

GASOLINE ALLEY--NEWS FOR EVERYBODY

MR. WALLET, THIS IS MR. MACROTH OF THE LAW FIRM OF MONDOZI, MCDENNIS, MACROTH, PERKINS & COHN. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION WHICH I AM SURE WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU.

I HAVE BEEN CALLED UP TOO MANY TIMES LATELY BY ATTORNEYS ABOUT MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ME WHICH I FIND ARE MERELY OF INTEREST TO SOMEONE ELSE, MR. MACROTH.

THIS, MR. WALLET, IS INFORMATION REGARDING THE WILL OF COL. HENRI CODA WHO TWO YEARS AGO WAS LOST IN AN AEROPLANE IN THE ATLANTIC. IT COMES FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS, A FIRM OF SOLICITORS IN LONDON.

WILL OF HENRI CODA? HOW DOES THAT AFFECT ME? ALL RIGHT I'LL TALK WITH YOU IF YOU CARE TO SEE ME HERE IN MY OFFICE.

MR. CORPUS? ABIE! THE STORY HAS BROKEN! WALLET HAS HEARD ABOUT CODA'S WILL.



BUY A SLUG

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GASOLINE ALLEY—NOT HARD TO TAKE

MR. WALLET? I'M MR. MACROTH, OF MONDOZI. MCDENNIS, MACROTH, PERKINS & COHN.

PLEASE SIT DOWN, MR. MACROTH.

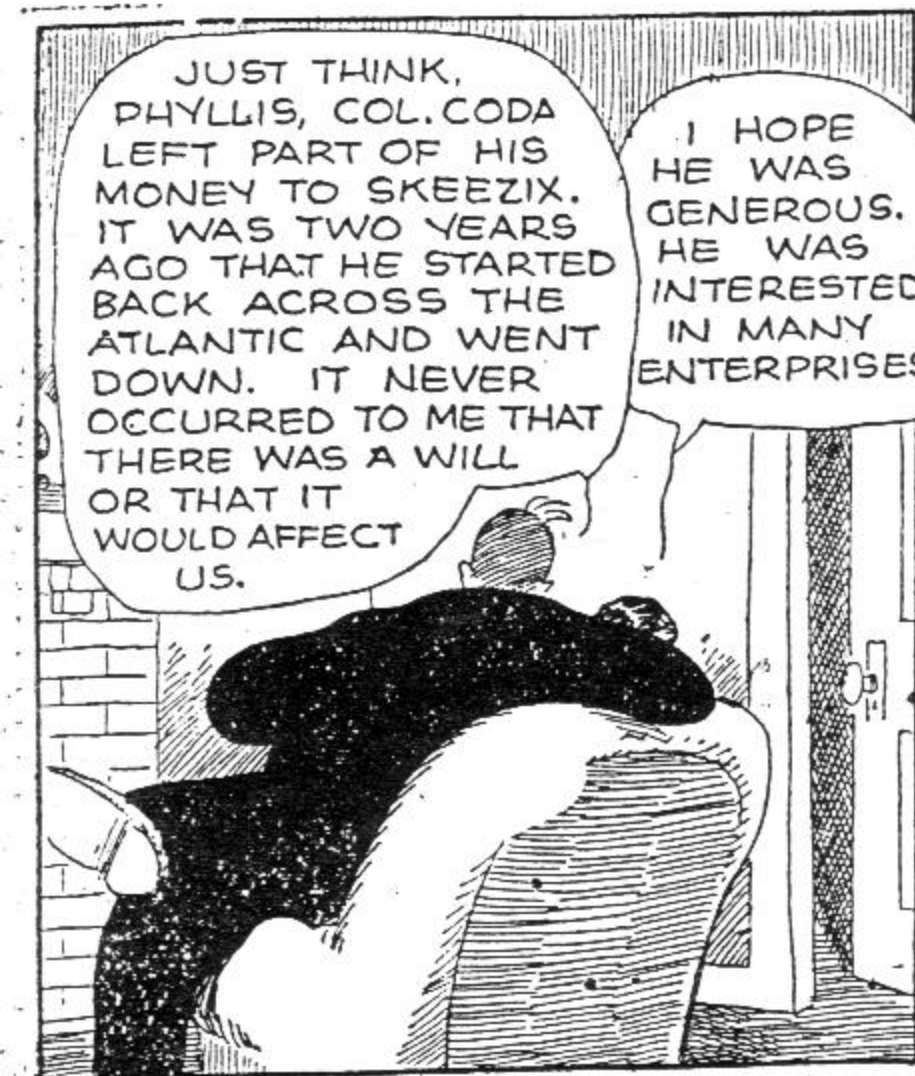
WE ARE NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE DETAILS, MR. WALLET, BUT WE ARE INFORMED THAT YOUR FOSTER SON, SKEEZIX, IS ONE OF THE LEGATEES IN COL. HENRI CODA'S WILL. THERE HAS BEEN DELAY IN SETTLING THIS ESTATE AS YOU REMEMBER HE STARTED EASTWARD ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN A PLANE AND WAS NEVER HEARD FROM.

I REMEMBER VERY WELL.

THE COURTS ARE ALWAYS SLOW TO ACCEPT THE FACT OF DEATH WHERE THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE PROOF OR CORPUS DELECTI. YOU AS LEGAL GUARDIAN WILL BE ADMINISTRATOR OF SKEEZIX'S SHARE WHATEVER IT IS. CODA WAS VERY WEALTHY.

CODA'S WIDOW, MME. OCTAVE, IS MENTIONED IN THE WILL. BUT TO WHAT EXTENT WE DO NOT KNOW. AND ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT BEEN LIVING TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME NO DOUBT SHE IS DISAPPOINTED.

THIS IS A NEW EXPERIENCE, MR. MACROTH AND QUITE A SURPRISE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF ANYTHING NEW OCCURS.



GASOLINE ALLEY—ALL FOR CONSCIENCE

JUST REMEMBER
I'M IN FOR 10
PERCENT WHEN
THE BIG SPLIT
COMES OFF, ABIE.

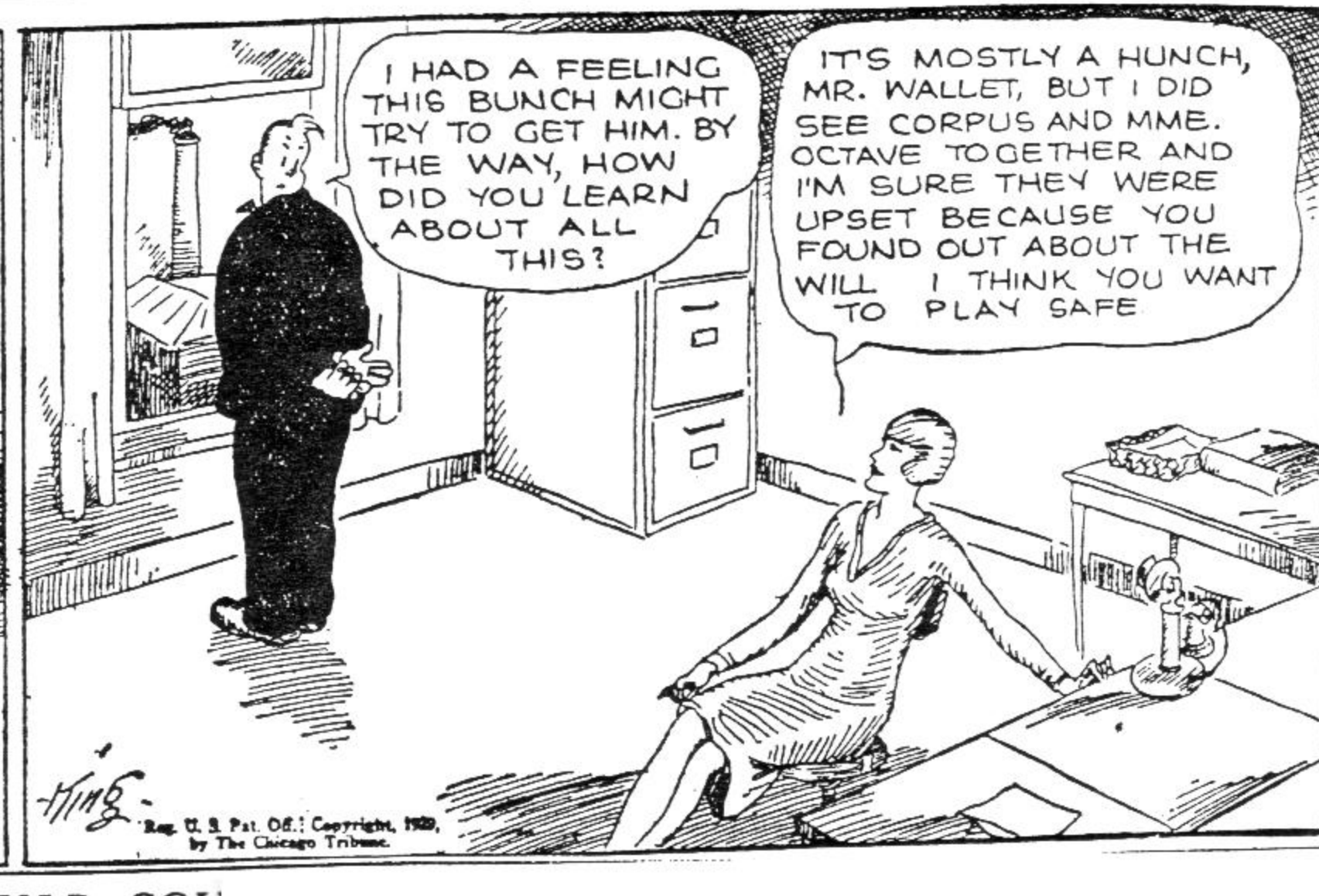
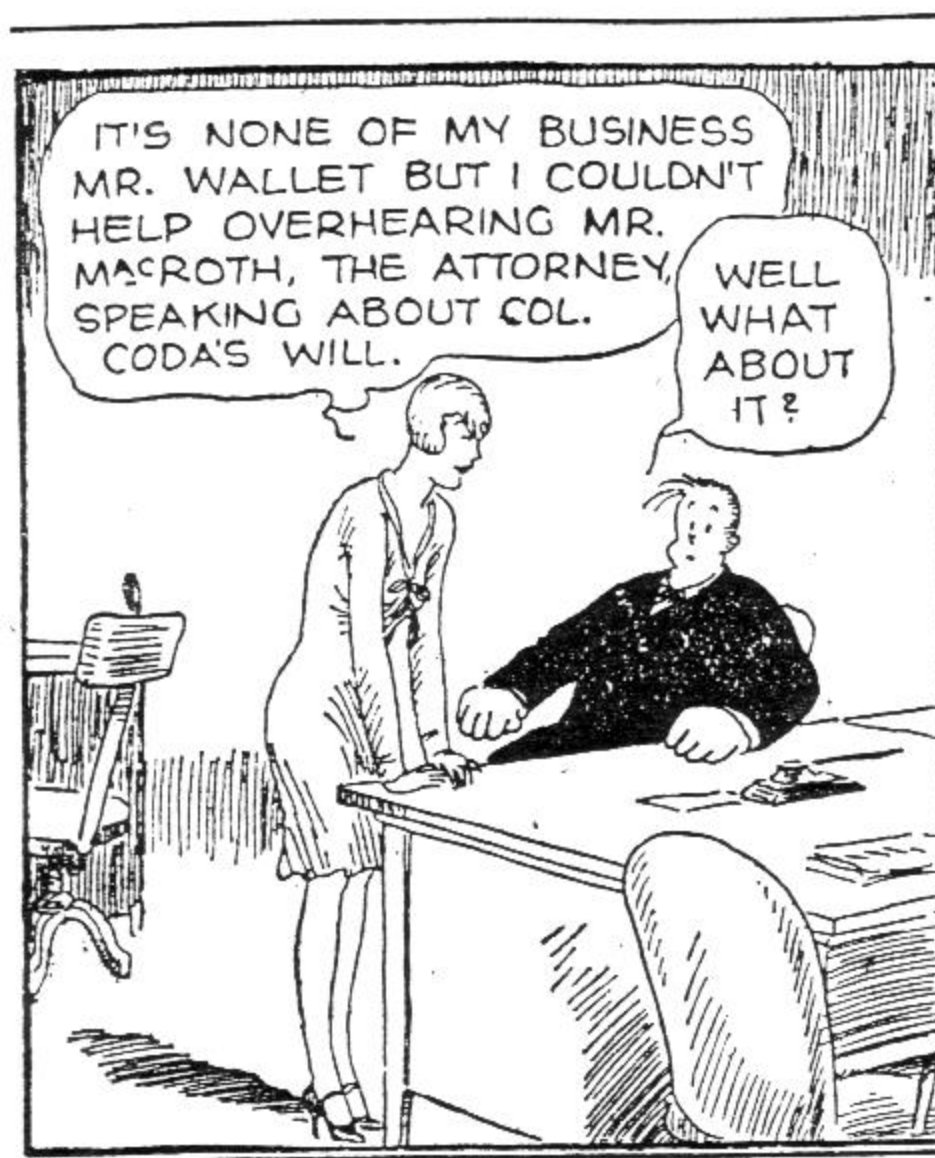
10 PERCENT HUH!
YOU FAILED TO PUT
OVER YOUR PART OF
THE DEAL. WALLET
STILL HAS SKEEZIX.
YOU'LL BE LUCKY
IF YOU SEE TWO
PERCENT, TOTSY.

I'VE BEEN SQUARE
WITH CORPUS FROM
THE FIRST. I'M
BEGINNING TO REALIZE
I HAVEN'T BEEN SQUARE
WITH MR. WALLET. ABIE
CORPUS' CHANCES
AREN'T SO HOT RIGHT
NOW. MR. WALLET
MAY BE IN THE BIG
MONEY AFTER ALL.

YES, I THINK
I OUGHT TO BE
ON THE SQUARE
WITH MR. WALLET
TOO.

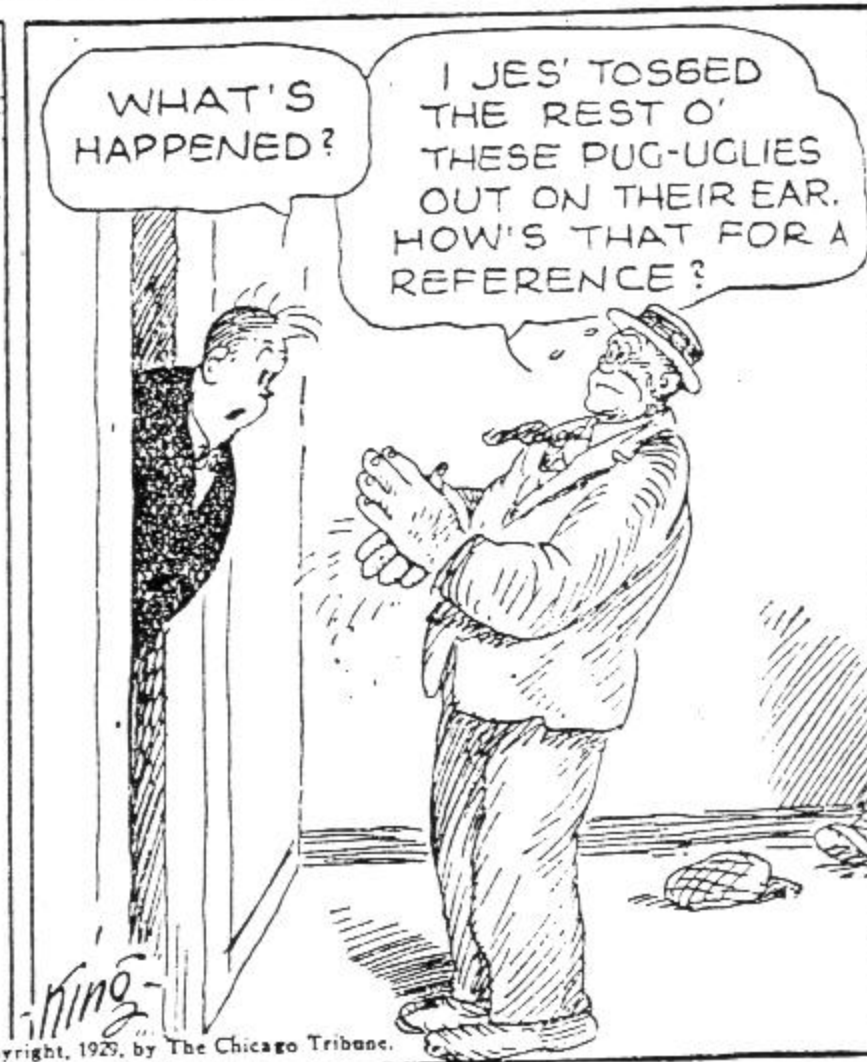
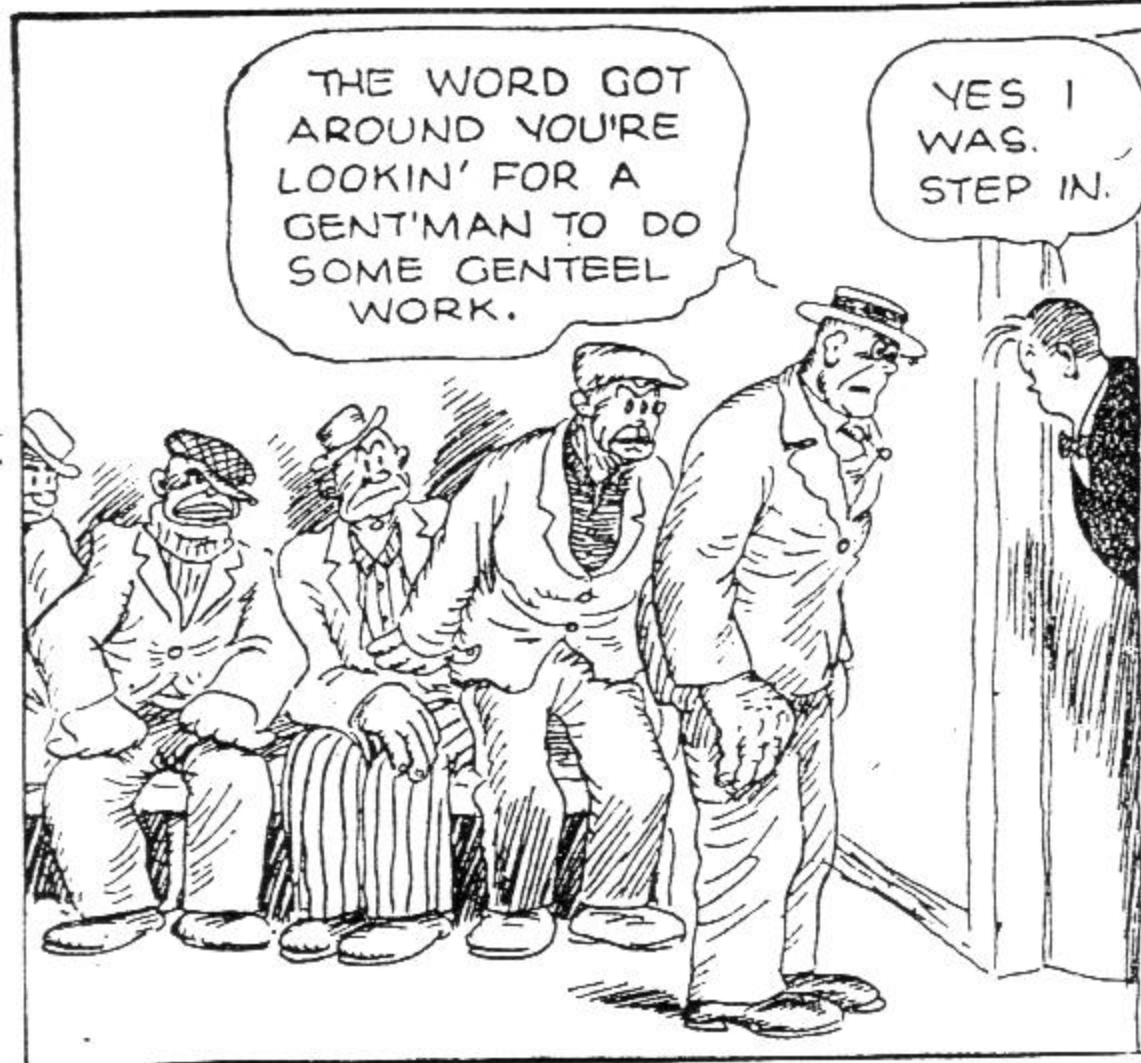
HERE'S ABIE PLOTTING
AGAINST HIM FOR ALL HE'S
WORTH AND POOR INNOCENT
WALT NOT KNOWING THE
HALF OF IT. HEREAFTER
I'LL BE ON THE SQUARE
WITH BOTH OF THEM—
AND PRAY THAT NEITHER
OF THEM FIND IT OUT.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—THAT SHOULD COUNT AS FOUR



GASOLINE ALLEY — CONFIDENTIALLY, YOU'RE FIRED

SO YOU WANT TO BE A WATCHMAN AND CONFIDENTIAL MAN FOR ME AROUND HERE. DO YOU? DO YOU REALIZE THE BIGGEST PART OF YOUR JOB IS TO KEEP EVERYTHING YOU LEARN TO YOURSELF?

THAT'S ME! I'VE WORKED FOR THE BEST OF 'EM AND THAT'S ONE THING I DO — KEEP MY TRAP CLOSED.

THAT ISN'T ALL, BUT THAT'S IMPORTANT.

YOU KNOW ENOS SPANNICK, THE BIG STEAM SHOVEL MAN? I WORKED FOR HIM AND I WAS ON THE INSIDE OF EVERYTHING — HIS SHADY BUSINESS DEALS, LOVE AFFAIRS AN' ALL.

'MEMBER THAT DAME THAT GOT INTO THE PAPERS A WHILE BACK FOR ELOPING WITH A COUNT? WELL SPANNICK WAS WILD ABOUT HER. BUT I KNEW ENOUGH TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT. THEY DIDN'T GET ANYTHING OUT O' ME.

CONFIDENTIAL MAN ME EYE! HE'D SPILL EVERYTHING HE EVER KNEW. IF THE SAMPLES I'VE HAD ARE ALL THERE IS TO PICK FROM I'LL KEEP SKEEZIX WITH ME ALL DAY EVERY DAY.

GASOLINE ALLEY—ANYTHING TO HELP WALT

MR. WALLET? THIS IS ALEXANDER STRAIGHTON: I WANT TO RECOMMEND A CONFIDENTIAL MAN TO YOU WHO I AM SURE YOU WILL FIND IS ALERT, ABLE AND DISCREET.

THANK YOU, MR. STRAIGHTON. HOW DID YOU FIND OUT I WAS LOOKING FOR ONE?

THE MAN, MR. CLICK, LEARNED OF IT AND AS HE HAS GIVEN ME SATISFACTORY SERVICE I VOLUNTEERED TO CALL YOU ABOUT HIM.

THAT'S FUNNY! WHY SHOULD ALEXANDER STRAIGHTON, THE MULTIMILLIONAIRE SOAP MAN, CALL UP ABOUT A MATTER LIKE THAT? I'D BETTER CHECK UP ON HIM.

OH, MR. ALEXANDER STRAIGHTON IS ON THE OCEAN IN HIS YACHT? THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS CLICK—

YOU GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I THROW YOU OUT!

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GASOLINE ALLEY—AVERY WILL BE COLLECTING THEM SOON

I GET A TWO DOLLAR CHECK CASHED AND WOULD YOU LOOK AT WHAT THEY HAND ME!

WALT, ROLL YOUR EYEBALLS OVER THAT! THAT'S THE NEW CURRENCY. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

FINE, ISN'T IT?

I UNDERSTAND PEOPLE ARE FALLING 'ALL OVER THEMSELVES TO GET THE NEW MONEY.

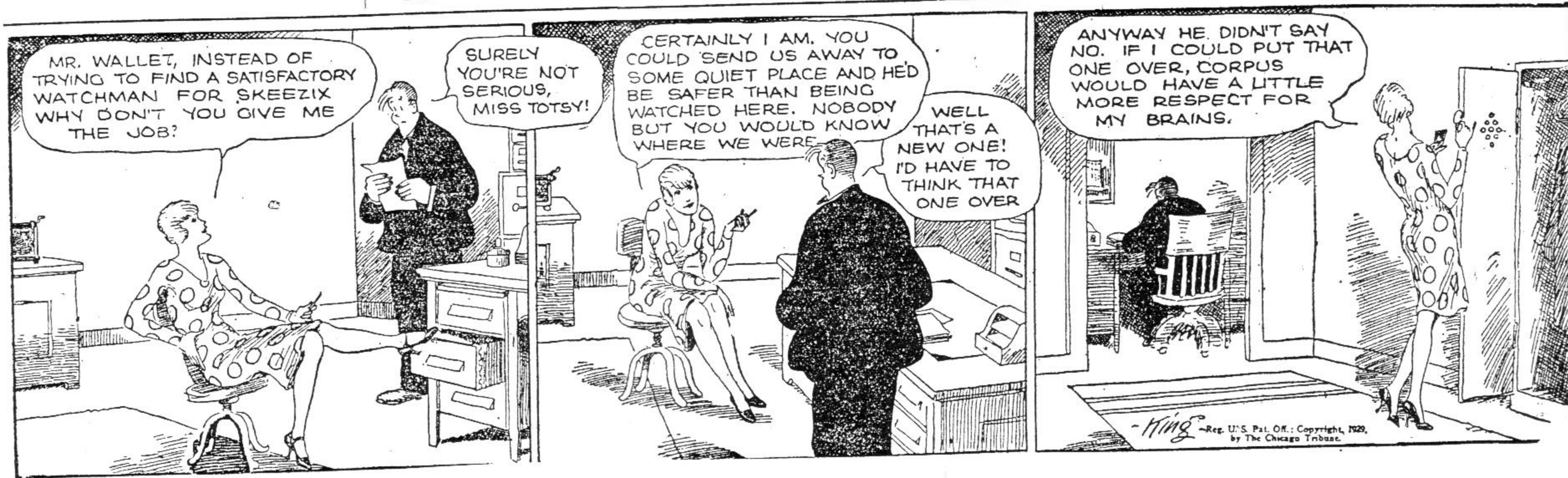
BELIEVE ME, I'M NOT! I'M GOING TO HANG ONTO ALL THE OLD ONES I'VE GOT. MAYBE THEY'RE NOT WORTH ANY MORE BUT THEY'RE AT LEAST 25 PERCENT BIGGER.

OH, YOU'LL GET USED TO THE SMALL MONEY, AVERY!

EVERYBODY KNOWS THE DOLLAR HAS BEEN SHRINKING AND THE NEW SIZE IS APPROPRIATE ENOUGH. BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MONEY TO ME.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—ANOTHER ONE TO PONDER OVER



I'VE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE UP YOUR PROPOSITION OF SENDING YOU AWAY WITH SKEEZIX, MISS TOTSY. I HAVE PRESSED MY OWN HOUSEHOLD INTO SERVICE.

THAT'S TOO BAD, MR. WALLET. I WAS FIGURING ON A NICE OUTING FOR BOTH OF US.

I'LL GET HIM THIS TIME, AUNTIE BLOSSOM.

SKEEZIX, DON'T GO AWAY.

AW, LEMME GO, LORA. I AIN'T ANY SISSY:

YOU REMEMBER AUNTIE BLOSSOM SAID TO KEEP HOLD OF MY HAND.

NO, WE DON'T WANT NO RAGS AN' OL' IRON AN' YOU BETTA CLEAR OUT WHILE YOU IS SOUND OF LIMB.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—SUPPLY AND DEMAND

SMILE, CORKY, SMILE! SHOW MUDDER THAT NEW TOOTH YOU JUST GOT.

MUDDER ISN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO TOSS YOU AROUND VERY LONG, CORKY!

CORKY, I'VE GOT TO TAKE YOU AND WASH YOUR FACE.

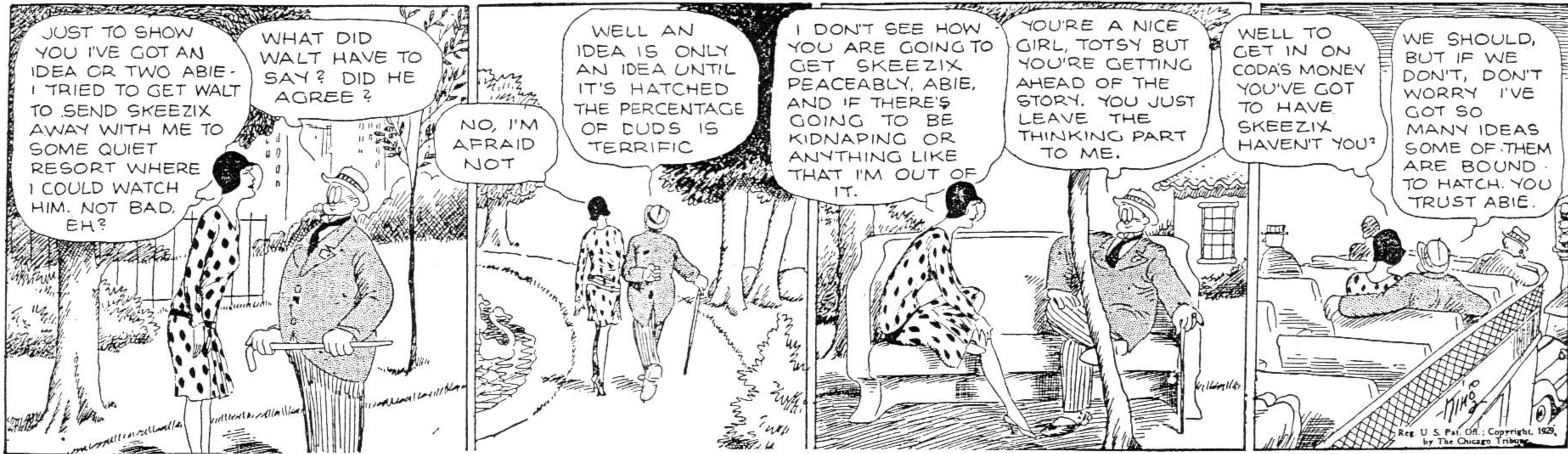
SH-FAE.

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU CAN SAY IT AS PLAIN AS ANYBODY.

SKEEZIX IS YOU JEALOUS 'CAUSE THEY MAKIN' SECH A FUSS OVA CORKY AN' PAYIN' NO 'TENTION TO YOU?

NO I AIN'T JEALOUS!

CORPUS WANTS TO GET ME AN' HE DOESN'T CARE ANYTHING ABOUT CORKY.



GASOLINE ALLEY—PHYLLIS SUGGESTS

THIS GIRL IN THE OFFICE, WALT—ARE YOU SURE SHE IS ON THE SQUARE WITH YOU WITH REGARD TO THIS MAN CORPUS AND SKEEZIX AND OCTAVE?

MISS TOTSY? SURELY. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING TO SUSPECT. SHE EXPLAINED MEETING CORPUS VERY SATISFACTORILY.

DOES SHE KNOW ALL YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS?

WELL SHE IS MY SECRETARY AND NATURALLY SHE COMES IN CONTACT WITH A GOOD DEAL OF INFORMATION NO ONE ELSE DOES.

WELL WOULDN'T SHE BE IN A POSITION TO PASS A LOT OF IT ON IF SHE REALLY WANTED TO?

I SUPPOSE SHE WOULD. BUT SHE KNOWS SHE WOULDN'T LAST A MINUTE WITH ME IF SHE EVER DID.

IT IS AWFULLY HARD TO CONVINCE WALT THAT ANYBODY WOULD DO ANYTHING THAT WASN'T RIGHT. BUT I THINK THAT WOMAN NEEDS WATCHING.



GASOLINE ALLEY—MERELY A COINCIDENCE

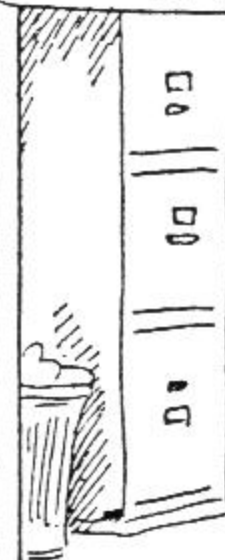
MR. WICKER HAS
SORT OF COOLED OFF
LATELY. I CAN'T LET
HIM LOSE INTEREST
THAT WAY. I MUSTN'T
NEGLECT MY DUTY.



RESORT INFORMATION?
PLEASE SEND ME WHAT
LITERATURE AND
INFORMATION YOU HAVE
ON THE JACKSON'S HOLE
COUNTRY. I MAY WANT
TO SPEND MY VACATION
THERE.



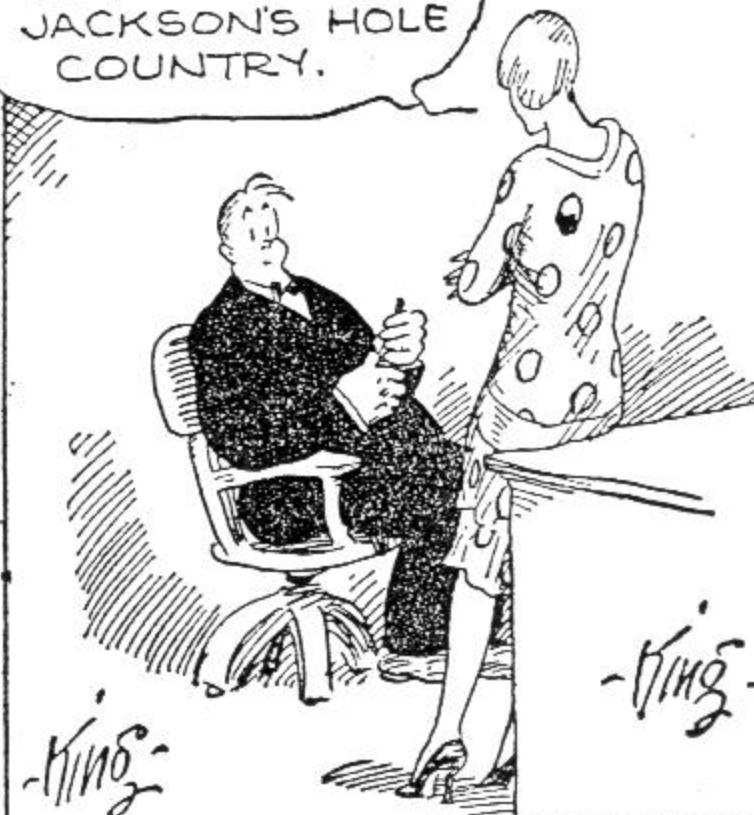
MR. WALLET, I
HAVEN'T BEEN HERE
LONG ENOUGH TO EARN
A VACATION BUT COULD
I TAKE A COUPLE OF
WEEKS OFF WITHOUT
PAY?



WELL I
HAVEN'T
CONSIDERED
THE MATTER,
MISS TOTSY.
WHERE DO
YOU WANT TO
GO?



I THOUGHT
I MIGHT GO
OUT TO THE
JACKSON'S HOLE
COUNTRY.



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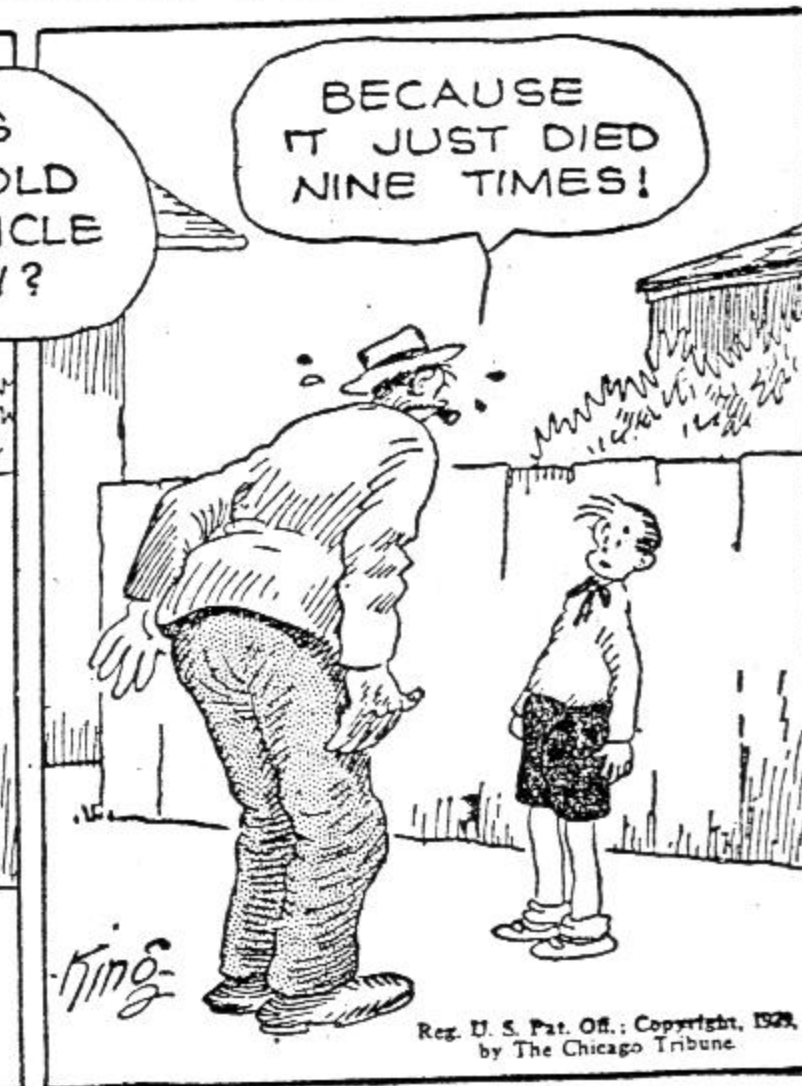
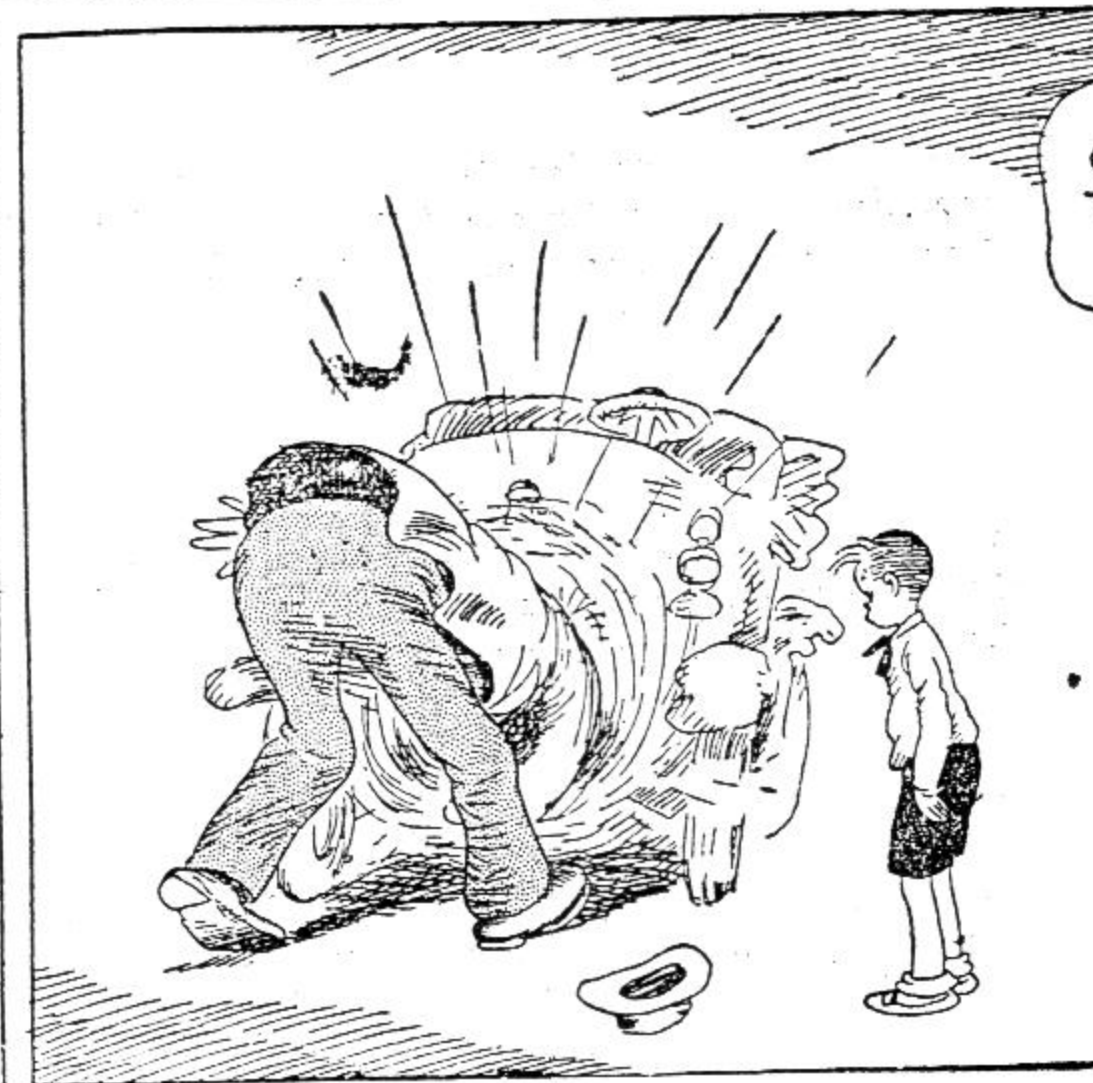
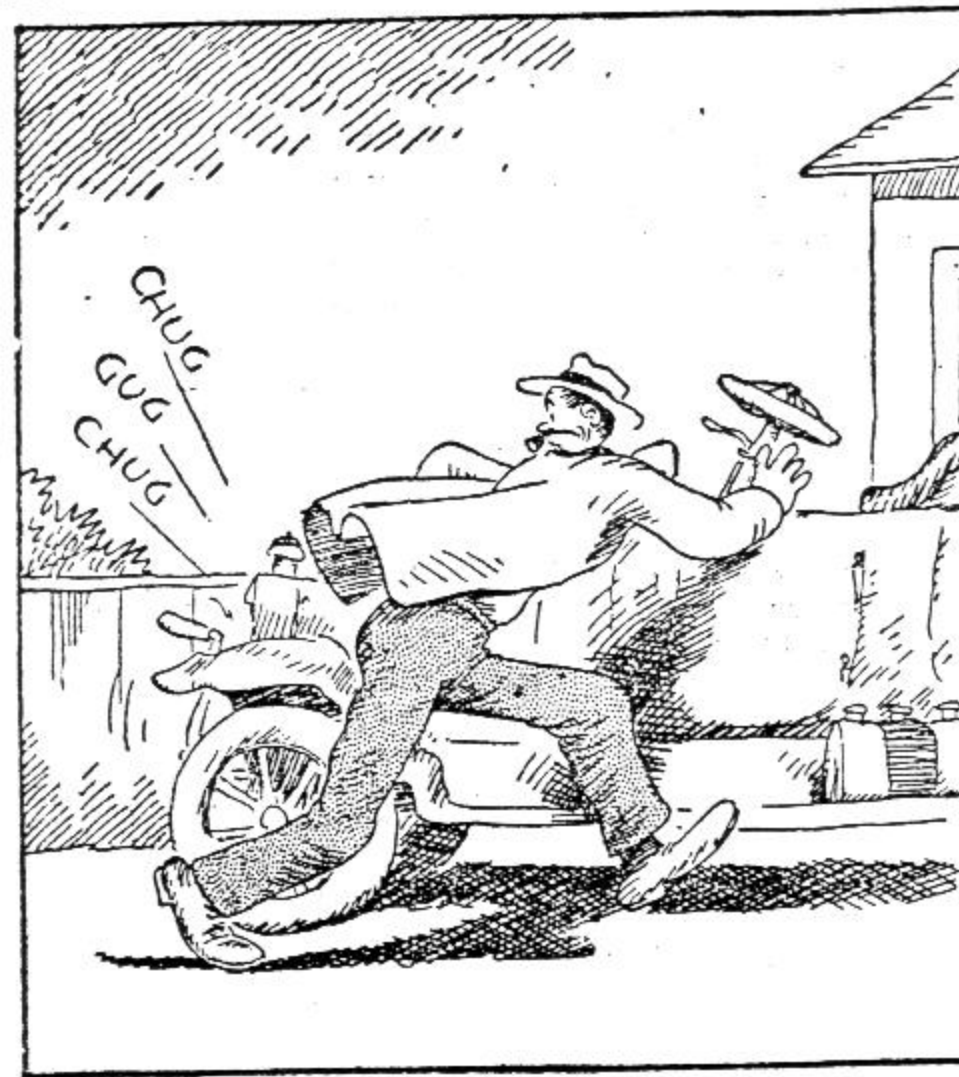
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GASOLINE ALLEY—REST IN PRICE

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GASOLINE ALLEY—REST IN PEACE



GASOLINE ALLEY—WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE MUST BE A WAY

AND WOULDN'T IT BE JUST WONDERFUL, WALT, IF IT WERE TRUE THAT COL CODA LEFT A LOT OF MONEY TO SKEEZIX. JUST THINK OF THE THINGS WE COULD DO!

?

THE OLD CAR LOOKS AWFULLY TACKY YOU KNOW, AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE OUR FURNITURE AWAY AND START FRESH. AND I DO NEED SOME NEW CLOTHES

THEN WE COULD BUILD ON THAT EXTRA BATHROOM TOO.

DREAM ON. HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE FEMALE BOSOM THEY SAY, BUT I'LL BE SATISFIED IF ALL THIS LEGAL DISTURBANCE DOESN'T COST ME ANYTHING.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—HERE'S ANOTHER HOPE

ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN! PHYLLIS IS FIGURING ON ALL THE THINGS SHE'S GOING TO DO WITH CODA'S LEGACY WHEN SHE GETS IT.

"WHEN SHE GETS IT" IS RIGHT! BELIEVE ME I'M NOT BANKING ON ANY OF IT. I NEVER HAVE THAT KIND OF LUCK.

STILL IT WOULD BE PRETTY NICE TO FALL INTO A SOFT LITTLE NEST OF DOUGH.

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY SO HARD WHETHER I HAVE A JOB OR NOT. WE COULD TRAVEL AND I COULD HAVE A BOAT MAYBE.

AND THEN I COULD TELL A LOT OF THOSE BIRDS TO GO JUMP IN THE LAKE! YES, PUT ME DOWN IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA!

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MR. MACROTH, THE ATTORNEY? ANY NEWS ABOUT CODA'S WILL? MY WIFE WANTS TO KNOW. YES, I CAN COME OVER.

YOU KNOW, MR. WALLET, COL. CODA'S INTERESTS WERE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED. HE WAS IN AFRICAN RUBBER, SOUTH AMERICAN SHIPPING AND HAD LARGE TIMBER HOLDINGS. BUT THERE ARE MANY CLAIMS AGAINST HIM.

