHORE WASN'T SO BAD. MISTA WALT WASN'T NO GOOD AS A FISHERMAN AN' I DIDN'T HAVE TO CLEAN MUCH FISH. BUT I FOUND PLENTY OF WORK FOR IDLE HANDS TO DO.

NOW VACATION IS OVA I GOIN' GIT A GOOD REST.

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Gasoline Alley—Back Home!

WE'VE BEEN AWAY SO LONG IT SEEMS LIKE COMING BACK TO MY BOYHOOD HOME.

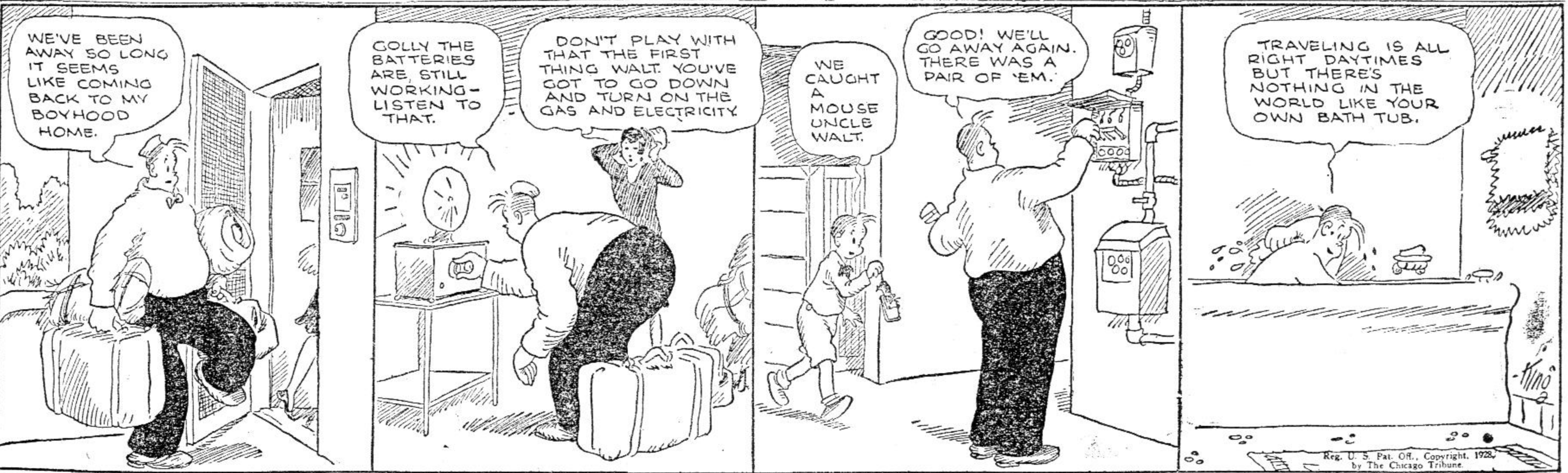
GOLLY THE BATTERIES ARE STILL WORKING—LISTEN TO THAT.

DON'T PLAY WITH THAT THE FIRST THING WALT. YOU'VE GOT TO GO DOWN AND TURN ON THE GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

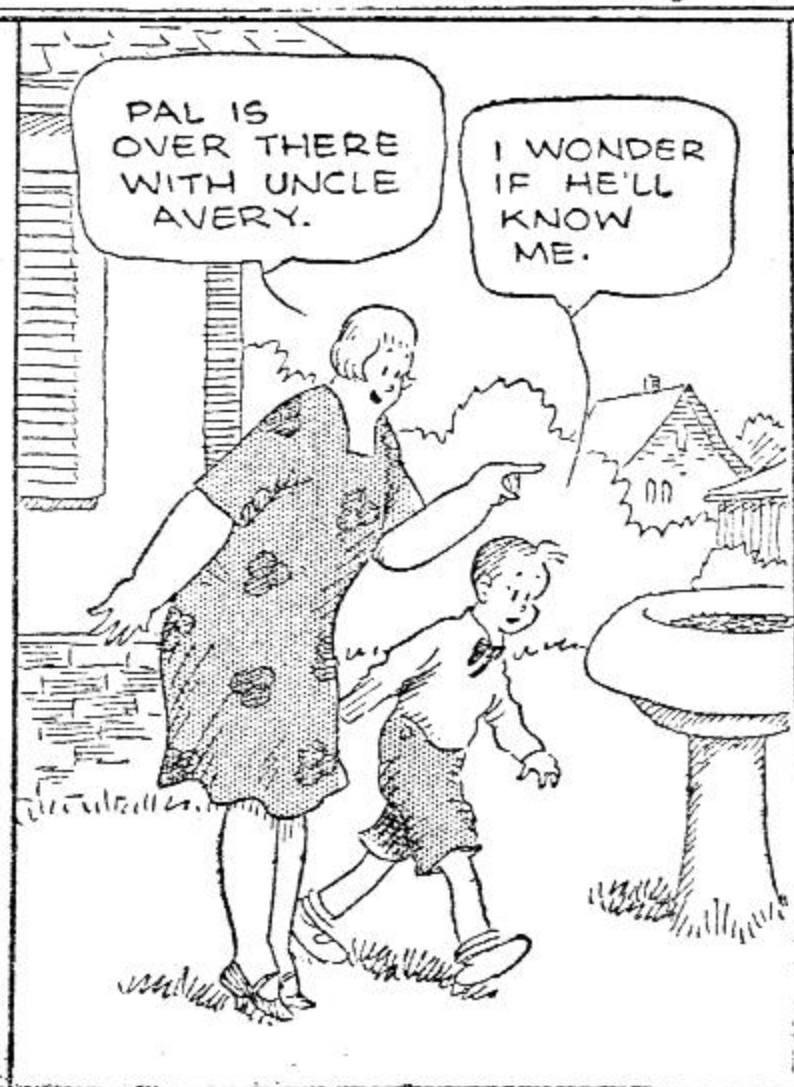
WE CAUGHT A MOUSE UNCLE WALT.

GOOD! WE'LL GO AWAY AGAIN. THERE WAS A PAIR OF 'EM.

TRAVELING IS ALL RIGHT DAYTIMES BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THE WORLD LIKE YOUR OWN BATH TUB.



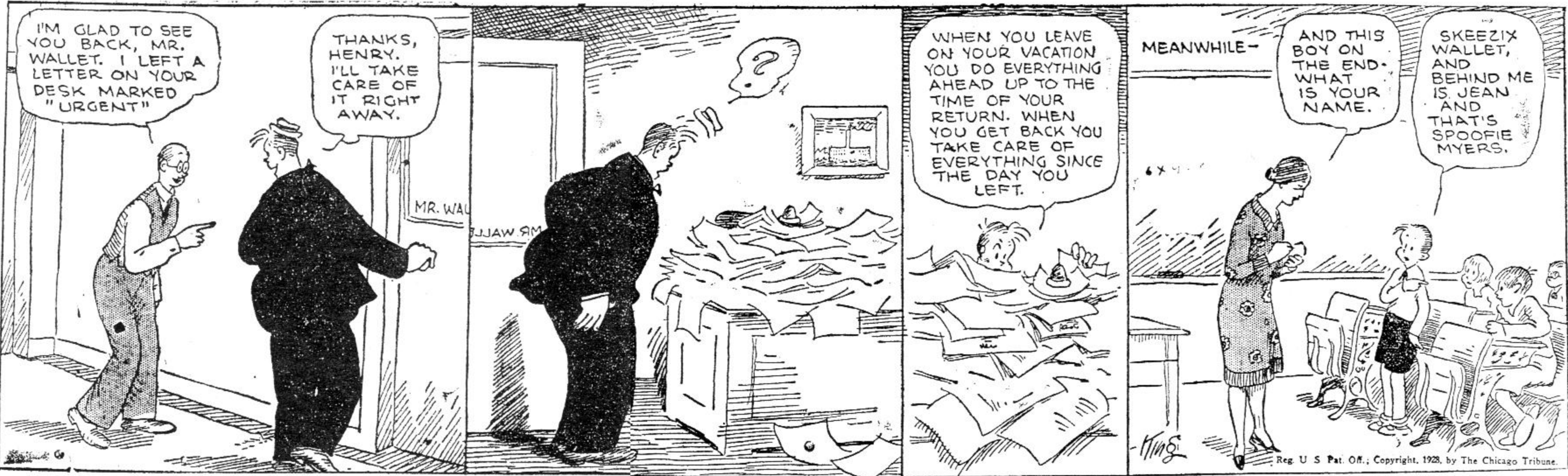
Gasoline Alley—Pal Has a Memory, Too



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Gasoline Alley—On Your Mark—Set—Go!



I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK, MR. WALLET. I LEFT A LETTER ON YOUR DESK MARKED "URGENT"

THANKS, HENRY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT RIGHT AWAY.

MR. WALLET  
JAW RM

?

WHEN YOU LEAVE ON YOUR VACATION YOU DO EVERYTHING AHEAD UP TO THE TIME OF YOUR RETURN. WHEN YOU GET BACK YOU TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING SINCE THE DAY YOU LEFT.

MEANWHILE—

AND THIS BOY ON THE END—WHAT IS YOUR NAME.

SKEEZIX WALLET, AND BEHIND ME IS JEAN AND THAT'S SPOOFIE MYERS.

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Gasoline Alley—The Perpetual Urge

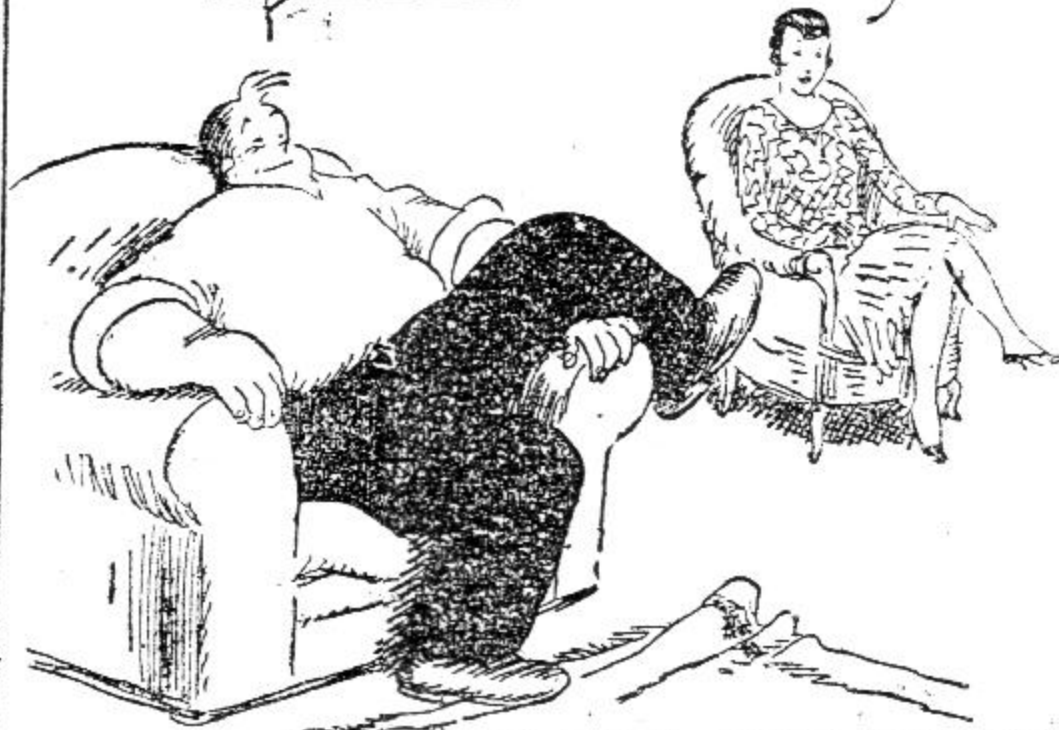
AND THERE'S CORKY AT HOME IN HIS OWN LITTLE BED. IT MUST SEEM GOOD TO HIM.

IT CERTAINLY DOES ME GOOD TO SEE HIM THERE!



EVERYTHING IS SO NICE AND COMFORTABLE AT HOME, PHYLLIS, I CAN'T SEE WHY ANYBODY WOULD BE SO FOOLISH AS TO WANT TO LEAVE IT.

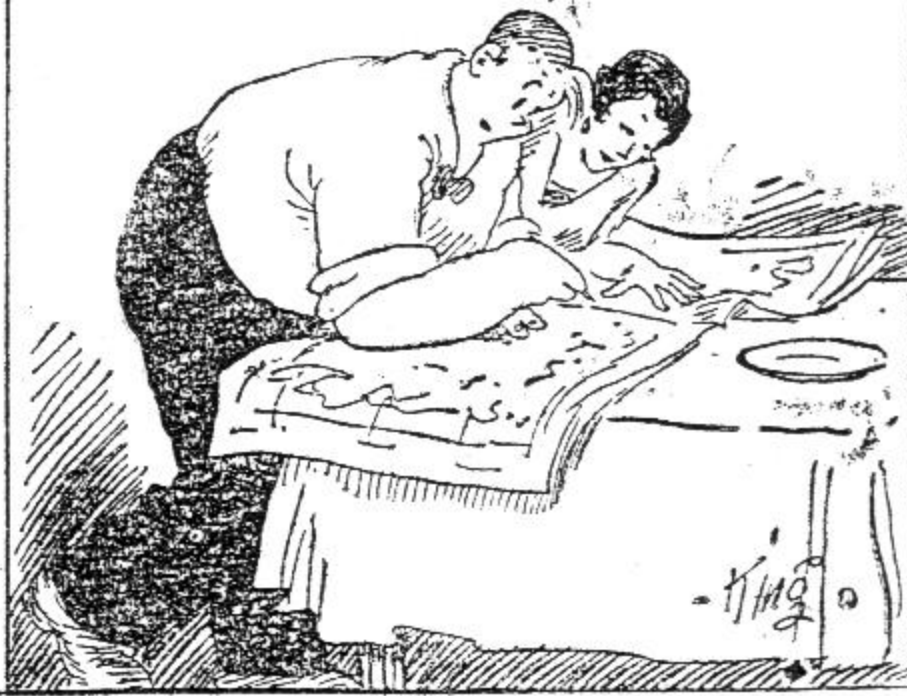
A PERSON CERTAINLY FINDS OUT THAT HOME IS THE BEST PLACE OF ALL TO BE.



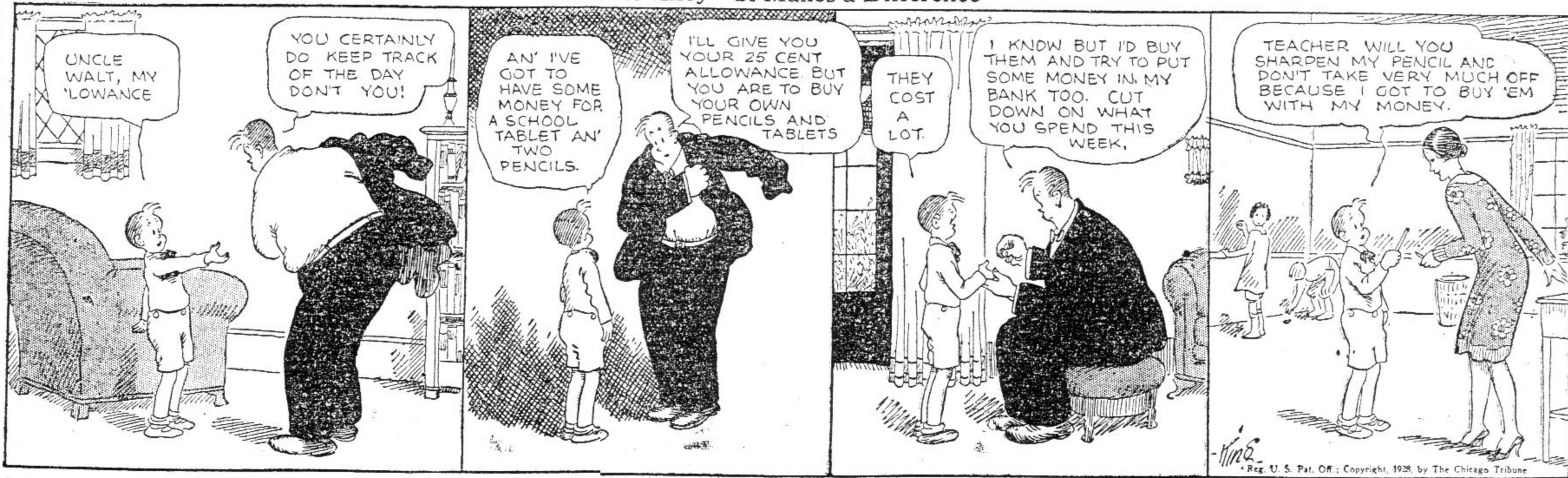
BY THE WAY—WAIT UNTIL I GET A MAP—I'VE GOT AN IDEA.



YOU KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH TIME OFF NEXT YEAR I'D LIKE TO TAKE A TRIP TO ALASKA.



Gasoline Alley—It Makes a Difference



UNCLE  
WALT, MY  
'LOWANCE

YOU CERTAINLY  
DO KEEP TRACK  
OF THE DAY  
DON'T YOU!

AN' I'VE  
GOT TO  
HAVE SOME  
MONEY FOR  
A SCHOOL  
TABLET AN'  
TWO  
PENCILS.

I'LL GIVE YOU  
YOUR 25 CENT  
ALLOWANCE. BUT  
YOU ARE TO BUY  
YOUR OWN  
PENCILS AND  
TABLETS

THEY  
COST  
A  
LOT.

I KNOW BUT I'D BUY  
THEM AND TRY TO PUT  
SOME MONEY IN MY  
BANK TOO. CUT  
DOWN ON WHAT  
YOU SPEND THIS  
WEEK.

TEACHER WILL YOU  
SHARPEN MY PENCIL AND  
DON'T TAKE VERY MUCH OFF  
BECAUSE I GOT TO BUY 'EM  
WITH MY MONEY.

Gasoline Alley—Let Corky Decide

WALT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT LORA. I THINK IT WOULD BE FINE IF SHE COULD COME AND STAY WITH US.

I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT TOO. SHE'S A GOOD KID.

IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY PHILANTHROPY. SHE COULD TAKE CARE OF CORKY PART OF THE TIME. THAT'S LOT'S EASIER THAN WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW.

IT CERTAINLY IS.

THEN SHE COULD GO TO SCHOOL. THAT'S WHAT SHE NEEDS. DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY CHANCE?

SHE WAS ADOPTED BY UNCLE JERRY AND AUNT EL AND HAS WORKED HARD FOR THEM. THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T WANT HER TO LEAVE.

MAYBE THEY WOULD SEE HER SIDE OF IT. ANYWAY YOU WRITE TO THEM, WALT.

THEY'VE BOTH GOT A LOT OF GOOD SENSE. I'LL DO THAT MUCH. BYE BYE.



Gasoline Alley—Something for Nothing

HE SAYS HIS NAME'S JOE AND YOU HAD HIS COTTAGE THIS SUMMER.

GOLLY, I'M UP IN MY NECK IN WORK AND I SWORE I WOULDN'T SEE ANYBODY - BUT I CAN'T REFUSE HIM.

HELLO WALT! HAVE A GOOD TIME IN MY COTTAGE? FINE PLACE ISN'T IT. I WAS GLAD TO HAVE YOU USE IT

IT WAS ALL RIGHT JOE. I DID A FEW LITTLE THINGS TO IT FOR YOU. TRIED TO LEAVE IT BETTER THAN I FOUND IT.

IT DID NEED A FEW HOOKS IN THE CLOSET. I KNOW YOU HAD A WONDERFUL VACATION.

IT WAS MIGHTY FINE OF YOU JOE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE WILL EVER REPAY YOU. HERE'S THE KEY.

MAYBE YOU'D DO ME A LITTLE FAVOR. I'VE MADE OUT A LITTLE NOTE - ONLY \$150 AND THE BANK SAID THEY'D TAKE IT IF I GOT ANOTHER SIGNER. A MATTER OF FORM. I'LL TAKE IT UP IN A WEEK.

I'VE ALWAYS SAID I WOULDN'T DO IT FOR MY OWN BROTHER - BUT SEEING IT'S YOU JOE -

Gasoline Alley—Walt, You Already Bet on It

SO JOE WAS IN YESTERDAY. DID YOU TELL HIM THE REPAIRS WE MADE TO HIS COTTAGE COST MORE THAN IF WE'D RENTED ONE?

I COULDN'T DO THAT, PHYLLIS. HE LET US HAVE IT FOR NOTHING YOU KNOW. I TOLD HIM WE DID A FEW LITTLE THINGS TO IT.

I'D HAVE TOLD HIM! THE WHOLE THING SEEMED FUNNY TO ME. HE'LL WANT SOMETHING HIMSELF ONE OF THESE DAYS.

THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. I'D DO HIM A FAVOR IF I COULD.

GOLLY, WHAT WOULD PHYLLIS SAY IF SHE KNEW I SIGNED JOE'S NOTE FOR \$150? IT'S ONLY FOR 30 DAYS. I'LL TELL HER WHEN IT'S ALL PAID. IT'S NOT MUCH MORE THAN A MONTH'S RENT OF A COTTAGE WOULD BE ANYWAY.

JOE IS GOOD FOR IT. HE ALWAYS HAS MONEY. HE WAS JUST TEMPORARILY SHORT LIKE ANY OF US GET OCCASIONALLY. I'D BET ON IT.

KING

Gasoline Alley—It's a Big Day for Corky

WAVE YOUR HAND, CORKY!  
IT'S DADDY COMING  
UP THE WALK

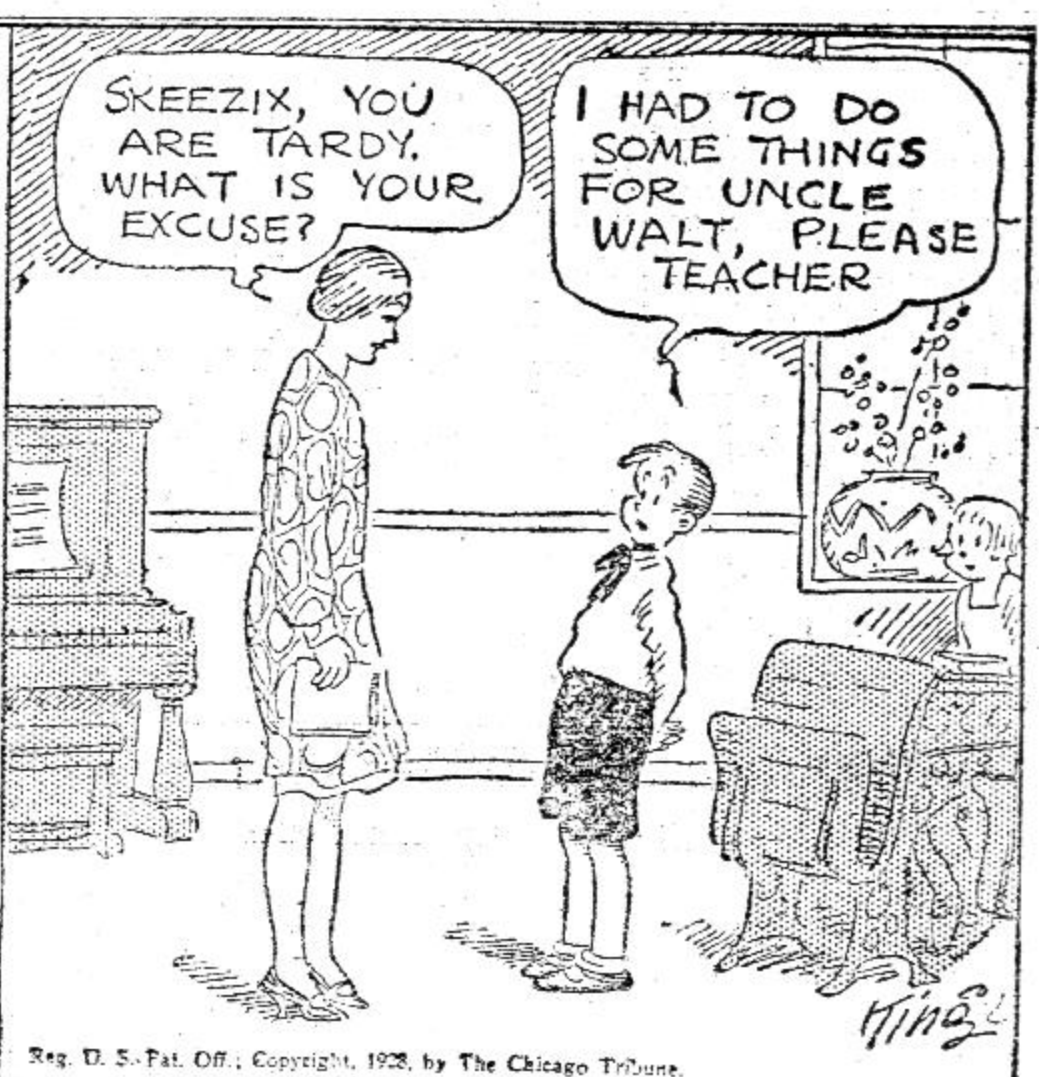
AND HE'S AWFULLY  
PLEASED ABOUT SOMETHING  
WE'LL GO AND MEET  
HIM

H'LO  
DADDY

PHYLLIS, I'VE JUST PAID  
THE LAST INSTALLMENT  
TO THE HOSPITAL AND THE  
DOCTORS ON THEIR  
BILL FOR LAST MAY!

NOW CORKY IS OURS—  
ALL OURS!

Gasoline Alley—Home Work



King

Gasoline Alley—Too Late!

HERE, WALT,  
HAVE A CIGARET.  
I NEVER SAW  
YOU SMOKE ONE

NO, BILL,  
I DON'T  
USE 'EM.

WHY NOT?  
HOW DID YOU  
EVER KEEP  
FROM IT?

WELL, WHEN I WAS A KID  
THEY WERE COFFIN NAILS.  
BESIDES THAT MY FATHER  
DIDN'T LICK ME WHEN HE  
CAUGHT ME SMOKING ONE  
AS I THOUGHT HE  
WOULD.

