

GASOLINE ALLEY—HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

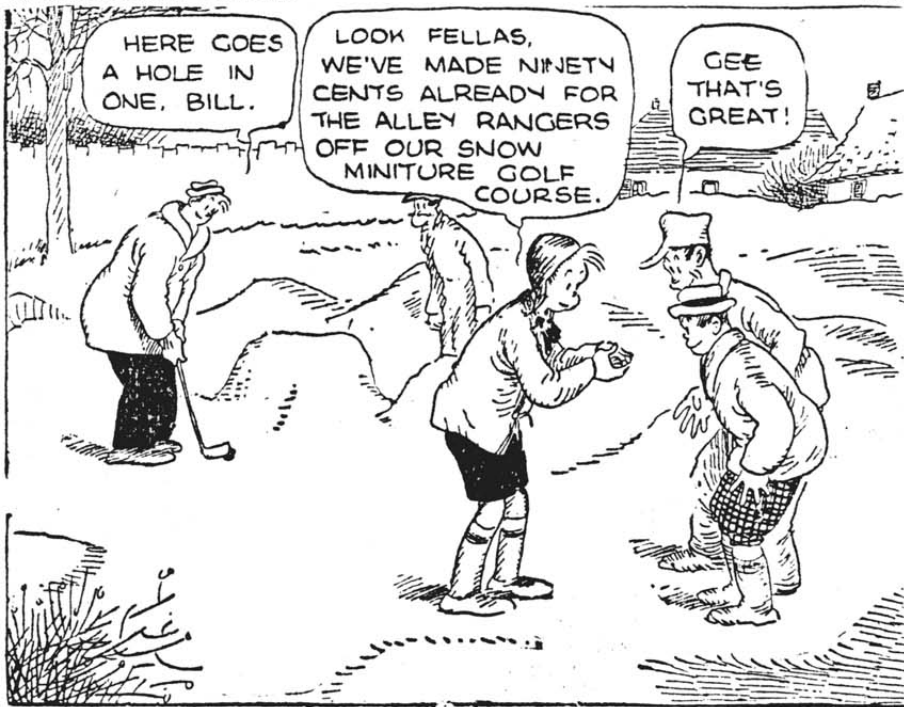




READY FOR BUSINESS.

THE GASOLINE ALLEY RANGERS HAVE OPENED AN ENTERPRIZE AND ARE LOOKING FOR CUSTOMERS. IF YOU ARE FOND OF WINTER SPORTS. GIVE THEM A TRIAL. IT TAKES YOU OUT IN THE OPEN AIR.

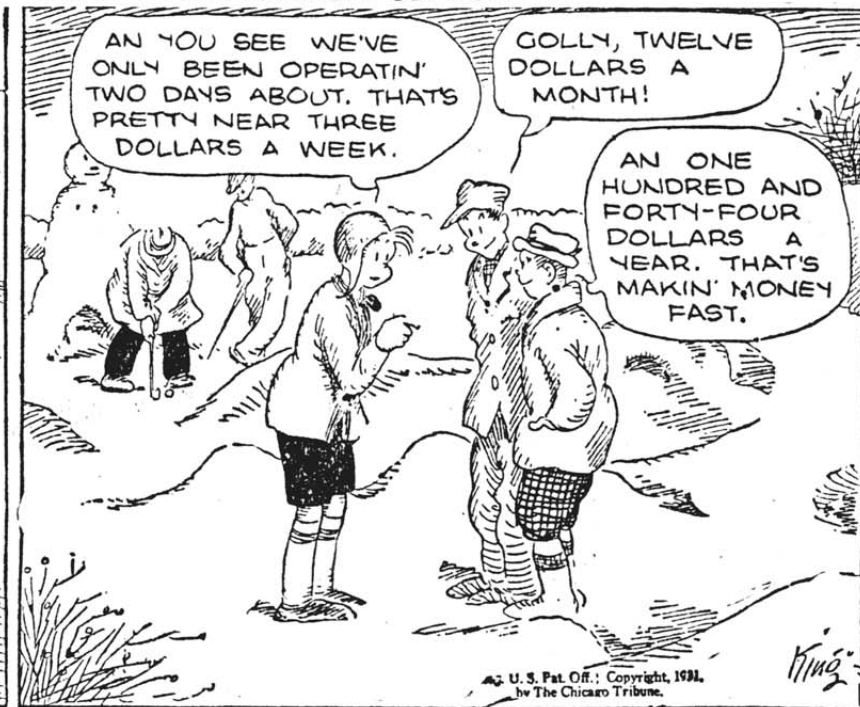




HERE GOES A HOLE IN ONE, BILL.

LOOK FELLAS, WE'VE MADE NINETY CENTS ALREADY FOR THE ALLEY RANGERS OFF OUR SNOW MINITURE GOLF COURSE.

GEE THAT'S GREAT!



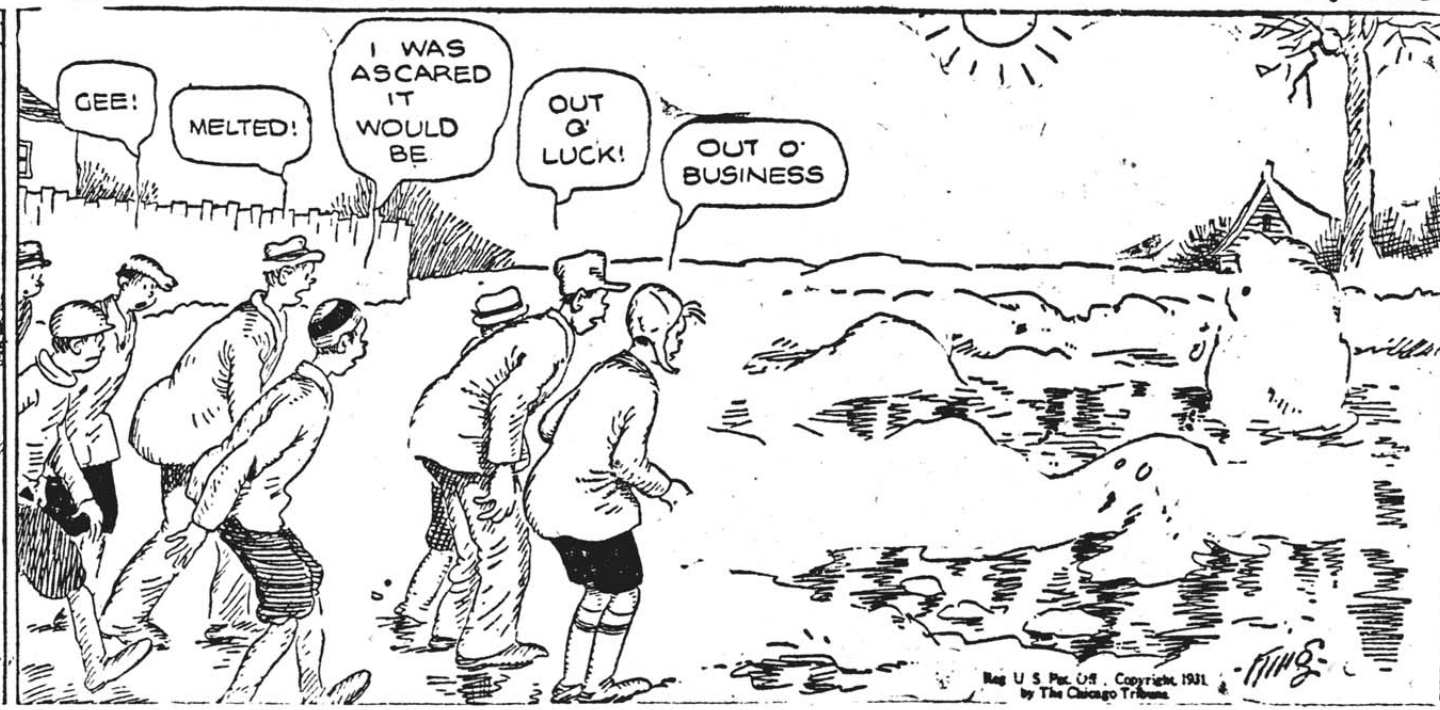
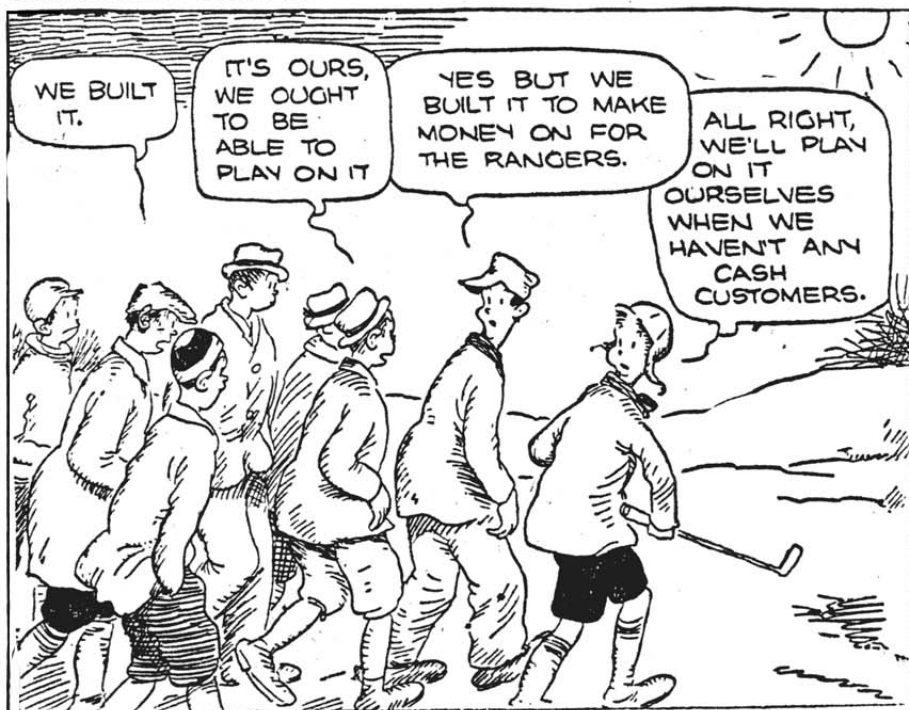
AN YOU SEE WE'VE ONLY BEEN OPERATIN' TWO DAYS ABOUT. THAT'S PRETTY NEAR THREE DOLLARS A WEEK.

GOLLY, TWELVE DOLLARS A MONTH!

AN ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT'S MAKIN' MONEY FAST.




THAT IS, O' COURSE, IF IT DOESN'T WARM UP.





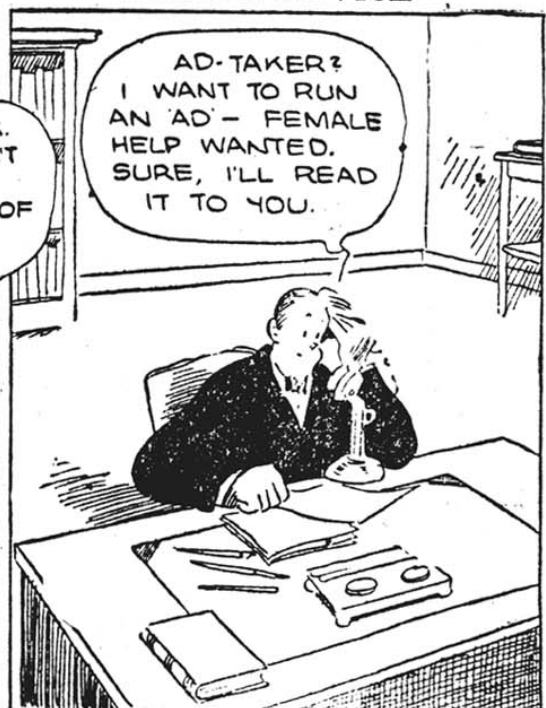
**HELP WANTED—
FEMALE**

COMPETENT
STENOGRAPHER
CAPABLE OF
ANSWERING ROUTINE
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APPLY WALLET,
WICKER OFFICES,
WEDNESDAY.
REFERENCES.

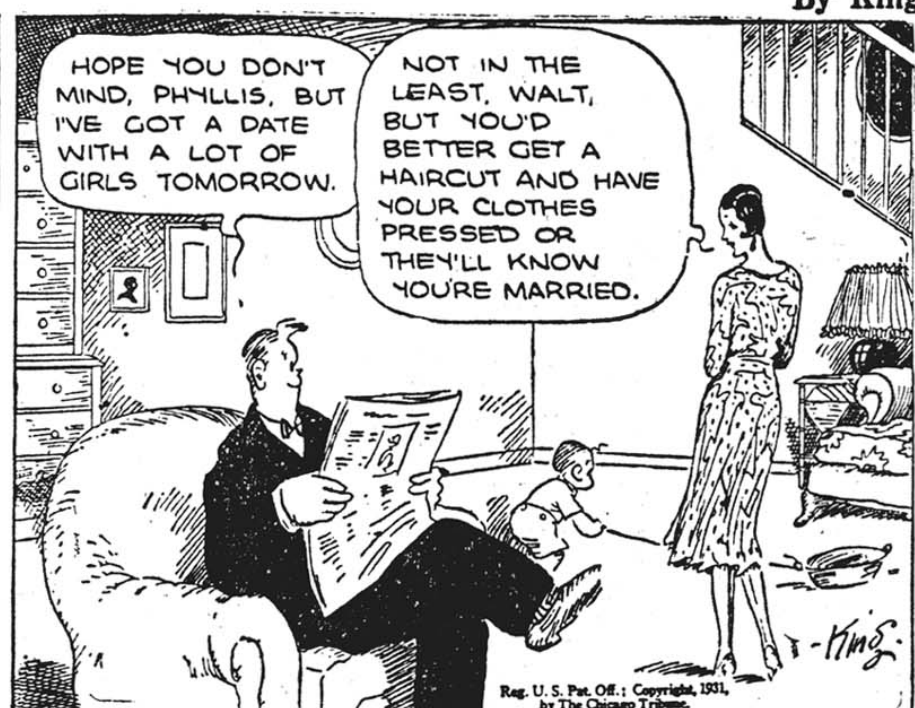



I'VE BEEN WORRYING ALONG WITHOUT A REGULAR STENOGRAPHER, MISTER WICKER, BUT I'M RUNNING THIS 'AD' TOMORROW.

LOOKS OK. BUT I DON'T ENVY YOU YOUR JOB OF PICKING ONE.



AD-TAKER? I WANT TO RUN AN AD— FEMALE HELP WANTED. SURE, I'LL READ IT TO YOU.



HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, PHYLLIS, BUT I'VE GOT A DATE WITH A LOT OF GIRLS TOMORROW.

NOT IN THE LEAST, WALT, BUT YOU'D BETTER GET A HAIRCUT AND HAVE YOUR CLOTHES PRESSED OR THEY'LL KNOW YOU'RE MARRIED.

SORRY, MISS JONES, BUT I REALLY MUST HAVE SOMEONE WITH MORE EXPERIENCE.

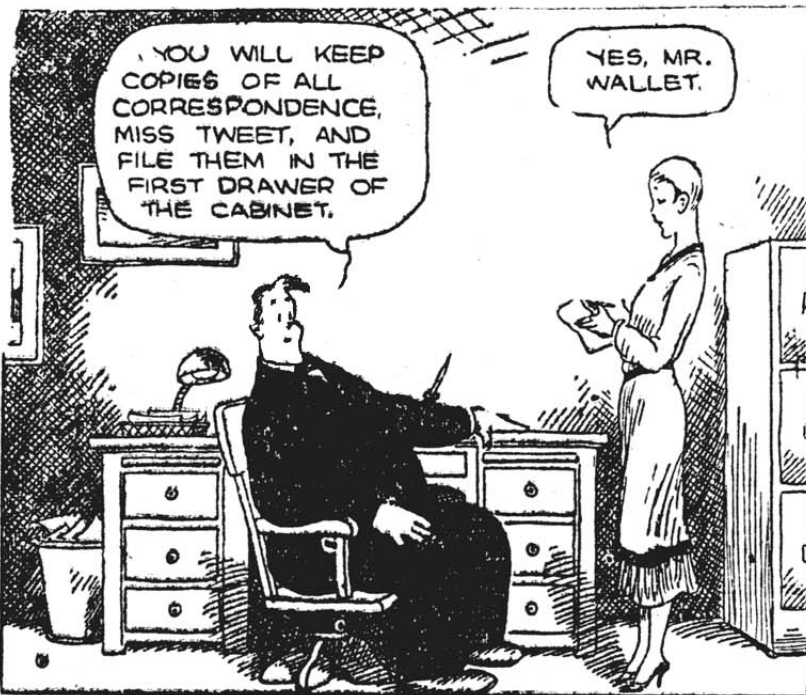


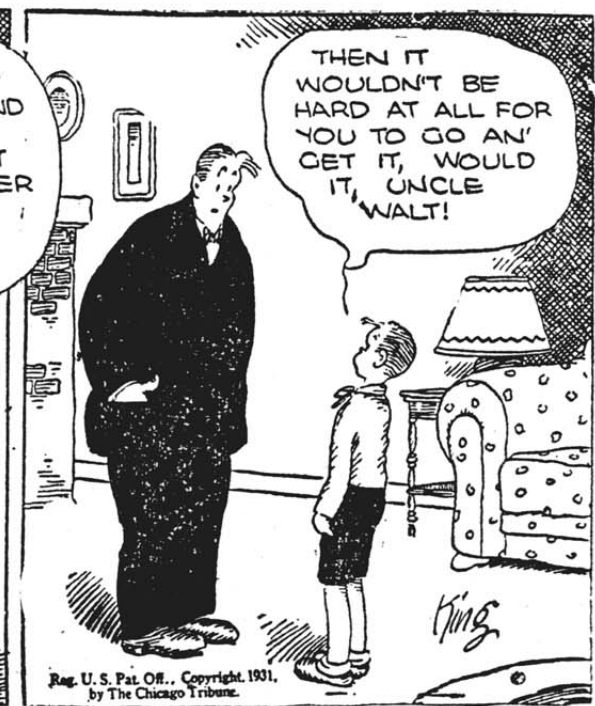
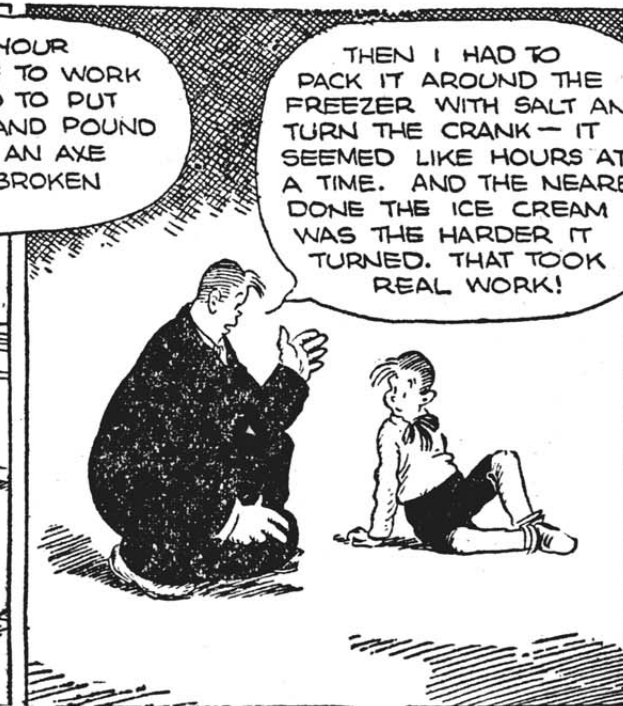
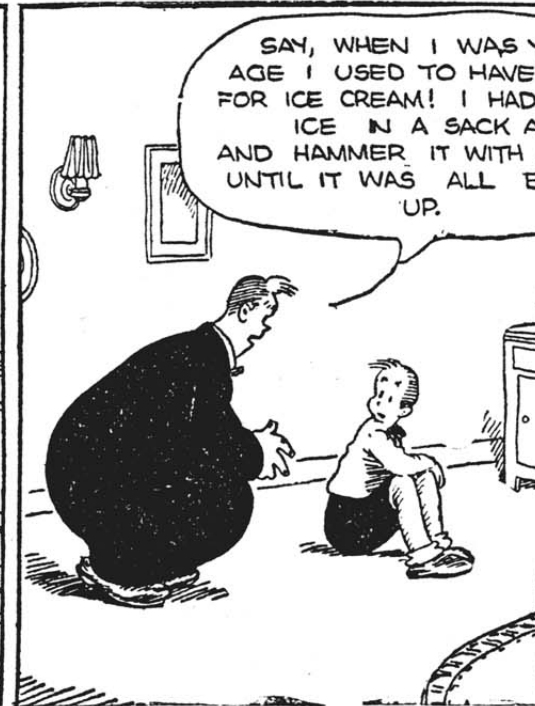
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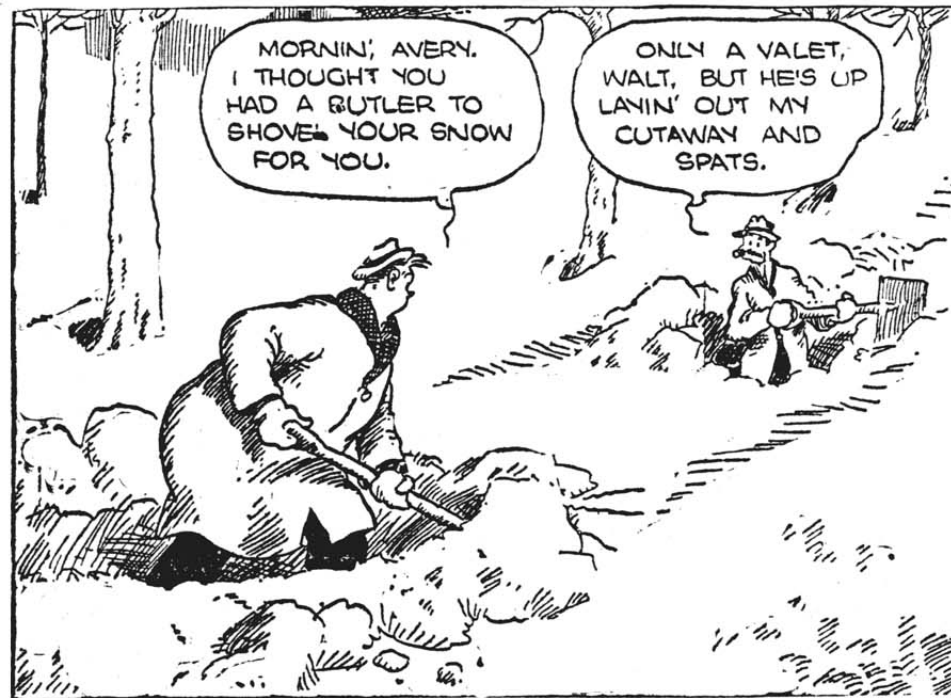
I AM MISTER.

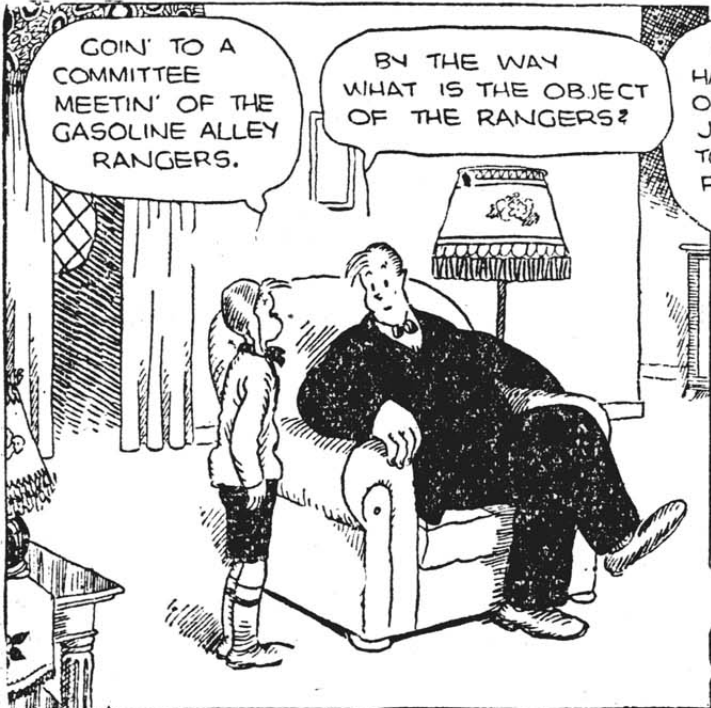


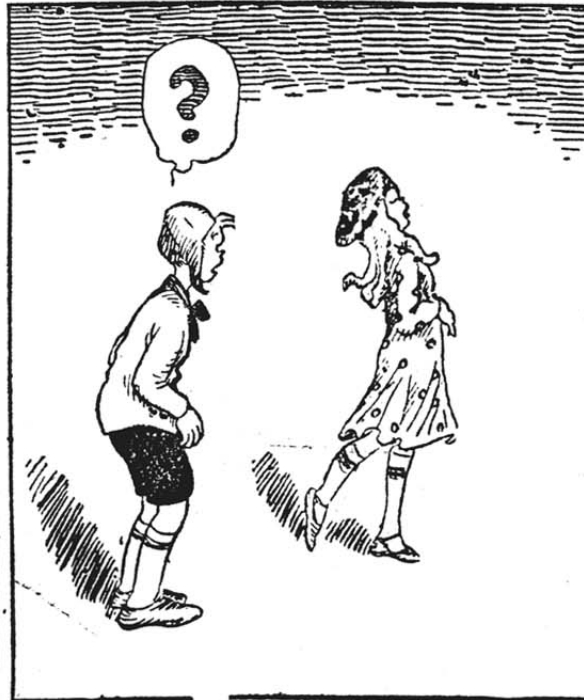




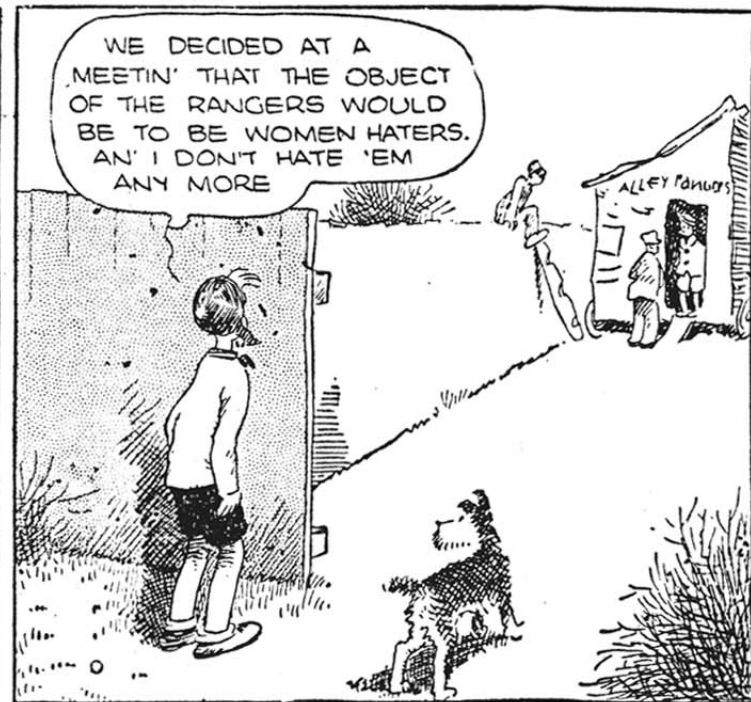
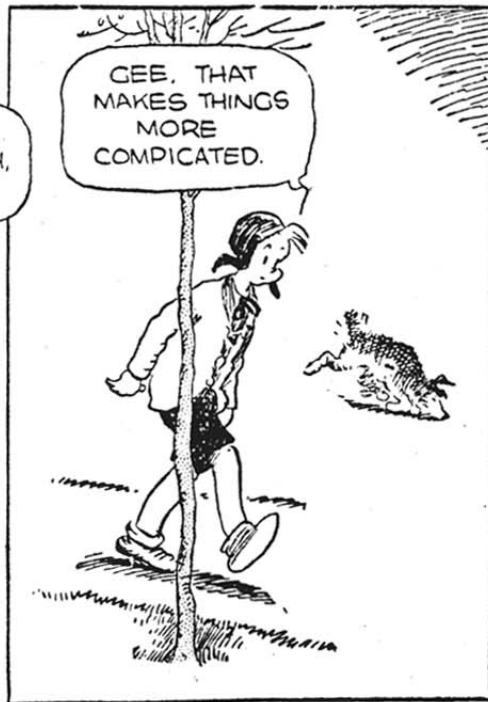


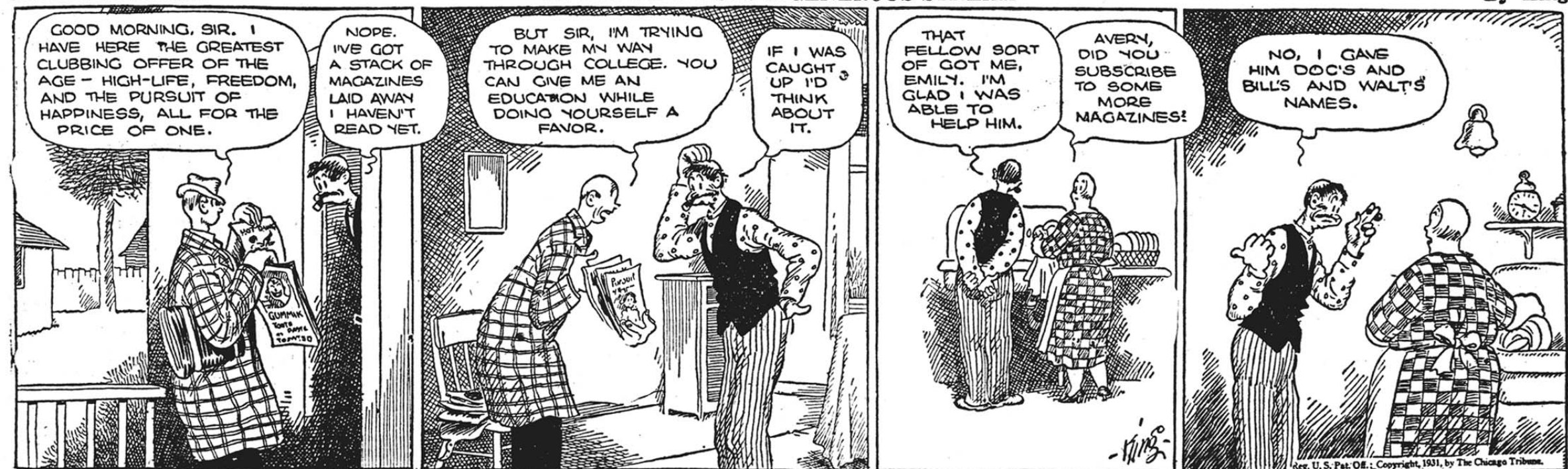


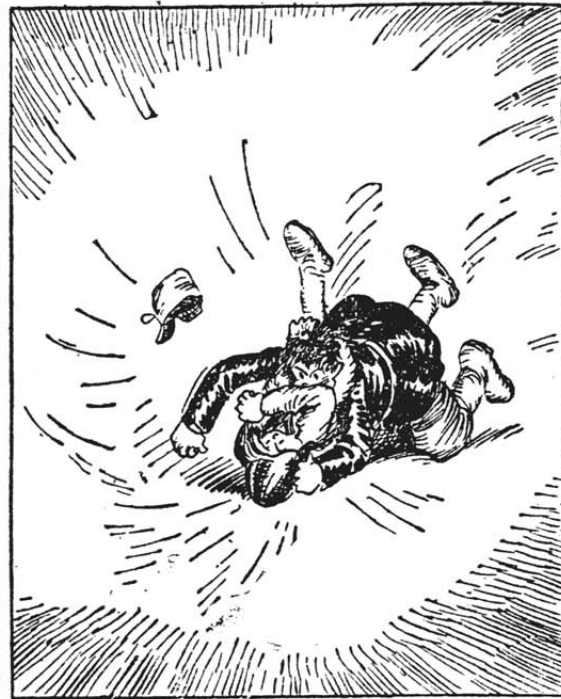
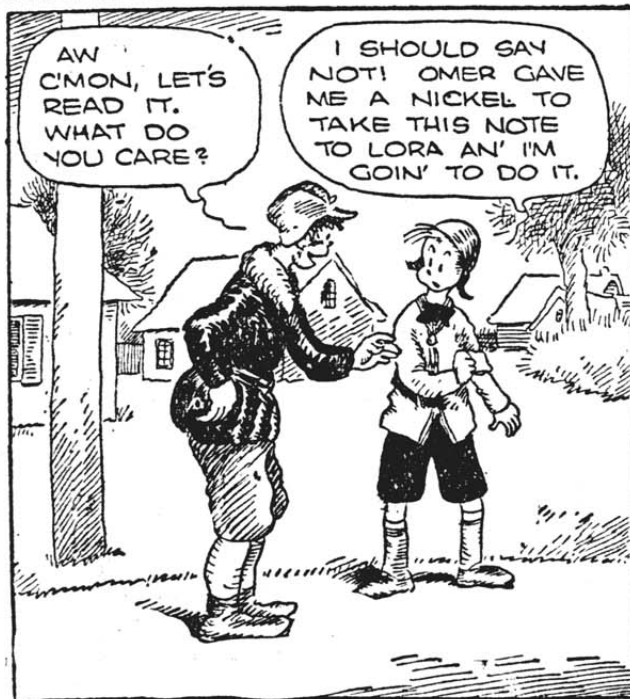