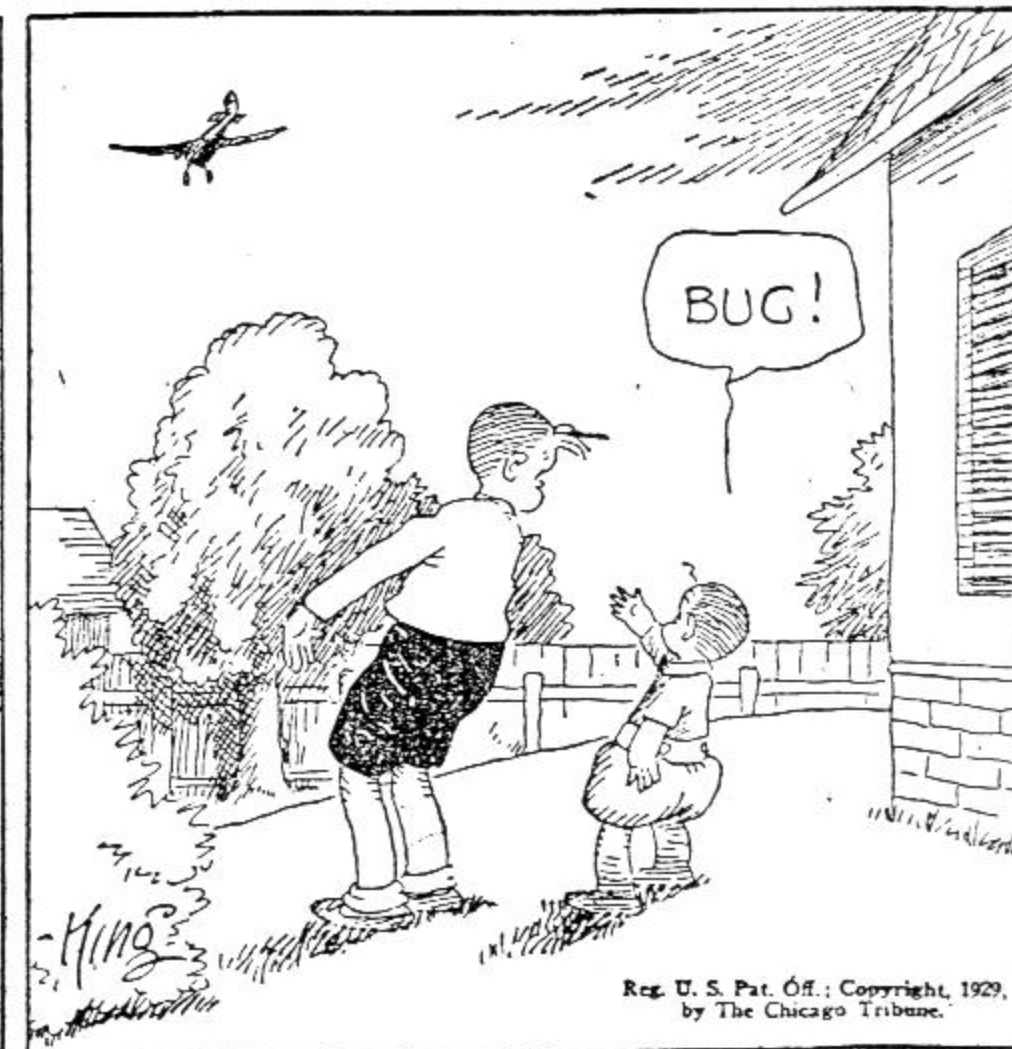
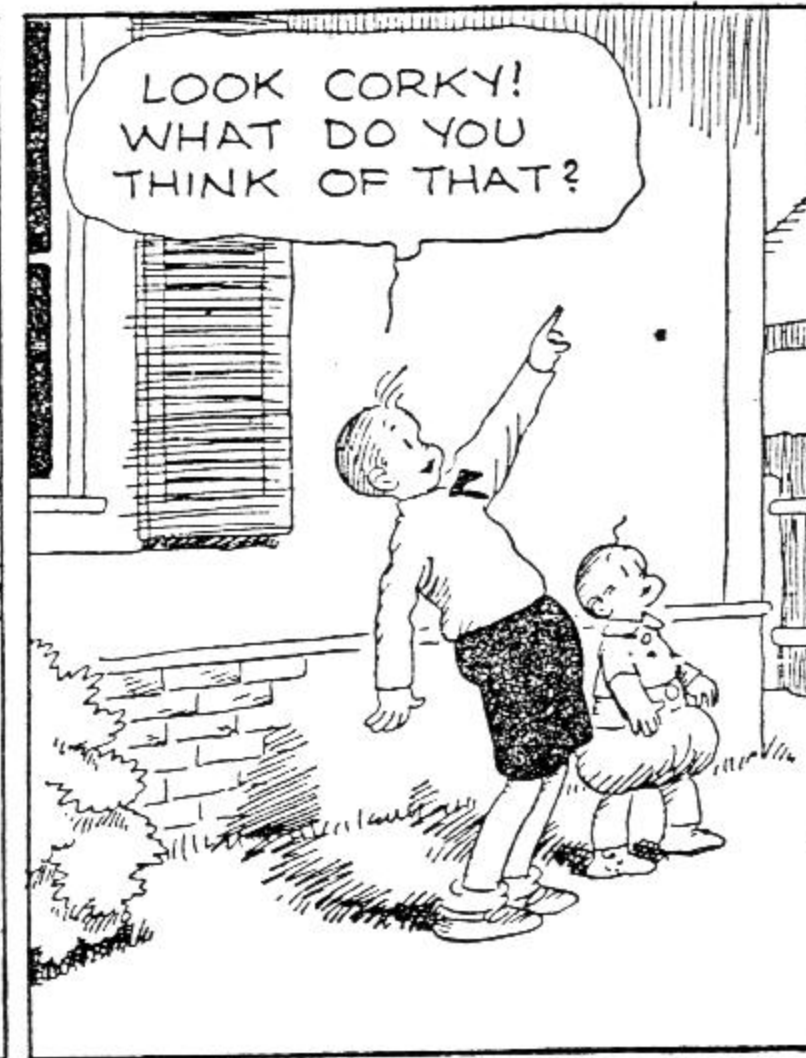
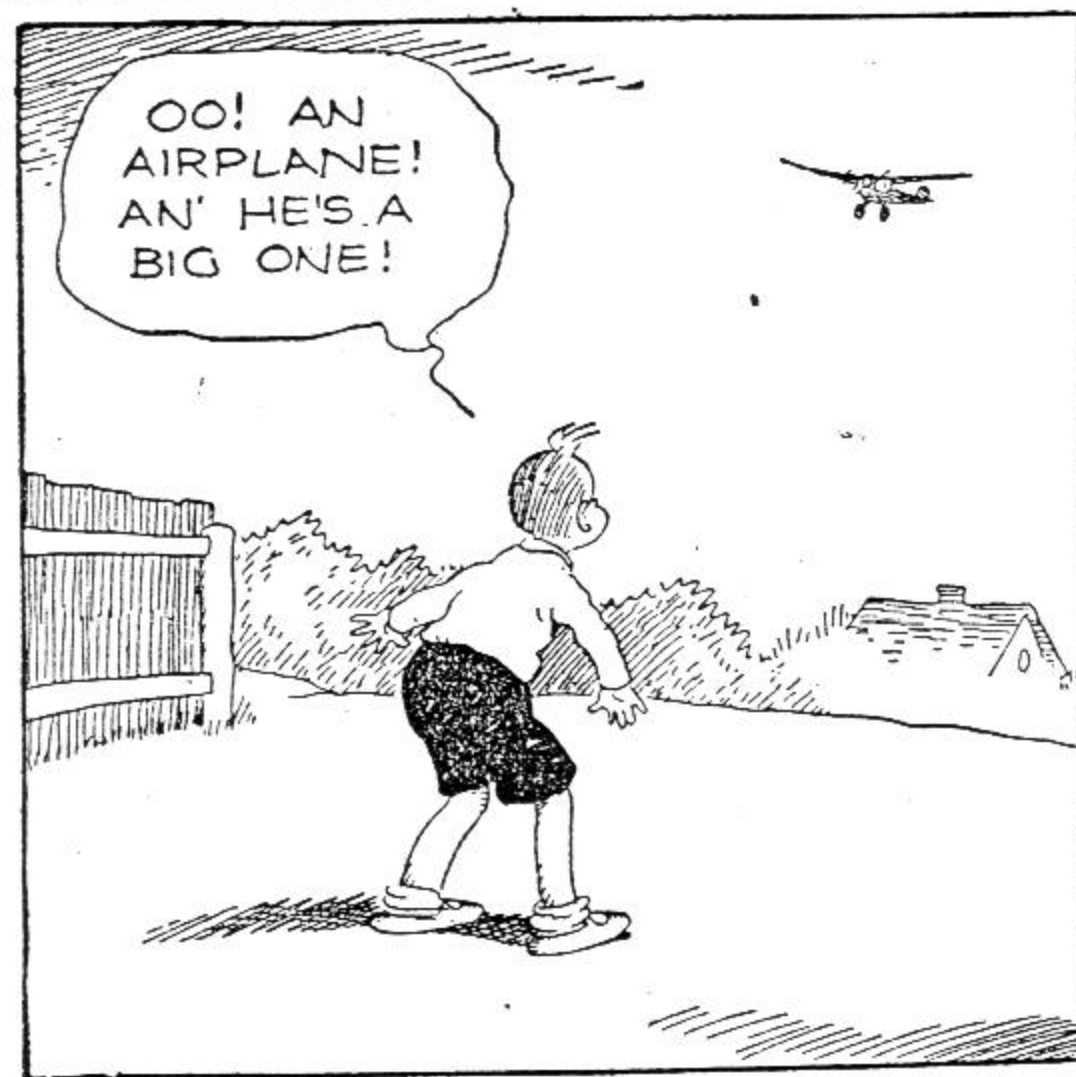
WELL I HOPE THAT IF THE LIABILITIES OUTWEIGH THE ASSETS IT ISN'T UP TO THE LEGATEES TO PAY THE BALANCE.

UNTIL THE WILL IS PROBATED IT WILL NOT BE KNOWN WHAT THE WILL IS WORTH. BECAUSE HE WAS A GLOVANIAN CITIZEN AND MANY OF HIS BUSINESS INTERESTS WERE CENTERED IN LONDON, THERE IS SOME DELAY AS TO THE PROBATION.

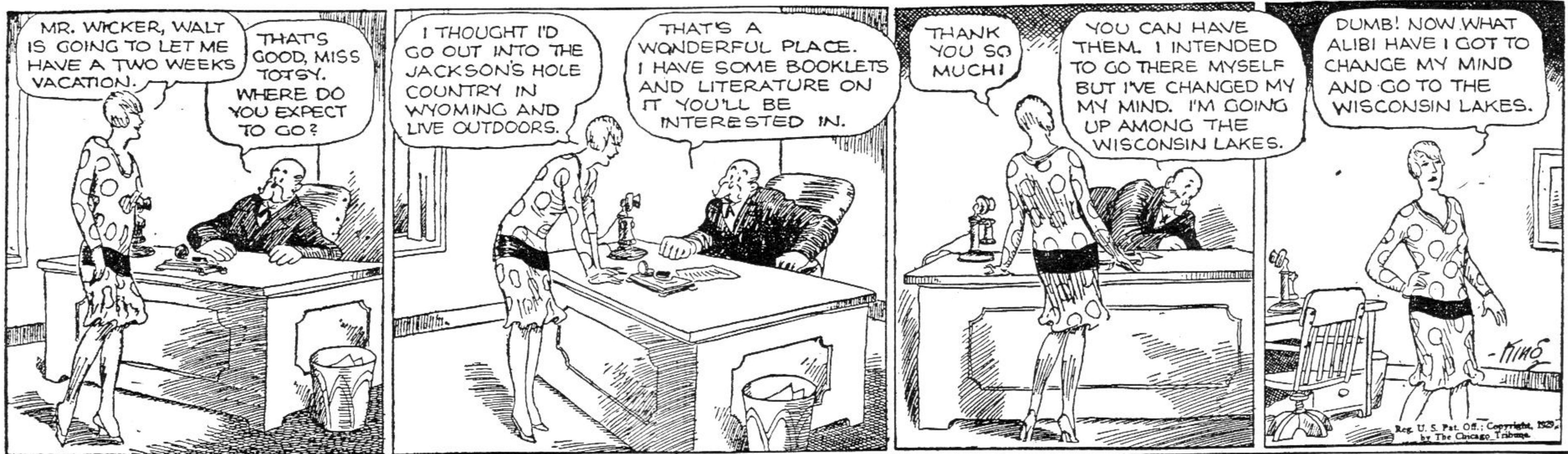
I WISH SKEEZIX WOULD GET THE AFRICAN RUBBER BUSINESS. I'D ASK HIM FOR A JOB.

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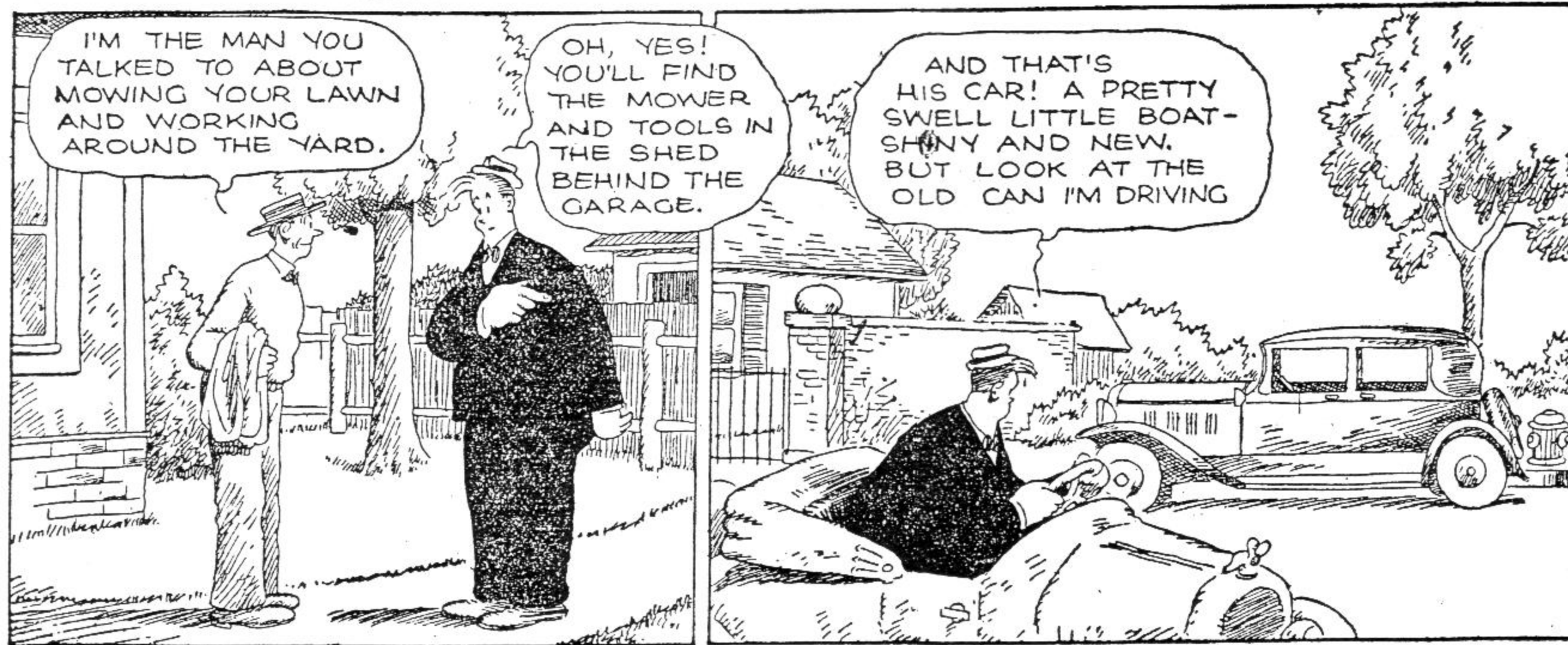
GASOLINE ALLEY—CLASSIFIED



GASOLINE ALLEY—A WOMAN HAS A RIGHT TO CHANGE HER MIND, TOO



GASOLINE ALLEY—AND SUCH IS MODERN LIFE



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GASOLINE ALLEY—THE WIND THAT BLOWS



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GASOLINE ALLEY — THE PSYCHOLOGIST

WHATEVER ELSE YOU SAY ABOUT MISS TOTSY SHE CERTAINLY KEEPS THE BOOKS AND RECORDS IN GOOD SHAPE.

YOU DID A VERY CREDITABLE JOB, MISS TOTSY, IN WORKING OUT THESE COST SHEETS AND TABULATING THE LAST THREE MONTH'S FIGURES.

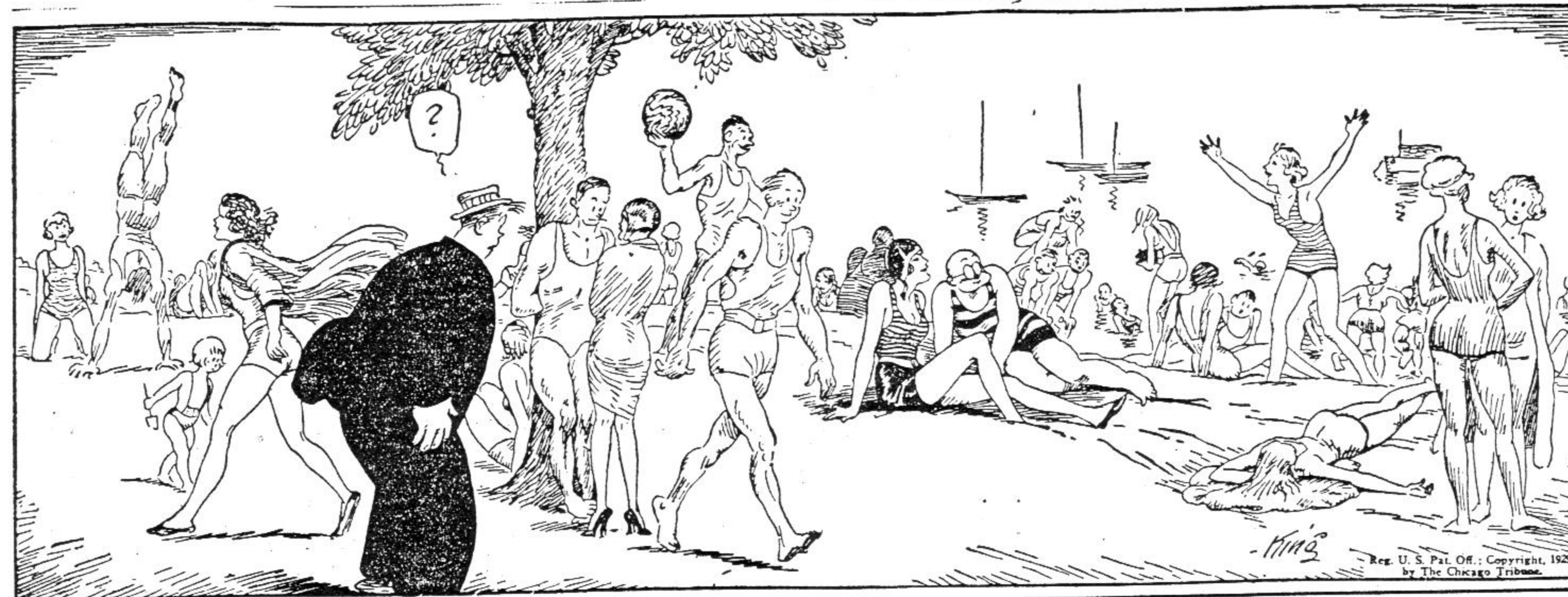
I'M GLAD YOU THINK SO, MR. WALLET.

I APPRECIATE GOOD WORK AND BELIEVE IN SAYING SO.

BY THE WAY, MR. WALLET, COULD I TAKE TOMORROW AFTERNOON OFF AND SHOP FOR MY VACATION? IT'S SO CROWDED ON SATURDAY.

THANK YOU, MR. WALLET.

GASOLINE ALLEY—WALT GETS A FLASH



BY GOLLY, THAT
WAS MISS TOTSY AND
CORPUS! I'VE GOT A
HUNCH THAT THEY'RE
A LOT MORE FRIENDLY
THAN THEY'VE PRETENDED
TO BE.



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WALT DOES SOME HEAVY THINKING

GASOLINE ALLEY—WALT DOES SOME HEAVY THINKING

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MISS TOTSY GETTING HALF A DAY OFF TO SHOP AND THEN SPENDING HER TIME AT THE BEACH WITH CORPUS!

THOSE TWO ARE NOT PUTTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER FOR NOTHING, PHYLLIS. I'M GOING TO FIRE MISS TOTSY IMMEDIATELY.

I WOULDN'T DO THAT, WALT.

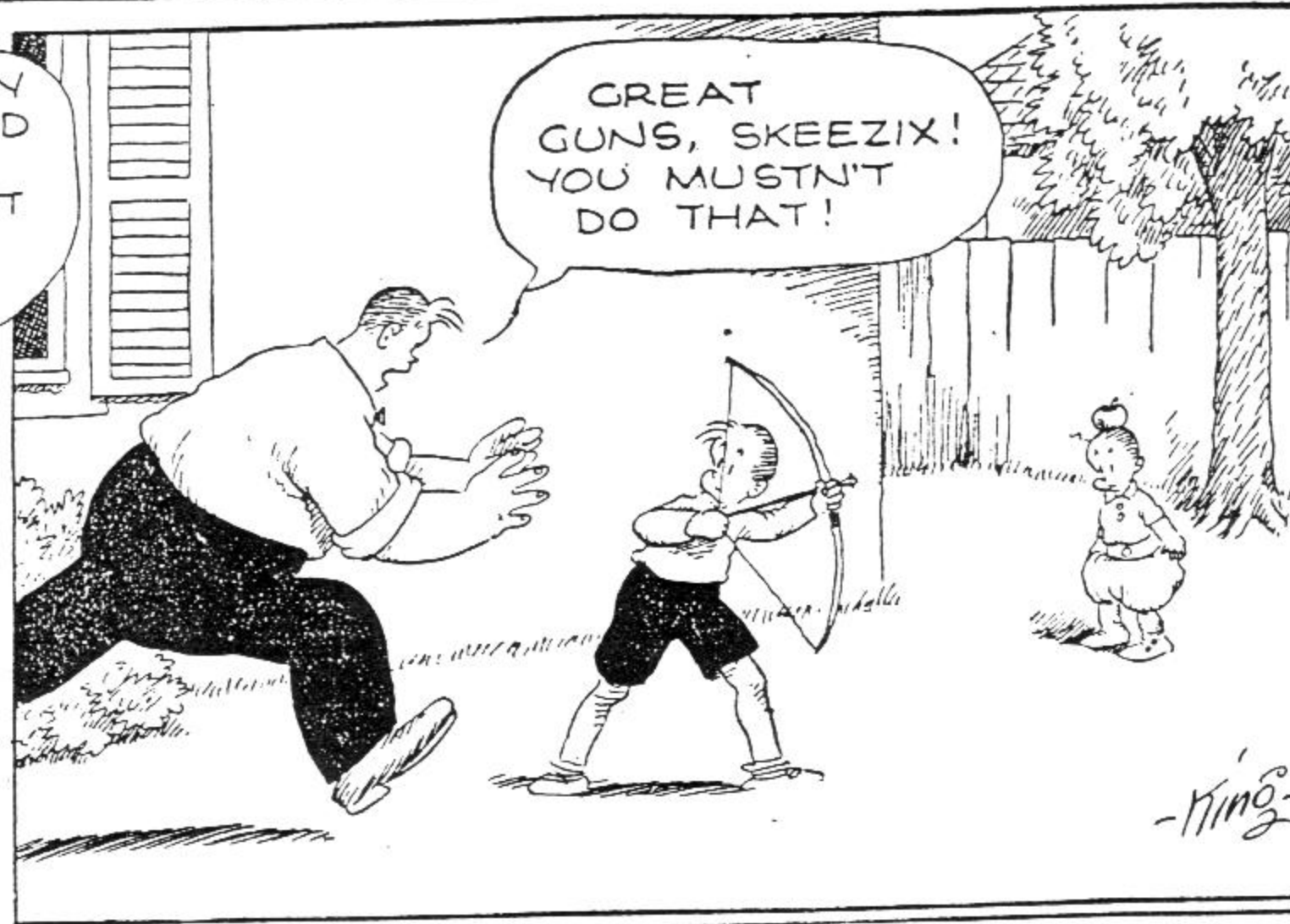
YOU WOULDN'T? I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE A DOUBLE CROSSER LIKE THAT IN MY OFFICE A MINUTE LONGER THAN NECESSARY!

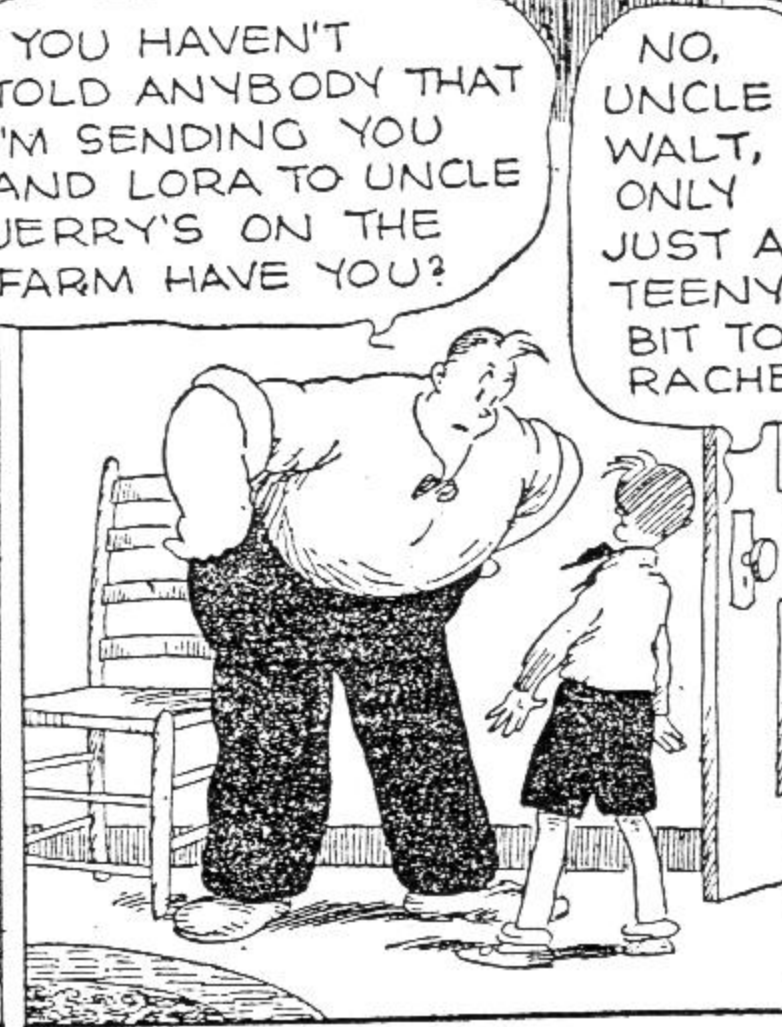
WHY DON'T YOU PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. JUST KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN. YOU MAY LEARN A LOT MORE ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE UP TO.

BY GOLLY, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'M GLAD I THOUGHT OF IT.

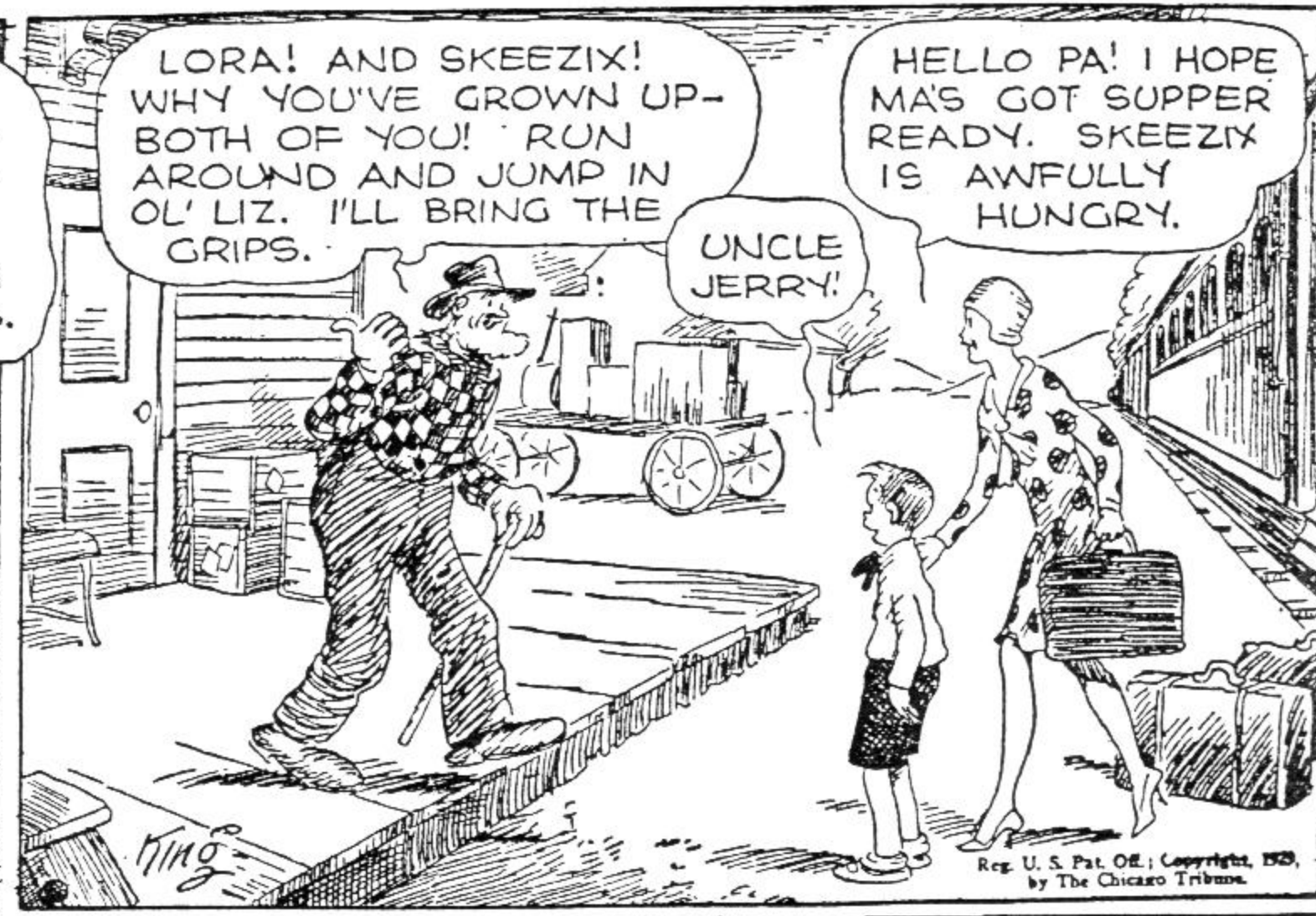
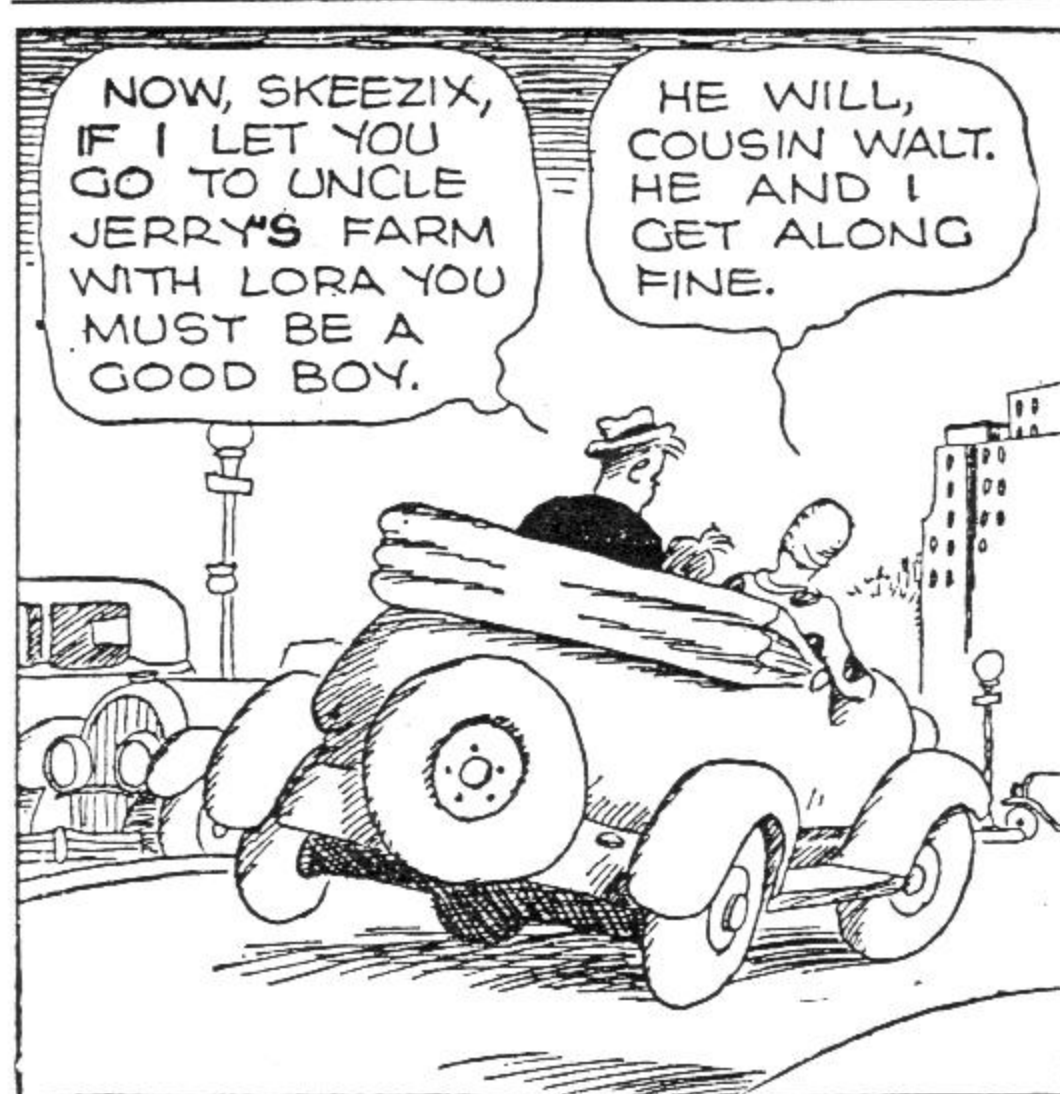
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GASOLINE ALLEY—NO RISK

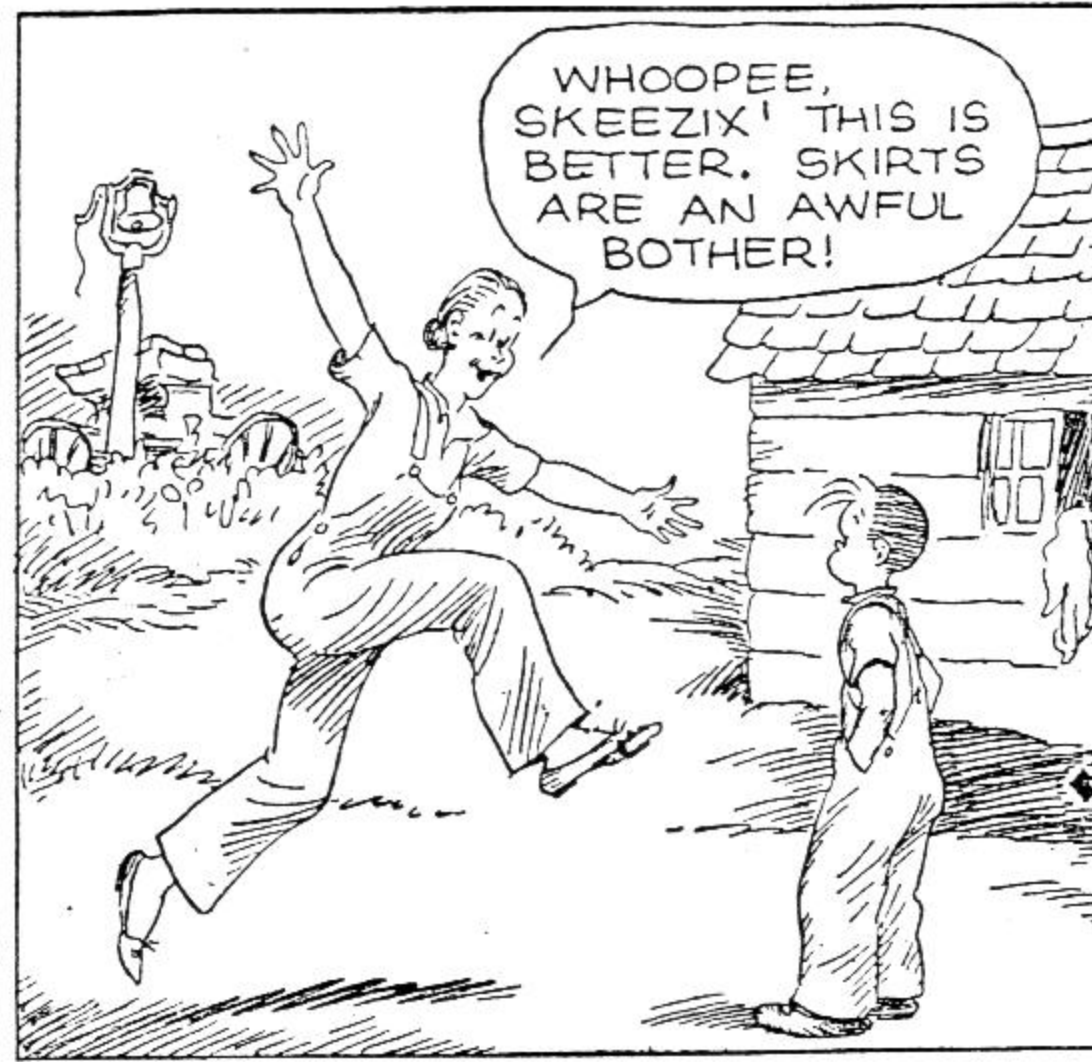




GASOLINE ALLEY—GONE



GASOLINE ALLEY—A ROOKIE



I ADMIT I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT OCTAVE AND CORPUS WANTING TO GET HOLD OF SKEEZIX, SO I SENT HIM AWAY.

I THINK IT WAS WISE TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, MR. WALLET. YOU KNOW I SUGGESTED IT EARLIER

YOU MUSTN'T TELL A SOUL, OF COURSE, BUT I SENT HIM TO THE BUFFOON CAMP UP IN THE ADIRONDACKS. THEY'LL WATCH HIM THERE.

I'LL FEEL BETTER MYSELF TO KNOW HE'S SAFE

ABIE! A HOT BIT OF INFORMATION. SKEEZIX HAS BEEN SENT TO THE BUFFOON CAMP SOMEWHERE IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

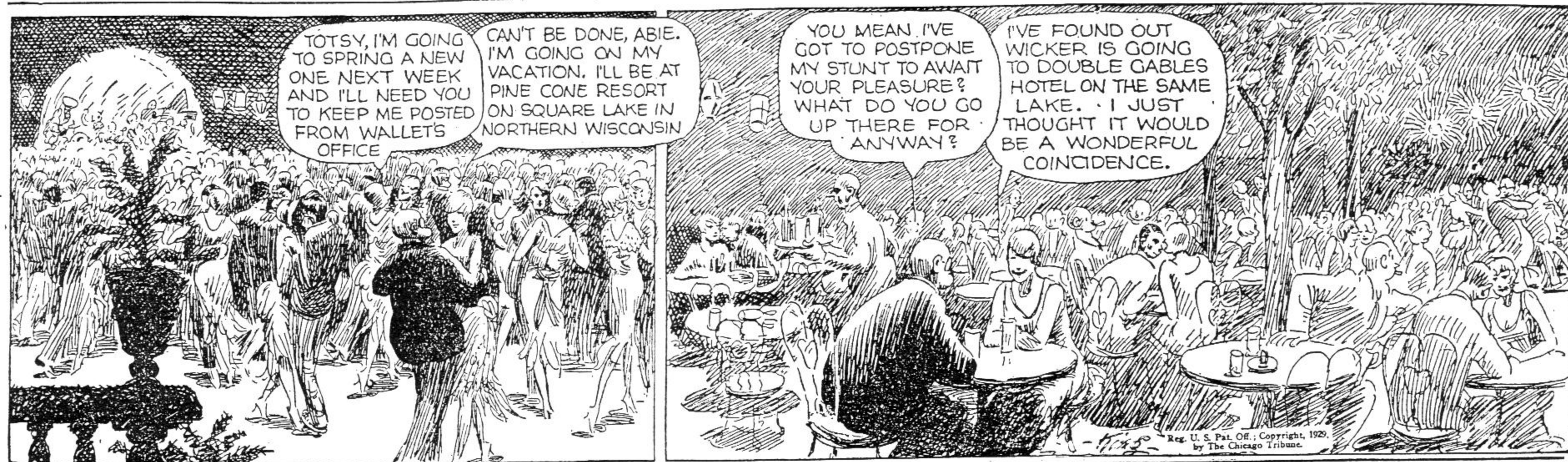
I NEVER HEARD OF THAT CAMP AND I HATE TO DECEIVE ANYBODY, BUT THE RESULTS MAY BE WORTH THE WEAR AND TEAR ON MY CONSCIENCE.

GASOLINE ALLEY—THE QUEST IS ENDED



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GASOLINE ALLEY—PREMEDITATIVE ACCIDENT



GASOLINE ALLEY—A WOMAN HAS A RIGHT TO CHANGE HER MIND, TOO!

WHERE IS MISS TOTSY, WALT? I HAVE A COUPLE OF BOOKLETS ON THE JACKSON'S HOLE COUNTRY. SHE WAS INTERESTED IN GOING THERE.

TOO LATE, MR WICKER. SHE'S STARTING TONIGHT FOR SQUARE LAKE, WISCONSIN.

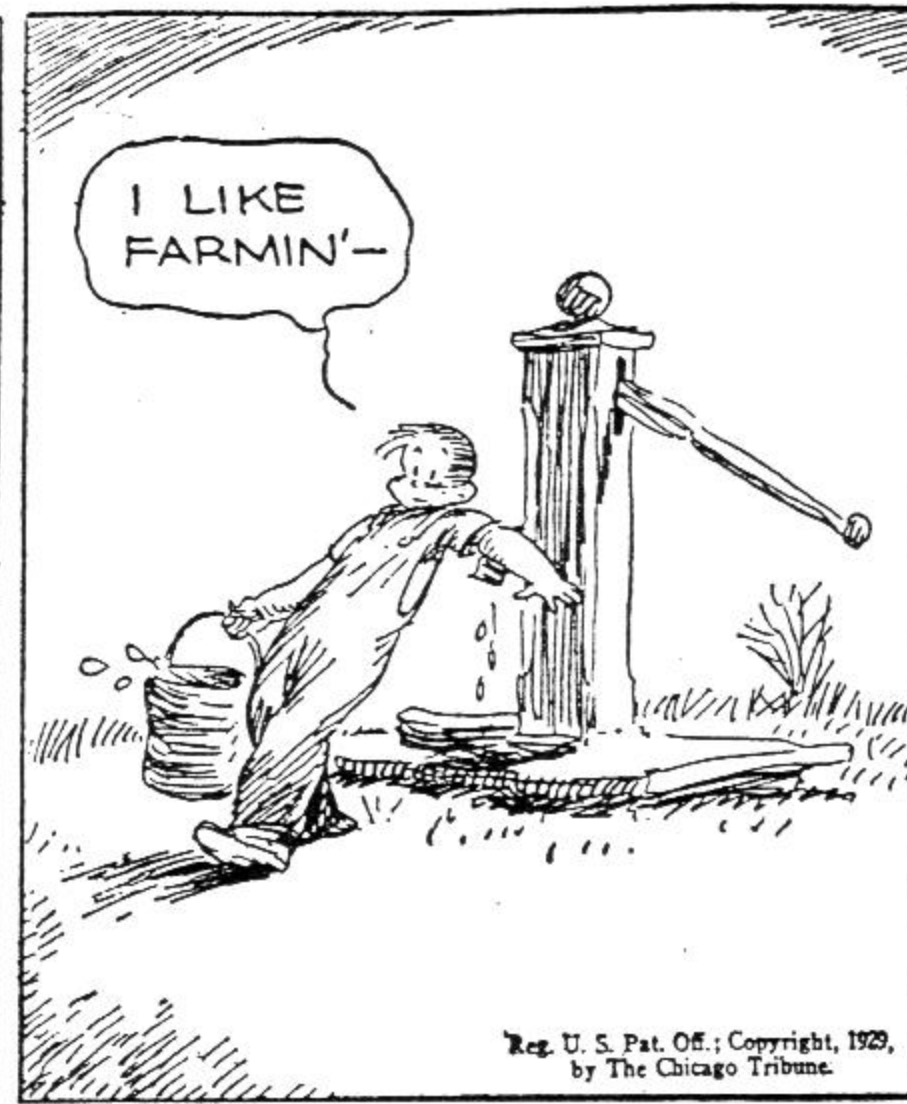
GREAT GUNS THAT'S WHERE I'VE MADE RESERVATIONS! I CANCELED THE ONES I HAD AT JACKSON'S HOLE BECAUSE SHE WAS GOING THERE!

WELL SHE CHANGED HER PLANS TOO. SHE'S BEEN TALKING SQUARE LAKE FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS.

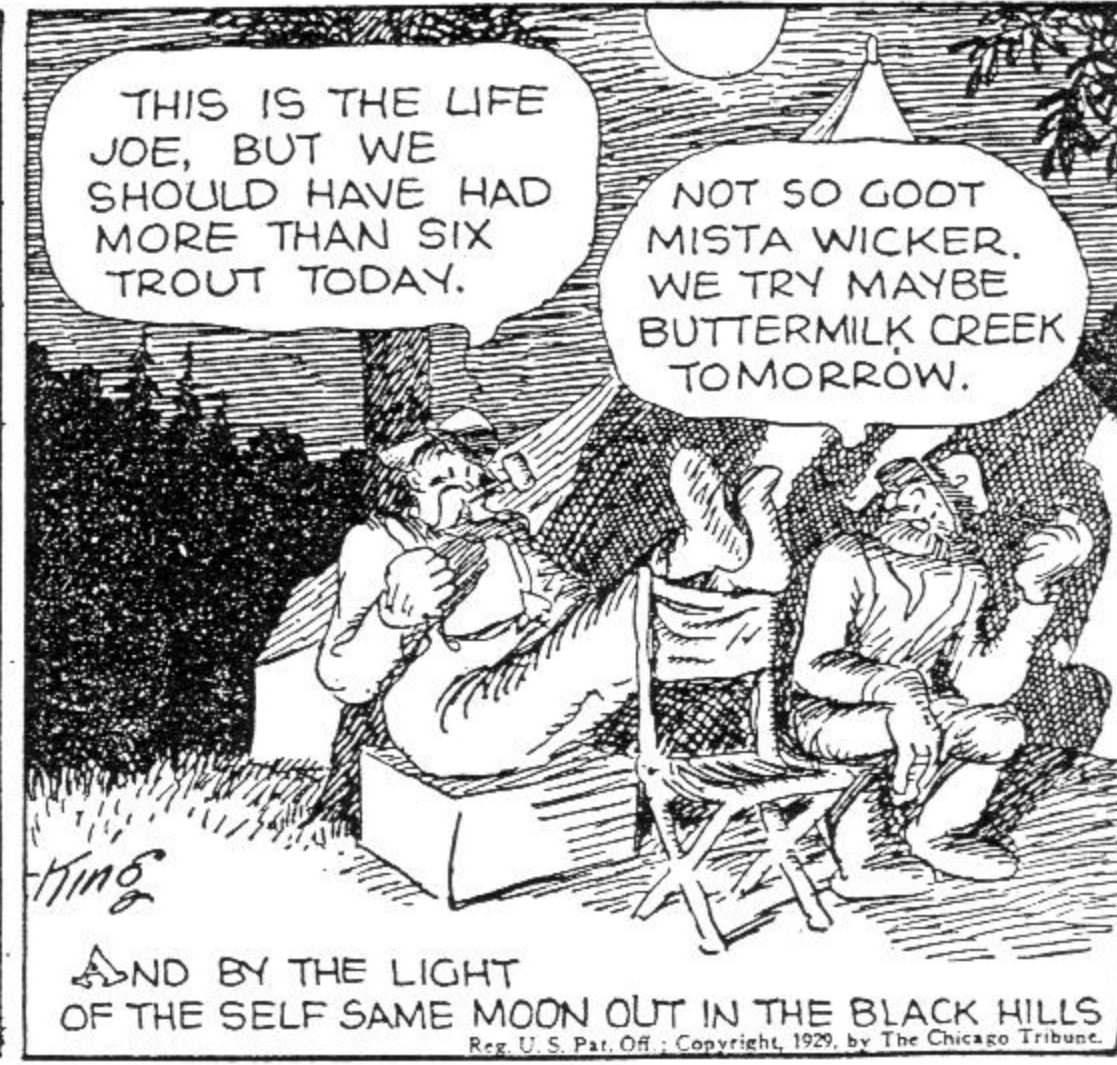
A PAIR OF UNUSUAL COINCIDENCES, I'D SAY!

I NEVER SAW TWO COINCIDENCES COINCIDE LIKE THAT BEFORE! I'M GOING TO THE BLACK HILLS BUT DON'T TELL A LIVING SOUL.

GASOLINE ALLEY—DOWN AT UNCLE JERRY'S



GASOLINE ALLEY—MR. WICKER SEEMS CONTENTED



GASOLINE ALLEY—A VOICE FROM THE HILLS

GOLLY, PHYLLIS,
DOESN'T IT SEEM
LONESOME
AROUND HERE
WITHOUT SKEEZIX
AND LORA!

AWFULLY
LONESOME,
WALT, BUT
I'M GLAD
THEY COULD
GO TO
UNCLE
JERRY'S
FARM.

AND I'M GLAD SKEEZIX
IS AWAY WHERE NOBODY
CAN FIND HIM. I TOLD
MISS TOTSY HE'D GONE
TO BUFFOON CAMP IN
THE ADIRONDACKS.

ANYWAY WITH
MISS TOTSY AWAY
IN NORTHERN
WISCONSIN AND
WICKER IN THE
BLACK HILLS I
CAN SETTLE
DOWN AND GET
OUT SOME WORK.

"CAUGHT THIRTEEN
BASS YESTERDAY AND
ELEVEN MOUNTAIN TROUT
TODAY. WISH YOU WERE
HERE, WICKER." AW
SHUCKS! ANOTHER
WORKING DAY RUINED!

GASOLINE ALLEY—TRUTH CRUSHED TO EARTH

LOOK, AVERY!
I'M LEARNING
TO SWIM.

GO AHEAD,
EMILY.
YOU'RE DOING
FINE.

THAT'S LOT'S
OF FUN, AVERY.
NEXT TIME I'M
GOING IN WITHOUT
A TIRE.

THAT'S THE
WAY MOST OF
'EM GO IN
ALONG HERE—
WITHOUT ATTIRE!