I'VE BEEN  
SMOKING FOR  
YEARS—AND  
LOOK AT  
ME!

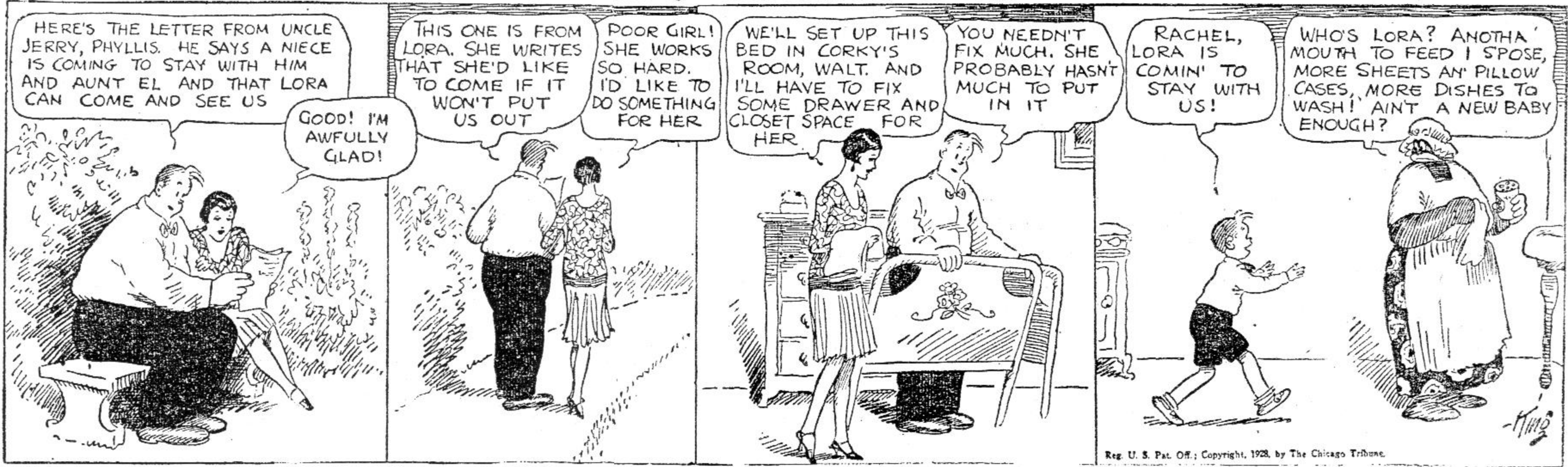
ONLY THE  
STRONGEST  
CONSTITUTION  
COULD HAVE  
STOOD IT

YOU LOOK  
AS IF  
YOU COULD  
STAND  
IT NOW

I WOULDN'T  
START IT NOW—  
IT'S TOO  
EFFEMINATE

King

Gasoline Alley—Good News and Bad News



HERE'S THE LETTER FROM UNCLE JERRY, PHYLLIS. HE SAYS A NIECE IS COMING TO STAY WITH HIM AND AUNT EL AND THAT LORA CAN COME AND SEE US

GODD! I'M AWFULLY GLAD!

THIS ONE IS FROM LORA. SHE WRITES THAT SHE'D LIKE TO COME IF IT WON'T PUT US OUT

POOR GIRL! SHE WORKS SO HARD. I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR HER

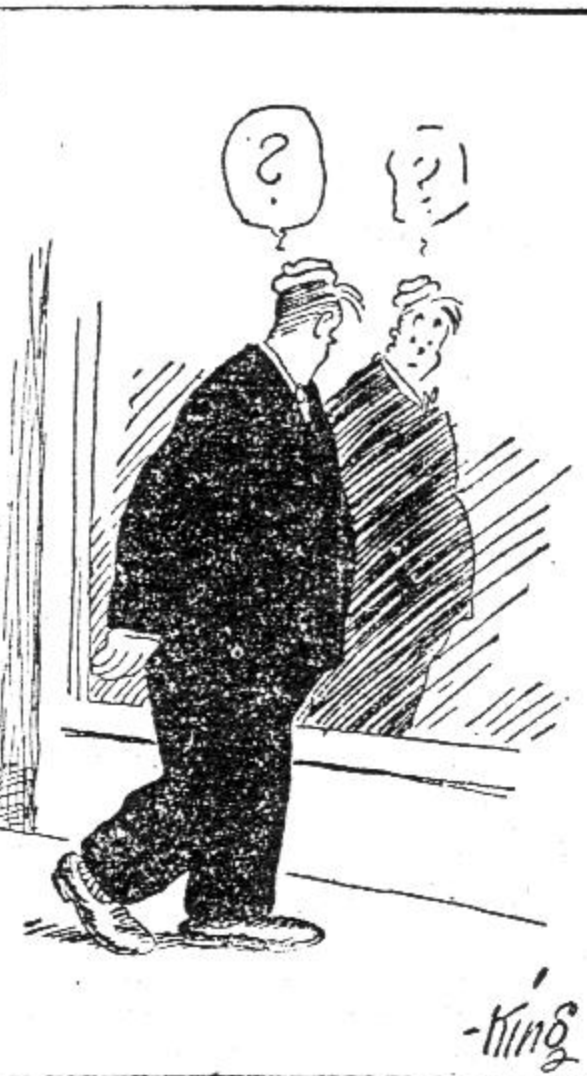
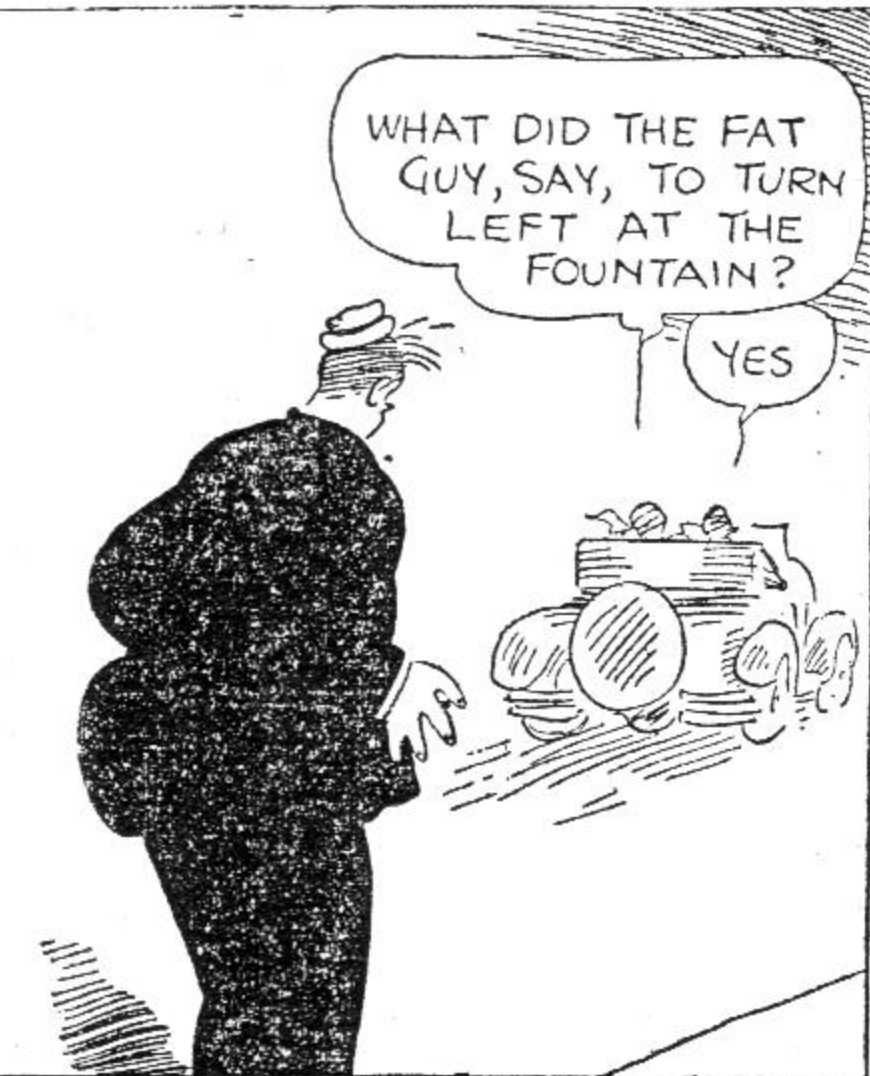
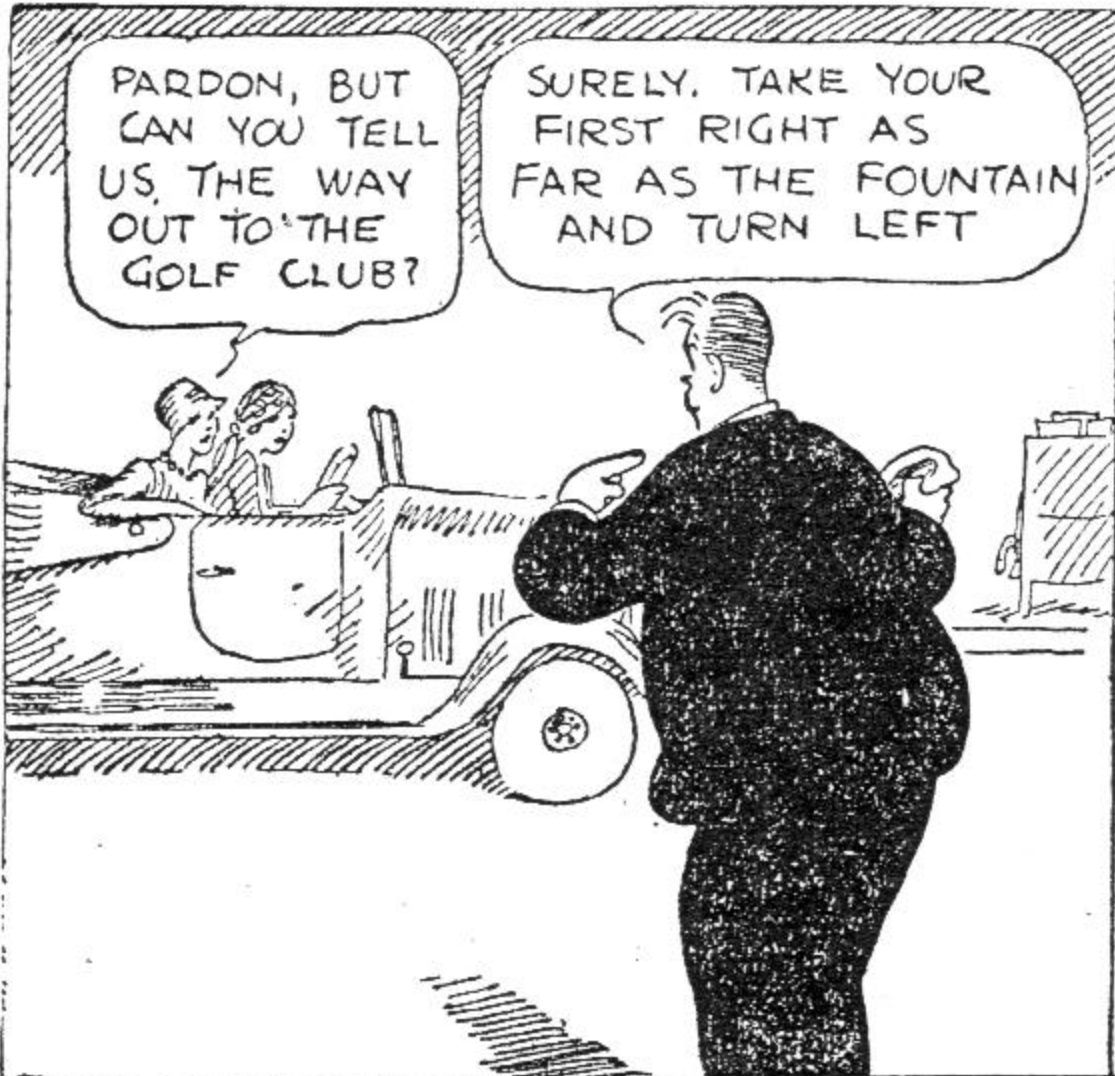
WE'LL SET UP THIS BED IN CORKY'S ROOM, WALT. AND I'LL HAVE TO FIX SOME DRAWER AND CLOSET SPACE FOR HER.

YOU NEEDN'T FIX MUCH. SHE PROBABLY HASN'T MUCH TO PUT IN IT

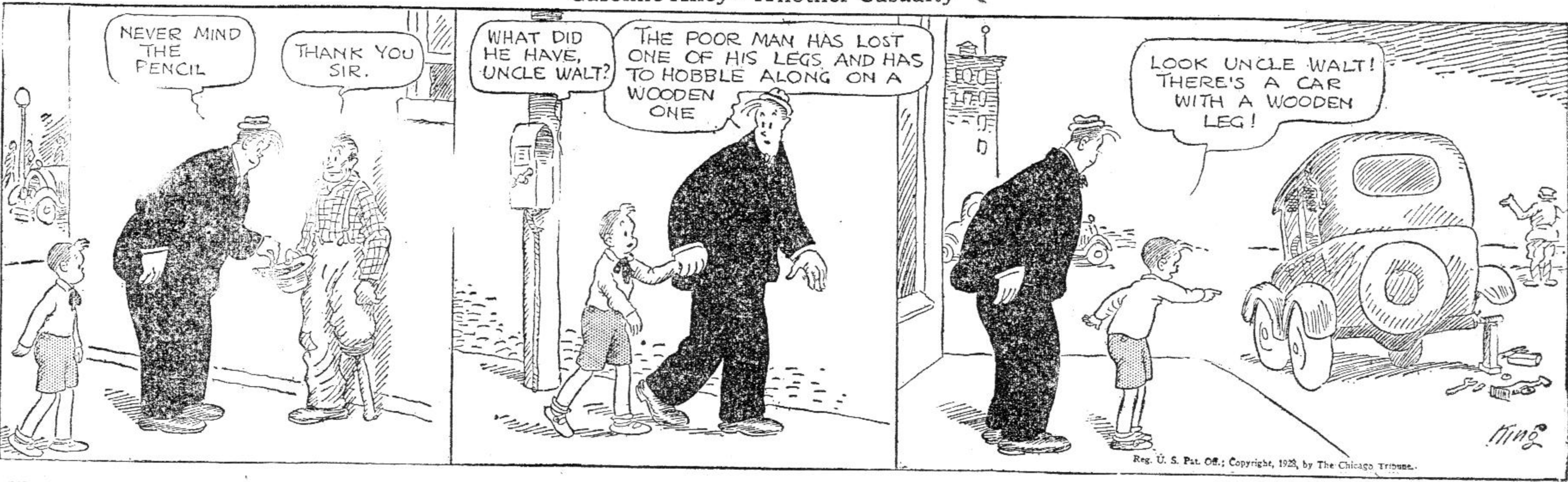
RACHEL, LORA IS COMIN' TO STAY WITH US!

WHO'S LORA? ANOETHA MOUTH TO FEED I SPOSE, MORE SHEETS AN' PILLOW CASES, MORE DISHES TO WASH! AINT A NEW BABY ENOUGH?

Gasoline Alley—The re Must Be a Reason



Gasoline Alley—Another Casualty





# Gasoline Alley—A Prophecy

**W**ALT HAS BEEN RATHER SENSITIVE ON THE SUBJECT OF HIS AVORDUPOIS SINCE HE OVERHEARD A COUPLE OF YOUNG WOMEN REFER TO HIM AS THE FAT GUY HE IS NOW DIETING TO REDUCE

WALT, HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO DECIDE SO SUDDENLY TO TRY TO REDUCE?



I WAS GETTING TOO PLUMP AND I JUST NOTICED IT. PHYLLIS, I'VE LOST THREE POUNDS ALREADY AND I STILL WEIGH 227



AREN'T YOU EATING ANY BREAD.



NO - CAN'T AFFORD IT. THAT'S A HUNDRED CALORIES. FOUR OUNCES OF SPINACH IS A HUNDRED AND IT'S MORE FILLING. NO CREAM IN MY COFFEE - A TEASPOONFUL IS 50 CALORIES.



MISTA WALT WEIGHIN' HIS FOOD ON A POSTAGE SCALES AND YOU COULD SEND IT FOR A POSTAGE STAMP. BUT WHEN HE FALL OFF HIS DIET YOU GOT TO SEND IT BY A TRUCK.



- KING -

Gasoline Alley—Walt Had Decided to Reduce

230 POUNDS! I'VE COME UP SINCE I TRIED THIS THE LAST TIME. ANYWAY I'VE LEARNED HOW TO COME DOWN.



MULTIPLY THE NUMBER OF INCHES OVER FIVE FEET BY  $5\frac{1}{2}$ . ADD 110. THAT IS THE IDEAL WEIGHT. LET'S SEE, THAT BRINGS ME TO  $159\frac{1}{2}$ . GOLLY, I'VE GOT TO COME DOWN SOME!



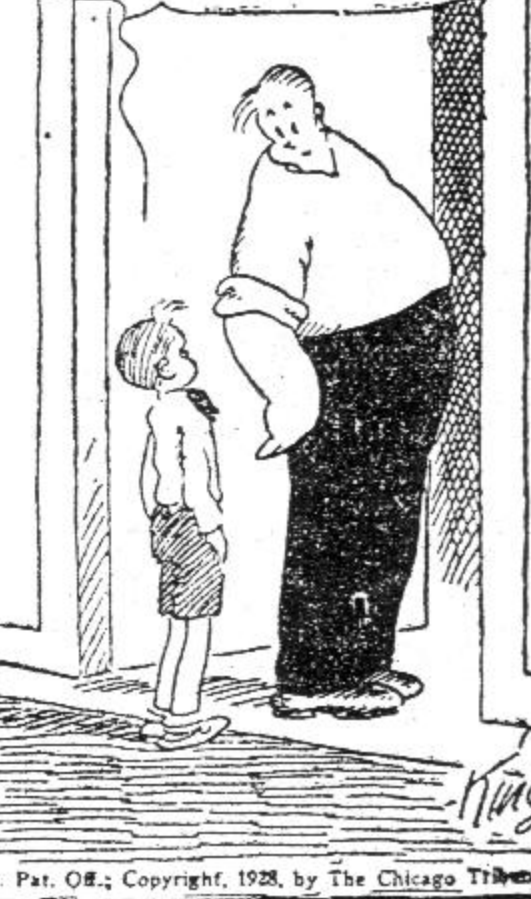
230 MINUS  $159\frac{1}{2}$  MEANS I'VE GOT TO LOSE  $70\frac{1}{2}$  POUNDS! NOW LET'S SEE—TAKE NORMAL WEIGHT,  $159\frac{1}{2}$  AND MULTIPLY THAT BY 20 CALORIES PER POUND MAKES 3190—THAT KEEPS ME AS IS.



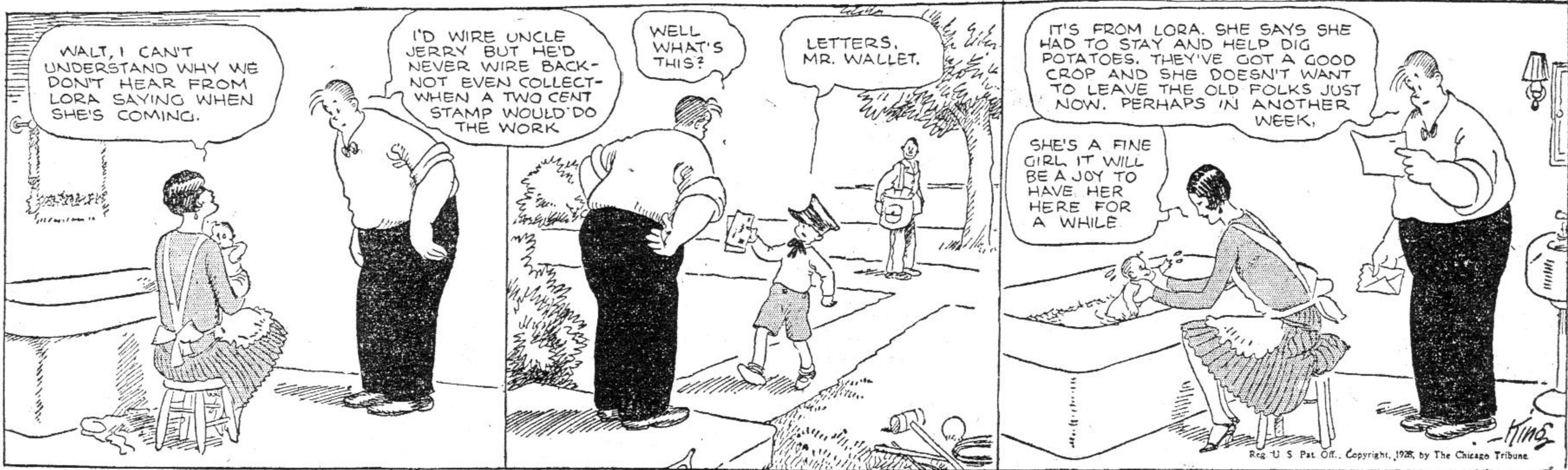
TO LOSE, CUT DOWN A FEW THOUSAND CALORIES PER DAY. THAT'S EASY! 2900 IS A LOT OF CALORIES. IT'S A LOT OF ANYTHING



UNCLE WALT, CAN I SEE SOME CALORIES?



Gasoline Alley—Crop Report



WALT, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T HEAR FROM LORA SAYING WHEN SHE'S COMING.

I'D WIRE UNCLE JERRY BUT HE'D NEVER WIRE BACK—NOT EVEN COLLECT—WHEN A TWO CENT STAMP WOULD DO THE WORK

WELL WHAT'S THIS?

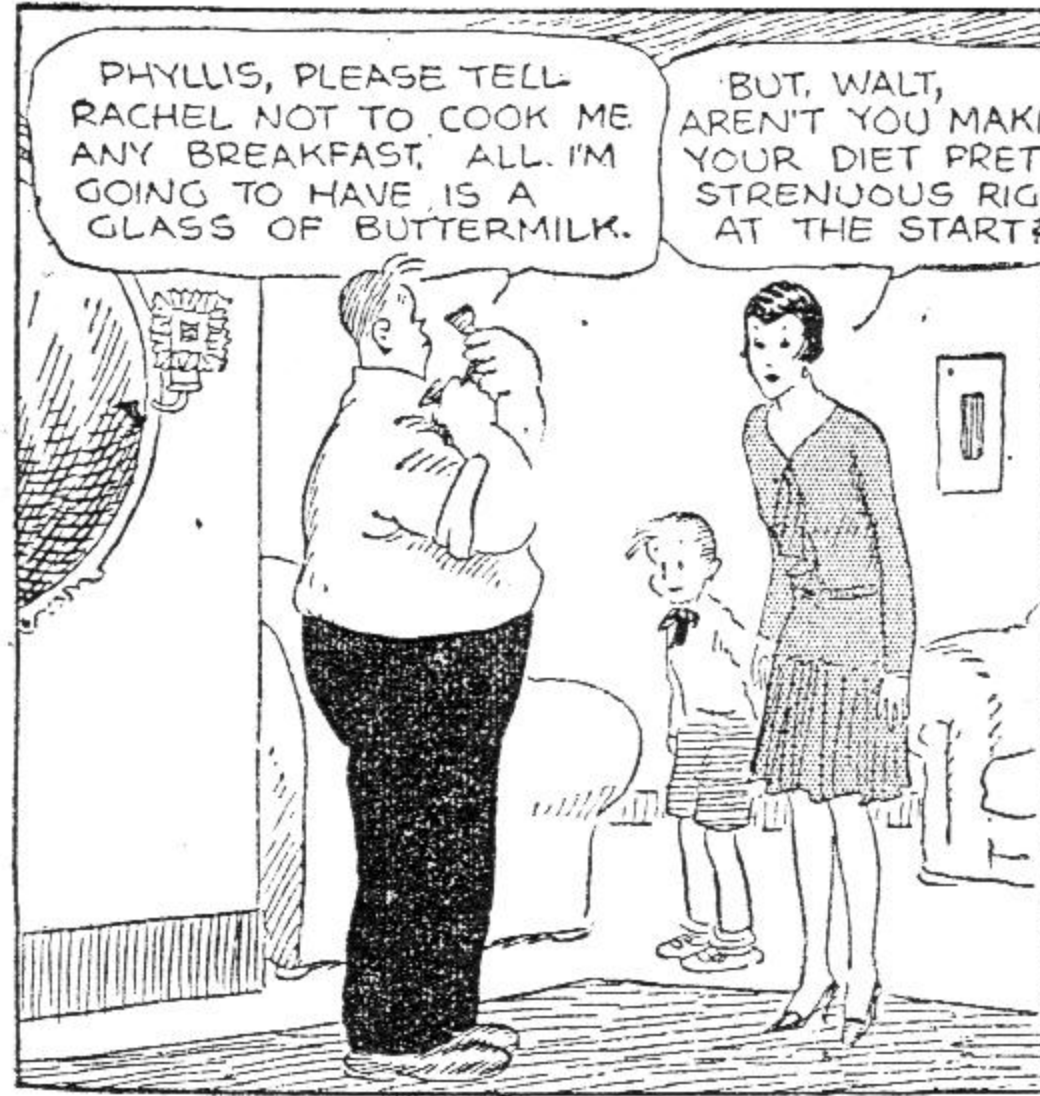
LETTERS, MR. WALLET.

IT'S FROM LORA. SHE SAYS SHE HAD TO STAY AND HELP DIG POTATOES. THEY'VE GOT A GOOD CROP AND SHE DOESN'T WANT TO LEAVE THE OLD FOLKS JUST NOW. PERHAPS IN ANOTHER WEEK,

SHE'S A FINE GIRL IT WILL BE A JOY TO HAVE HER HERE FOR A WHILE

KING

Gasoline Alley—Walt's Will Power Gets Hungry



PHYLLIS, PLEASE TELL RACHEL NOT TO COOK ME ANY BREAKFAST. ALL I'M GOING TO HAVE IS A GLASS OF BUTTERMILK.

BUT, WALT, AREN'T YOU MAKING YOUR DIET PRETTY STRENUOUS RIGHT AT THE START?