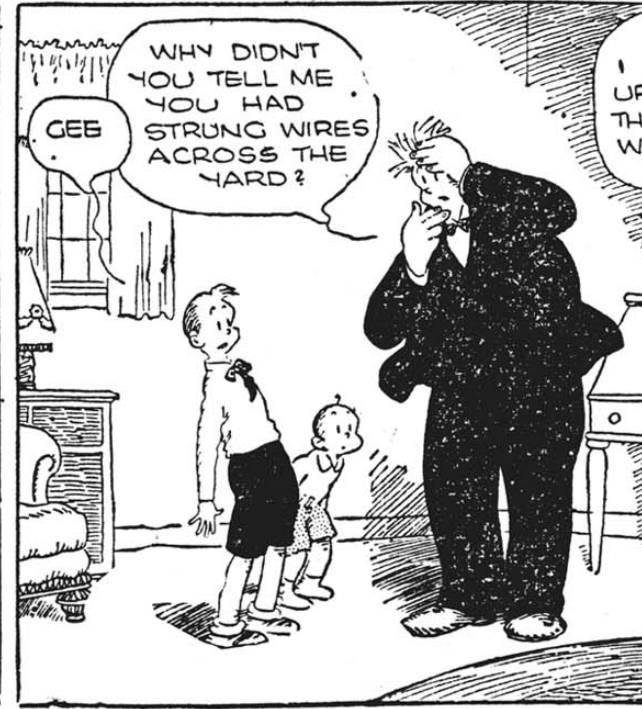
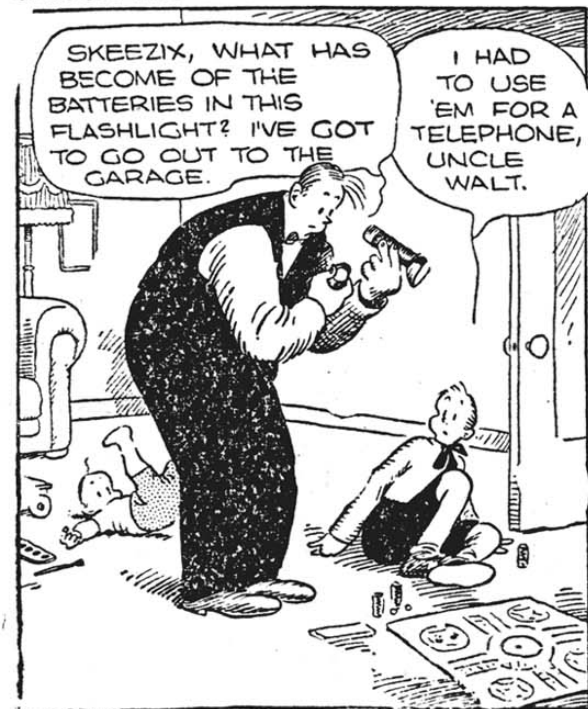




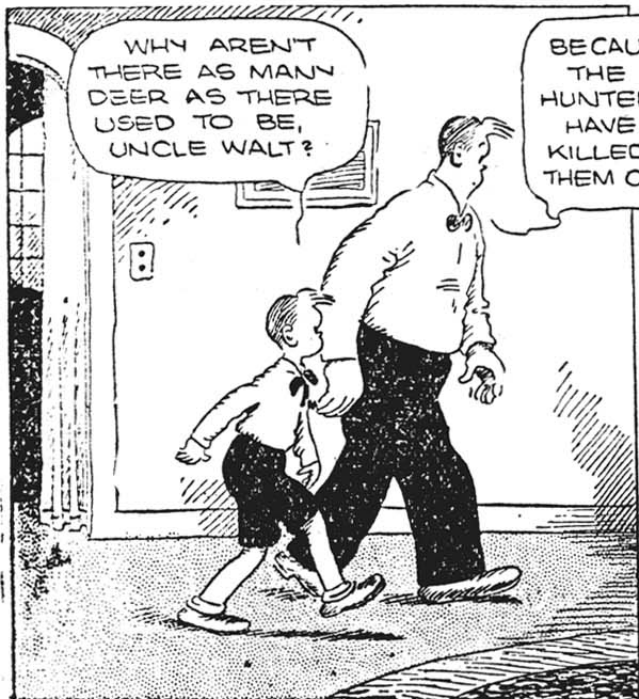






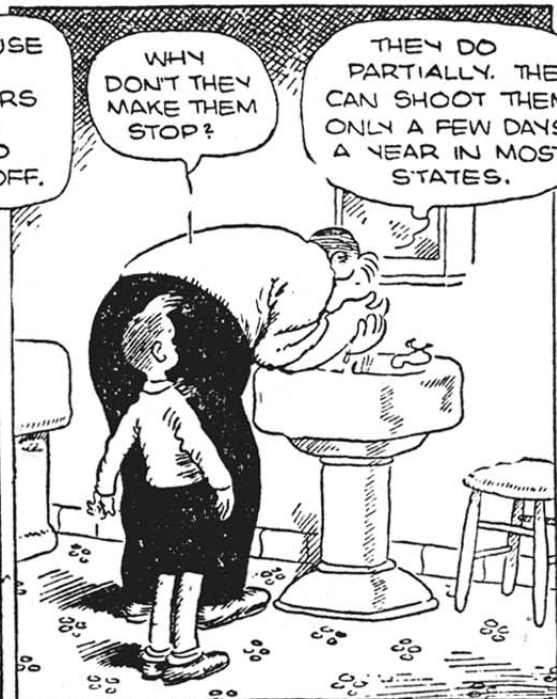






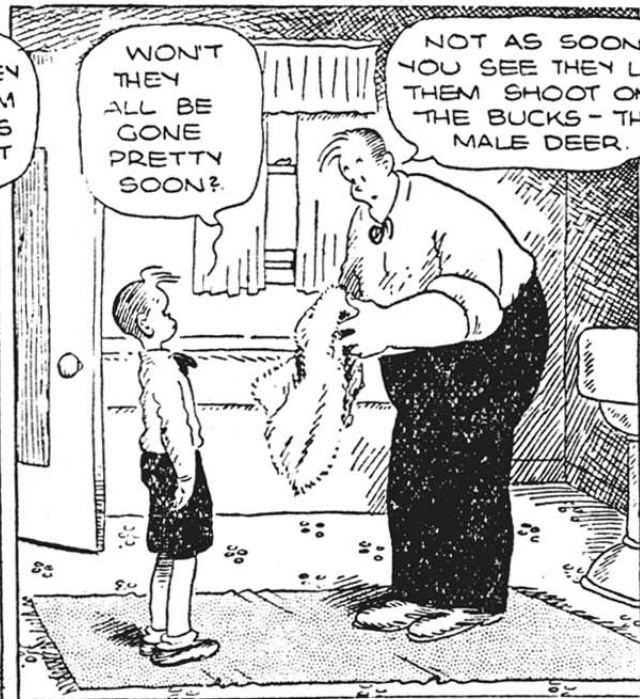
WHY AREN'T THERE AS MANY DEER AS THERE USED TO BE, UNCLE WALT?

BECAUSE THE HUNTERS HAVE KILLED THEM OFF.



WHY DON'T THEY MAKE THEM STOP?

THEY DO PARTIALLY. THEY CAN SHOOT THEM ONLY A FEW DAYS A YEAR IN MOST STATES.



WON'T THEY ALL BE GONE PRETTY SOON?

NOT AS SOON. YOU SEE THEY LET THEM SHOOT ONLY THE BUCKS - THE MALE DEER.



IS THAT WHY THEY ONLY SEND THE MEN TO WAR?

King



NOW WE'VE PASSED A RES'LUTION TO BE WOMEN HATERS. REMEMBER THIS IS A SECRET SOCIETY AN' WE DON'T BREATHE A WORD TO A SOUL.

SURE NOT

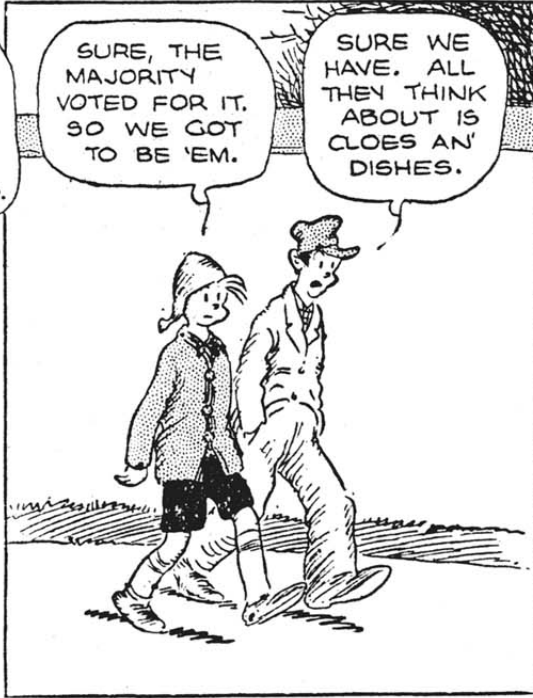
I DON'T SQUAWK

ME NEITHER



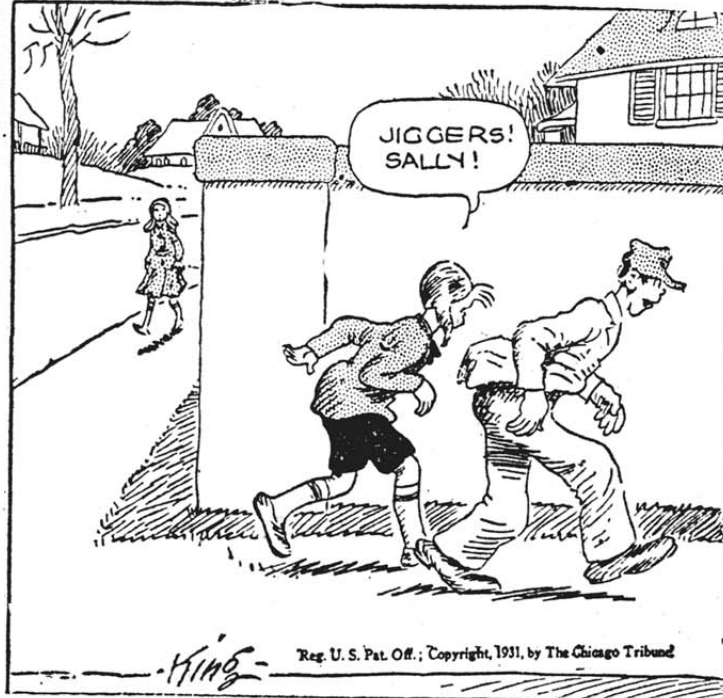
SOME GIRLS AREN'T SO BAD AT THAT.

SHUCKS, I WOULDN'T GIVE A NICKEL FOR ALL OF 'EM! BESIDES WE SWORE TO BE WOMEN HATERS.

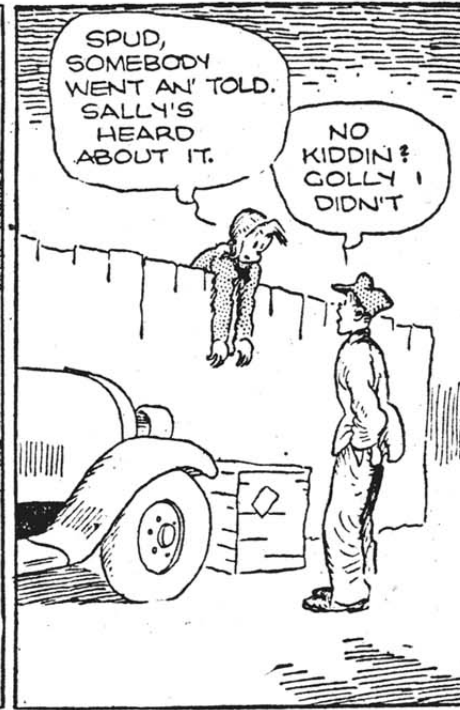
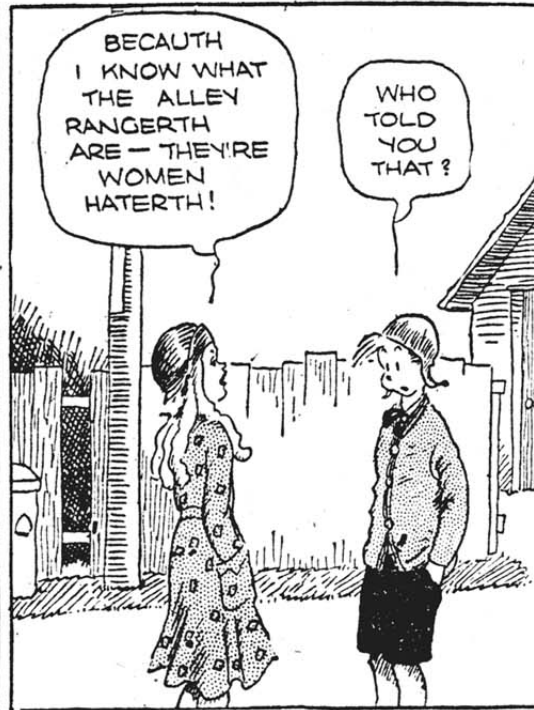


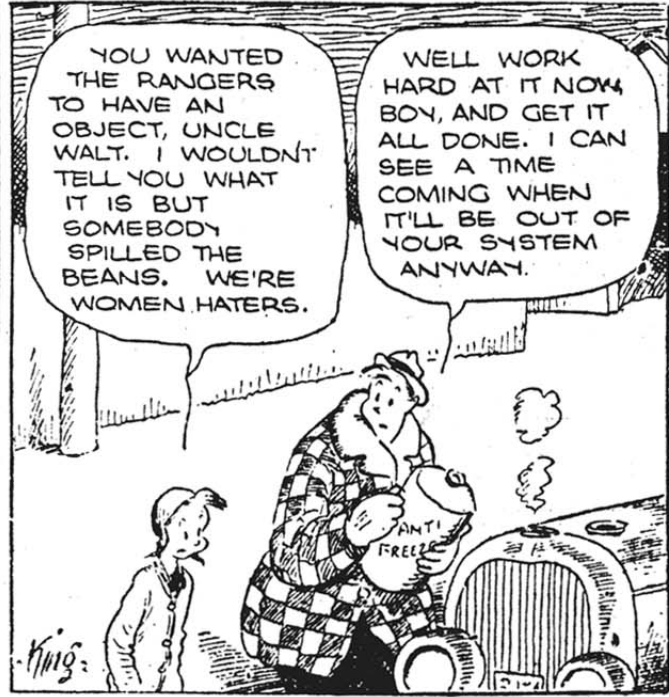
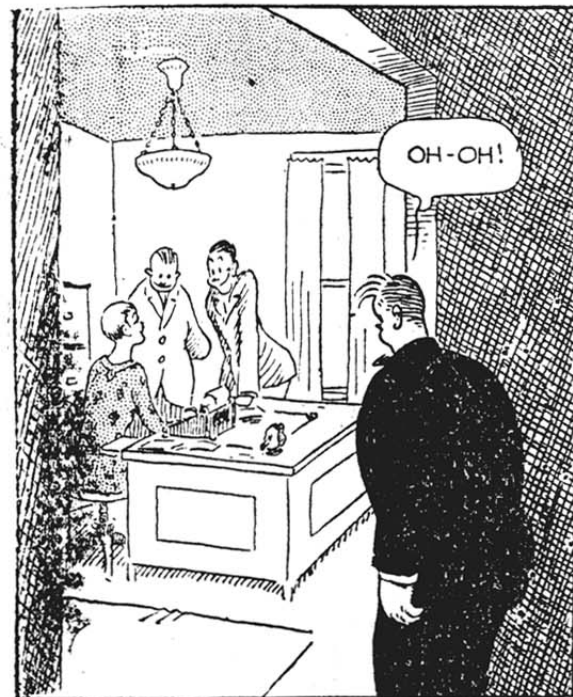
SURE, THE MAJORITY VOTED FOR IT. SO WE GOT TO BE 'EM.

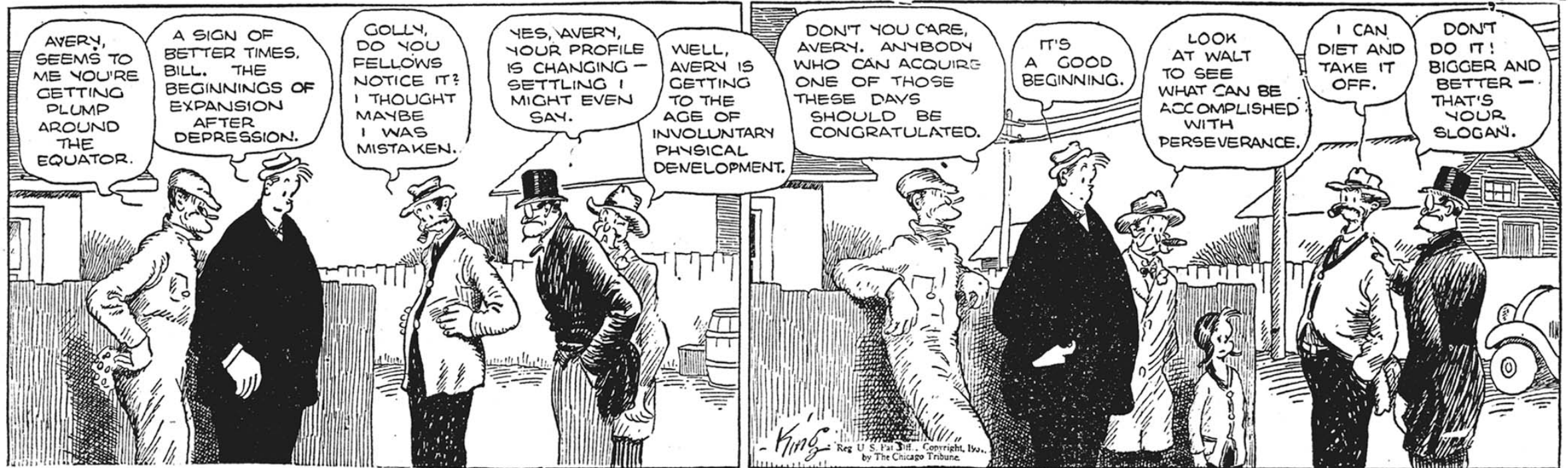
SURE WE HAVE. ALL THEY THINK ABOUT IS CLOES AN' DISHES.



JIGGERS! SALLY!







AVERY, SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE GETTING PLUMP AROUND THE EQUATOR.

A SIGN OF BETTER TIMES, BILL. THE BEGINNINGS OF EXPANSION AFTER DEPRESSION.

GOLLY, DO YOU FELLOWS NOTICE IT? I THOUGHT MAYBE I WAS MISTAKEN.

YES, AVERY, YOUR PROFILE IS CHANGING - SETTLING I MIGHT EVEN SAY.

WELL, AVERY IS GETTING TO THE AGE OF INVOLUNTARY PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.

DON'T YOU CARE, AVERY. ANYBODY WHO CAN ACQUIRE ONE OF THOSE THESE DAYS SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED.

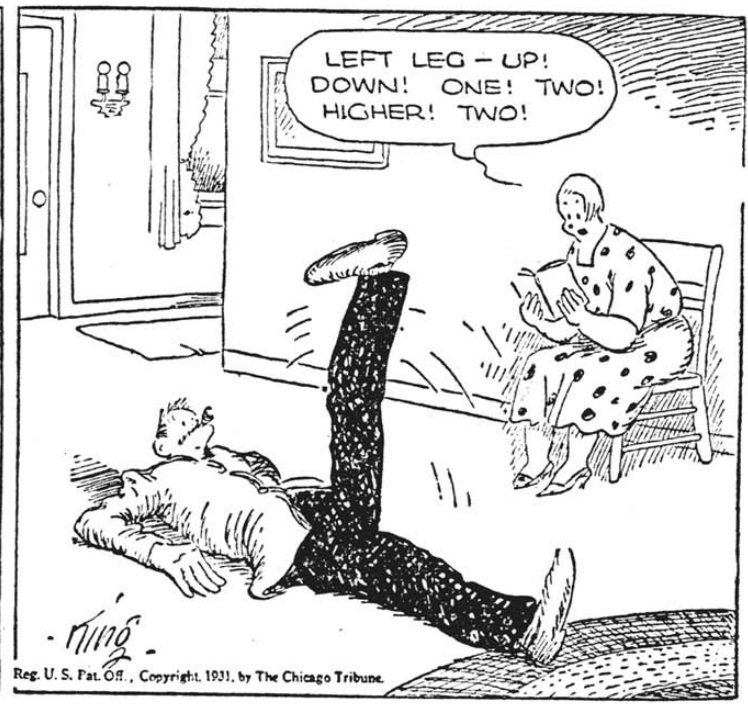
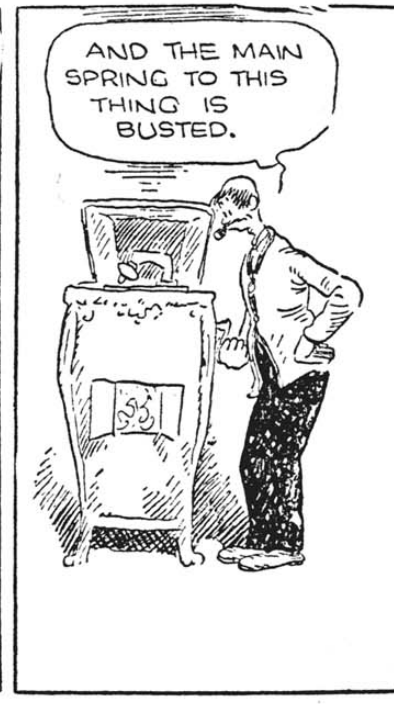
IT'S A GOOD BEGINNING.

LOOK AT WALT TO SEE WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH PERSEVERANCE.

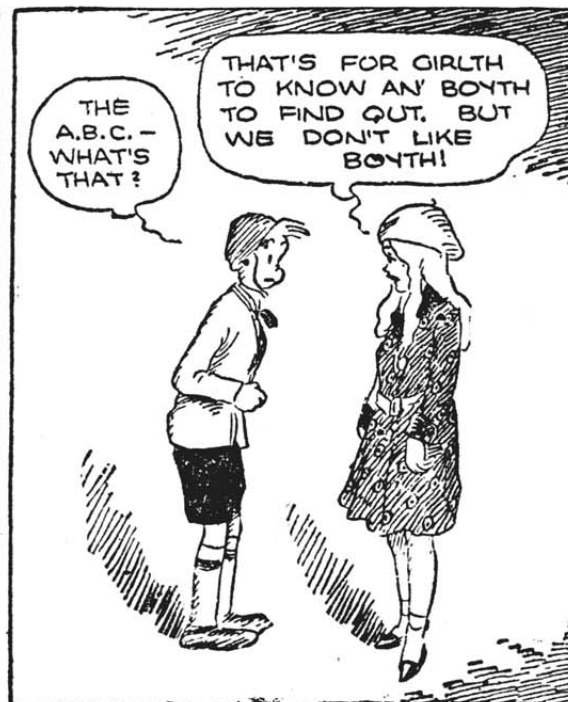
I CAN DIET AND TAKE IT OFF.

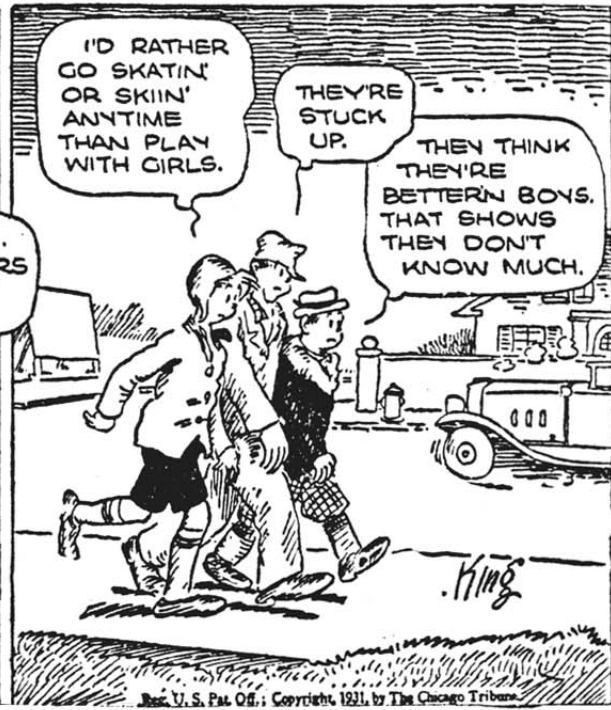
DON'T DO IT! BIGGER AND BETTER - THAT'S YOUR SLOGAN.

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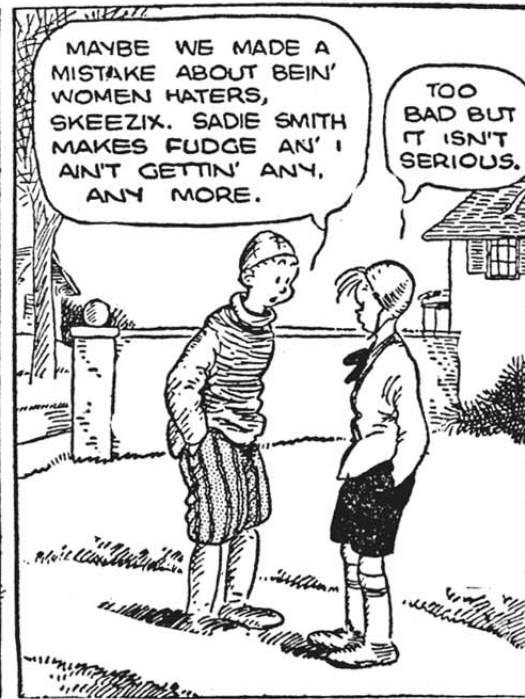
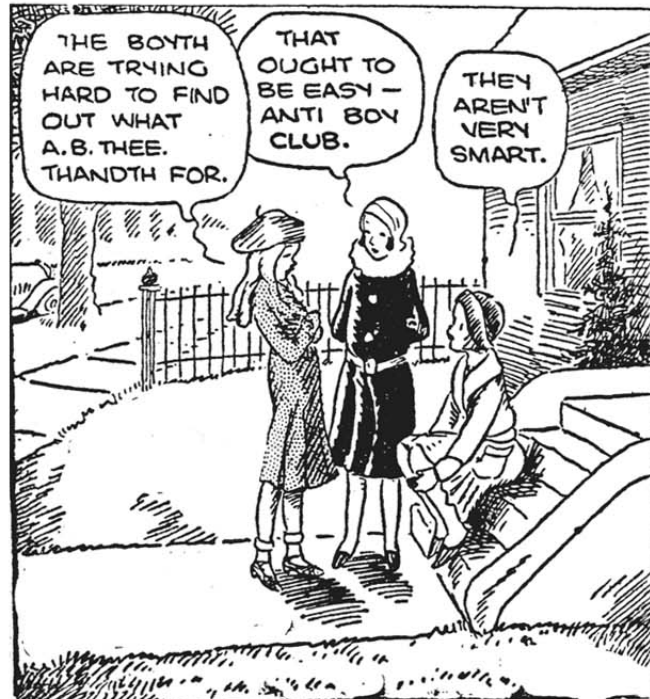


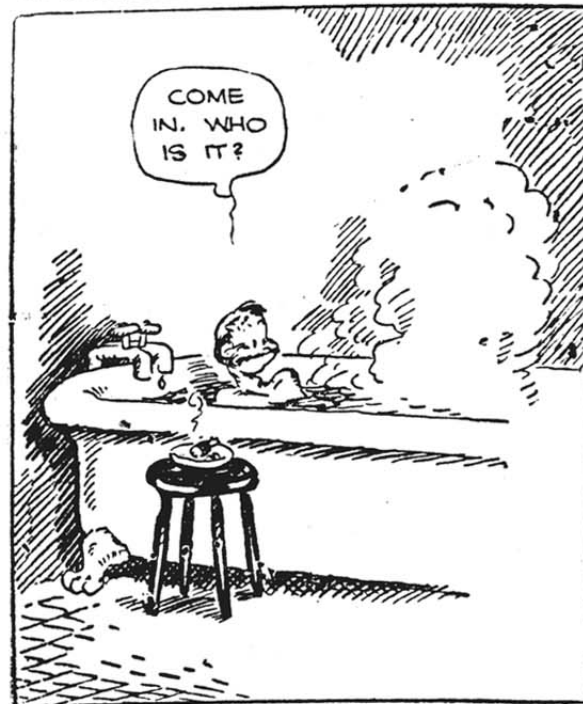






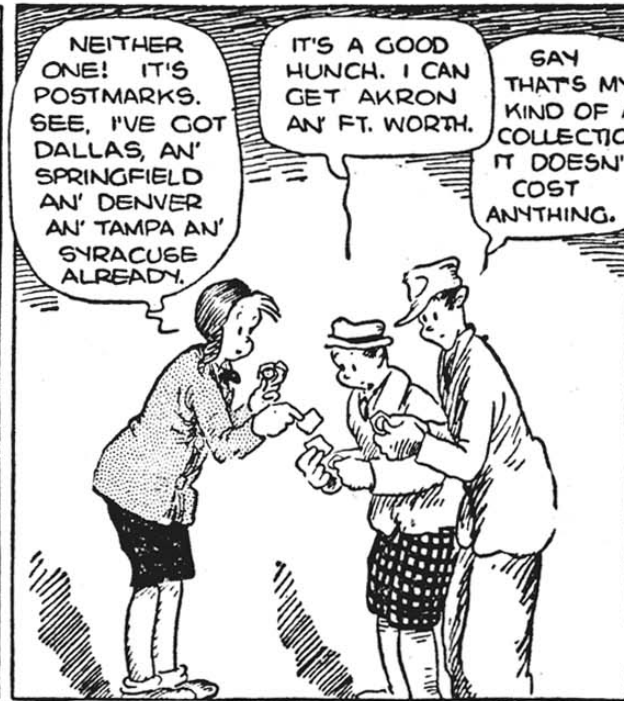
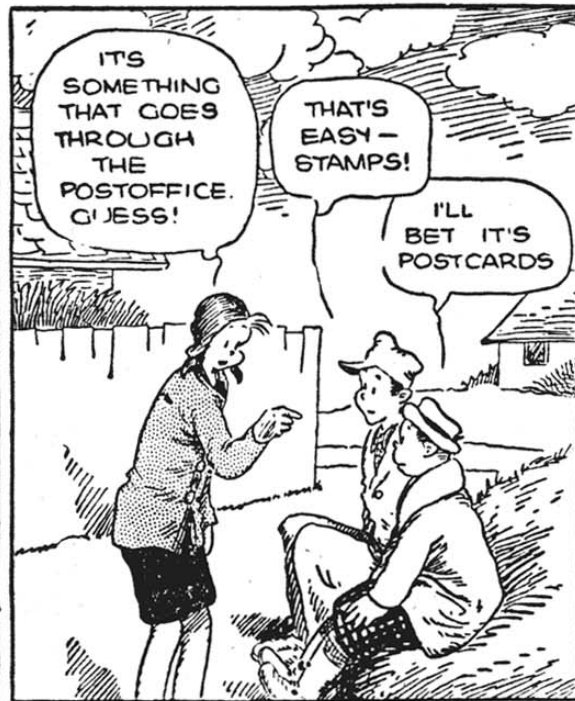




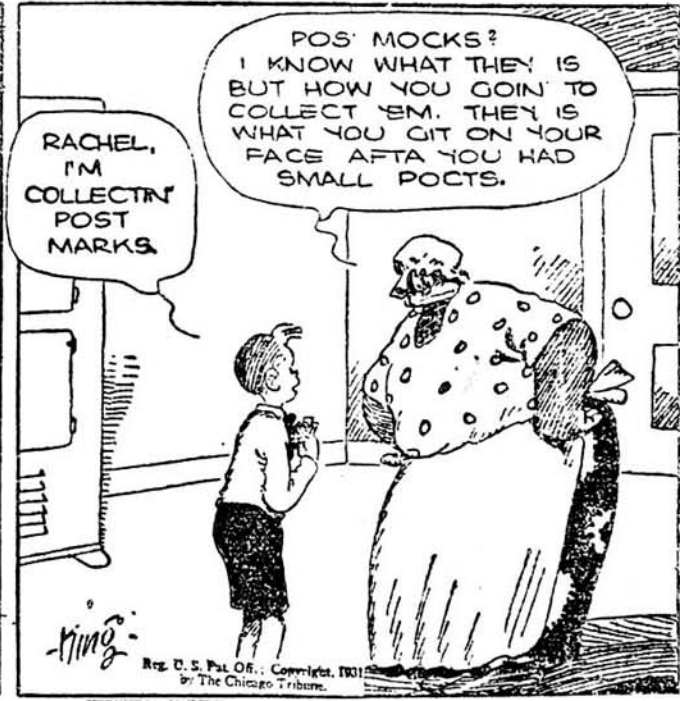


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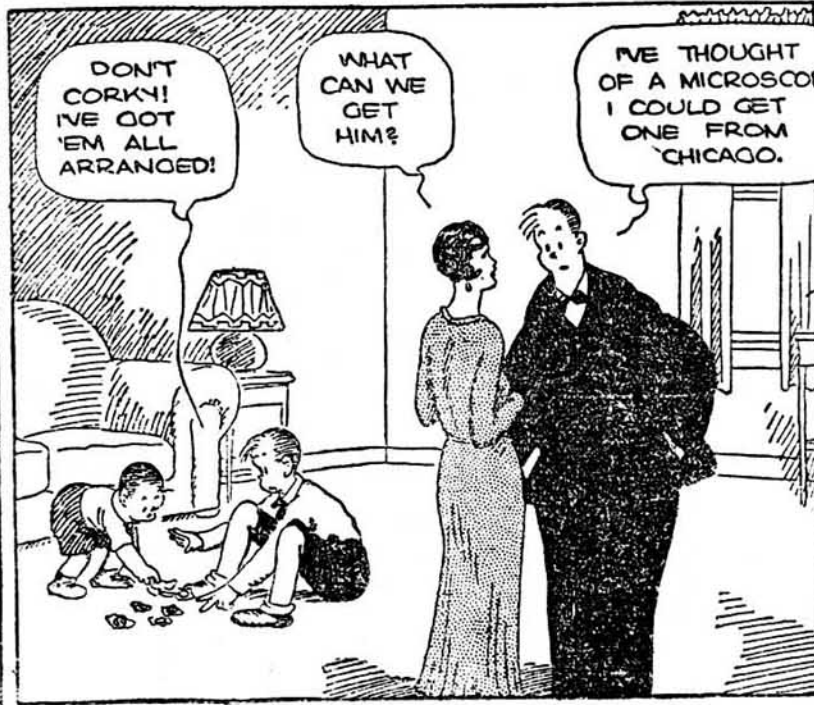
GASOLINE ALLEY—HAVE YOU ANY TO SPARE?