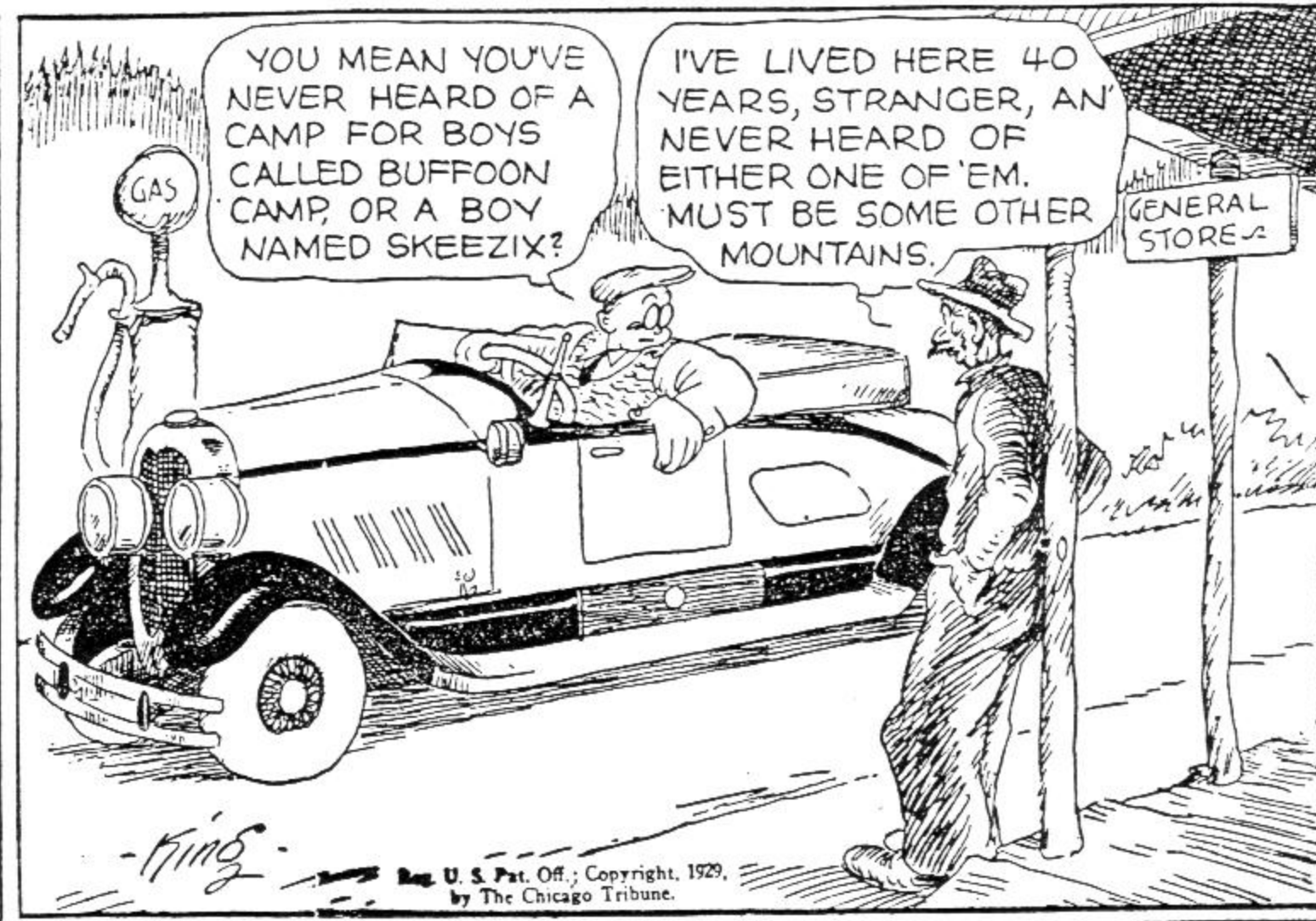
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GASOLINE ALLEY—NO LUCK

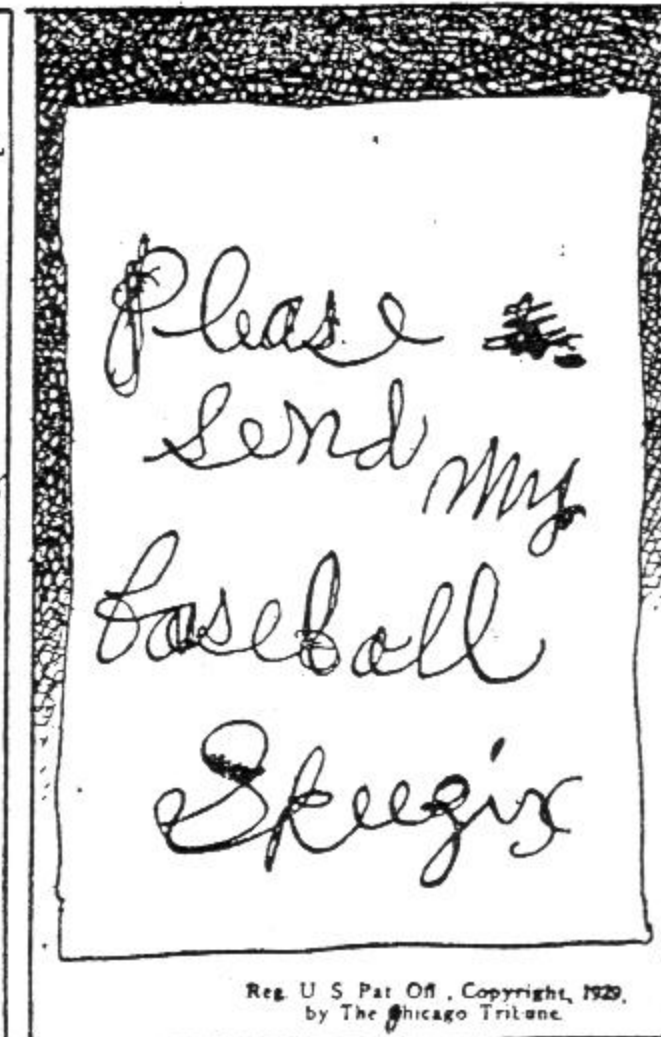
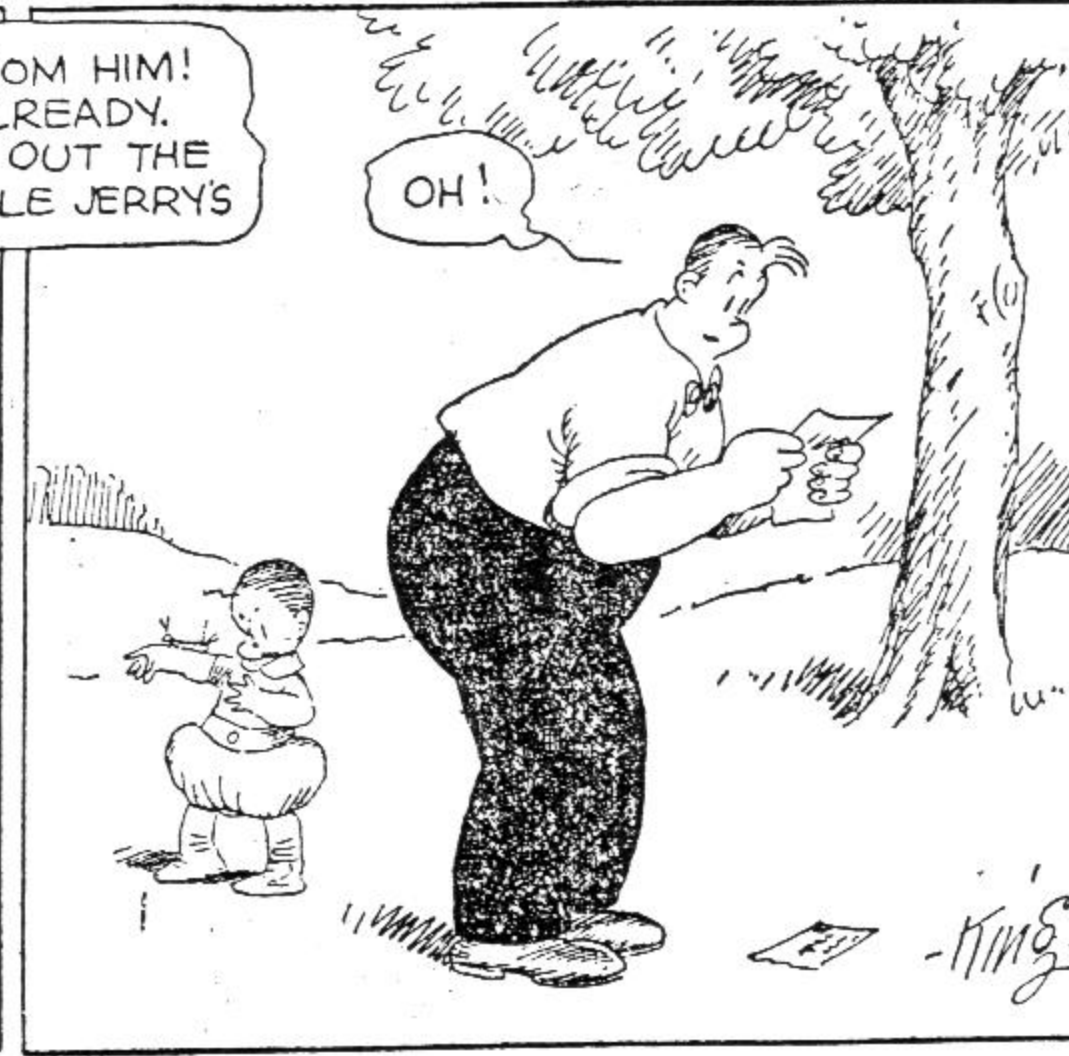
SKEEZIX IS LEARNING THE BUSINESS DOWN ON UNCLE JERRY'S FARM. WALT SENT HIM HERE FOR SAFE KEEPING AND TOLD MISS TOSY HE HAD BEEN SENT TO BUFFOON CAMP IN THE ADIRONDACKS. HE WANTED TO SEE IF THE INFORMATION WOULD TRAVEL FARTHER.



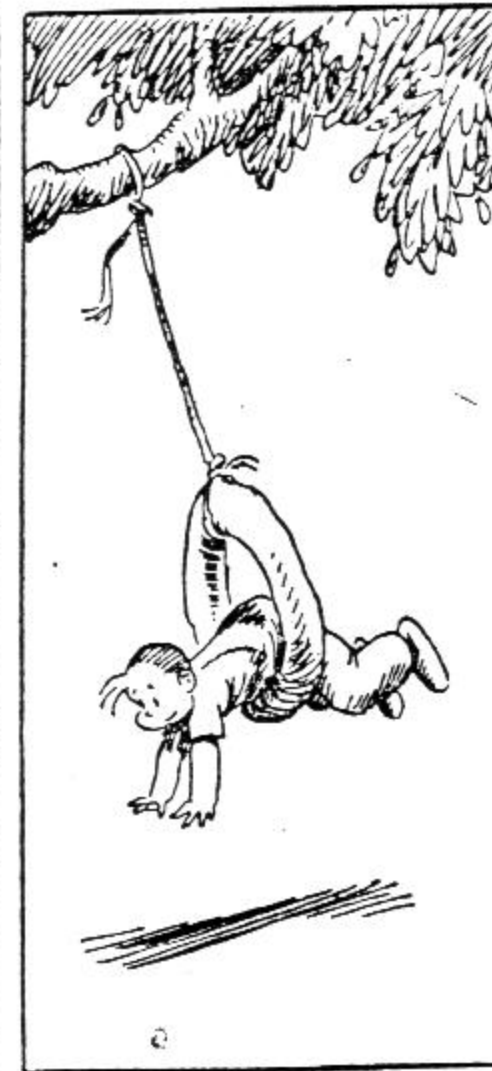
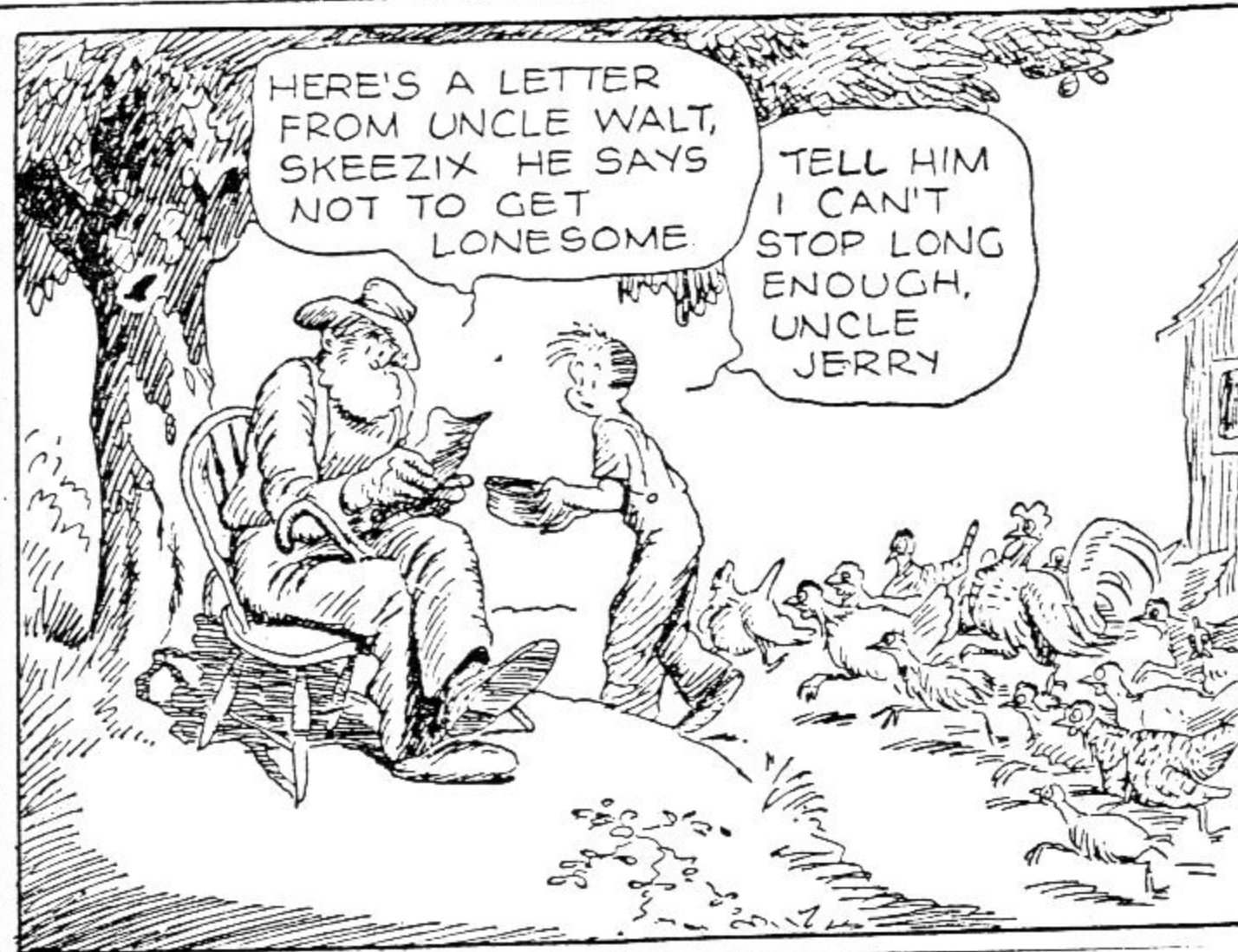
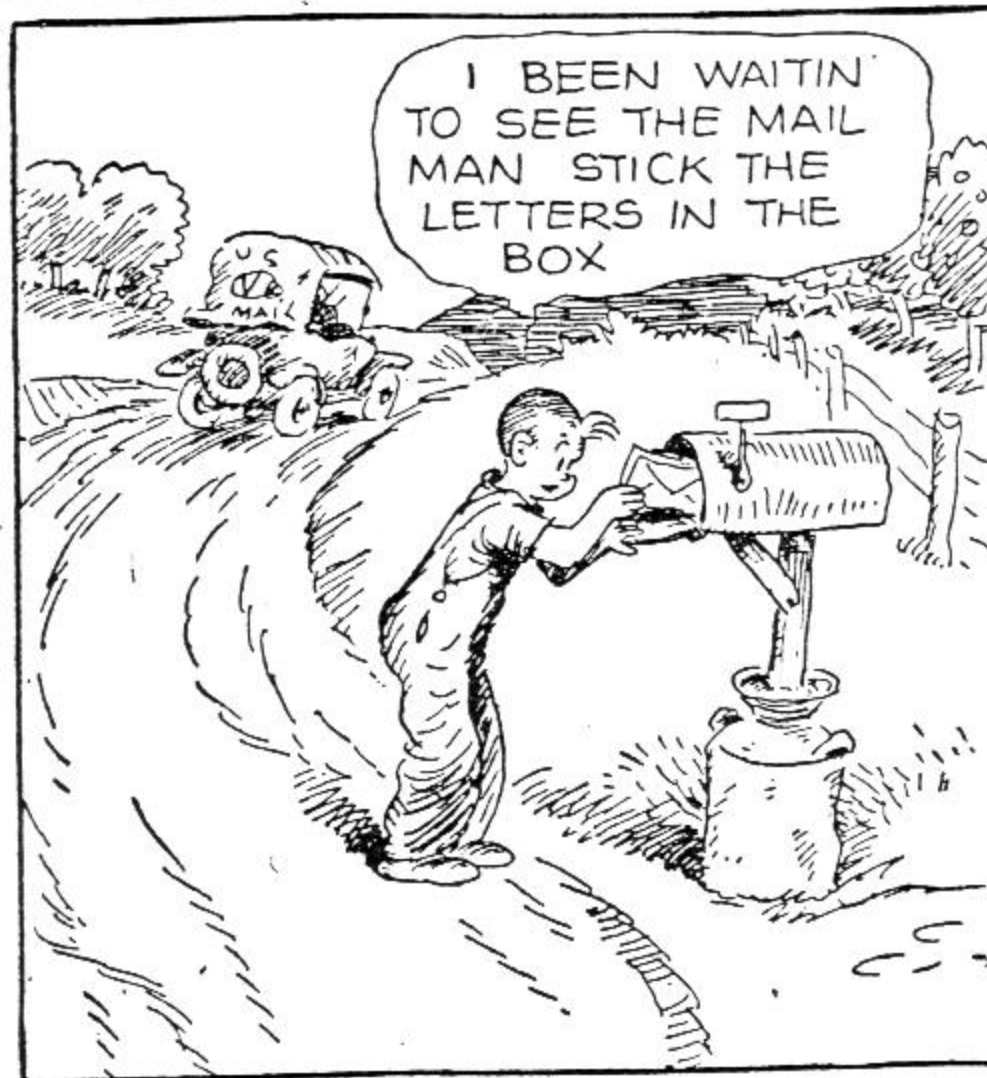
WHILE HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY UP IN THE ADIRONDACKS CORPUS IS DRIVING ABOUT ASKING QUESTIONS.



GASOLINE ALLEY—HOMESICK



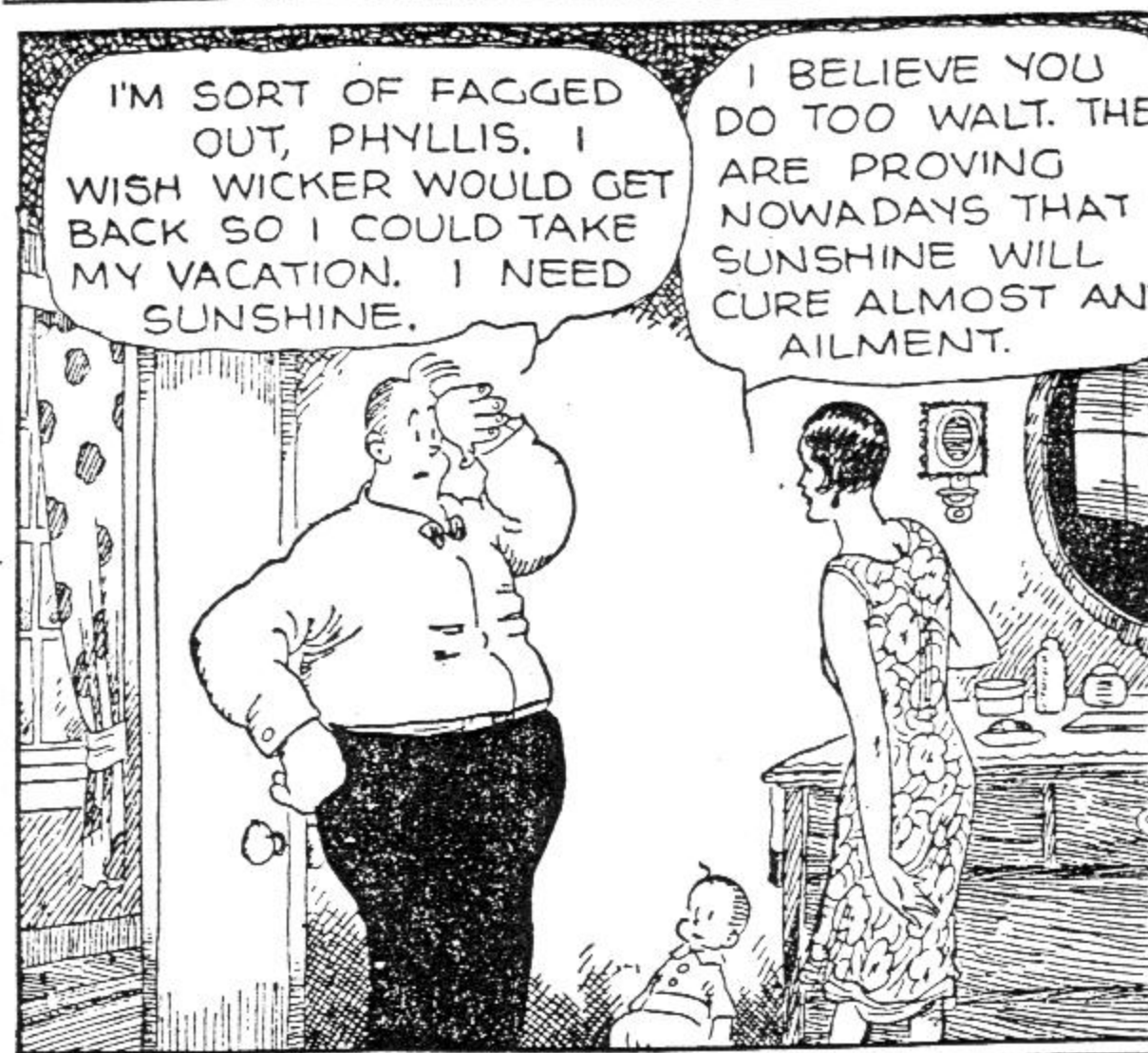
GASOLINE ALLEY—THE BUSY SEASON



GASOLINE ALLEY—AIN'T NATURE SERENE?



GASOLINE ALLEY—SURE CURE



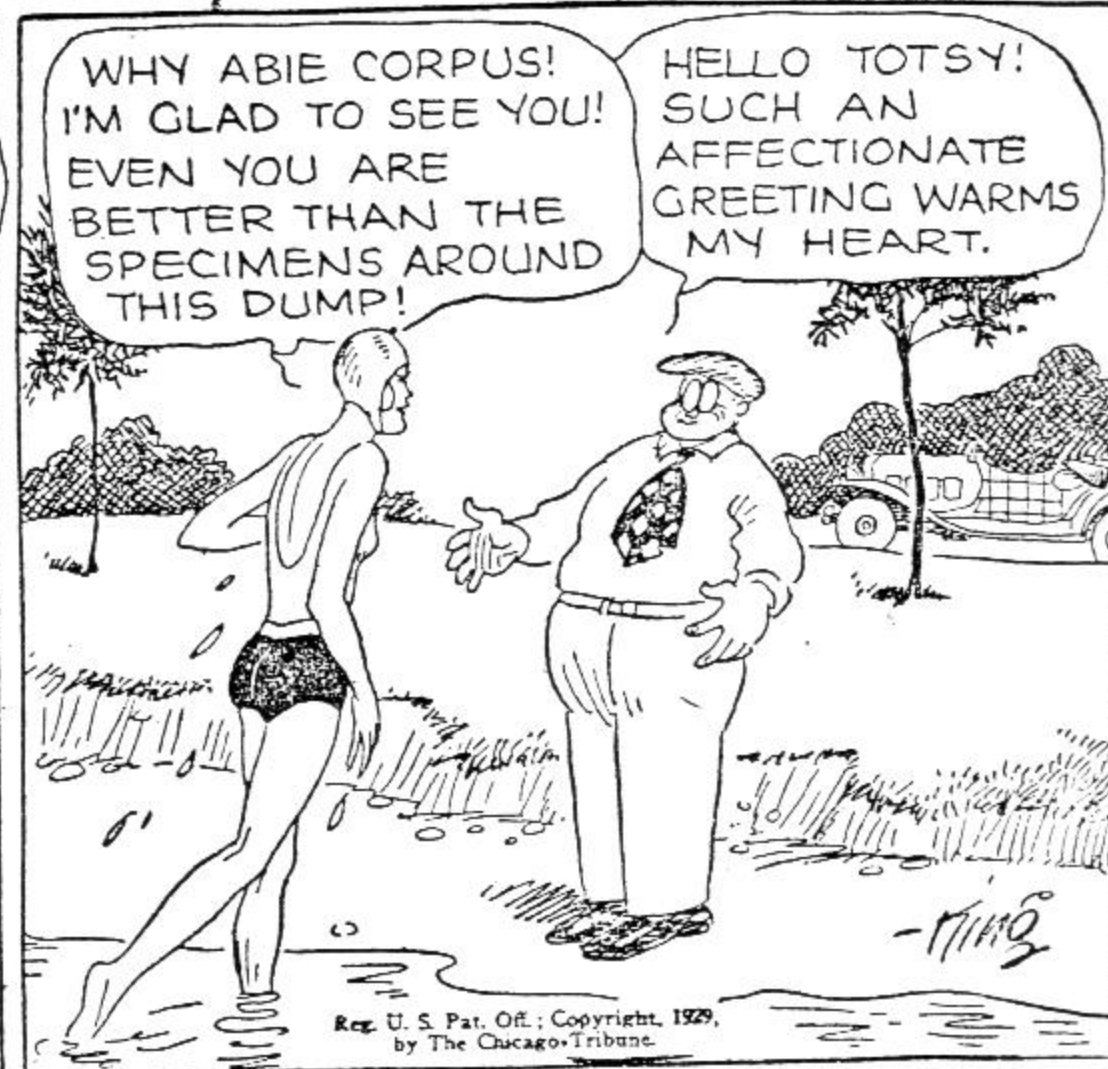
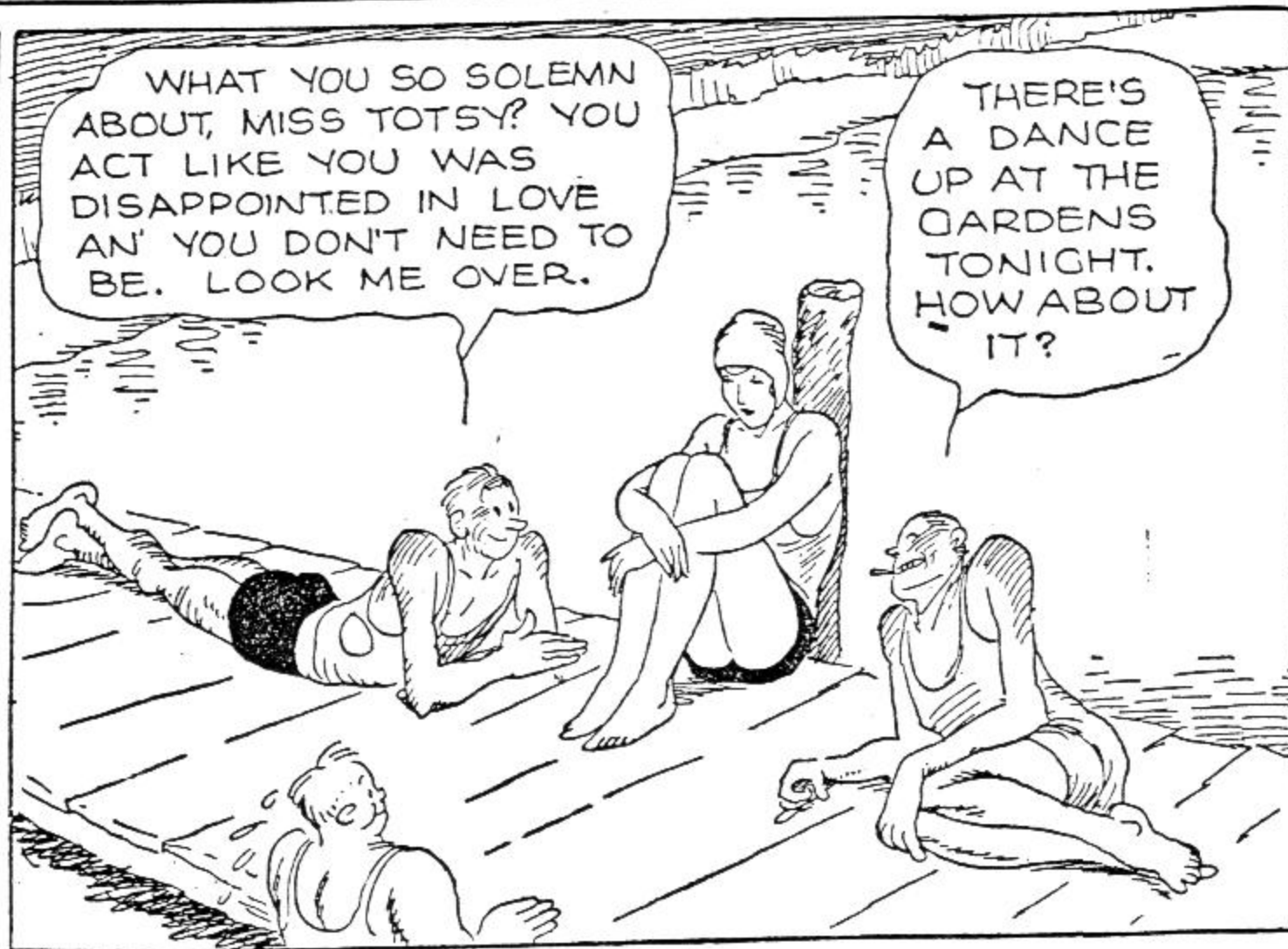
I BELIEVE YOU DO TOO WALT. THEY ARE PROVING NOWADAYS THAT SUNSHINE WILL CURE ALMOST ANY AILMENT.



ANYTHING FOR VARIETY

GASOLINE ALLEY—ANYTHING FOR VARIETY

WHILE UP AT SQUARE LAKE, WISCONSIN, MISS TOTSY, DISAPPOINTED BY MR. WICKER'S FAILURE TO ARRIVE, AMUSES HERSELF AS BEST SHE CAN WITH THE BEST THAT THE MARKET AFFORDS.



GASOLINE ALLEY—BETTER THAN NOBODY

YOU CERTAINLY LED ME A WILD GOOSE CHASE, TOSY. I COMBED THE ADIRONDACKS FOR BUFFOON CAMP AND THERE ISN'T ANY SUCH ANIMAL.

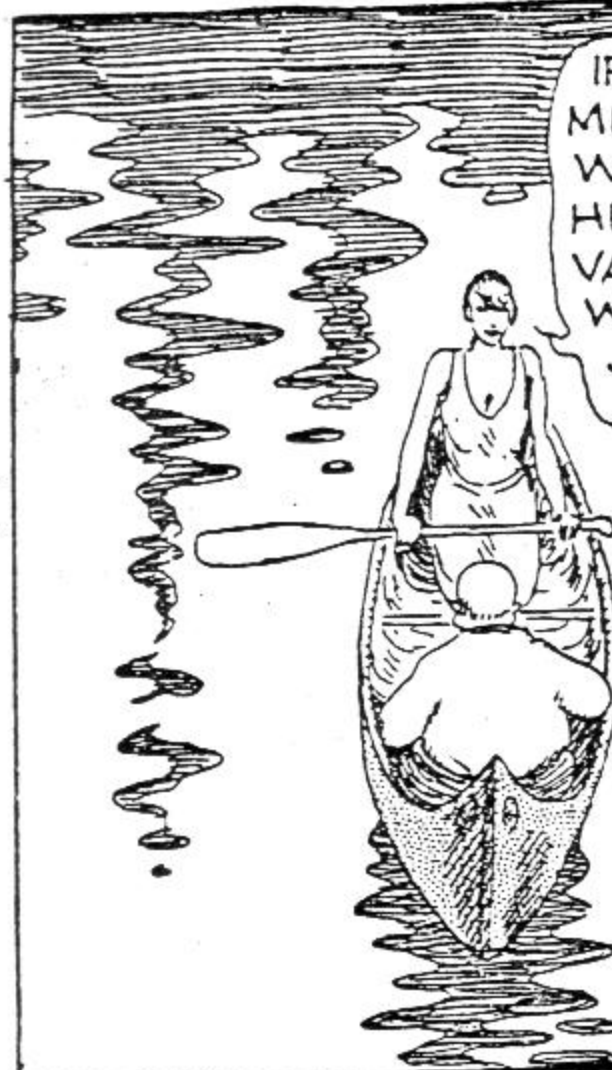
WELL THAT'S WHERE WALT TOLD ME HE WAS SENDING SKEEZIX, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR CHANCE.



IF HE CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT IT LIKE WICKER CHANGED HIS ABOUT HIS VACATION—WELL IT'S JUST TOO BAD

ANYWAY YOU SEE I'M LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED. IF I HAD FOUND HIM THAT FAR AWAY FROM HOME—

DON'T YOU CARE, ABIE. WE'LL HAVE A GOOD TIME YET EVEN IF WICKER DID DOUBLE CROSS ME AND GO SOMEWHERE ELSE



TIME

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ANOTHER CAREED DETERS OUT

GASOLINE ALLEY—ANOTHER CAREER PETERS OUT

WHAT IS THAT, LARRY?

IT'S A CRADLE. SOME OF THE GRAIN WAS LODGED BY THE WIND AND THE BINDER CAN'T HANDLE IT. SO I HAVE TO USE THIS.

THEN I HAVE TO TIE IT INTO BUNDLES BY HAND WITH A STRAND OF GRAIN. ALL THE HARVESTING USED TO BE DONE THIS WAY.

THEN CAME THE REAPER THAT DIDN'T BIND IT AND NEXT THE SELF BINDER, WHICH DOES. OUT WEST THEY HAVE MACHINES THAT THRESH THE GRAIN AS WELL AS CUT IT.

I WAS GOIN TO BE A FARMER BUT MAYBE IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—TWO WEEKS IS A LONG TIME WHEN YOU START

BACK FROM
YOUR VACATION,
MISS TOTSY! YOU
LOOK AS IF YOU
HAD ENJOYED
IT.

I'M SORRY
IT'S OVER,
IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEAN.

I'M ANXIOUS
TO HEAR
ABOUT SQUARE
LAKE, MISS
TOTSY. FUNNY
THING, BUT I
ALMOST WENT
THERE MYSELF.

OH, IT WAS
MARVELOUS.
MR. WICKER!
FINE TABLE,
ELEGANT PEOPLE,
GORGEOUS BATHING.
YOU CERTAINLY
MISSED IT.

THAT WAS A
HEARTLESS TRICK,
MR. WICKER,
DODGING SQUARE
LAKE BECAUSE A
LADY HOPED TO
MEET YOU
THERE.

JACKSON'S HOLE,
SQUARE LAKE,
AND BLACK HILLS.
I WAS ONE JUMP
AHEAD OF HER
BUT I ALMOST
EXPECTED HER TO
SHOW UP IN THE
HILLS AT THAT!

ANYWAY I'M AS
FREE AS THE
LITTLE BIRDS ABOVE!
I'M ON MY VACATION
NOW.

GASOLINE ALLEY—IT'S A DULL LIFE



GASOLINE ALLEY—NO FAIR!

THIS IS THE LIFE!
THERE IS NO BETTER
VACATION THAN STAYING
AT HOME WHERE YOU
HAVE EVERY COMFORT
AND CONVENIENCE.



THIS IS WHAT
I NEED, PHYLLIS—
A REAL REST. NO
SUMMER RESORT
GRUB, SAGGY BEDS,
COMMUNISTIC
BATHROOMS FOR
ME.



IT SEEMS
AWFULLY NICE
TO HAVE YOU
HOME WITH
US, WALT.

PRETTY
SOFT.

YOU SHOULD BE
ASHAMED OF
YOURSELF—WITH
EVERYBODY ELSE
WORKING!

TOO BAD, BOYS!
ACCEPT MY
SYMPATHY.



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NOT SO GOOD! IF
MISTA WALT GOIN' HANG
AROUN' HERE TWO
WEEKS MY PLANS ALL
GONE BLOOEY! I WAS
GOIN' ENTATAIN
SOME COMPNY
MYSEFF



King

GASOLINE ALLEY — PUT YOUR LEISURE TO WORK

GEE, IT'S LONESOME WITHOUT SKEEZIX! A VACATION AT HOME IS FINE, BUT IT'S MIGHTY DULL AROUND HERE WITH ALL THE FELLOWS WORKING.

WOULD YOU JES' MOVE INTO THE NEX' ROOM, MISTA WALT. I GOT DUSTIN' TO DO.

?

WALT, WHILE YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING HANG THOSE BLANKETS OUT ON THE LINE FOR AN AIRING, WILL YOU?

ANYWAY, IT'S A CHANGE.

-KING-

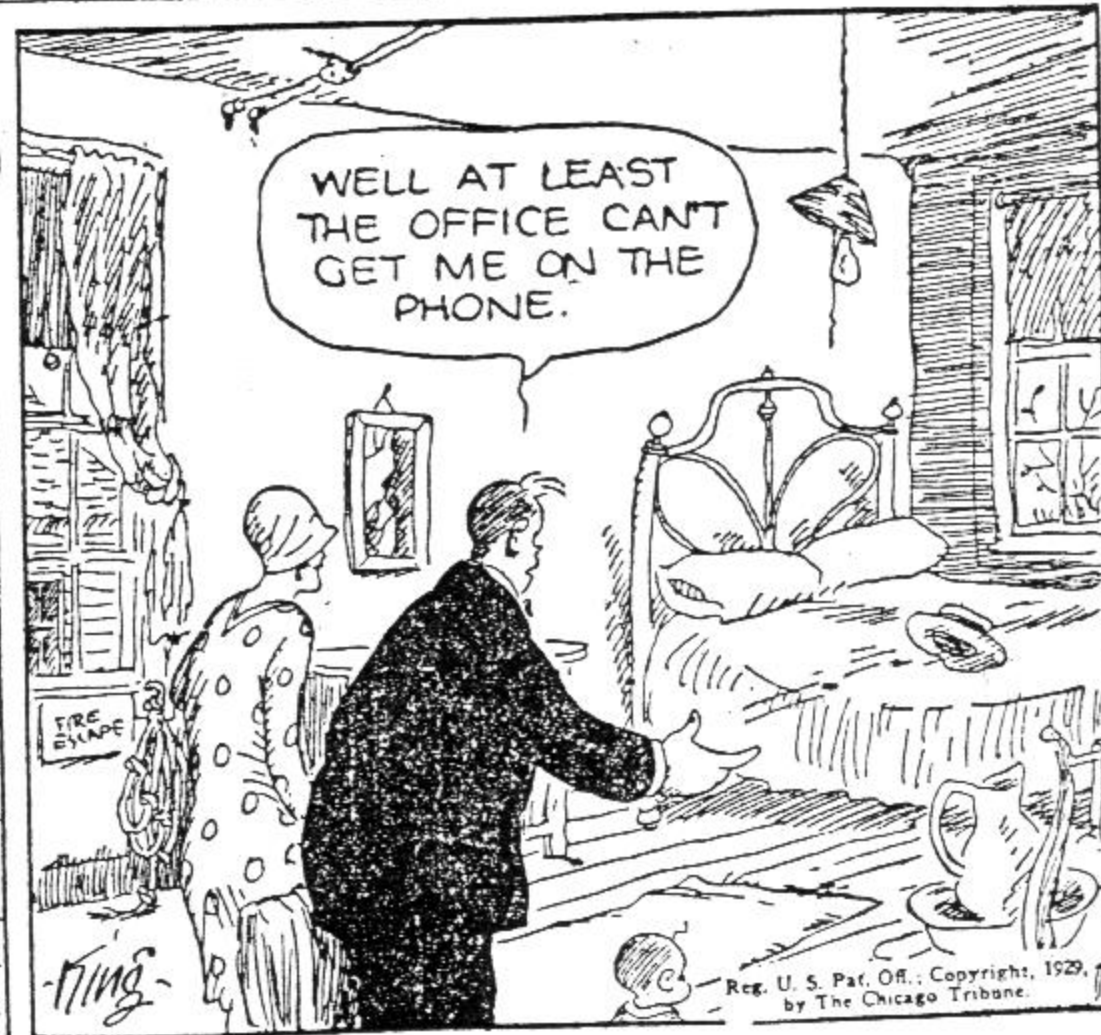
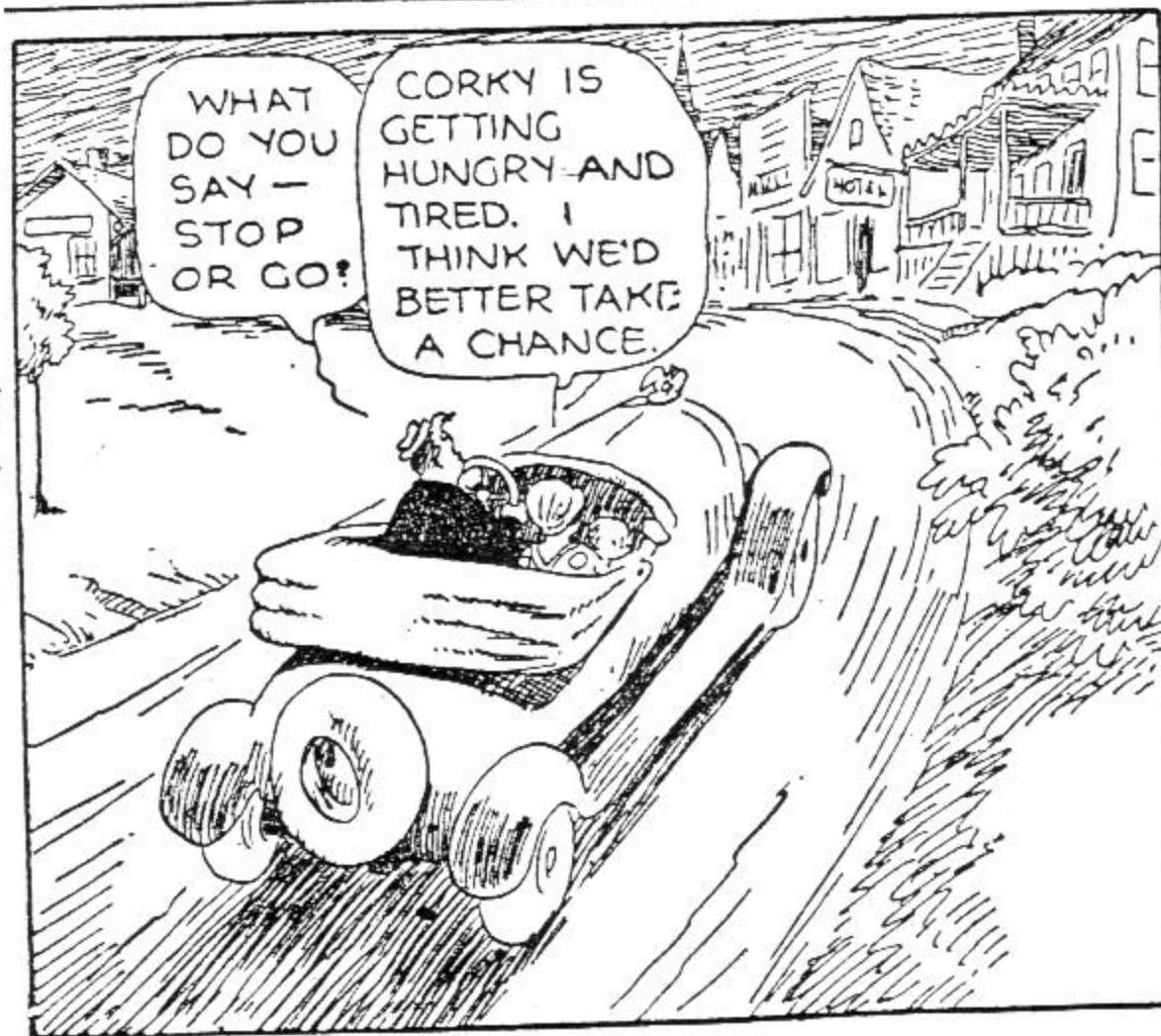
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GASOLINE ALLEY—THE LAST STRAW



GASOLINE ALLEY HOME IS WHERE THE CAT IS

GASOLINE ALLEY—HOME IS WHERE THE HAT IS

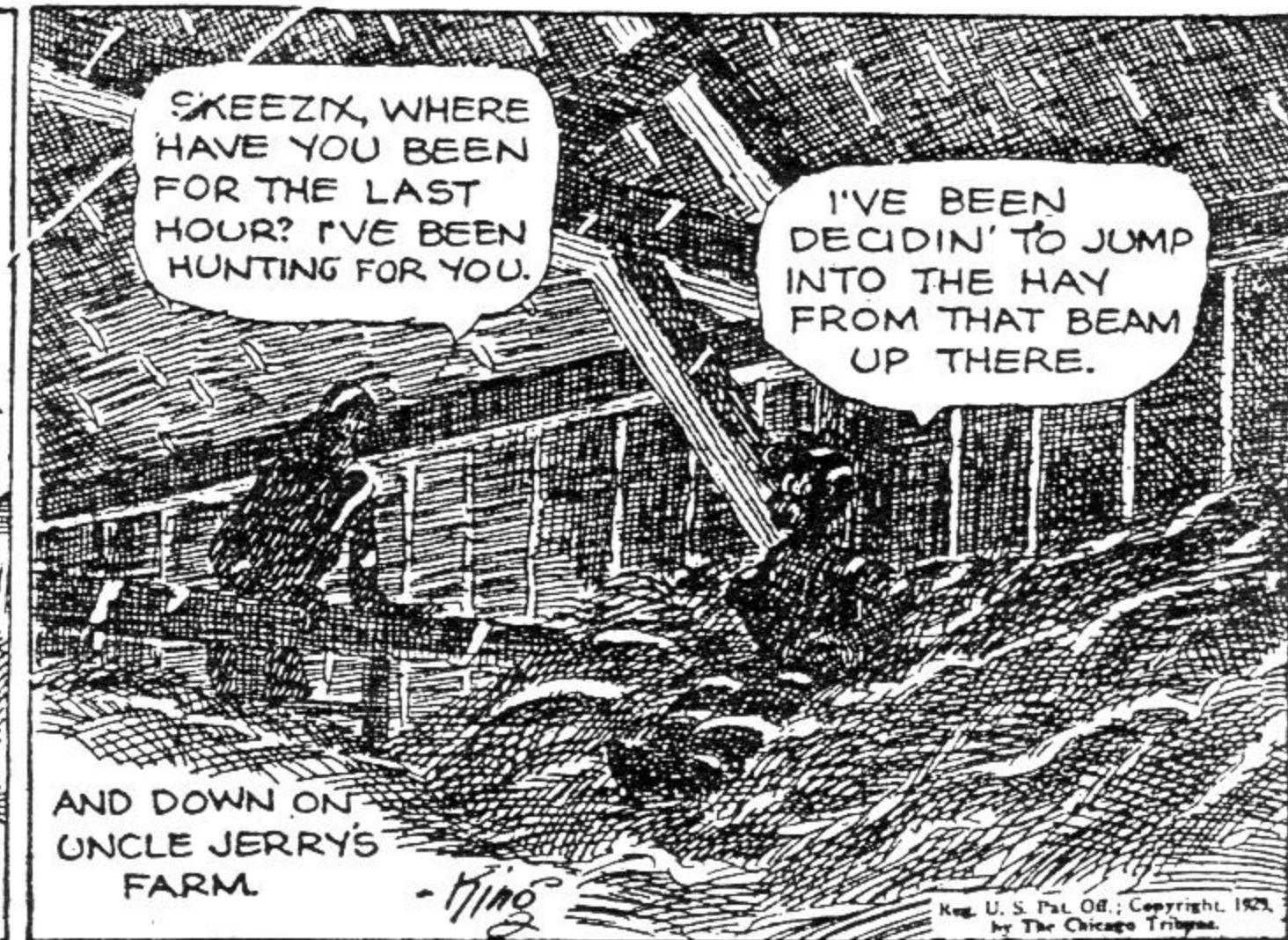
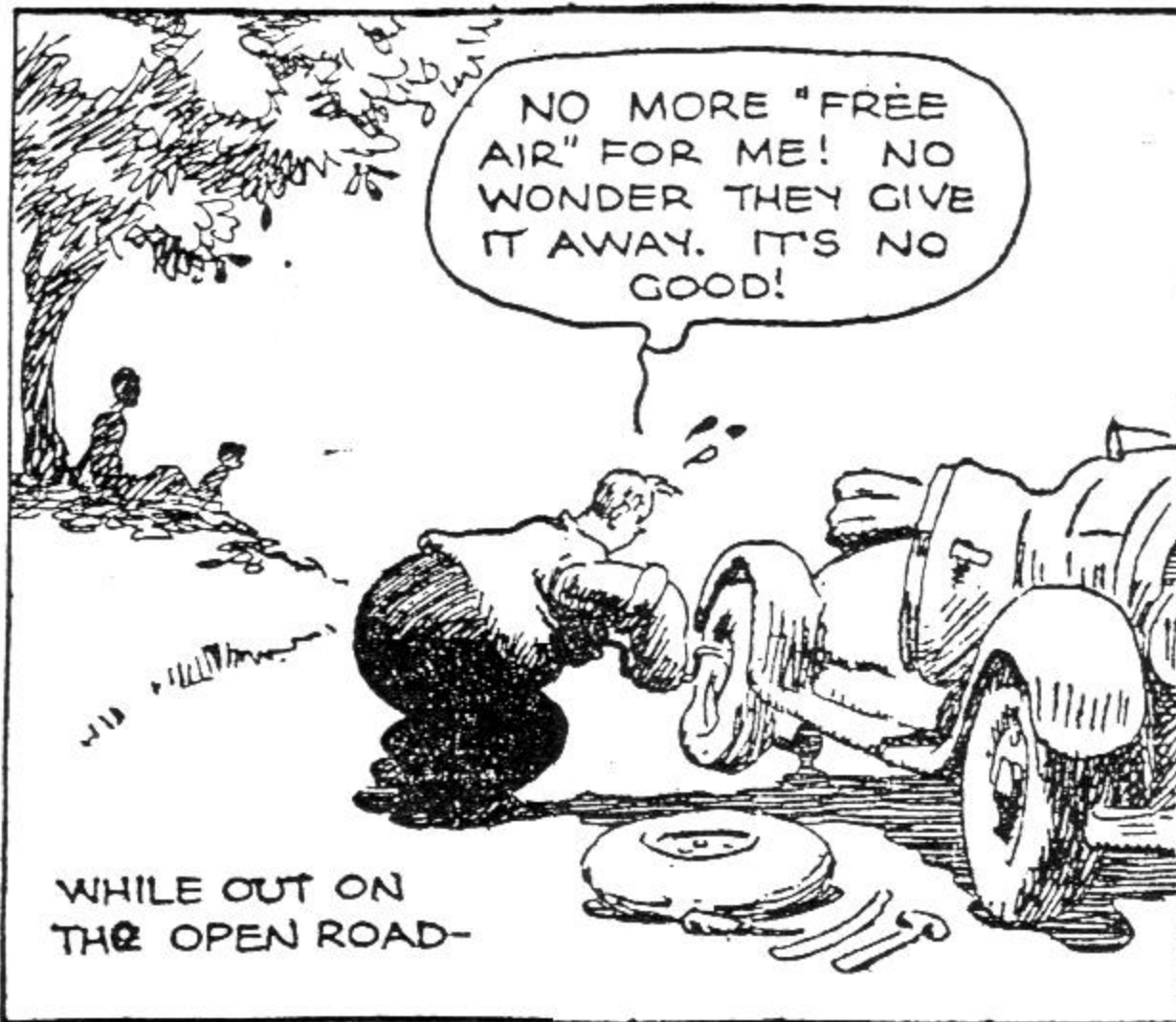


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GASOLINE ALLEY—HERE AND THERE

YES, ABIE, WALT IS SPENDING HIS VACATION AT HOME. AND I'VE FOUND OUT THAT SKEEZIX HAS BEEN SENT TO HIS UNCLE JERRY'S FARM. THAT ADIRONDACK CAMP STORY WAS ALL THE BUNK.