IT'S ALL MENTAL, JUST KEEP YOUR MIND OFF FROM THE IDEA OF FOOD AND YOU DON'T MISS IT.



GOLLY, ONLY TEN O'CLOCK? I THOUGHT IT WAS LUNCH TIME.



NICK, YOU'RE A LIFE SAVER! GIVE ME TWO PEANUT BARS AND THOSE CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES AND SOME SALTED ALMONDS.

King

Gasoline Alley—Ask Avery How He Stays Thin



HAVE A GUMDROP, WALT. TAKE ALL YOU WANT-TAKE TWO.

NO THANKS, AVERY, I'M NOT EATING SWEETS. I'M REDUCING.



BESIDES THAT I'VE GOT A MACHINE THAT JIGGLES THE FAT OFF. COME ON, I WANT TO SHOW YOU.

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT, EMILY HAS BEEN AFTER ME TO GET HER ONE.



S-S-S-E-E-E!!

IT OUGHT TO DO THE BUSINESS, BUT THE PRINCIPLE IS WRONG.



HOW DO YOU MEAN-PRINCIPLE IS WRONG?

WELL, AS I TELL EMILY, YOU OUGHT NOT TO HAVE TO PAY MONEY TO TAKE OFF FAT WHEN YOU CAN DIET IT OFF AND BE MONEY AHEAD.

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Gasoline Alley—Economy Is the Mother of Invention

I'VE LOOKED OVER WALT'S VIBRATING MACHINE FOR TAKING OFF FAT, EMILY.

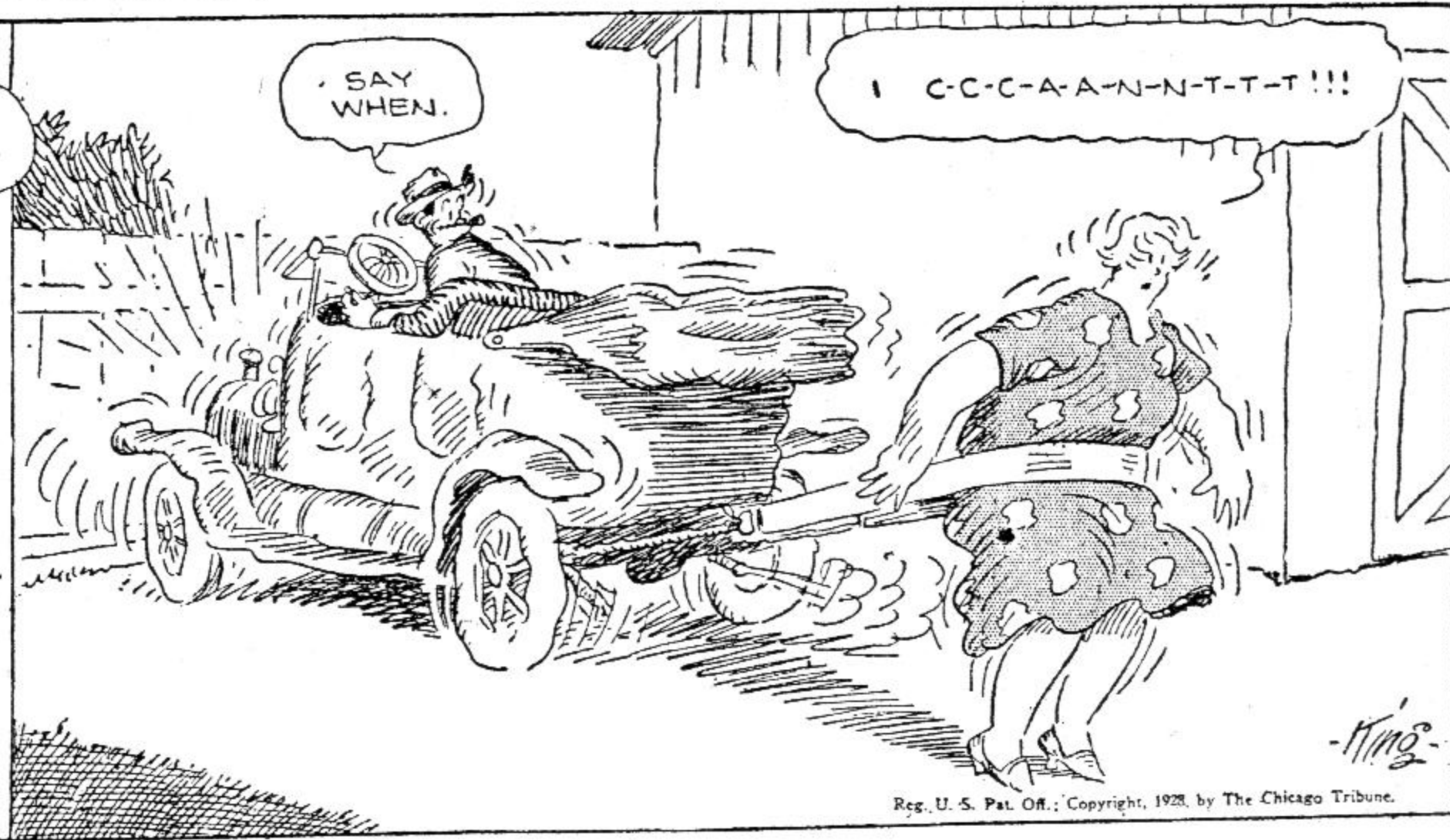
I'D LOVE TO HAVE ONE, AVERY

YOU COME OUT BY THE GARAGE. I'VE GOT ONE ALL READY FOR YOU

OH AVERY, THAT'S WONDERFUL!

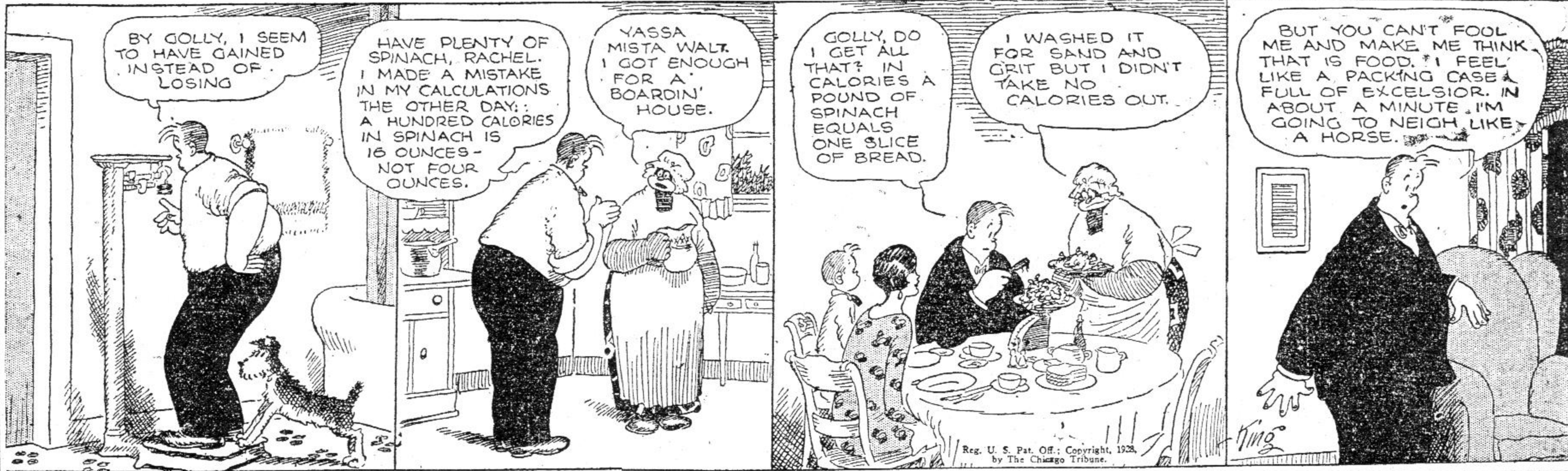
SAY WHEN.

C-C-C-A-A-N-N-T-T-T!!!



-King-

Gasoline Alley—Turn Walt Out to Pasture



BY GOLLY, I SEEM TO HAVE GAINED INSTEAD OF LOSING

HAVE PLENTY OF SPINACH, RACHEL. I MADE A MISTAKE IN MY CALCULATIONS THE OTHER DAY: A HUNDRED CALORIES IN SPINACH IS 16 OUNCES - NOT FOUR OUNCES.

YASSA MISTA WALT. I GOT ENOUGH FOR A BOARDIN' HOUSE.

GOLLY, DO I GET ALL THAT? IN CALORIES A POUND OF SPINACH EQUALS ONE SLICE OF BREAD.

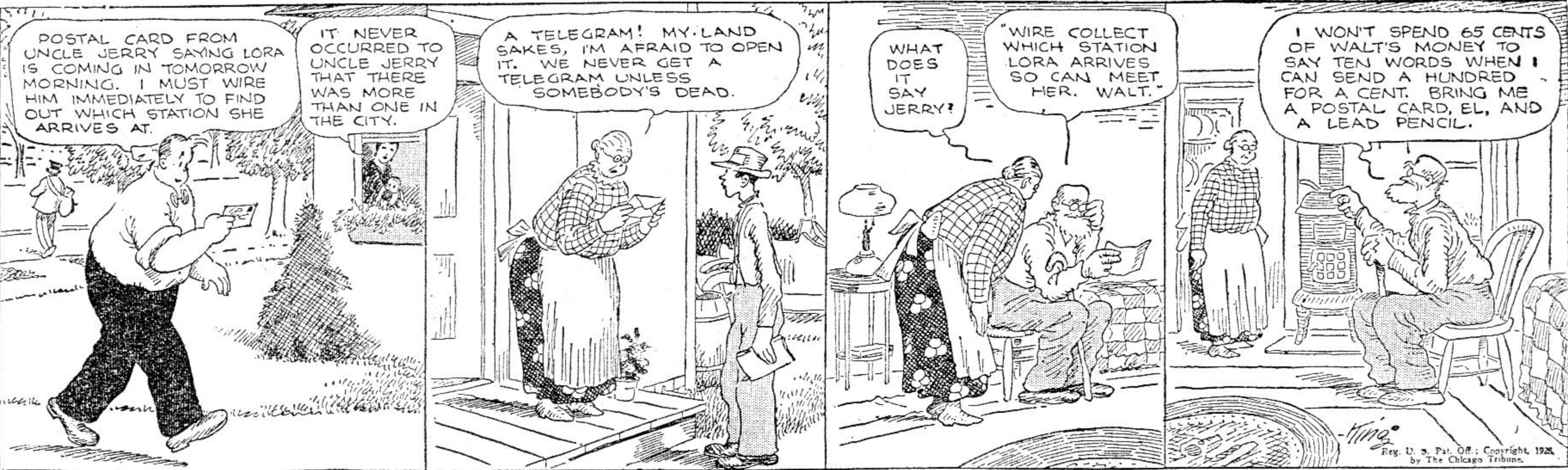
I WASHED IT FOR SAND AND GRIT BUT I DIDN'T TAKE NO CALORIES OUT.

BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME AND MAKE ME THINK THAT IS FOOD. I FEEL LIKE A PACKING CASE FULL OF EXCELSIOR. IN ABOUT A MINUTE, I'M GOING TO NEIGH LIKE A HORSE.

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# Gasoline Alley—Thrift Thrust Upon Walt



POSTAL CARD FROM UNCLE JERRY SAYING LORA IS COMING IN TOMORROW MORNING. I MUST WIRE HIM IMMEDIATELY TO FIND OUT WHICH STATION SHE ARRIVES AT.

IT NEVER OCCURRED TO UNCLE JERRY THAT THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE IN THE CITY.

A TELEGRAM! MY LAND SAKES, I'M AFRAID TO OPEN IT. WE NEVER GET A TELEGRAM UNLESS SOMEBODY'S DEAD.

WHAT DOES IT SAY JERRY?

"WIRE COLLECT WHICH STATION LORA ARRIVES SO CAN MEET HER. WALT."

I WON'T SPEND 65 CENTS OF WALT'S MONEY TO SAY TEN WORDS WHEN I CAN SEND A HUNDRED FOR A CENT. BRING ME A POSTAL CARD, EL, AND A LEAD PENCIL.



Gasoline Alley—Station to Station

I DIDN'T GET ANY REPLY FROM UNCLE JERRY AS TO WHICH STATION LORA WAS COMING INTO. SHE HAD TO CHANGE CARS SO IT MIGHT BE ANY ONE OF THEM.

I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE THEM ALL. SHE ISN'T IN THIS ONE EITHER. I'VE BEEN ALL OVER IT FOUR TIMES.

UNCLE JERRY DOESN'T REALIZE WHAT IT MEANS TO SEND A YOUNG GIRL WHO HAS HARDLY BEEN OFF THE FARM ON A TRIP LIKE THAT ALONE.

I'VE BEEN AT THIS ALL DAY AND I HAVEN'T FOUND A SIGN OF HER. I'M TERRIBLY WORRIED. SHE'S ONLY FIFTEEN. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT CAN HAVE BECOME OF HER.

Gasoline Alley—No News Is Bad News

I FINALLY GOT A TELEGRAM OUT OF UNCLE JERRY. ALSO A POST CARD. LORA STARTED AND SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED AT THE UNION STATION YESTERDAY MORNING. I DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK ALL NIGHT.

YOU MUST START OUT ON THE SEARCH AGAIN, WALT. WE MUST FIND HER BEFORE TONIGHT!

ANY NEWS, CAPTAIN?

ONLY THAT THE GIRL LORA GOT AS FAR AS LEBANON JUNCTION. THAT'S WHERE SHE SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED. THE CONDUCTOR OF THE TRAIN SHE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CAN'T REMEMBER ANYONE OF HER DESCRIPTION.

GOLLY, THERE'S ANOTHER IDEA! I HAVEN'T MADE THE BUS TERMINALS.

ANY NEWS FROM LORA THERE, PHYLLIS? NO, WE HAVEN'T ANYTHING DEFINITE YET BUT WE'RE WORKING EVERY POSSIBLE ANGLE. I'LL CALL AGAIN IN HALF AN HOUR.

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Gasoline Alley—The Alley Has Taken the Case



WALT, WHAT'S THE NEWS WITH REGARD TO LORA?

WE'VE BEEN DOING EVERYTHING BUT HAVEN'T HAD A REAL CLUE YET. DOC. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW SHE COULD DISAPPEAR SO COMPLETELY.

I TELL WALT HE OUGHT TO START OUT HIMSELF AND TRY TO FIND HER.

THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO TRY NEXT

I KNOW WALT IS A GOOD DETECTIVE. HE'S DONE SOME WORK FOR ME.

I THINK YOU OUGHT TO START AT LEBANON JUNCTION WHERE SHE WAS LAST SEEN AND INVESTIGATE FOR YOURSELF

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER UNLESS SHE HAS HAD AN ACCIDENT. I FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WHOLE THING.

SHE WAS A TRUSTING LITTLE THING I UNDERSTAND AND HAS HAD NO TRAINING IN TAKING CARE OF HERSELF.

HAVE YOU COVERED THE HOSPITALS?

YOU CAN USE MY CAR OR ANYTHING. WHY DON'T YOU OFFER FIVE DOLLARS REWARD?

-King

# EXTRA!

GIRL, 15 YEARS OLD  
DISAPPEARS ON WAY  
TO THIS CITY.

LORA LONG, RELATIVE  
OF WALT W. WALLET, LEAVES  
HER HOME ON THE FARM  
TO STAY WITH MR. & MRS  
WALLET AND VANISHES  
ENROUTE. SHE WAS LAST  
SEEN AT LEBANON  
JUNCTION. DID SHE TAKE  
THE WRONG TRAIN? WAS  
SHE INDUCED TO CHANGE  
HER PLANS? HAS SOME  
MISHAP BEFALLEN  
HER? THESE ARE  
SOME OF THE QUESTIONS  
THE RELATIVES AND  
POLICE ARE ASKING.

MY PAPER IS MUCH  
INTERESTED IN THIS STORY,  
MR. WALLET, AND THEY'VE  
PUT ME ON IT TO TRY TO  
LOCATE THE GIRL. I'M  
GOING TO SCOOP THE  
POLICE AS WELL AS  
THE OTHER PAPERS.



WELL I'VE  
GIVEN  
YOU ALL  
THE FACTS  
AS I  
KNOW  
THEM.



YOU HAVEN'T A  
PICTURE OF LORA HAVE  
YOU? WHAT'S THE  
NAME OF THIS UNCLE?  
I'M GOING TO SEE  
HIM TOMORROW.



JERRY LONG.  
AND IF YOU  
CAN FIND LORA  
YOU CAN MAKE  
EVERYBODY  
HAPPY.



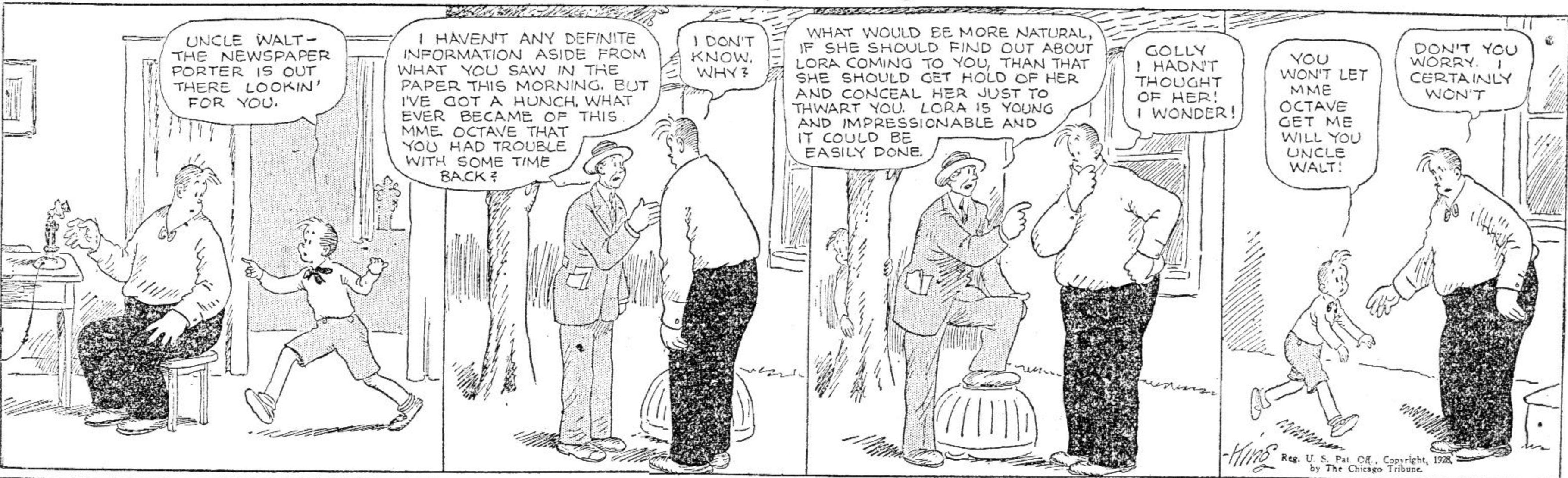
YOU HAVE MY BLESSING,  
BOY. DO YOUR BEST.  
I'M WORRIED SICK OVER  
THIS THING!



YOU JUST  
WATCH THE  
HEADLINES  
FOR THE  
NEXT DAY  
OR SO.



Gasoline Alley—Never Again



UNCLE WALT—  
THE NEWSPAPER  
PORTER IS OUT  
THERE LOOKIN'  
FOR YOU.

I HAVEN'T ANY DEFINITE  
INFORMATION ASIDE FROM  
WHAT YOU SAW IN THE  
PAPER THIS MORNING, BUT  
I'VE GOT A HUNCH, WHAT  
EVER BECAME OF THIS  
MME. OCTAVE THAT  
YOU HAD TROUBLE  
WITH SOME TIME  
BACK?

I DON'T  
KNOW,  
WHY?

WHAT WOULD BE MORE NATURAL,  
IF SHE SHOULD FIND OUT ABOUT  
LORA COMING TO YOU, THAN THAT  
SHE SHOULD GET HOLD OF HER  
AND CONCEAL HER JUST TO  
THWART YOU. LORA IS YOUNG  
AND IMPRESSIONABLE AND  
IT COULD BE  
EASILY DONE.

GOLLY  
I HADN'T  
THOUGHT  
OF HER!  
I WONDER!

YOU  
WON'T LET  
MME  
OCTAVE  
GET ME  
WILL YOU  
UNCLE  
WALT!

DON'T YOU  
WORRY. I  
CERTAINLY  
WON'T

# Gasoline Alley—An Apparition

CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE TO FIND LORA? PHYLLIS AND I HERE AND HER PARENTS AT HOME ARE ALL FRANTIC OVER HER DISAPPEARANCE.

WE'VE FOLLOWED EVERY CLUE WITH NO RESULTS. I HAVE A THEORY SHE IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS CITY. WHERE IS THIS MME. OCTAVE THAT GAVE YOU TROUBLE BEFORE?

I DON'T KNOW. I WISH I DID. OH, IF SOMEBODY COULD ONLY DO SOMETHING! I FEEL THAT I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR IT ALL.

WE HAVE A LOT OF DISAPPEARANCES REPORTED EVERY YEAR. SOME ARE FOUND READILY—SOME NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN.

GREAT GUNS! CAPTAIN, IT'S LORA— IF I CAN BELIEVE MY EYES!

HER DESCRIPTION DIDN'T DO HER JUSTICE!

I CAME TO SURPRISE YOU, COUSIN WALT.

Gasoline Alley—Lora Isn't So Fond of Candy Now

LORA IS BACK! AFTER A WEEK OF WORRY AND EXCITEMENT OVER HER DISAPPEARANCE SHE TURNED UP YESTERDAY ALL BY HERSELF.

REPORTERS AND POLICE HAVE TRIED TO FIND WHAT BECAME OF HER AFTER SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO CHANGE CARS AT LEBANON JUNCTION ON THE WAY BETWEEN UNCLE JERRY'S AND WALT'S.

TELL US WHAT HAPPENED, LORA, AFTER YOU LEFT UNCLE JERRY'S AND GOT TO LEBANON JUNCTION. WE TRACED YOU THAT FAR.

THAT'S WHERE I GOT ONTO THE WRONG TRAIN AND GOT TO REXFORD BEFORE I KNEW I'D MADE A MISTAKE. I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH MONEY AND I WAS FARTHER AWAY FROM HOME THAN WHEN I STARTED. I WANDERED AROUND REXFORD TRYING TO THINK WHAT TO DO. THEN I SAW A BEAUTIFUL CANDY STORE.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE ALL THE CANDY I COULD EAT—JUST ONCE. I'D NEVER EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO BUY THE KIND I WANTED BEFORE. SO I WENT IN. THERE WAS A SIGN IN THE WINDOW THAT SAID "GIRL WANTED" BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT. THE WOMAN INSIDE SAID, "SO YOU SAW MY SIGN IN THE WINDOW. PERHAPS YOU'LL DO. CAN YOU START RIGHT NOW?"

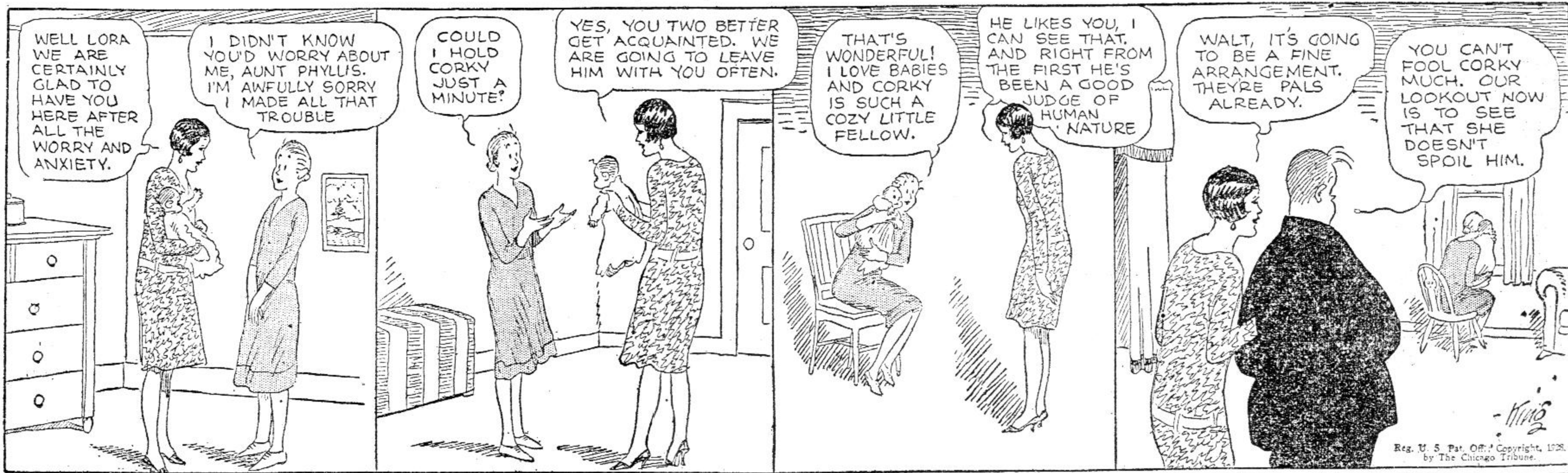
WELL I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO—AND WHENEVER I'VE HAD A NICE DREAM IT'S BEEN ABOUT WORKING IN A CANDY STORE. SO I THOUGHT I'D STAY AND WORK UNTIL I GOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR RAILROAD FARE TO COME ON HERE. THAT'S WHAT I DID. I DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY WOULD WORRY ABOUT ME.

GOOD STORY BUT MME. OCTAVE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MIXED UP IN IT.

WELL THAT'S ALL OVER NOW DEAR. WE'RE SO HAPPY ABOUT HAVING YOU WE CAN FORGET THE REST.



Gasoline Alley—She Gets Corky's O. K.



WELL LORA WE ARE CERTAINLY GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE AFTER ALL THE WORRY AND ANXIETY.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D WORRY ABOUT ME, AUNT PHYLLIS. I'M AWFULLY SORRY I MADE ALL THAT TROUBLE

COULD I HOLD CORKY JUST A MINUTE?