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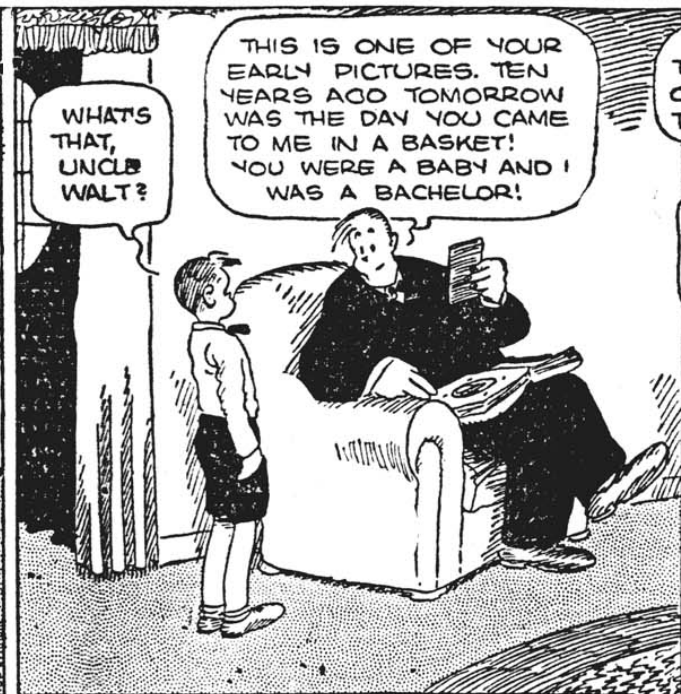
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GASOLINE ALLEY—NOT SO FAST, SKEEZIX





THAT'S GOOD! WHO'D EVER THINK THEY'D EVER CHANGE SO.



WHAT'S THAT, UNCLE WALT?

THIS IS ONE OF YOUR EARLY PICTURES. TEN YEARS AGO TOMORROW WAS THE DAY YOU CAME TO ME IN A BASKET! YOU WERE A BABY AND I WAS A BACHELOR!



DON'T THEY LOOK FUNNY NOW? TOMORROW I'LL SHOW YOU AND ALL OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE INTERESTED - THE FIRST PICTURE YOU AND I EVER HAD TAKEN!

THEY LOOK LIKE YOU BUT NOT LIKE ME.

W WONDER HOW MANY OF OUR READERS REMEMBER THE MORNING OF ST. VALENTINE'S DAY TEN YEARS AGO TOMORROW WHEN SKEEZIX WAS LEFT IN A BASKET ON WALT'S DOORSTEP?

SOME OF YOU WEREN'T BORN - AND MANY WHO WERE CHILDREN HAVE GROWN UP TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.

TOMORROW WE WILL REPRODUCE THE ORIGINAL STRIP OF TEN YEARS AGO WHICH RECORDED THE HISTORIC ARRIVAL OF SKEEZIX. MAY WE ALL BE FRIENDS FOR ANOTHER TEN YEARS.

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GASOLINE ALLEY



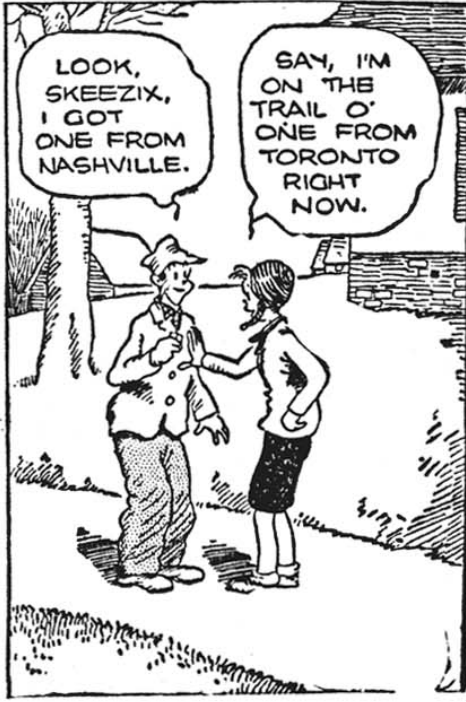
TEN YEARS AGO TODAY





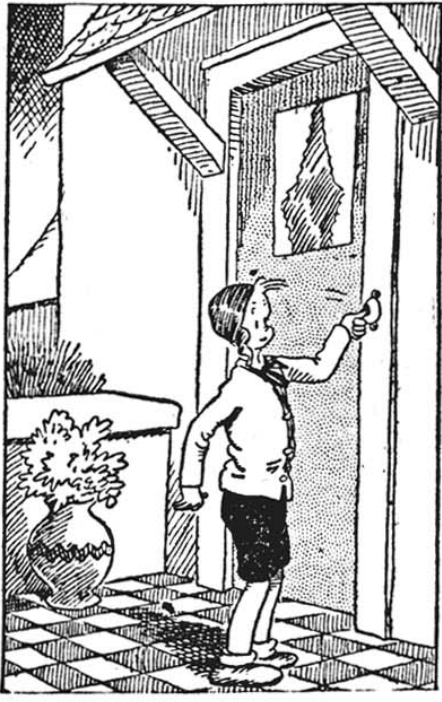
I'M COLLECTIN' POSTMARKS, MR. BLURY. GOT ANY GOOD ONES THIS MORNING?

HERE'S A LETTER FROM TORONTO FOR THE DOCTOR, BUT I COULDN'T GIVE YOU THE POSTMARK.



LOOK, SKEEZIX, I GOT ONE FROM NASHVILLE.

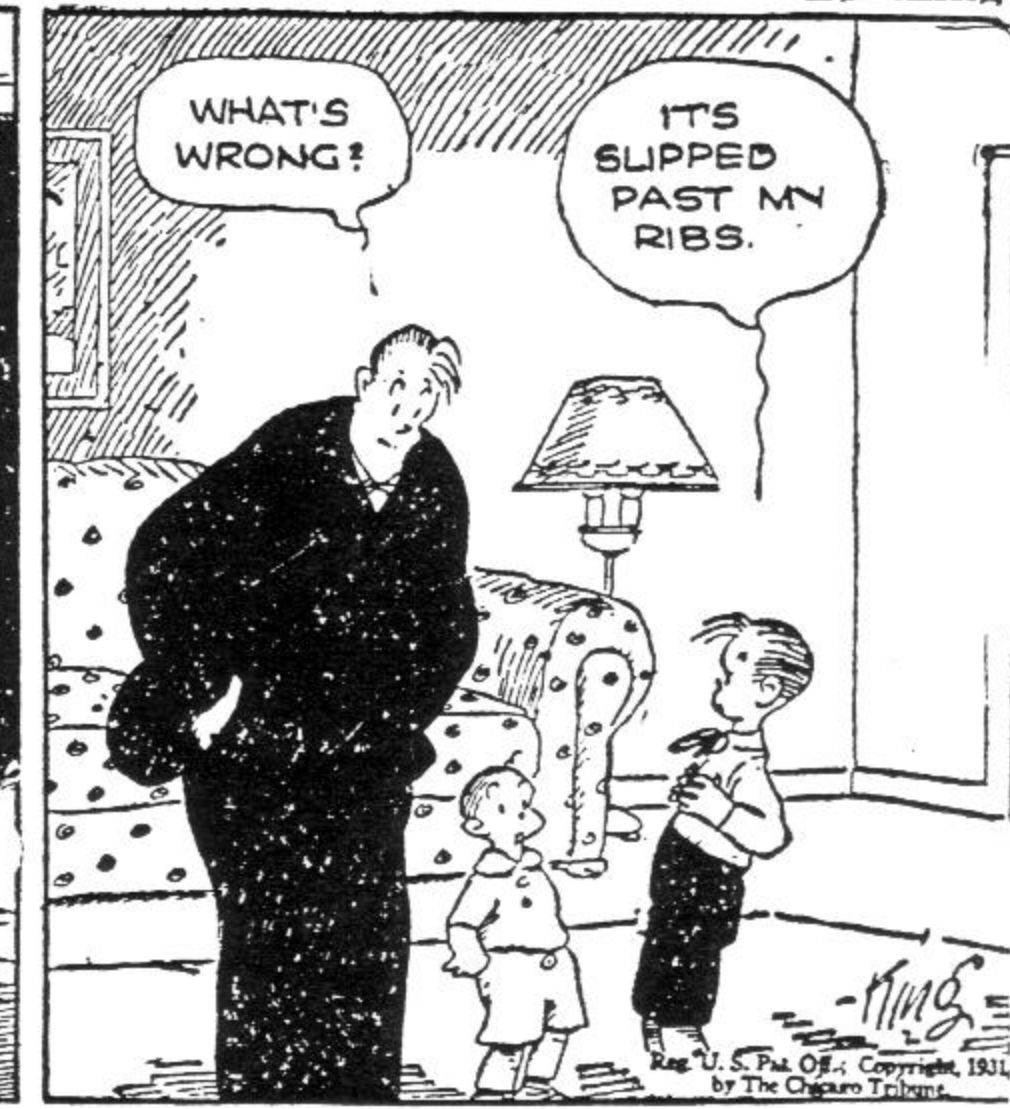
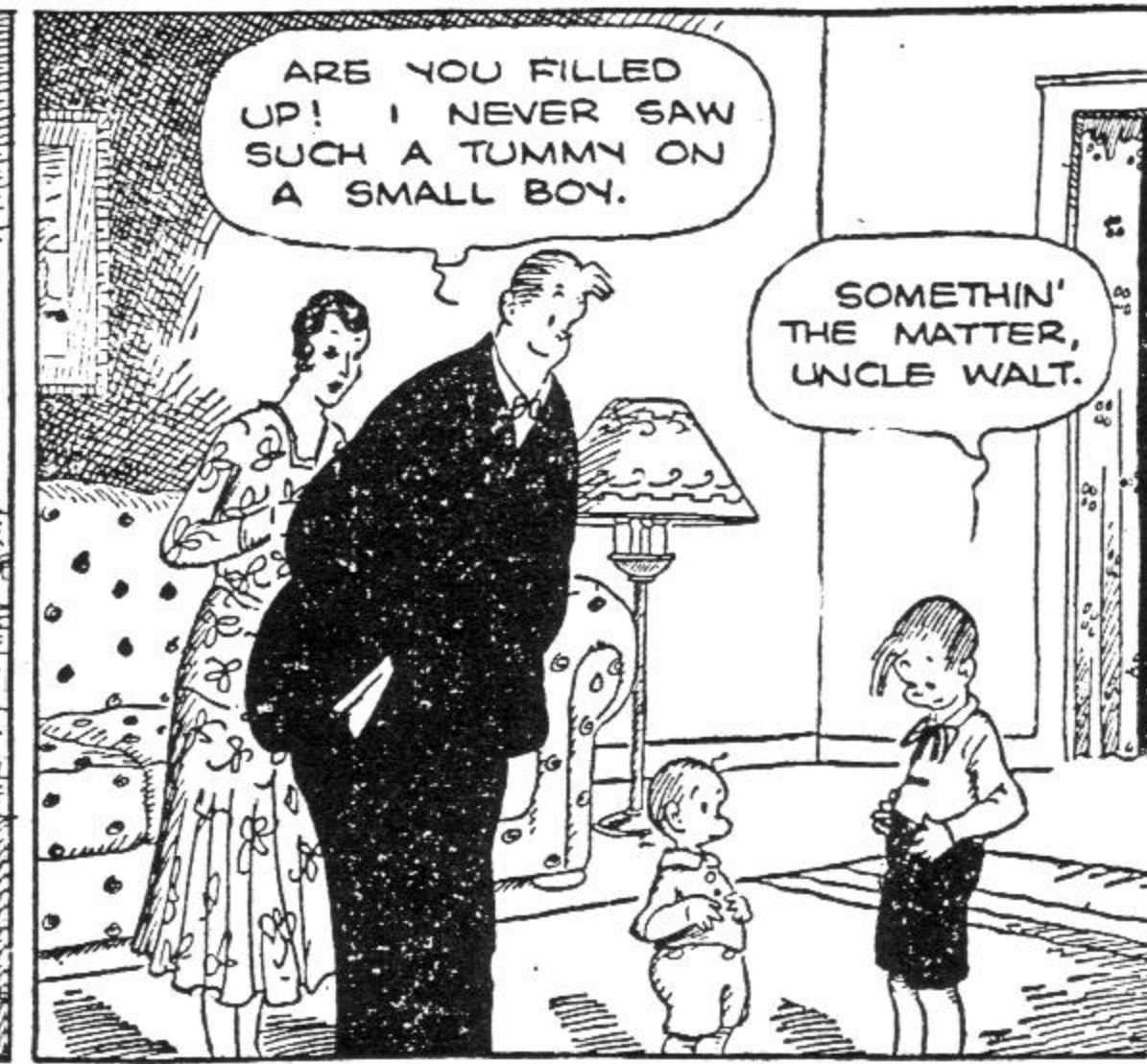
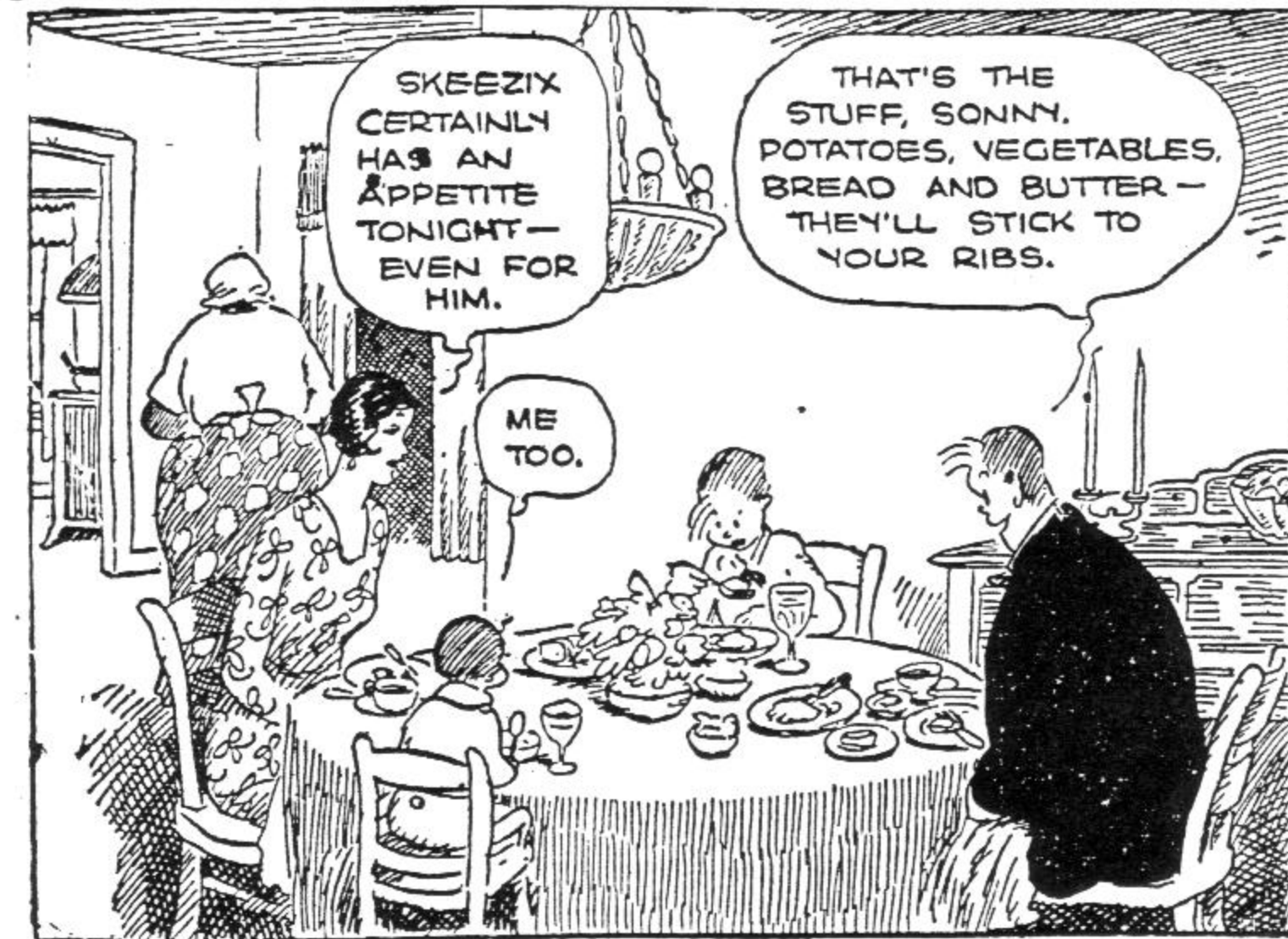
SAY, I'M ON THE TRAIL O' ONE FROM TORONTO RIGHT NOW.

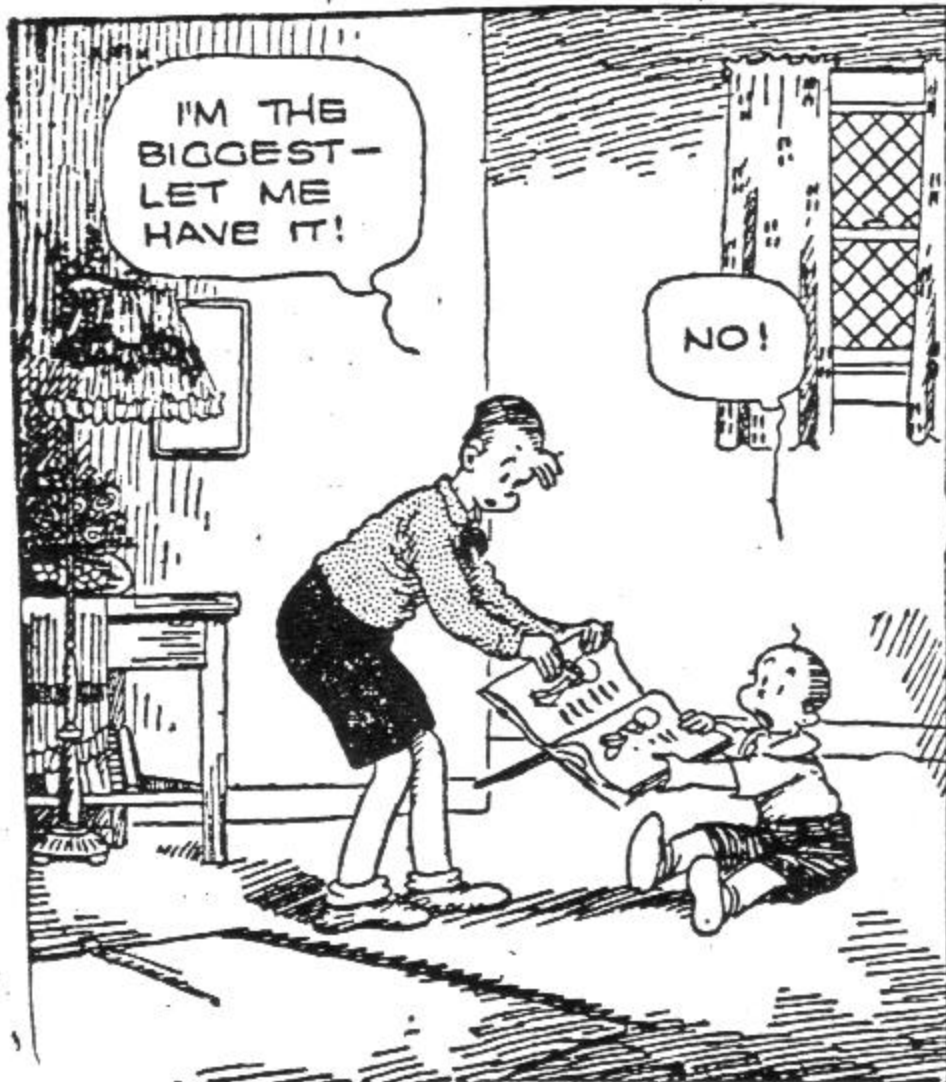


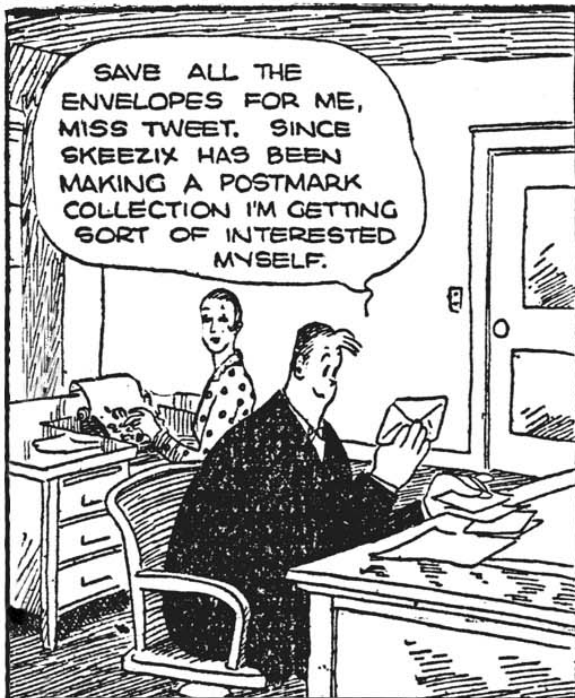
UNCLE DOC, YOU GOT A POSTMARK FROM TORONTO THIS MORNIN'. CAN I HAVE IT?

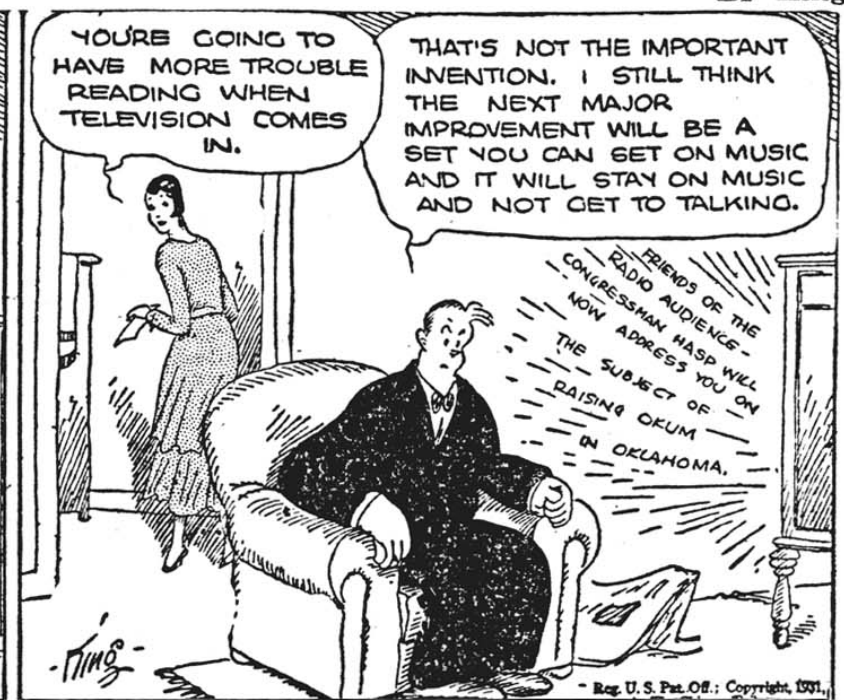
HOW DID YOU FIND THAT OUT? DO YOU SMELL 'EM?

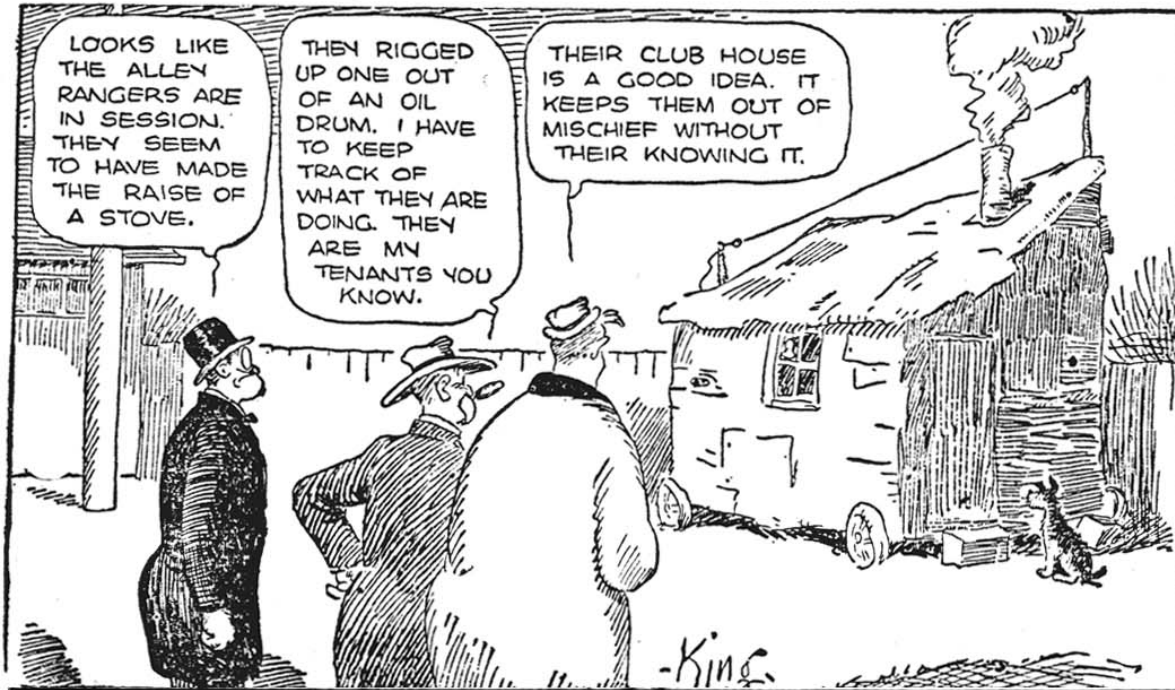




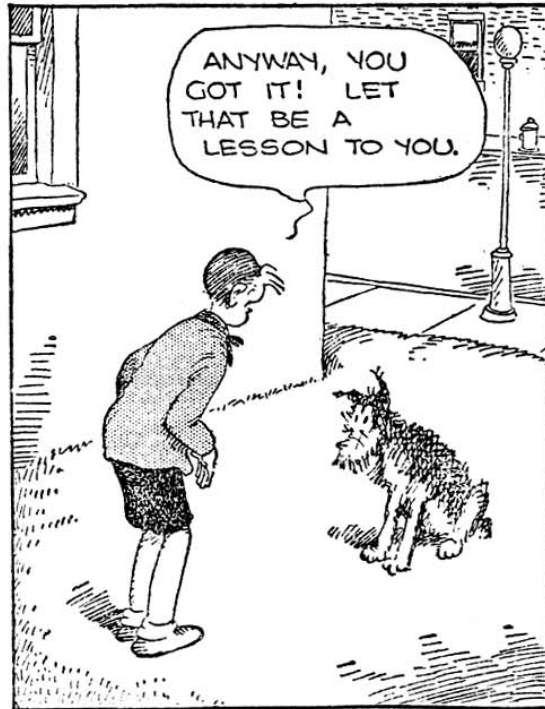
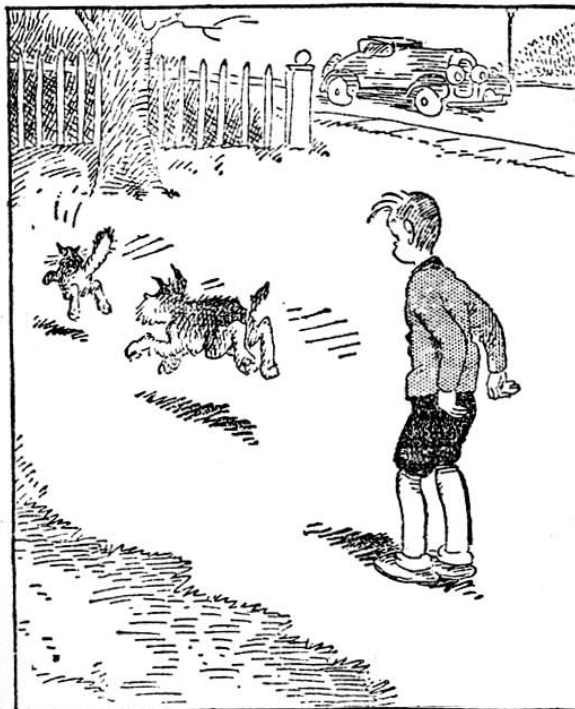
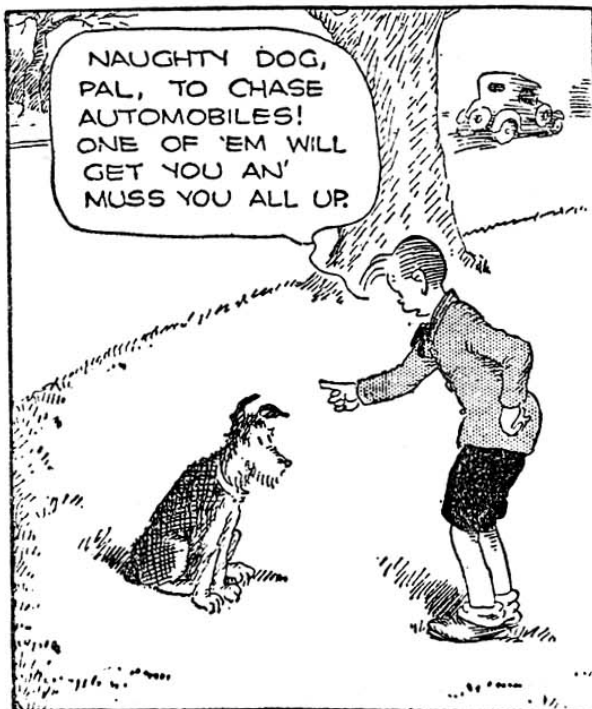








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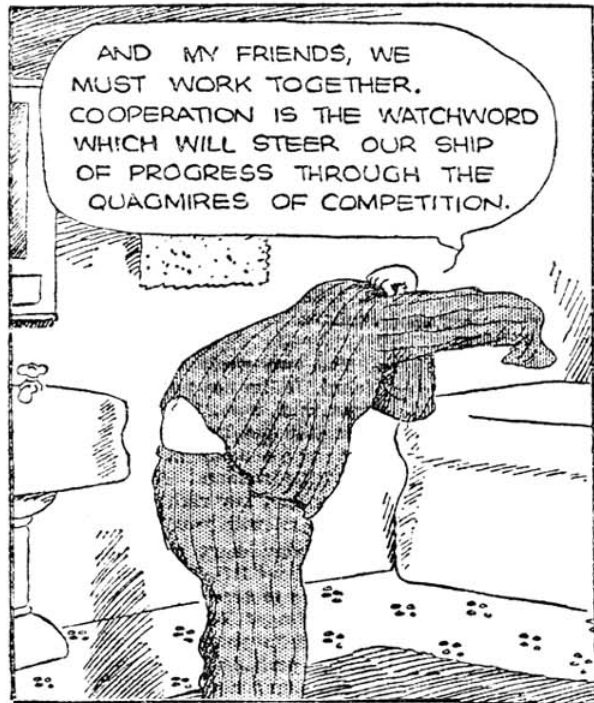


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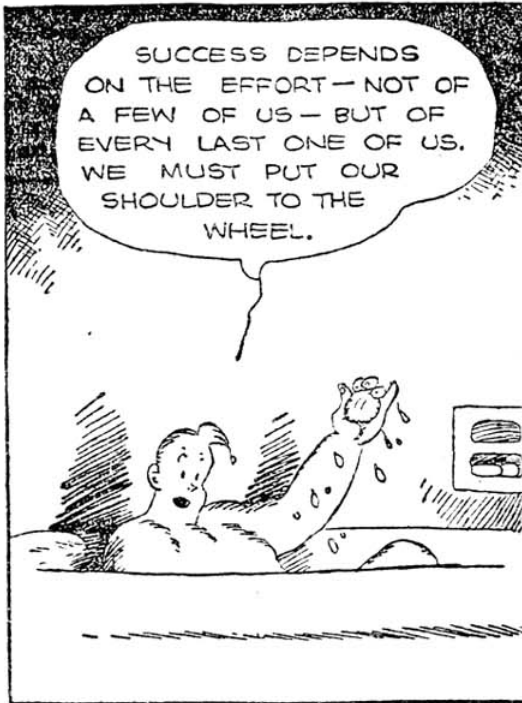


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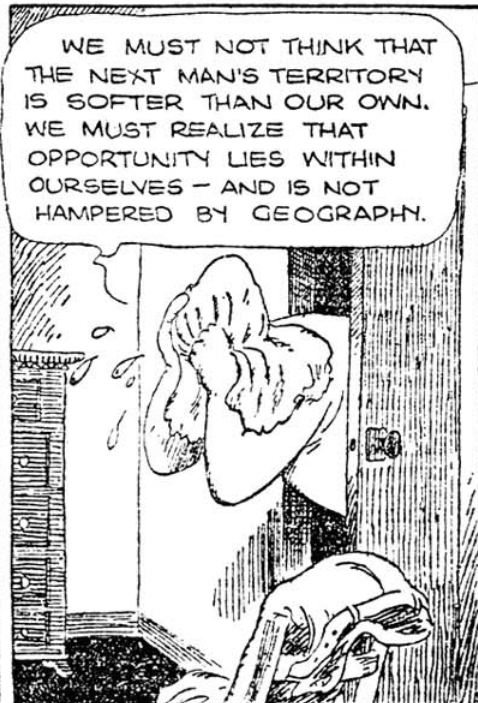
AND MY FRIENDS, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER. COOPERATION IS THE WATCHWORD WHICH WILL STEER OUR SHIP OF PROGRESS THROUGH THE QUAGMIRES OF COMPETITION.