OHO! IT WON'T BE HARD TO FIND OUT WHERE UNCLE JERRY'S FARM IS WILL IT? TOTSY, YOU'RE IMPROVING!



GASOLINE ALLEY—APPETITES AHOY

A BIG DAY ON UNCLE JERRY'S FARM—THE THRESHERS ARE COMING! THE NEIGHBORS WILL BE OVER TO RUN THE BIG STACKS OF WHEAT AND OATS THROUGH THE THRESHING MACHINE AND TO CARRY THE BULGING SACKS AND EMPTY THEM INTO THE BIG BINS IN THE GRANARY.



WHEE!

GOLLY, THEY
DRINK LOTS
O' WATER!



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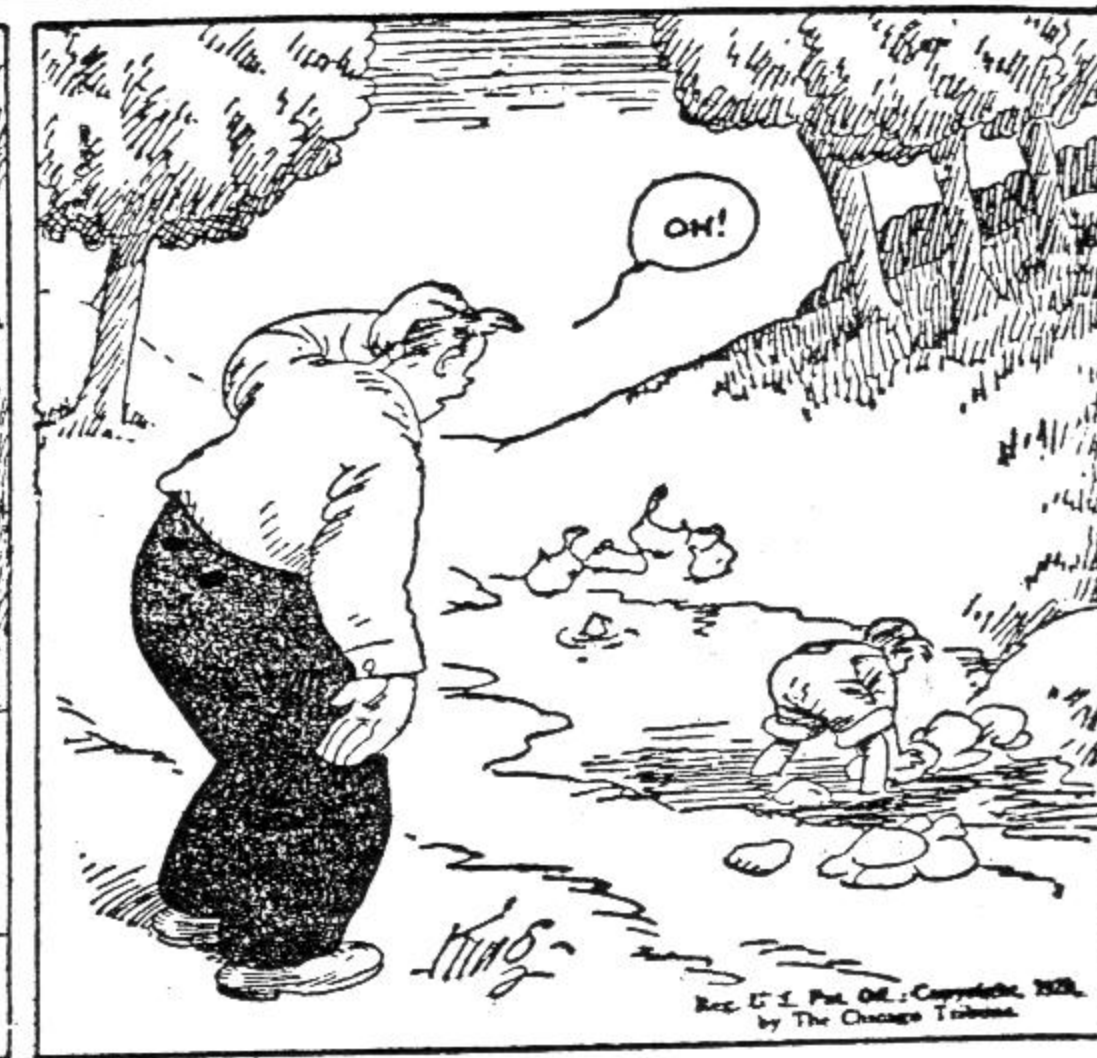
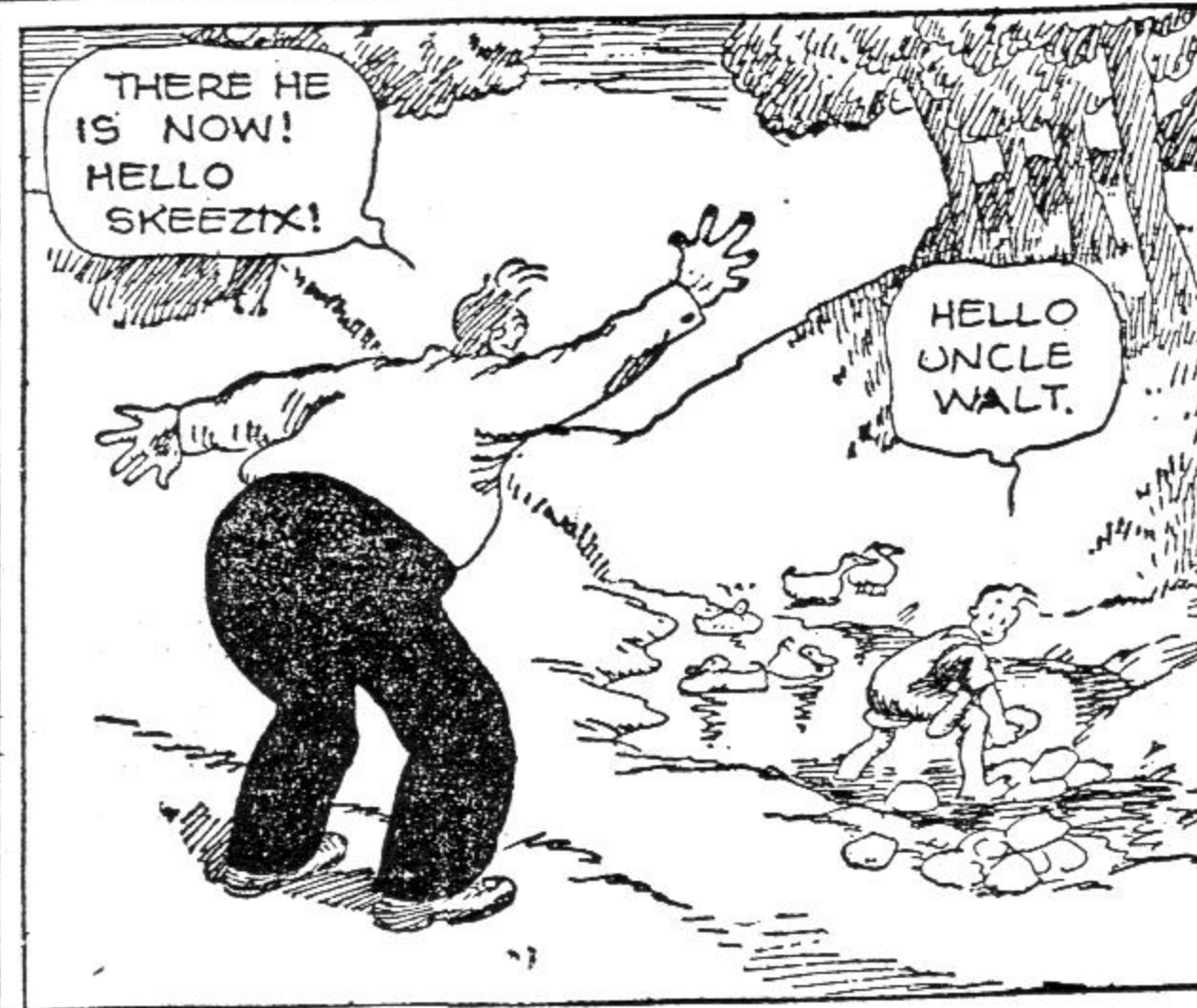
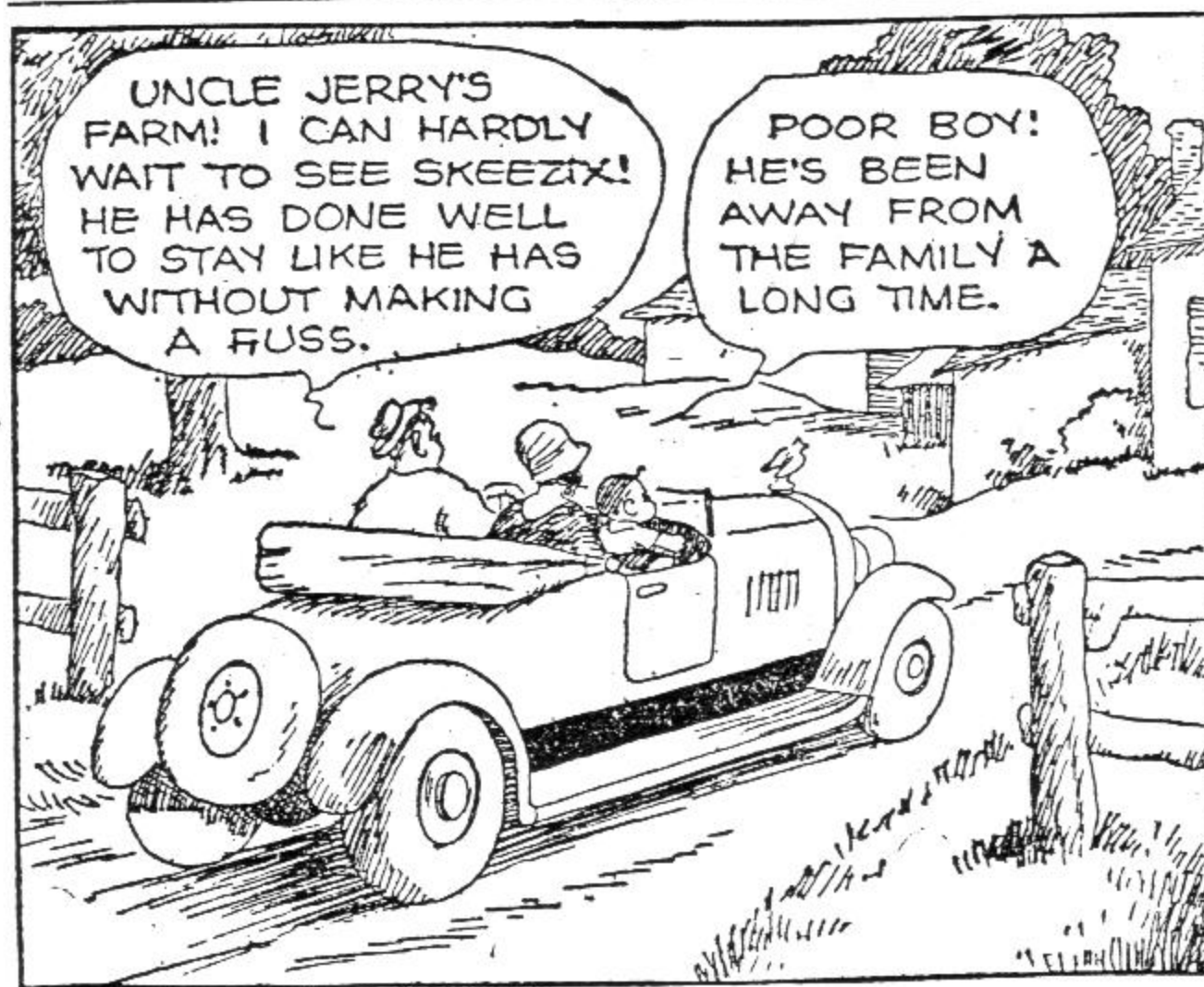
GASOLINE ALLEY—THE HUNGRY CREW

UNCLE JERRY'S DINNER BELL HAS RUNG AND THE THRESHERS ARE BUSY MOWING AWAY THE WONDERFUL FOOD THAT AUNT EL AND THE NEIGHBORS' WIVES HAVE SPENT THE MORNING PREPARING. IT IS THE HIGH POINT IN SKEEZIX'S CAREER.

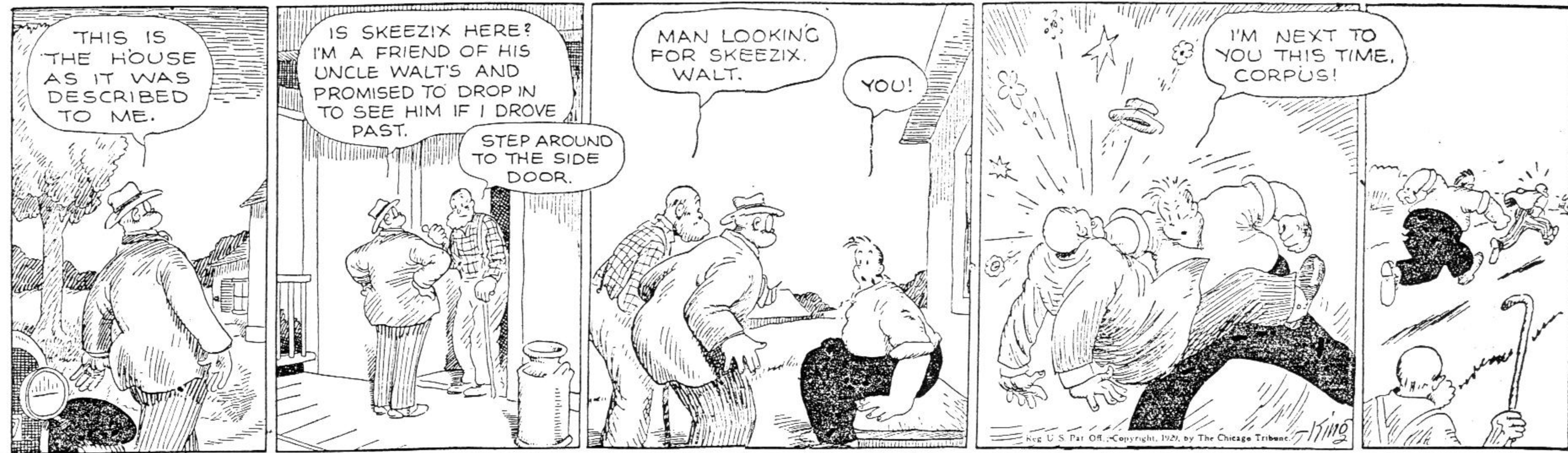


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GASOLINE ALLEY—GREETINGS



GASOLINE ALLEY—AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE



GASOLINE ALLEY—PRESENT

THINK OF THE NERVE
OF THAT FELLOW
CORPUS — FOLLOWING
SKEEZIX HERE!
ANYWAY HE DIDN'T
KNOW I WAS PRESENT.

WELL HE
WON'T SOON
FORGET THE
SWELL SOCK
ON THE JAW
YOU HANDED
HIM.

I'D HAVE CAUGHT HIM
AGAIN IF HE HADN'T
LEFT HIS ENGINE
RUNNING AND SNORTED
AWAY.

SORRY
I COULDN'T
HELP, WALT.

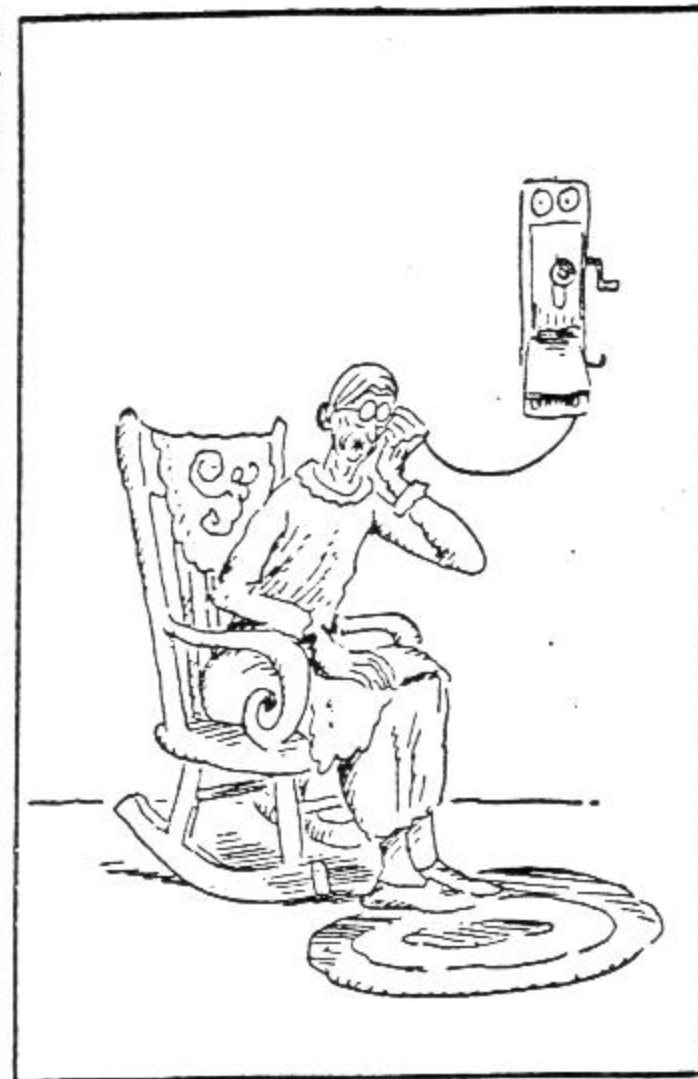
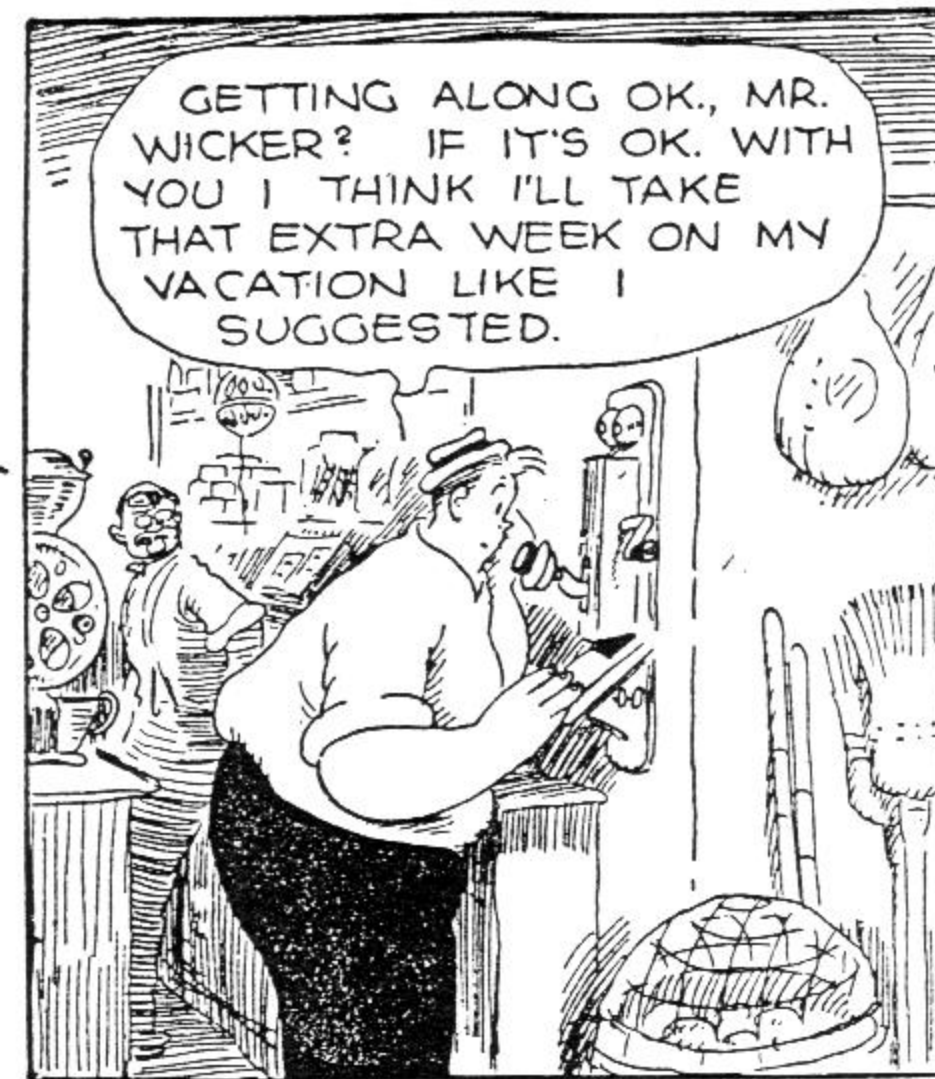
BY THE WAY,
UNCLE JERRY,
I'VE GOT TO KEEP
MY EYE ON THAT
KID. SKEEZIX!
WHERE ARE
YOU?

HERE
I AM,
UNCLE
WALT!

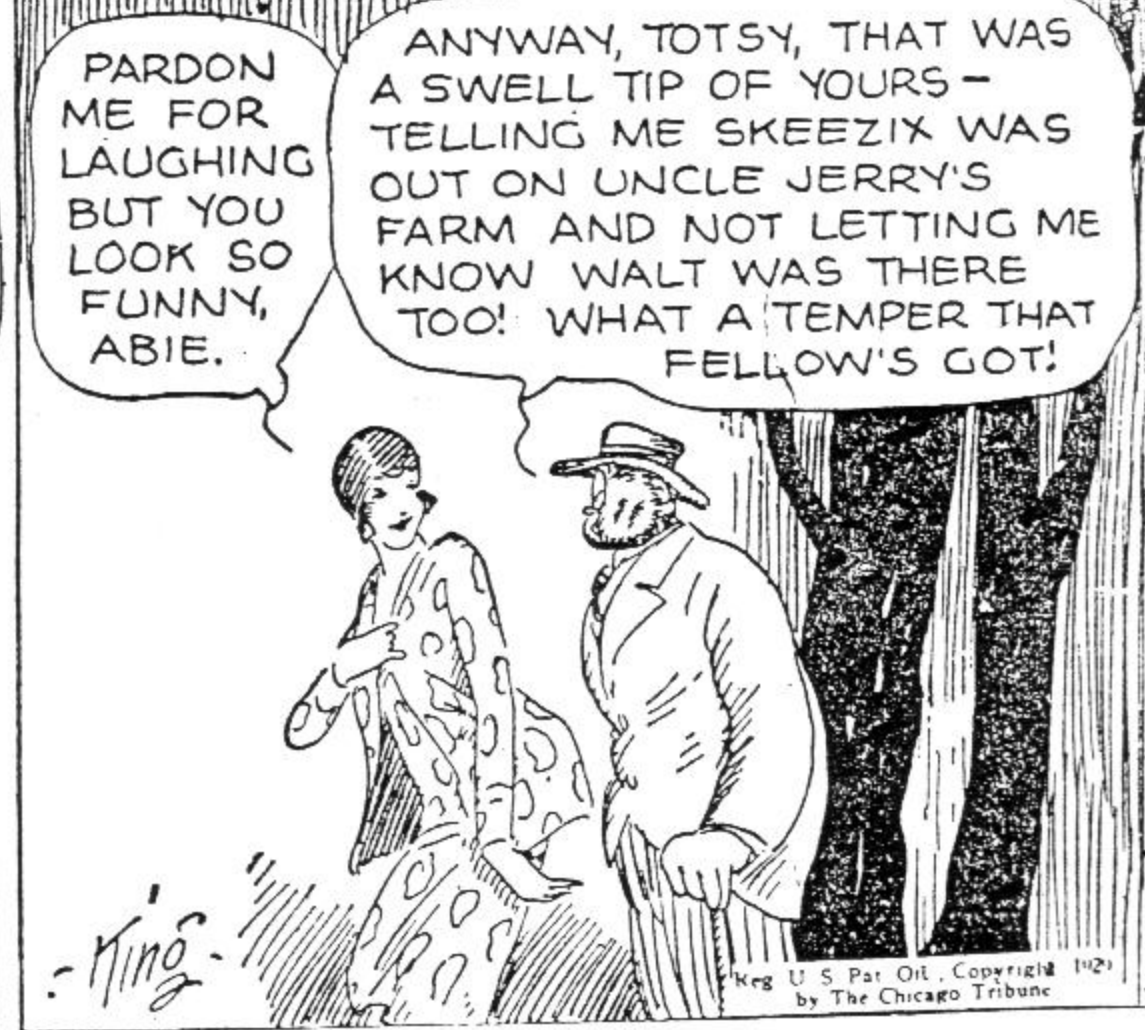
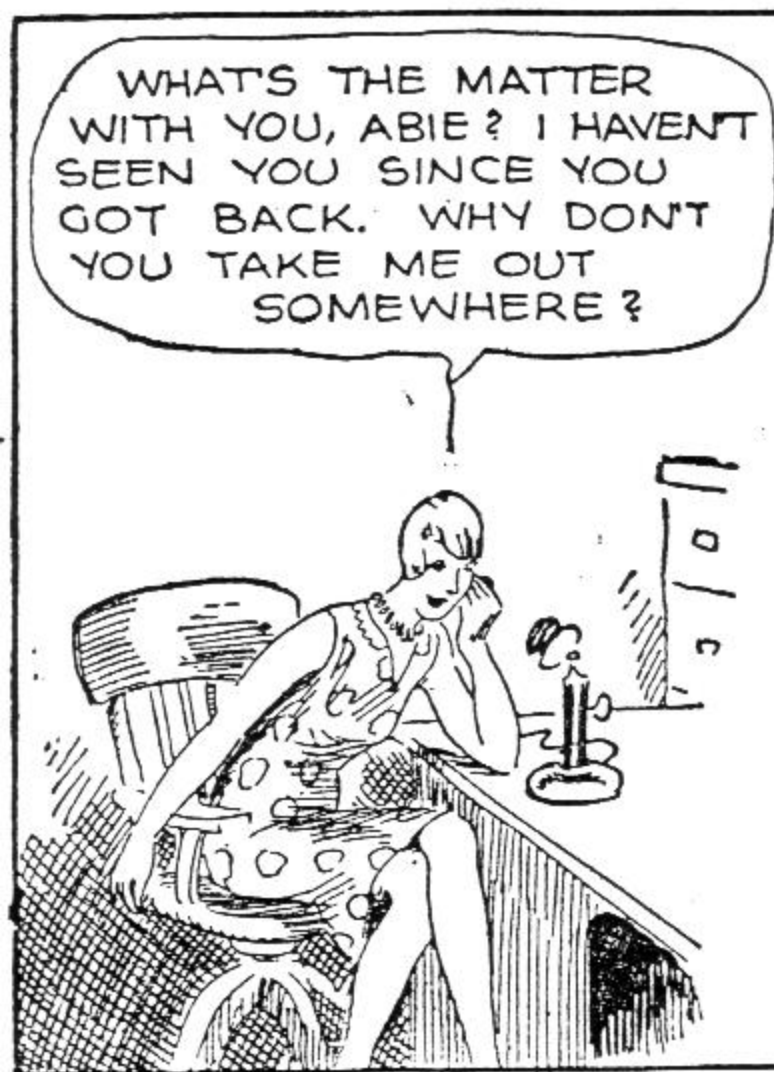
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— KING

GASOLINE ALLEY—PARTY LINE



GASOLINE ALLEY—BACK IN TOWN



GASOLINE ALLEY—IN AGAIN, OUT AGAIN



GASOLINE ALLEY—BOYHOOD DAYS

GASOLINE ALLEY—BOYHOOD DAYS

I'VE HEARD MY FATHER TELL ABOUT HOW THE PASSENGER PIGEONS WERE SO THICK YOU COULDN'T SEE THE SUN—AND NOW THERE ISN'T A PAIR LEFT IN THE WORLD

DON'T SAY ANYTHING, UNCLE WALT, AND COME WITH ME

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?

NEVER MIND. YOU JES' KEEP DOWN UNDER THE HEDGE SO NOBODY CAN SEE YOU.

I FOUND THIS PATCH ALL BY MYSELF, UNCLE WALT.

GREAT, SKEEZIX! THIS WATERMELON HAS A FLAVOR I HAVEN'T TASTED IN TWENTY YEARS!

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GASOLINE ALLEY—AFTERMATH

OH YOU IS GOT A DATE
WITH THE HAIR DRESSA IS
YOU, MANDY? SAPPPIRE'S
GOT TO GO MEET A TRAIN
SHE SAYS, AN' GAMORRA
AIN'T FEELIN' RIGHT.



AIN'T IT DECULIA
HOW MUCH HELP YOU
CAN GET WHEN YOU
GOIN' TO HAVE A DARTY?
FOLKS'LL SET THE
TABLE AND FIX THE
SANDRIDGES AND
MIX THE DRINKS AND
THE SALAD DRESSIN'



BUT WHEN IT COMES
TO CLEANIN' UP, NEX
MORNIN', WELL—THE
INCIDENT IS CLOSED.



IF THE FOLKS
STAY AWAY MUCH
LONGA I'LL HAVE
TO GET ME
A MAID



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GASOLINE ALLEY—THE HOMEWARD TREK

I'D BEEN WONDERING
HOW WE WERE GOING
TO GET SKEEZIX AND
LORA AND EVERYBODY
BACK HOME IN
THIS CAR.

THAT'S THE
ANSWER.

OH LORA! WE
FORGOT TO BRING
ANY PUN'KINS
FOR JACK'
LANTERNS.

DON'T TELL ME THAT'S
THE OLD HERMANN DEUTSCH
PLACE. IT USED TO TAKE US
A HALF DAY TO DRIVE
OUT HERE WITH A HORSE
AND BUGGY.

UNCLE JERRY WILL
HAVE A WONDERFUL
TIME. HE'S HARDLY
BEEN AWAY FROM
HOME IN 25 YEARS.

HE'S HAD A
HARD LIFE
IT'S TIME
HE WAS
HAVING
SOME FUN.

WHIPPS

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GASOLINE ALLEY—SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

IT SEEMS SWELL
TO BE BACK WHERE
THERE'S HOT WATER
AND A GOOD
LIGHT TO SHAVE
BY!

ALSO A PLACE
BESIDES A SUIT-
CASE TO KEEP
YOUR CLOTHES.

AND I'VE GOT
TO HAVE MY
NEWSPAPER
AND MY EASY
CHAIR—

YOU KNOW WALT,
YOU'VE GOT THINGS MIGHTY
COMFORTABLE HERE.
I'M BEGINNIN TO
LIKE IT!

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GASOLINE ALLEY SOLD

GASOLINE ALLEY—SOLD

UNCLE JERRY,
ON THE WAY TO
THE OFFICE
SUPPOSE WE
DROP IN AND
PICK YOU OUT A
NEW SUIT OF
CLOTHES!

NO WALT, IT
TAKES ME A
COUPLE OF YEARS
TO GET A SUIT
BROKE IN. I GOT
THIS ONE DURIN'
THE WAR AND
IT'S A DANDY.

MISS TOTSY,
MAY I
PRESENT MY
UNCLE
JERRY.

SO THIS IS
UNCLE JERRY
I'VE HEARD
SO MUCH
ABOUT!

NOT TOO
MUCH I
HOPE,
MISS.

HOW I ENVY
YOU MEN WHO
LIVE IN THE
OPEN! YOU
HAVE JUST
THE KIND
OF SUN-TAN
I'VE BEEN TRYING
TO GET ALL SUMMER.

IT'S THE
CHEAPEST
THING WE
GOT IN OUR
COUNTY—
EXCEPT
CHIGGERS AN
LUMBAGO.

WALT I THINK
YOU WAS RIGHT
ABOUT ME GETTIN'
SPRUCED UP IN
SOME NEW
CLOTHES.

King

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GASOLINE ALLEY—GLORY BE!

WHERE'S UNCLE JERRY, PHILLIS? I CAME HOME EARLY TO TAKE HIM OUT TO BUY A SUIT OF CLOTHES.

I THOUGHT HE WAS AT THE OFFICE WITH YOU, WALT.

HERE COMES UNCLE JERRY!

LOOK ME OVER, FOLKS.

?

!

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GASOLINE ALLEY—UNCLE JERRY IS ADAPTABLE

NICE PLACE
YOU'VE GOT TO
WORK, WALT.

I'M GLAD
YOU THINK
SO, UNCLE
JERRY.

OH! O!!

YESSIR, THE
MORE I SEE OF
THIS PLACE THE
MORE I THINK
I MADE A
MISTAKE BEIN'
A FARMER.

YOU'RE A
YOUNG MAN
YET, UNCLE
JERRY. IT ISN'T
TOO LATE TO
CHANGE, IS
IT?

UNCLE JERRY IS
NICE TO HAVE
AROUND FOR A
WHILE, BUT GOLLY HE'S
SETTLING DOWN LIKE A
PERMANENT FIXTURE!

-KING-

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GASOLINE ALLEY—NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

WALT, HAVE YOU CALLED UP TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE LEGACY THAT'S COMING TO SKEEZIX?

NO, PHYLLIS, MR. MAC ROTH, THE ATTORNEY, SAID HE'D CALL ME IF THERE WAS ANY NEWS.

IN A MATTER LIKE THAT YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP AFTER THEM. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO CHASE YOU AROUND TO HAND YOU THE BEST OF IT.

OH, BECAUSE COL. CODY WAS A GLOVNIAN WITH A LONDON FORTUNE AND AMERICAN HEIRS INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS HAVE SET IN?

HE SAYS WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING YET EXCEPT FOR HIS SERVICES AND HE'S SENDING ME A BILL.

GASOLINE ALLEY—O SOLE MIO!

THEY'LL CALL
UP AGAIN, I JES'.
GOT TO GIVE MY
POOR FEET A
REST.

RING

RACHEL!
THE DOORS
LOCKED!

GO AROUND
THROUGH THE
BASEMENT

SKEEZIX, GO
SEE WHO'S
RINGIN' THE
SIDE DOOR BELL
AND TELL 'EM
WE DON'T WANT
NONE.

LET SLEEPIN'
DOGS LAY —
THATS MY
MOTTO!

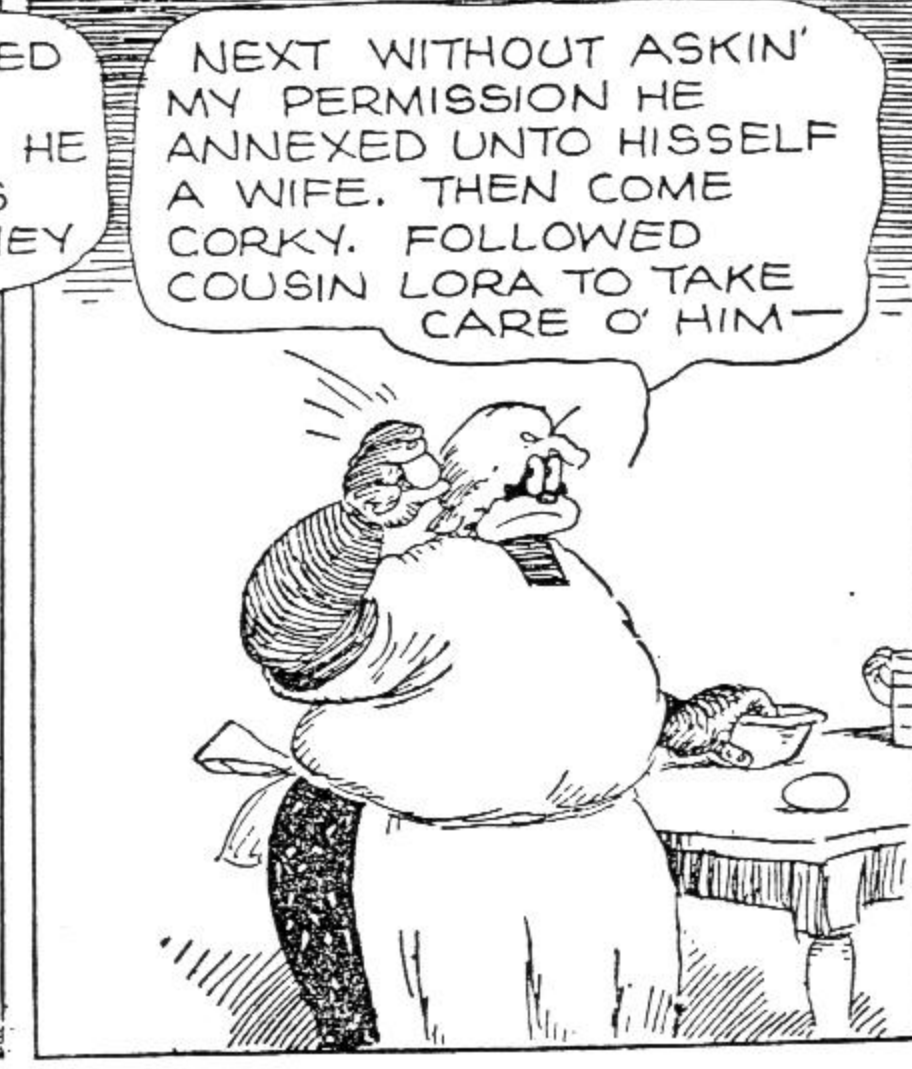
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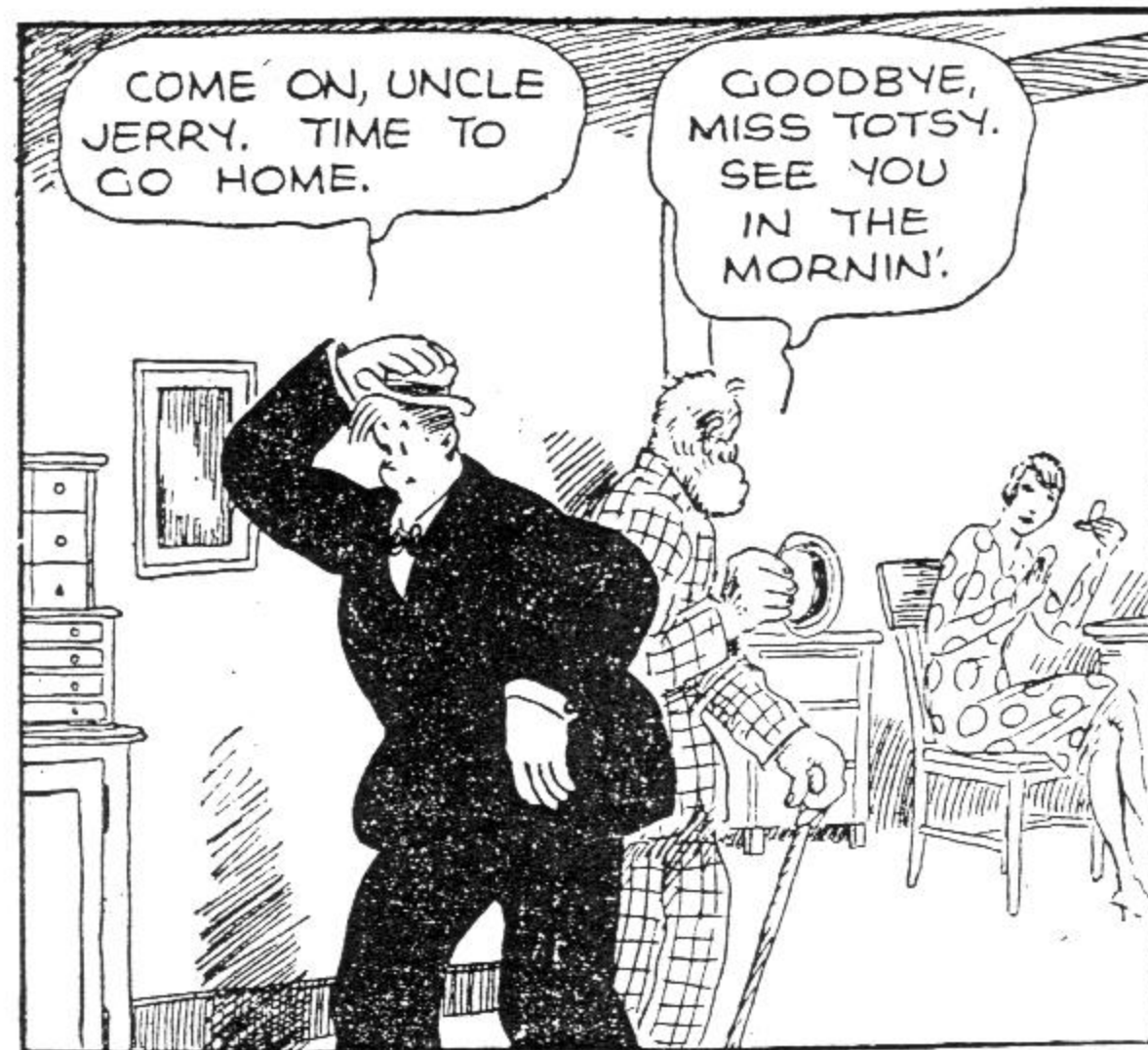
GASOLINE ALLEY—WHAT COULD BE MORE DIRECT?



GASOLINE ALLEY—FAMILY TREE? FAMILY WEED!



GASOLINE ALLEY—WHEN OR IF?



GASOLINE ALLEY—THE LIVING PROBLEM SOLVED AT LAST

WALT HAS A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE WICKER CO. HE'S A BUSY MAN.

HE DON'T KNOW WHAT BUSY IS. HE OUGHT TO BE OUT ON THE FARM HAYIN' TIME WITH A STORM COMIN' UP.

I KNOW YOU FARMERS HAVE HARDSHIPS WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT.

YES. WE HAVE RADIOS AN' AUTOMOBILES TO GO TO THE MOVIES IN, GASOLINE ENGINES AN' LAWN MOWERS BUT SO FAR THEY HAVEN'T PERFECTED A HOME PERMANENT WAVIN' MACHINE.

YOU MUST FIND LIVING MORE EXPENSIVE IN THE CITY THAN IN THE COUNTRY, DON'T YOU UNCLE JERRY?

WELL I'VE BEEN HERE TEN DAYS NOW AND IT HASN'T COST ME ANYTHING YET.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—MORE SPECULATION

A CODE CABLEGRAM FROM LONDON, ABIE? BRING IT OVER. MR. WALLET IS OUT FOR THE AFTERNOON



NOT ON YOUR LIFE! THAT BIRD HAS GOT A PUNCH LIKE THE BLIND END OF A MULE. I'M NOT GIVING HIM ANOTHER CHANCE AT ME. YOU COME OVER HERE.



I'M SURE YOU WON'T MIND WAITING HERE, UNCLE JERRY. I HAVE SOME PERSONAL MATTERS TO TALK OVER WITH MY ATTORNEY.



NOW WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU SPOSE WALT'S GOT TO TALK TO A LAWYER ABOUT.



GASOLINE ALLEY—BOYHOOD DAYS AGAIN

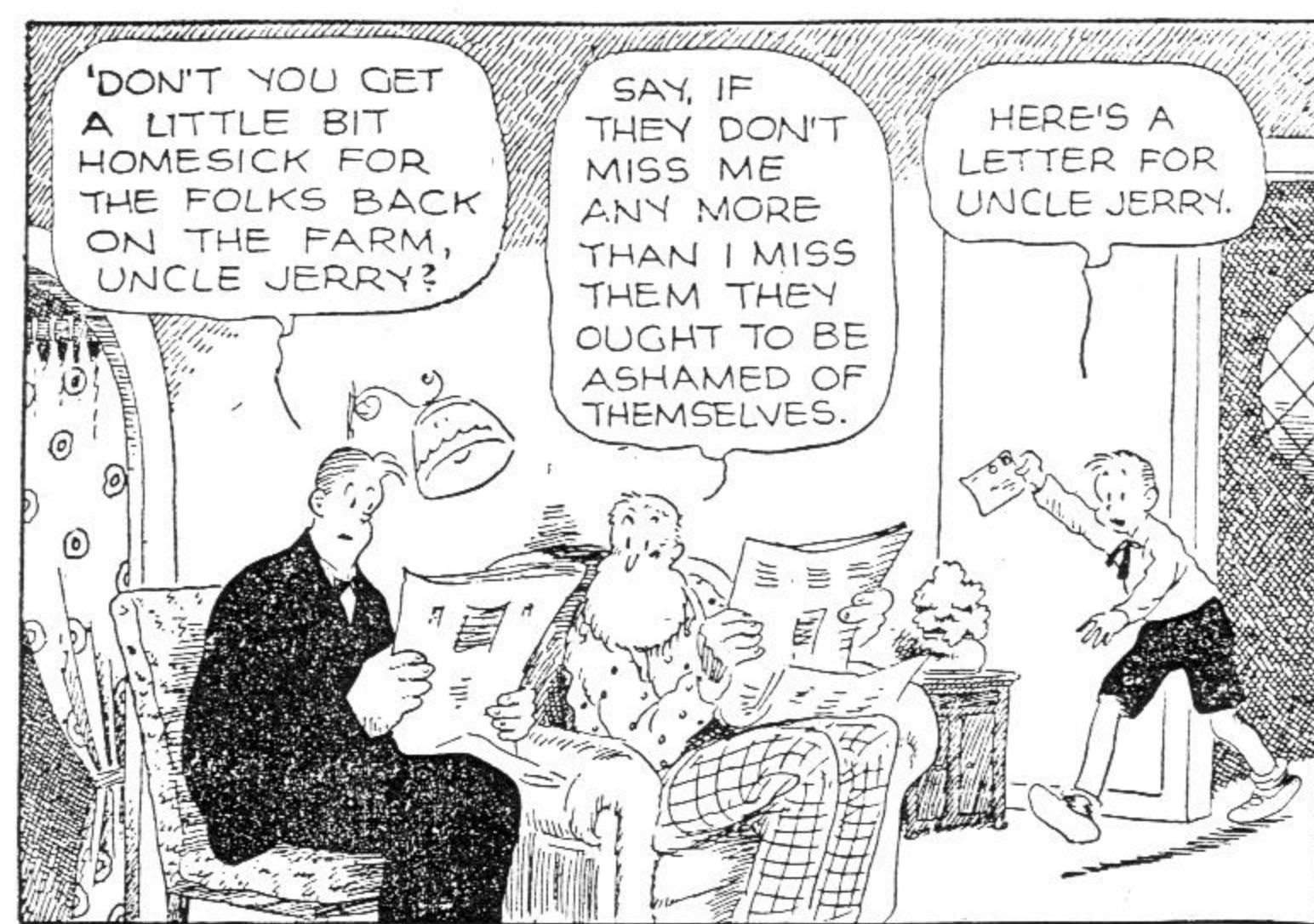
UNCLE WALT MUST TAKE THE SLINGSHOT AWAY FROM YOU, SKEEZIX—NOT BECAUSE YOU BROKE THE HEADLIGHT ON MY CAR BUT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T COME AND TELL ME YOU DID.