YES, YOU TWO BETTER GET ACQUAINTED. WE ARE GOING TO LEAVE HIM WITH YOU OFTEN.

THAT'S WONDERFUL! I LOVE BABIES AND CORKY IS SUCH A COZY LITTLE FELLOW.

HE LIKES YOU, I CAN SEE THAT. AND RIGHT FROM THE FIRST HE'S BEEN A GOOD JUDGE OF HUMAN NATURE

WALT, IT'S GOING TO BE A FINE ARRANGEMENT. THEY'RE PALS ALREADY.

YOU CAN'T FOOL CORKY MUCH. OUR LOOKOUT NOW IS TO SEE THAT SHE DOESN'T SPOIL HIM.



Gasoline Alley—Rachel Reconsiders



LORA THIS AN' LORA THAT! SHE COME IN AN' DISTURB ALL THE EKALIBRUM. THIS FAMILY GOT.

LET ME SWEEP A WHILE, RACHEL. CORKY'S ASLEEP AND I HAVEN'T A THING TO DO. YOU GO DO SOMETHING ELSE.

WHO ME?

THAT LORA GO AT IT LIKE SHE KNOW HOW. SHE AIN'T NO RANK AMATURE LIKE I THOUGHT MAYBE!

NEVER MIND, RACHEL. I'VE GOT IT ALMOST DONE.

NO YOU CIMME THAT THERE BROOM. YOU GOIN' WEAR YOURSELF ALL OUT, HONEY.

Gasoline Alley—And That's That!

IT CERTAINLY DOES SEEM GOOD TO GET OUT INTO THE CRISP SUNSHINE ON A MORNING LIKE THIS FEELING THAT YOUR TROUBLES HAVE ALL VANISHED!

GOLLY, THERE'S SOME MISTAKE ABOUT THIS—NOTICE FROM THE BANK THAT THE \$150 NOTE I SIGNED WITH JOE GUNK IS DUE AND JOE HASN'T PAID! HE'S OVERLOOKED IT. I'LL CALL HIM UP.

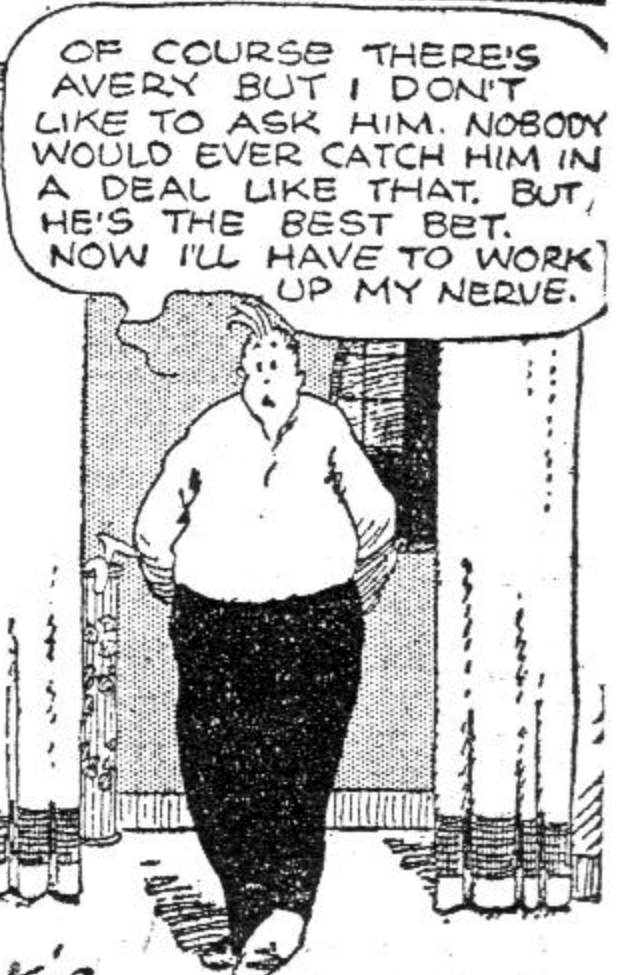
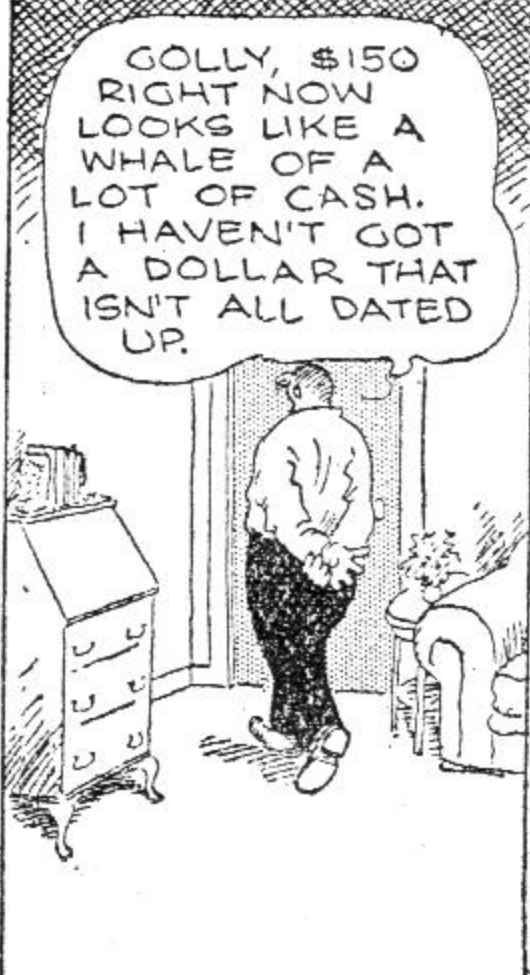
HACKZY-FRAZE ADVERTISING COMPANY? MAY I SPEAK WITH JOE GUNK? WHAT—LEFT YOUR FIRM THE FIRST OF THE MONTH? YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS? WELL I'LL BE JIGGERED.

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Gasoline Alley—Ways and Means

WALT COULD HARDLY REFUSE SUCH A SMALL FAVOR AS SIGNING A \$150 NOTE WITH JOE GUNK WHO LOANED HIS COTTAGE TO WALT FOR A MONTH THIS SUMMER. HOWEVER JOE SEEMS TO HAVE GONE AND THE BANK IS LOOKING TO WALT FOR PAYMENT.

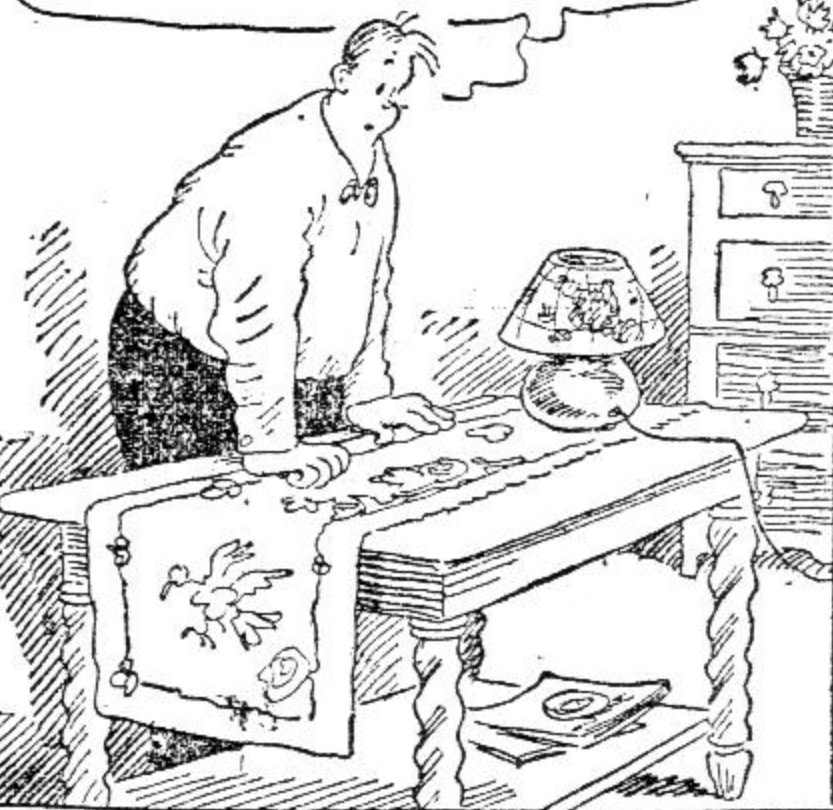


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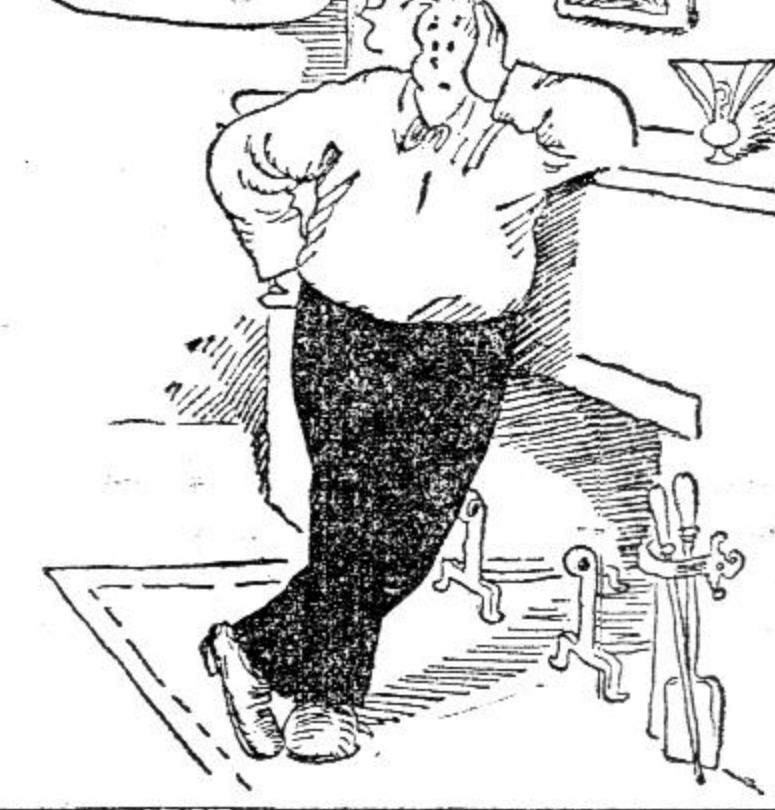
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Gasoline Alley—Don't Startle Walt Like That!

I WOULDN'T TELL PHYLLIS FOR THE WORLD ABOUT BEING HOOKED ON THIS NOTE OF JOE GUNK'S. I'LL HAVE TO RAISE THE \$150 SOME WAY AND TELL HER ABOUT IT WHEN IT'S ALL CLEANED UP.



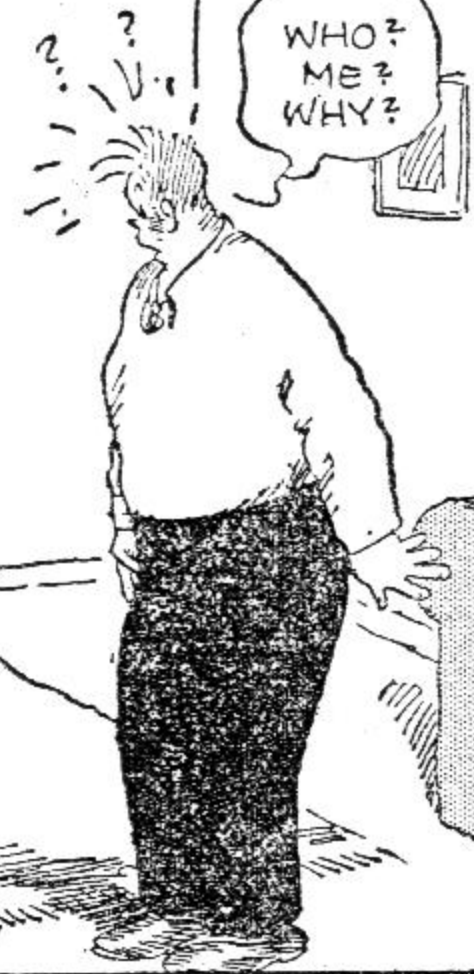
BELIEVE ME, IT'S TAUGHT ME A LESSON. I'LL LEND 'EM THE MONEY BEFORE I'LL SIGN A NOTE WITH ANYBODY AGAIN! BUT PHYLLIS MUSTN'T BE WORRYING ABOUT IT.



WALT, HOW MUCH HAVE YOU LOST?



WHO? ME? WHY?



WHY IT WASN'T LONG AGO YOU WERE ON A STRENUOUS DIET TO REDUCE!

GOLLY, PHYLLIS, THAT REMINDS ME! I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT DIETING AND I HAVEN'T WEIGHED MYSELF.



Gasoline Alley—A Shadow of His Former Self

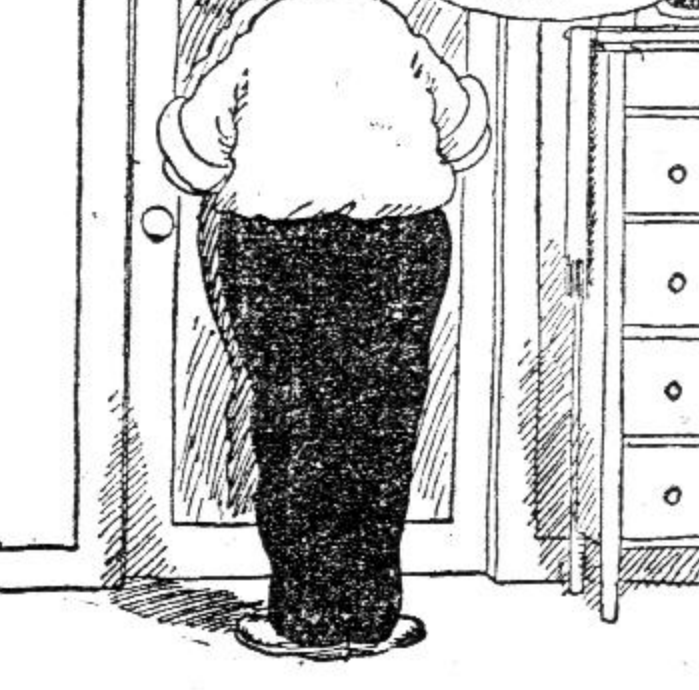
WHAT DO YOU THINK! I'VE COME DOWN 13 POUNDS AND I FORGOT ALL ABOUT DIETING TWO WEEKS AGO. I'VE WASTED AWAY TO 217.



ALL THIS WORRY ABOUT LORA BEING LOST HAS CERTAINLY BROUGHT ME DOWN. WORRY IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN DIET.



MY CLOTHES ARE GETTING BAGGY ALREADY. BY THE TIME I'VE GOT THROUGH WORRYING OVER PHYLLIS FINDING OUT ABOUT MY \$150 SIGNATURE ON JOE'S NOTE I'LL HAVE MY BOYISH FIGURE BACK



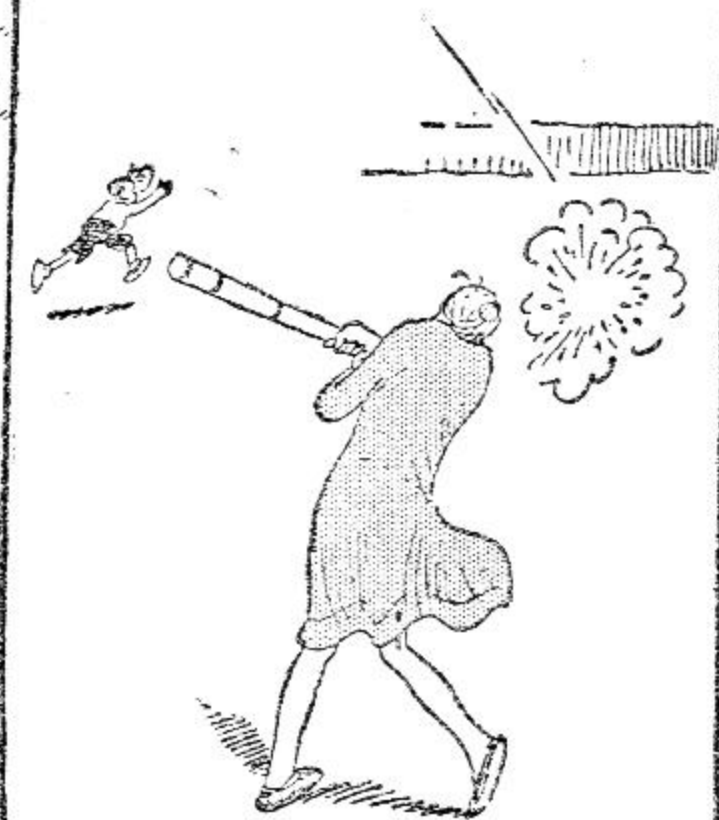
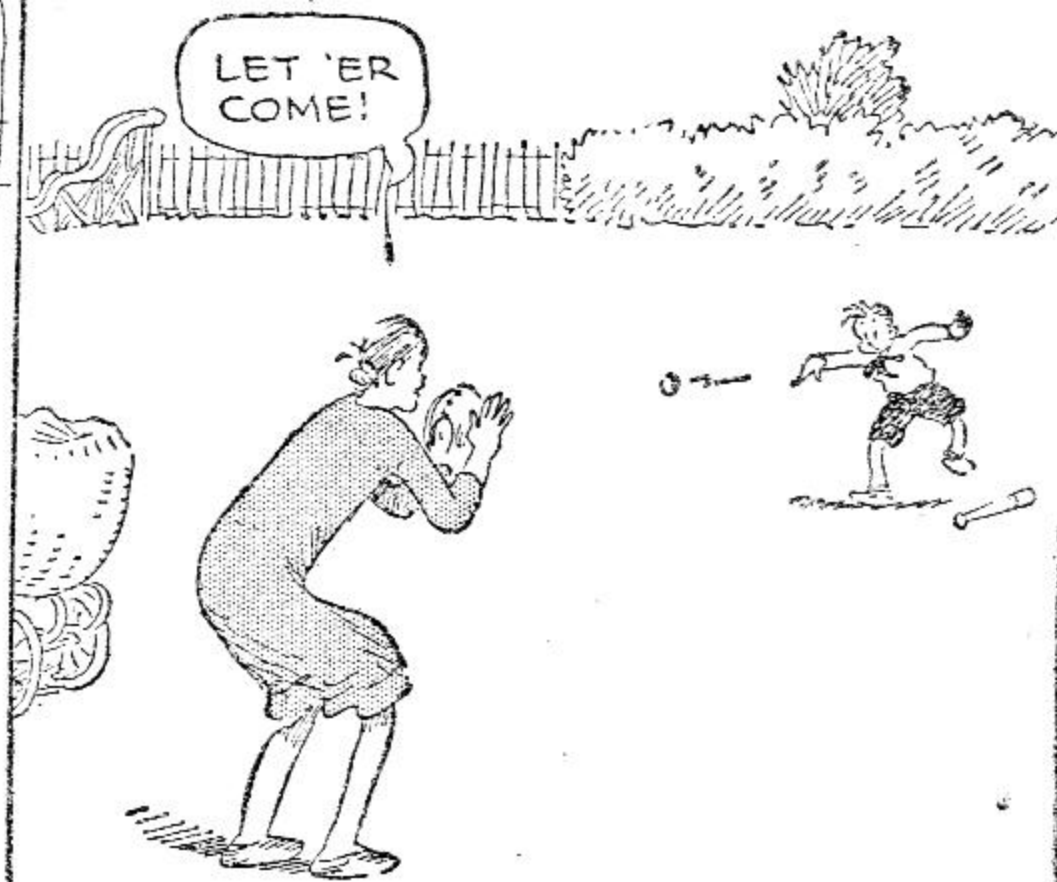
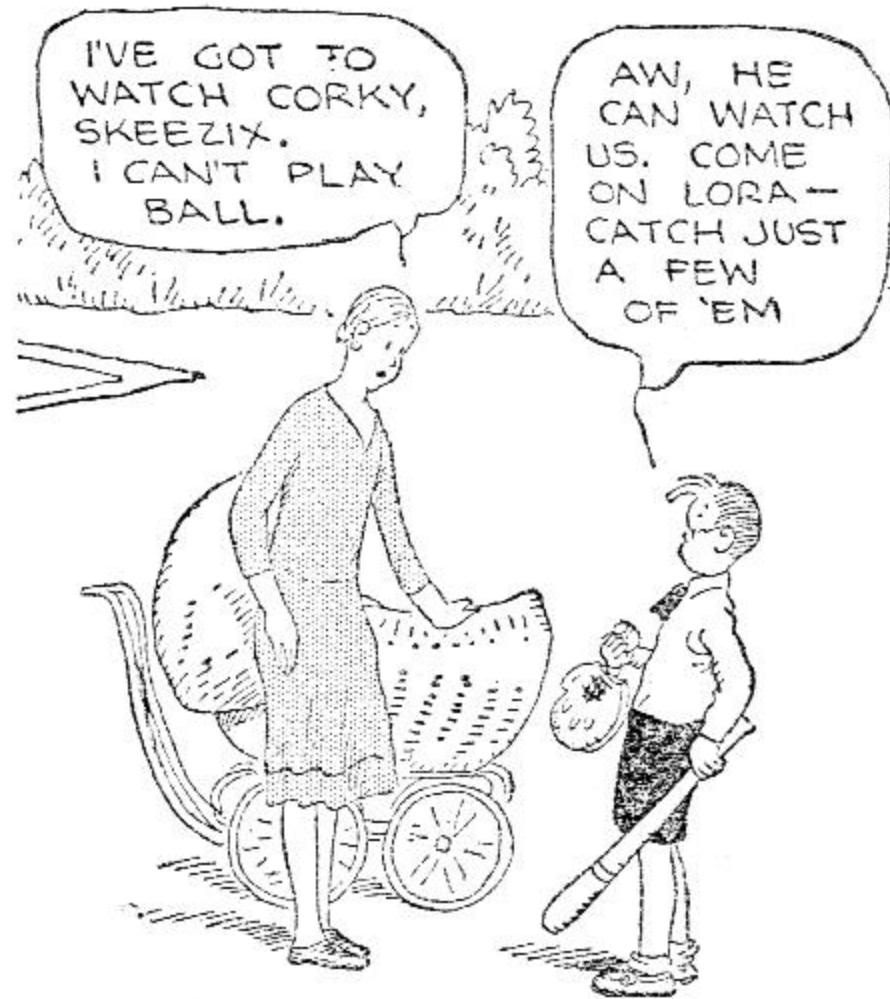
WALT YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY WORD OF JOE GUNK THAT LENT US HIS COTTAGE THIS SUMMER HAVE YOU?

ONLY A LITTLE NOTE!



*King*

Gasoline Alley—She'll Do



Gasoline Alley—Walt Takes a Long Breath

I HATE TO ASK AVERY TO HELP ME OUT BUT THE BANK IS ON MY TRAIL TO RAISE THAT \$150. I'VE GOT TO BRACE SOMEBODY

AVERY, A FELLOW I'D KNOWN FOR QUITE A WHILE CAME AROUND AND I SIGNED HIS NOTE.

I UNDERSTAND—NOW YOU'VE GOT TO PAY THE NOTE. HOW MUCH CAN I HELP YOU OUT FOR, WALT?

WOULD YOU REALLY, AVERY? I'M IN FOR \$150 AND I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT ANY OTHER WAY THAN TO BORROW IT.

SURE. I'VE GOT A LITTLE SOCKED AWAY JUST FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY.

I'LL PAY YOU' GOOD INTEREST AND ANY SECURITY YOU WANT—BUT I WON'T ASK ANYBODY TO SIGN A NOTE WITH ME!

I DON'T WANT A NOTE OR INTEREST OR ANYTHING. YOU PAY ME WHEN YOU'RE READY.

GOLLY, AVERY IS A GOOD SCOUT! HE'LL FIGHT LIKE A WILD CAT OVER A NICKEL AND LET GO OF A HUNDRED WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE.

# Gasoline Alley—Walt Takes a Long Breath

EVERY YOU CERTAINLY SAVED MY LIFE WITH THAT \$150 LOAN. BUT I HAVEN'T DARED TELL PHYLLIS ABOUT IT YET.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WALT. BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GIVE ME A NOTE. YOUR PROMISE IS OK WITH ME.

NO I WANT TO MAKE IT A BUSINESS PROPOSITION. AND I'LL PAY YOU 6 PER CENT AS I AGREED TO DO.

ALL RIGHT WALT. BY THE WAY, YOUR LESSON WASN'T SO EXPENSIVE—\$150 TO LEARN NOT TO SIGN A NOTE WITH ANYBODY. IT COST ME MORE THAN THAT.

I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON, YOU BET. I HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE JOE GUNK WENT.

IT NICKED ME \$400 TO LEARN IT—YEARS AGO. BUT IT'S BEEN WORTH IT. THE NEXT FELLOW THAT CAME ALONG WANTED \$1400, WHICH HE DIDN'T GET—PROFIT \$1000

WELL, I'M THROUGH. I'LL SIGN MY OWN NOTES AND LET THE FELLOW WORRY.

'HERE'S MY RULE, WALT. IF IT'S SOMEBODY I'D LEND THE MONEY TO, I'LL DO THAT—IF I'VE GOT IT. BUT I WON'T SIGN ANY NOTE FOR ANYBODY ELSE.



# Gasoline Alley—In Conference

I'M GOIN' OVER TO PLAY ON THE SLIDES, LORA.

DON'T GO VERY FAR AWAY. AUNTIE BLOSSOM SAID TO BE HOME EARLY.

YOU GOT TWO KIDS TO TAKE CARE OF? ONE'S ENOUGH FOR ME. HOW MUCH DO YOU GET.?