SUCCESS DEPENDS ON THE EFFORT—NOT OF A FEW OF US—BUT OF EVERY LAST ONE OF US. WE MUST PUT OUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.



WE MUST NOT THINK THAT THE NEXT MAN'S TERRITORY IS SOFTER THAN OUR OWN. WE MUST REALIZE THAT OPPORTUNITY LIES WITHIN OURSELVES—AND IS NOT HAMPERED BY GEOGRAPHY.

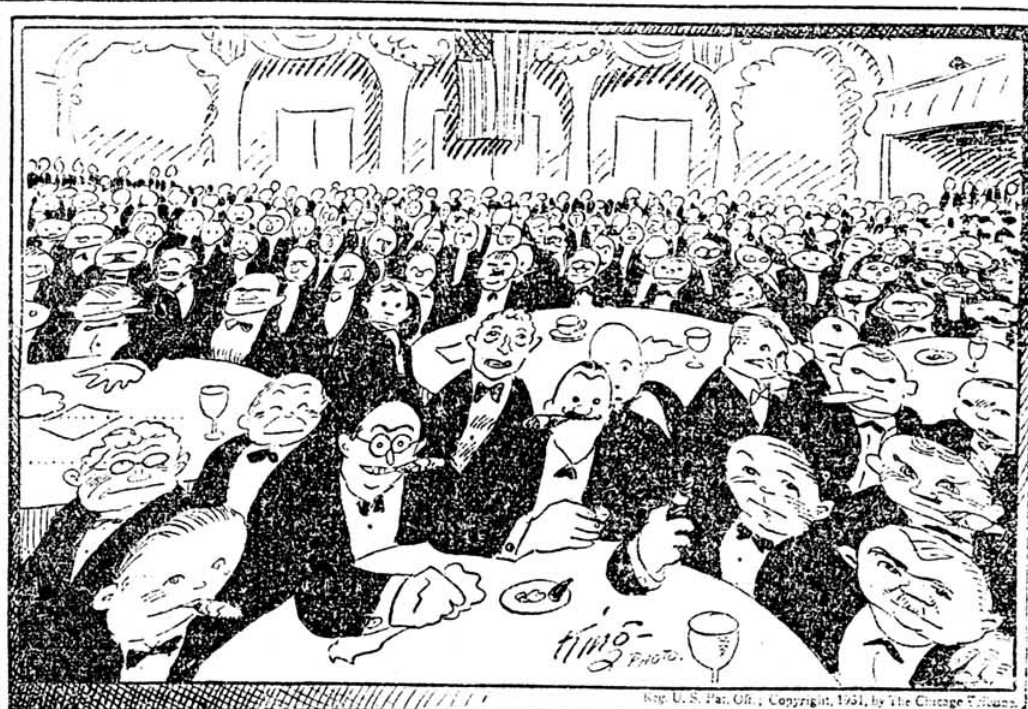
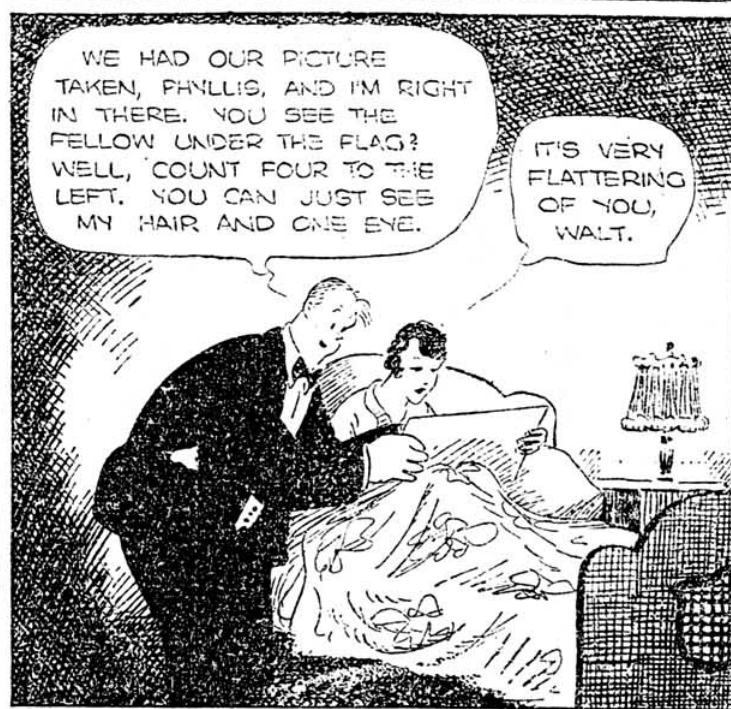


WHAT DID YOU SAY, WALT?

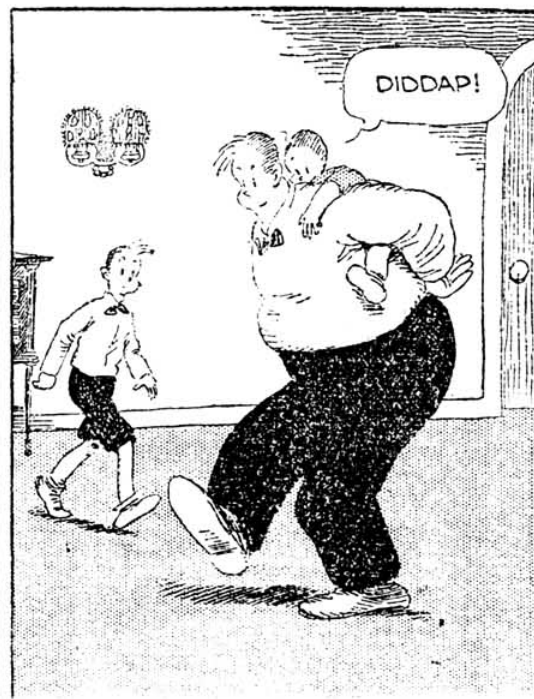
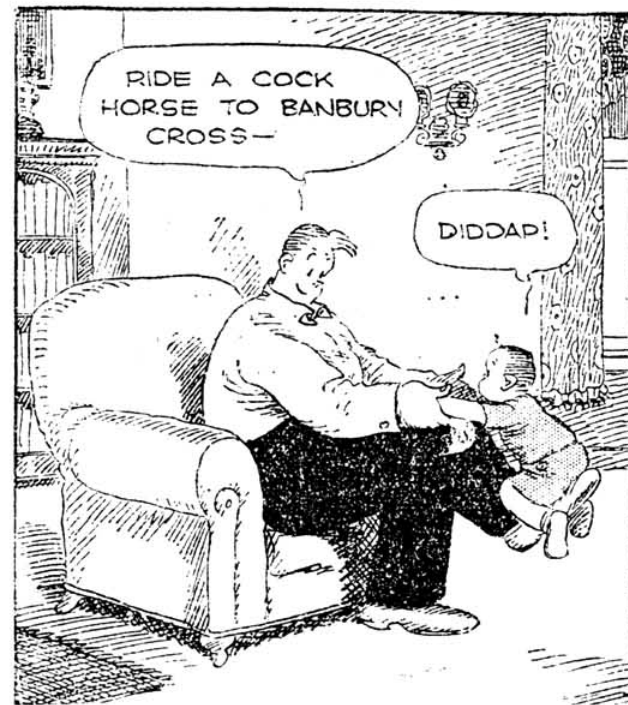
YOU'RE TOO LATE, PHYLLIS. I WAS JUST REHEARSING MY SPEECH FOR THE SALESMEN'S DINNER.



GASOLINE ALLEY — DOESN'T HE LOOK NATURAL



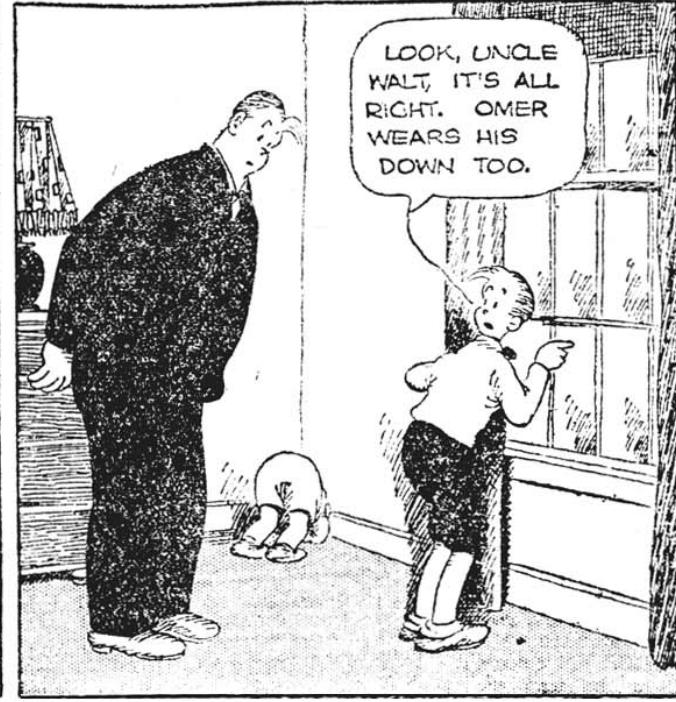
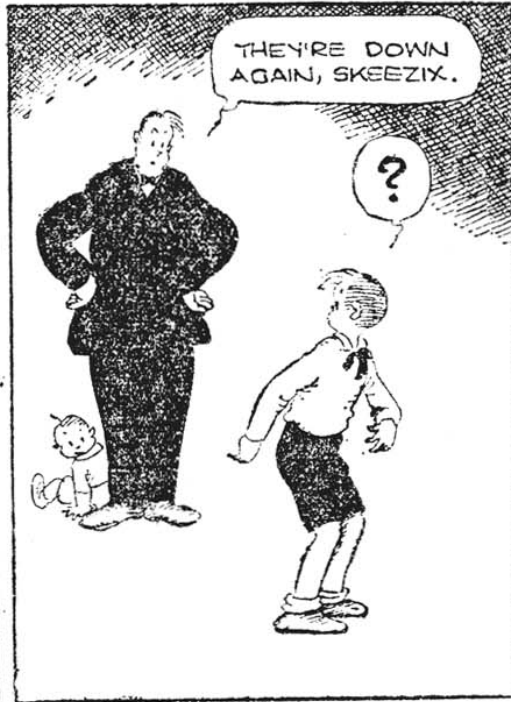
GASOLINE ALLEY—TRY THIS FOR A CHANGE, WALT



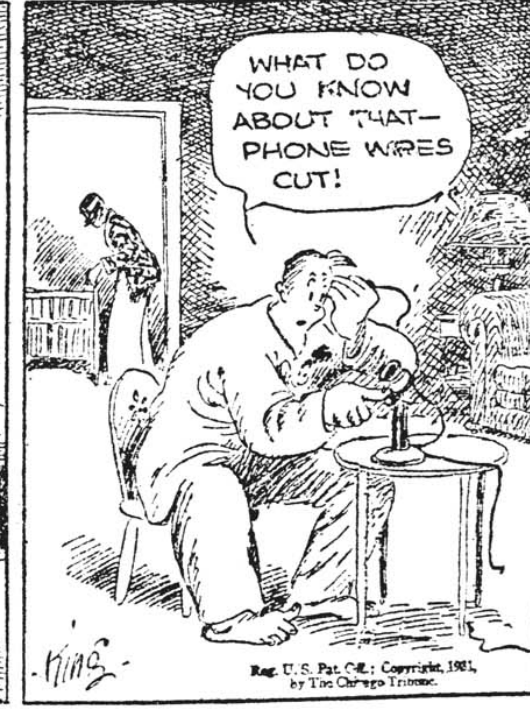
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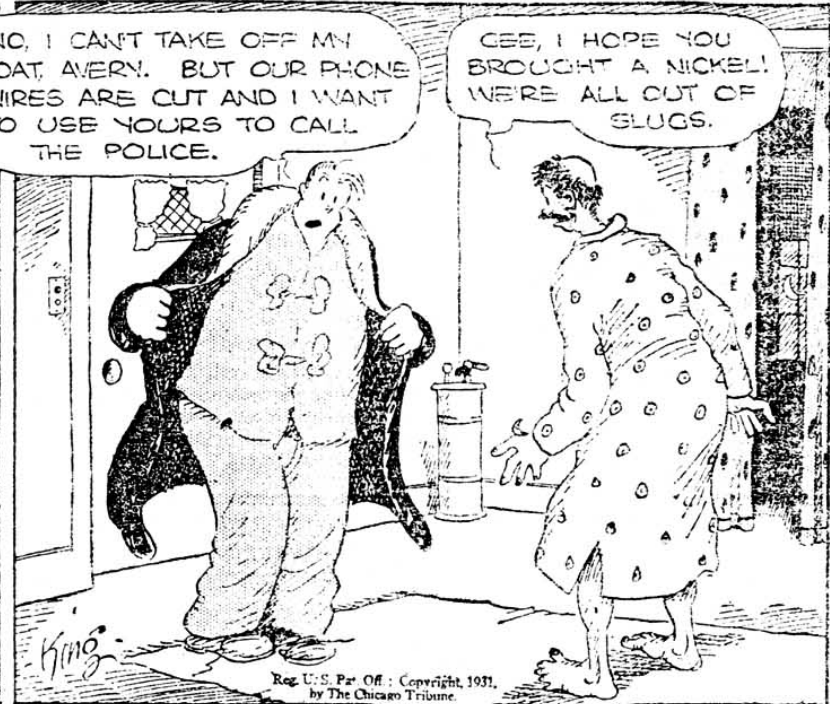
GASOLINE ALLEY—IT'S BEING DONE



GASOLINE ALLEY—HELP! POLICE!



GASOLINE ALLEY—OUT OF LUCK



GASOLINE ALLEY—AS AN ENTERTAINER WALT IS A FLOP

I WAS SOUND ASLEEP WHEN I HEARD A NOISE AND A LIGHT WAS FLASHED IN MY FACE. HE SAYS "DON'T MAKE A FUSS AND NOBODY WILL GET HURT." THERE WERE TWO BURGLARS.



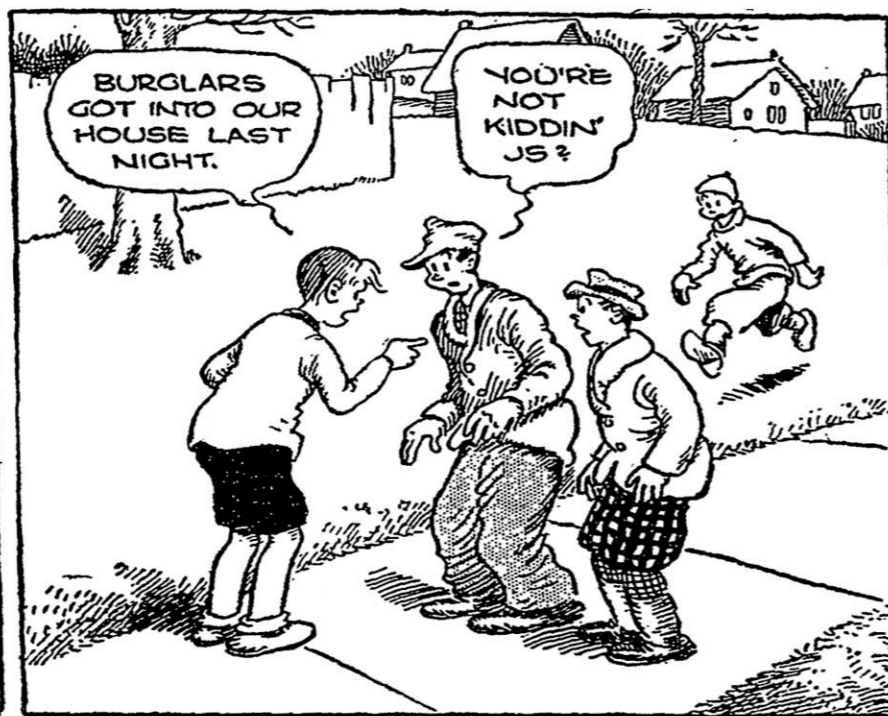
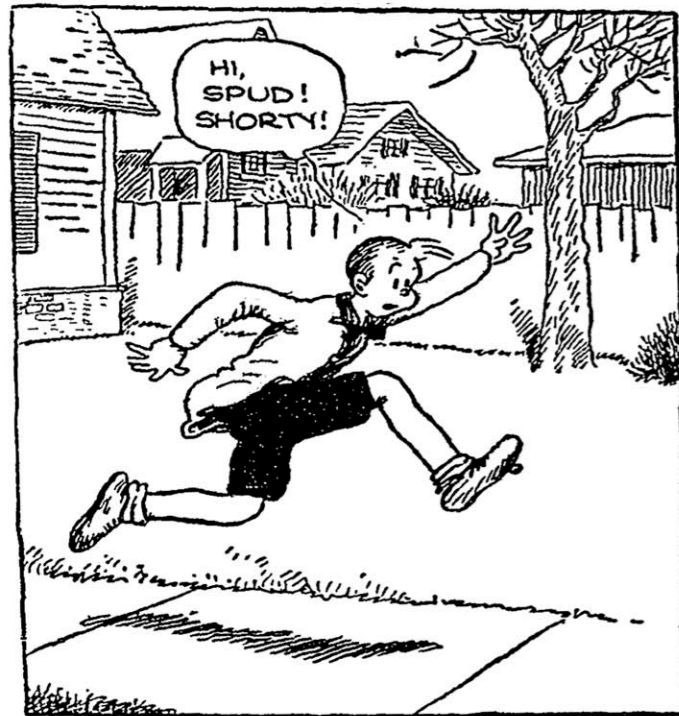
HERE'S THE WINDOW THEY GOT IN. YOU SEE THERE ARE A COUPLE OF FOOT TRACKS HERE YET. I'LL TAKE YOU IN WHERE THEY PULLED OUT A LOT OF DRAWERS.



OVER HERE IS THE TELEPHONE WHERE THEY CUT THE WIRES SO I HAD TO GO OVER TO THE NEIGHBORS TO CALL THE POLICE. AND OUT HERE IS WHERE THEY THREW MY PANTS AFTER THEY TOOK 22 DOLLARS.



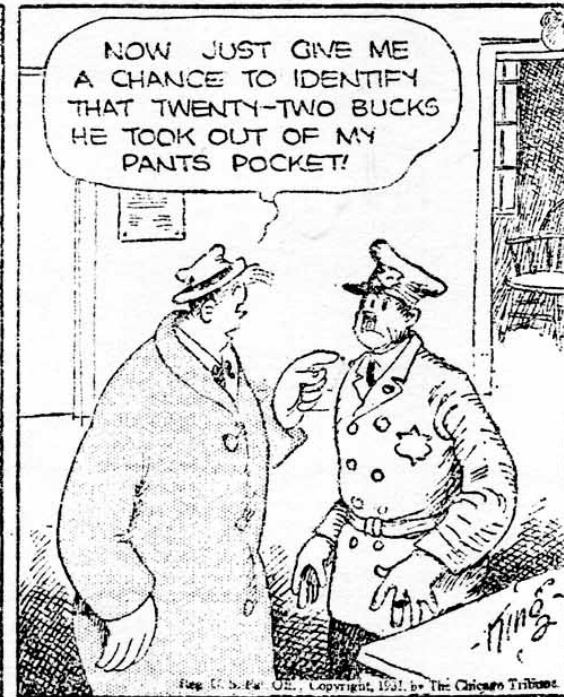
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GASOLINE ALLEY—ALL'S WELL



GASOLINE ALLEY—A SLIM CHANCE



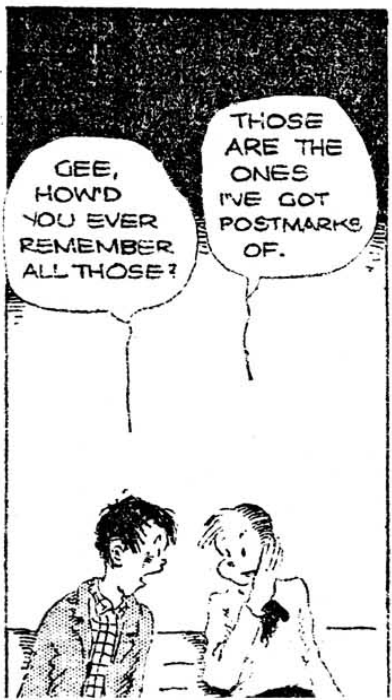
GASOLINE ALLEY—STARTED YOUR COLLECTION YET?

SKEEZIX WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE APPRECIATES THE KINDNESS OF HIS MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE SENT HIM POSTMARKS FOR HIS COLLECTION. HE IS ADDING TO IT EVERY DAY. SOME OF THE MOST UNUSUAL WILL BE REPRODUCED IN THIS SPACE FROM TIME TO TIME. THERE ARE OTHER NIFTY ONES BESIDES SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, AND DUSTY, WASHINGTON.



SKEEZIX, WILL YOU NAME THE PRINCIPAL CITIES OF WISCONSIN.

MADISON, STRUM, TOMAH, POPPLE, WAUPUM, BIG FOOT, PRAY ANY PACKWAUKEE.



GEE, HOW'D YOU EVER REMEMBER ALL THOSE?

THOSE ARE THE ONES I'VE GOT POSTMARKS OF.



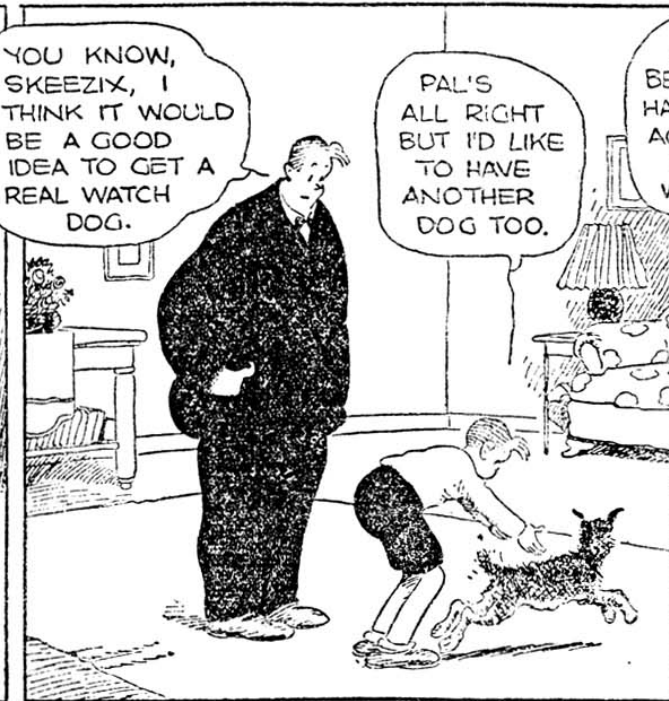
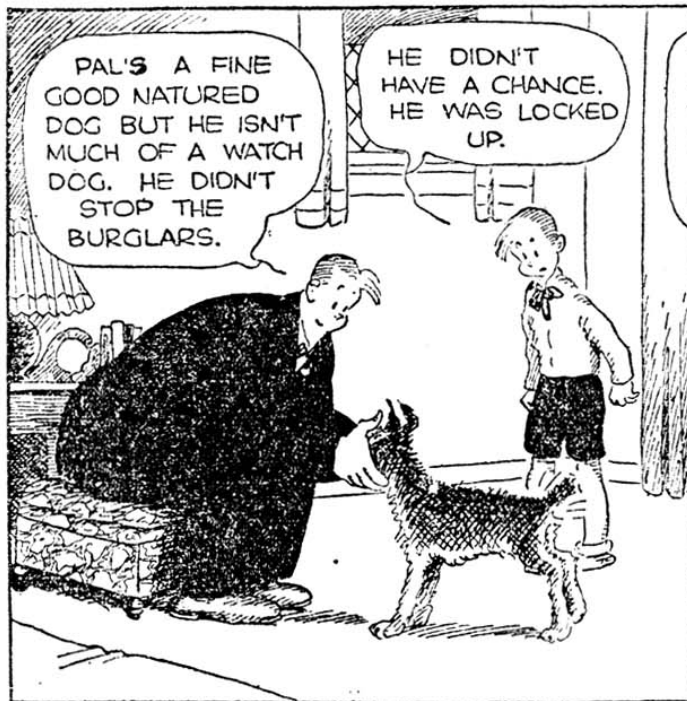
THEE THKEETHIX, I GOT YOU THE MOHT IMPORTANT POTHT MARK IN THE UNITED THTATETH.

GEE, SALLY THANKS!



COURSE I WOULDN'T TELL HER THERE'S MORE COME FROM NEW YORK THAN ANYWHERE ELSE.

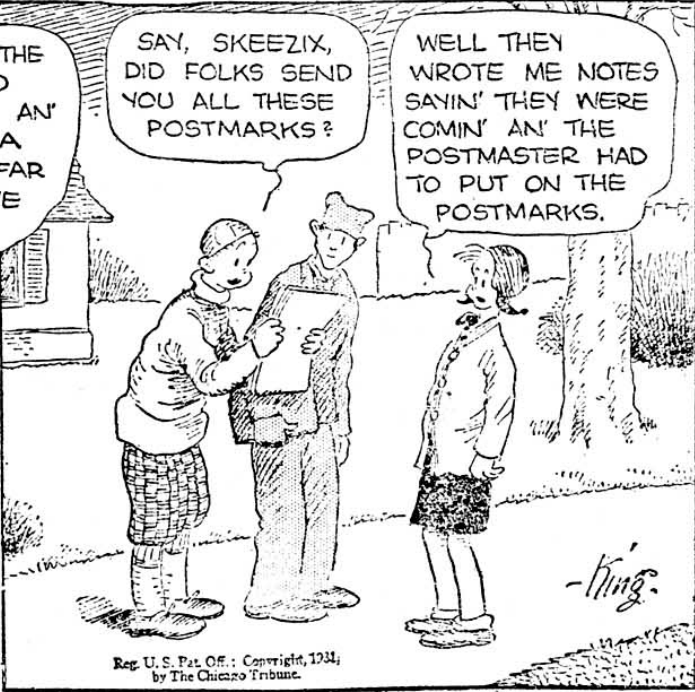
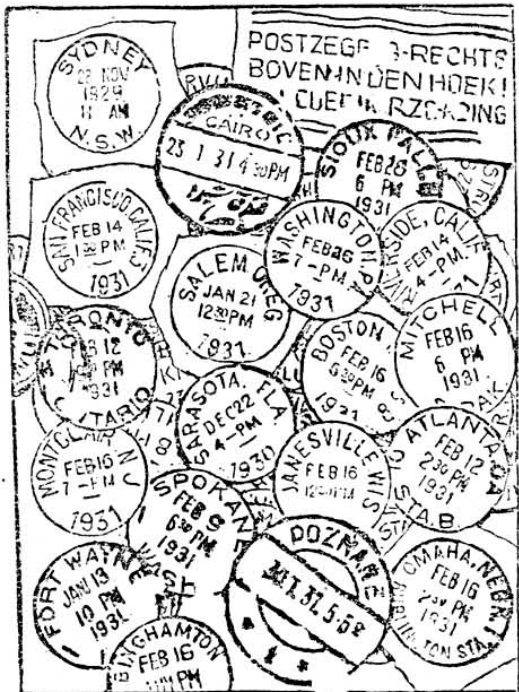
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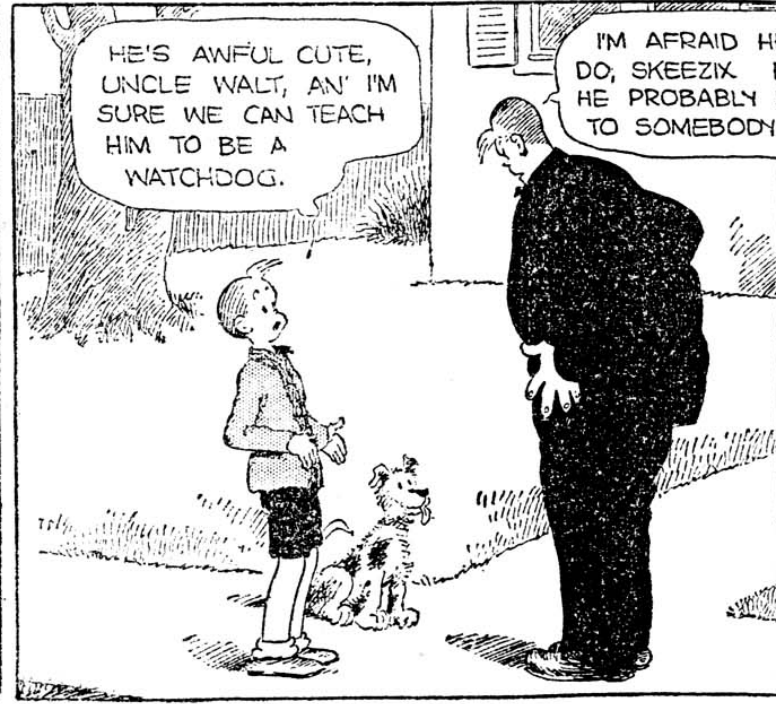
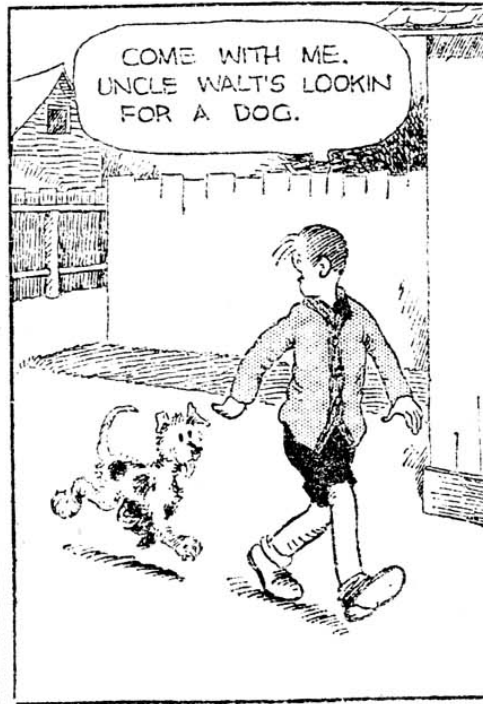
GASOLINE ALLEY—BUSINESS FOR SOMEBODY



GASOLINE ALLEY—HERE THEY COME!



GASOLINE ALLEY—WALT IS HARD TO PLEASE



GASOLINE ALLEY—ANYWAY HE'S ACTIVE



GASOLINE ALLEY—BUSINESS IS PICKING UP



ANY MORE GOOD POSTMARKS, MR. BLURY?

HERE IS A LETTER FOR MRS. MCCANNY WITH A PARIS POSTMARK. HOW'S THAT?



THAT'S FROM MR. PARLEY. HE'S TRAVELING OVER THERE.

MRS. MCCANNY COULD I HAVE THE POSTMARK? I'M COLLECTIN' 'EM.



YOU COME WITH ME, YOUNG MAN, AND WE'LL SEE.

YES'M.



SURE, I GET THE POSTMARK, SPUD, BUT I'M CARRYN' EIGHT ARMFULS O' WOOD FOR IT.

GASOLINE ALLEY—EENIE, MEENIE, MINY, MO

MY UNCLE
WALT, IS GOIN'
TO ADVERTISE AN'
GET US A GOOD
WATCHDOG.

I CAN
GET
HIM ONE
CHEAP.

YOU TELL
HIM I KNOW
JUST THE ONE
AN' I'LL GET
IT FOR HIM
FOR HALF THAT
PRICE.

WAIT,
MR.
WALLET.

MINES
GOT
SPITZ.