HOW WELL DO I REMEMBER THE THRILL OF KNOCKING A TIN CAN OFF A POST WITH ONE OF THESE THINGS!

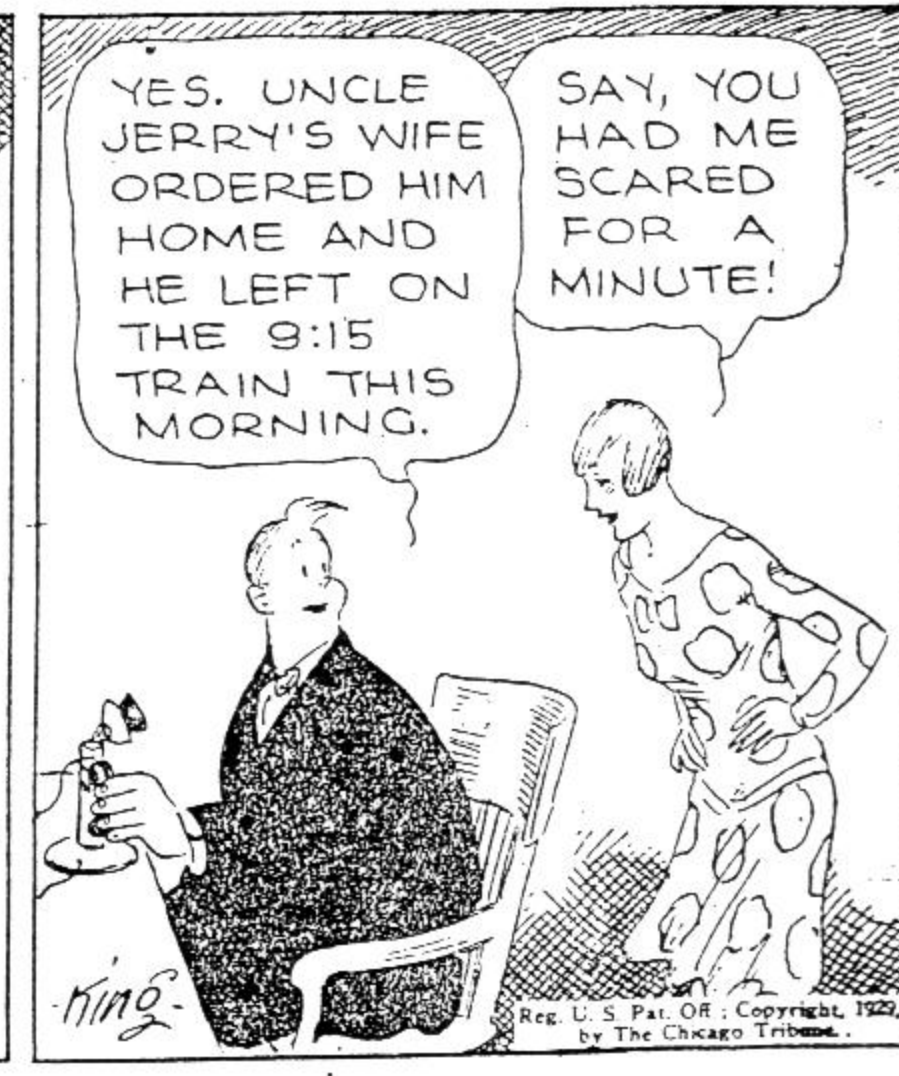
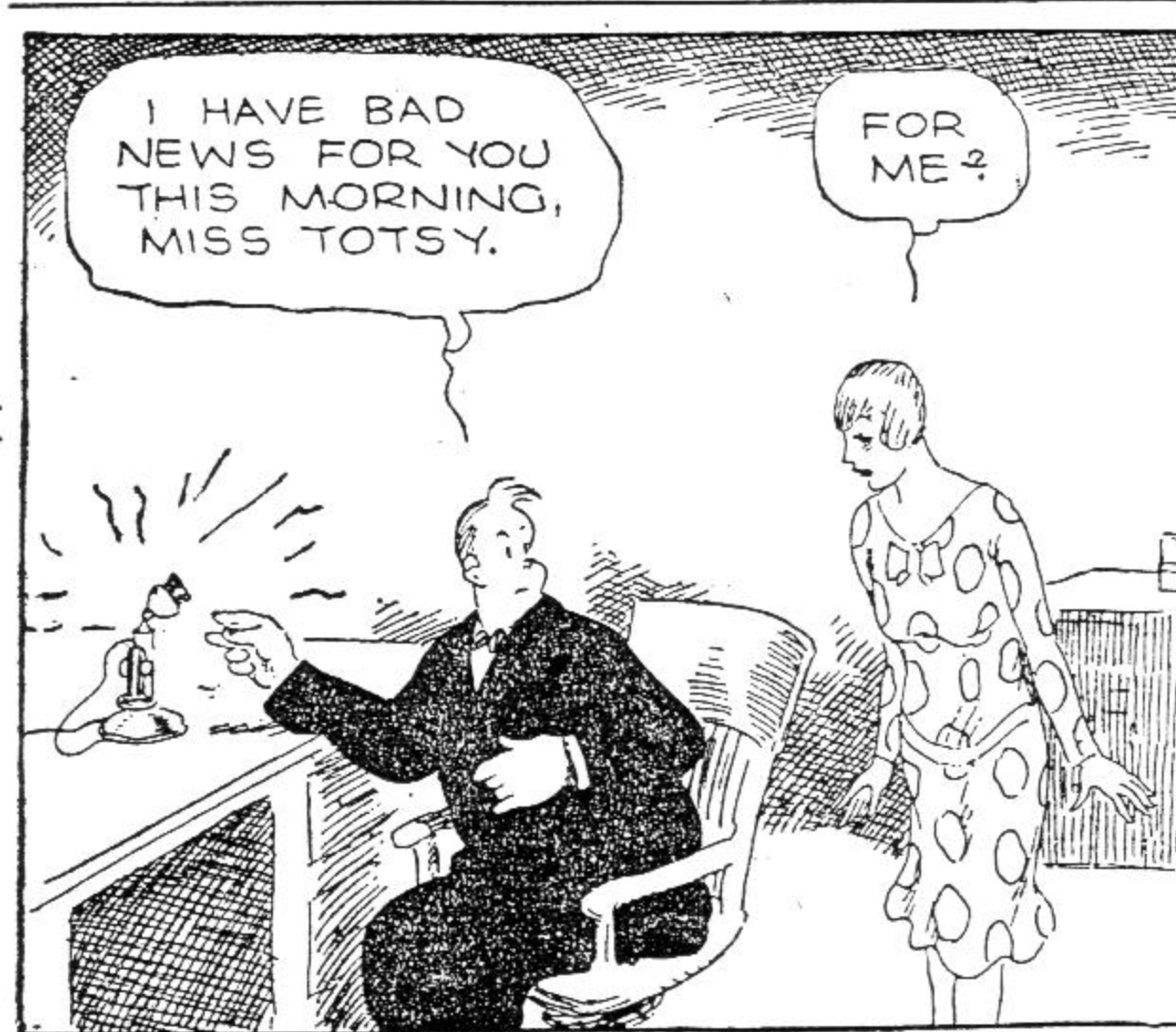
UNCLE WALT, CAN I TAKE THE SLINGSHOT WHILE YOU GO OVER TO MR. SCHNIZLEBAUR'S AND TELL HIM YOU DID IT?

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GASOLINE ALLEY—SAD TIDINGS



GASOLINE ALLEY—TOO TRUE



GASOLINE ALLEY—MAKE IT SNAPPY

WHO WAS IT PHONED, WALT?

MACROTH, THE ATTORNEY. HE HAS SOME NEWS OF SKEEZIX'S LEGACY, HE SAYS. BUT DON'T GET EXCITED. IT'S ANOTHER FALSE ALARM.

THE NEXT TIME THERE IS TO BE MONEY LEFT TO A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY I WANT IT DELIVERED. I CAN'T BE BOTHERED.

COL. CODA'S SEALED WILL IS TO BE FILED FOR PROBATE TODAY, MR. WALLET, WITH THE PROBATE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN LONDON. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT ITS PROVISIONS ARE.

LONDON, EH? I'M AFRAID HIS ESTATE WILL BE LIKE A LONDON RADIO BROADCAST. WHEN IT GETS OVER HERE IT WILL BE PRETTY THIN.

THERE HAS BEEN DELAY DUE TO DISAGREEMENT AMONG SOME OF THE HEIRS ABOUT PROBATING IT IN ENGLAND OR GLOVANIA. COL. CODA CLAIMED TO BE A RESIDENT OF GLOVANIA BUT HIS BUSINESS INTERESTS AND HOME WERE IN LONDON.

GET IT OVER WITH—THAT'S MY IDEA.

GASOLINE ALLEY—DON'T COUNT ANY CHICKENS YET

I HOPE THE ATTORNEY HAD SOME REAL NEWS FOR YOU THIS TIME, WALT.

YES, COL CODA'S WILL HAS FINALLY BEEN FILED FOR PROBATE IN LONDON THOUGH THE EUROPEAN HEIRS HAVEN'T FINISHED SQUABBLING OVER WHETHER IT SHOULD BE FILED IN LONDON OR GLOVANIA.

I HOPE THERE AREN'T TOO MANY HEIRS AT LEAST SKEEZIX, BEING COL. CODA'S ONLY SON, OUGHT TO DO WELL.

THE WILL WAS SEALED AND NOBODY KNOWS YET WHAT IT CONTAINS. WE MUSTN'T GET OUR EXPECTATIONS UP TOO HIGH. THERE'S MANY A SLIP TWIXT THE JUG AND THE CUP.

BUT I DO HOPE WE GET SOMETHING NICE OUT OF IT, WALT. I COULD USE A LOT OF THINGS—STARTING WITH A FUR COAT.

WE CAN'T FIGURE ON THOSE THINGS, PHYLLIS. IF THERE IS ANYTHING COMING TO SKEEZIX WE MUST PUT IT INTO HIS EDUCATION.

JUST THE SAME WE DO NEED A NEW CAR.

GASOLINE ALLEY—TOTSY ARRIVED TOO LATE

YOU CAN WALK OUT ON ME NOW, TOTSY, BUT I WOULDN'T ADVISE YOU TO. CODA'S WILL IS UP FOR PROBATE IN LONDON AND WE WILL KNOW VERY SOON WHO IT PROVIDES FOR.

WELL IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, ABIE, I'LL STICK AROUND.

OF COURSE I'VE HAD A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DOCUMENT BUT I COULDN'T BE CERTAIN. I'M ALL READY TO HOP ONTO IT AS SOON AS I GET WORD FROM MY SOLICITORS IN LONDON.

ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO GET HOLD OF SKEEZIX?

NOT NOW, ANYWAY. I SENT MME. OCTAVE TO LONDON TO STIR THINGS UP AND GET THE WILL PROBATED. IF IT ISN'T SATISFACTORY WE'LL START A BATTLE. THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS.

I ONLY WISH I HAD KNOWN CODA. I THINK I COULD HAVE HAD A LITTLE HONORABLE MENTION MYSELF.

GASOLINE ALLEY—SKEEZIX TUNES IN

I'M HUNGRY
RACHEL.
WHAT WE
HAVIN' FOR
DINNER?

I MAKIN' A
SWELL CHICKEN
'FRICASSEE

OF COURSE COL CODA HADN'T
BEEN LIVING WITH HIS WIFE,
MME. OCTAVE, FOR SOME YEARS.
ON THE OTHER HAND SKEEZIX
IS THE ONLY DIRECT HEIR AND
IS ENTITLED TO A LEGACY.

RACHEL IF WE
ARE HAVIN' FRICASSEE
I GET THE LEGACY!

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GASOLINE ALLEY—A COCKROACH IN THE OINTMENT

I WAS EXPECTING
BAD NEWS FROM
LONDON BUT NOT
AS BAD AS THAT!



HE CAN'T DO
IT! IT ISN'T
LEGAL. IT WON'T
STAND. WE CAN
BREAK IT!



TOTSY? LISTEN!
THE WORST POSSIBLE
HAS HAPPENED. CODA
LEFT PRACTICALLY
HIS WHOLE FORTUNE
TO SKEEZIX. NOT A
CENT TO HIS WIFE,
MME. OCTAVE!



SO THAT'S THAT!
SKEEZIX IS THE
LUCKY BOY. OCTAVE
EXPECTED A THIRD
AND WAS GOING
TO USE PART OF
THAT FIGHTING FOR
THE OTHER TWO
THIRDS.



WELL I'M
NOT SO DUMB!
I KNOW WHAT
SIDE I'M ON
NOW.



GASOLINE ALLEY—WALT HAS BEEN KIDDED BY EXPERTS

I CAN TELL BY
ONE LOOK AT
MR. WALLET HE
HASN'T HEARD
THE NEWS.

MR. WALLET,
I WANT TO
CONGRATULATE
YOU ON THE
WONDERFUL GOOD
FORTUNE THAT HAS
COME TO YOU.

ME?
WHAT'S
THAT?

DON'T TELL ME
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD
THAT ALL OF COL.
CODA'S MONEY HAS
BEEN LEFT TO
SKEEZIX!

BUT
IT'S
TRUE!

NOW MISS
TOTSY, THIS IS
NO TIME FOR
JOKING. IT'S A
BUSY MORNING.
TAKE A LETTER!

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GASOLINE ALLEY—THAT REMINDS ME—

I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S MR. MACROTH AT ALL. YOU'RE TRYING TO SPOOF ME WHOEVER YOU ARE.

BY GOLLY, I GUESS IT IS AT THAT! NO! YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN IT! GOOD NEWS FROM LONDON?

IT CAN'T BE! I MUST BE DREAMING! SKEEZIX HEIR TO ALL OF CODA'S MILLIONS! BE CALM! I MUST ABOVE ALL BE CALM!

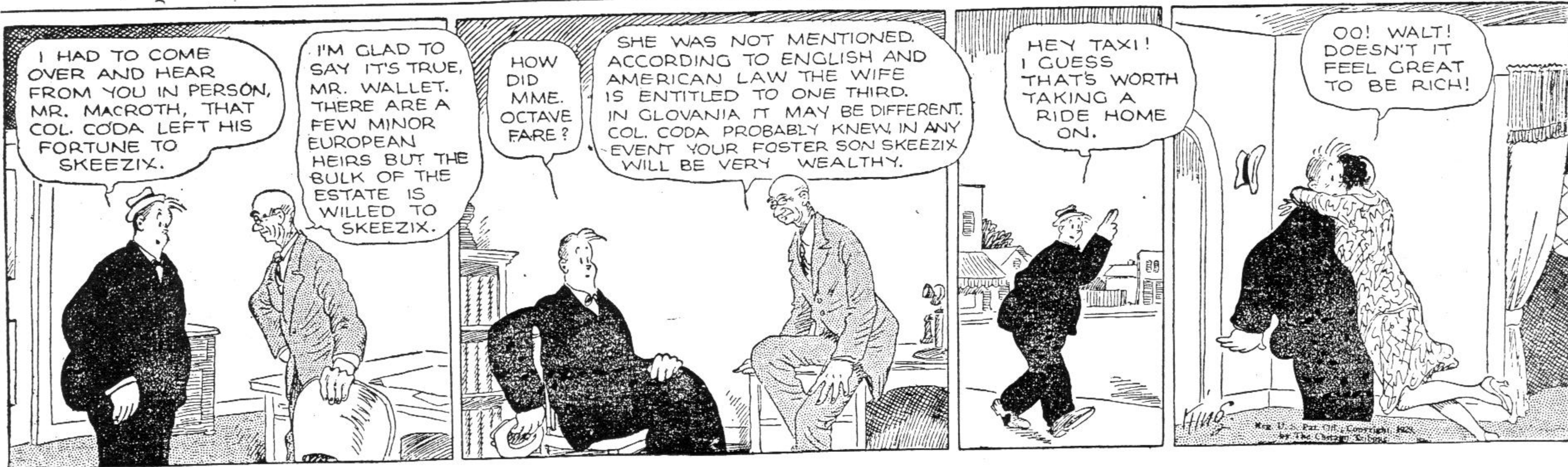
OH BY THE WAY, PHYLLIS! MACROTH PHONED AND SAID CODA LEFT EVERYTHING TO SKEEZIX!

WHAT!

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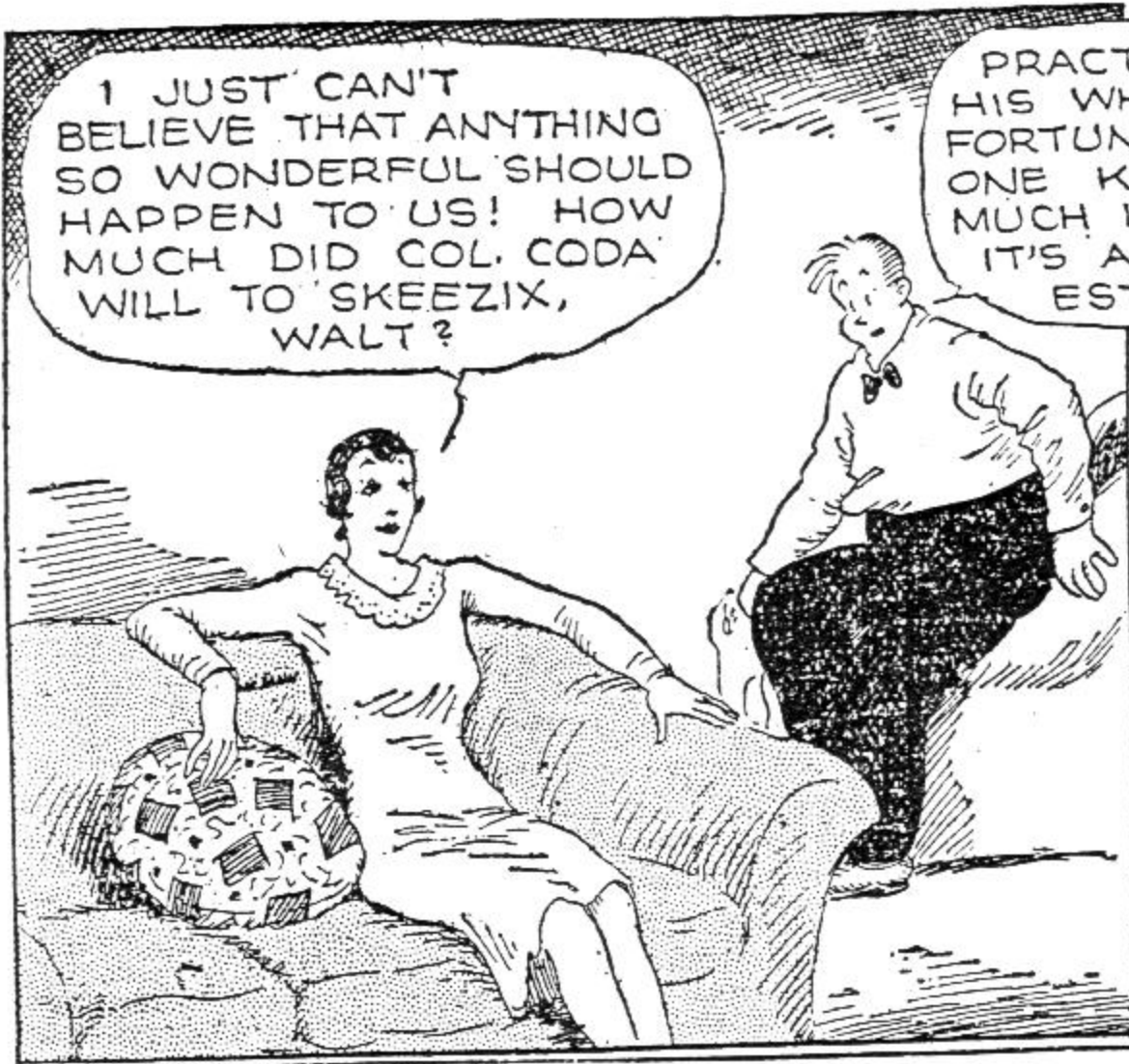
—GASOLINE ALLEY NO IT ISN'T A DREAM

GASOLINE ALLEY—NO, IT ISN'T A DREAM



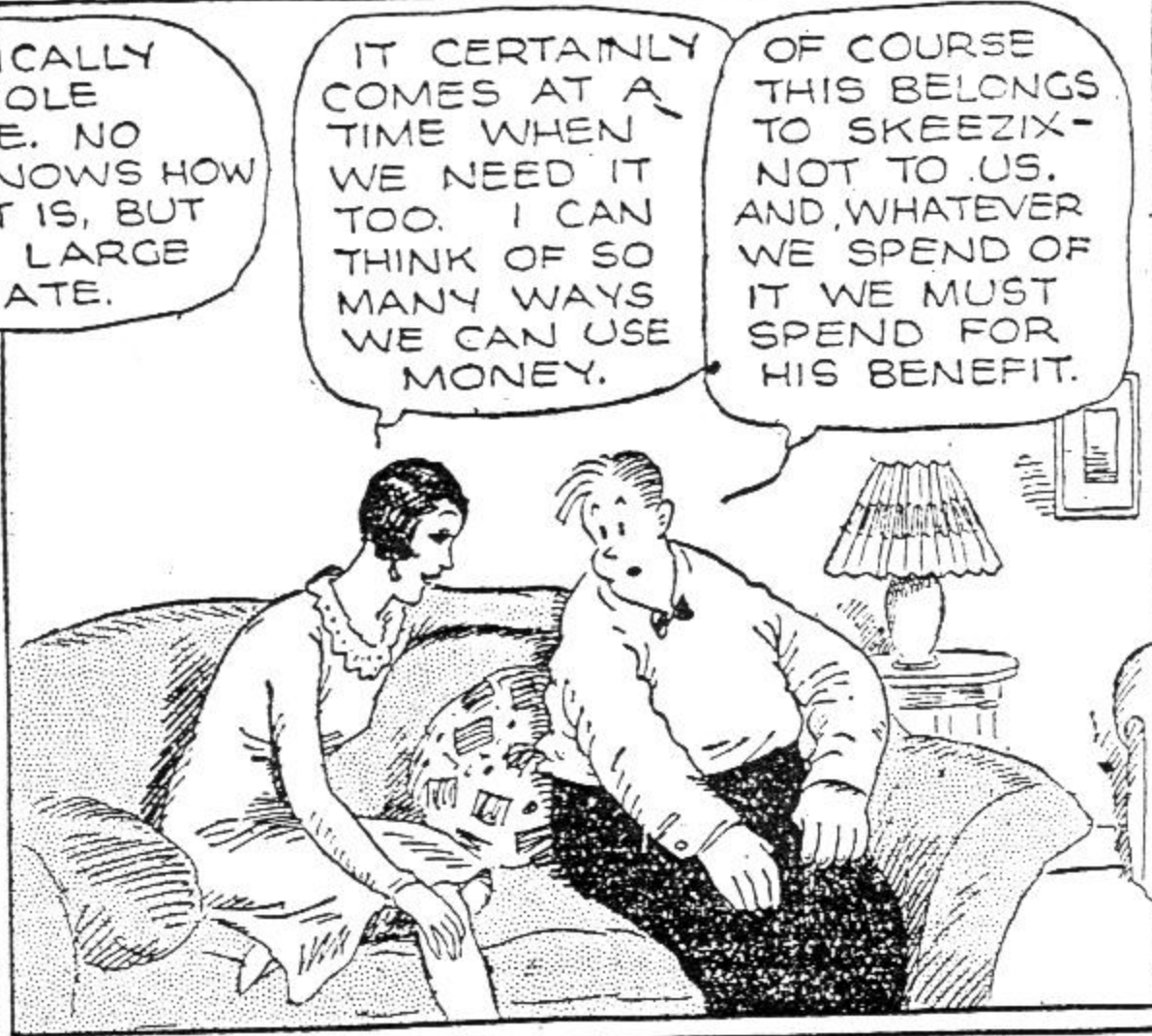
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I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING SO WONDERFUL SHOULD HAPPEN TO US! HOW MUCH DID COL. CODA WILL TO SKEEZIX, WALT?

PRACTICALLY HIS WHOLE FORTUNE. NO ONE KNOWS HOW MUCH IT IS, BUT IT'S A LARGE ESTATE.



IT CERTAINLY COMES AT A TIME WHEN WE NEED IT TOO. I CAN THINK OF SO MANY WAYS WE CAN USE MONEY.

OF COURSE THIS BELONGS TO SKEEZIX—NOT TO US. AND, WHATEVER WE SPEND OF IT WE MUST SPEND FOR HIS BENEFIT.

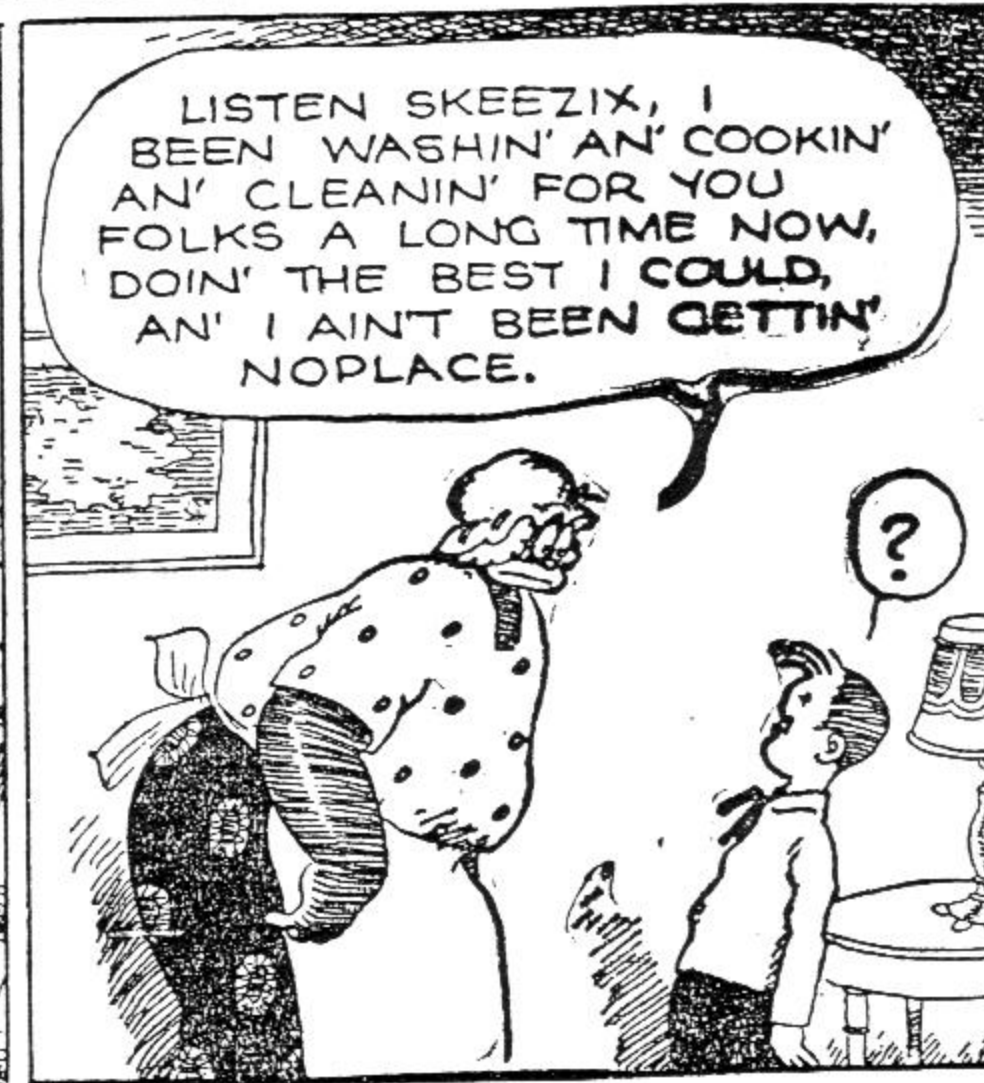


YES THAT'S TRUE, WALT. AND OF COURSE WE CAN DO A GREAT DEAL TO BETTER HIS SURROUNDINGS. NEW FURNITURE AND DRAPES, AND I'M SURE A NEWER AND BIGGER HOUSE WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE TO GROW UP IN.

WELL, WE HAVEN'T GOT IT YET AND I'M NOT GOING TO BEGIN TO WORRY. I'M KEEPING MY HANDS IN MY POCKETS UNTIL I HEAR SOME OF IT CLINK.

THUG

GASOLINE ALLEY—TAKING IT UP WITH HEADQUARTERS



GASOLINE ALLEY—A SIDE SLANT OR TWO

THE NEWS OF COL. CODA'S LEAVING HIS MONEY TO SKEEZIX CAME SO SUDDENLY IT HAS BEEN HARD FOR WALT TO COMPREHEND AND IS JUST NOW SOAKING INTO THE ALLEY BUNCH.

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IT WILL BE TOUGH TO LOSE WALT. OF COURSE HE WILL BUY HIMSELF A BIG HOME ON THE DRIVE AND LIVE AS A MONEYED MAN SHOULD.

BELIEVE ME I KNOW WHAT I'D DO! THIS BUNCH COULDN'T SEE ME FOR DUST. AND IF ANYBODY MENTIONED STOMACH ACHE OR TONSILS TO ME I'D TOSS 'EM OFF MY YACHT

WALT WON'T FORGET HIS FRIENDS, AVERY

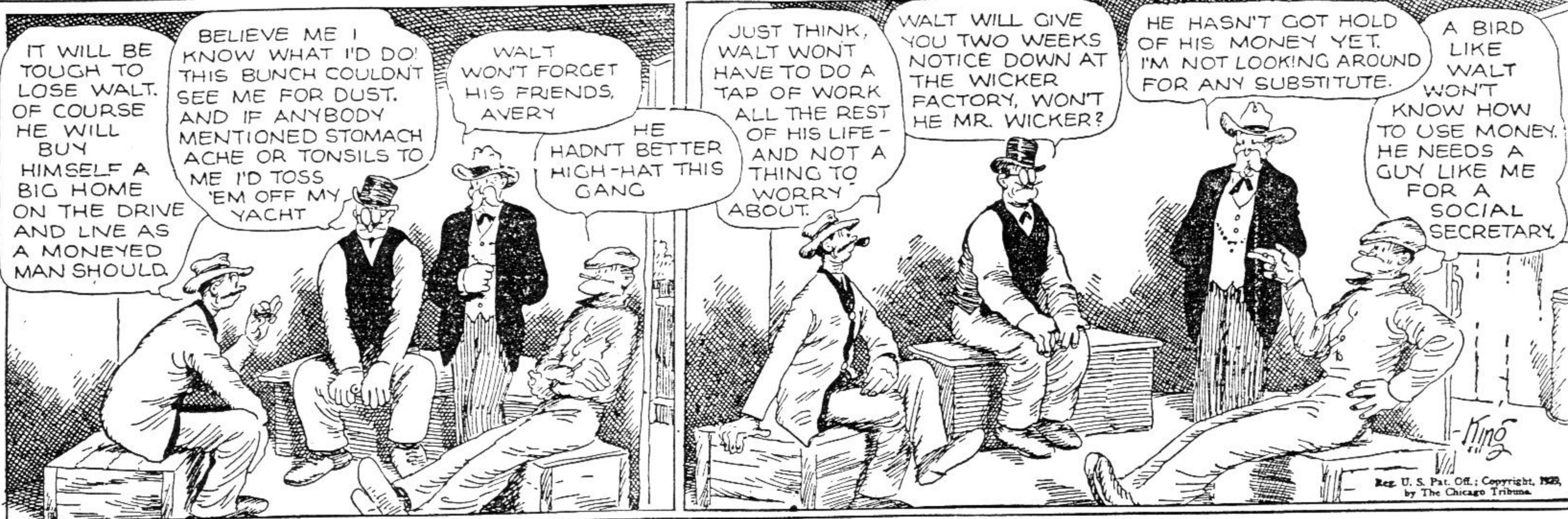
HE HADNT BETTER HIGH-HAT THIS GANG

JUST THINK, WALT WON'T HAVE TO DO A TAP OF WORK ALL THE REST OF HIS LIFE—AND NOT A THING TO WORRY ABOUT.

WALT WILL GIVE YOU TWO WEEKS NOTICE DOWN AT THE WICKER FACTORY, WON'T HE MR. WICKER?

HE HASN'T GOT HOLD OF HIS MONEY YET. I'M NOT LOOKING AROUND FOR ANY SUBSTITUTE.

A BIRD LIKE WALT WON'T KNOW HOW TO USE MONEY. HE NEEDS A GUY LIKE ME FOR A SOCIAL SECRETARY.



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GASOLINE ALLEY OUTLOOK BRIGHT

GASOLINE ALLEY—OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR SKEEZIX

I REALLY THINK YOU ARE RIGHT, WALT, ABOUT SPENDING THE MONEY THAT COL. CODA HAS LEFT TO SKEEZIX ON HIM AND NOT ON OURSELVES.

YES, PHYLLIS, I FEEL THAT IS THE ONLY SQUARE THING TO DO.

OF COURSE IF WE TAKE HIM ANYWHERE WE OUGHT TO HAVE AN UP TO DATE TOWN CAR TO DO IT IN, THEN WE'LL BE ENTERTAINING MORE FOR HIS BENEFIT AND WE'LL NEED NEW TABLE SERVICE AND A LOT OF THINGS FOR THE DINING ROOM.

I'M SURE COL. CODA WOULD WANT HIM TO TRAVEL AND I CAN THINK OF A LOT OF PLACES WE OUGHT TO TAKE HIM— HAWAII, PARIS, EGYPT— AND HE'LL NEED THE FLORIDA SUNSHINE AND A BUNGALOW IN CALIFORNIA. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE CAN DO FOR HIM, WALT.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—SUCH IS LIFE—SOMETIMES



GASOLINE ALLEY—ABSOLUTE CON

GASOLINE ALLEY—ABSOLUTE CONTENTMENT



GASOLINE ALLEY—IT WAS THE WAY HE SAID IT

ONE THING I'M GOING TO INSIST ON, WALT, WHEN WE GET OUR MONEY FROM COL. CODA'S ESTATE AND THAT'S THAT YOU GET YOURSELF A LOT OF NEW CLOTHES.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS SUIT I'VE BEEN WEARING?

ANYWAY COL. CODA IS GOING TO DRESS ME UP. PEOPLE WILL EXPECT MORE OF US THAN THEY HAVE.

JIGGERS, PHYLLIS! IT'S SKEEZIX! HE MUSTN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MONEY.

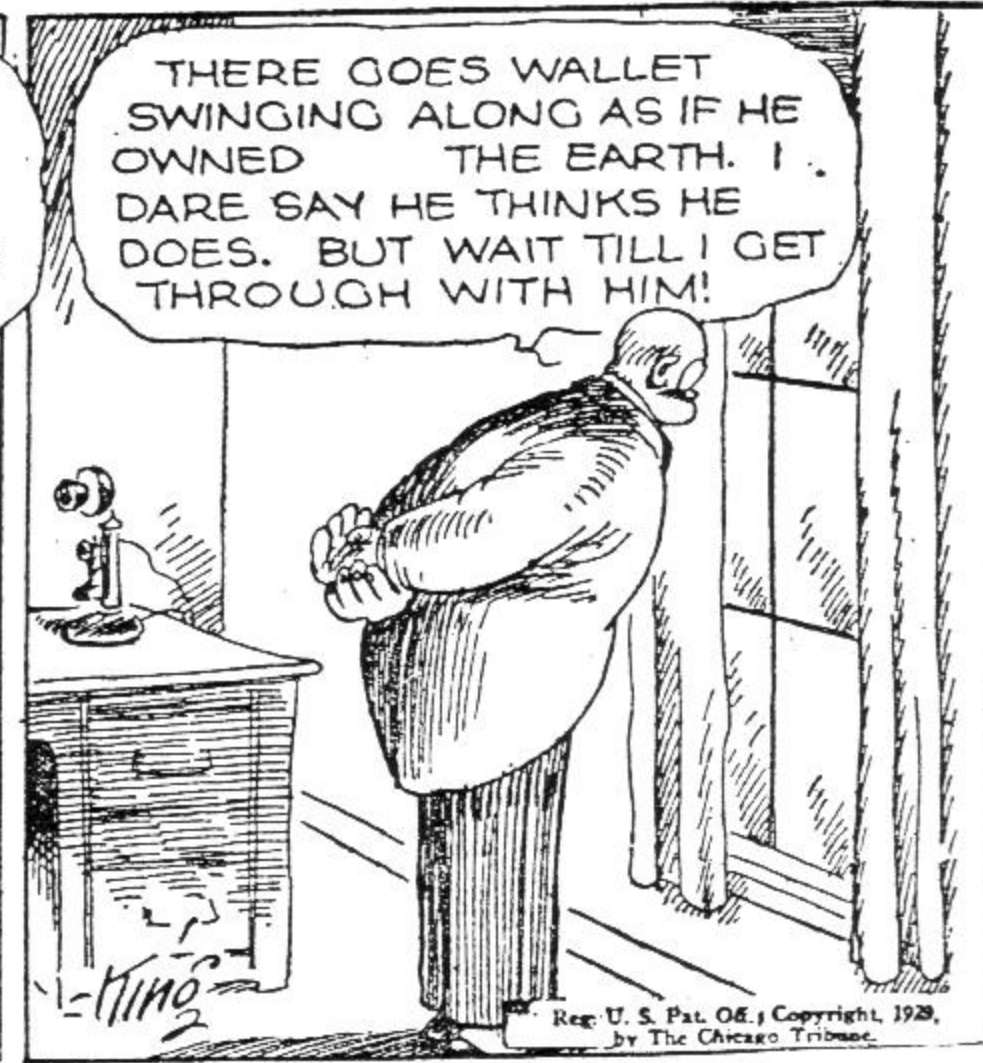
GREAT JUMPIN' GRASSHOPPER! WHAT HAPPENED?

SPIKE CALLED ME A BLOATED BONDHOLDER SO I LET HIM HAVE IT.

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GASOLINE ALLEY SOME LEGAL OPINIONS

GASOLINE ALLEY—SOME LEGAL OPINIONS



GASOLINE ALLEY—GET BEHIND AND PUSH

WALT, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET SOME OF THIS MONEY THAT'S COMING TO US THROUGH SKEEZIX'S LEGACY FROM COL. CODA?

NOBODY KNOWS, PHYLLIS. WHEN A WILL GETS INTO THE COURTS IT IS LIABLE TO BE SOME TIME BEFORE IT IS STRAIGHTENED OUT.

WELL, THEY WON'T HURRY UNLESS YOU GET BEHIND THEM AND KEEP THEM MOVING. YOU'RE TOO MUCH INCLINED TO LET THEM TAKE THEIR OWN SWEET TIME.

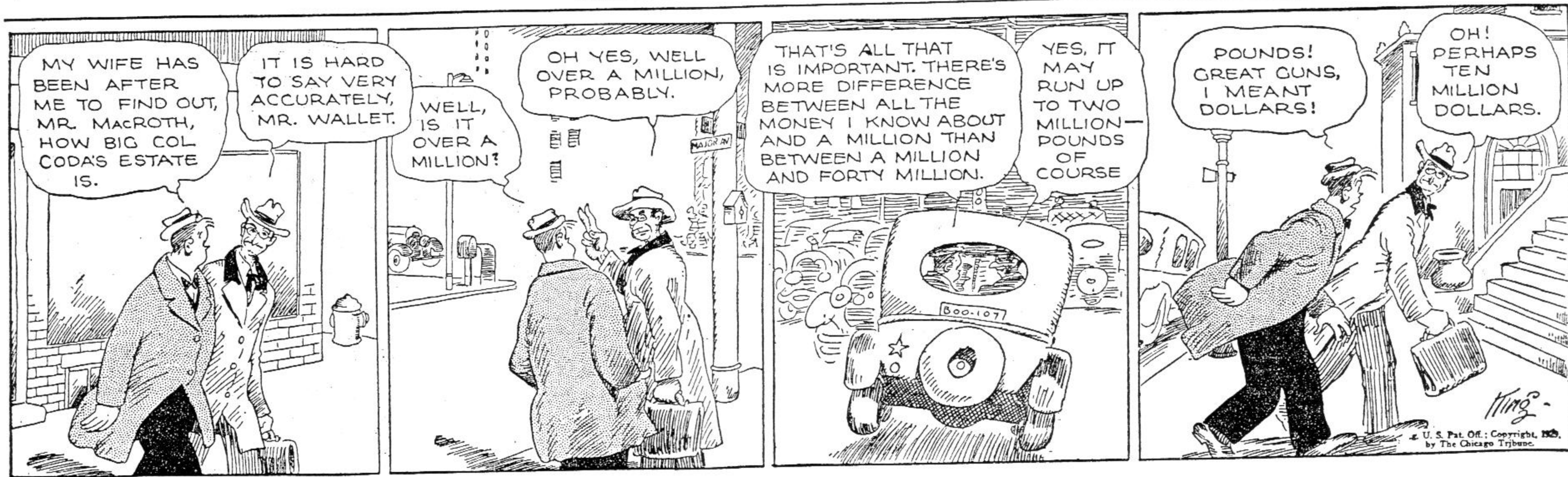
BUT, PHYLLIS, WHAT CAN I DO? THE LAWYERS AND COURTS HAVE THEIR OWN WAYS OF DOING THINGS. SOME WILLS HAVE BEEN IN COURT FOR YEARS!

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE SOMEBODY LIKE ME TO BUILD A FIRE UNDER THEM.

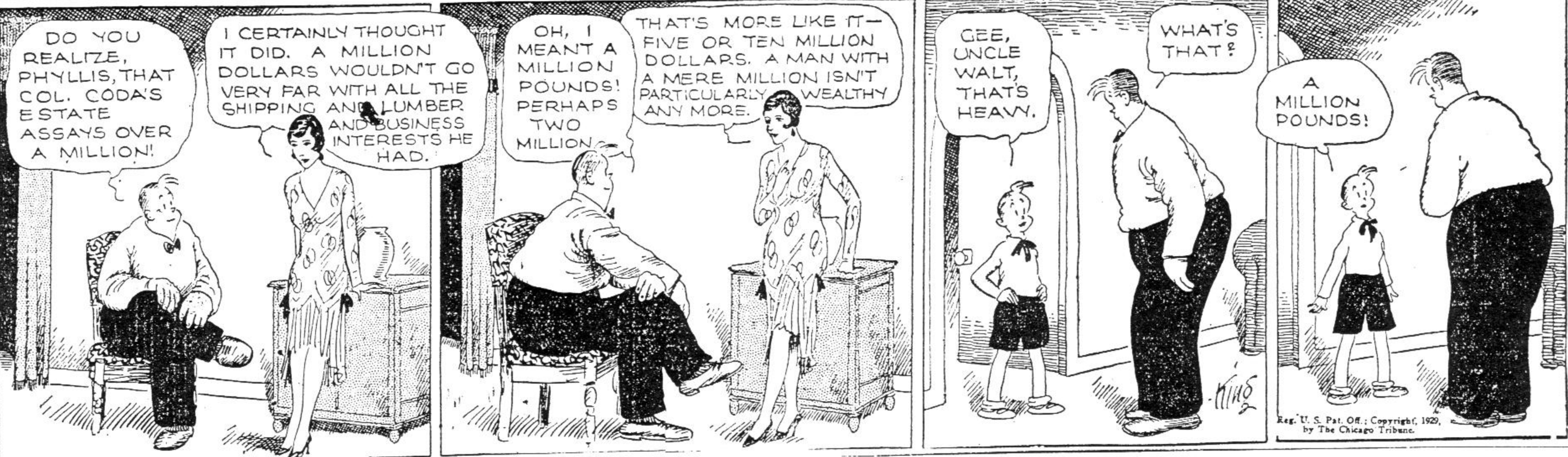
THE TROUBLE IS I'M THE ONE YOU BUILD THE FIRE UNDER.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—GOING UP



GASOLINE ALLEY—WHAT COMES AFTER A MILLION?



GASOLINE ALLEY—CORPUS GIRDS FOR BATTLE

SO YOU THINK OCTAVE IS ENTITLED TO ONE-THIRD CODA'S ESTATE? GO AHEAD AND FIGHT FOR IT. IT SEEMS TO BE BIG ENOUGH TO GO AROUND.

A THIRD NOTHING! WE'RE GOING AFTER ALL OF IT, TOTSY! WE CAN PROVE UNDUE INFLUENCE—COERCION AND ALL THAT.

NOW, ABIE, DON'T YOU GO AND TANGLE THIS THING ALL UP. I DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR MY SHARE UNTIL I'M SO OLD I'LL HAVE TO SPEND IT ALL ON HAVING MY FACE LIFTED.

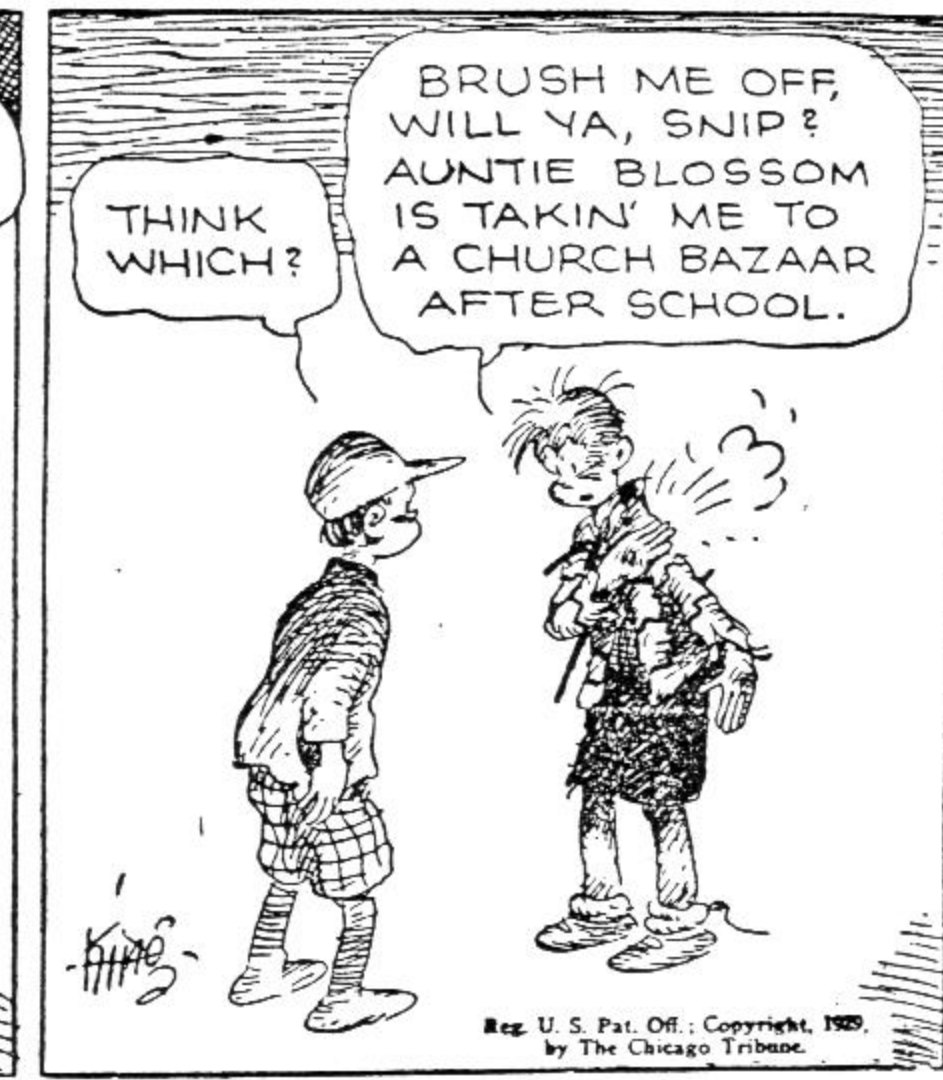
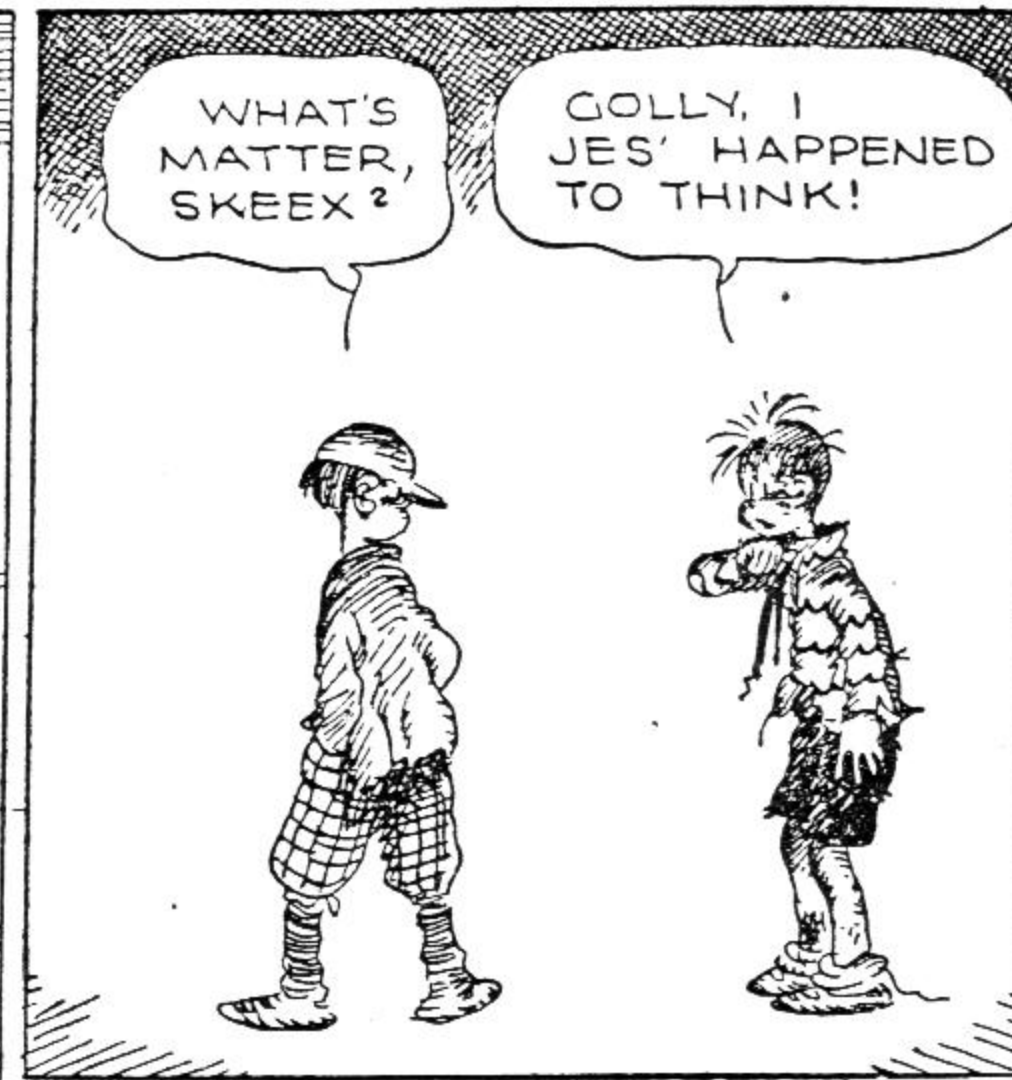
IF IT TAKES TWENTY YEARS THIS WALLET PERSON ISN'T GOING TO GET SEVERAL MILLIONS HE ISN'T ENTITLED TO.