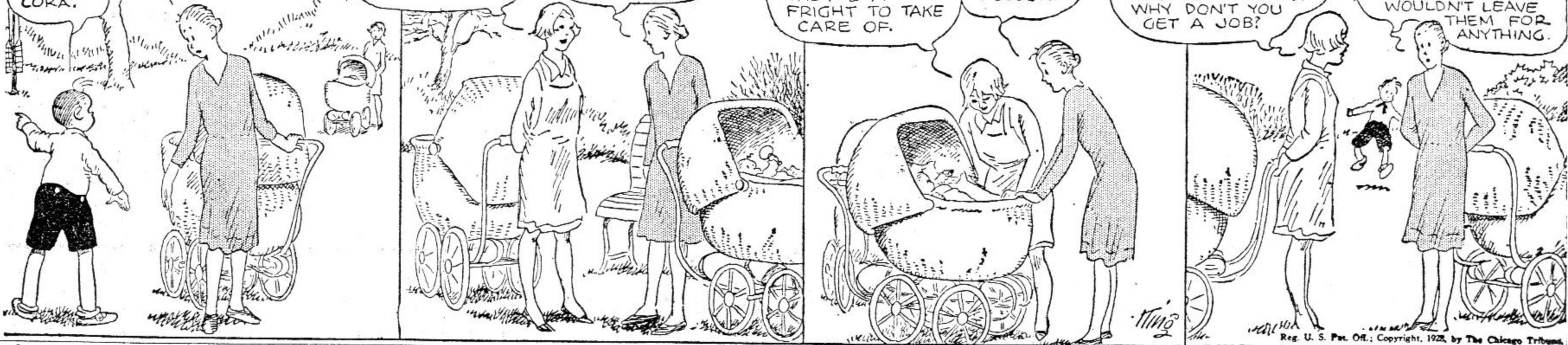
I DON'T GET ANYTHING. I'M STAYING WITH A COUSIN. THEY GIVE ME BOARD AND CLOTHES

SAY, WORKIN' FOR RELATIVES DON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE. RED HEADED KID TOO. THEY'RE A FRIGHT TO TAKE CARE OF.

CORKY ISN'T, HE'S JUST THE DEAREST LITTLE FELLOW.

SAY IF THEY DON'T GIVE YOU ANY BETTER BOARD THAN THEY DO CLOTHES, NO WONDER YOU LOOK SO PEAKED. WHY DON'T YOU GET A JOB?

OH THEY HAVEN'T STARTED GETTING ME CLOTHES YET- BUT THEY'RE GOING TO! AND THEY'RE AWFULLY GOOD TO ME. I WOULDN'T LEAVE THEM FOR ANYTHING.



Gasoline Alley—Disqualified

PHYLLIS DOESN'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HARD UP I AM RIGHT NOW. I'M OUT OF LUCK FOR EVEN LUNCH MONEY.

UNCLE WALT, I HAVEN'T HAD MY 'LOWANCE THIS WEEK AN I GOT TO PUT SOME MONEY IN MY BANK.

SAY. I'M SORRY OL' TOP BUT I'M PRETTY LOW MYSELF. I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO LET THIS GO TILL NEXT WEEK. HOW MUCH HAVE YOU IN YOUR BANK?

I DON'T KNOW. I'VE BEEN PUTTIN IN MORE'N A DIME EVERY WEEK FOR A LONG TIME.

WELL IT'S NICE AND HEAVY. THERE MUST BE QUITE A LITTLE IN IT. YES SIR, QUITE A NICE LITTLE AMOUNT.

NO SIR! THAT'S ONE THING I WOULDN'T DO.

Gasoline Alley—\$12 Is a Fortune When You're Broke

WE'VE GOT TO START LORA IN SCHOOL. IT ISN'T FAIR TO HER TO KEEP HER HERE JUST AS A NURSE MAID

IT ISN'T, WALT. BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET HER SOME CLOTHES BEFORE SHE GOES TO SCHOOL.

GOLLY, THAT'S RIGHT! I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT. AND WE'RE NOT SO FLUSH RIGHT NOW.

I KNOW BUT I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT HOW WE CAN DO IT.

I CAN GET THEM NOW AND HAVE THEM CHARGED ON NEXT MONTH'S BILL. THE STORE WILL DO THAT.

BUT GEE WHIZ, HONEY, WHAT IF WE AREN'T IN ANY BETTER FINANCIAL SHAPE THEN?

-IT SOUNDS ALL RIGHT BUT I DON'T DARE TELL PHYLLIS THAT I BORROWED \$150 FROM AVERY TO SQUARE THE BANK FOR THAT NOTE THAT JOE GUNK DIDN'T PAY. I'M IN A HECK OF A FIX.

Gasoline Alley—Financial Intricacies

NO MAM. DIS HEAH 'STALMENT GOTTA BE PAID NOW OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MUTUAL ON HIGH-FUNERAL 'SOCIATION GOIN' LAPST. THEN WHAT IF SOMETHIN' HAPPENS?

BUT I TELL YOU I AIN'T GOT IT

MIS WALT, COULD YOU ADVANCE ME MY CHECK A LITTLE THIS WEEK. I GOT OBLIGATIONS.

IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT RACHEL

THANKS. I KINDA LOW PAYIN' DUES ON A FUNERAL CLUB AN' LIFE ASSURANCE TOO. I GOIN' DROP OUT O' ONE. AIN'T NO SENSE IN CARRYIN' BOTH.

NOW IT'S UP TO WALT TO COVER THAT CHECK AND SEE THAT THE MUTUAL ON HIGH ASSOCIATION ISN'T DISAPPOINTED.

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Gasoline Alley—Walt Is 150 Below Water Level Now

PHYLLIS HAS GONE TO BUY CLOTHES FOR LORA. I'M SUNK NOW, BUT I HAVEN'T HAD THE NERVE TO TELL HER I'M \$150 IN THE HOLE TO AVERY.

GREAT GUNS, WHO HAVE WE HERE?

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL COUSIN WALT?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR YOUNG LADY, WALT?

I NEVER KNEW ANYBODY TO GROW UP SO FAST!

COUSIN PHYLLIS GOT ME THE GRANDEST CLOTHES.

BUT YOU NEEDN'T LOOK SO GLUM ABOUT IT, WALT. THEY WERE ON SALE AND THERE WASN'T ONE OF THE THREE DRESSES I GOT THAT COST MORE THAN TWELVE DOLLARS.

Gasoline Alley—Walt Must Draw the Line Somewhere

HOW ARE THINGS GOING AT SCHOOL, SKEEZIX?

FINE.

YOU WEREN'T DOING SO WELL IN ARITHMETIC. HOW ARE YOU GETTING ON NOW?

JUST FINE.

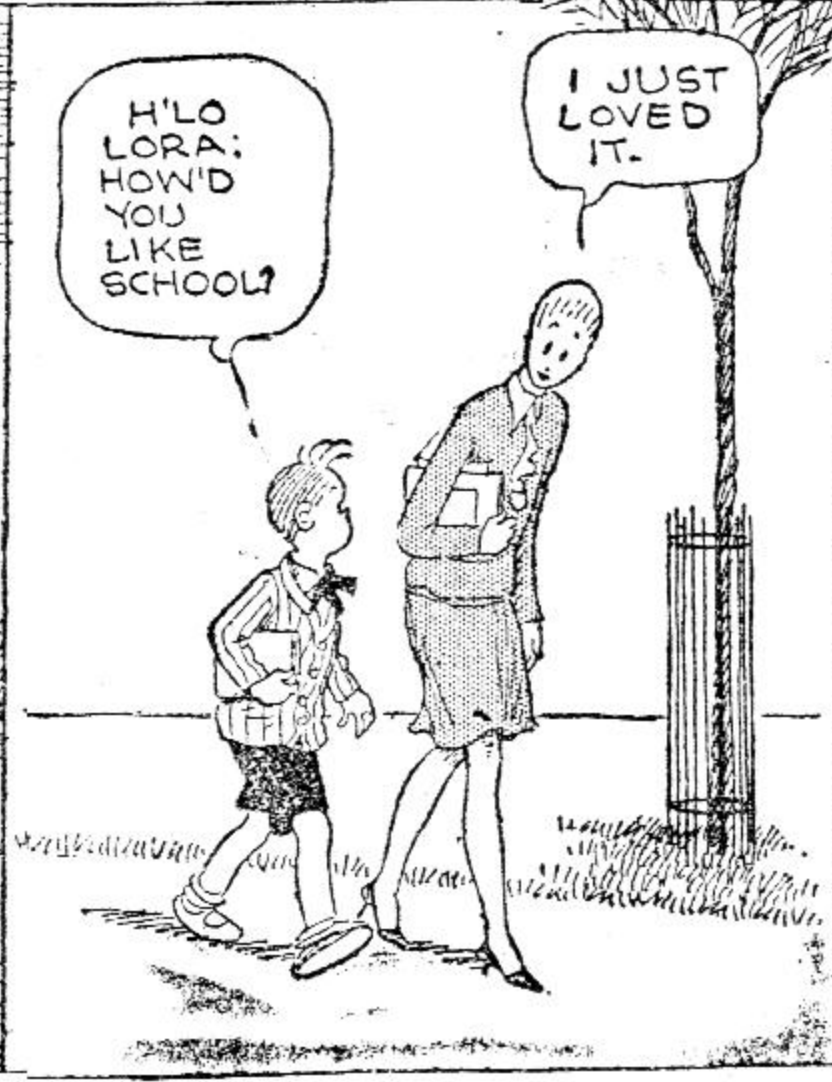
BY THE WAY, ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOUR REPORT CARDS?

YES, WE GOT 'EM YESTERDAY.

WELL, WHERE IS YOURS?

IT WAS NO GOOD SO I DIDN'T BRING IT HOME.

Gasoline Alley—It Surpasseth Understanding



Gasoline Alley—Avery Should Do His Share

IT'S BEEN MANY A DAY SINCE I'VE DREADED THE FIRST OF THE MONTH LIKE I DO THIS TIME!



I THOUGHT I WAS GETTING OUT OF THE WOODS AND FIND MYSELF UP A TREE.



PHYLLIS WAS CONSIDERATE ENOUGH TO HAVE SOME OF HER STORE BILLS PUSHED OVER TO MONTH AFTER NEXT.



SO I HAVE ONE CONSOLATION—THINGS PROBABLY AREN'T AS BAD AS THEY WILL BE THE FIRST OF DECEMBER.

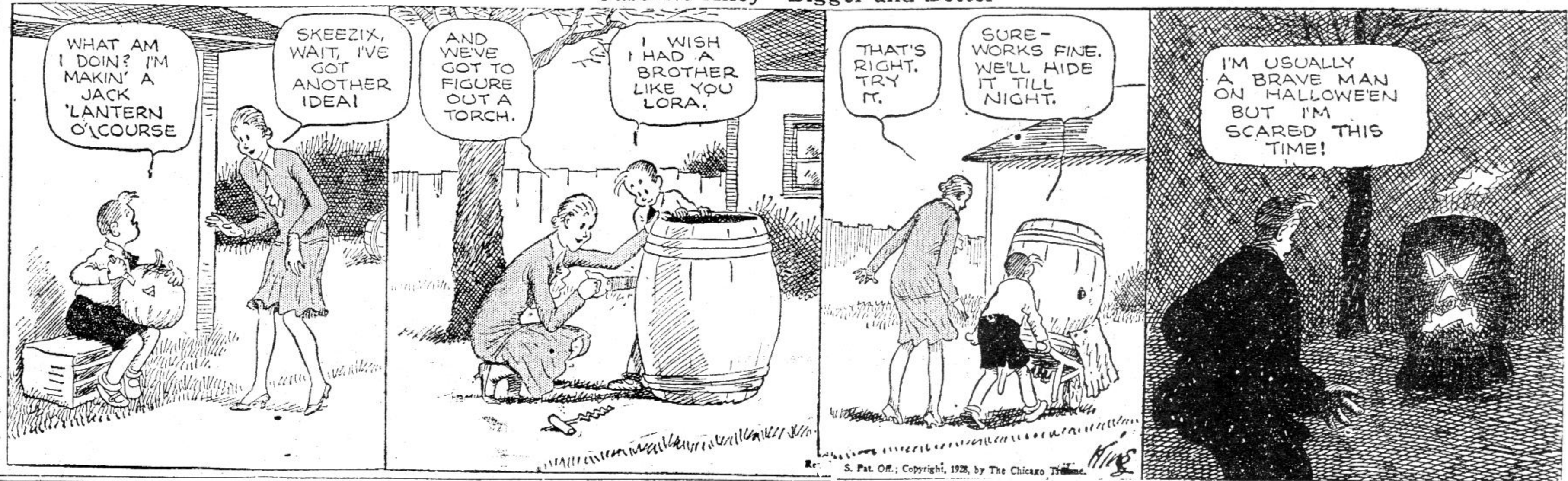


OH WELL! AVERY HAS LENT ME MONEY. I'M NOT THE ONE TO DO THE WORRYING.





Gasoline Alley—Bigger and Better



WHAT AM I DOIN? I'M MAKIN' A JACK 'LANTERN O' COURSE

SKEEZIX, WAIT, I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA!

AND WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A TORCH.

I WISH I HAD A BROTHER LIKE YOU LORA.

THAT'S RIGHT, TRY IT.

SURE - WORKS FINE. WE'LL HIDE IT TILL NIGHT.

I'M USUALLY A BRAVE MAN ON HALLOWE'EN BUT I'M SCARED THIS TIME!

HINE

Gasoline Alley—Sworn to Secrecy

NOBODY AROUND HERE KNOWS IT, AVERY, BUT LORA IS AN ADOPTED CHILD. UNCLE JERRY AND AUNT EL TOOK HER WHEN SHE WAS TWO YEARS OLD.

DOES LORA KNOW SHE WAS ADOPTED?

NO THAT'S WHERE I THINK UNK AND AUNT MADE A MISTAKE. SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TOLD BEFORE THIS. SHE'D FEEL BADLY AT FIRST IF SHE SHOULD EVER FIND OUT

THIS IS ON THE Q. T., EMILY, BUT WALT TELLS ME LORA IS AN ADOPTED CHILD. OF COURSE IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE BUT SHE MIGHT THINK SO IF SHE FOUND OUT.

SHE WON'T FIND OUT FROM ME

WALT SWORE ME TO SECRECY BUT HE DIDN'T TELL ME NOT TO TELL MY WIFE.



Gasoline Alley—Walt Will Have to Find Out Himself



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW, SKEEZIX?

UP TO THE FENCE TO SEE HOW IT FEELS TO BE A BIG MAN, UNCLE WALT.



I'M NOT TELLING ANYBODY, WALT, BUT IS IT TRUE ABOUT LORA BEING AN ADOPTED CHILD OR IS IT A BIT OF GOSSIP.

SAY, WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT, BILL? I ONLY TOLD ONE PERSON AND SWORE HIM TO SECRECY.



THIS DIDN'T COME FROM ANY HE. AND IT'S ALL AROUND THE ALLEY.

WELL I'LL BE JIGGERED!



RACHEL DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT LORA AND HER PARENTS.

NO SAH MISTA WALT.



I KNOWS BUT HE AIN'T GOIN' FIND OUT NO INFORMATION OUTA ME ABOUT NOBODY'S PARENTS.

King

Gasoline Alley—Still Traveling

I WOULDN'T TELL YOU THIS, HAZEL BUT I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T BREATHE A WORD OF IT. WALT'S COUSIN LORA IS AN ADOPTED GIRL.

NO I WOULDN'T TELL A SOUL. HOW DID YOU FIND IT OUT?

WALT TOLD AVERY BUT MADE HIM PROMISE NOT TO TELL.

TRUST ME, EMILY, I WON'T EITHER.

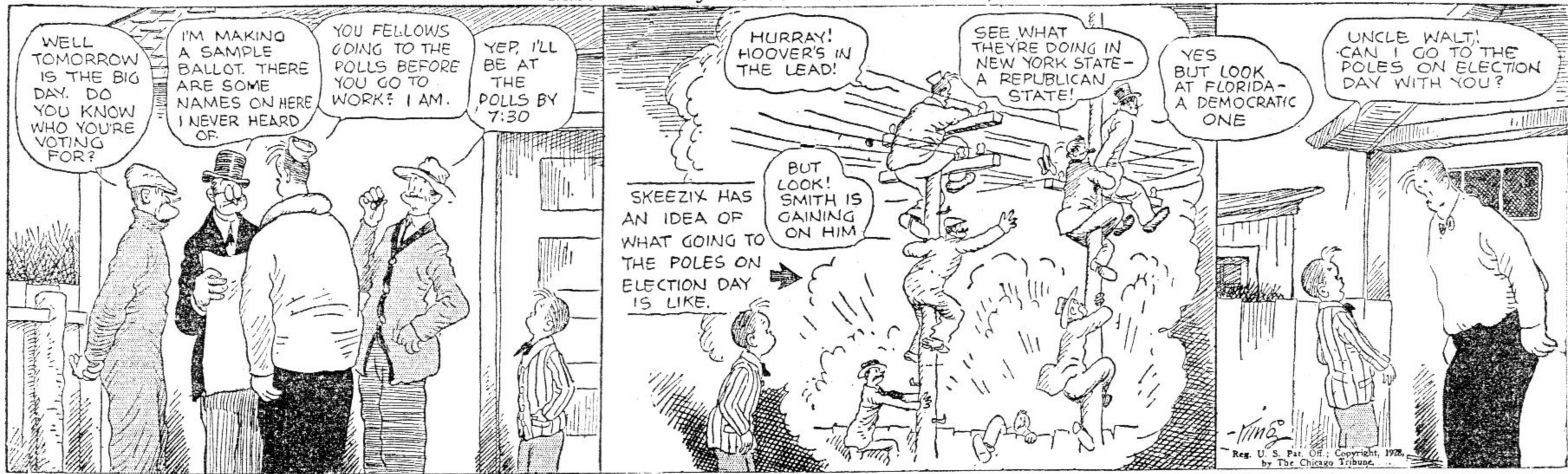
I HEARD TODAY THAT WALT'S COUSIN IS ADOPTED.

GOOD. THAT'S SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

YES, BUT YOU WON'T TELL, WILL YOU— NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU?

I'M A DOCTOR. IF I COULDN'T KEEP SECRETS I COULDN'T KEEP PATIENTS.

Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Wants to See, Too



WELL TOMORROW IS THE BIG DAY. DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE VOTING FOR?

I'M MAKING A SAMPLE BALLOT. THERE ARE SOME NAMES ON HERE I NEVER HEARD OF.

YOU FELLOWS GOING TO THE POLLS BEFORE YOU GO TO WORK? I AM.

YEP, I'LL BE AT THE POLLS BY 7:30

HURRAY! HOOVER'S IN THE LEAD!

SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN NEW YORK STATE - A REPUBLICAN STATE!

YES BUT LOOK AT FLORIDA - A DEMOCRATIC ONE

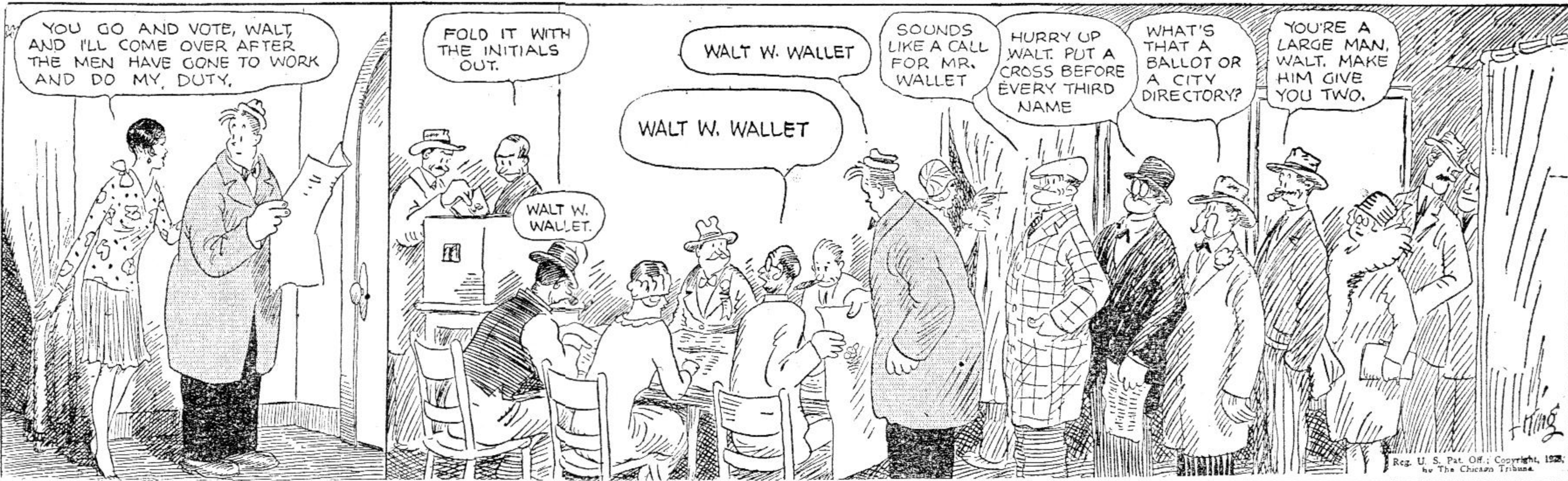
UNCLE WALT! CAN I GO TO THE POLES ON ELECTION DAY WITH YOU?

SKEEZIX HAS AN IDEA OF WHAT GOING TO THE POLES ON ELECTION DAY IS LIKE.

BUT LOOK! SMITH IS GAINING ON HIM

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Gasoline Alley—The Big Moment



YOU GO AND VOTE, WALT,  
AND I'LL COME OVER AFTER  
THE MEN HAVE GONE TO WORK  
AND DO MY DUTY.

FOLD IT WITH  
THE INITIALS  
OUT.

WALT W. WALLET

SOUNDS  
LIKE A CALL  
FOR MR.  
WALLET

HURRY UP  
WALT. PUT A  
CROSS BEFORE  
EVERY THIRD  
NAME

WHAT'S  
THAT A  
BALLOT OR  
A CITY  
DIRECTORY?

YOU'RE A  
LARGE MAN,  
WALT. MAKE  
HIM GIVE  
YOU TWO.

WALT W. WALLET

WALT W.  
WALLET.

# Gasoline Alley—Election Results

RACHEL, GET THE PAPER OFF THE FRONT STEPS, WILL YOU PLEASE.

HERE IT IS MISTA WALT. THE 'LECTION WAS A BIG SUCCESS.

WELL HOW DID THE ELECTION SUIT YOU AVERY.

I'M NOT CONCEDED ANYBODY'S ELECTION YET. A LOT OF PRECINCTS AREN'T IN BUT I CAN'T LOSE ANYWAY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T LOSE?

OH, I VOTED FOR ONE CANDIDATE AND BET TWO DOLLARS ON THE OTHER. SO IF I LOSE I WIN.

King

Gasoline Alley—Another Worry

EVERYBODY SEEMS TO KNOW ABOUT LORA'S BEING AN ADOPTED CHILD EXCEPT LORA. I WAS A CHUMP TO BREATHE IT TO ANYBODY. IT TRAVELED LIKE WILDFIRE.

PHYLLIS, DO YOU THINK ANYBODY WOULD EVER BE SO THOUGHTLESS AS TO TELL LORA?

THERE IS NO REASON ANYBODY SHOULD— AND I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYBODY WOULD

IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE TO HAVE HER FIND OUT FROM AN OUTSIDER. THE FACT THAT UNCLE JERRY AND AUNT EL HADN'T TOLD HER SOONER WOULD BE A SHOCK TO HER.

I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN IT TO HER MYSELF BUT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO UNCLE AND AUNT. THEY SHOULD TELL HER IF ANYONE DOES.

COUSIN WALT, CAN YOU PROVE THE ELEVENTH THEOREM IN MY GEOMETRY BOOK? I CAN.

LORA, YOU CAN'T PROVE IT BY ME WHAT A THEOREM IS.



Gasoline Alley—Startling News



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# Gasoline Alley—Let's Play Football

DON'T CRY ANY MORE LORA. ENVIRONMENT MEANS SO MUCH THAT YOU HAVE REALLY GROWN TO BE UNCLE JERRY'S AND AUNT EL'S OWN CHILD, EVEN IF YOU WERE ADOPTED BY THEM.

YOU ARE A GREAT COMFORT TO ME, COUSIN PHYLLIS.

WHAT'S LORA CRYING ABOUT, UNCLE WALT?

SHE HAS BEEN FEELING BADLY, SKEEZIX, BECAUSE SHE JUST FOUND OUT SHE IS AN ADOPTED DAUGHTER. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE FOLKS LOVE THEIR ADOPTED CHILDREN JUST AS MUCH AS THEIR OWN.

AND SOMETIMES MORE. IF PEOPLE ADOPT A CHILD IT IS BECAUSE THEY LIKE IT AND WANT IT FOR THEIR VERY OWN. AND THEY'D NEVER GIVE IT UP ANY MORE THAN THEY WOULD THEIR OWN

NOW WHERE'S THAT FOOTBALL? LET'S SEE WHO CAN DROP KICK THE FIRST GOAL!

YOU RUN WITH THE BALL UNCLE WALT, AN' I'LL TACKLE YOU.

Gasoline Alley—Back to Normal

IT CAME HARD AT FIRST, COUSIN WALT, TO LEARN THAT I WAS AN ADOPTED CHILD BUT I DON'T MIND IT AT ALL NOW. IF I HAD KNOWN RIGHT ALONG IT WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED ME A BIT.

I KNEW YOU WOULD FEEL ALL RIGHT ABOUT IT, LORA. YOU DON'T FEEL ANY DIFFERENTLY TOWARD YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER DO YOU?

NO, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME TO ME.