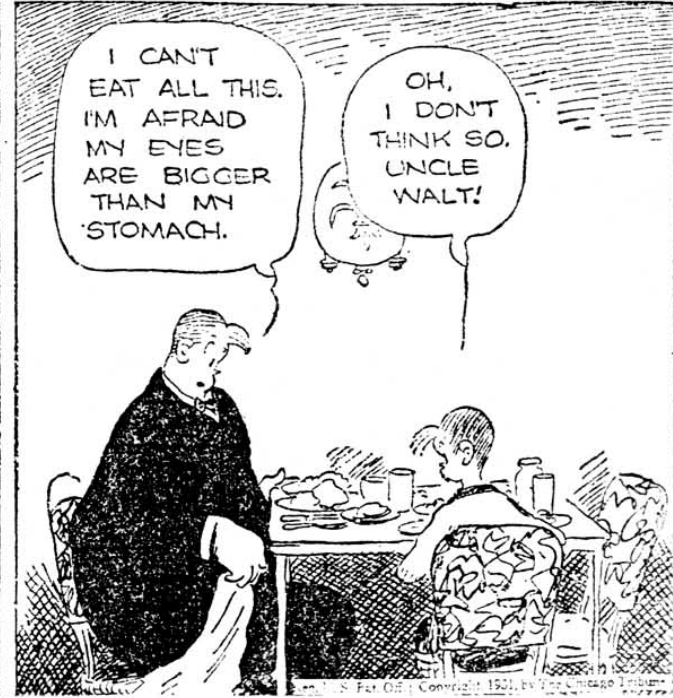
COME
HEINE!
AN' SHOW
YOUR
TEETH!

LOOK, MR.
WALLET! HE'S
ALMOST A
BLOODHOUND

GROWL
FOR HIM,
SNAPPER.

MINES A GOOD
SCRAPPER. HE'S
GOT CAULIFLOWER
EARS.

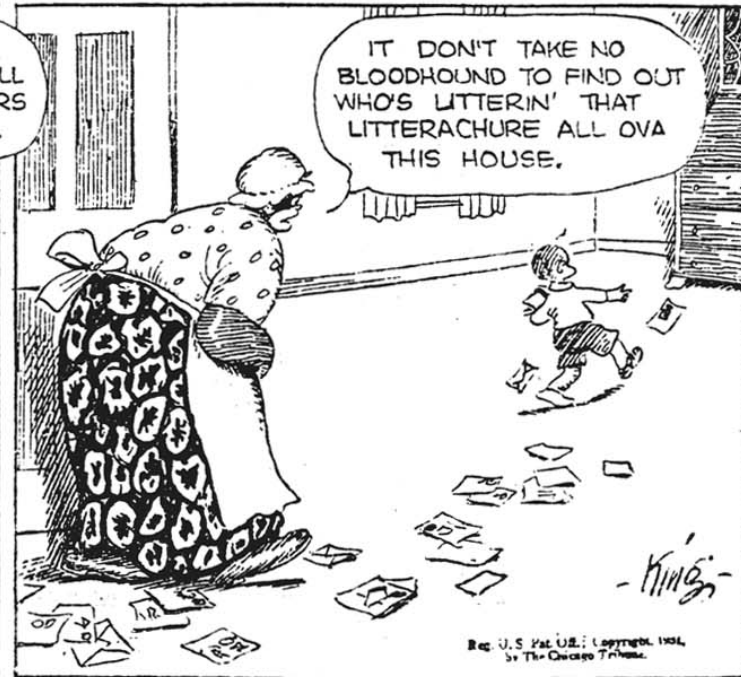
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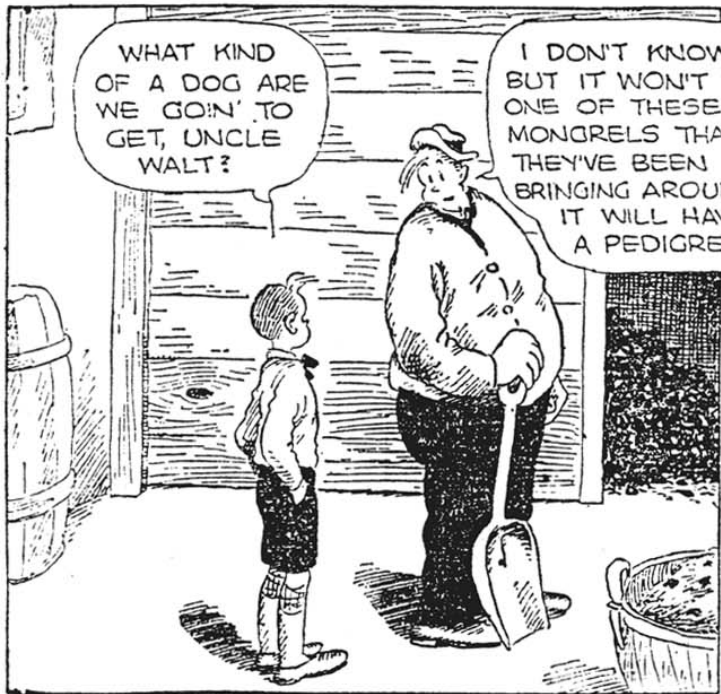
GASOLINE ALLEY—ANYWAY SKEEZIX DIDN'T



NINE YEAR OLD BETTY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, GETS SPECIAL MENTION TODAY FOR CONTRIBUTING THE ABOVE POSTMARK FROM GUATAMALA TO SKEEZIX'S COLLECTION.
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR COLLECTION YET?



GASOLINE ALLEY—OVERBEARS FOREBEARS



GASOLINE ALLEY—ABROAD AT HOME

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送送利便國程

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CHINA FURNISHES A GENEROUS POSTMARK— WHICH SKEEZIX HAS JUST ADDED TO HIS COLLECTION, AND HERE ARE A FEW MORE.

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YOU'VE GOT SOME GOOD FOREIGN POSTMARKS, 'SKEEZIX, BUT I HAVEN'T ANY WAY OF GETTIN' ANY.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, SPUD— WHY NOT MAKE A FOREIGN COLLECTION FROM UNITED STATES AN' CANADIAN POSTMARKS?

HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?

WELL THERE'S PARIS, ILLINOIS, AN' LONDON, ONTARIO, AN' ROME GEORGIA AN' NAPLES, FLORIDA.

THAT'S RIGHT, AN' AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK, AN' CAIRO, ILLINOIS, AN' WARSAW MISSOURI.

SURE AN' YOU CAN GET A FLORENCE AN' LISBON AN' MARSEILLES AN' PEKIN RIGHT IN THIS COUNTRY. OURS ARE WHAT THE FOREIGN ONES WERE NAMED AFTER.

- King

GASOLINE ALLEY—THE BARK OF THE FAMILY TREE



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GASOLINE ALLEY—STARTING OVER AGAIN

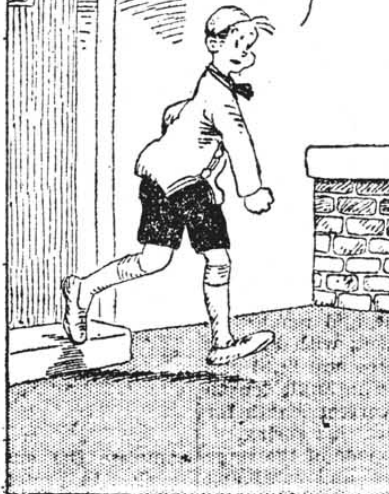
LET ME THINK—WHEN PEOPLE GET THROUGH WITH LETTERS THEY THROW 'EM IN THE WASTE BASKET. THEN IN THAT BIG FLAT BUILDING OVER THERE THE JANITOR GETS 'EM. HE MUST GET LOTS OF 'EM.



I'VE GOT TO STAND IN WITH HIM. MAYBE HE'LL LET ME GET SOME POSTMARKS OFF THE ENVELOPES.



I DON'T KNOW HIM BUT I BETCHA I CAN GET ACQUAINTED.



I WANT THE BIGGEST NICKEL CLEAR YOU'VE GOT, MR. SNIFFER.

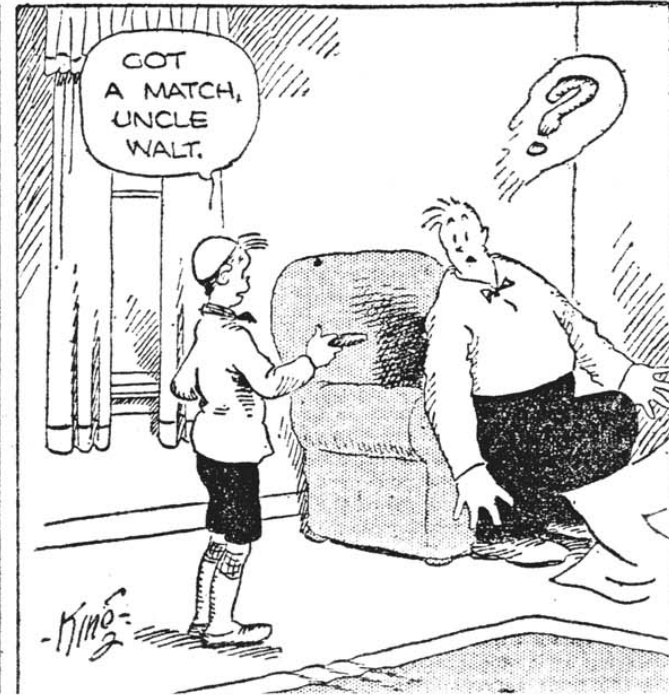
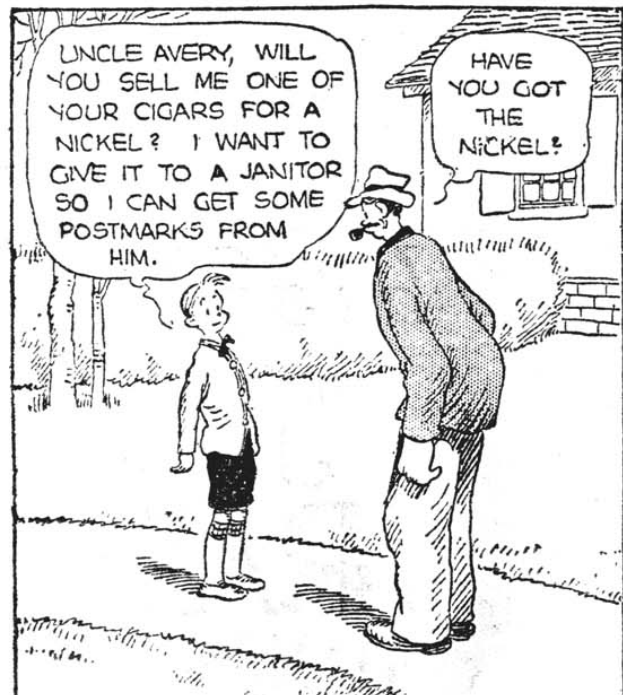
NOTHING DOING. I DON'T SELL TO BOYS YOUR AGE AND I KNOW YOUR UNCLE WALT DOESN'T SMOKE.

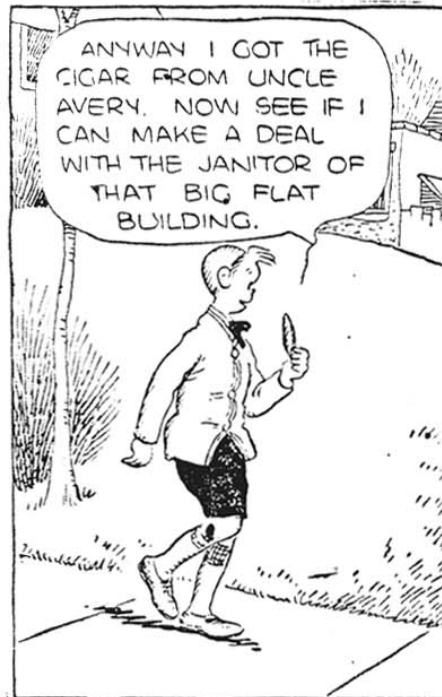


WELL, LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO THINK UP A NEW ONE.

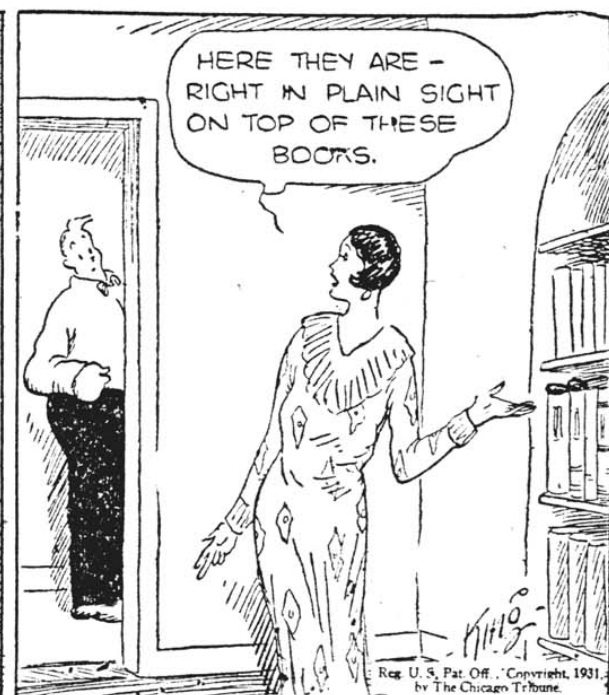


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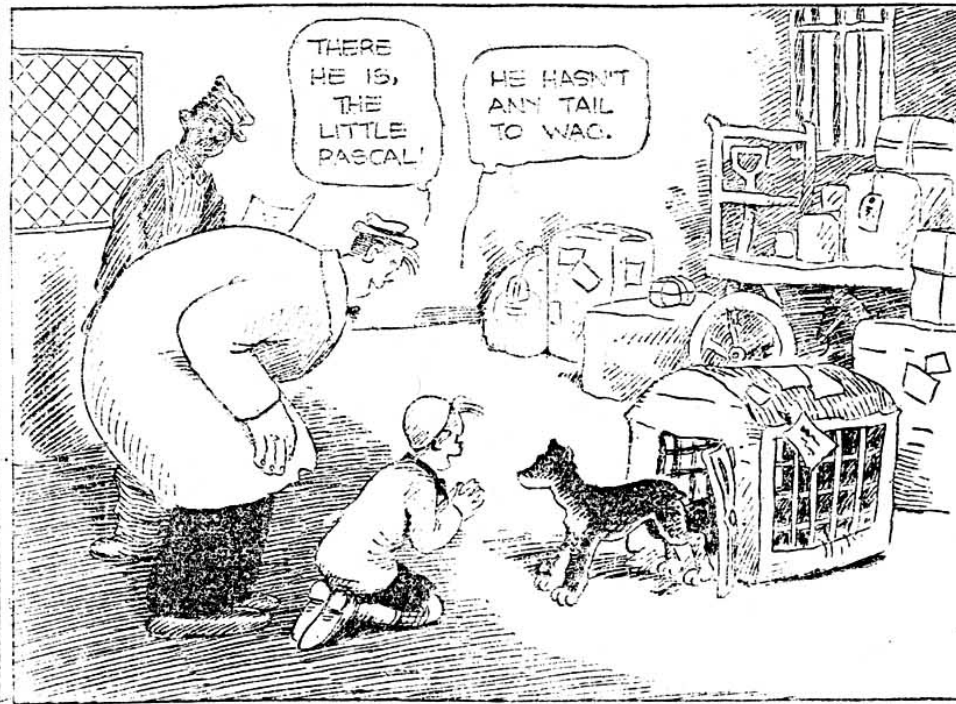
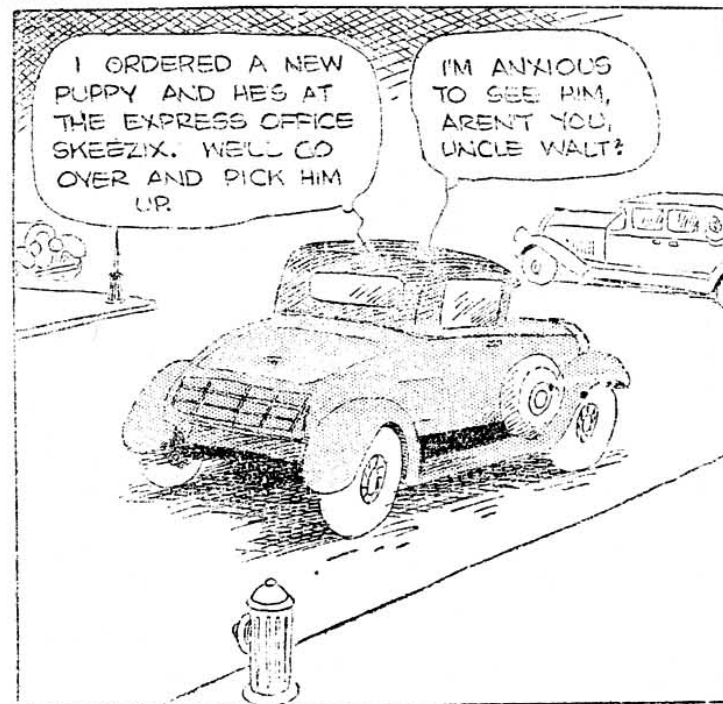




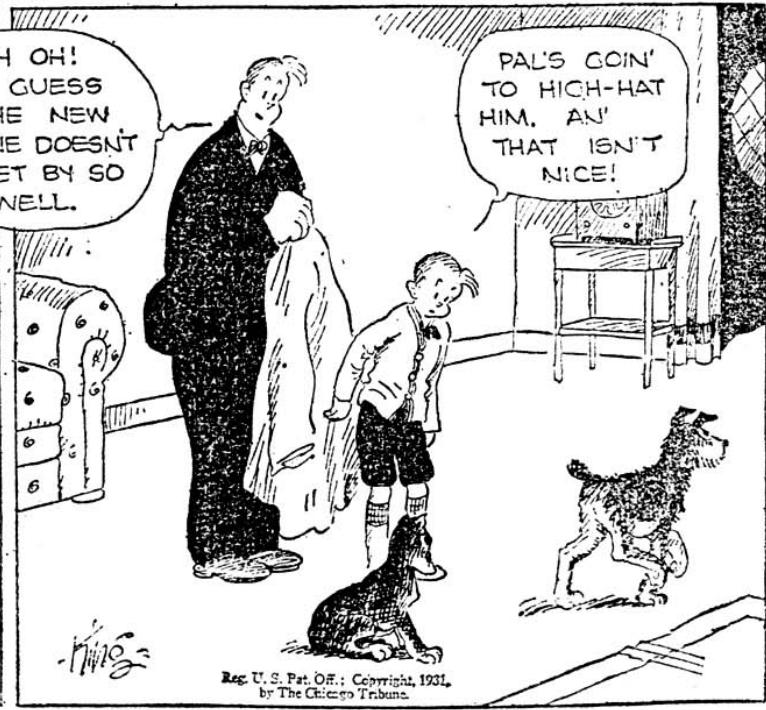
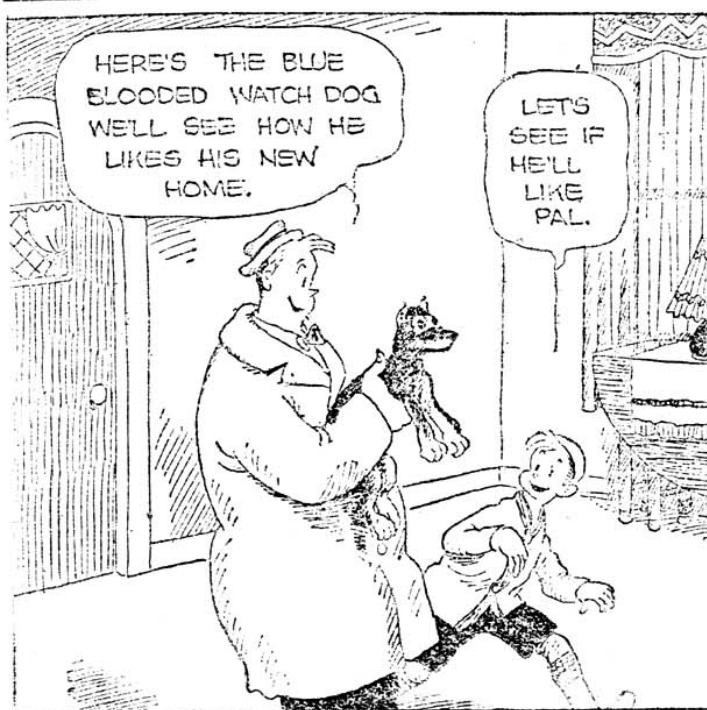
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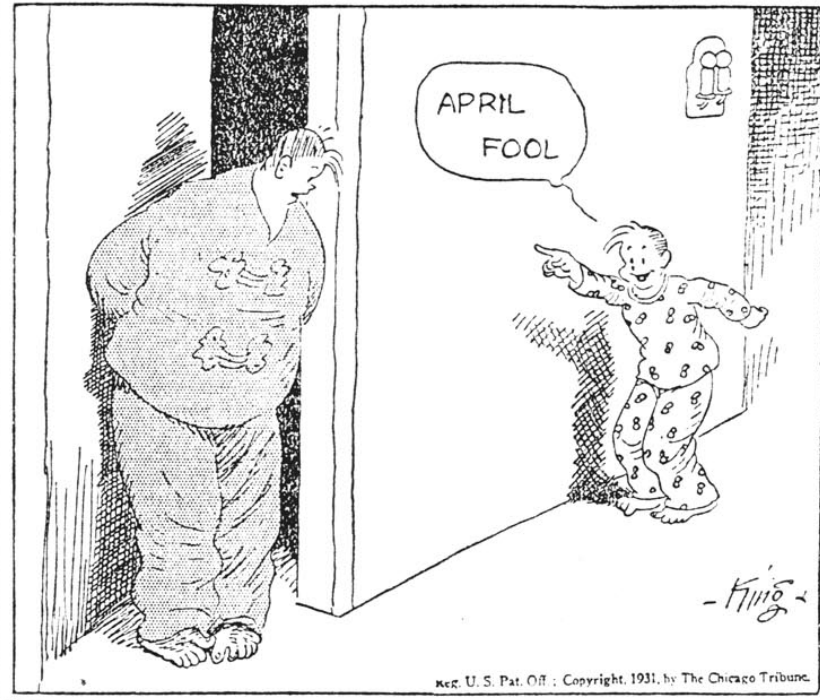
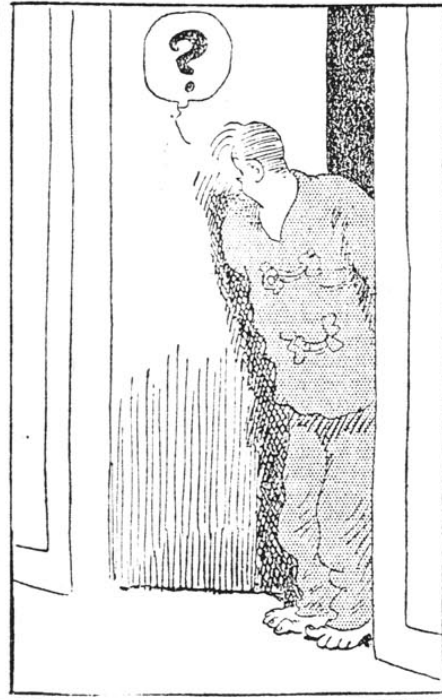
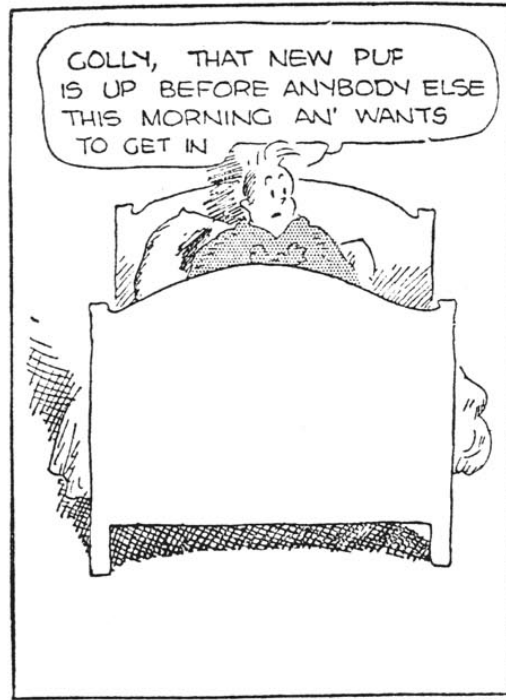
GASOLINE ALLEY—AMONG TODAY'S ARRIVALS



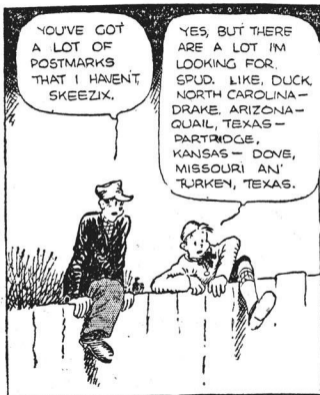
GASOLINE ALLEY—SHOW PAL HIS PEDIGREE

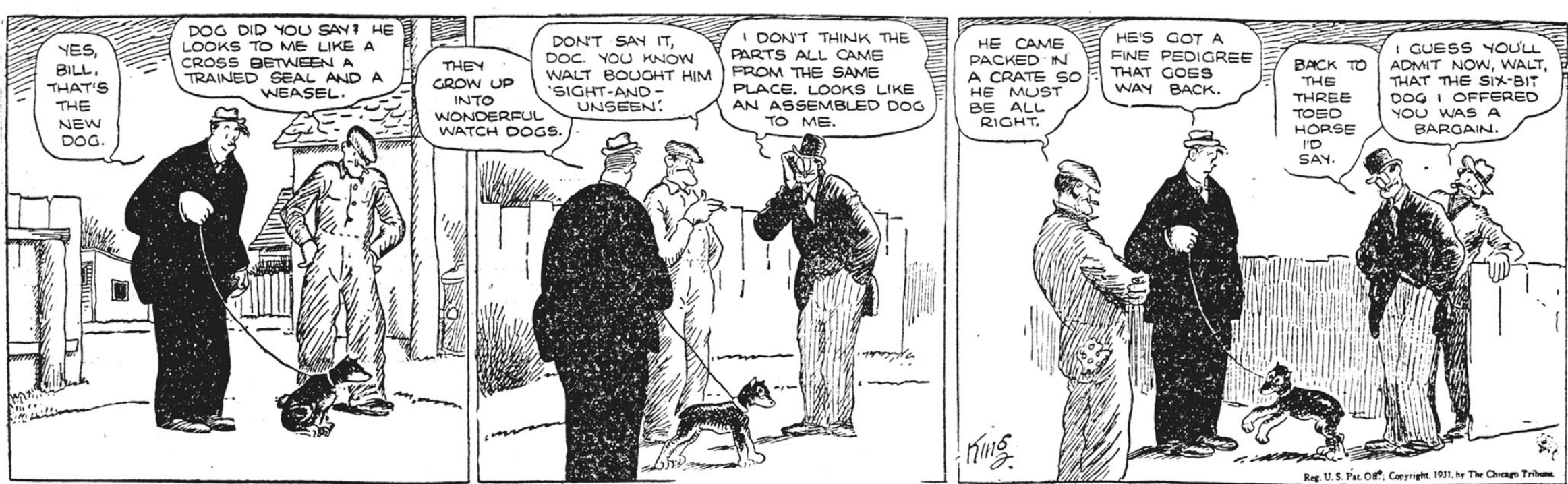


GASOLINE ALLEY—SEASON'S GREETINGS



GASOLINE ALLEY—ASSORTED





YES, BILL, THAT'S THE NEW DOG.

DOG DID YOU SAY? HE LOOKS TO ME LIKE A CROSS BETWEEN A TRAINED SEAL AND A WEASEL.

THEY GROW UP INTO WONDERFUL WATCH DOGS.

DON'T SAY IT, DOC. YOU KNOW WALT BOUGHT HIM 'SIGHT-AND-UNSEEN'.

I DON'T THINK THE PARTS ALL CAME FROM THE SAME PLACE. LOOKS LIKE AN ASSEMBLED DOG TO ME.

HE CAME PACKED IN A CRATE SO HE MUST BE ALL RIGHT.

HE'S GOT A FINE PEDIGREE THAT GOES WAY BACK.

BACK TO THE THREE TOED HORSE I'D SAY.

I GUESS YOU'LL ADMIT NOW, WALT, THAT THE SIX-BIT DOG I OFFERED YOU WAS A BARGAIN.

King.

I'VE JUST GOT A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BRAZILIAN TIMBER INTERESTS THAT COL. CODA LEFT YOU, SKEEZIX, AND HIS MEN HAVE ALL STRUCK.

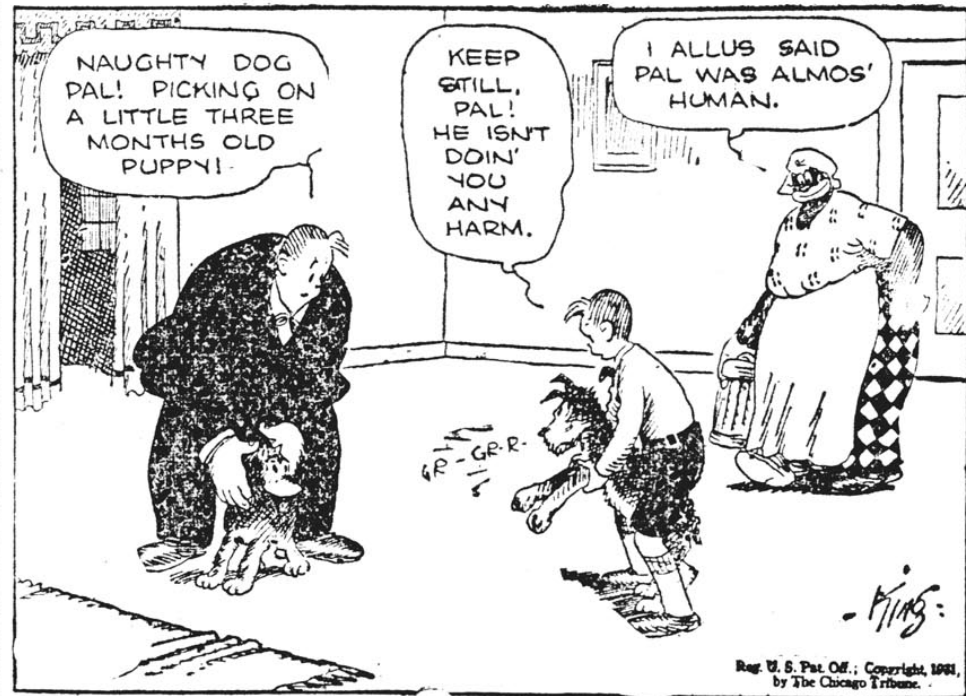
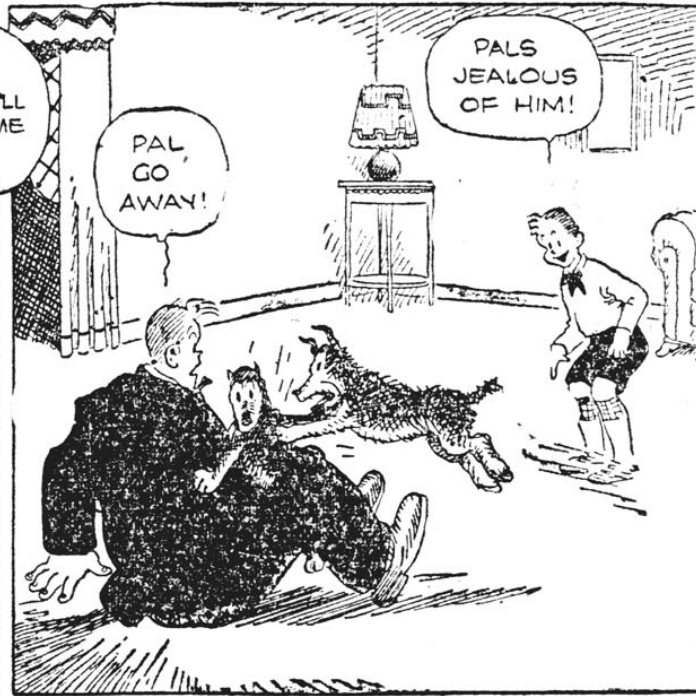
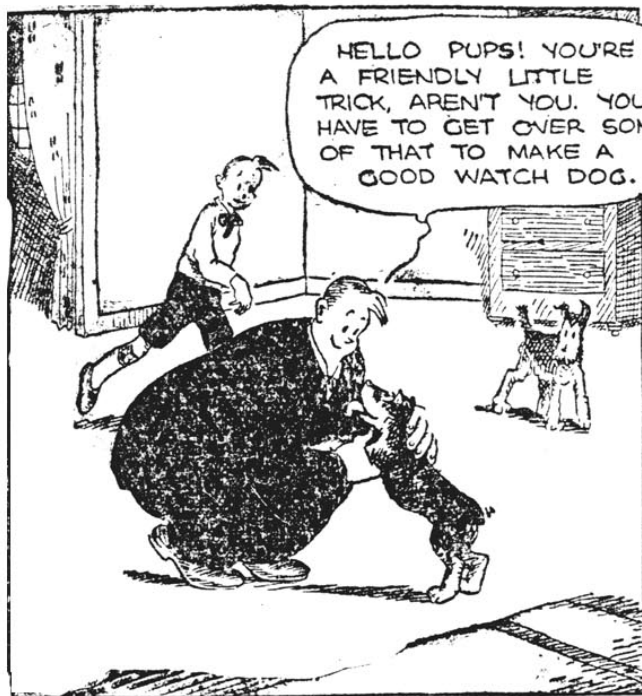
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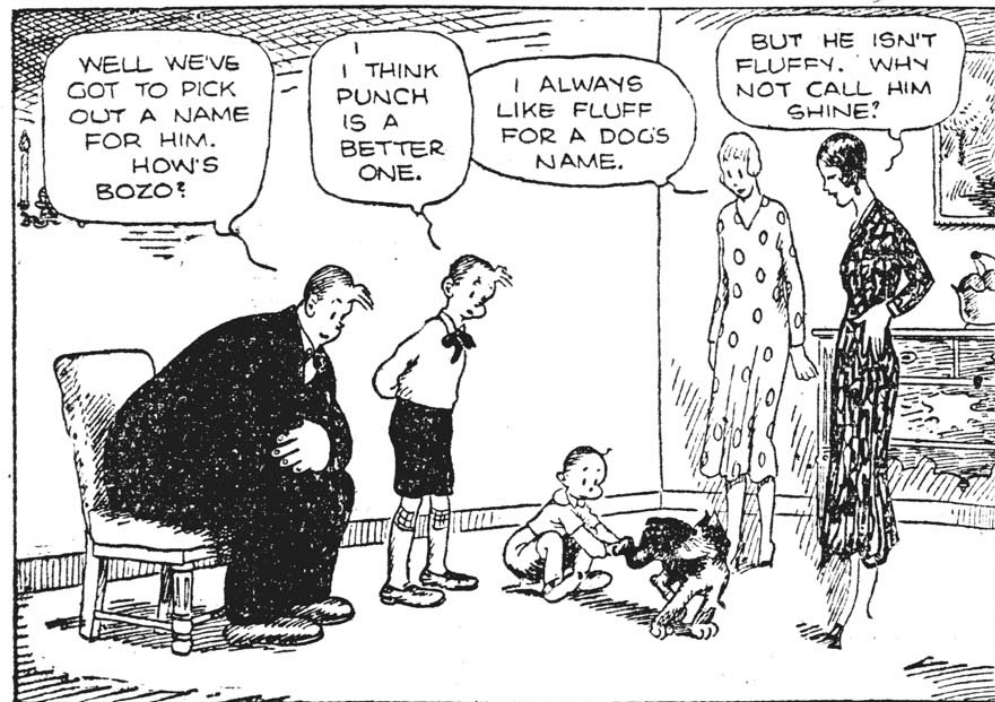
GOODY? IS THAT THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT IT WHEN THE SAWMILLS ARE ALL TIED UP AND THE LOGGING CREWS HAVE QUIT?