NO SIR, THOSE LONDON SOLICITORS ARE GOOD ENOUGH BUT THEY ARE STAID AND CONSERVATIVE. JUST THE SAME I'VE GOT PLANS THAT MAY BRING THE FIGHT OVER HERE.

IF I DO THAT I CAN RUN CIRCLES AROUND THESE LONDON DIGNITARIES AND GLOVANIAN EXECUTORS. I KNOW THE ROPES ON THIS SIDE OF THE WATER. I WANT THE GAME ON MY HOME GROUNDS.

-King-

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GASOLINE ALLEY—DON'T MENTION IT

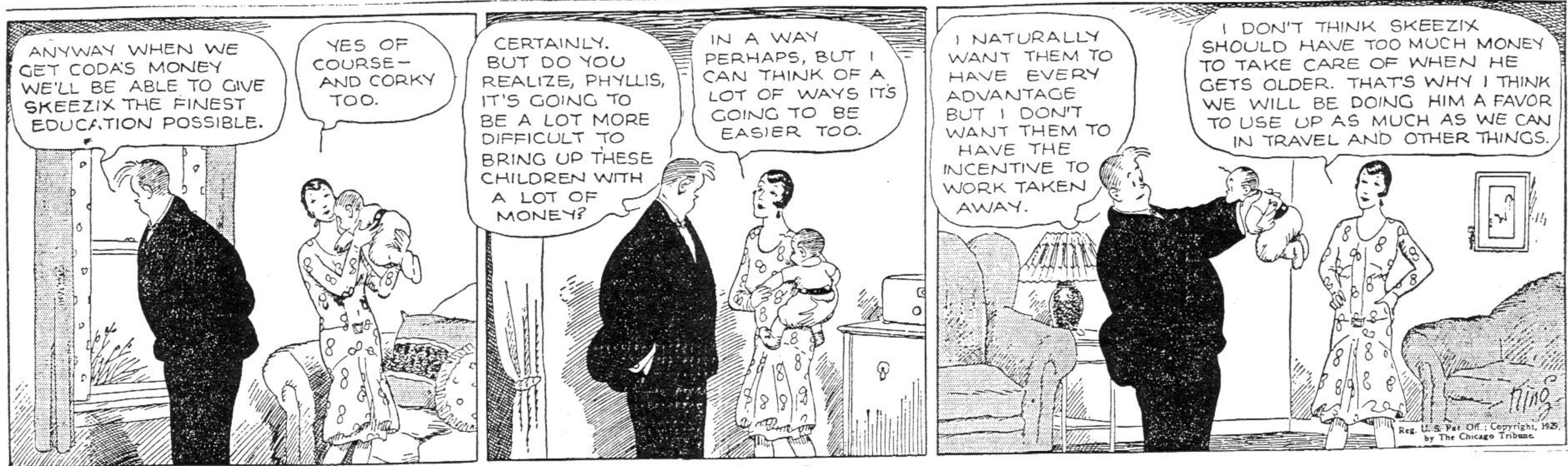
IF THERE IS MONEY COMING TO SKEEZIX I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WITH ME. I'M GOING TO WORK EVERY BIT AS HARD AS EVER.

OF COURSE IT WILL BE NICE TO FEEL THAT I DON'T HAVE TO IF I DON'T WANT TO—THAT I CAN TAKE SKEEZIX AND PHYLLIS AND TRAVEL AND VISIT SOME OF THE PLACES I'VE ALWAYS LONGED TO SEE.

H'LO MR. WALLET!
YOU LOOK AS IF
YOU'D JUST INHERITED
A MILLION DOLLARS!

GOLLY! THAT
MUST BE A TOUCHY
SUBJECT!

GASOLINE ALLEY—STARTING RIGHT NOW



GASOLINE ALLEY—CONSPIRACY

GASOLINE ALLEY—CONSPIRACY

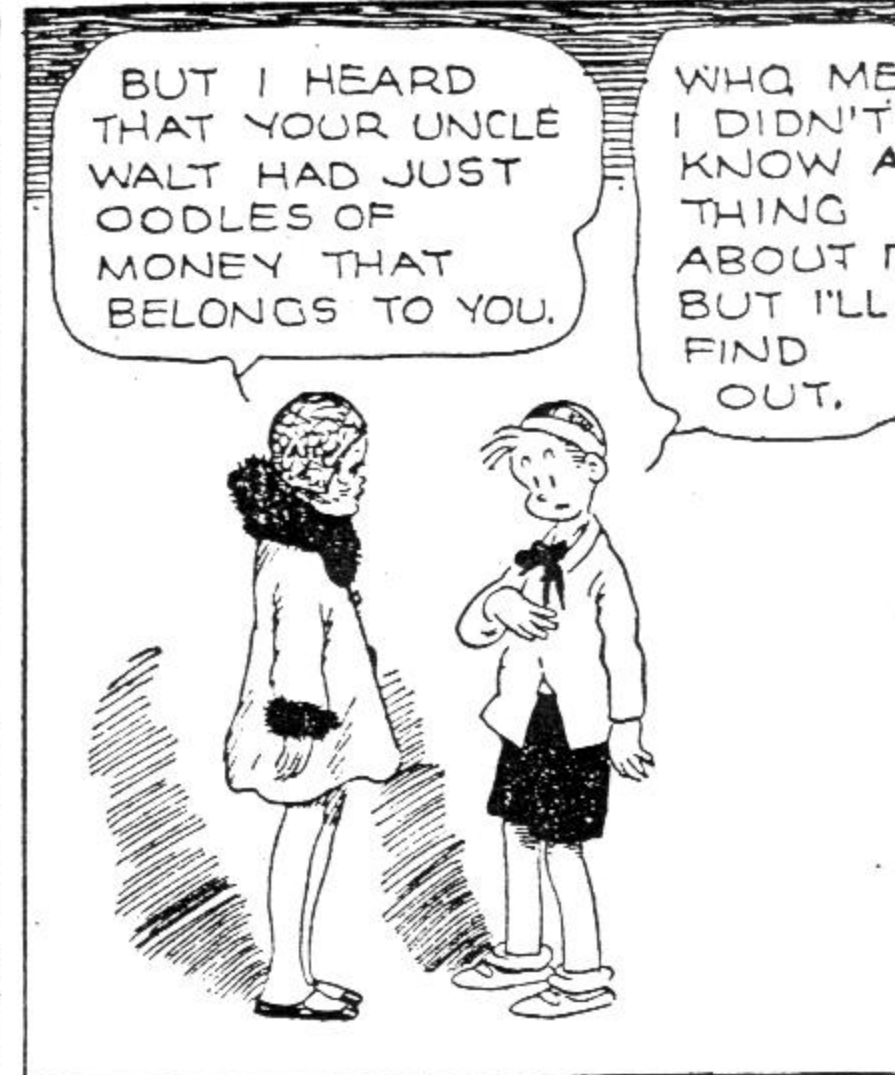
OF COURSE MME. OCTAVE
COULD CLAIM HER DOWER RIGHTS
AND WE COULD GET ONE THIRD OF
CODA'S ESTATE. AND IF THAT'S
THE BEST WE CAN DO IT ISN'T SO
BAD. BUT I CAN DO A LOT
BETTER.

I'M ONLY SORRY I CAN'T
DO IT ALL MYSELF.
HOWEVER THERE'S ONE MAN
THAT I'LL HAVE TO TAKE
INTO MY CONFIDENCE. BUT
SHRIKE ISN'T TALKATIVE.
HE'S A CLAM

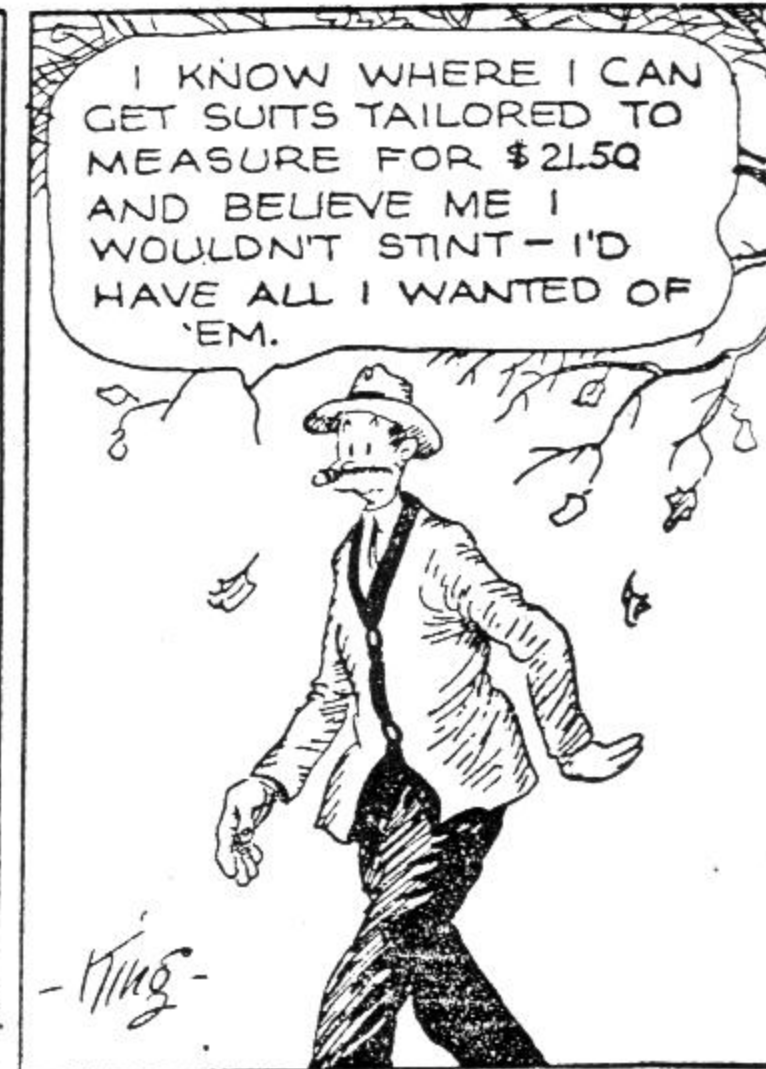
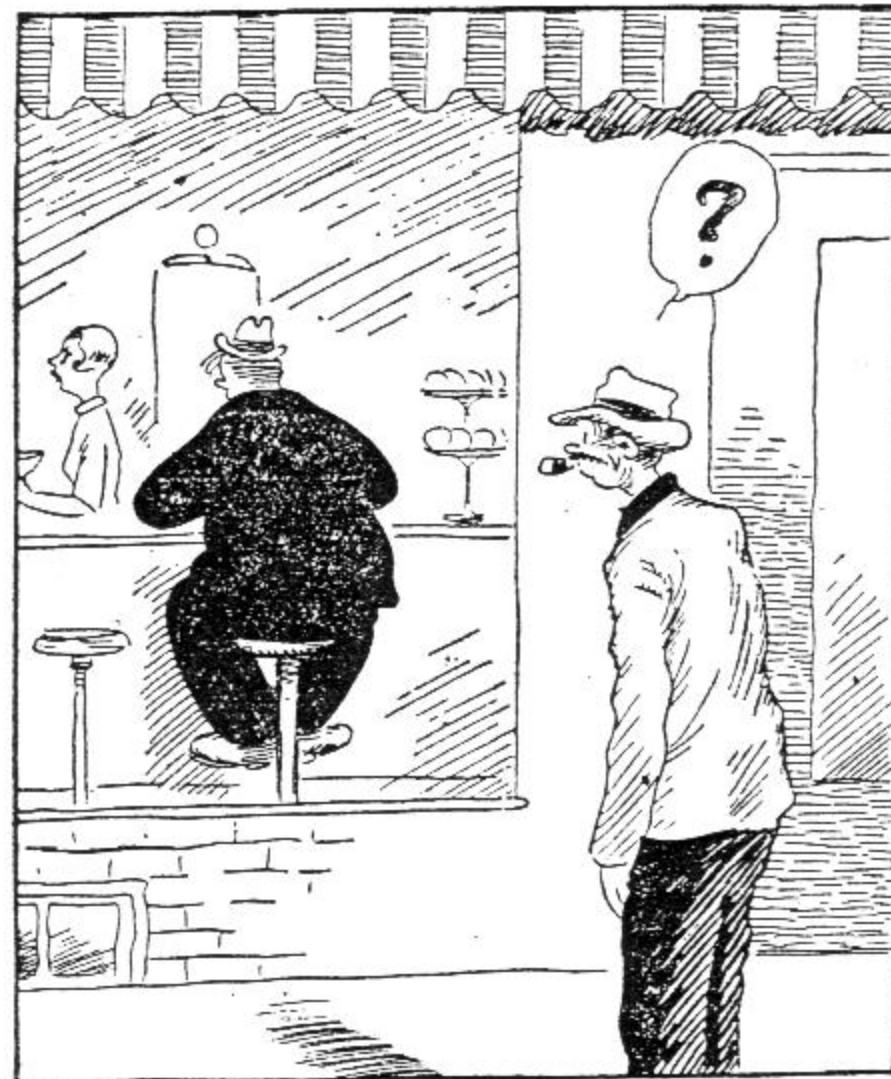
NOW REMEMBER,
SHRIKE, ONE
THOUSAND COLD
CASH AND FULL
PROTECTION.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—MERELY A RUMOR



GASOLINE ALLEY—SKY'S THE LIMIT



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GASOLINE ALLEY—GET IN ON THE RISE

I'M MIGHTY GLAD FOR WALT'S FOLKS. I UNDERSTAND CODA'S WILL LEFT THEM OVER A MILLION DOLLARS.

A MILLION—I HEARD IT WAS THREE MILLION. WHY AT HELEN'S TEA SOMEONE SAID IT WAS FIVE OR MORE!

WELL, OLD WALT THE MILLIONAIRE HASN'T PUT ON MANY AIRS YET.

MILLIONAIRE! MULTI-MILLIONAIRE! I HEAR IT'S A LOT OVER FIVE MILLION.

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK IT AMOUNTS TO BILL? I'VE HEARD DIFFERENT STORIES.

SAY, IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF IT WAS 12 OR 15 MILLIONS! WALT WOULDN'T ACT ANY DIFFERENT.

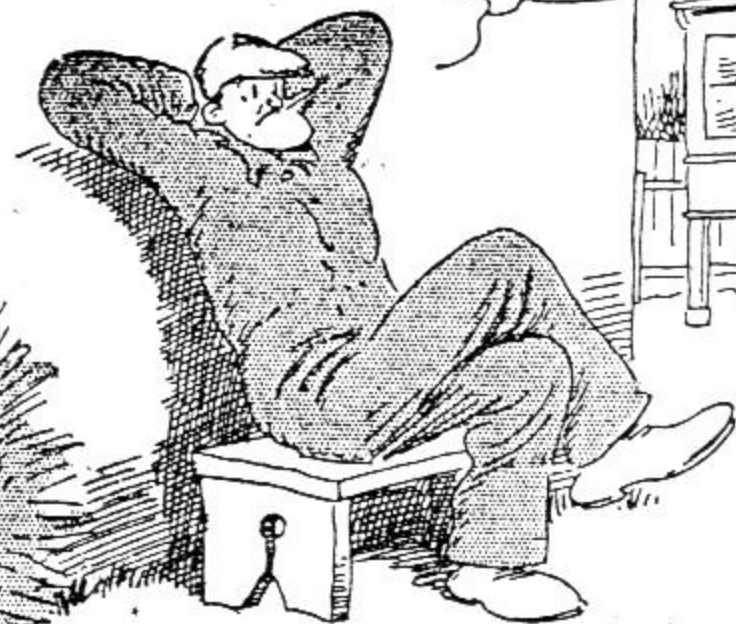
JUST IMAGINE 15 MILLION! IT'S INCONCEIVABLE!

IS THAT ALL IT WAS? I HEARD IT WAS 50 MILLION!

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GASOLINE ALLEY—WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR MILLIONS

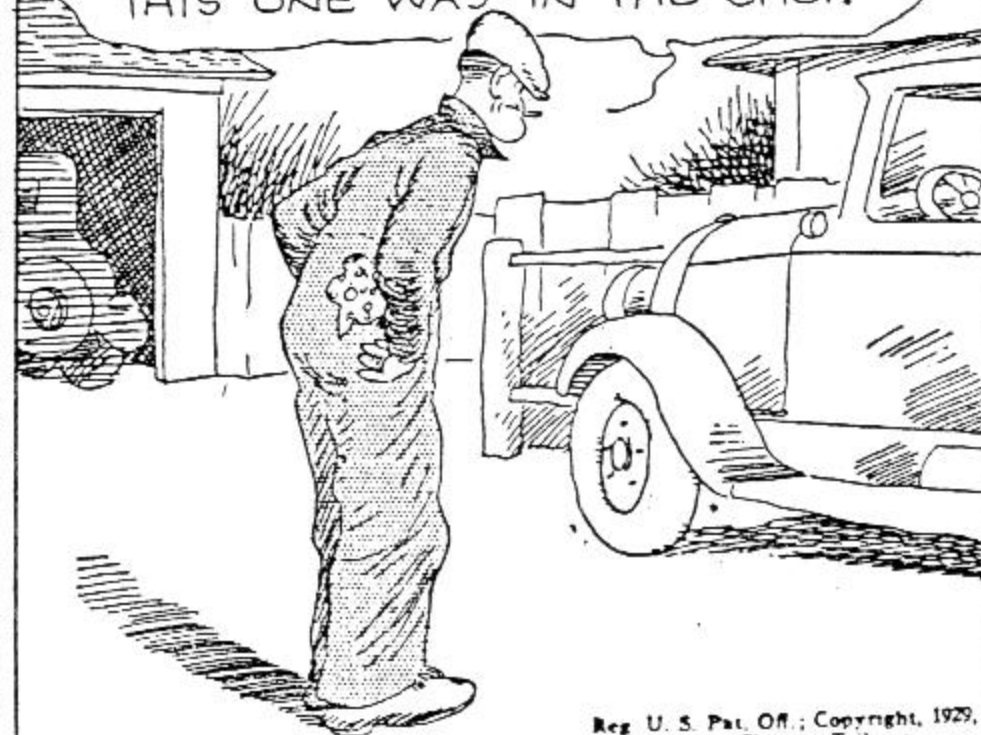
BELIEVE ME THE FIRST THING I'D DO IF I GOT THE MONEY WALT'S GOING TO GET WOULD BE TO TELL A FEW BIRDS TO JUMP IN THE LAKE! THEN I'D GO UP TO TENDERFOOT LAKE FISHIN' AND FORGET TO COME BACK.



WHEN IT GOT CHILLY I'D GO AFTER SAIL FISH AND TARPON OFF THE FLORIDA KEYS. AND NOBODY WOULD TELL ME WHEN TO QUIT—NO MAN, I MEAN. OF COURSE THERE'S ANY—



ANOTHER THING, IF I HAD ANY TIRE TROUBLE I'D PEEL IT OFF AND LEAVE IT RIGHT THERE AND BUY A NEW ONE! AND I'D HAVE ANOTHER CAR TO DRIVE WHILE THIS ONE WAS IN THE SHOP.

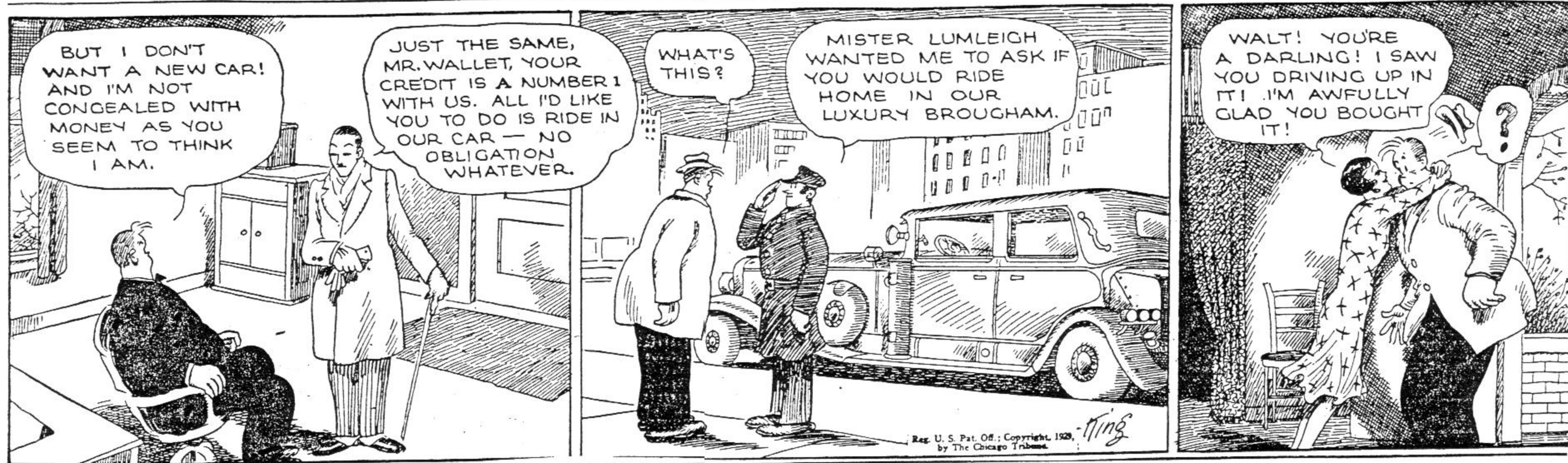


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AW, WHAT'S THE USE! SUCH DREAMS NEVER COME TRUE FOR ANYBODY—EXCEPT WALT.

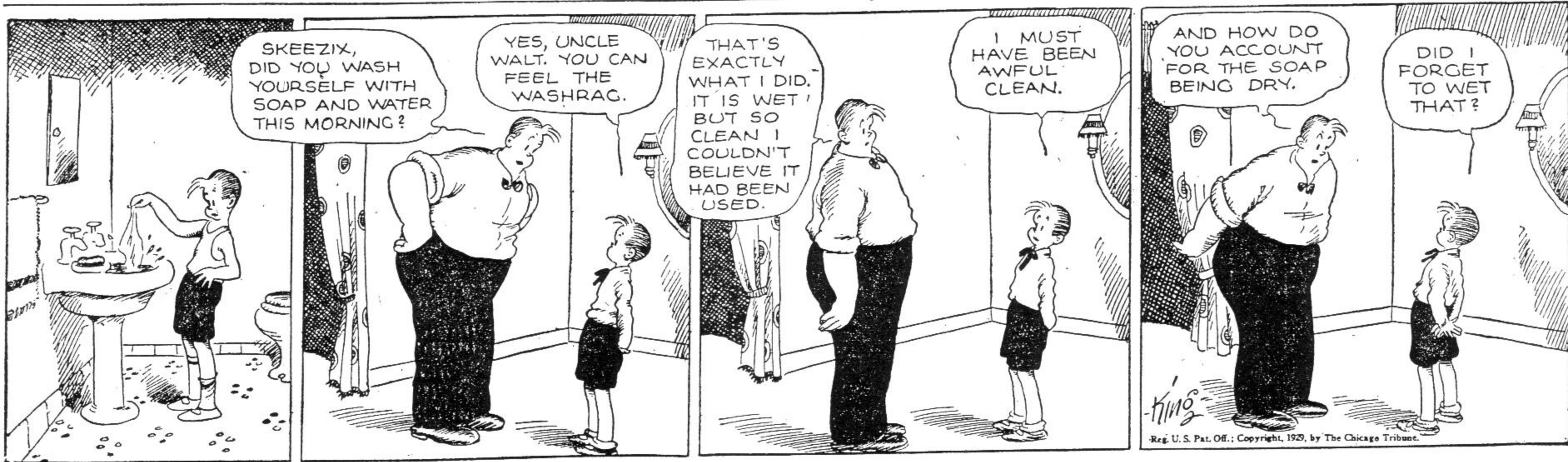


GASOLINE ALLEY—BACK UP, WALT

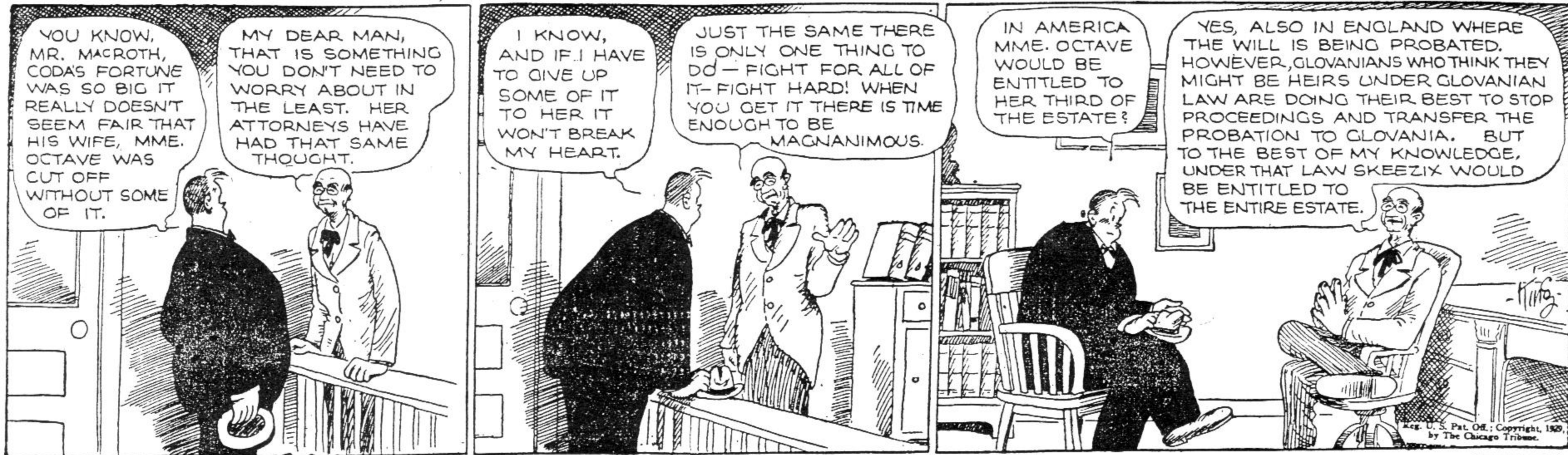


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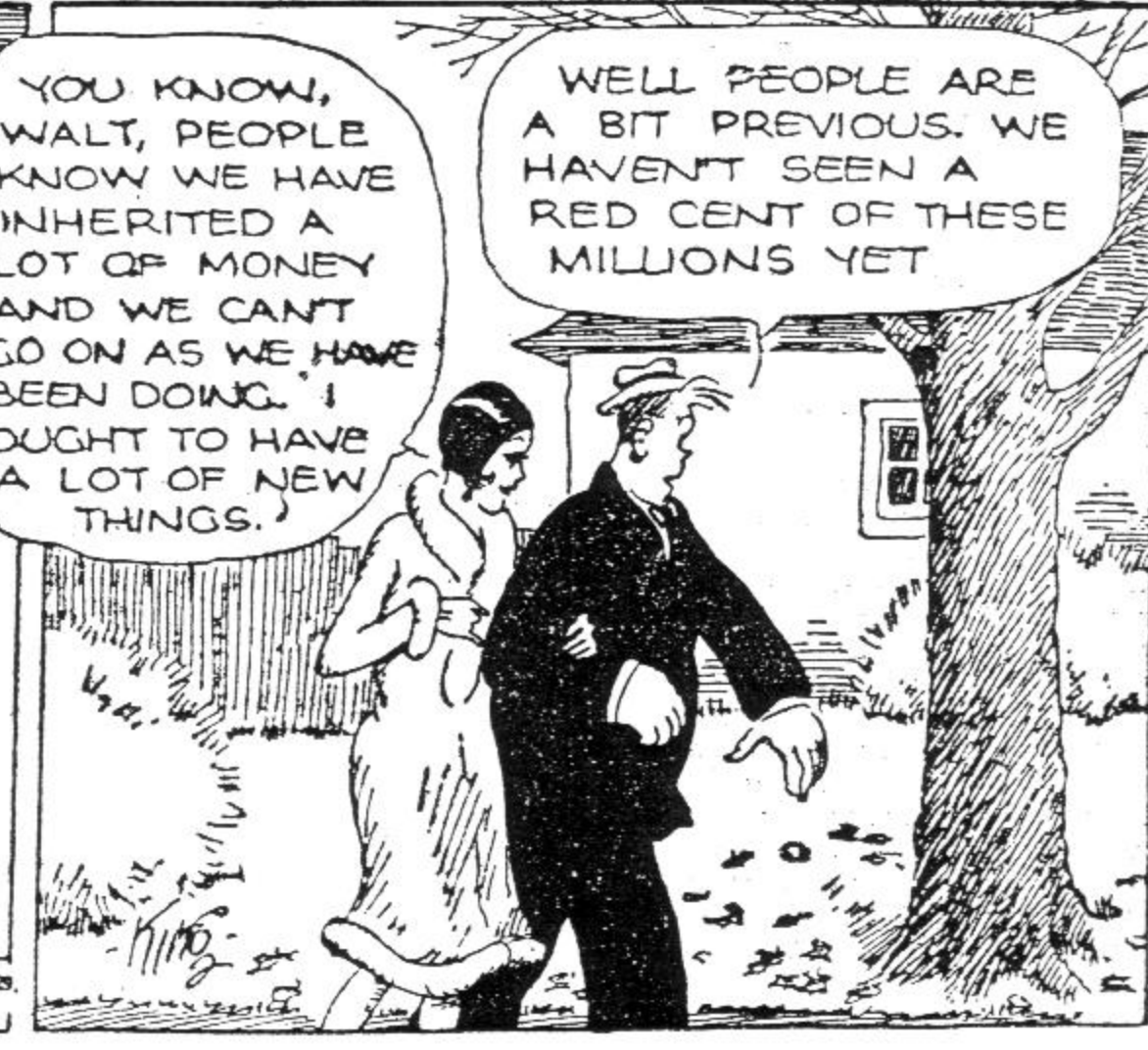
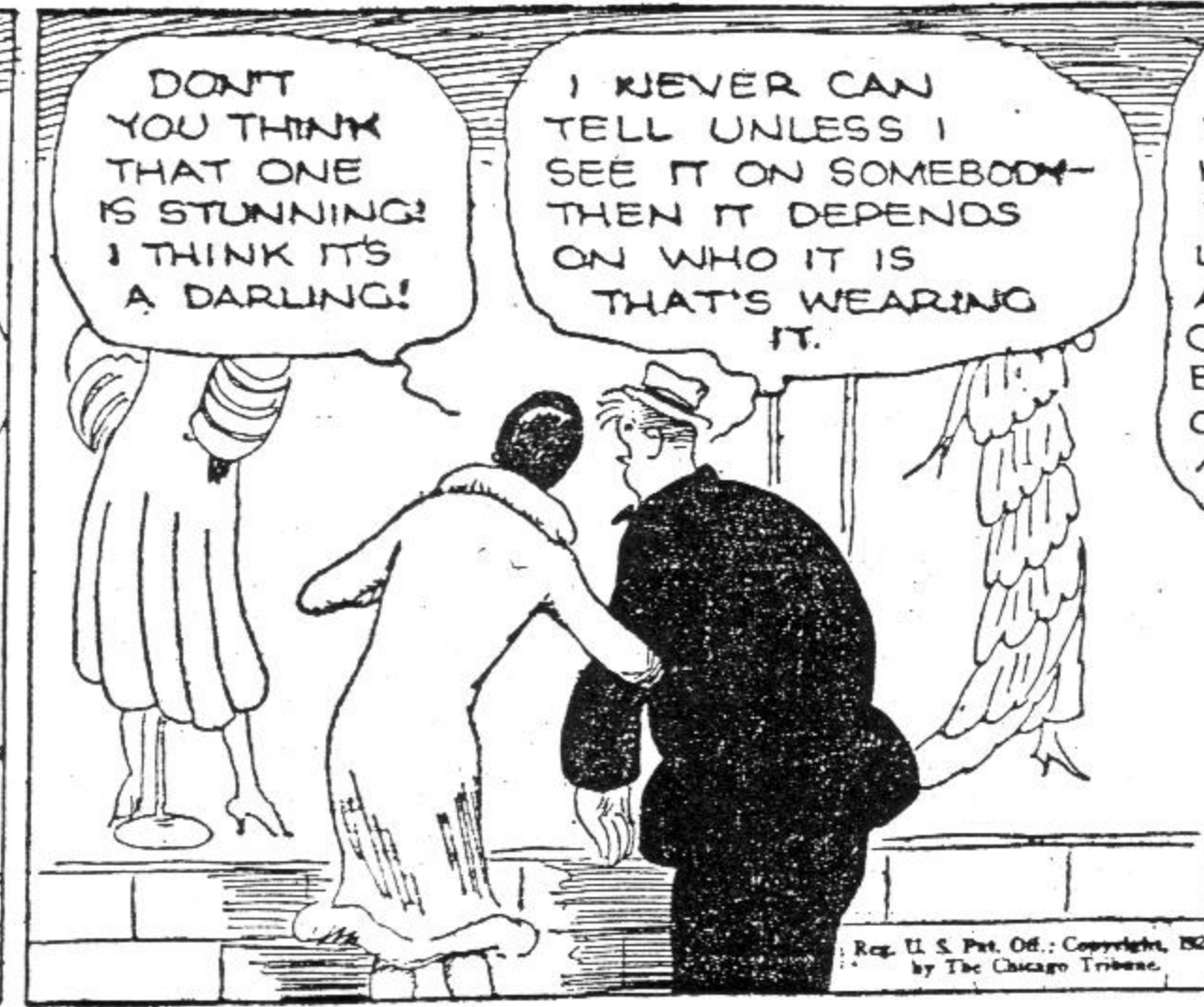
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GASOLINE ALLEY—FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENTS



GASOLINE ALLEY—FOLKS WILL HAVE TO WAIT



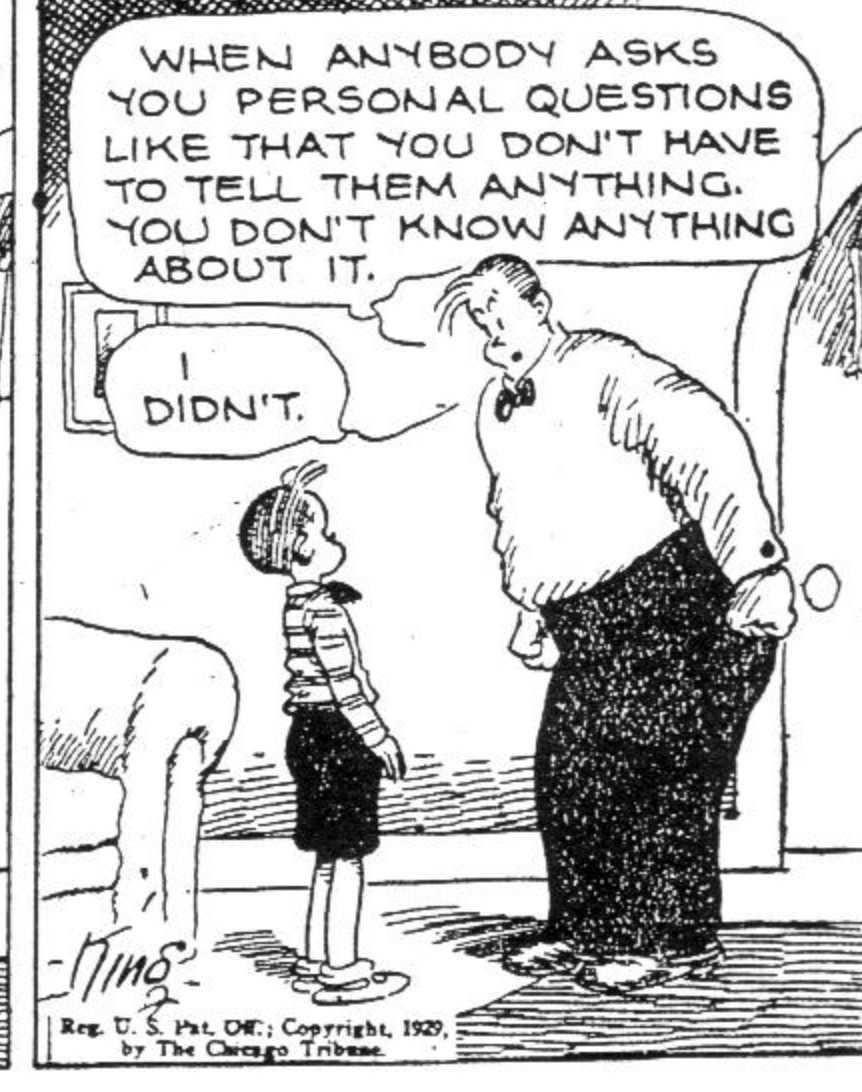
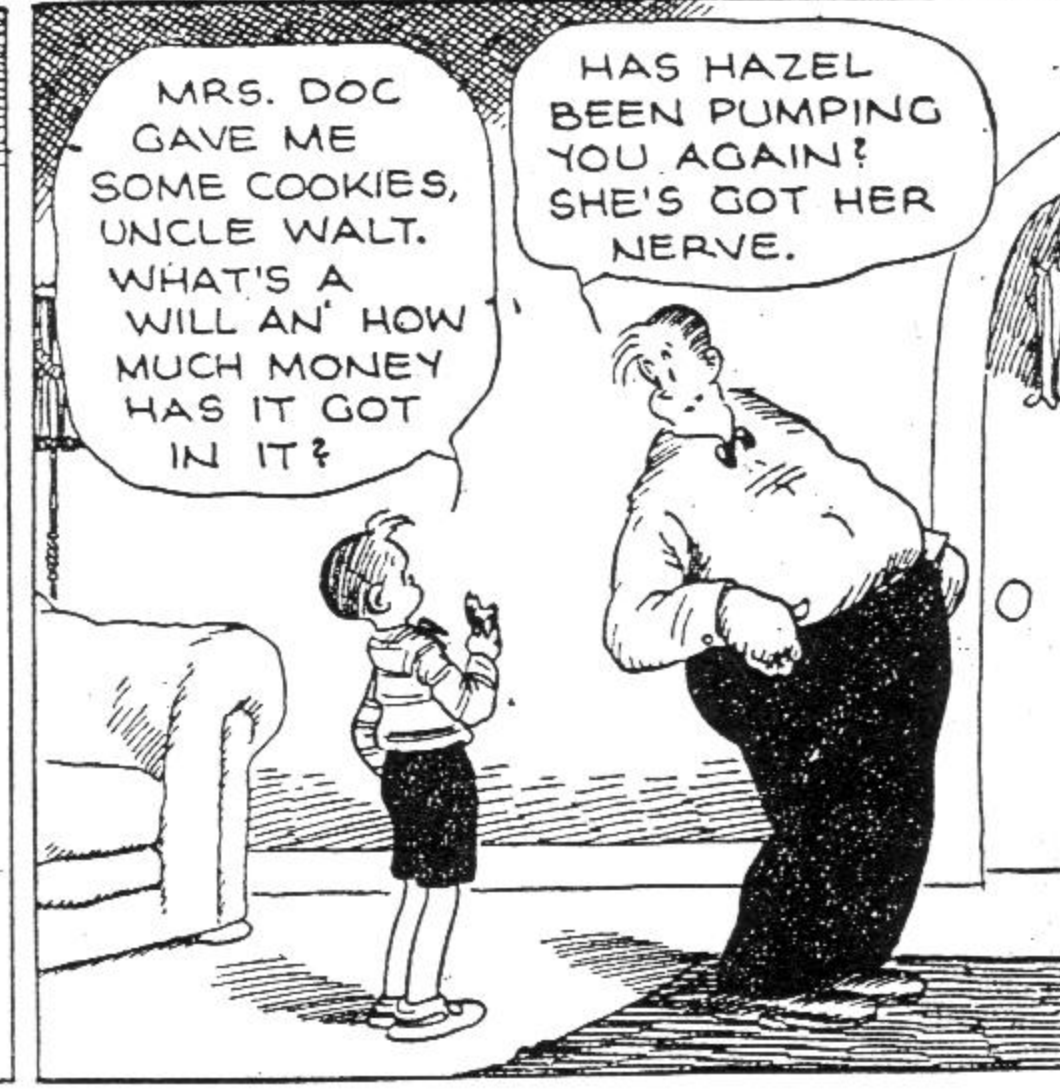
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GASOLINE ALLEY—RACHEL IS JUST AS CONDESCENDING AS ANYBODY