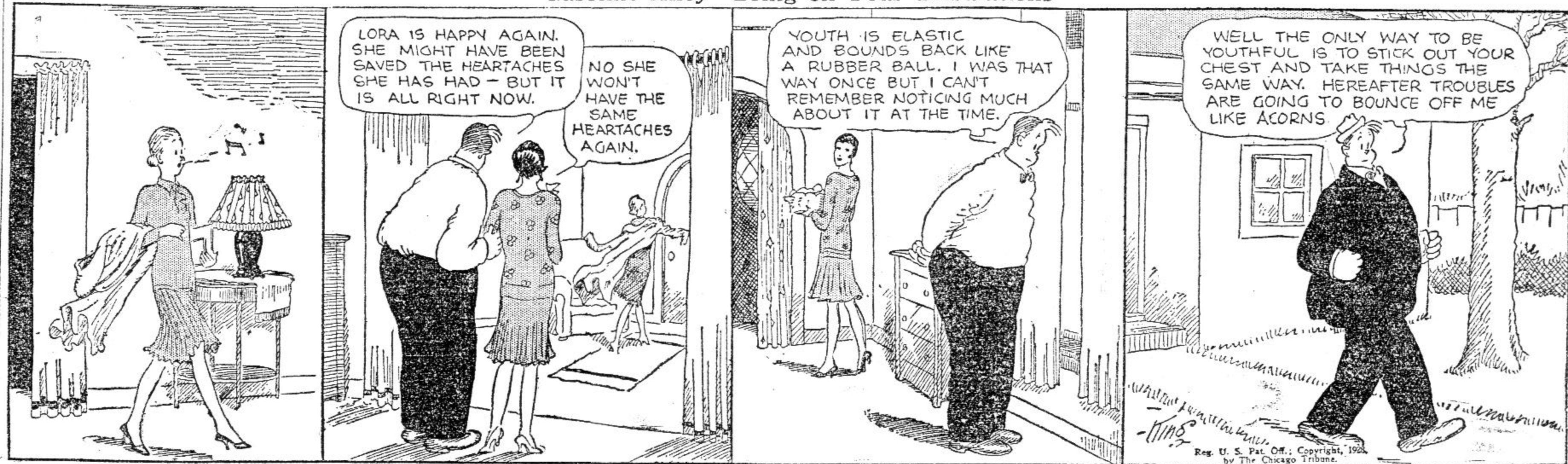
THEN YOU ARE THE SAME TO THEM AS IF YOU WERE THEIRS BY BLOOD. THEIR LETTING YOU COME HERE WHEN THEY NEED YOU, SO YOU CAN HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES, IS PROOF OF THEIR LOVE.

COME ON, LORA KICK ME A FEW!

I'VE GOT MY GOOD DRESS ON THAT AUNTIE BLOSSOM BOUGHT ME - WAIT!

GOOD CLOTHES ARE NICE BUT OLD CLOTHES ARE NICER SOMETIMES.

# Gasoline Alley—Bring on Your Tribulations



LORA IS HAPPY AGAIN. SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED THE HEARTACHES SHE HAS HAD - BUT IT IS ALL RIGHT NOW.

NO SHE WON'T HAVE THE SAME HEARTACHES AGAIN.

YOUTH IS ELASTIC AND BOUNDS BACK LIKE A RUBBER BALL. I WAS THAT WAY ONCE BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER NOTICING MUCH ABOUT IT AT THE TIME.

WELL THE ONLY WAY TO BE YOUTHFUL IS TO STICK OUT YOUR CHEST AND TAKE THINGS THE SAME WAY. HEREAFTER TROUBLES ARE GOING TO BOUNCE OFF ME LIKE ACORNS.

Gasoline Alley—One Down and Nineteen to Go

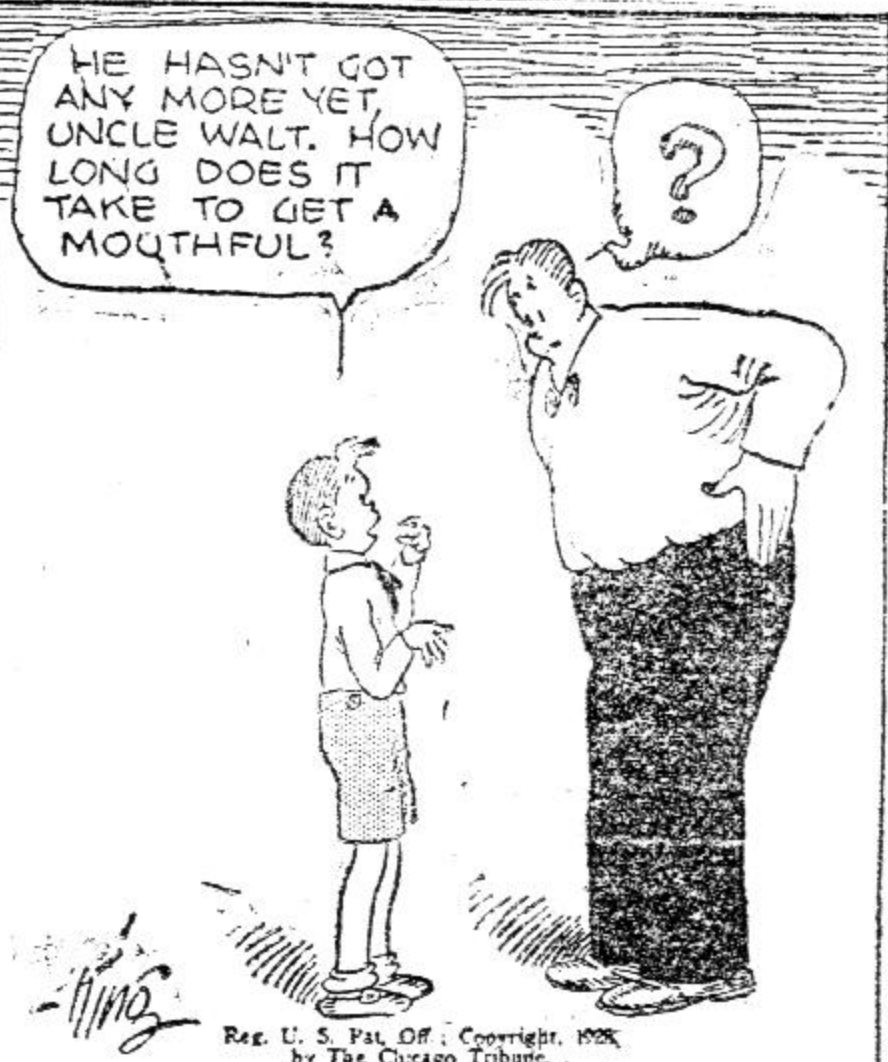
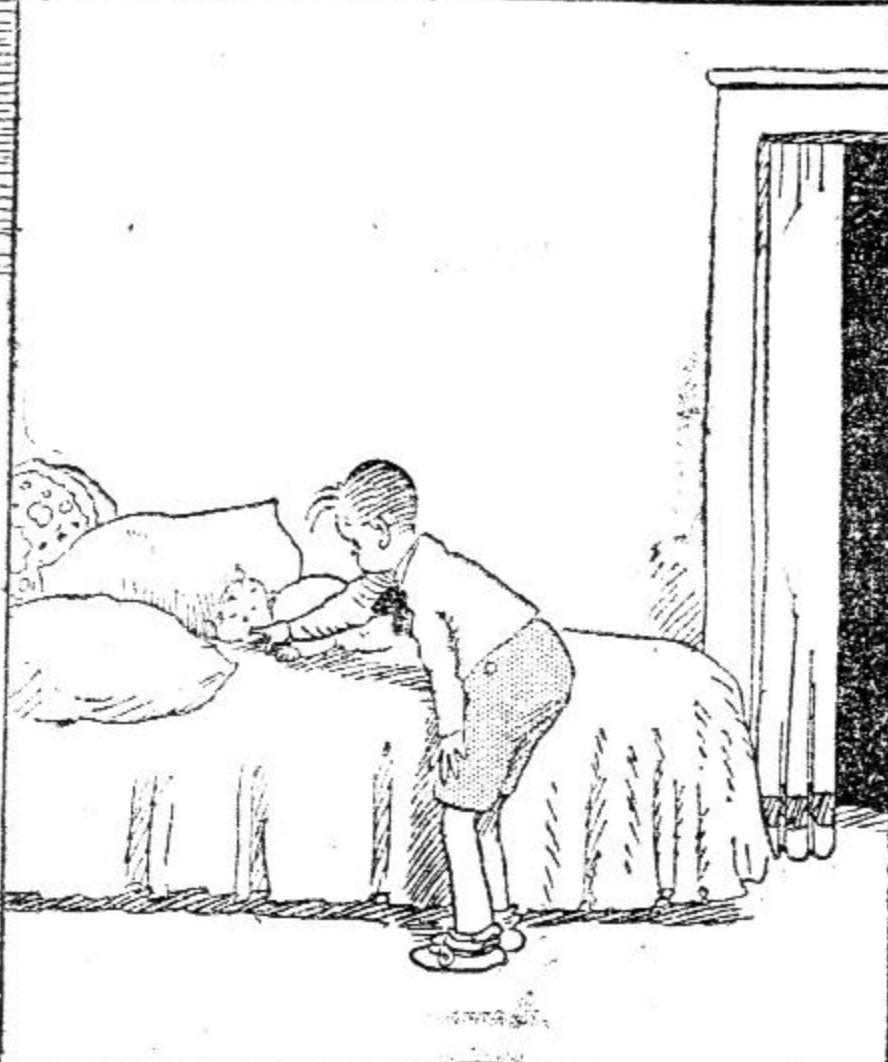


THAT'S RIGHT CORKY! SMILE SO WE CAN ALL SEE THAT NEW TOOTH.

GOLLY THAT'S A GRAND PIECE OF IVORY! OPEN UP AND SHOW IT.



YOU SEE, SKEEZIX, IT'S SORT OF LIKE A NEST EGG—NOW WE'LL BEGIN TO FIND MORE OF THEM.



HE HASN'T GOT ANY MORE YET, UNCLE WALT. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET A MOUTHFUL?

Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Ought to Know

YOUR  
COUSIN  
LORA IS A  
ADOPTED  
GIRL ISN'T  
SHE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW  
AN' WHAT DIFFERENCE  
IF SHE IS? I GUESS  
IT'S ALL RIGHT, TO  
BE 'DOPTED.

WELL YOU  
OUGHT TO  
KNOW. YOU'RE  
ADOPTED  
YOURSELF.

I AM  
NOT!

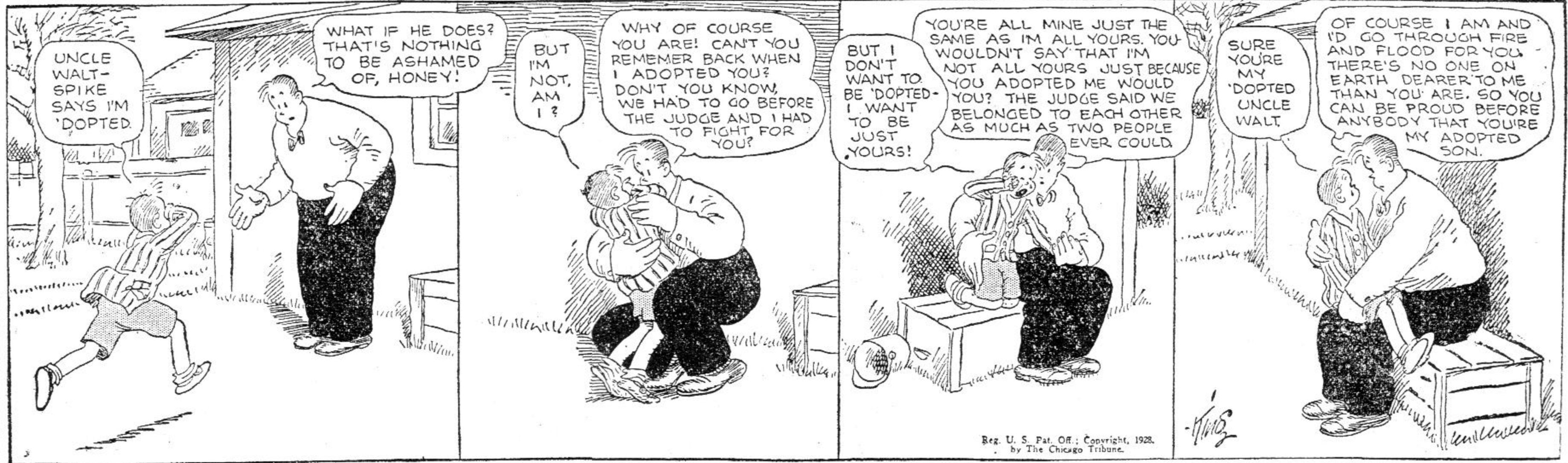
OH, AIN'T  
YOU? I BET YOU  
A THOUSAND  
DOLLARS  
YOU ARE.

I'M GOIN'  
HOME AN' TELL  
MY UNCLE WALT  
WHAT YOU  
SAID!

ALL RIGHT, DO  
IT. AN' ASK HIM  
WHY YOU CALL HIM  
UNCLE WALT INSTEAD  
OF PAPA!

I AM NOT  
'DOPTED!

Gasoline Alley—Wanted—Comforting Words



UNCLE WALT-SPIKE SAYS I'M 'DOPTED.

WHAT IF HE DOES? THAT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF, HONEY!

BUT I'M NOT, AM I?

WHY OF COURSE YOU ARE! CAN'T YOU REMEMBER BACK WHEN I ADOPTED YOU? DON'T YOU KNOW, WE HAD TO GO BEFORE THE JUDGE AND I HAD TO FIGHT FOR YOU?

BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE 'DOPTED- I WANT TO BE JUST YOURS!

YOU'RE ALL MINE JUST THE SAME AS I'M ALL YOURS. YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT I'M NOT ALL YOURS JUST BECAUSE YOU ADOPTED ME WOULD YOU? THE JUDGE SAID WE BELONGED TO EACH OTHER AS MUCH AS TWO PEOPLE EVER COULD.

SURE YOU'RE MY 'DOPTED UNCLE WALT.

OF COURSE I AM AND I'D GO THROUGH FIRE AND FLOOD FOR YOU - THERE'S NO ONE ON EARTH DEARER TO ME THAN YOU ARE. SO YOU CAN BE PROUD BEFORE ANYBODY THAT YOU'RE MY ADOPTED SON.

Gasoline Alley—Skeezix Doesn't Like to Boast, but—





Gasoline Alley—Changing the Subject

YOU DON'T CARE 'CAUSE YOU'RE ADOPTED, DO YOU, SKEEZIX?

NAW, I LIKE IT! YOU DON'T CARE IF YOU ARE, DO YOU, LORA?

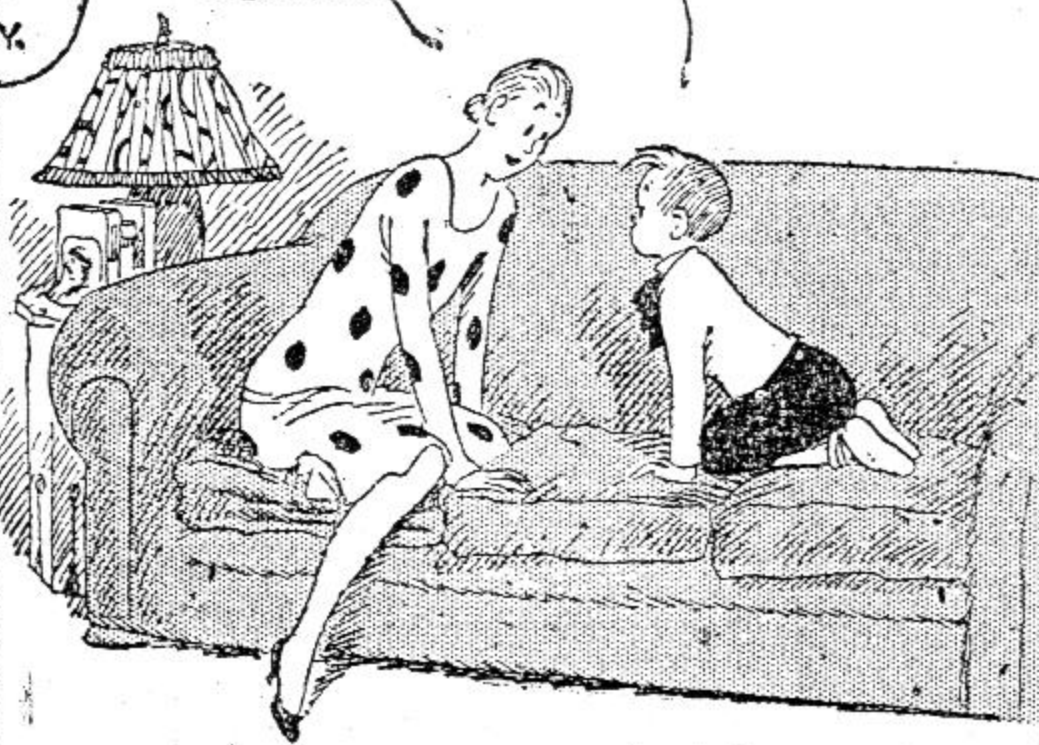
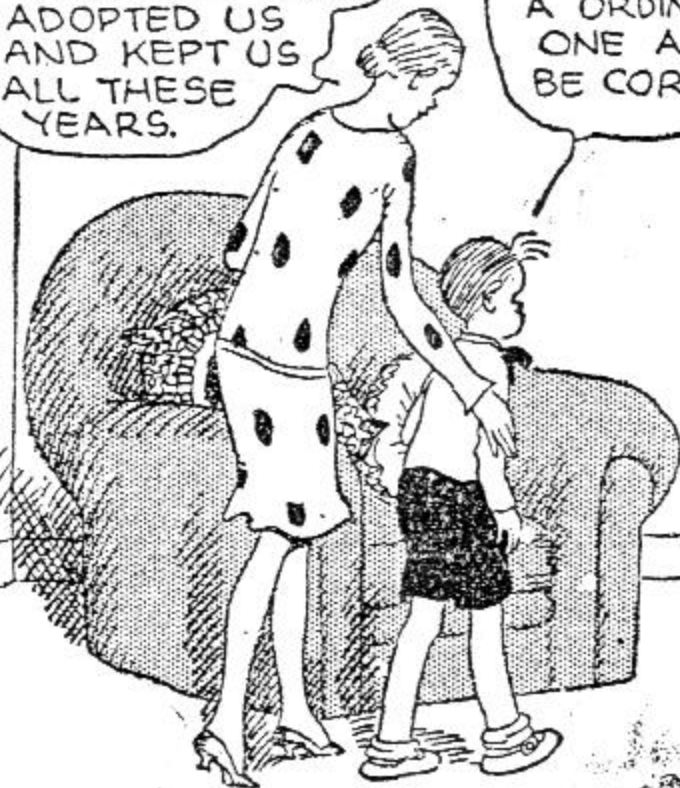


NO, IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME. OUR PARENTS CERTAINLY WANTED US OR THEY WOULDN'T HAVE ADOPTED US AND KEPT US ALL THESE YEARS.

YES, I'D RATHER BE 'DOPTED AN' BE ME THAN BE A ORDINARY ONE AN' BE CORKY.

YOU AND I HAVE A LOT IN COMMON, HAVEN'T WE?

YES BUT I LIKE YOU ANYWAY.

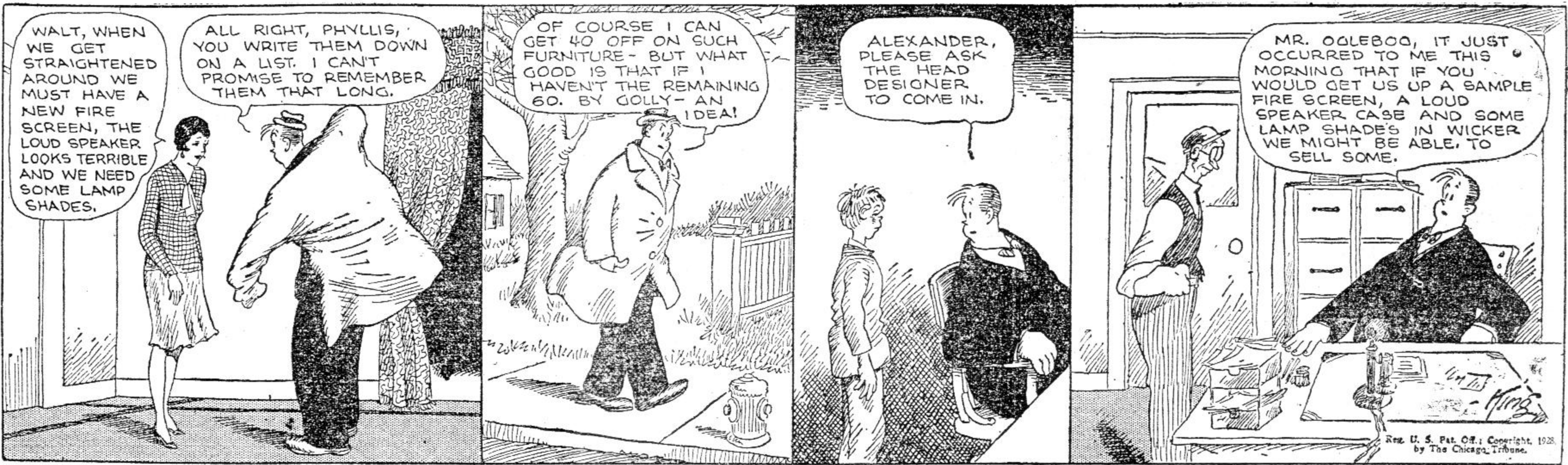


COME ON! BEAT YOU DOWN TO THE CORNER AND BACK!



King

# Gasoline Alley—How Industrial Art Is Born



WALT, WHEN WE GET STRAIGHTENED AROUND WE MUST HAVE A NEW FIRE SCREEN, THE LOUD SPEAKER LOOKS TERRIBLE AND WE NEED SOME LAMP SHADES.

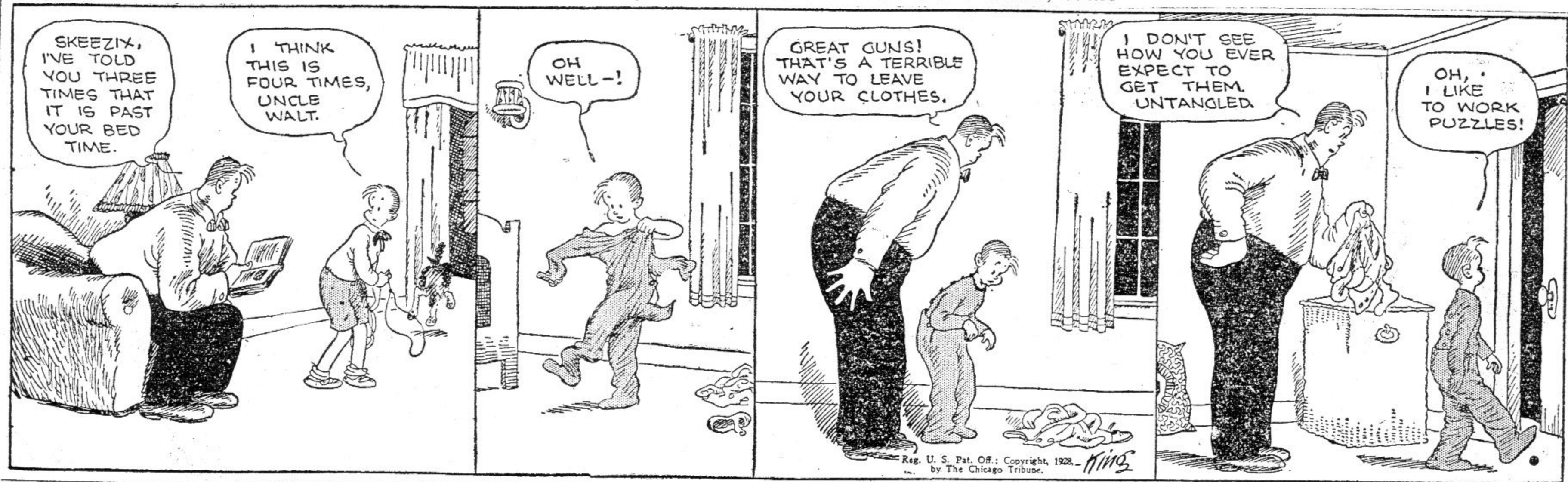
ALL RIGHT, PHYLLIS, YOU WRITE THEM DOWN ON A LIST. I CAN'T PROMISE TO REMEMBER THEM THAT LONG.

OF COURSE I CAN GET 40 OFF ON SUCH FURNITURE - BUT WHAT GOOD IS THAT IF I HAVEN'T THE REMAINING 60. BY GOLLY - AN IDEA!

ALEXANDER, PLEASE ASK THE HEAD DESIGNER TO COME IN.

MR. OGLEBOO, IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME THIS MORNING THAT IF YOU WOULD GET US UP A SAMPLE FIRE SCREEN, A LOUD SPEAKER CASE AND SOME LAMP SHADES IN WICKER WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SELL SOME.

Gasoline Alley—You Don't Understand the Game, Walt



Gasoline Alley—In the Nick of Time

LET'S SEE, NINE DAYS TO THE FIRST AND I HAVE ABOUT NINE DOLLARS CASH TO TIDE ME OVER!

THE 22ND! I THOUGHT THAT DATE HAD A FAMILIAR RING! PHYLLIS' BIRTHDAY!

GOLLY, IT'S LUCKY I THOUGHT OF IT! I'VE GOT TO BE SURE TO REMEMBER HER BIRTHDAY AND HER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

WALT YOU OLD DEAR! I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT. AND YOU'D BEEN PLANNING THIS RIGHT ALONG. I KNOW YOU HAD!

WHY NOT?

I GOT TO GUESS HOW MANY—AN' GUESS EASY!

Gasoline Alley—A Lively Time Was Had

WHERE IS UNCLE WALT, SKEEZIX? YOU TWO HAVE BEEN GONE A LONG TIME.

HE'S PUTTIN' THE CAR AWAY.

YOU CERTAINLY LOOK AS IF YOU HAD A GOOD TIME! WHERE DID YOU GO?

THE DEAD CIRCUS.

THE DEAD CIRCUS. WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

I DUNNO. UNCLE WALT TOOK ME.

WALT, WHERE ON EARTH HAVE YOU AND SKEEZIX BEEN?

WE'VE BEEN HAVING A BULLY TIME! WE WENT TO THE MUSEUM TO SEE THE STUFFED ANIMALS AND BIRDS.

Gasoline Alley—Why Not? Avery Furnished Suggestion

WALT THERE'S A SWELL WESTERN PICTURE OVER AT THE PECAN PALACE WE OUGHT TO SEE.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO WITH YOU, AVERY



COME ON, DOC—MOVIE!

AVERY RECOMMENDS IT.



WHAT IS THIS — DUTCH TREAT?