AND I SUPPOSE YOU ARE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE MILL MANAGER HAS BEEN SELLING A LOT OF VALUABLE LUMBER ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT.

AND THAT NOW HE'S SKIPPED OUT AND TAKEN WHAT MONEY HE COULD GET HOLD OF WITH HIM - I SUPPOSE YOU ARE HAPPY ABOUT THAT!

NO, BUT I GET THE BRAZILIAN POST MARK, DON'T I?





COMBINATIONS!

THAT IS SKEEZIX'S LATEST CONTRIBUTION TO POSTMARK COLLECTING. THE ALLEY RANGERS ARE GOING THROUGH THE LIST OF POST OFFICES IN THE ATLAS AND ARE GETTING SOME WIERD GROUPINGS. NEXT, TO GET THE POSTMARKS.



LOOK SKEEZIX! HERE'S A NEW LIST TO GET. POPE, MISSISSIPPI — CARDINAL, VIRGINIA — BISHOP, CALIFORNIA — PRIEST, TENNESSEE AN' NUNNS, UTAH.

I'M AFTER BALL, LOUISIANA AN' CHAIN PENNSYLVANIA.



SKEEZIX, I'VE GOT JOY, ILLINOIS. NOW I WANT HAPPY, KENTUCKY — JOLLY, TEXAS — SMILE, KENTUCKY AND GLEE, PENNSYLVANIA.

HOW'S THIS FOR A POSTMARK COMBINATION: MORNING SUN, IOWA — NOONDAY, TEXAS — EVENING SHADE ARKANSAS — MIDNIGHT, MISSISSIPPI AN' GOODNIGHT, OKLAHOMA.

IF YOU GET ANY OF THESE I'LL TRADE YOU FOR 'EM. NOODLE, TEXAS — PATES, NORTH CAROLINA — HEADS, MISSISSIPPI — COCO, WEST VIRGINIA — NUTT NEW MEXICO AN' BEAN KENTUCKY.

HOW ABOUT GOOD INTENT, PENNSYLVANIA AN' GOODLUCK, KENTUCKY?



CORKY'S TERRIBLY DIRTY. TAKE HIM IN AND WASH HIS FACE, WILL YOU, SKEEZIX?

AW!



I DON'T SEE ANY EXCUSE FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS GETTIN' THEIR FACES DIRTY.



THERE CORKY GOT ALL WASHED UP. DOESN'T HE LOOK A LOT BETTER?

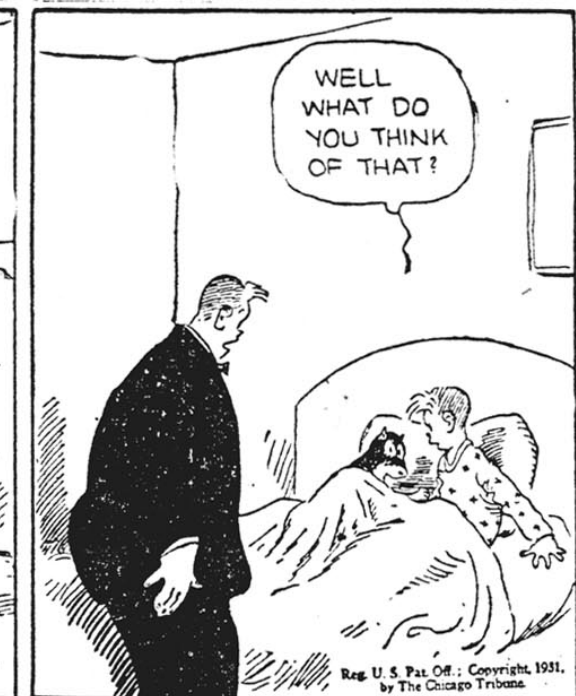
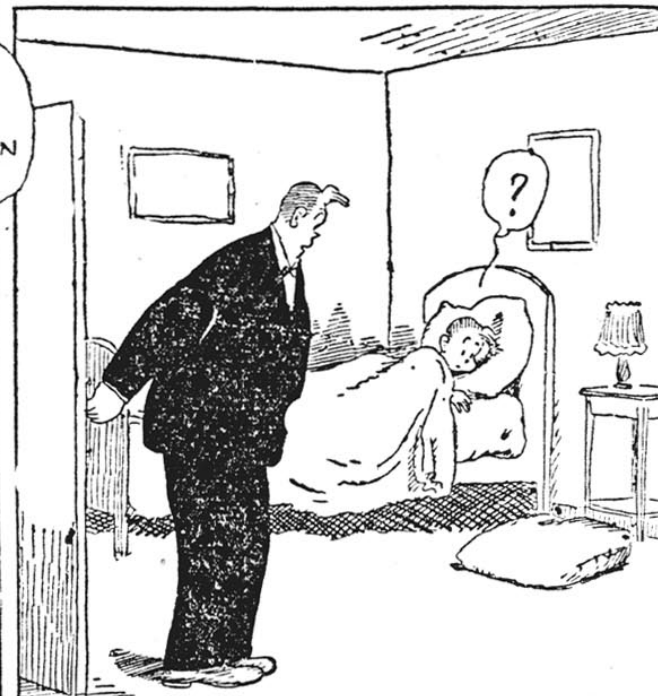


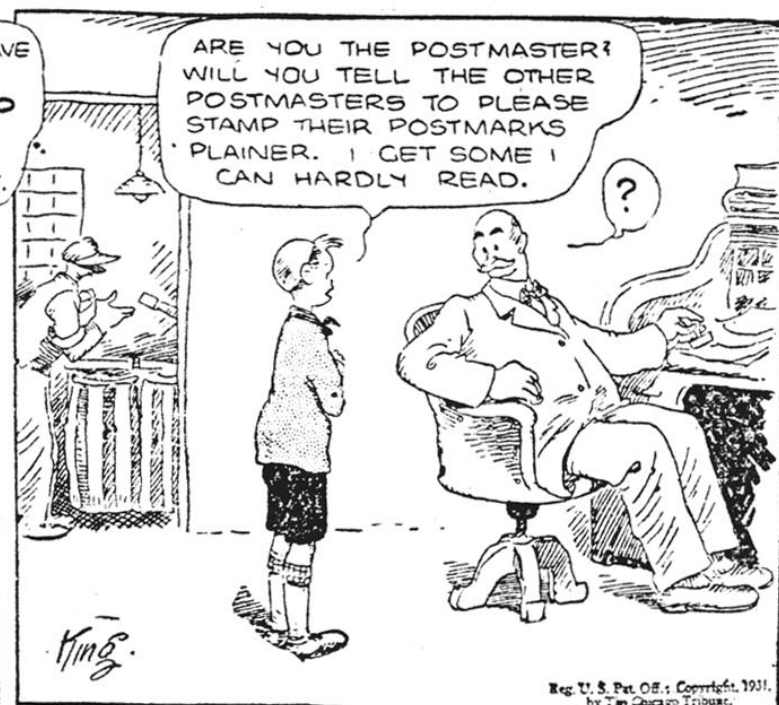
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LISTEN, FELLAS!
I'LL FEEL HURT IF
YOU DON'T LET ME
TAKE BILL AND YOU-
ALL DOWN TO THE
STATION IN MY CAR.

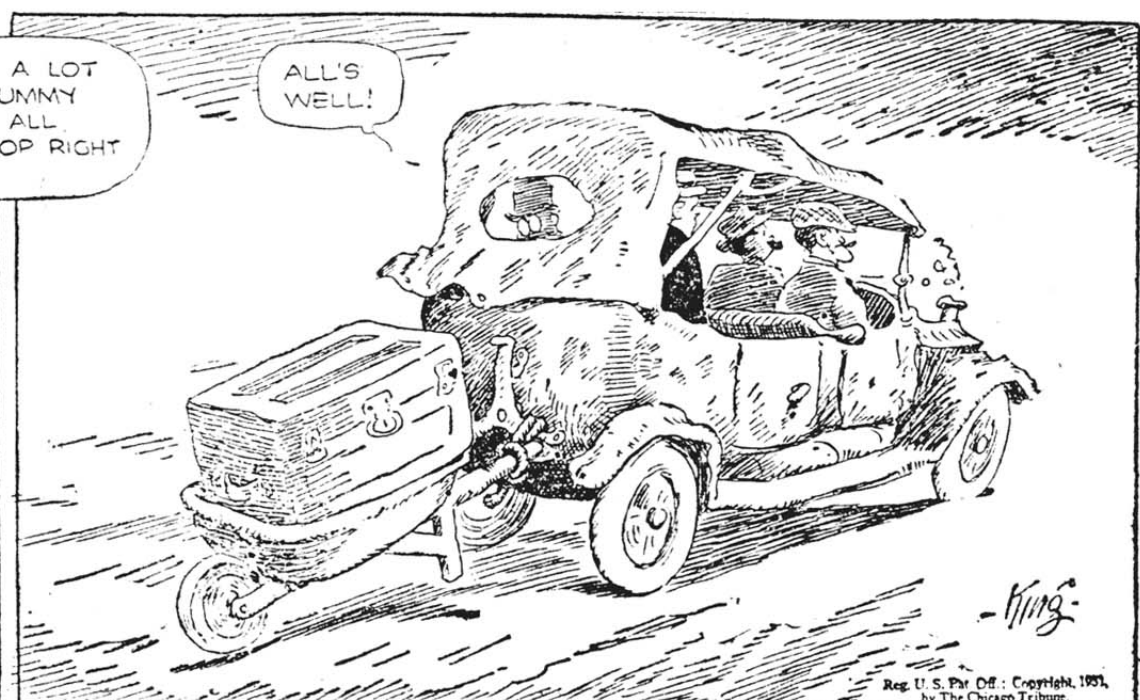
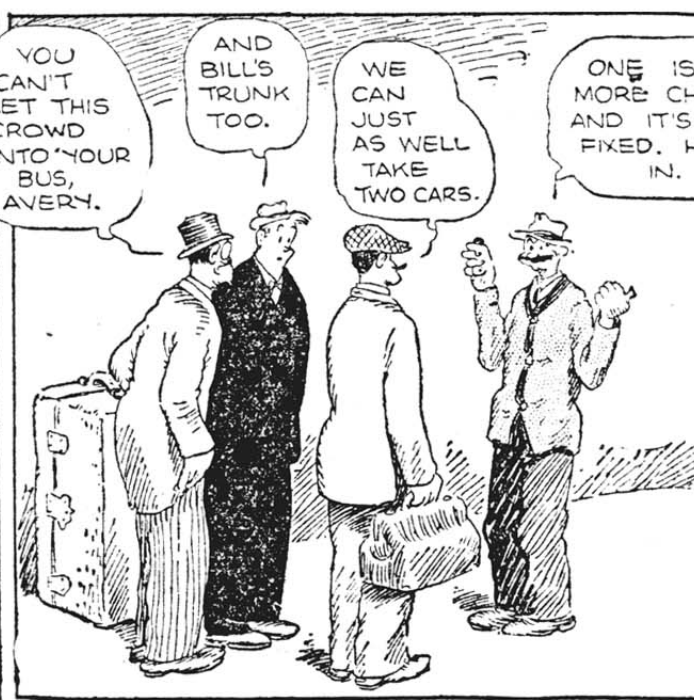
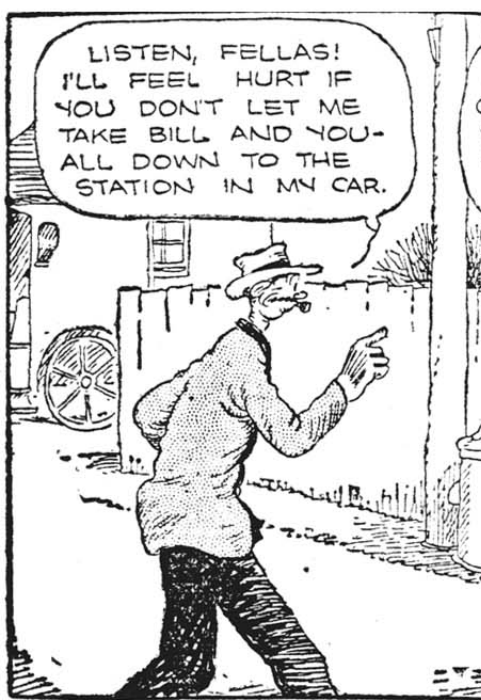
YOU
CAN'T
GET THIS
CROWD
INTO YOUR
BUS,
AVERY.

AND
BILL'S
TRUNK
TOO.

WE
CAN
JUST
AS WELL
TAKE
TWO CARS.

ONE IS A LOT
MORE CHUMMY
AND IT'S ALL
FIXED. HOP RIGHT
IN.

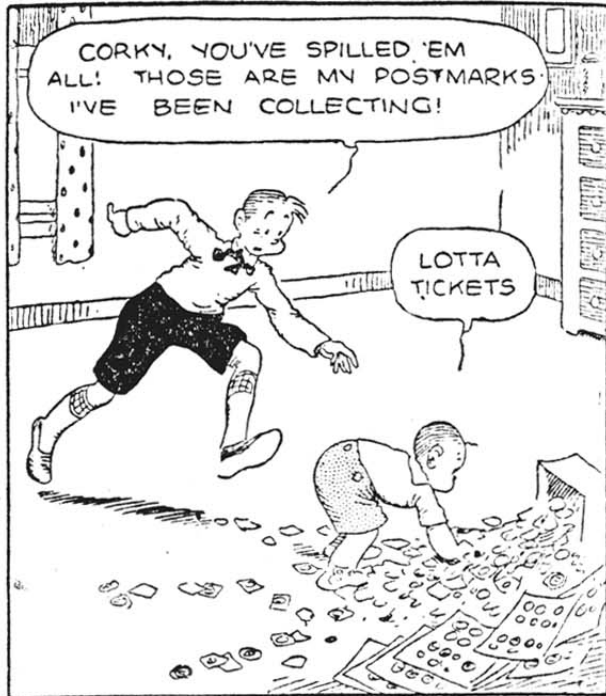
ALL'S
WELL!



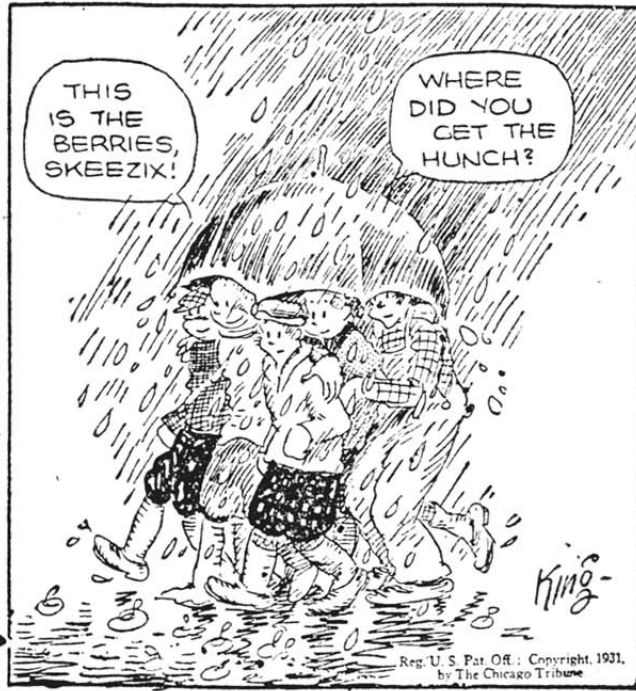
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WHERE ARE SOME LISTS FOR YOU POSTMARK HUNTERS TO COLLECT. ALL REAL ONES.

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| CASH, S. DAK. | FISH, GA. | HORSEMAN, WIS. |
| MONEY, MISS. | BULLHEAD, S. D. | JOINER, ARK. |
| COIN, IOWA | BASS, ARK. | FISHER, LA. |
| KALE, W. VA. | PIKE, GA. | GARDNER, FLA. |
| JACK, LA. | GRAYLING, MICH. | FIXER, KY. |
| LUCRE, MISS. | PICKEREL, WIS. | MASON, N.H. |
| BUCKS, ALA. | TROUT, LA. | LAWNERS, VA. |
| BERRYS, VA. | CARP, NEV. | HUNTER, MO. |
| GREENBACK, TENN. | HADDOCK, PA. | LACKEY, KY. |
| LIBERTY BOND, WASH. | SKATE, KY. | MILLER, ORE. |
| | OYSTER, VA. | MERCHANT, VA. |
| | HERRING, IA. | PACKER, CONN. |
| ROLL, IND. | | HUSTLER, WIS. |
| BUNN, ARK. | BARBER, IDA. | PAINTER, WYO. |
| BISQUIT, KEN. | BAKER, NEV. | JOKER, W. VA. |
| BREAD LOAF, VT. | FARMER, IND. | MINER, MONT. |
| PIE, W. VA. | DRIVER, ARK. | |
| SUCCESS, MO. | HELPER, UTAH. | |
| FAILETOWN, ALA. | | |







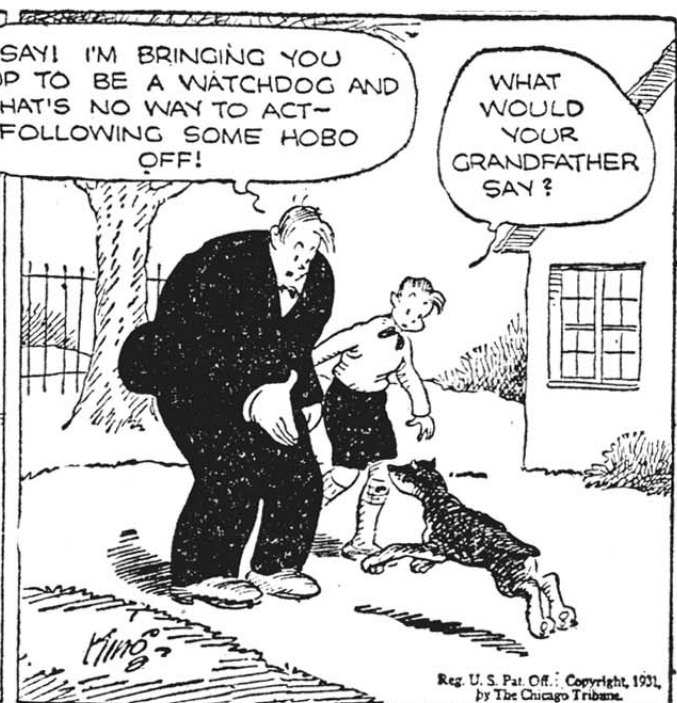


AND IF YOU LIKE YOUR TOWNS CLASSIFIED,
HERE ARE A FEW LISTS THEY OFFER:

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| BUG, KY. | UNIFORM, ALA. | BOWLER, WIS. |
| BEE, VA. | SHOE, N. CAR. | TUXEDO, N. CAR. |
| BUMBLEBEE, ARIZ. | TEDDY, KY. | SNOWSHOE, PA. |
| FLY, O. | HELMET, VA. | BANDANNA, N. CAR. |
| SPIDER, KY. | BELT, MONT. | |
| HORNET, N. CAR. | FEDORA, S. DAK. | GOLF, ILL. |
| BEE, VA. | SUIT, N. CAR. | RUGBY, VA. |
| ROACH, MO. | HOOD, VA. | DICE, KY. |
| CRICKET, N. CAR. | BLOOMER, WIS. | ROULETTE, VA. |
| BUTTERFLY, KY. | RIBBON, KY. | POOL, W. VA. |
| | VESTS, N. CAR. | CRICKET, N. CAR. |
| KILTS, ORE. | FEZ, W. VA. | LA CROSSE, WIS. |
| CAP, VA. | JACKET, MO. | BALL, LA. |
| MOCCASIN, MONT. | CADY, S. DAK. | DOMINO, KY. |
| SMOCK, PA. | OVERALL, TENN. | POLO, ILL. |
| DERBY, CONN. | ULSTER, PA. | |

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I HATE TO DO IT 'OL' TOP, BUT AFTER THE MAN TRIED TO STEAL YOU YESTERDAY ALL WE CAN DO 'IS TO KEEP YOU TIED UP.

POOR PUNCH!

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wow

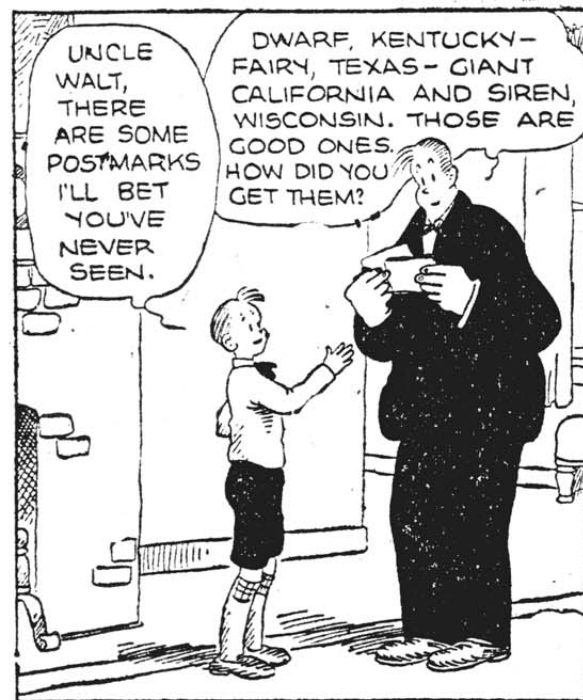
I CAN'T BEAR TO HEAR HIM CRY LIKE THAT BUT THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO.

HE LOOKS SO SAD TOO, UNCLE WALT.

COME ON, SKEEZIX. WE'VE JUST GOT TO GET WHERE WE CAN'T HEAR HIM.

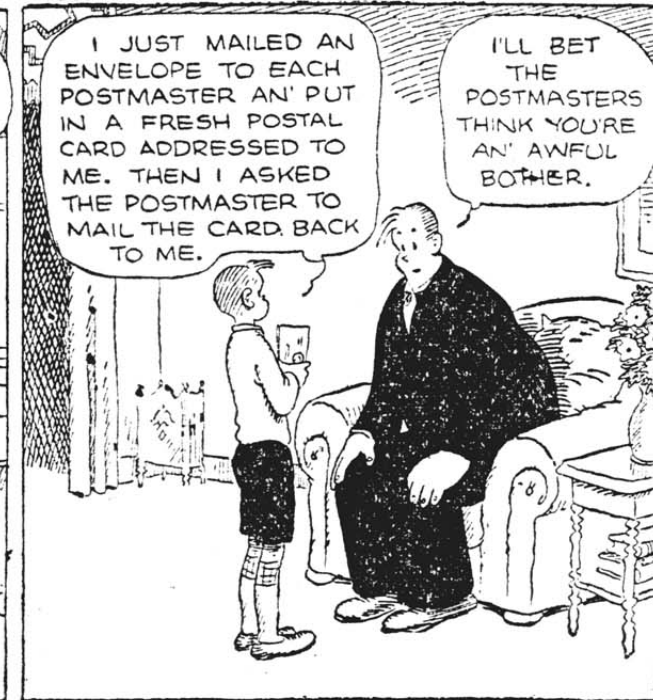
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UNCLE WALT, THERE ARE SOME POSTMARKS I'LL BET YOU'VE NEVER SEEN.

DWARF, KENTUCKY-FAIRY, TEXAS-GIANT CALIFORNIA AND SIREN, WISCONSIN. THOSE ARE GOOD ONES. HOW DID YOU GET THEM?




I JUST MAILED AN ENVELOPE TO EACH POSTMASTER AN' PUT IN A FRESH POSTAL CARD ADDRESSED TO ME. THEN I ASKED THE POSTMASTER TO MAIL THE CARD BACK TO ME.

I'LL BET THE POSTMASTERS THINK YOU'RE AN' AWFUL BOTHER.

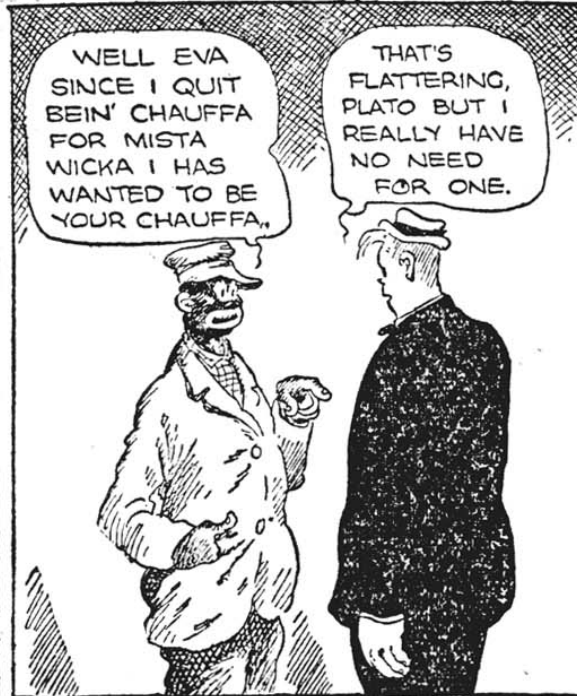


I TELL SKEEZIX THE POSTMASTERS WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO WRING HIS NECK.

BUT JUST THINK, WALT. IF ONE OUT OF EIGHT PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY IS A BOY, THAT MAKES 15 MILLION OF 'EM. AND IF EACH ONE OF 'EM SENT FOR ONLY 25 POSTMARKS THATS 375 MILLION.



NOW AT THREE CENTS POSTAGE APIECE THAT MAKES 11,250,000 DOLLARS. AND THAT'S A PIECE OF BUSINESS NOT TO BE SNEEZED AT EVEN BY UNCLE SAM.



THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT THE NAMES OF POST OFFICES LISTED IN THE POSTAL GUIDE IS THAT THERE IS A REASON FOR EACH ONE OF THEM. TAKE MOUSIE, KENTUCKY, FOR INSTANCE, SKEEZIX.

MAYBE THE SAME MAN NAMED THAT AS NAMED RAT, MINNESOTA.

NO TELLING. AND WHY THAT TOWN SHOULD CHOOSE MOUSIE FOR A NAME AND WHY 27 TOWNS IN THAT MANY STATES PICKED CHESTER WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW.

THERE ARE 28 WASHINGTONS, UNCLE WALT.

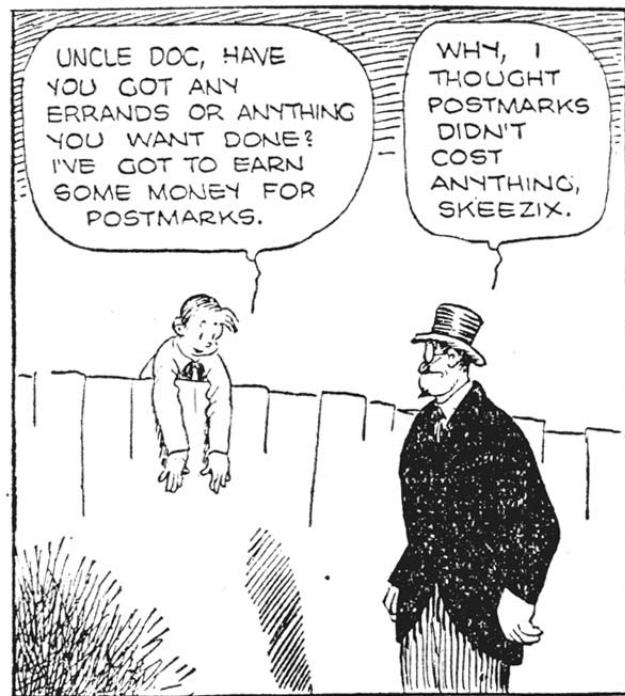
SOME TOWNS WANT TO BE SURE THEY'RE THE ONLY THING OF THEIR KIND - LIKE CANDLEWAX, VIRGINIA. OR GANG, MISSOURI.

YES, AN' PLATTER, OKLAHOMA.

ALL I'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT NOW IS GETTIN' ALL THE POSTMARKS.

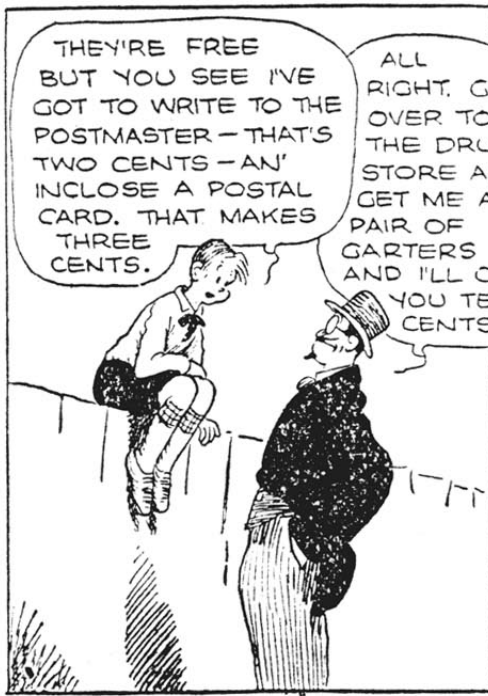
ALL YOU'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT NOW IS GETTING YOUR ARITHMETIC.

King




UNCLE DOC, HAVE YOU GOT ANY ERRANDS OR ANYTHING YOU WANT DONE? I'VE GOT TO EARN SOME MONEY FOR POSTMARKS.

WHY, I THOUGHT POSTMARKS DIDN'T COST ANYTHING, SKEEZIX.

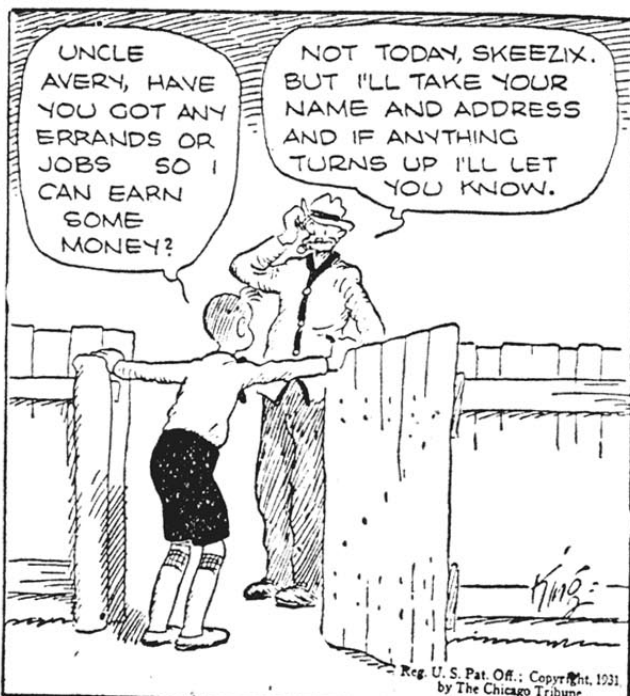


THEY'RE FREE BUT YOU SEE I'VE GOT TO WRITE TO THE POSTMASTER - THAT'S TWO CENTS - AN' INCLOSE A POSTAL CARD. THAT MAKES THREE CENTS.

ALL RIGHT. GO OVER TO THE DRUG STORE AND GET ME A PAIR OF GARTERS AND I'LL GIVE YOU TEN CENTS.