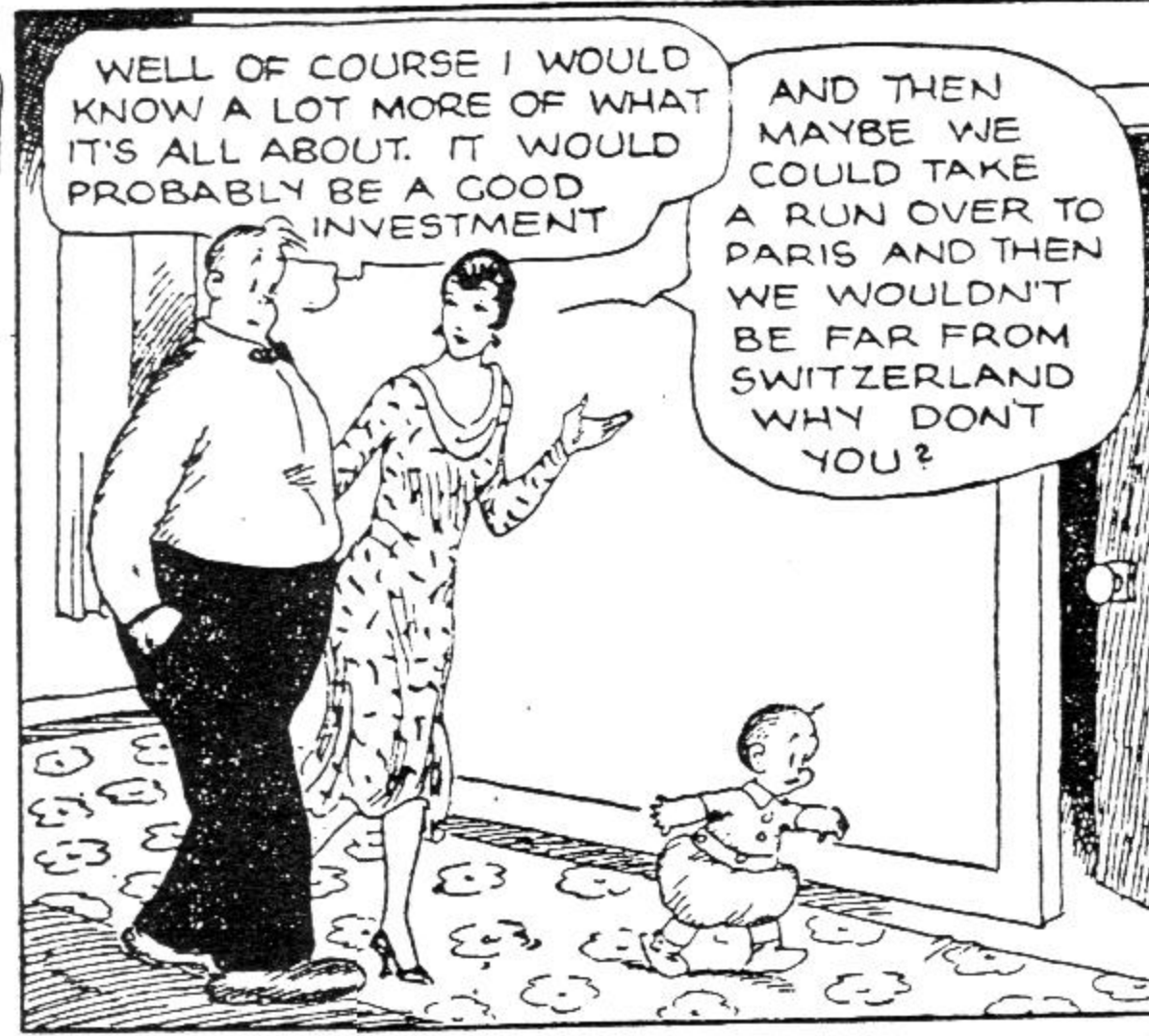


GASOLINE ALLEY—SKEEFZIX GETS HIS COOKIES FREE

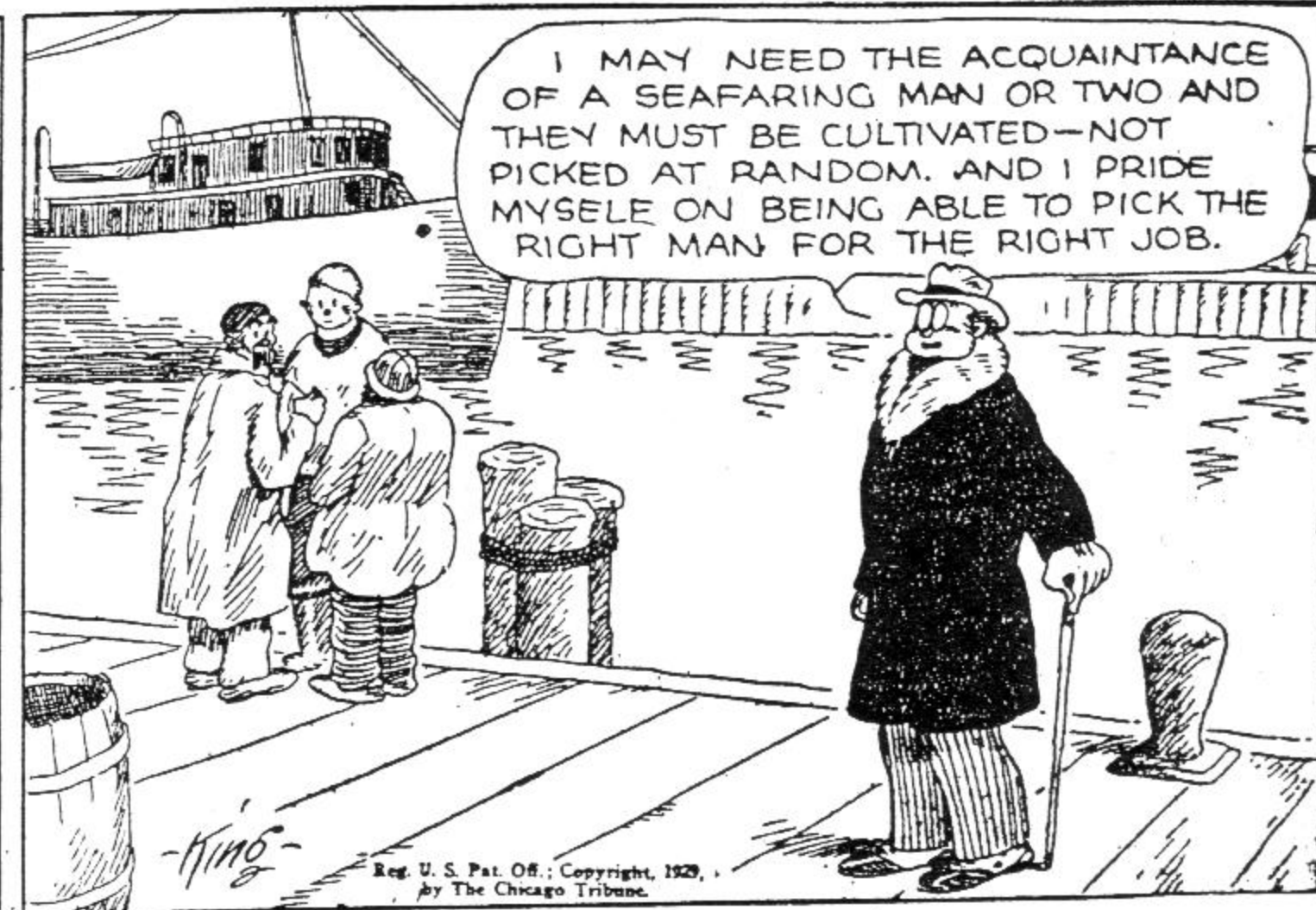
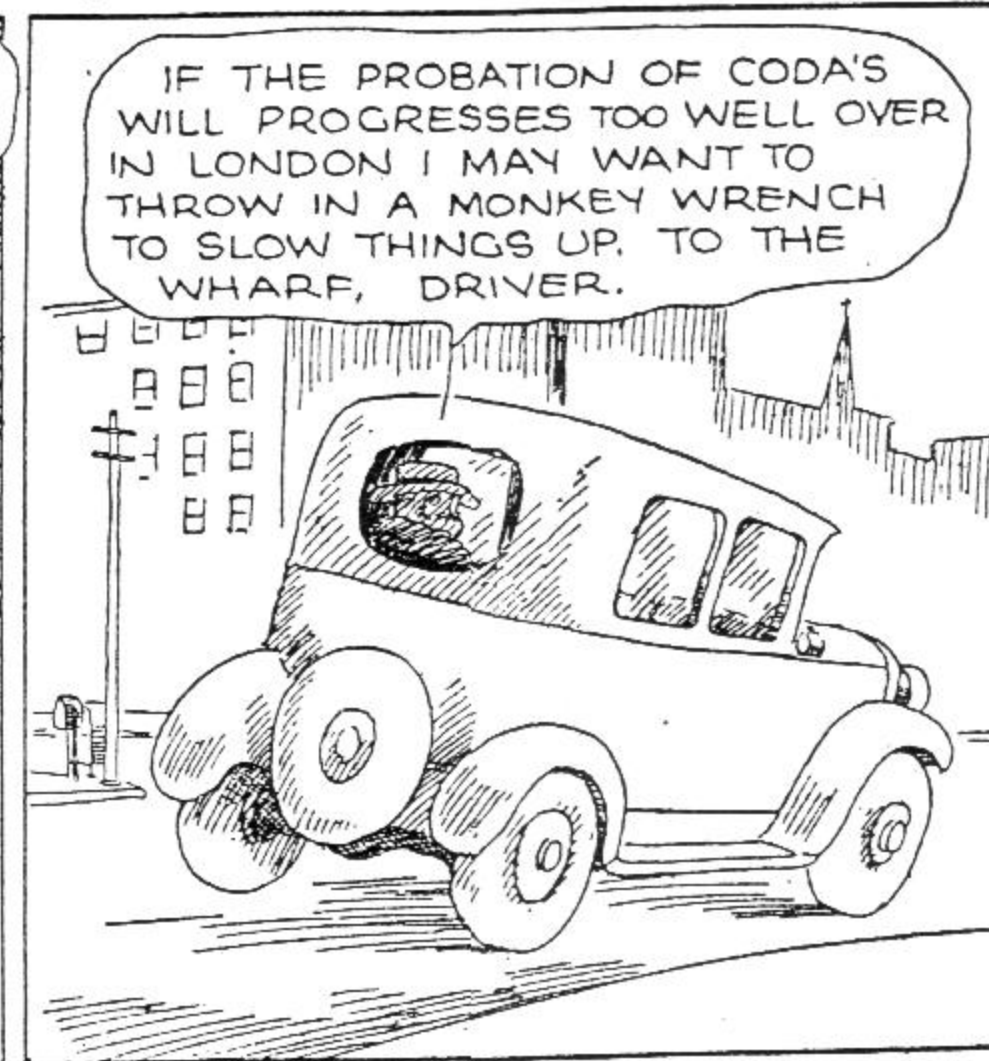
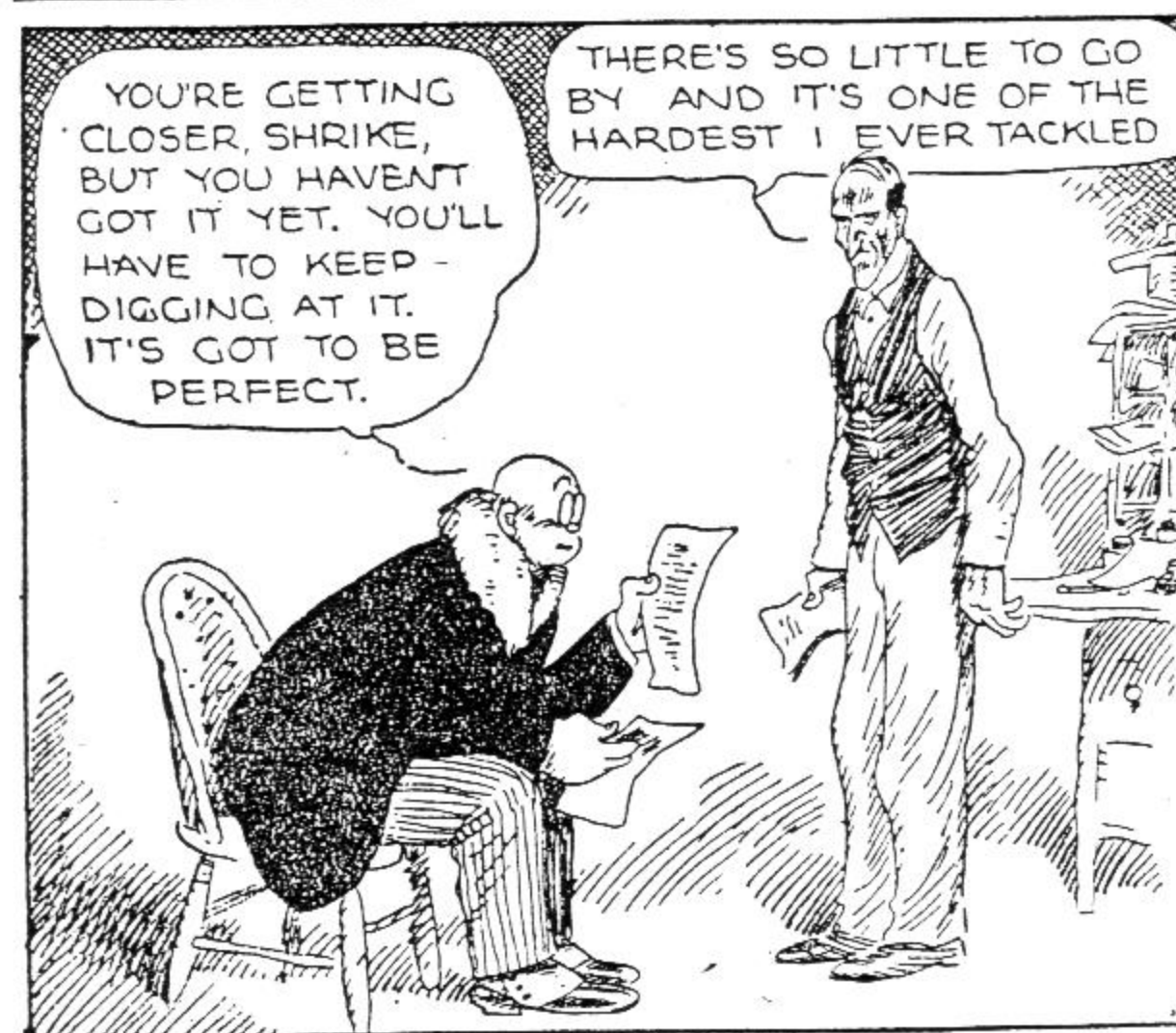
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GASOLINE ALLEY—TRIP TO EUROPE



GASOLINE ALLEY—CODA'S WILL



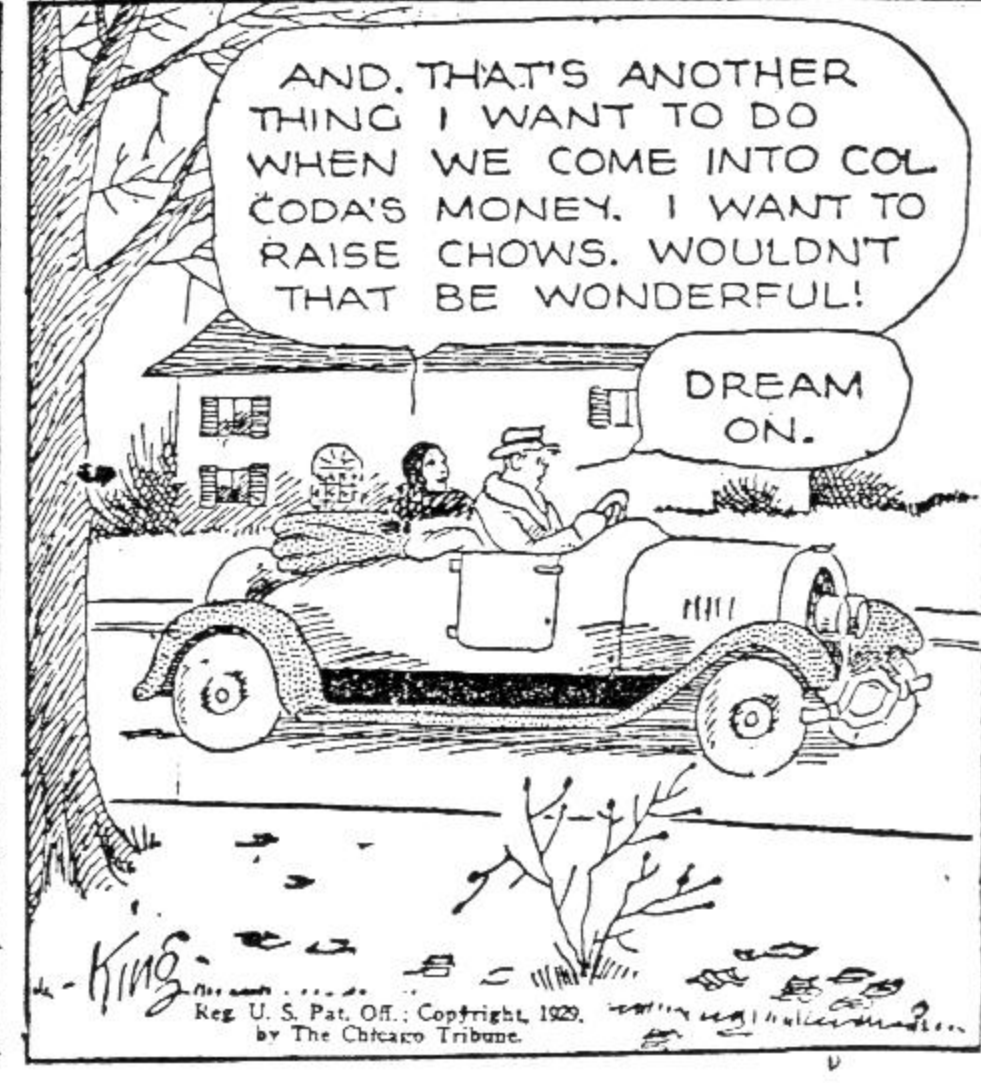
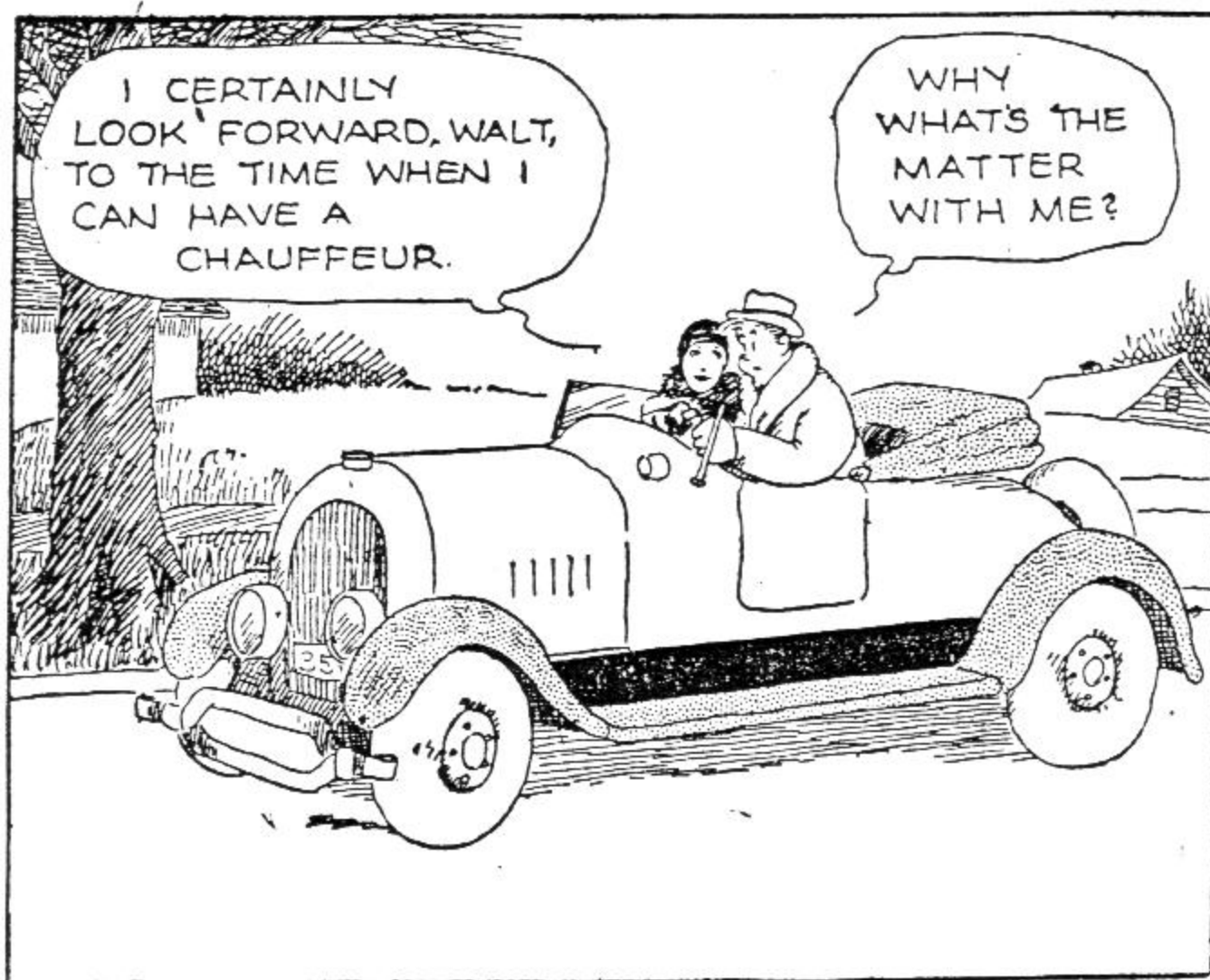
GASOLINE ALLEY—AVERY'S GOING SOME



THE LOWERING OF THE CURTAIN FOR 10 SECONDS INDICATES THE PASSING OF TWO HOURS TIME.



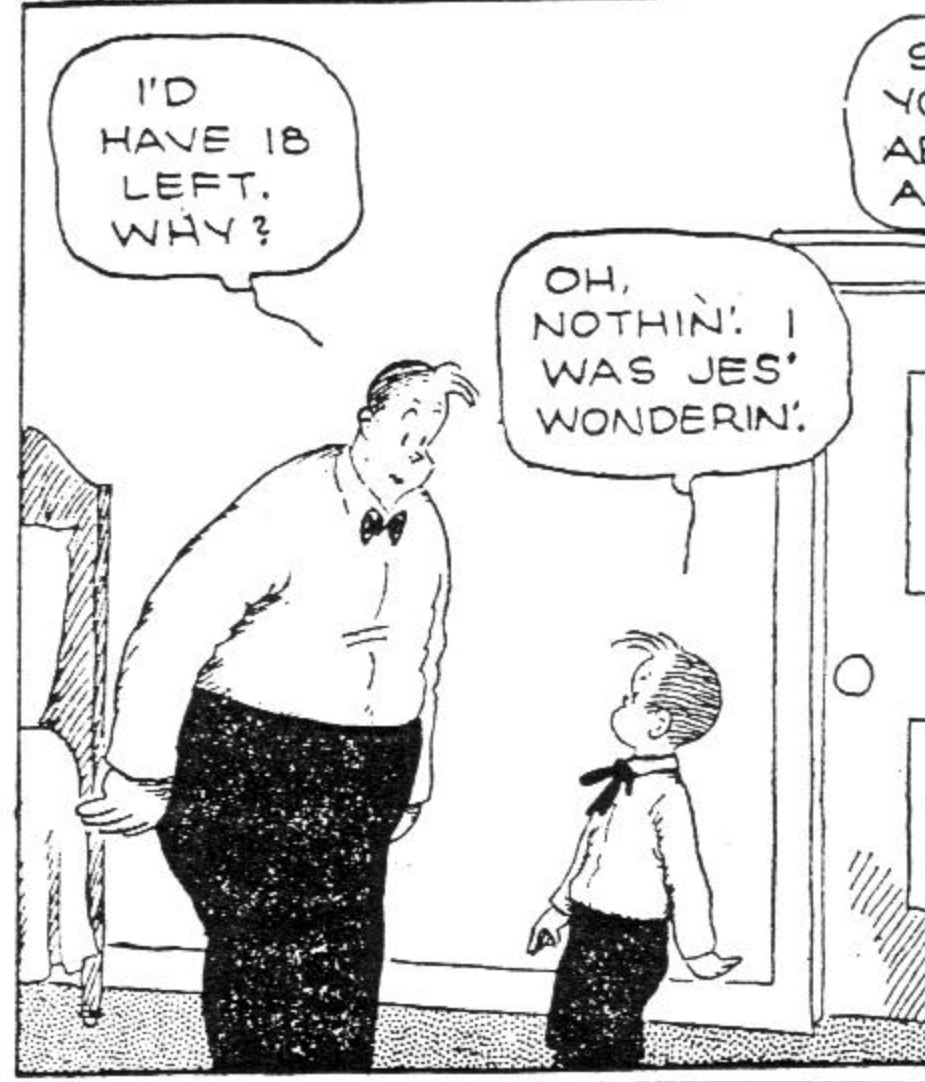
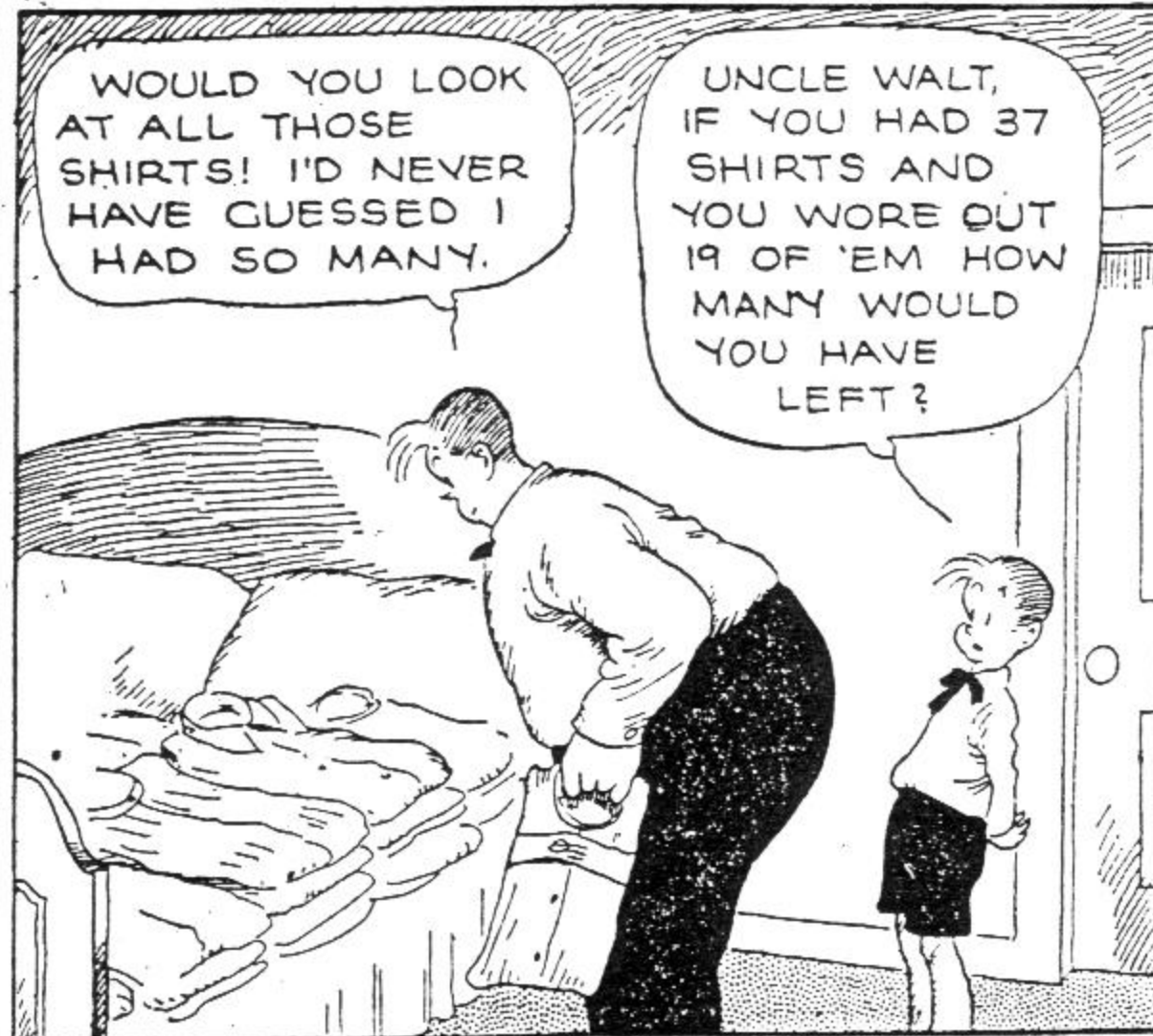
GASOLINE ALLEY—PHYLLIS WANTS A CHAUFFEUR



GASOLINE ALLEY—WHAT SKEEZIX WANTED TO KNOW

SKEEZIX, UNCONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT HE IS HEIR TO CODA'S MILLIONS ENJOYS LIFE AS USUAL. LITTLE DOES HE KNOW AND LESS DOES IT WORRY HIM THAT WEALTH LAYS NOT ONLY OPPORTUNITY AT ONE'S FEET BUT RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL.

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GASOLINE ALLEY—THE LITTLE OLD PAY CHECK

MAYBE THERE ARE MILLIONS COMING TO ME BUT JUST THE SAME IT HASN'T TAKEN THE THRILL OUT OF THE LITTLE OLD PAY CHECK.

WELL, IT WILL KEEP THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR FOR A FORTNIGHT. EVERY DOLLAR OF IT HAS A LITTLE DUTY TO PERFORM. ITS HOROSCOPE REVEALS A MULTITUDE OF THINGS IT IS FATED TO DO.

COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS WAITING ON YOU, MR. WALLET IN VIEW OF YOUR SUCCESS IN LIFE YOUR LONG TIME ASSOCIATES VENTURE A SUGGESTION.

YES, WE THINK THAT WE SHOULD CELEBRATE YOUR GOOD FORTUNE IN A FITTING MANNER AND AT YOUR EXPENSE.

WE JUST DRAFTED RESOLUTIONS AND YOUR IT. WE WOULDN'T BE TIGHT, YOU KNOW, IF WE HAD MILLIONS.

GASOLINE ALLEY—THE VOLUNTEERS

MR. WALLET, I REPRESENT THE EFFERVESCENT SECURITIES CO. PURVEYORS OF HIGH GRADE INVESTMENTS. DIVERSIFICATION IS OUR MOTTO IF YOU HAD SAY \$500,000 OR MORE TO INVEST I WOULD SUGGEST NOT LESS THAN HALF A DOZEN OF OUR OFFERINGS

SAY, IF I HAD \$500,000 TO INVEST YOU'D HAVE TO ROW OUT TO MY YACHT TO FIND ME.

THIS, MR. WALLET, IS THE AGE OF SPECIALISTS. I REPRESENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL. NOTHING TO SELL BUT SERVICE. YOU FURNISH THE MONEY, WE RECOMMEND INVESTMENTS

SAY, YOU'VE GOT THE EASY END OF THAT PROPOSITION

IF IT'S ANYTHING TO DO WITH MONEY I DON'T NEED YOU.

BUT HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PLACING YOUR ASSETS IN A TRUST FUND? IT RELIEVES YOU OF THE CARE OF LARGE SUMS OF MONEY AND OPERATES FOR YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN IN THE EVENT OF YOUR DEMISE.

THERE'S THE PILE RIGHT THERE—\$2.62! AND THEY WANT ME TO PUT IT INTO A TRUST FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF POSTERITY!

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GASOLINE ALLEY — EXPERT SERVICES

HELLO SHRIKE GOT MY DOCUMENT FIXED UP?

IT'S READY, CORPUS. AND IT'S AS GOOD A JOB AS ANYBODY COULD DO WITH THE SAMPLES I HAD

THAT LOOKS MORE LIKE IT. THAT WOULD FOOL CODA HIMSELF. BUT IT'S GOT TO BE GOOD. THEY'LL HAVE MICROSCOPES AND CHEMICALS AND EXPERTS ON IT FOR DAYS.

I MAY USE IT AND I MAY NOT. HERE'S \$200. ON ACCOUNT. IF I DO USE IT YOU GET \$800 MORE.

IF THIS GOES OVER IT'S WORTH 10,000, NOT 1,000.

ONE THOUSAND WAS THE AMOUNT AGREED UPON. JUST REMEMBER WHO KEPT YOU OUT OF JAIL LAST TIME SHRIKE!

GASOLINE ALLEY—GOING UP

HOW RICH IS YOUR UNCLE WALT, SKEEZIX? HE HAS GOT A THOUSAND DOLLARS?

HUH! HE'S GOT A LOT O' THOUSANDS. A HUNDRED THOUSANDS.

HAS HE GOT A MILLION DOLLARS?

SURE HE'S GOT A MILLION DOLLARS, JEAN. HE'S GOT MORE'N A HUNDRED MILLIONS.

THEN HOW MUCH HAS HE GOT? HAS HE GOT A BILLION.

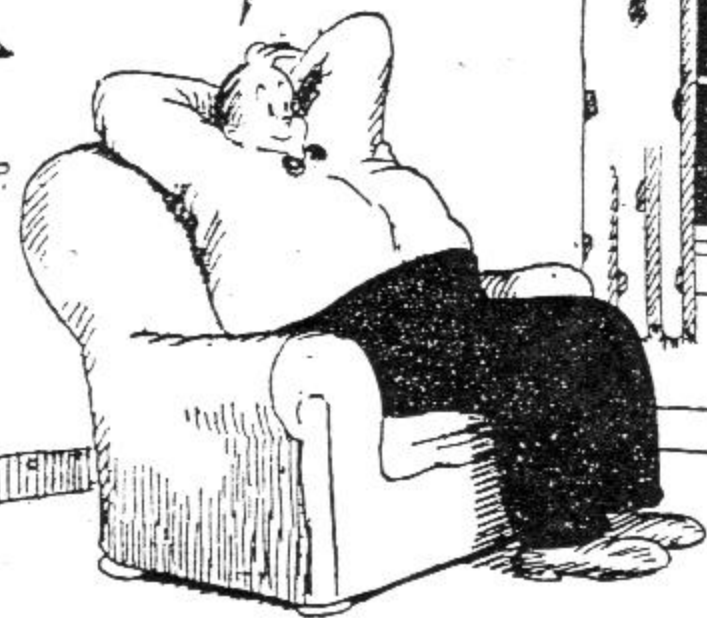
SURE. A LOT MORE'N THAT.

UNCLE WALT, WHAT COMES AFTER A TRILLION DOLLARS?

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GASOLINE ALLEY—IFS AND ANDS

IT'S A FUNNY POSITION TO BE IN — I'M SUPPOSED TO BE WORTH MILLIONS AND I'M AS POOR AS A CHURCH MOUSE. I THINK THOUSANDS AND SPEND DIMES.



AND FROM WHERE I SIT THREE FIVE OR SEVEN MILLIONS LOOK ABOUT ALIKE. I COULD BE CONTENTED WITH ANY OF THOSE AMOUNTS.



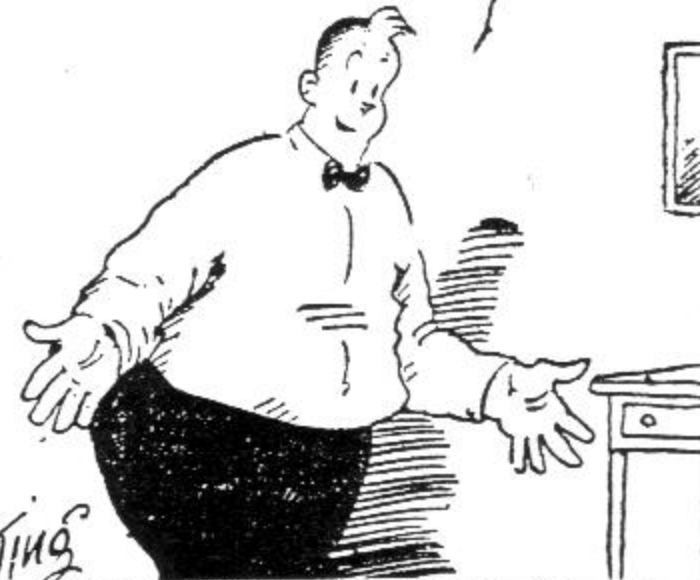
STILL IF I ALREADY HAD SEVEN MILLIONS AND LOST TWO OF THEM I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE PRETTY HARD TO TAKE. I'D THINK I WAS POVERTY STRICKEN ON THREE.



AND IF I HAD THREE I'D PROBABLY FOLLOW HUMAN NATURE AND SPEND ALL MY TIME AND ENERGY TRYING TO MAKE IT FIVE OR SEVEN.



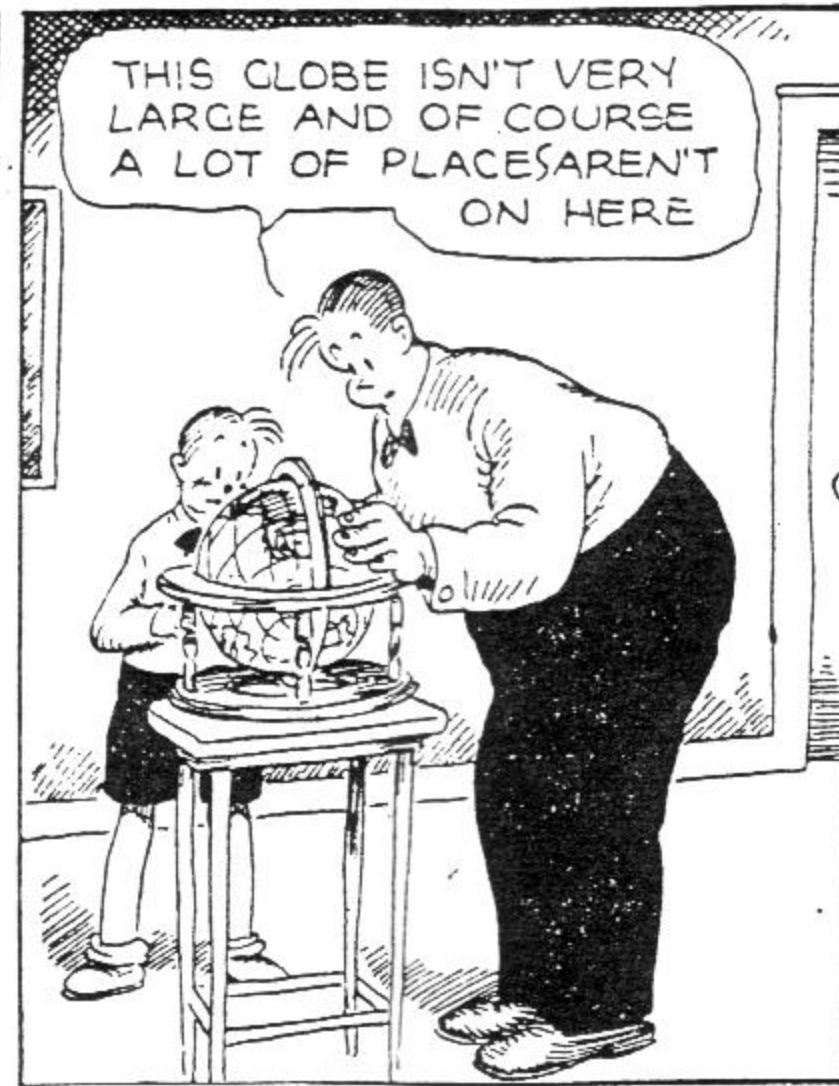
OF COURSE WHAT I'D THINK I'D DO IS RETIRE AND SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE HAVING FUN., BUT I'VE KNOWN THAT TO FAIL. I'D WAIT AND LET NATURE TAKE IT'S COURSE.



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GASOLINE ALLEY — JUST GIVE WALT TIME TO THINK



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GASOLINE ALLEY—HARMLESS, HOWEVER

LOOK, HARRY—
SEE
THAT
FELLOW?

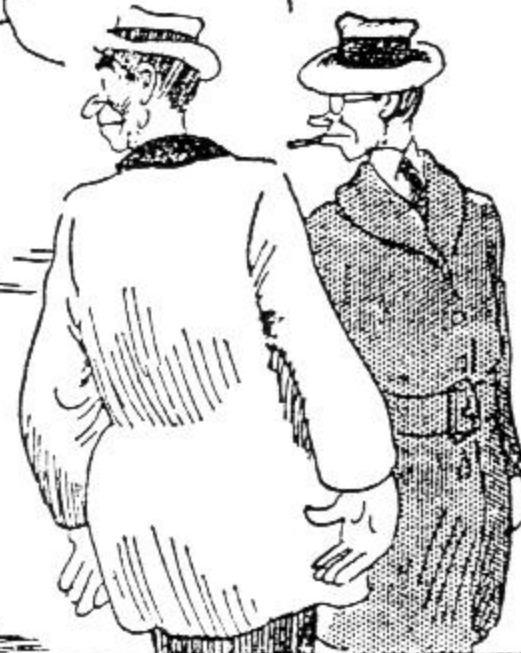
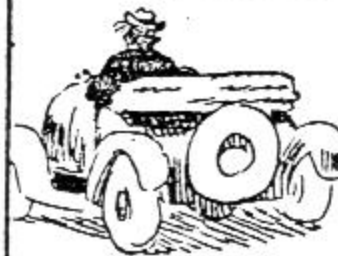
WHICH ONE—
THAT FAT
GUY IN THAT
OLD CAN?



YES. THAT'S
WALLET. HE'S
FALLEN HEIR TO
ALL OF CODA'S
MONEY. THERE'S
MILLION'S, I
UNDERSTAND.

YOU DON'T SAY!
THAT'S SOME LOOKIN'
BUS FOR A BIRD LIKE
THAT TO BE DRIVIN'.
HE MUST BE TIGHT.

HE'S JUST
ANOTHER OF THESE
ECCENTRIC
MILLIONAIRES.



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YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN ON EVERY SEA AND IN EVERY PORT. THAT'S IMPORTANT BUT HOW IS YOUR IMAGINATION?

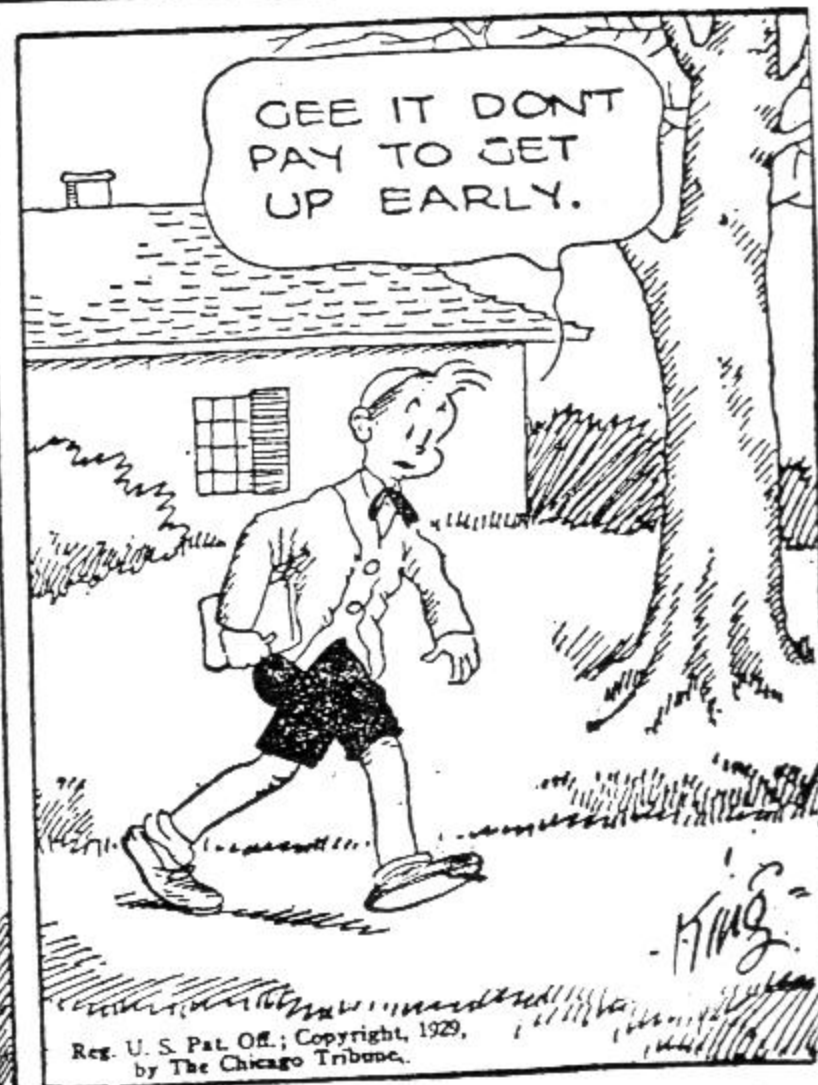
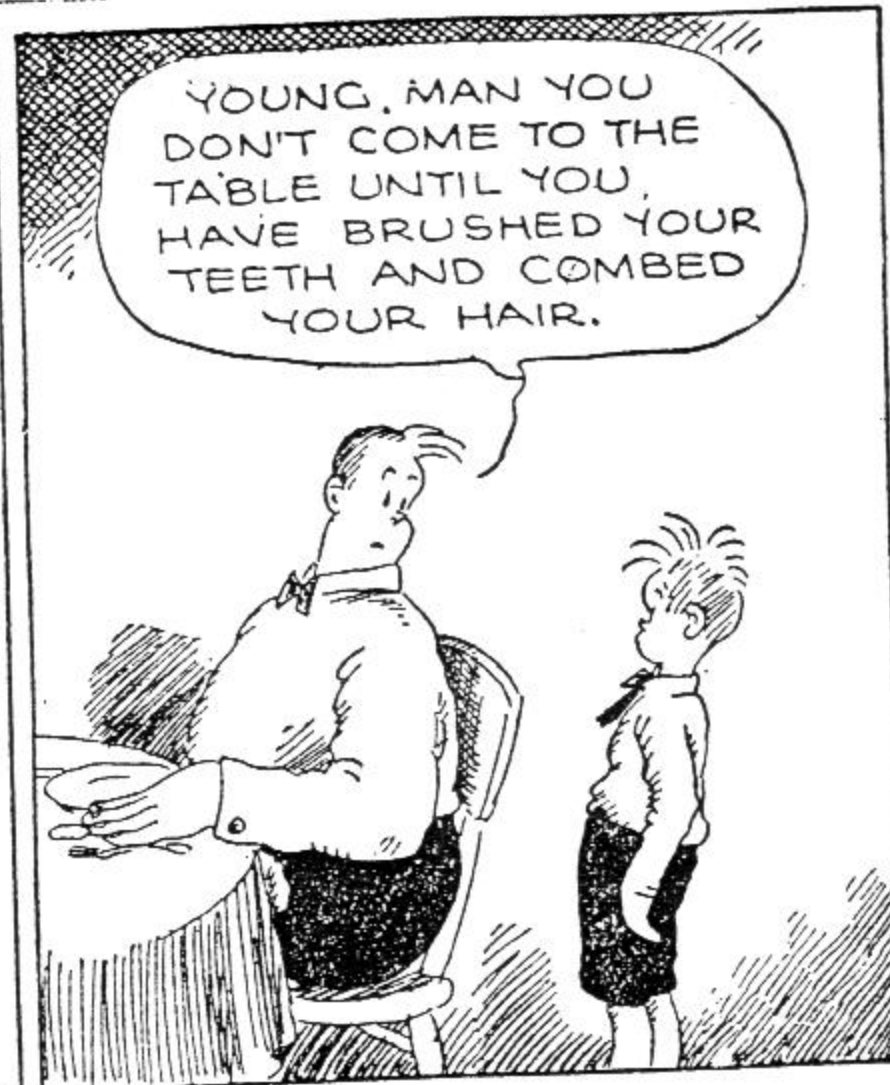
I DON'T NEED NO IMAGINATION. I BEEN EVERYWHERE AN' DONE EVERYTHING. ALL I NEED IS A MEMORY AN' I GOT ONE. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ASK ME—THAT IS, IF—

YES, I UNDERSTAND. YOU WILL BE WELL PAID FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR US. NOW IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO RECALL HAVING SEEN A MAN NAMED HENRI CODA AT SOME DISTANT PORT SOME MONTHS AFTER HE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE PERISHED AT SEA. IS THAT POSSIBLE?

WHO ME? SURE IF YOU SAY SO I CAN REMEMBER SEEIN' HIM ALONG THE WATERFRONT AT PELUNIBI, AT THE HEAD OF THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN. BIGHT, BROKE AN' DOWN AN' OUT. WHAT KIND OF A LOOKIN' GUY WAS HE?

HE'LL DO. I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO USE HIM BUT IF EVERYTHING GOES AGAINST US OTHERWISE, I'LL STOP WALLET'S LITTLE GAME TO GET CODA'S MONEY. THAT'S ONE THING I DO—PICK MEN.

GASOLINE ALLEY—WASTED EFFORT



GASOLINE ALLEY—STORM CLOUDS

THE LAWYERS WANT ME TO FIGHT FOR ALL OF CODA'S MONEY, BUT IT WOULDN'T BOTHER ME MUCH, PHYLLIS IF HIS WIFE, MME. OCTAVE GOT A THIRD OF IT EVEN IF THEY HAD SEPARATED.

WELL, I JUST GOT A LETTER FROM HER. THIS IS HER IDEA.

"OF COURSE I COULD TAKE A THIRD OF CODA'S ESTATE NOW IF I WANTED TO, BUT I DON'T WANT TO. I'M GOING TO GET ALL OF IT, AND I WANT TO WARN YOU THAT THE EFFORTS YOU ARE PUTTING FORTH TO GET ALL OF IT FOR YOURSELVES WILL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING. YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A CENT."

SHE SAYS THAT.

SHE SAYS FOR US TO LAY OFF OR WE'LL WISH WE HAD

OH, SHE WANTS TO FIGHT DOES SHE? SHE BETTER NOT GET ME STARTED.

THE LAWYERS WERE RIGHT. WE'LL GIVE HER A BATTLE

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GASOLINE ALLEY—DETAILS ATTENDED TO



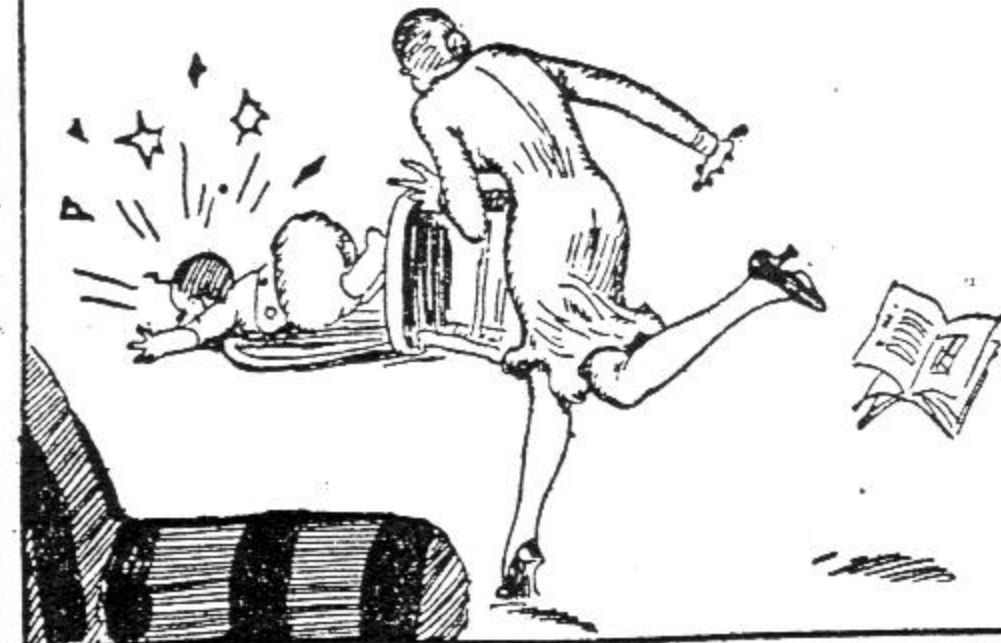
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GASOLINE ALLEY—ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

THE SQUARE OF THE HYPOTENUSE OF A RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLE IS EQUAL TO THE SUM OF THE SQUARES OF THE OTHER TWO SIDES.



CORKY! WHY CAN'T YOU STAY ON THE GROUND!



ARE YOU HURT HONEY? LORA DIDN'T MEAN TO LET YOU TUMBLE!



LET'S SEE WHERE WERE WE?