NO, SCOTCH TREAT.



WHAT'S THAT?

YOU FELLOWS MATCH TO SEE WHICH ONE TAKES ME.



Gasoline Alley—O. K., Rachel

CORKY IS RESTLESS AND CROSS, RACHEL. HE'S GOT ANOTHER TOOTH COMING. IT ISN'T HIS NATURAL DISPOSITION.

I WONDA IF HE THE FELLA BEEN PUTTIN' DENTS IN MY SKILLET WITH THAT ONE TOOTH HE GOT.

RACHEL, HAVE A BLOTTER. THEY'RE GIVIN' EM AWAY DOWN AT THE BANK.

THANKS HONEY, NOW I GOIN' WRITE A LETTA.

THEY NEVA HAD NO 'DOPTED CHILDREN DOWN WHERE I COME FROM SO MANY COME NATURAL THAT NOBODY WANTED, TO TAKE NO MORE—'LESS SOMEBODY DIED AN' THEN THE RELATIVES RAISED 'EM

IF LORA AN' SKEEZIX IS SAMPLES OF 'DOPTED CHILDREN, FROM WHAT I SEE IT'S A PITY MORE OF EM AIN'T 'DOPTED ONES.

Gasoline Alley—Here's a Way to Make Money

UNCLE WALT,  
I HAVEN'T  
HAD MY  
'LOWANCE  
FOR THREE  
WEEKS!

I BELIEVE THAT'S  
RIGHT, SKEEZIX.  
I'M BEHIND IN  
MY PAYMENTS.

CAN I  
GET 'EM  
NOW? I'LL  
PUT  
PART  
IN MY  
BANK.

I'M A BIT LOW MYSELF  
RIGHT NOW, HONEY. BUT  
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL  
DO. I'LL GIVE YOU A  
PROMISSORY NOTE FOR  
THE WHOLE AMOUNT.

THIRTY DAYS AFTER  
DATE I PROMISE TO PAY  
TO SKEEZIX WALLET 75  
CENTS WITH INTEREST  
AT THE RATE OF 10 PER  
CENT PER ANNUM.  
SIGNED:-WALT WALLET.

NOW YOU WANT  
TO KEEP THAT.  
IT'S JUST AS GOOD  
AS REAL MONEY.

CAN I  
WRITE  
MONEY  
LIKE THIS  
WHEN I  
NEED IT  
TOO, UNCLE  
WALT?



Gasoline Alley—A Smile From Lady Luck

THIS IS THE FIRST THANKSGIVING FOR YEARS THAT I HAVEN'T BOUGHT A TURKEY, BUT BY GOLLY I CAN'T AFFORD ONE! AND I HATE TO LET PHYLLIS KNOW.

HELLO, — YES PHYLLIS — NO, I HAVEN'T GONE OUT TO BUY OUR TURKEY YET, WHY?

YOU DON'T SAY! THEY DID? YOU CAUGHT ME JUST IN TIME!

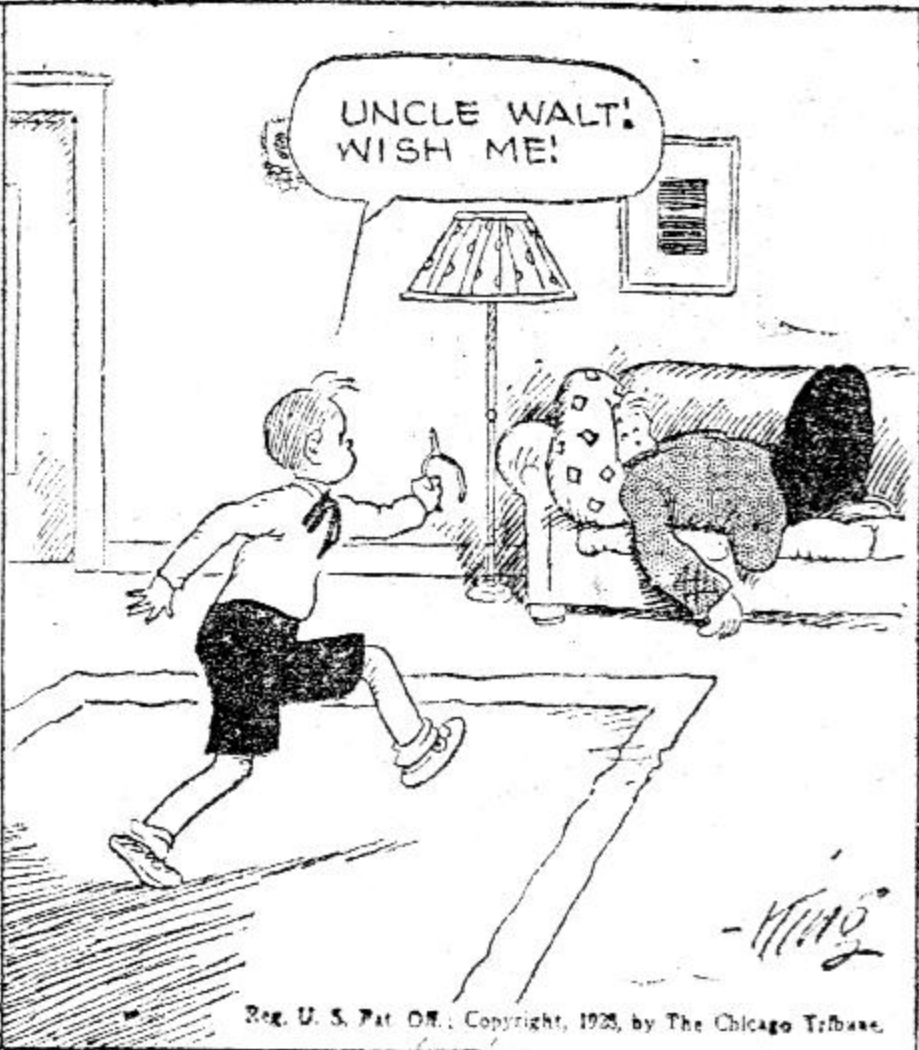
THE BOSS SEEMS TO BE IN A GOOD MOOD. NOW IS THE TIME TO ASK HIM IF I CAN HAVE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING OFF.

HURRAY! UNCLE JERRY IS SENDING A TURKEY! AND PHYLLIS WAS SO RELIEVED TO FIND SHE'D HEADED ME OFF FROM BUYING ONE!

Gasoline Alley—The National Bird Meets Defeat



LET US HERE DRAW THE CURTAIN BEFORE THIS SAD SCENE IN WHICH A BEAUTIFULLY GOLDEN BROWN AND STEAMING TURKEY BECOMES, IN HALF AN HOUR, BUT A CHAOTIC JUMBLE OF COLD DISARTICULATED FRAMEWORK. YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO SEE IN THIS BONY DESOLATION A SYMBOL OF BETTER THINGS TO COME. RACHEL, BRING ON THE PUMPKIN PIE!



Gasoline Alley—A Study in Contrasts

BELIEVE ME, A DOLLAR AND A HALF LOOKS A LOT BIGGER TO ME THAN IT DID A WHILE BACK. THAT OLD CLOTHES MAN SAYS HE'LL PAY THAT MUCH FOR A SUIT IF IT'S IN GOOD CONDITION.

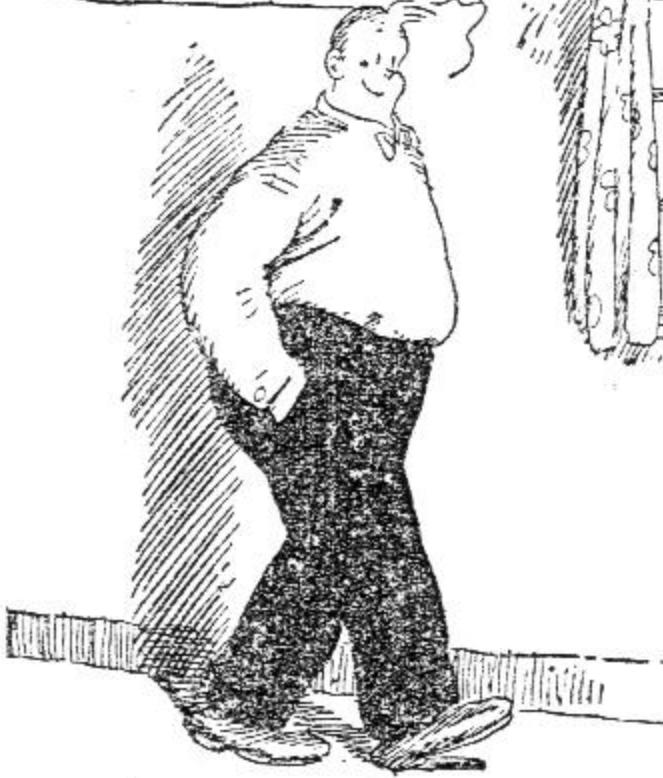
MAYBE I CAN TALK HIM UP TO TWO. BY GOLLY, THAT FEELS LIKE A BILL!

BOY! A FIVE-DOLLAR NOTE! IT'S BEEN IN THERE FOR MONTHS. I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT! MY LUCK HAS CERTAINLY CHANGED.

SIX AND A HALF TO THE GOOD! IF YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S A FORTUNE, TRY BEING BROKE FOR A WHILE.

Gasoline Alley—Walt Can't Conceal His Assets

FINDING THAT FIVE IN MY OLD CLOTHES AND THEN SELLING THE SUIT FOR ONE-FIFTY HAS CHEERED ME UP AND MADE ME FEEL LIKE A CAPITALIST.



SKEEZIX NEEDS SOME NEW SHOES, WALT, AND HE'S TORN HIS SWEATER. YOU'D BETTER GET HIM ANOTHER ONE.

ALREADY? IT DOESN'T SEEM ANY TIME AT ALL SINCE WE DID.



MISTA WALT, THE DAUGHTAS OF KINGDOM COME IS GIVIN' A SOCIABLE DANCE NEX' FRIDAY AN' I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D LIKE A COUPLE TICKETS AT A DOLLA AN' A HALF EACH.

REALLY, RACHEL, I HAVEN'T IT WITH ME AT THE PRESENT MOMENT. I'LL LET YOU KNOW



GOLLY AS SOON AS YOU GET MONEY EVERYBODY SEEMS TO SENSE IT.



King

# Gasoline Alley—No Chance

THE ONLY THING TO DO IS TO PUT MY SALARY IN THE BANK AND THEN WHEN THE MONTH'S BILLS ARE PAID, TO TRY TO MAKE A VERY A PAYMENT ON MY NOTE.



WALT, I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY BUT HERE'S A TIP FOR YOU - I'VE GOT IT STRAIGHT THAT RUBBER KEYHOLE IS GOING UP TO 35. IT'S SELLING NOW ON THE CURB FOR 14.



GOLLY, BILL, THAT SOUNDS GOOD BUT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GET IN ON IT

IF BILL KNEW HOW LOW I WAS HE WOULDN'T WASTE ANY STOCK MARKET TIPS ON ME.



THE ONLY PLACE FOR MONEY IS IN THE BANK - AT LEAST UNTIL YOU HAVE SOME YOU CAN AFFORD TO LOSE



RUBBER KEYHOLE 14 1/4; BILL SAYS THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMBINED WITH KNIGHT LATCH KEY CO. AND AS SOON AS ITS KNOWN THE PRICE WILL JUMP. WELL IT'S NOT FOR ME.



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THOMAS

Gasoline Alley—The Melancholy Day

BILLS, BILLS, BILLS—  
LIFE IS A HURDLE RACE—  
YOU JUST MANAGE TO  
TUMBLE OVER A HURDLE  
TWELVE TIMES A YEAR—  
AND FIND YOURSELF AT  
THE SAME PLACE ON  
THE TRACK AS WHEN  
YOU STARTED.

GOLLY, PHYLLIS,  
I'D FORGOTTEN  
ALL ABOUT  
THESE DRESSES  
YOU'D GOT FOR  
LORA. HERE'S  
THE BILL FOR  
THEM.

YES, YOU'LL  
REMEMBER I HAD  
THEM HOLD IT  
OVER INSTEAD OF  
PUTTING IT ON  
LAST MONTH'S  
BILL.

WELL  
PERHAPS IT'S  
A FAVOR,  
AND PERHAPS  
IT'S MERELY  
A JOLT  
DEFERRED.

WELL WE  
JUST HAD TO  
GET LORA  
SOME CLOTHES  
AND IT WAS  
WORTH ALL  
IT COST JUST  
TO SEE HER.

I'M GOING TO CALL  
UP AND FIND OUT WHAT  
THAT RUBBER KEYHOLE  
IS SELLING AT. NOT  
THAT I CAN BUY  
ANY BUT BILL HAS  
ME CURIOUS.

Gasoline Alley—This Is on the Q. T.

I'VE COUNTED MY CASH OVER THREE TIMES BUT I CAN'T MAKE MORE THAN \$3.83 OUT OF IT. BUT I'VE GOT A LITTLE SOMETHING IN THE BANK TO PAY ON MY NOTE TO AVERY.

IT'S FUNNY WHEN SOMEBODY CALLS YOUR ATTENTION TO A STOCK HOW YOU'LL WATCH IT. RUBBER KEYHOLE—IT'S DOING JUST ABOUT WHAT BILL SAID IT WOULD—GOING UP. IT'S 14 5/8.

I WISH I HAD A LITTLE MONEY TO SPARE, TO TAKE A FLYER IN IT. BILL'S WIFE KNOWS THE SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY.

OF COURSE I HAVE JUST A LITTLE THAT GOES TO AVERY, BUT I WOULDN'T USE IT THAT WAY.

I'VE BEEN WATCHING RUBBER KEYHOLE, BILL BUT I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY RIGHT NOW.

IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH. YOU COULD PUT UP A LITTLE MARGIN—I SAY 10 PER CENT. \$150 WOULD BUY A HUNDRED SHARES. AND THEN WHEN IT GOES TO 35 YOU MAKE \$2000

Gasoline Alley—Walt Gets His Feet Wet

GEE THIS CERTAINLY IS A COMPLICATED BUSINESS. LET'S SEE—RUBBER KEYHOLE. ITS STILL AT 14 3/4. I GUESS I'D BETTER TRY MY LUCK.



I WANT TO PLACE A BET ON RUBBER KEYHOLE. WHAT ODDS DO I HAVE TO PUT UP?

YOU CAN MAKE AN INVESTMENT HERE IF YOU LIKE, AND YOU CAN PUT UP WHATEVER MARGIN YOU LIKE.



HOW ABOUT 10 PERCENT?

THAT IS ALL RIGHT IF YOUR STOCK GOES UP. BUT IF IT STARTS DOWN WE'LL CALL FOR MORE MARGIN OR SELL YOU OUT TO COVER OUR LOAN.

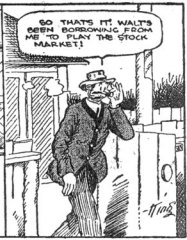


IT HASN'T MOVED. I THOUGHT WHEN THEY FOUND OUT I'D BOUGHT A HUNDRED SHARES IT WOULD GO UP A LITTLE.





# GASOLINE ALLEY—A BRIGHT LIGHT 'DAWNS



Gasoline Alley—Fifty-Fifty

WHAT YOU FIGURING SO HARD ABOUT, AVERY?

DOC HAS INVITED ME TO TAKE A TRIP WITH THEM IN HIS CAR, WALT. HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO PAY HIM BUT I WANT TO STAND THE EXTRA COST AT LEAST.

THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH

NOW I ESTIMATE THAT GAS AND TIRES WOULD COST HIM ABOUT \$260 PER HUNDRED MILES AND THEY'RE GOING 500. THAT'S \$13.00 FOR THE TRIP.

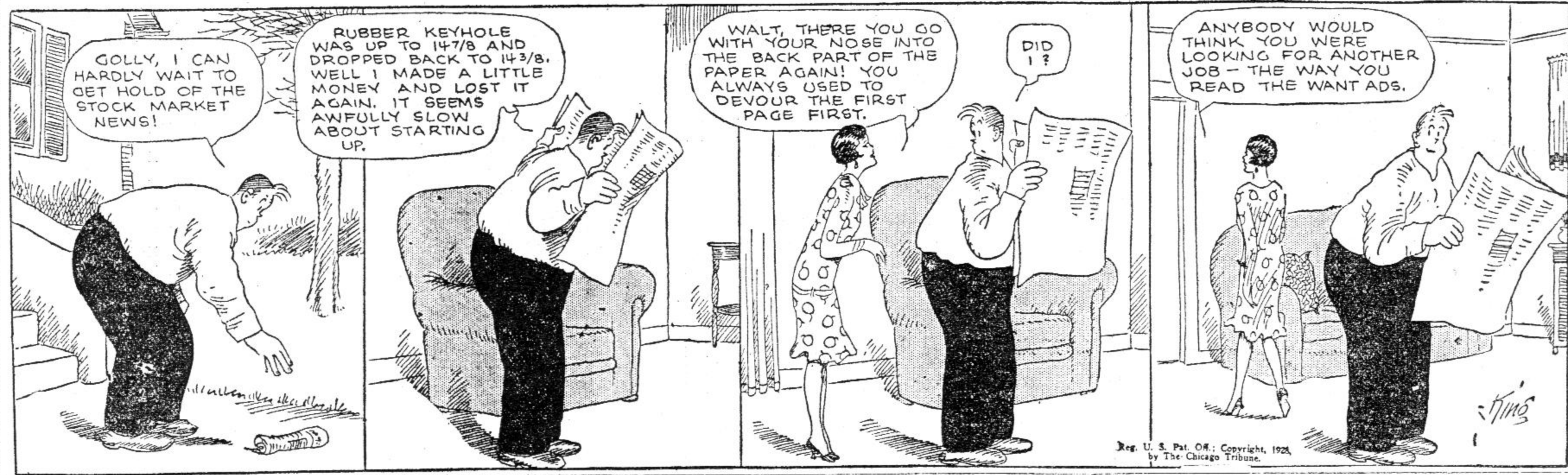
THEIR CAR READY FOR THE ROAD WEIGHS ABOUT 3700 POUNDS AND THE TWO OF THEM WEIGH 295 - SAY 300. THAT'S 4000 POUNDS..

RITHMETIC!

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?

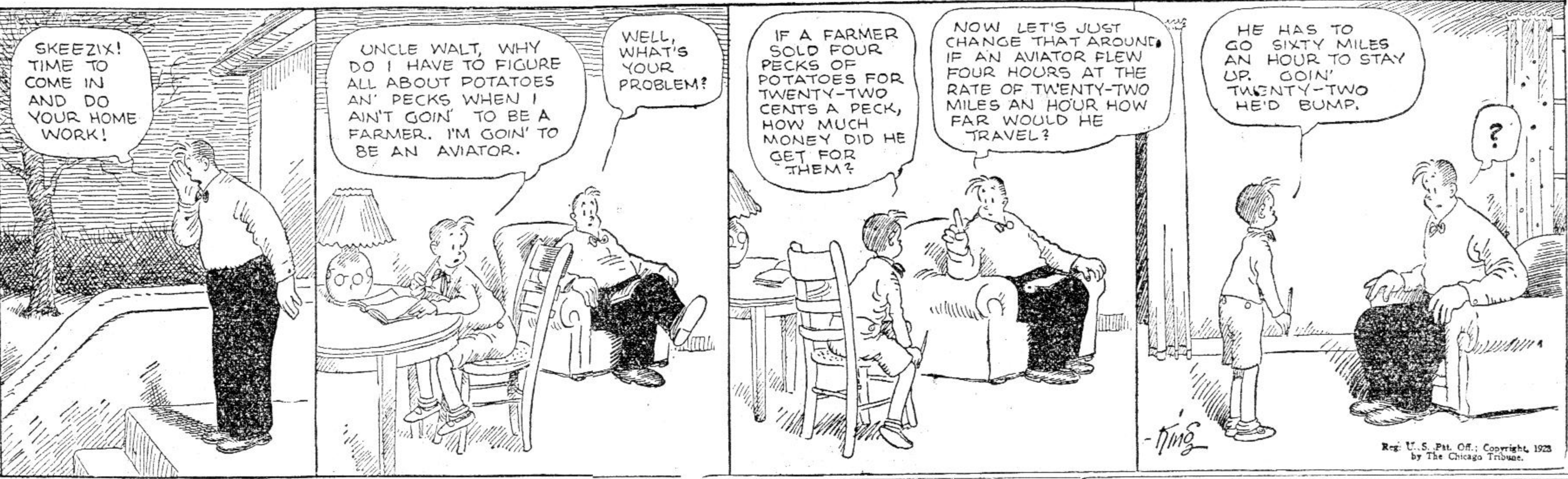
WHY, YOU SEE, I WEIGH 150 AND ADD THAT MUCH TO THE LOAD. SO MY SHARE WOULD BE  $\frac{150}{4000}$  OF 13 DOLLARS. I JUST FIGURED IT OUT IN ROUND NUMBERS. IT'S 49 CENTS.

Gasoline Alley—Narrow Escape



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Gasoline Alley—Shoot Again, Walt



SKEEZIX!  
TIME TO  
COME IN  
AND DO  
YOUR HOME  
WORK!

UNCLE WALT, WHY  
DO I HAVE TO FIGURE  
ALL ABOUT POTATOES  
AN' PECKS WHEN I  
AIN'T GOIN' TO BE A  
FARMER. I'M GOIN' TO  
BE AN AVIATOR.

WELL,  
WHAT'S  
YOUR  
PROBLEM?

IF A FARMER  
SOLD FOUR  
PECKS OF  
POTATOES FOR  
TWENTY-TWO  
CENTS A PECK,  
HOW MUCH  
MONEY DID HE  
GET FOR  
THEM?

NOW LET'S JUST  
CHANGE THAT AROUND.  
IF AN AVIATOR FLEW  
FOUR HOURS AT THE  
RATE OF TWENTY-TWO  
MILES AN HOUR HOW  
FAR WOULD HE  
TRAVEL?

HE HAS TO  
GO SIXTY MILES  
AN HOUR TO STAY  
UP. GOIN'  
TWENTY-TWO  
HE'D BUMP.

?

- KING

Gasoline Alley—Market Comment: No Par Value

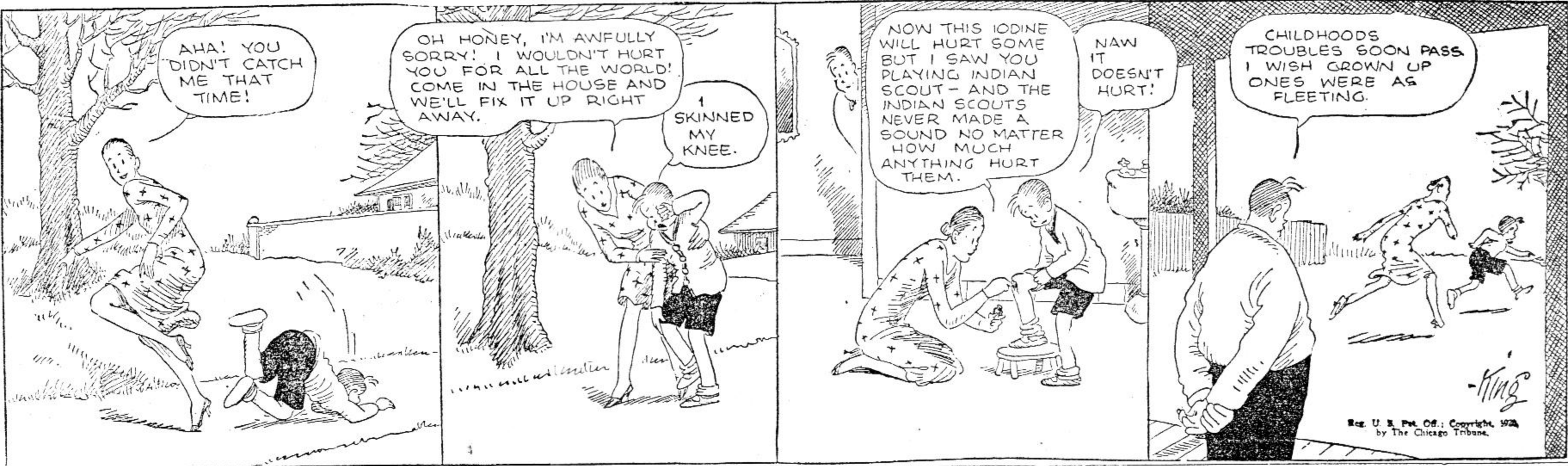
SAY BILL, DO YOU KNOW ANY MORE ABOUT RUBBER KEYHOLE? IT HASN'T STARTED ON THAT CLIMB YOU SAID IT WOULD.

WELL IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME BUT I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT ANY OTHER WAY. IT'S A PATENTED NOISELESS KEYHOLE AND IT WILL WEAR A LIFETIME. IT'S ALSO A NO-VISIBILITY KEYHOLE CLOSING UP WHEN THE KEY IS REMOVED—ANOTHER EXCLUSIVE FEATURE.

I GUESS INVESTORS HAVEN'T LEARNED ABOUT IT YET.

JUST CONSIDER ALL THE BUILDING GOING ON IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. AN ORDINARY HOME USES 16 TO 40 KEYHOLES—A HOTEL, 500 TO 5000. NOW IF ONLY 5 PERCENT USE RUBBER KEYHOLES THINK OF THE BUSINESS THIS COMPANY IS GOING TO DO AND THINK WHAT THE STOCK WILL DO.

ANYWAY I FEEL BETTER NOW.