SO YOU WANT AN ERRAND? OK. GET ME A NICKELS WORTH OF MATCHES AND I'LL SPLIT THIS DIME WITH YOU.



UNCLE AVERY, HAVE YOU GOT ANY ERRANDS OR JOBS SO I CAN EARN SOME MONEY?

NOT TODAY, SKEEZIX. BUT I'LL TAKE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AND IF ANYTHING TURNS UP I'LL LET YOU KNOW.

HEY, SPUD!
I MADE FIFTEEN
CENTS DOIN'
ERRANDS YESTERDAY.
ISN'T THAT SWELL?

NOW YOU
CAN SEND FOR
FIVE POSTMARKS.
WHAT YOU GOIN'
TO GET?

I'VE
BROUGHT
THE POSTAL
GUIDE TO
LOOK UP
SOME
TOWNS.

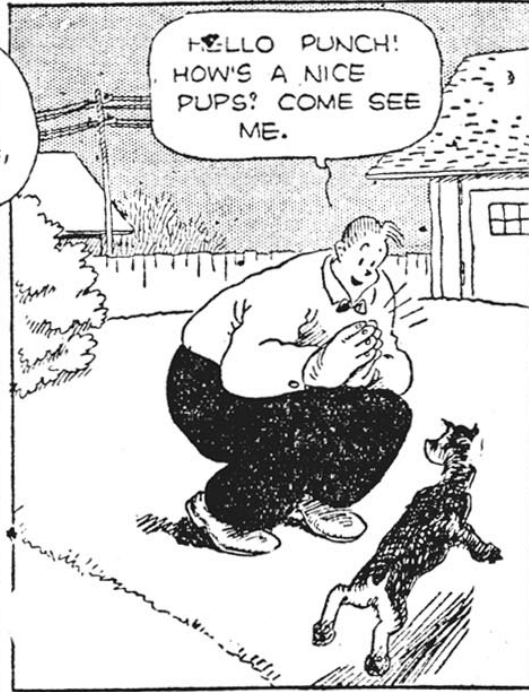
THERE'S
THURSDAY,
WEST VIRGINIA.
SEE IF THERE
ARE OTHER
DAYS.

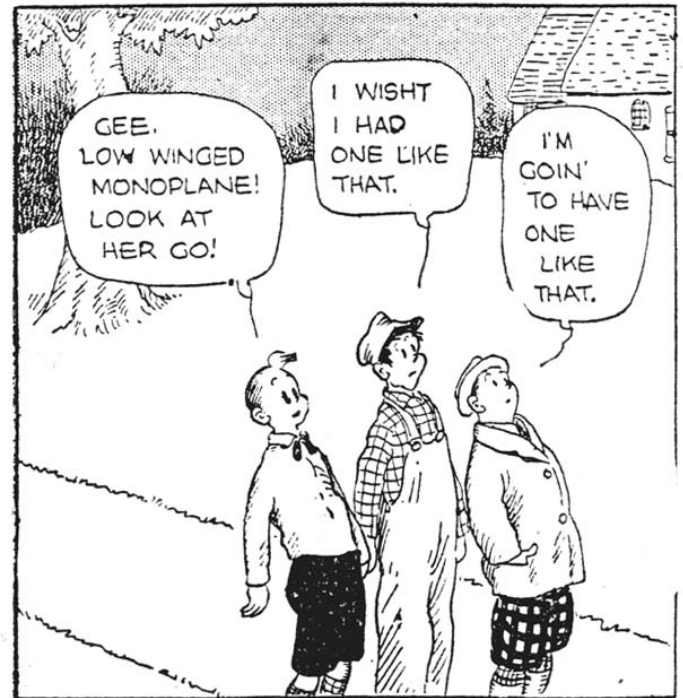
YES. FRIDAY, TEXAS—
MAY DAY, KANSAS—
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AN' SABBATH DAY
POINT, NEW YORK.

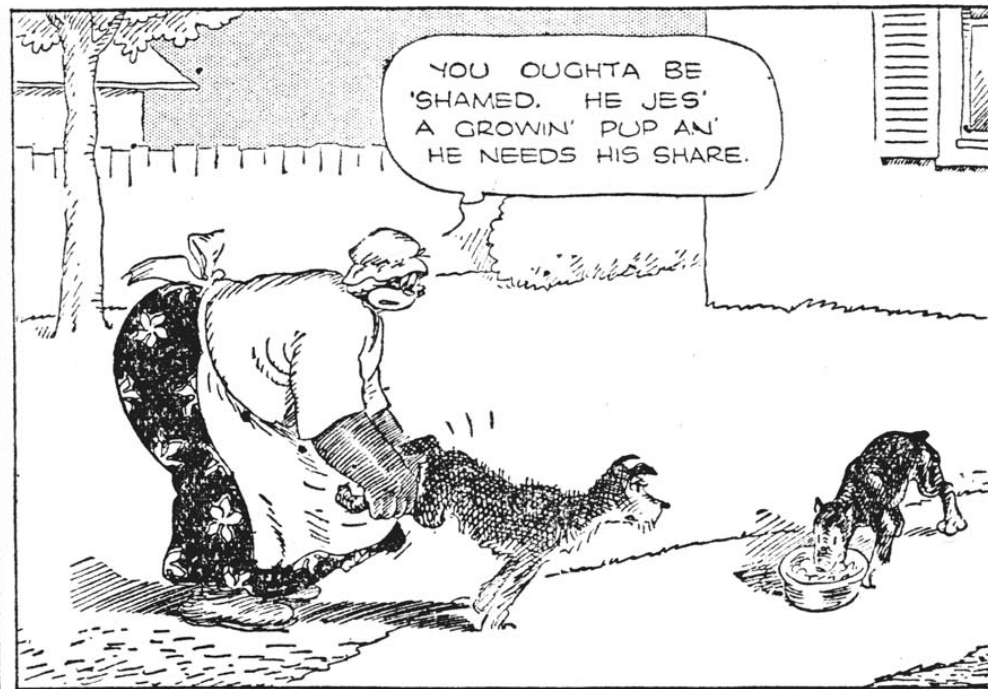
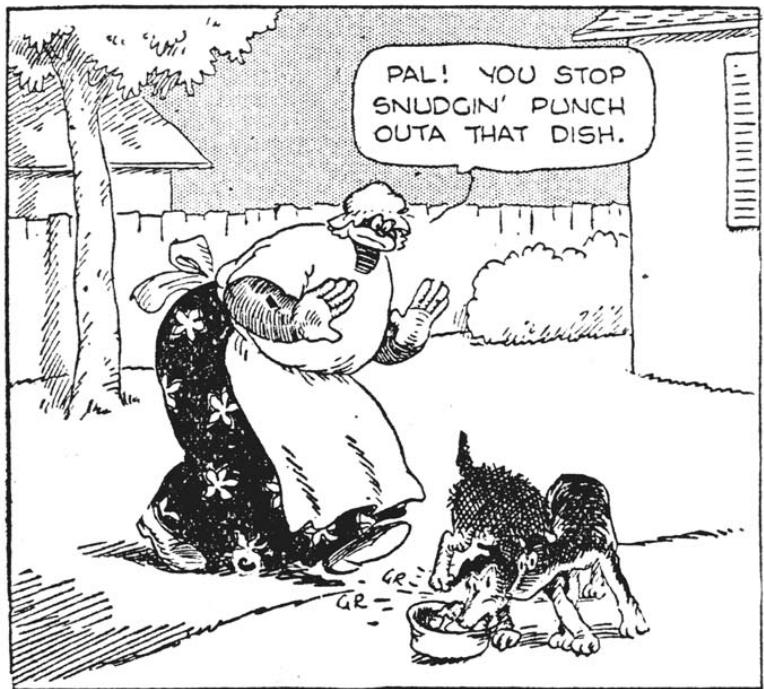
LOOK
THOUSANDSTICKS,
KENTUCKY.
SEE WHAT'LL
GO WITH THAT.

YES, BUT HERE'S
MY LIST: ECONOMY,
INDIANA—INDUSTRY,
PENNSYLVANIA—
THRIFT, GEORGIA—
PROSPERITY, NORTH
CAROLINA AND
SUCCESS, MISSOURI.
THAT OUGHT TO
HELP SOME.

KING







HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR ROOM, SKEEZIX?

NOT YET, UNCLE WALT, BUT THE RANGERS ARE HAVIN' A MEETIN' TO SEE WHO'S GOT THE BEST LIST OF POST OFFICES TO GET POSTMARKS FROM.

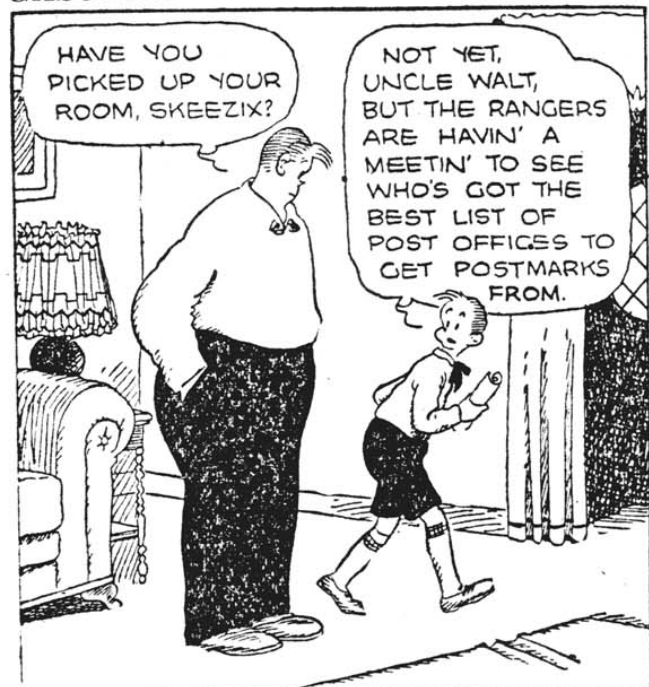
HERE'S MY BUNCH, FELLAS: HOLLER, MINNESOTA. BRAY, OKLAHOMA. GRAB, KENTUCKY. SLASH, VIRGINIA. WINK, TEXAS. PINCH, WEST VIRGINIA. DENT, IDAHO. PRAY, MONTANA.

HOW'S THIS, SKEEZIX? CYCLONE, MISSOURI. VOLCANO, CALIFORNIA. FLOOD, VIRGINIA. HURRICANE, ALABAMA. ACCIDENT, MARYLAND. WHIRLWIND, WEST VIRGINIA.

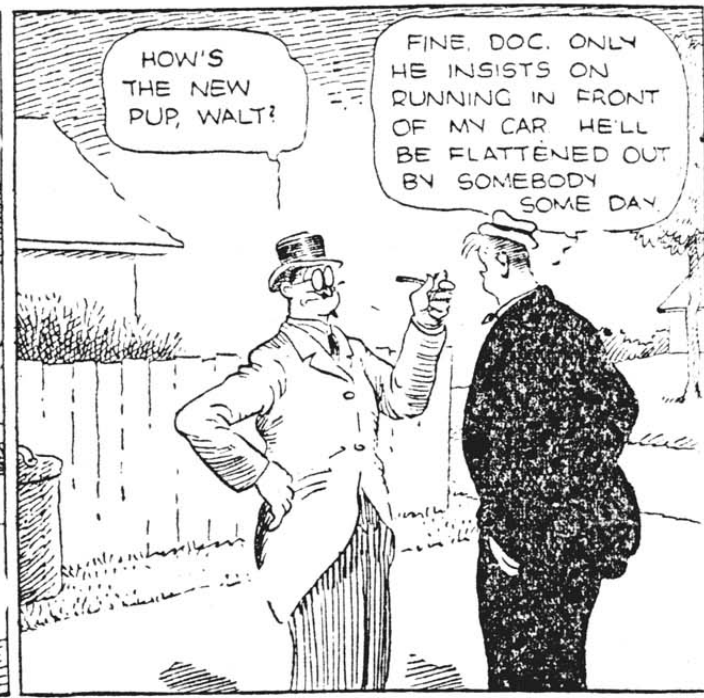
LISTEN TO THIS BLANKET, TEXAS BUREAU, ILLINOIS. KETTLE, KENTUCKY. LOOKINGGLASS, OREGON.

I'M GOIN' TO GET THESE - TIP TOP, VIRGINIA. ALLGOOD, ALABAMA. WHYNOT, MISSISSIPPI. WORRY, NORTH CAROLINA. HALO, KENTUCKY. CHANGEWATER, NEW JERSEY AND WETMORE, MICHIGAN!

GEE, THAT'S THE BATTIEST LINGO! AND THAT ISN'T SLANG EITHER. THERE'S A GEE, KENTUCKY - BATTIEST OKLAHOMA AND LINGO NEW MEXICO.



King



HOW'S THE NEW PUP, WALT?

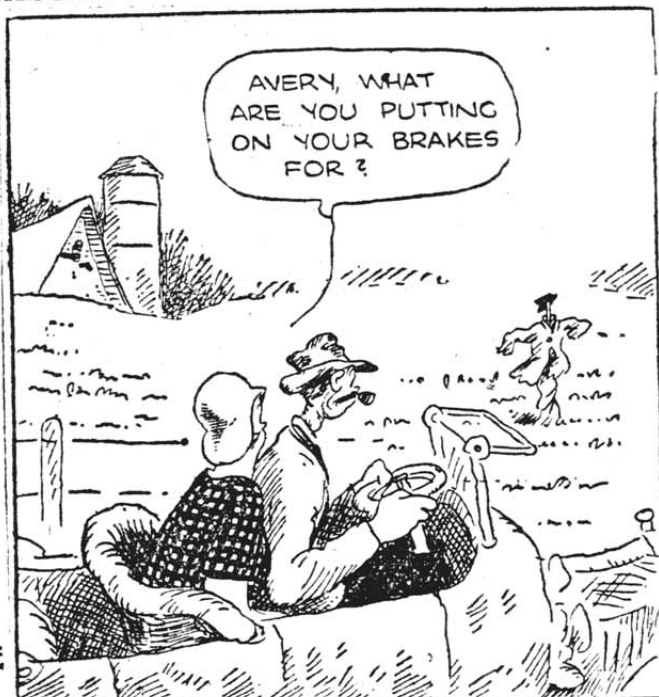
FINE, DOC. ONLY HE INSISTS ON RUNNING IN FRONT OF MY CAR. HE'LL BE FLATTENED OUT BY SOMEBODY SOME DAY.



TELL YOU WHAT YOU DO. HOLD HIM AND LET SOMEONE RUN OVER HIS TAIL IN THE SOFT EARTH. THAT'LL CURE HIM.

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT. I'LL TRY IT.





I'M GOIN' TO THEND A LETTER TO MITHHIPPI THOMETIME, THKEETHIX, AND WHEN I GET AN ANTHER I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE POSTHMARK.

THAT'LL BE SWELL, SALLY. I'VE GOT MORE'N A THOUSAND.

SKEEZIX, DID YOU HANG UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES THAT YOU LEFT IN THE BATHROOM AS I ASKED YOU TO?

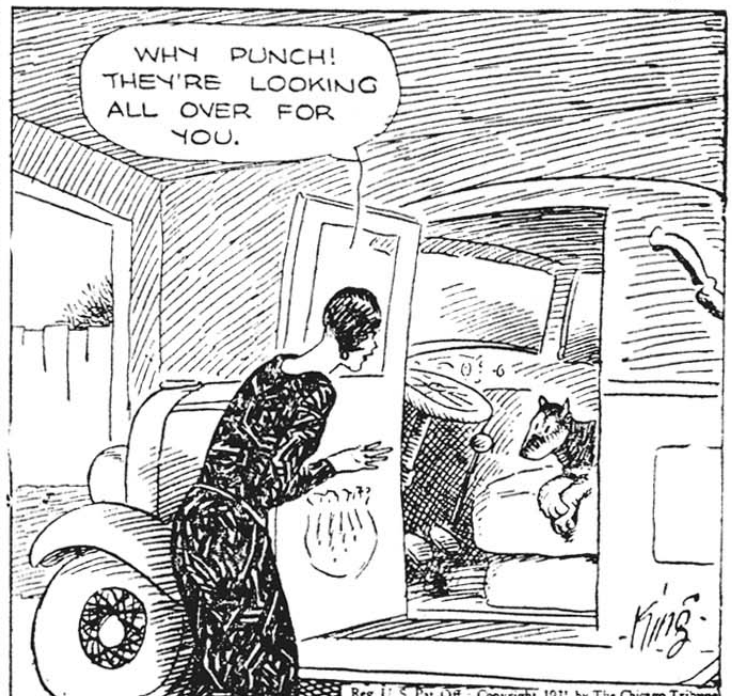
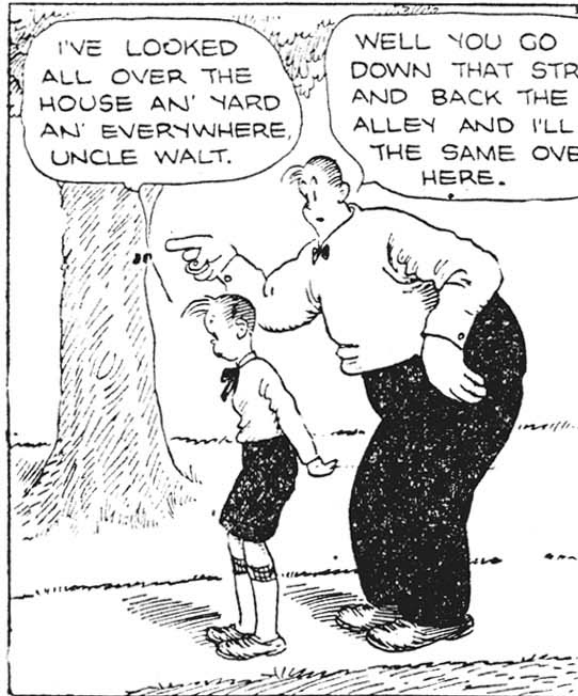
I FORGOT, UNCLE WALT.

I'VE GOT A LOT O' THINGS ON MY MIND, SKEEZIX, AND I CAN'T BE REMINDING YOU ALL THE TIME.

CEE, UNCLE WALT! I CAN'T CARRY A LOT OF THINGS ON MY MIND LIKE YOU CAN. YOURS MUST BE FLAT ON TOP.



- KING -

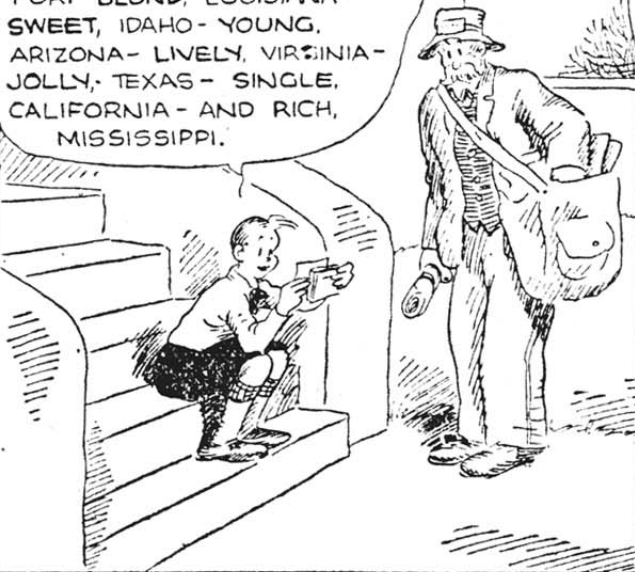


A LOT OF POSTAL CARDS AND ALL FOR SKEEZIX.

GOODY!



THEY'RE POSTMARKS I SENT TO THE POSTMASTERS FOR. BLOND, LOUISIANA-SWEET, IDAHO-YOUNG, ARIZONA-LIVELY, VIRGINIA-JOLLY, TEXAS-SINGLE, CALIFORNIA-AND RICH, MISSISSIPPI.



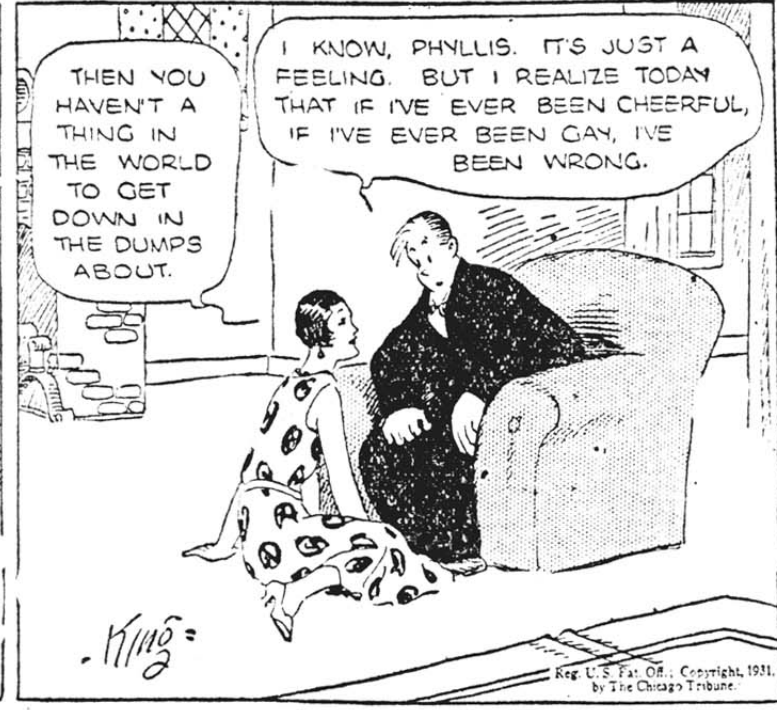
AND SOME MORE - BRAVE, PENNSYLVANIA-MANLY, NORTH CAROLINA-UPRIGHT, VIRGINIA-NOBLE, MISSOURI-BRILLIANT, OHIO-SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN-GALLANT, ALABAMA-AND O.K., KENTUCKY.

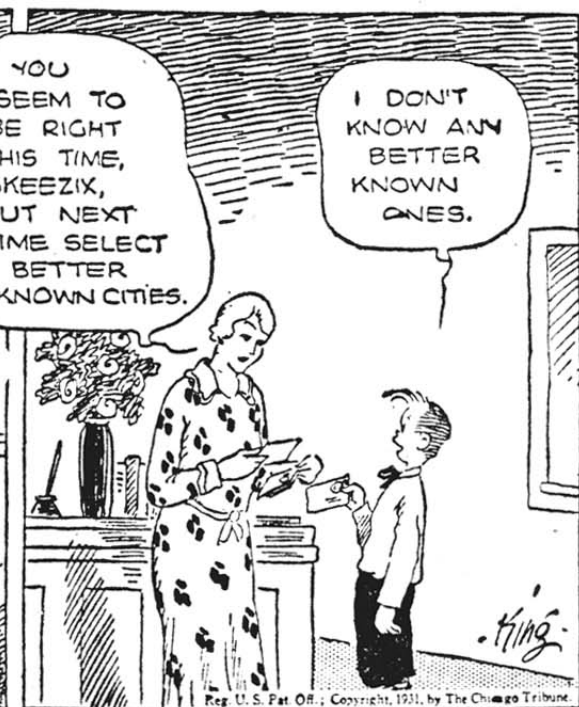
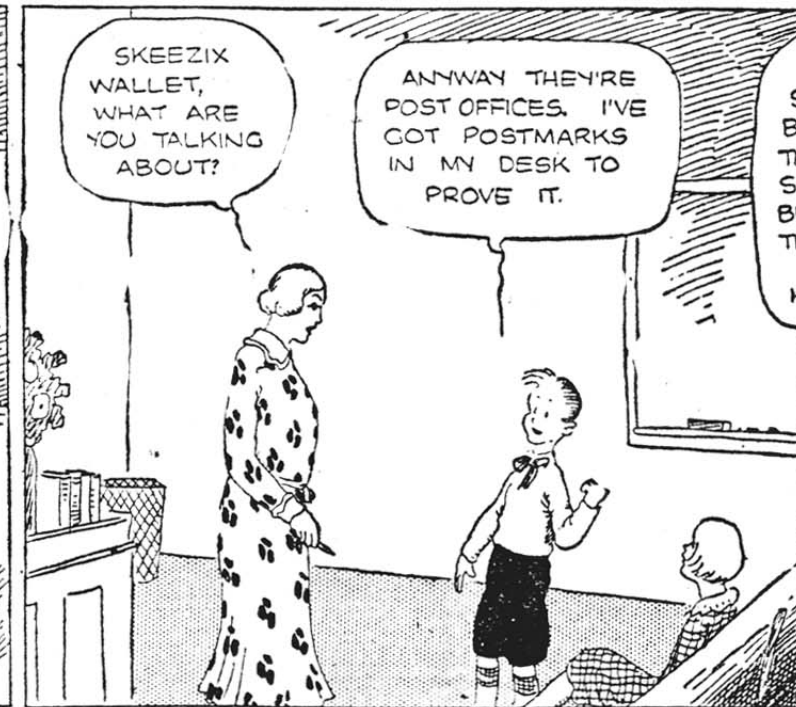
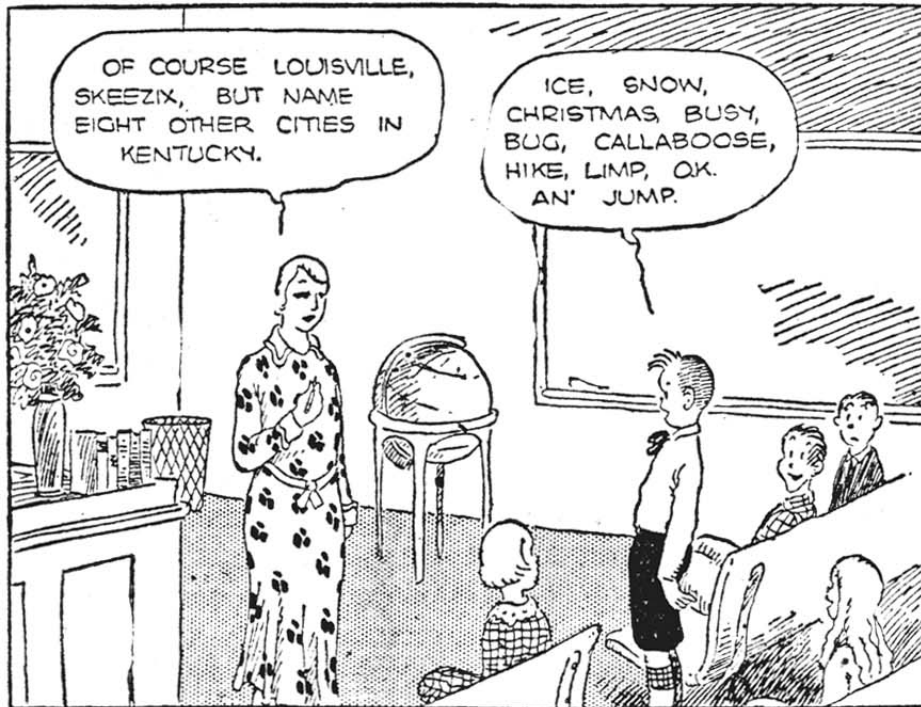
WELL I SWAN!

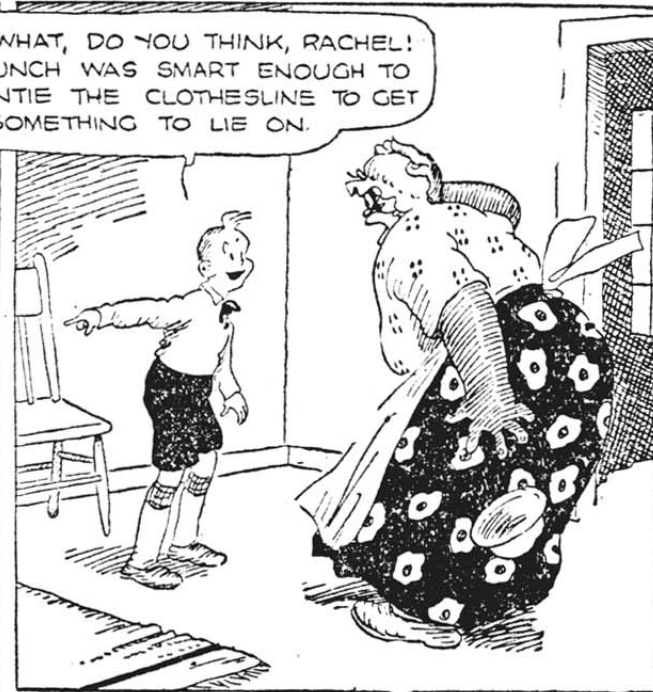


HERE'S THE VILLAIN - SLICK, OKLAHOMA-SLY, NORTH CAROLINA-SHADY, NEW YORK-CHEAP, KENTUCKY-AND WILD, LOUISIANA.

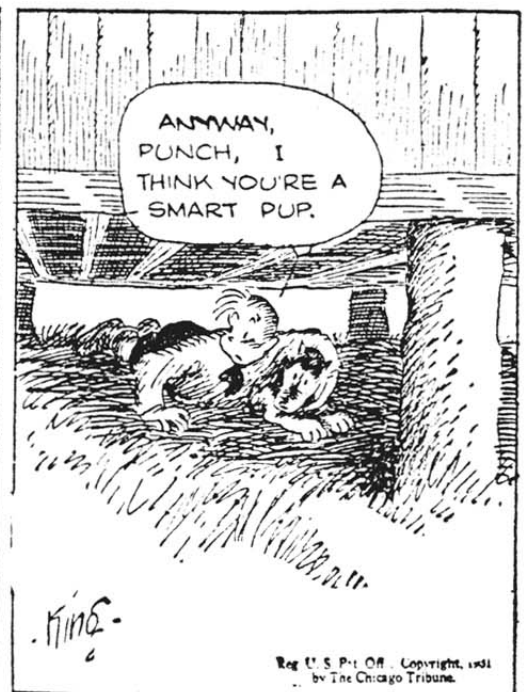








WHAT, DO YOU THINK, RACHEL!
PUNCH WAS SMART ENOUGH TO
UNTIE THE CLOTHESLINE TO GET
SOMETHING TO LIE ON.



ANYWAY,
PUNCH, I
THINK YOU'RE A
SMART PUP.

King

LOOK, WALT, I'VE GOT A POSTMARK FOR SKEEZIX AND I'M NOT GOING TO CHARGE HIM A THING FOR IT.

ANNIL LOCATION, MICHIGAN. THAT'S A GOOD ONE.

MR. WALLET. I KNOW YOUR BOY SKEEZIX COLLECTS POSTMARKS. HERE'S ONE FROM PIE TOWN, NEW MEXICO.

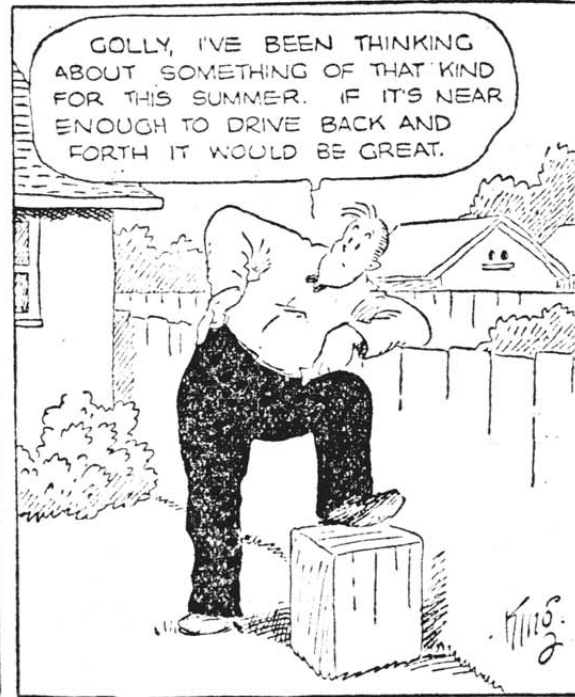
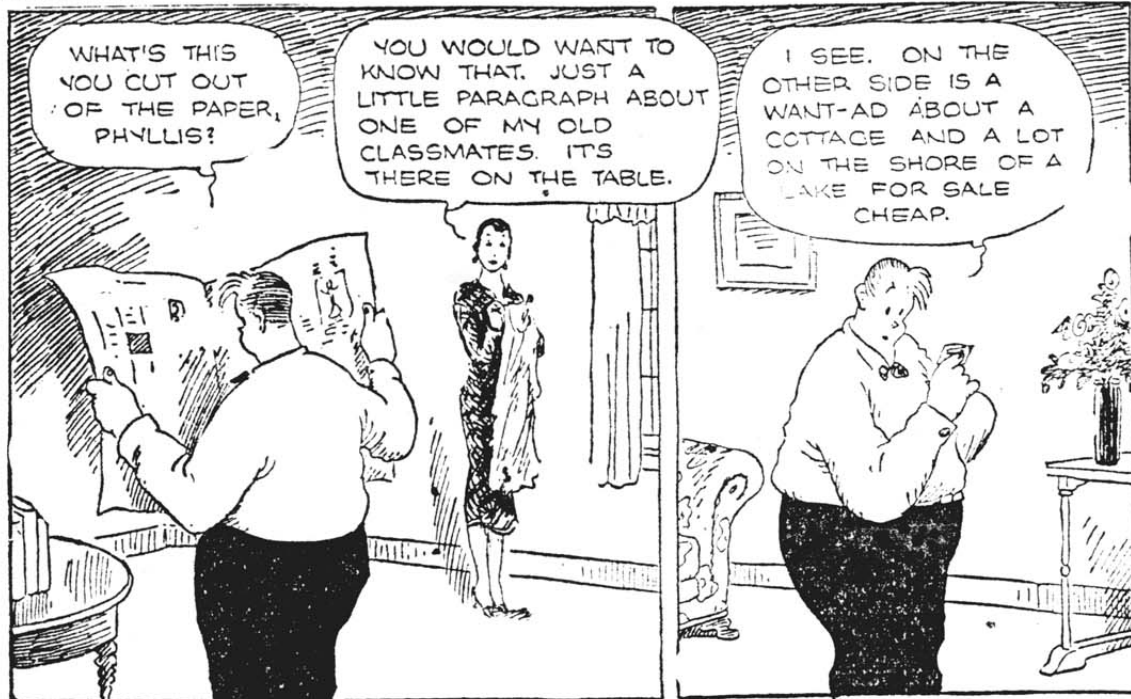
FINE, CHARLIE, I KNOW HE'LL BE GLAD TO GET IT.