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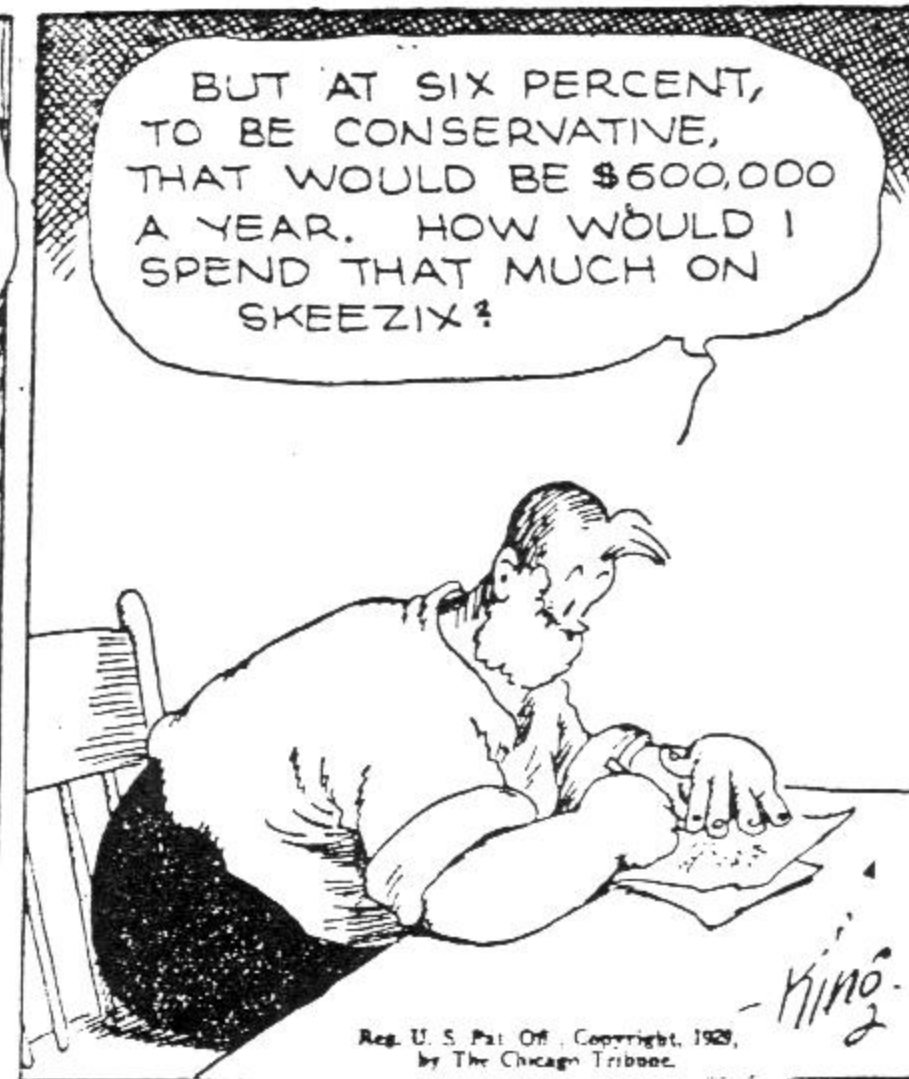
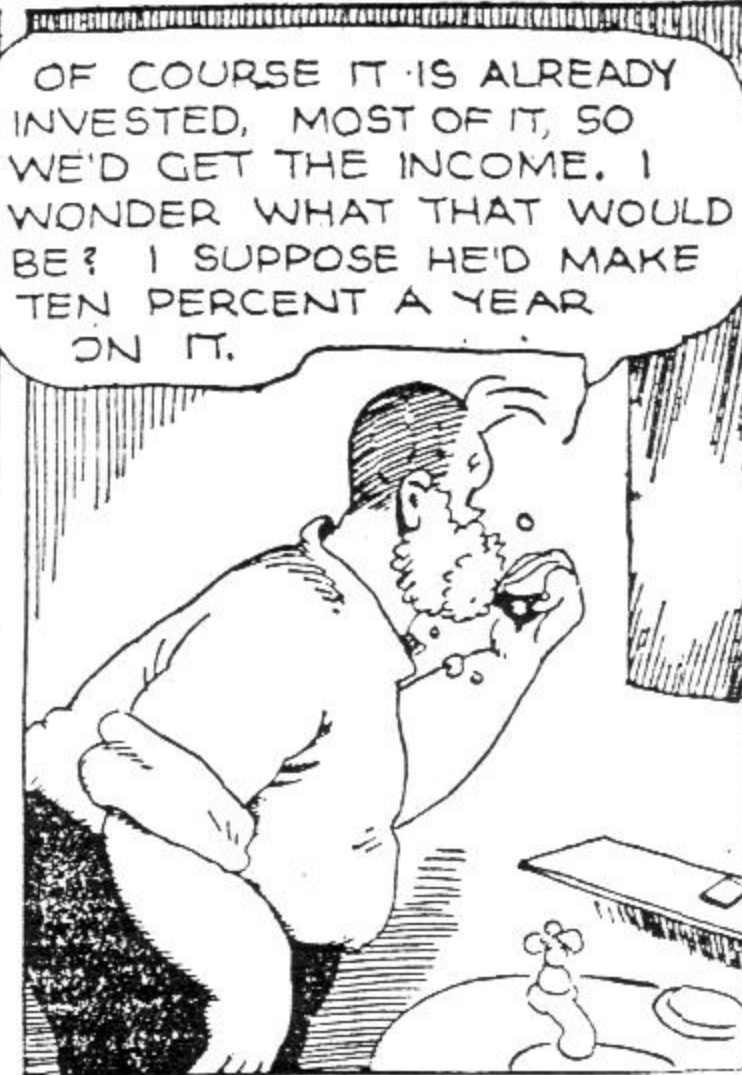
GASOLINE ALLEY—IT DEPENDS ON THE FACE AND THE WEATHER



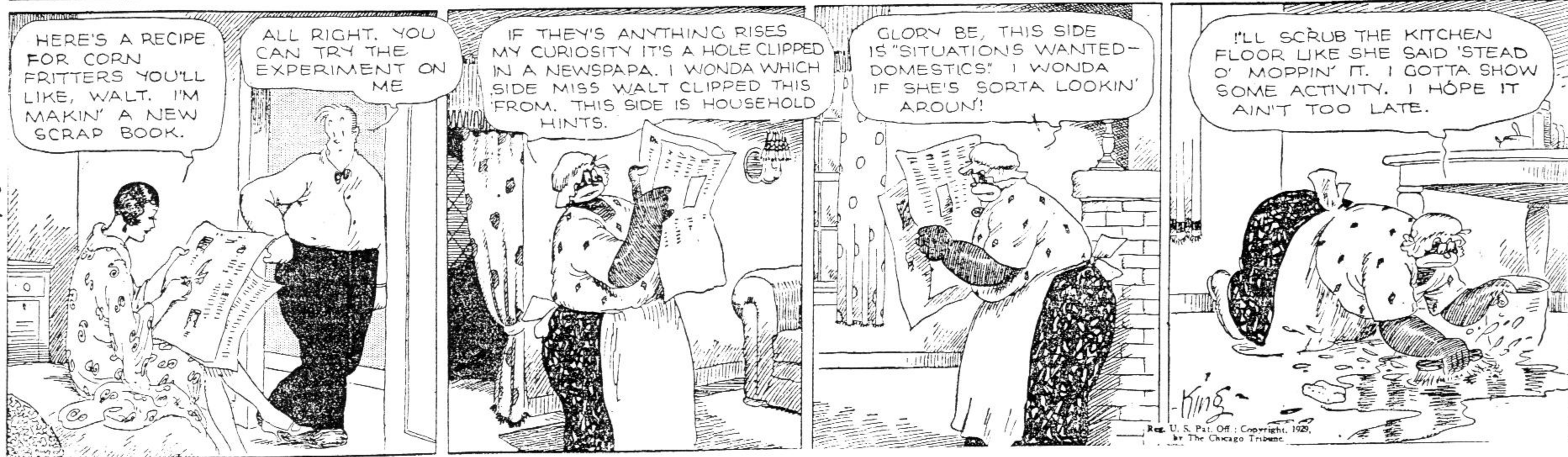
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GASOLINE ALLEY—TWO SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION



GASOLINE ALLEY—HERE'S A HOUSEHOLD HINT



GASOLINE ALLEY—THE PROCESSION STARTS HERE



GASOLINE ALLEY MORE GOOD

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GASOLINE ALLEY—MORE GOOD NEWS

I'M WORRIED ABOUT SKEEZIX'S REPORT CARD, WALT.

I'M NOT. LOOK AT THE KIDS THAT GOT ALL THE GOOD MARKS WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL. WHERE ARE THEY NOW? NOBODY KNOWS.

BUT LOOK AT CHARLIE WOGG—SO DUMB THEY COULDN'T POUND ANYTHING INTO HIS HEAD. HE'S ONE OF THE BIGGEST SURGEONS IN THE COUNTRY.

OF COURSE HE'S AN EXCEPTION

THERE'S EGBERT BINK. HE WAS OUR STAR LATIN SCHOLAR. HE'S RUNNING A STREET CAR NOW. ON THE OTHER HAND CARLYLE SHUFF DIDN'T KNOW GRAMMAR FROM ALGEBRA. HE'S JUST BEEN APPOINTED U.S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

SNIFE SCHMIDT WAS SO SCATTER BRAINED WE USED TO LAUGH AT HIM. HE'S BEEN SENT TO PERU IN CHARGE OF AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION AND IS KNOWN HERE AND ABROAD.

WELL IF YOU'RE RIGHT, WALT, WE HAVE A GENIUS IN OUR FAMILY.

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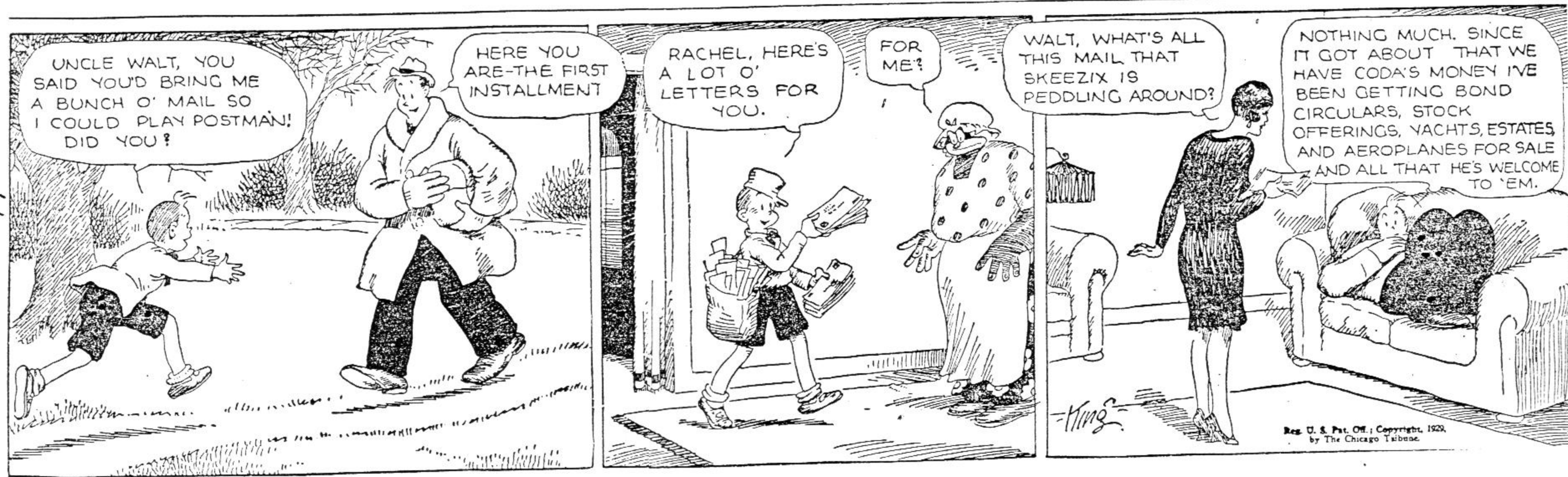
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GASOLINE ALLEY—WEALTH BRINGS ITS WORRIES



GASOLINE ALLEY THAT'S ONE USE FOR IT

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GASOLINE ALLEY—PLAY SAFE

WALT, NOW THAT YOU HAVE ALL THIS MONEY COMING TO YOU WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS WITH REGARD TO YOUR WORK HERE? IF YOU INTEND TO RETIRE OF COURSE I'LL HAVE TO BE LOOKING AROUND FOR SOMEONE ELSE FOR SALES MANAGER.

PLEASE DON'T COUNT ME OUT OF IT, MR. WICKER. I HAVEN'T GOT IT YET AND IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE I WILL. I'D GIVE YOU PLENTY OF NOTICE.

I SUPPOSE YOU WILL WANT TO TAKE IT EASY, TRAVEL, IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME, SAIL YOUR YACHT AND ALL THAT. IT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL.

I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE. MY WIFE WANTS ME TO BUT I HAVE A HUNCH I'D GET TIRED OF IT AND WANT TO GO TO WORK.

I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT, WALT. DON'T TOSS EVERYTHING OVER TOO SUDDENLY. YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE LOOKING FOR A JOB.

I'M NOT GOING TO BURN MY BRIDGES TOO CLOSELY BEHIND ME AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO BURN THEM IN FRONT OF ME BY LETTING GO OF THIS JOB UNTIL I HAVE THE CASH IN MY HANDS.

GASOLINE ALLEY—'T WAS AN ILL WIND

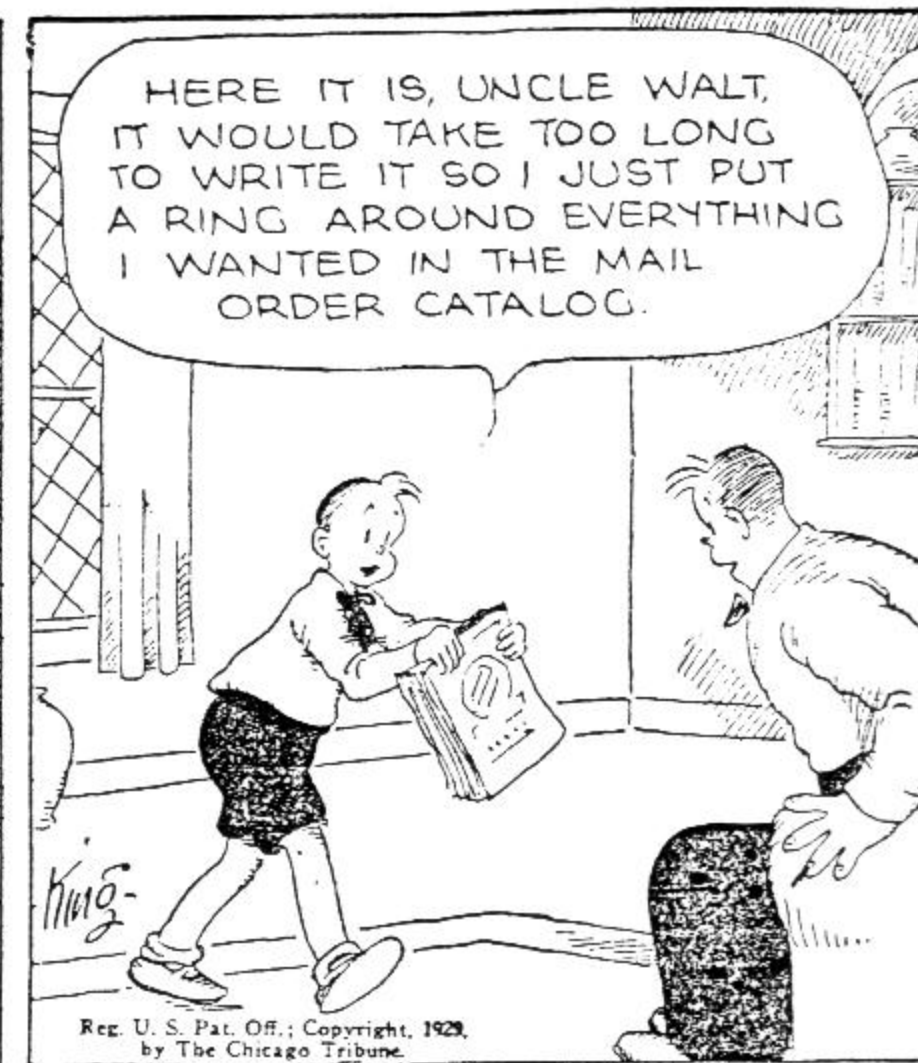


GASOLINE ALLEY—FOR THE LOVE OF WALT



GASOLINE ALLEY EFFICIENCY EXPERT IN THE MAKING

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GASOLINE ALLEY—AGAIN CORPUS PICKS HIS MAN

SHRIKE HAS MADE ANOTHER DRAFT OF THE INSTRUMENT. EACH IS BETTER THAN THE LAST. THIS IS THE FOURTH AND IS WELL NIGH PERFECT.

NEXT IT MUST BE "FOUND." OF COURSE CODA'S BELONGINGS HAVE BEEN RANSACKED OVER AND OVER. AND IT MUST BE DISCOVERED UNDER PERFECTLY NATURAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

SOMEONE AT THE DOOR!

JUST THE MAN I WANT TO SEE, GLOOK. I WANT YOU TO DISCOVER THAT COL CODA KEPT A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AT YOUR BANK UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME.

IT CAN BE DONE, CORPUS. I'M READY TO TALK BUSINESS.

GASOLINE ALLEY—THINK IT OVER



GASOLINE ALLEY—PROPAGANDA



Uncle Walt—Big over
coat with a fur collar
an pearl headed cane
Auntie Blossom—
Diamond Neckless
Lora—8 sil ~~5 sil~~
60 horse roadster
Rachel—silk umbrella
an wristwatch
Corky—lots a toys
Pal set of puppys

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GASOLINE ALLEY—LOOKING AHEAD

I'M KEEPING IT FROM SKEEZIX THAT ALL CODA'S MONEY IS COMING TO HIM. IT IS EASY TO FEEL THAT IT SOMEHOW BELONGS TO US. WE MUSTN'T THINK OF IT THAT WAY.

NO OF COURSE. BUT WE COULDN'T BEGIN TO SPEND THE INCOME ON HIM. INDIRECTLY WE CAN DO A LOT FOR HIM.

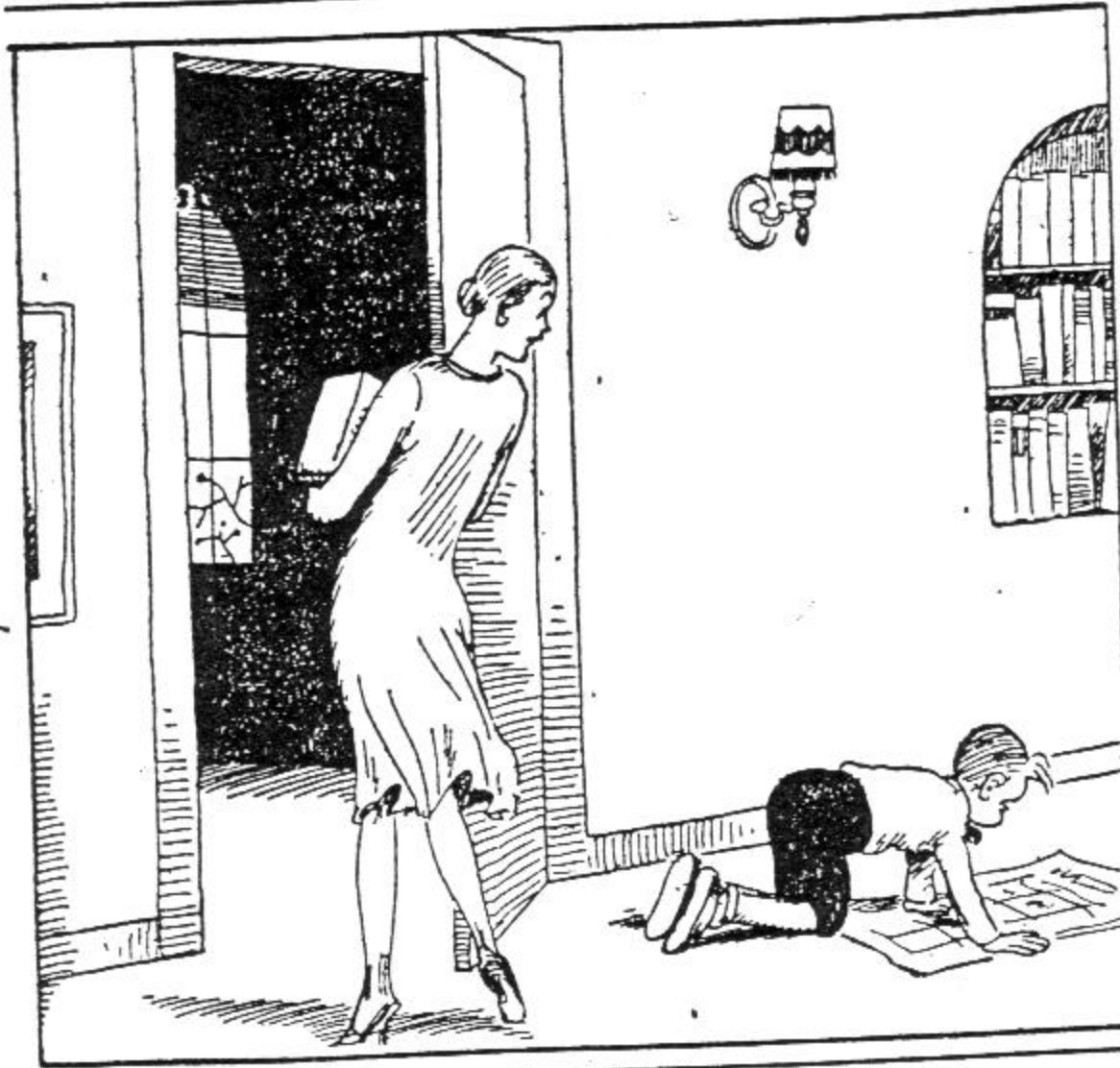
THERE IS THE REAL MASTER OF THE FORTUNE. WE ARE ONLY TRUSTEES. I EXPECT TO TURN IT OVER TO HIM WHEN HE BECOMES OF AGE BIGGER THAN WHEN WE GET IT.

WE CAN DO THAT WALT, AND LIVE WELL, AND TRAVEL AND EDUCATE SKEEZIX AND CORKY, TOO.

I MERELY MEANT WE MUSTN'T FORGET IT IS HIS.

WELL I KNOW SKEEZIX WELL ENOUGH TO BE POSITIVE HE WILL BE THE KIND OF A FELLOW WHEN HE IS 21 THAT WILL BE GLAD WE HAVE ALL HAD SOME BENEFIT FROM HIS INCOME

GASOLINE ALLEY—CURIOSITY PREFERRED



GASOLINE ALLEY—HOME ENTERTAINMENT

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GASOLINE ALLEY—MY, HOW TIME DRAGS!

YOU'D BETTER BE GOOD AN' DO WHAT I SAY, CORKY, OR SANTA CLAUS WON'T BRING YOU ANY PRESENTS.



YOU'D BETTER BE GOOD YOURSELF, SKEEZIX. SANTA MIGHT SORT OF OVERLOOK YOU.



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GOLLY, THAT'S RIGHT, I GOTTA BE GOOD TILL CHRISTMAS!



I'VE STILL GOT FIVE DAYS TO GO.



CHICKEN
SANDWICH
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GASOLINE ALLEY CHRISTMAS JOKE

GASOLINE ALLEY—CHRISTMAS JOYS

I'VE GOT A FEW GIFTS TO BUY FOR FOLKS AT THE OFFICE. BUT THE WORST OF IT IS THEY'VE HEARD WE'VE INHERITED A LOT OF MONEY AND ARE GOING TO EXPECT A LOT.

BUT WITH MILLIONS IN FRONT OF US THERE IS MIGHTY LITTLE BACK OF US. WOULD YOU LET ME SEE THOSE CALENDARS, PLEASE?

I'VE LEARNED HOW TO MAKE TEN DOLLARS GO A LONG WAY. I COULD CERTAINLY GET SOME MILEAGE OUT OF A MILLION!

MAY I HELP YOU?

NO JUST LOOKING!

King
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GASOLINE ALLEY—ONLY TWO MORE DAYS TO WORRY

I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE TO GET FOR A MAN.

IT'S A FLASHLIGHT FOR UNCLE WALT. MAYBE HE'LL LET ME USE IT AT NIGHT

IS SHE ABOUT MY SIZE?

WELL, SHE'S—
THAT IS, YES
AND NO!

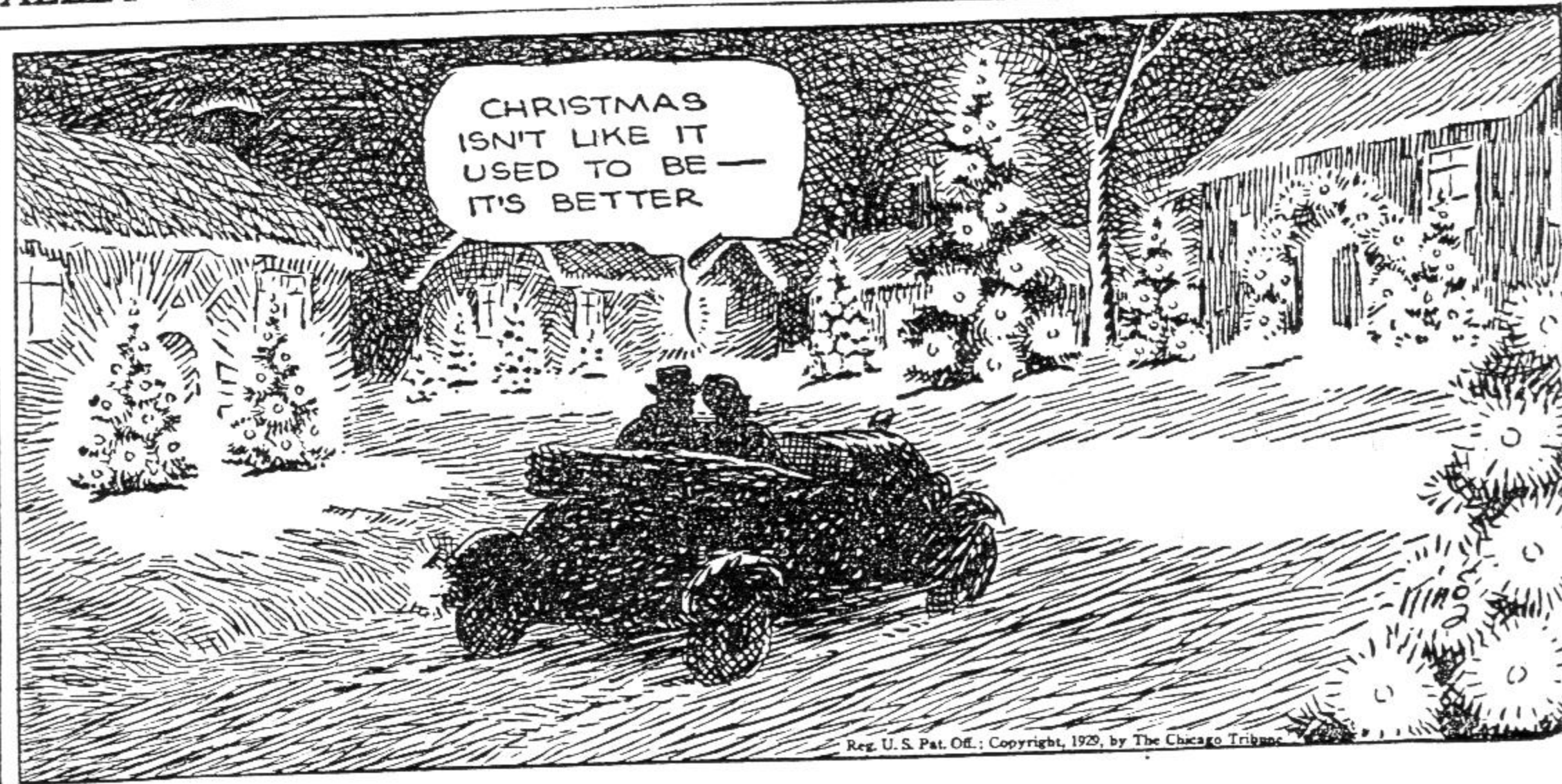
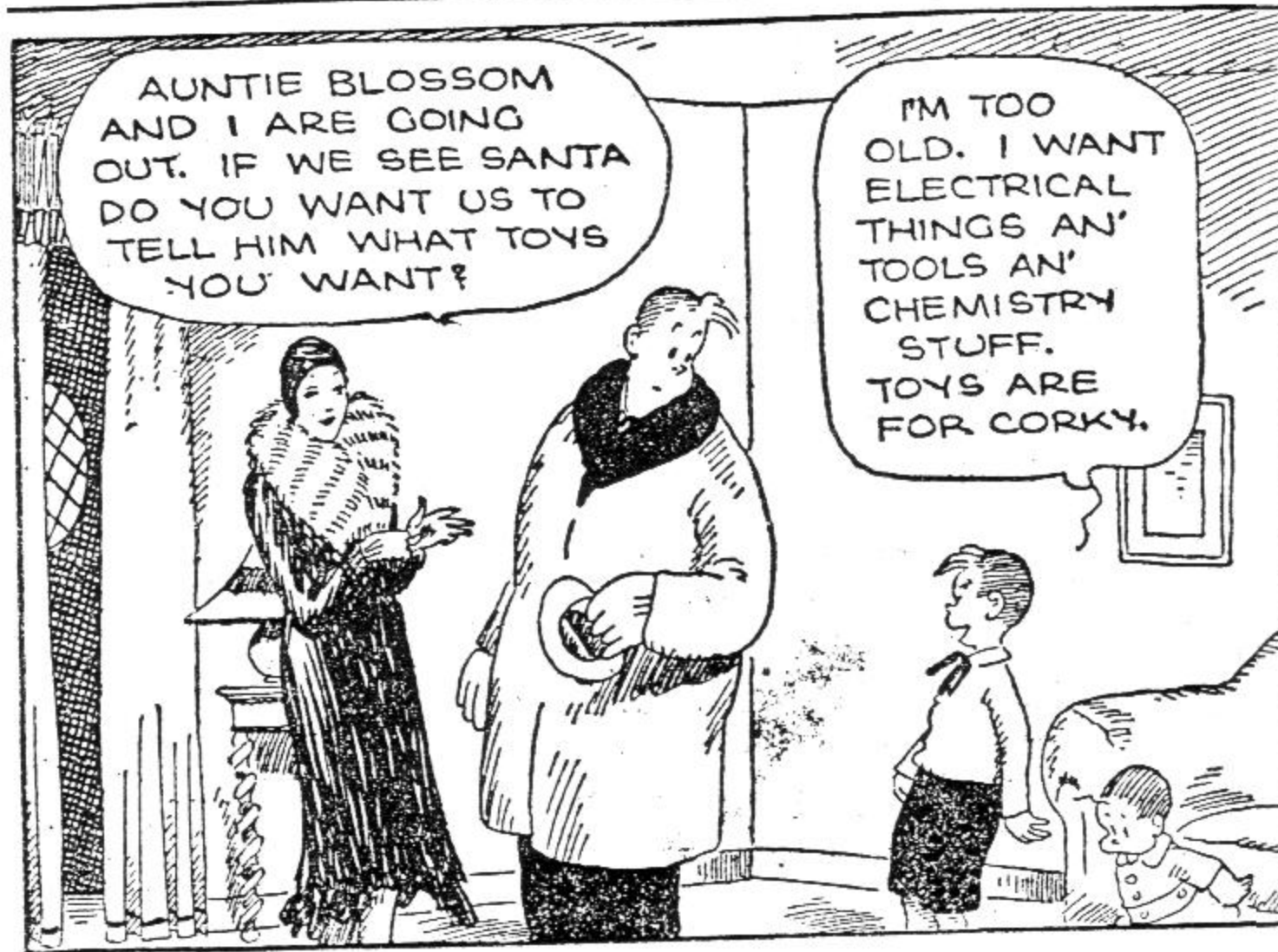
I CAN'T AFFORD MUCH BUT I CAN MAKE THE PACKAGES LOOK NICE.

FOR ME! IT SAYS DON'T OPEN TILL CHRISTMAS. YOU'D BETTA KEEP IT FOR ME. I DON'T THINK I KIN RESIST MY CURIOSITY.

GASOLINE ALLEY—AT LEAST IT'S DIFFERENT

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FRIENDS, OUR CHRISTMAS CARD. WE WANTED YOU TO HAVE ONE AND HAVE IT ON CHRISTMAS MORNING SO IT WOULD BE TOOLATE FOR YOU TO PUT US ON YOUR LIST AT THE LAST MOMENT. HOWEVER NEW YEARS IS COMING.



A
Wighty Merry
Christmas
from Walt, Skee-zix,
Phyllis & Corky
1929.



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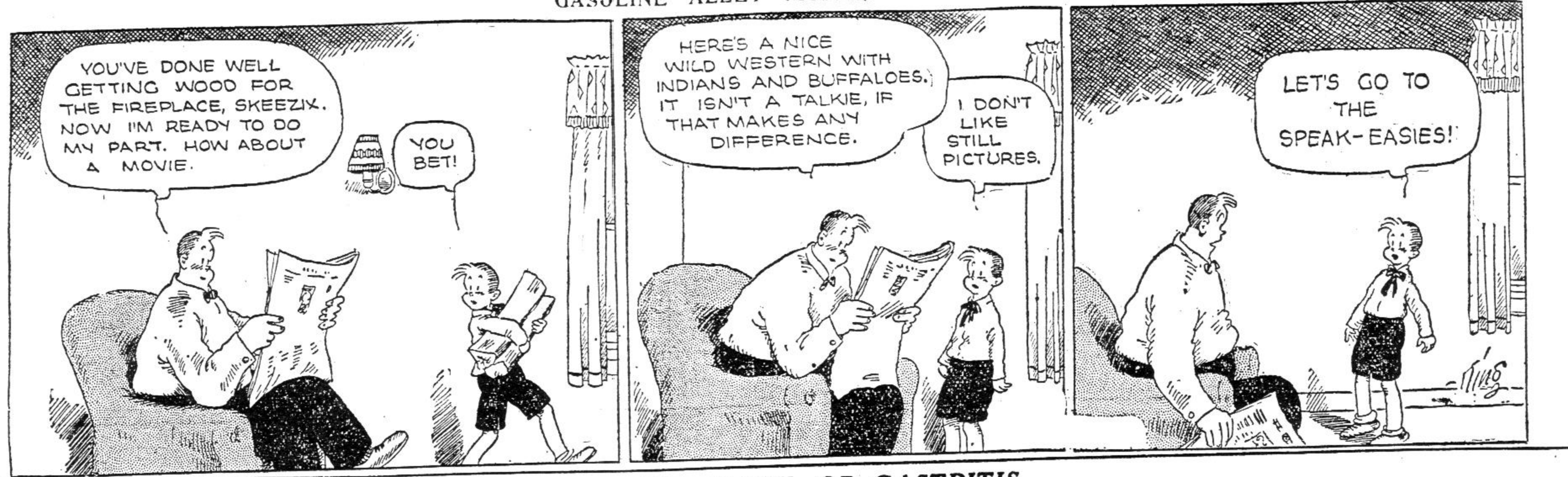


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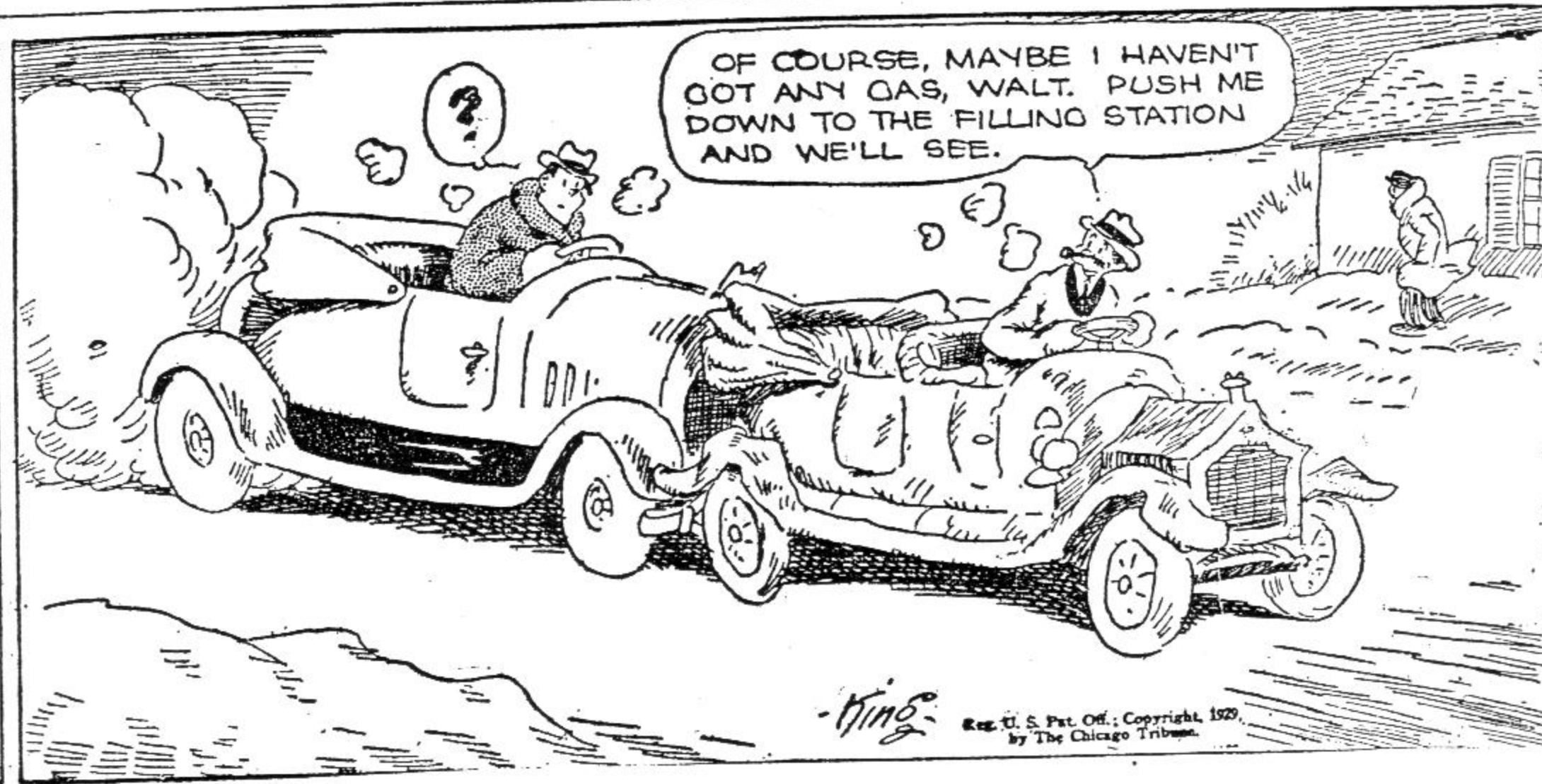
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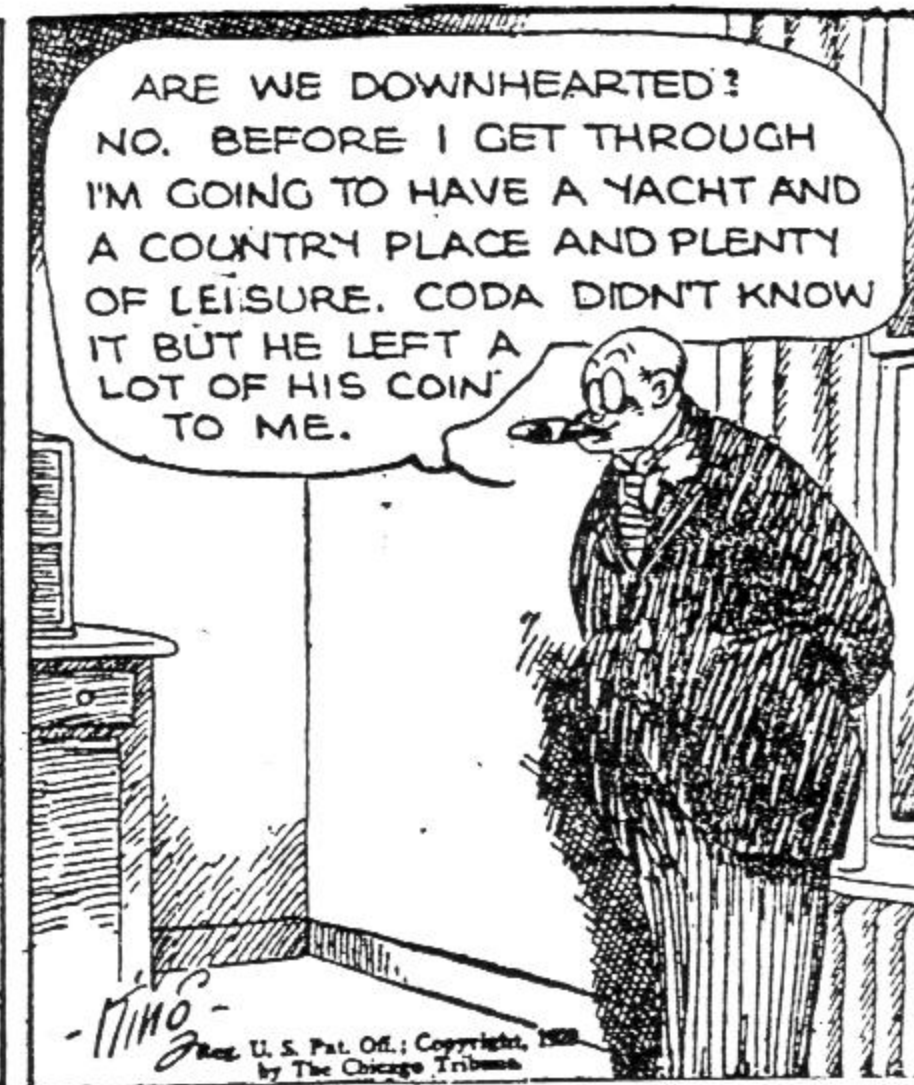
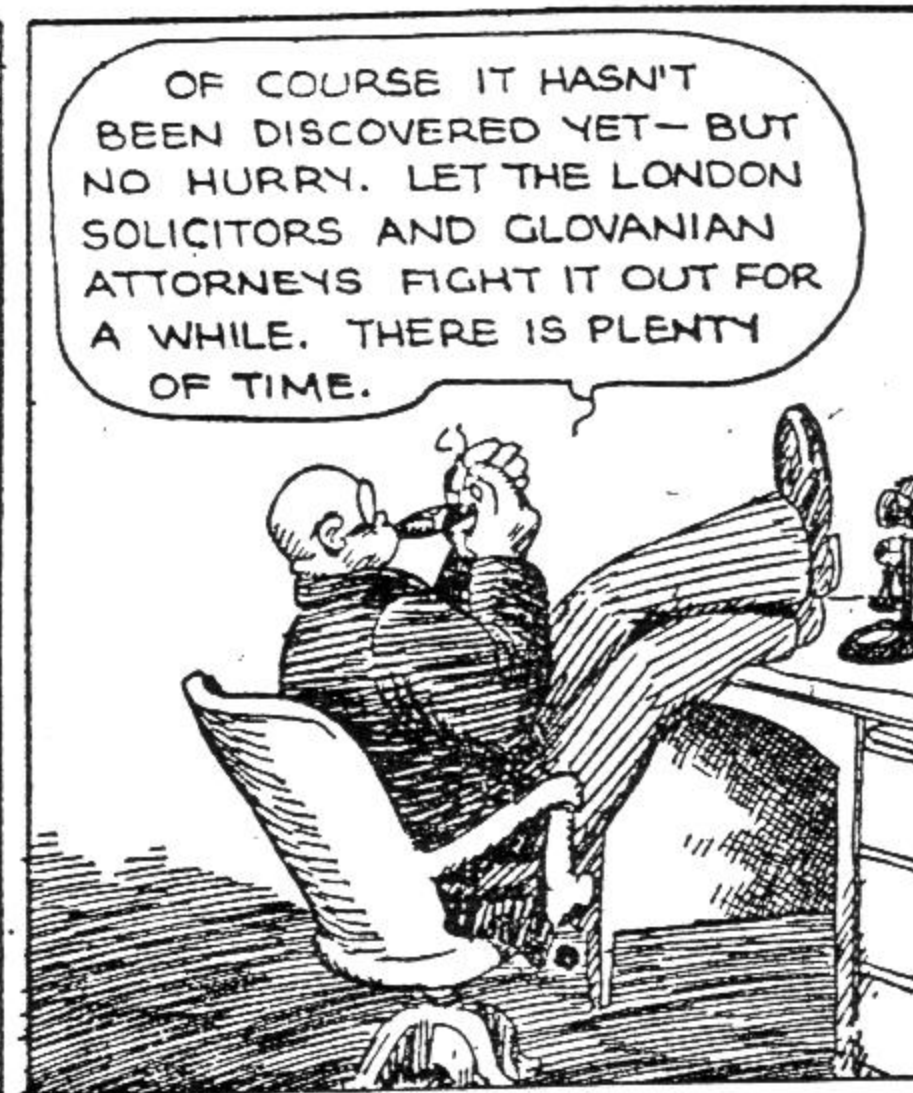
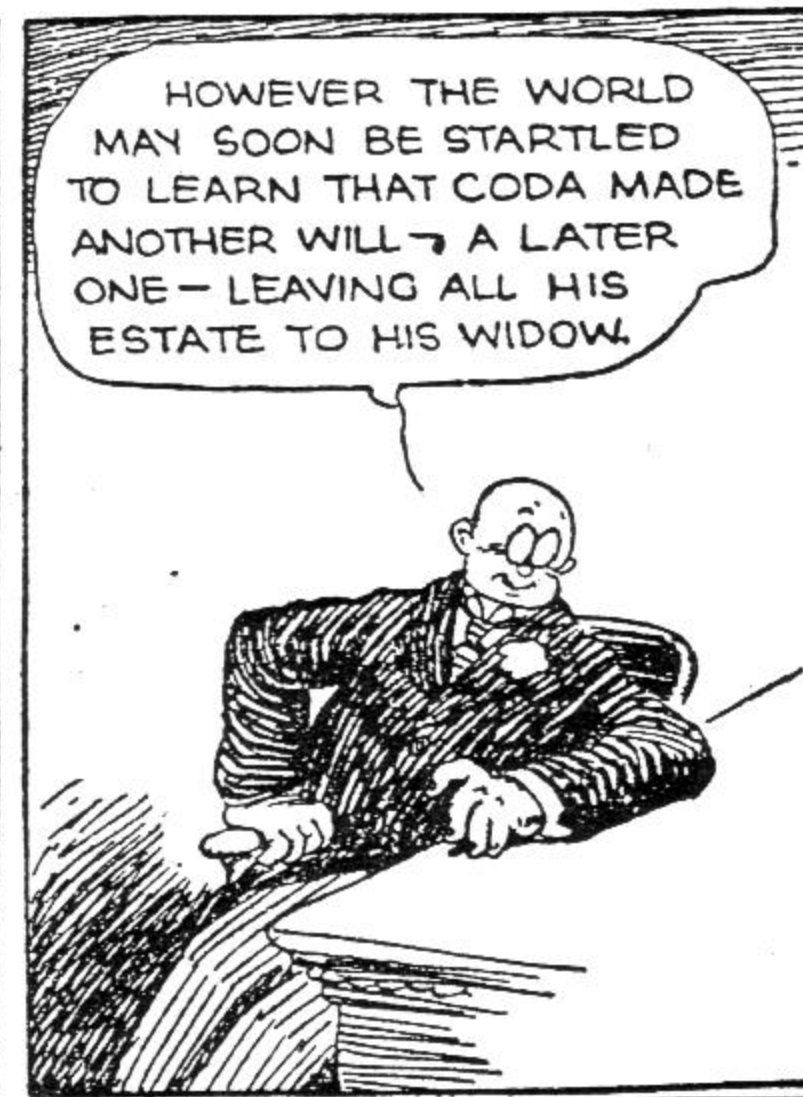
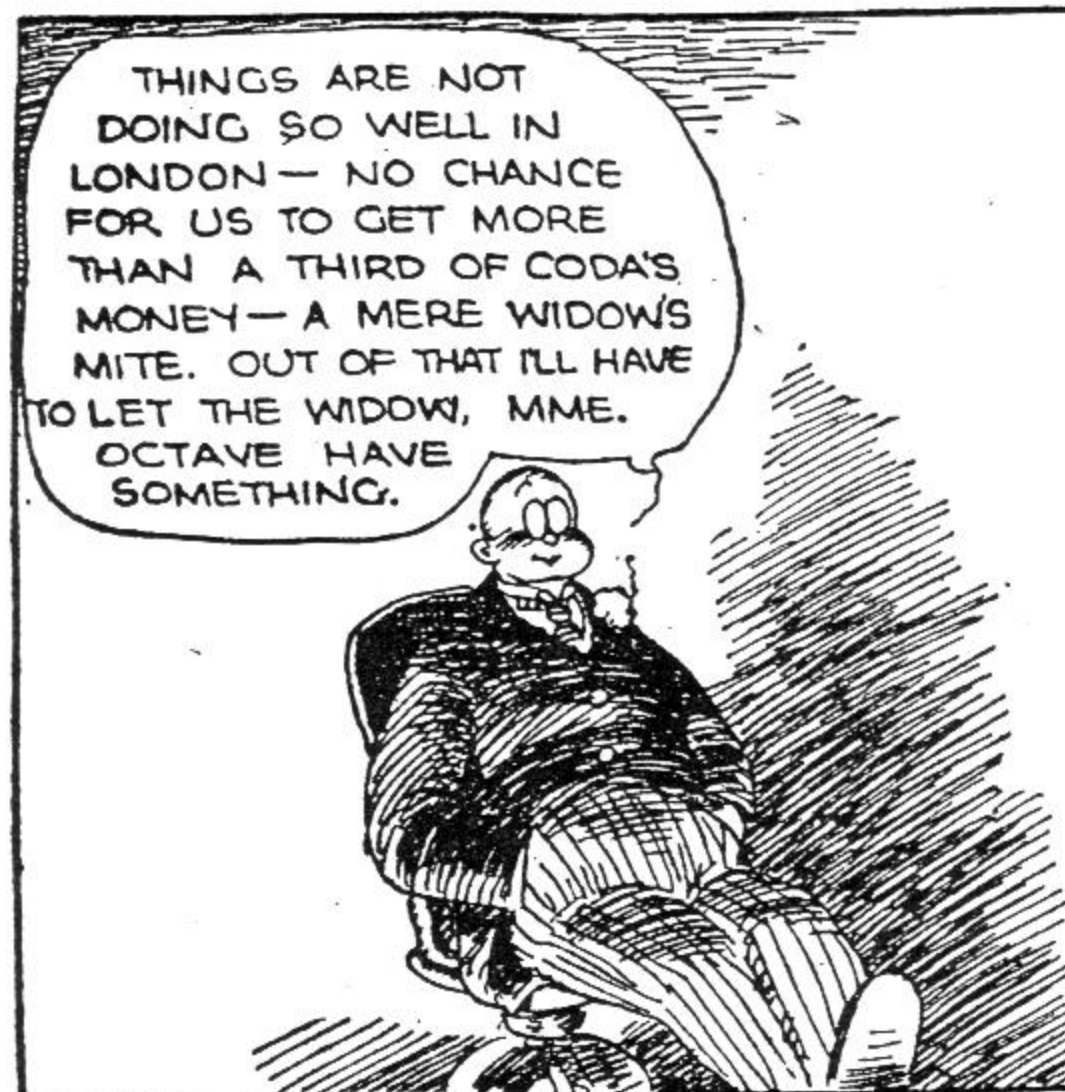




GASOLINE ALLEY—OR GASTRITIS



GASOLINE ALLEY—LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE



GASOLINE ALLEY—SEASON'S GREETINGS