Gasoline Alley—That Being the Case—

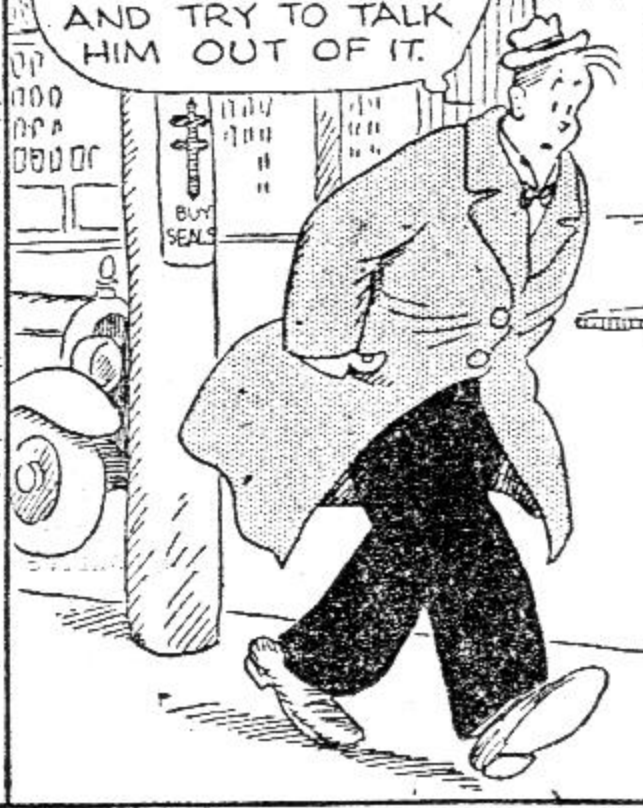
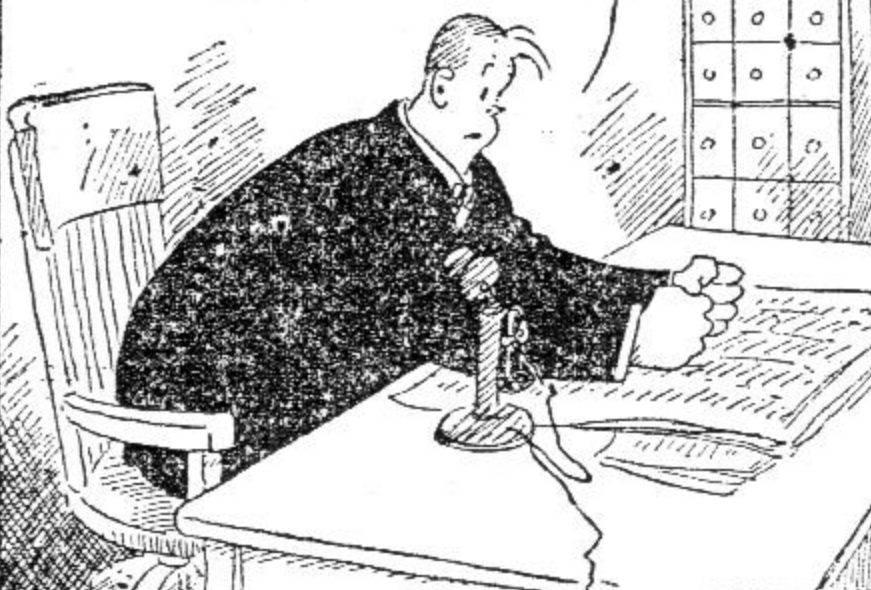
THAT RUBBER KEYHOLE STOCK ISN'T DOING WHAT BILL SAID IT WOULD—GO UP. IN FACT IT'S A QUARTER LOWER THAN WHAT I BOUGHT IT AT—14½. I WOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT IT ONLY I THOUGHT IT WOULD START CLIMBING RIGHT AWAY.

WHAT, SO SOON! I'LL BE OVER AND SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY!

GOLLY THE BROKER WANTS MORE MARGIN ALREADY AND I HAVEN'T HAD THE STOCK A WEEK! I'LL HAVE TO GO OVER AND TRY TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT.

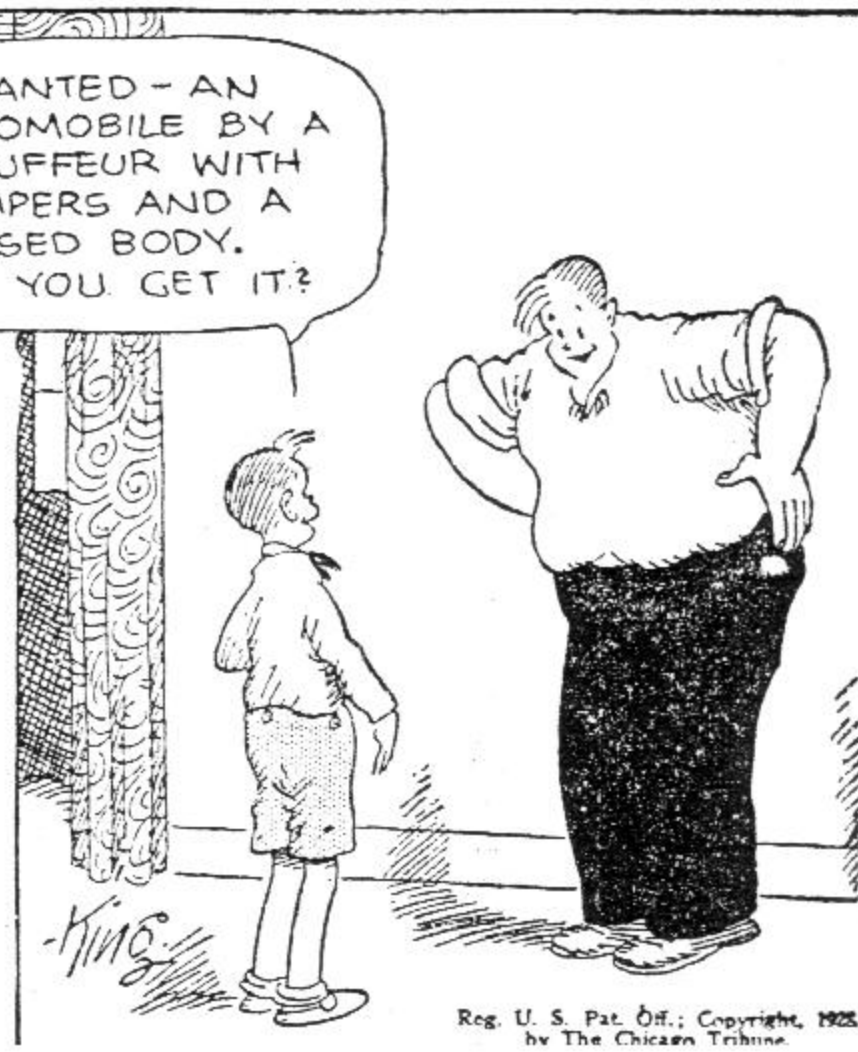
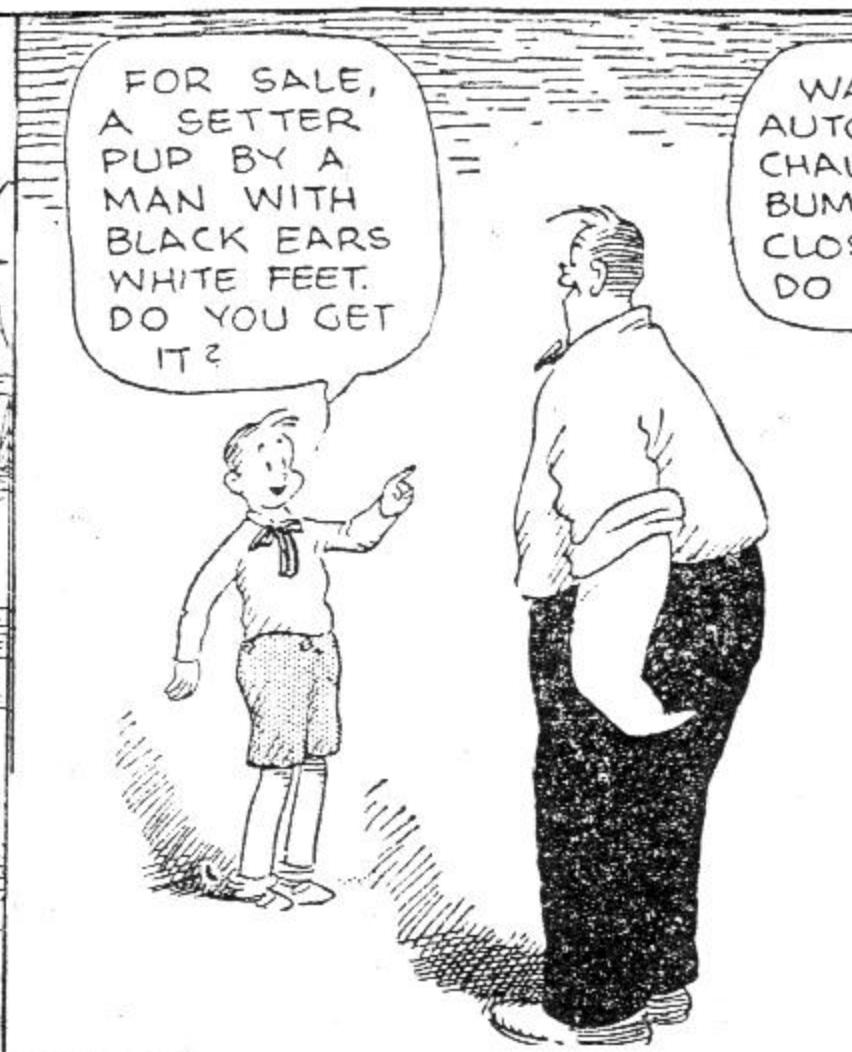
YES, MR. WALLET, THE TREND OF THE MARKET WAS DOWNWARD BUT HAS REACTED SOMEWHAT SINCE I CALLED YOU SO I DIDN'T SELL YOUR STOCK. BUT I'D ADVISE YOU TO PUT UP MORE MARGIN TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

BUT, MR. SCROOGE, I DON'T SEE HOW IT CAN GO DOWN. THE RUBBER KEYHOLE COMPANY PUTS OUT THE ONLY NOISELESS KEYHOLE ON THE MARKET, THEY ARE STARTING A BIG ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN AND I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF A BIG MERGER. I'M SURE IT WILL COME BACK AGAIN EVEN IF IT SHOULD DROP TEMPORARILY.



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Gasoline Alley—Here Are Some Deep Ones





Gasoline Alley—Willing to Be Helpful



I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HARD UP AT CHRISTMAS TIME BEFORE. AND I DON'T DARE TELL PHYLLIS I'M IN THE STOCK MARKET. IF THAT RUBBER KEYHOLE STOCK WOULD ONLY GO UP LIKE IT IS SUPPOSED TO! IF THAT BROKER CALLS FOR MARGIN I'M SUNK.



EVERYBODY HAPPY AND SPENDING MONEY! IF I COULD ONLY PUSH CHRISTMAS ALONG A MONTH OR SO I COULD BE HAPPY TOO.



WALT, I'VE DONE WHAT YOU ADVISED - CUT MY CHRISTMAS LIST TO THE BONE! THERE ARE ONLY TWENTY-TWO LEFT ON IT.



WELL YOU CAN TAKE OFF MY NAME, PHYLLIS. AND I'M AWFULLY GOOD AT TRIMMING. PERHAPS I CAN HELP YOU CUT DOWN THE OVERHEAD SOME MORE.

King

# Gasoline Alley—The Christmas Spirit



Gasoline Alley—Walt's Stock and Spirits Rise

RUBBER KEYHOLE UP TO 143/4! THE BIG POOL IS GETTING BEHIND IT, JUST AS I KNEW IT WOULD. GOLLY THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME!


THINGS TAKE ON A DIFFERENT LOOK. I'VE LOST MY COLD BLUE GOGGLES AND I SEE THE WORLD IN WARMER COLORS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT! CLOSED AT 15 1/2 AND I BOUGHT AT 14. I COULD SELL NOW AND MAKE \$150! SANTA CLAUS CERTAINLY WANTS TO BE NICE TO ME.

WALT, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU ARE MORE LIKE YOUR OLD SELF THAN YOU HAVE BEEN FOR WEEKS!


NOTHING PHYLLIS, NOTHING! ONLY I'VE DECIDED TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON AND BE OPTIMISTIC AND GOOD NATURED.

# Gasoline Alley—Readjustment




BY THE WAY, SKEEZIX, I BELIEVE YOU HOLD MY NOTE FOR 75 CENTS. WHERE IS IT? I'M READY TO TAKE IT UP.

IT WAS NO GOOD SO I THREW IT AWAY.




THREW IT AWAY! DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT WAS JUST AS GOOD AS MONEY?

I TRIED TO SPEND IT EVERYWHERE AN' THEY WOULDN'T TAKE IT. SO I PUT IT IN THE WASTEBASKET.



THAT'S A VALUABLE PAPER SO YOU'D BETTER FIND IT, MY FINANCIAL CONDITION HAS IMPROVED SO I CAN PAY MY DEBTS.

HERE IT IS UNCLE WALT.



THERE'S THE SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS. TEN PERCENT INTEREST AS AGREED WOULD BE 7½ CENTS PER YEAR. THAT WOULD BE LESS THAN A CENT FOR ONE MONTH BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A CENT ANYWAY.

THAT ISN'T ALL. I'VE GOT TWO WEEKS 'LOWANCE COMING TOO.

Gasoline Alley—Financial Circumstances Alter Cases



BILL, YOU CERTAINLY DID GIVE ME A REAL TIP WHEN YOU TOLD ME TO BUY RUBBER KEYHOLE. IT'S UP TO 17 AND STILL CLIMBING

IS THAT RIGHT? I THOUGHT IT WOULD.



BUT I'M SORRY BILL YOU DIDN'T GET IN ON IT YOURSELF. IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH CASH.

IF I WAS SURE IT WAS GOING TO DO SO WELL I WOULD HAVE.



HAVEN'T YOU GOT A DOLL THAT SAYS "PAPA"?



BUT WALT YOU SAID WE WERE ECONOMIZING THIS TIME!

I KNOW BUT IT'S CORKY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS AND WE'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM A REGULAR ONE.

Gasoline Alley--Holiday Duties

NOW WHERE, AWAY?

I'M GOIN' TO BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

IT'S TIME SKEEZIX WAS IN, WALT. I THINK YOU'D BETTER LOOK HIM UP.

HE'S ALL RIGHT. HE'S GONE TO DO HIS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

SAY IF YOU EAT POPCORN LIKE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BURST.

BUT I'VE GOT TO UNCLE WALT.

I'D LIKE TO KNOW JUST WHY.

WELL THERE'S A PRESENT IN EVERY BOX AN' I'M GIVIN' EM AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Gasoline Alley—And All Through the House—

I NEED CHRISTMAS CASH BUT MY STOCK IS DOING TOO WELL TO SELL NOW. BUT ANYWAY THANK GOODNESS I CAN GET PHYLLIS A REGULAR GIFT AND HAVE IT CHARGED.

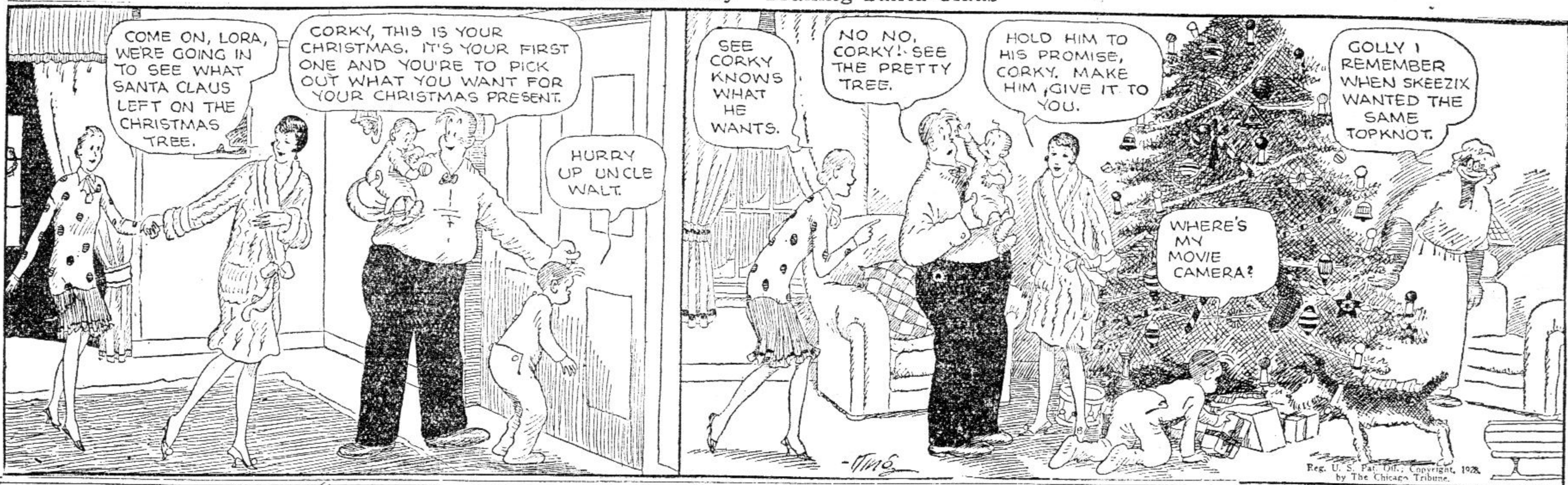
WALT SAYS I DON'T NEED TO GET HIM A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. BUT HE'D BE DISAPPOINTED IF I DIDN'T. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WALT KNOWS TO ECONOMIZE ON CHRISTMAS.

THIS IS YOUR FIRST CHRIS'MAS, CORKY. I HOPE SANTY CLAUS GOT YOU LISTED ON HIS REGISTRATION BOOKS.

YOU BOUGHT THIS GUM FOR UNCLE WALT'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT, SKEEZIX? BUT HE DOESN'T CHEW GUM.

I KNOW IT.

Gasoline Alley—Trailing Santa Claus





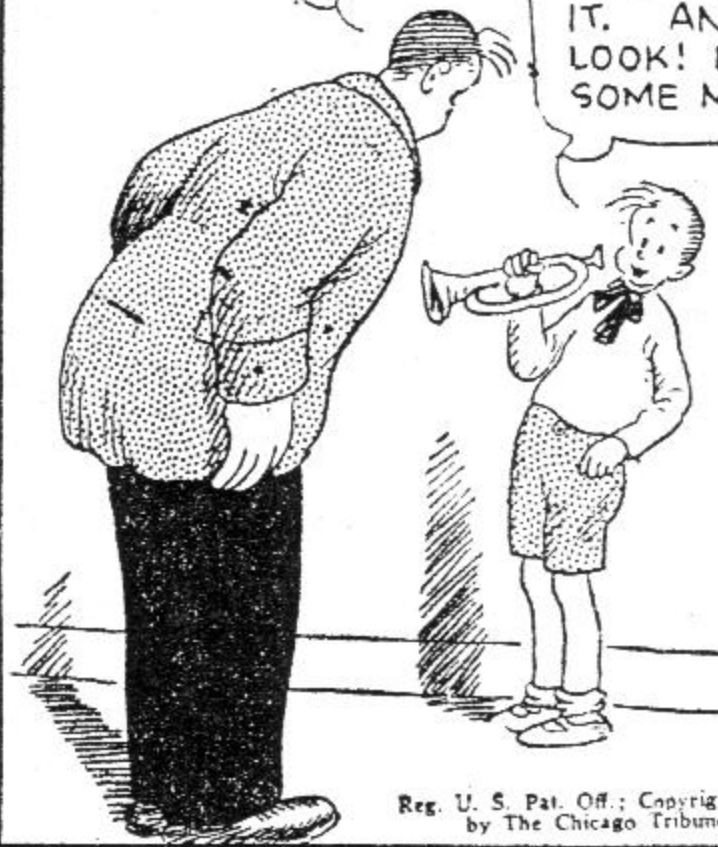
Gasoline Alley—Try Again, Walt

WELL ANYWAY WE GOT SKEEZIX NICE QUIET TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS. BOOKS AND THINGS TO BUILD WITH AND GAMES AND PUZZLES.



'WHY, SKEEZIX! WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?

TRADED MY BUILDOR OUTFIT TO SPUD FOR IT. AN' LOOK! I GOT SOME MORE.



?

I TRADED SOME GAMES AN' THINGS TO SHORTY AN' SPIKE AN' SLIM FOR THESE. I'LL PLAY 'EM ALL FOR YOU.



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King

Gasoline Alley—The Season Opens Right Here

WEREN'T  
COUSIN WALT  
AND PHYLLIS  
NICE TO ME,  
RACHEL?  
THEY GAVE  
ME THIS  
LOVELY BAG.

THEY SURE WAS,  
HONEY. AN' LOOK  
AT THE SWELL  
COOTY COAT THEY  
GIVE ME

COOLIE COAT, RACHEL.  
IT'S A BEAUTY! THOSE  
ARE CHINESE CHARACTERS  
AND THEY ALL MEAN  
SOMETHING, YOU KNOW.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT IT  
COULD BE,  
HONEY, 'LESS  
IT'S MERRY  
CHRIS'MAS.

THIS SURE  
GOIN' CAUSE A  
STIR IN CHURCH.

THERE AIN'T NOTHIN'  
LIKE A GLORIOUS EXTERIOR  
TO OVACOME A INTERIOR  
COMPLEX.



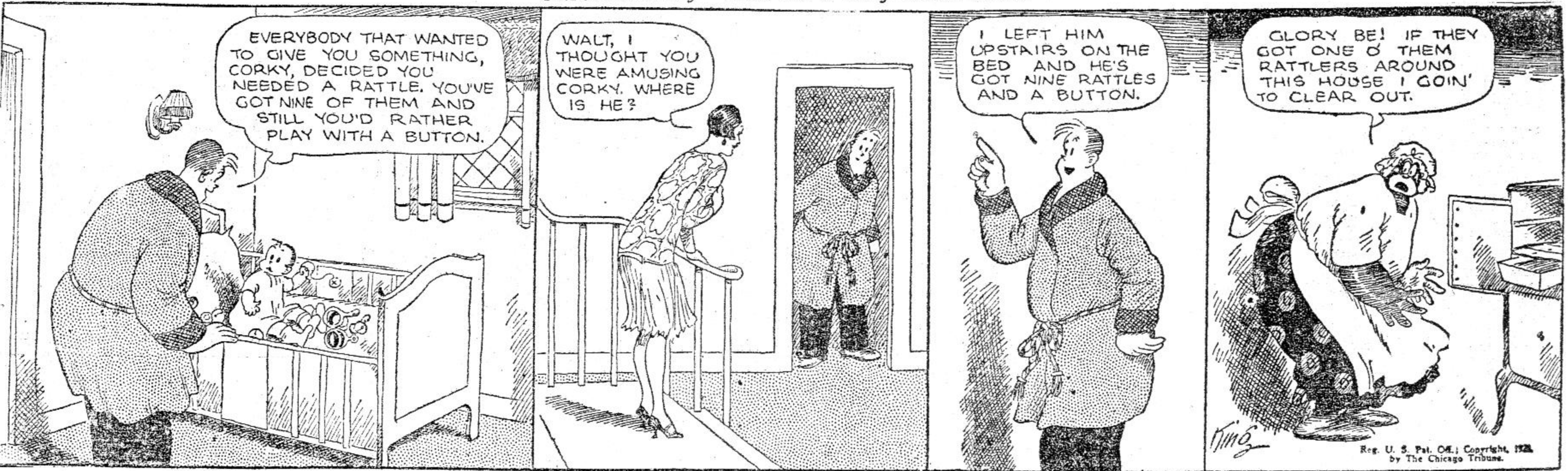
Gasoline Alley—And He's Very Much Alive

EVERYBODY THAT WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING, CORKY, DECIDED YOU NEEDED A RATTLE. YOU'VE GOT NINE OF THEM AND STILL YOU'D RATHER PLAY WITH A BUTTON.

WALT, I THOUGHT YOU WERE AMUSING CORKY. WHERE IS HE?

I LEFT HIM UPSTAIRS ON THE BED AND HE'S GOT NINE RATTLES AND A BUTTON.

GLORY BE! IF THEY GOT ONE OF THEM RATTLES AROUND THIS HOUSE I GOIN' TO CLEAR OUT.



# Gasoline Alley—Are You a Good Guesser?

I COULD CLOSE OUT MY RUBBER KEYHOLE STOCK AT 18 RIGHT NOW AND MAKE A NEAT PROFIT OF \$400. BUT I THINK IT'S GOING HIGHER.

I NEED THE MONEY FOR THE FIRST OF THE MONTH BILLS, BUT I CAN EASE THEM ALONG TO THE 15<sup>TH</sup>. BY THAT TIME I OUGHT TO BE \$600 TO THE GOOD.

STOCK MARKET, WALT? I'VE SOLD OUT MOST OF MY HOLDINGS. THE SITUATION IS SO UNCERTAIN IT'S ANYBODY'S GUESS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW.

I'M WATCHING ONE OR TWO STOCKS, MR WICKER THAT'S ALL.

GOLLY, I WONDER IF I OUGHT TO SELL. I CAN MAKE A PROFIT BUT BILL SAID IT WAS TO GO TO 30 A SHARE. THAT WOULD CERTAINLY PUT ME ON EASY STREET. I GUESS I'LL WAIT AND SEE.

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# GASOLINE ALLEY—THE ALMOST SILENT PARTNER



WALT'S BEEN CLEANING UP ON THE STOCK MARKET. I THINK HE SHOULD TAKE US ON A PARTY TONIGHT, FELLAS.

RUBBER KEYHOLE IS UP TO 20 1/4 AND I HEAR YOU GOT IN AROUND 14 OR 15.

I DID. FOR ONCE I WAS IN LUCK.

DON'T HOLD ON TOO LONG WALT. BIRD IN THE HAND, YOU KNOW.

THAT'S FINE WALT. I'LL ACCEPT A NICE NEW YEAR'S PARTY FOR MY DIVIDEND.

YES WE NEED AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU, WALT.

I'D DO IT BOYS, BUT IT'S ALL PAPER PROFIT. WAIT TILL IT GOES TO WHERE I THINK IT WILL AND I SELL. THEN I'LL COME ACROSS

WALT I'D LIKE TO GET IN ON THIS MARKET STUFF YOU SEEM TO BE ABLE TO PICK A WINNER. TELL ME WHAT TO BUY.

I'M WILLING TO RISK MY OWN MONEY DOC BUT I'M NOT INFALLIBLE. I DON'T LIKE TO SUGGEST.

RISK HIS MONEY—NOTHING! HE BORROWED IT FROM ME. BY RIGHT I SHOULD GET A CUT IN ON HIS WINNINGS.

King