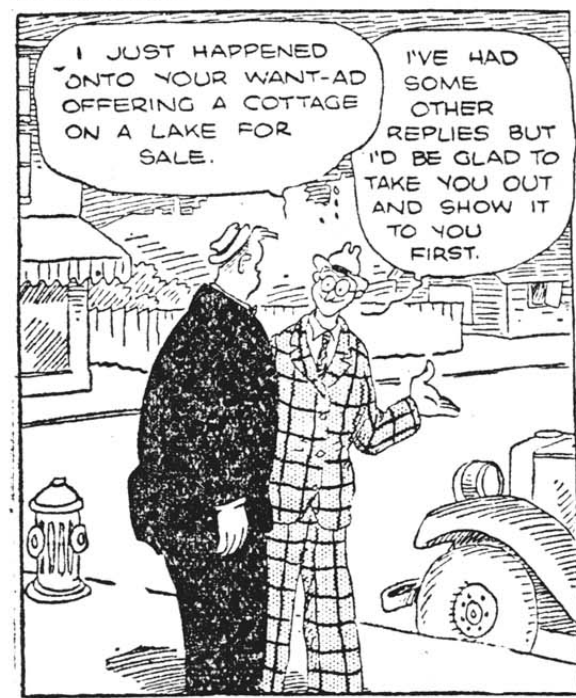
TAKE THIS TO SKEEZIX, WALT. IT'S FROM PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA.

THANKS, MR. WICKER.

HERE ARE SOME I COLLECTED FOR YOU TODAY, SKEEZIX.

GEE - WHIZ, UNCLE WALT! YOU'RE GETTIN' GOOD.









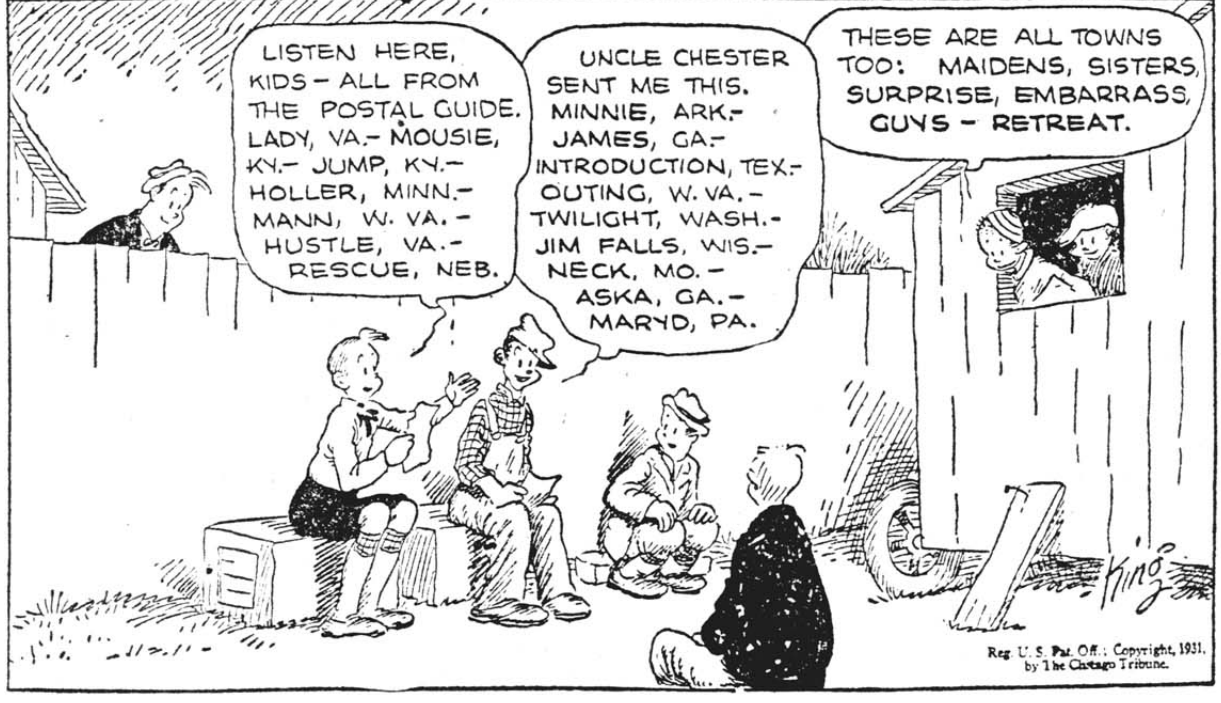
WHAT'S NEW IN POSTMARKS, SKEEZIX?

I'VE GOT THE RANGERS MAKIN' UP POSTMARK STORIES. I'VE GOT TO KEEP 'EM BUSY.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN - STORIES?

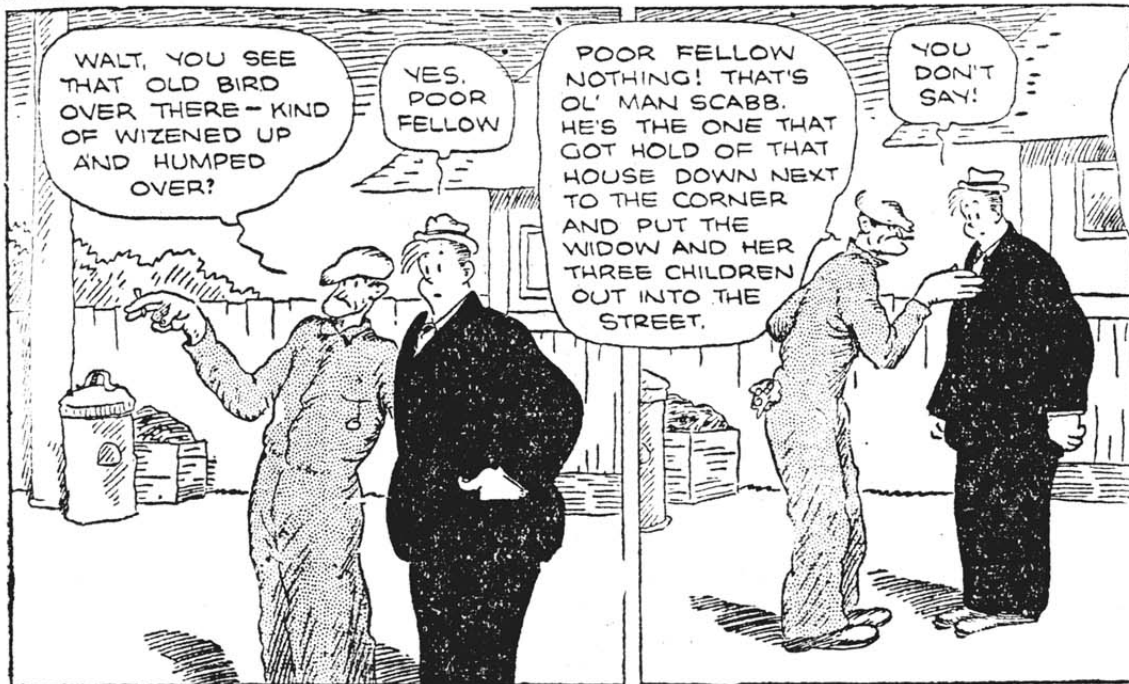
HERE'S ONE.



LISTEN HERE, KIDS - ALL FROM THE POSTAL GUIDE. LADY, VA. - MOUSIE, KY. - JUMP, KY. - HOLLER, MINN. - MANN, W. VA. - HUSTLE, VA. - RESCUE, NEB.

UNCLE CHESTER SENT ME THIS. MINNIE, ARK. - JAMES, GA. - INTRODUCTION, TEX. - OUTING, W. VA. - TWILIGHT, WASH. - JIM FALLS, WIS. - NECK, MO. - ASKA, GA. - MARYD, PA.

THESE ARE ALL TOWNS TOO: MAIDENS, SISTERS, SURPRISE, EMBARRASS, GUYS - RETREAT.



WALT, YOU SEE THAT OLD BIRD OVER THERE— KIND OF WIZENED UP AND HUMPED OVER?

YES, POOR FELLOW

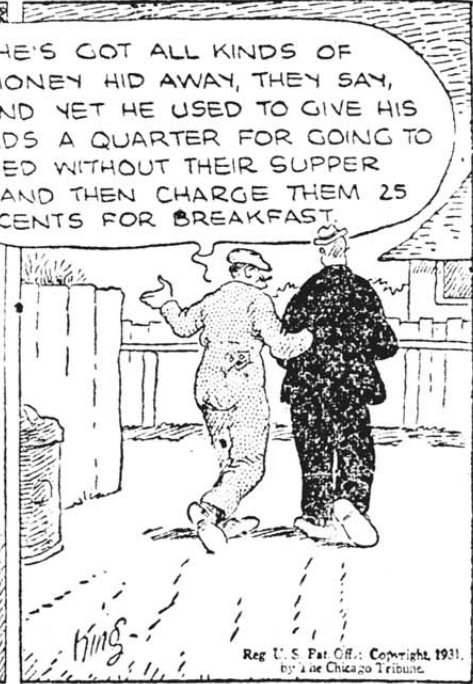
POOR FELLOW NOTHING! THAT'S OL' MAN SCABB. HE'S THE ONE THAT GOT HOLD OF THAT HOUSE DOWN NEXT TO THE CORNER AND PUT THE WIDOW AND HER THREE CHILDREN OUT INTO THE STREET.

YOU DON'T SAY!



AND WHAT'S WORSE HE'S GOING TO MOVE IN HIMSELF. HE'S THE MEANEST MAN IN SEVENTEEN COUNTIES AND HE'S COMING TO LIVE IN OUR BLOCK!

ANYWAY WE DON'T HAVE TO INVITE HIM TO TEA.



HE'S GOT ALL KINDS OF MONEY HID AWAY, THEY SAY, AND YET HE USED TO GIVE HIS KIDS A QUARTER FOR GOING TO BED WITHOUT THEIR SUPPER AND THEN CHARGE THEM 25 CENTS FOR BREAKFAST.



AVERY, I'VE GOT A SWELL IDEA. I'VE BEEN TO LOOK AT A SUMMER COTTAGE ON LAKE LARVA AND I'M THINKING OF BUYING IT FOR PHYLLIS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

BE CAREFUL, WALT. THERE ARE LIABLE TO BE MOSQUITOES, LEAKY ROOFS AND SMOKY CHIMNEYS.

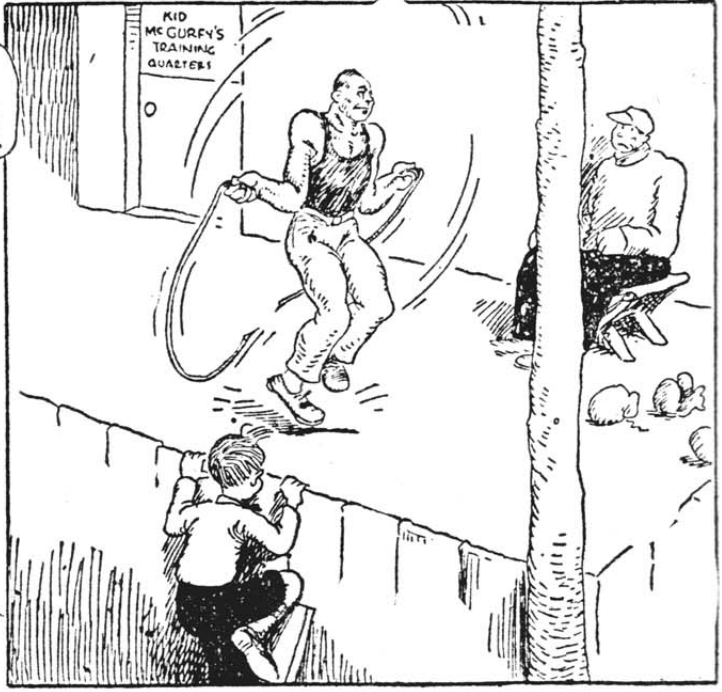
BESIDES YOU MAY GET TIRED OF IT IN ONE SEASON AND THEN YOU'VE GOT IT ON YOUR HANDS.

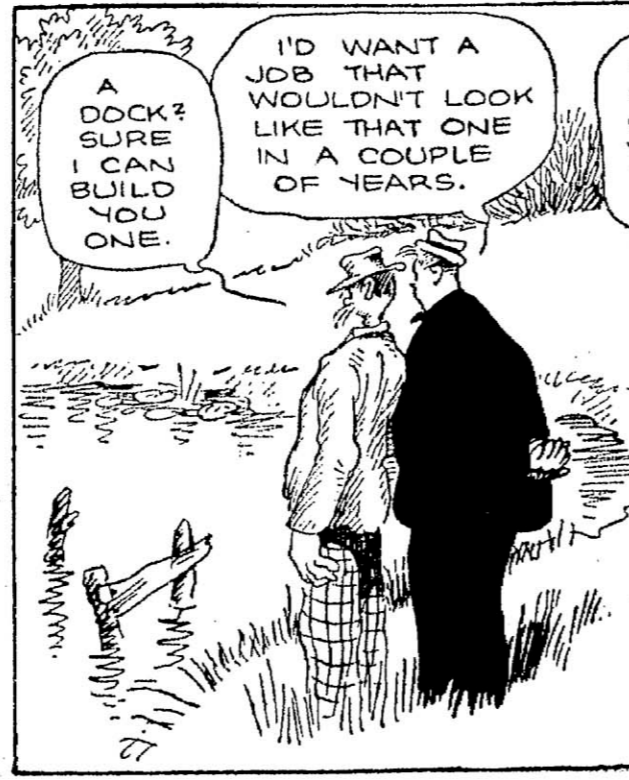
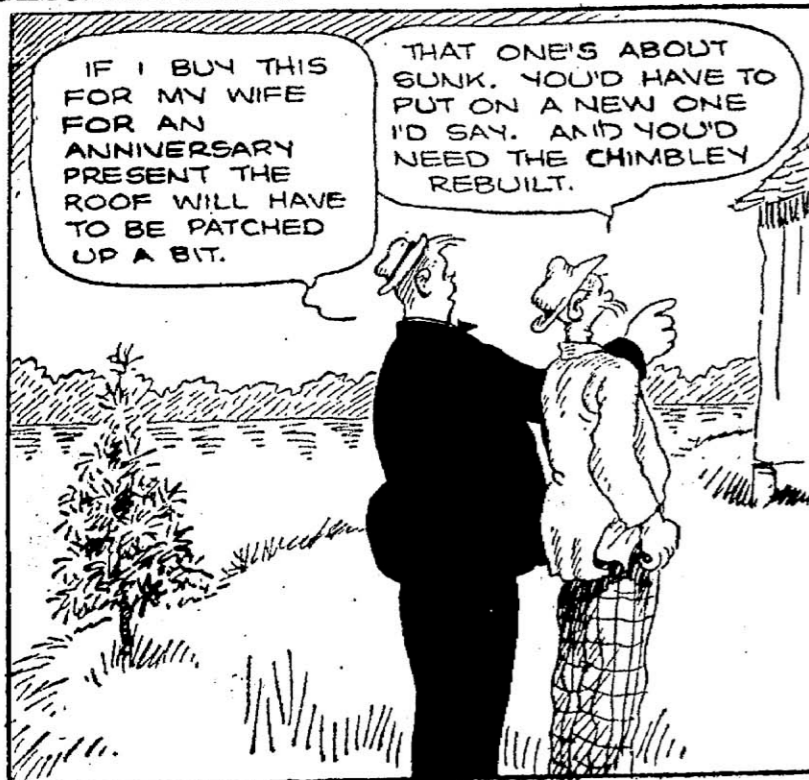
BUT THIS COULD BE MADE INTO A PEACH OF A PLACE.

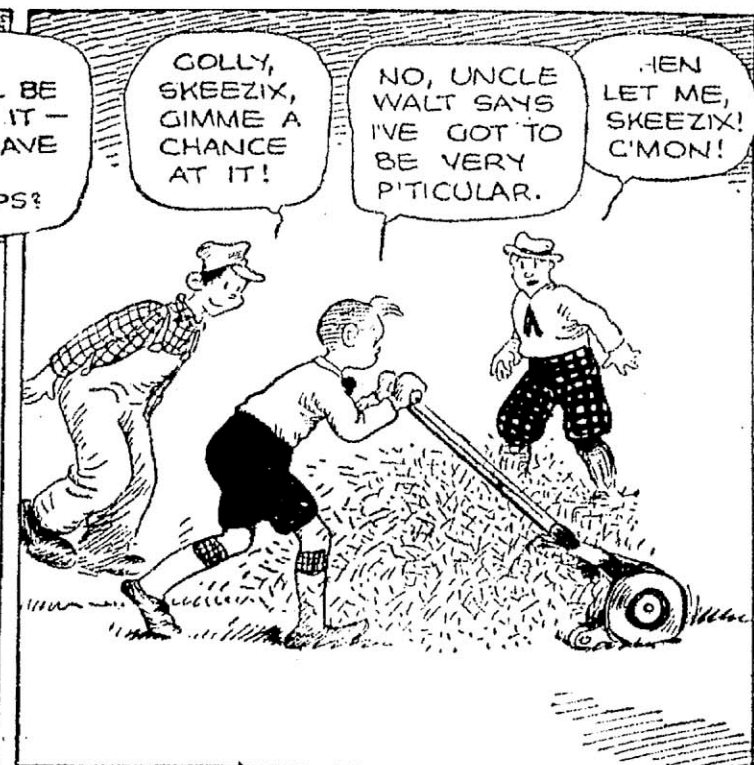
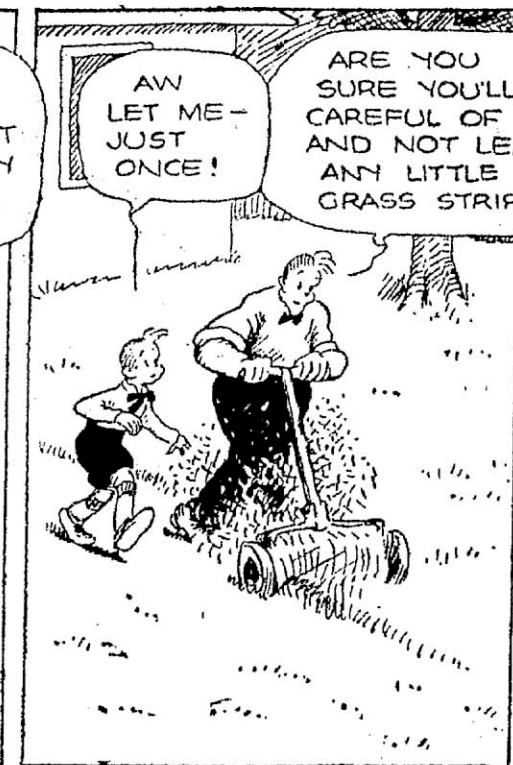
THE LAKE MAY BE ALL FISHED OUT AND THE TITLE MAY NOT BE GOOD.

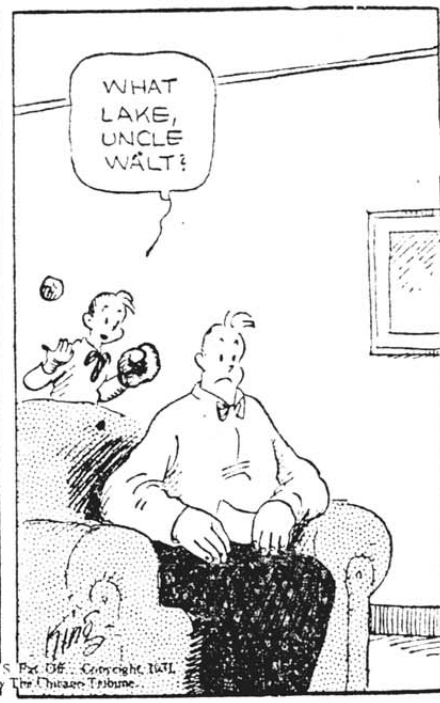
BUT IT'S HIGH AND DRY AND A FELLA CAN HAVE A BOAT—AND PRACTICE CASTING ANYWAY.

AT THAT, WALT, I THINK IT WOULD BE OK. YOU'LL LET ME PITCH A TENT IN YOUR BACK YARD WON'T YOU?



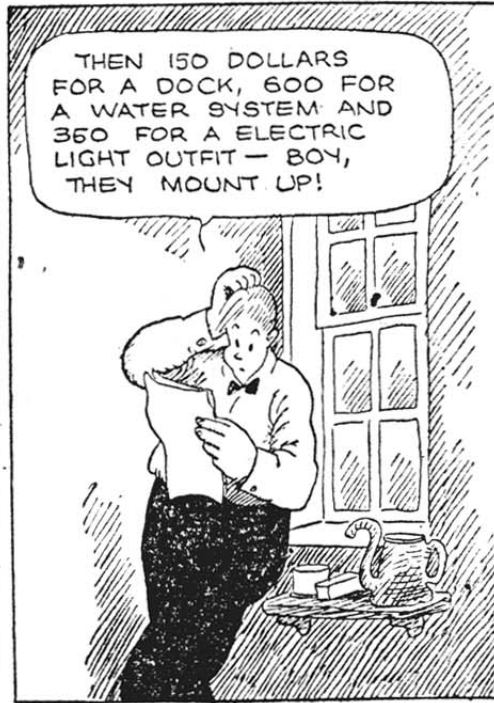








GOLLY THAT CARPENTER FIGURES 300 DOLLARS FOR NEW SHINGLES AND 50 FOR FIXING THE CHIMNEY. THEN HE WANTS 1400 FOR FLOOR JOISTS, FLOORS, WINDOWS, CLOSETS AND ALTERATIONS, ETC. AND 600 FOR A BATHROOM.



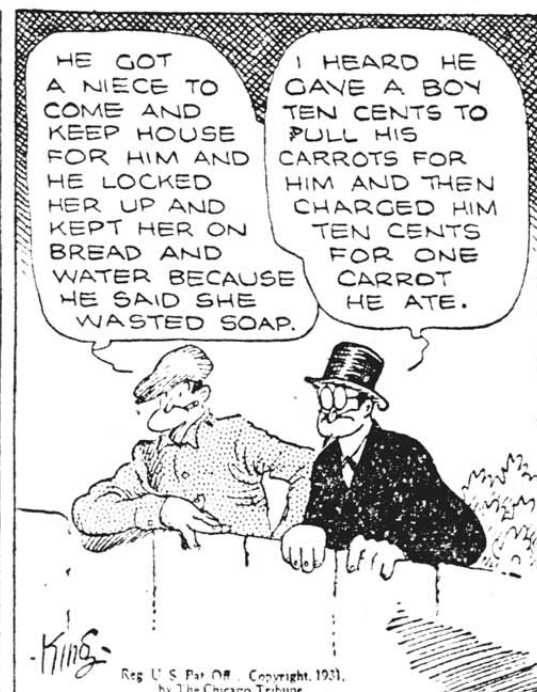
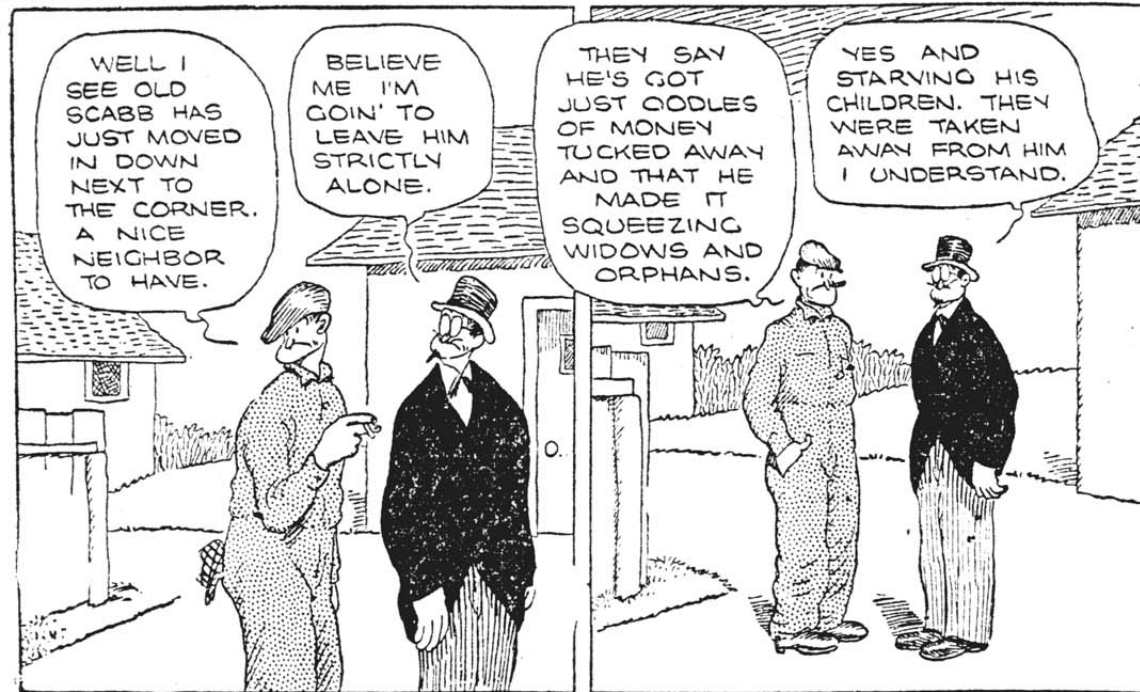
THEN 150 DOLLARS FOR A DOCK, 600 FOR A WATER SYSTEM AND 350 FOR A ELECTRIC LIGHT OUTFIT — BOY, THEY MOUNT UP!



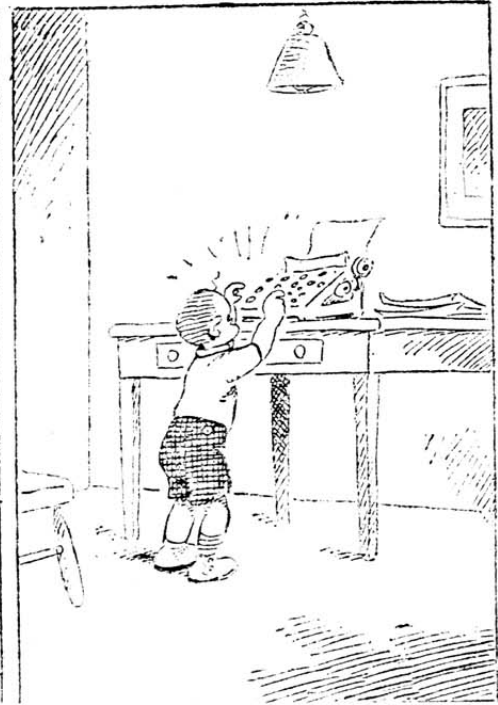
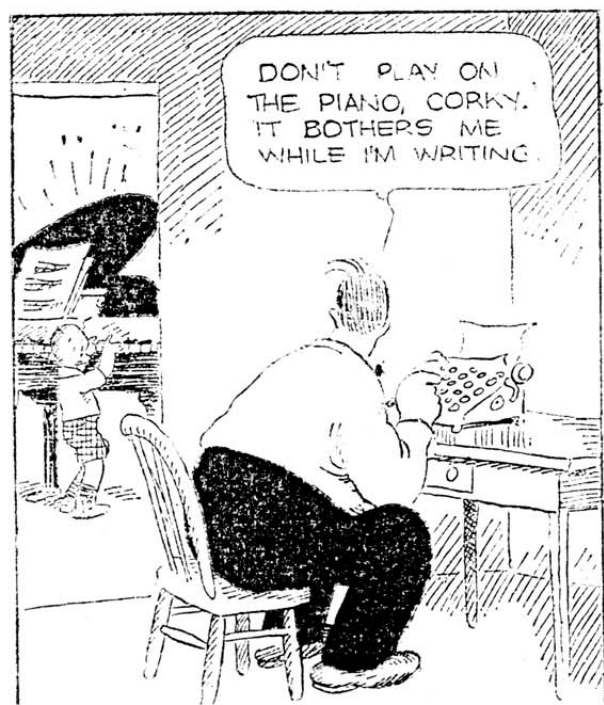
THAT'S 3450, JUST ABOUT A THOUSAND MORE THAN THE MAN WANTS FOR THE WHOLE PLACE TO START WITH.

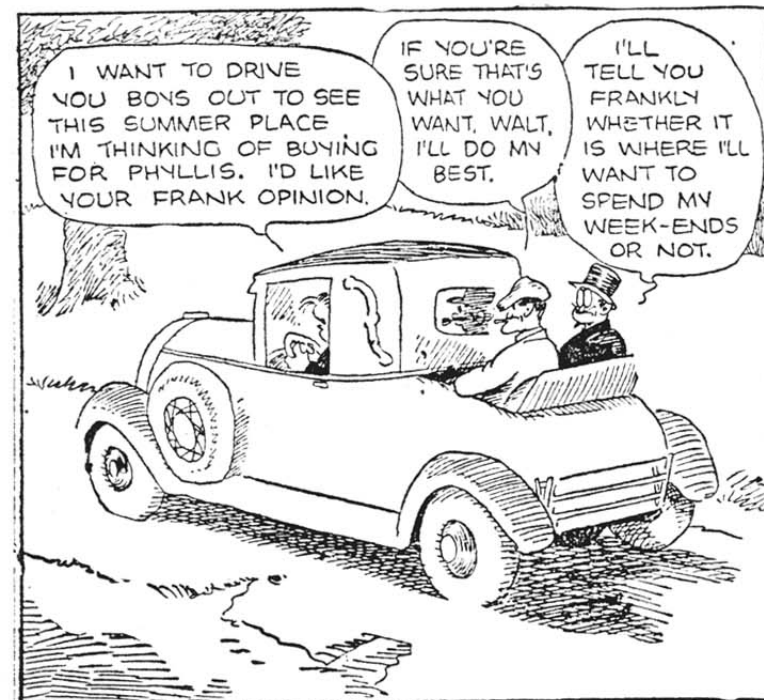


A SUMMER COTTAGE COMES HIGH BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE YOUR WIFE A PRESENT YOU CAN'T BE PENURIOUS.



GASOLINE ALLEY—MUSIC HATH CHARMS

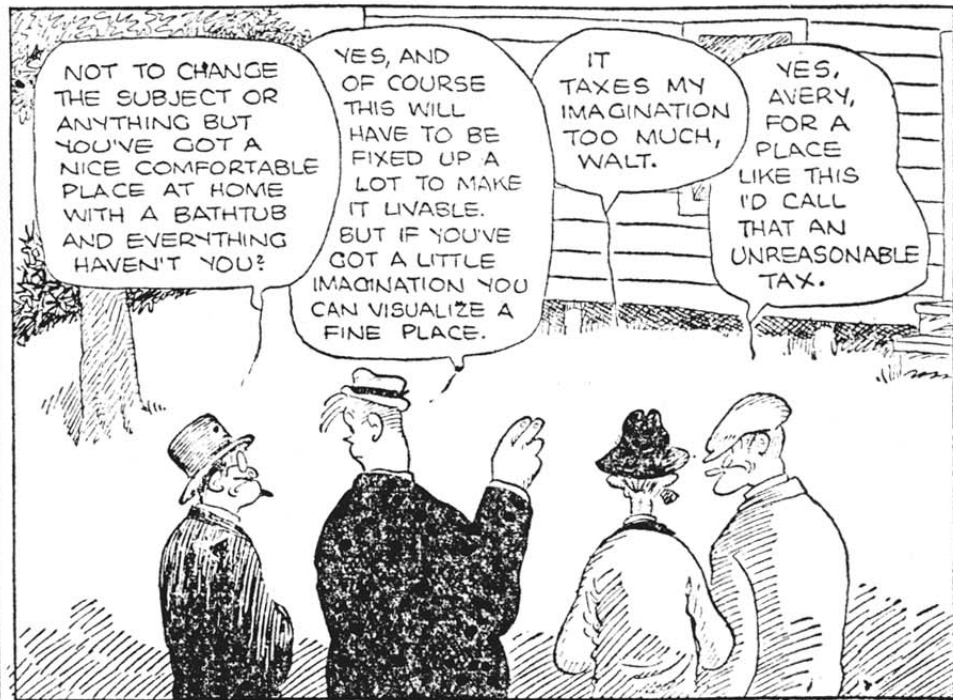




I WANT TO DRIVE YOU BOYS OUT TO SEE THIS SUMMER PLACE I'M THINKING OF BUYING FOR PHYLLIS. I'D LIKE YOUR FRANK OPINION.

IF YOU'RE SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, WALT, I'LL DO MY BEST.

I'LL TELL YOU FRANKLY WHETHER IT IS WHERE I'LL WANT TO SPEND MY WEEK-ENDS OR NOT.



NOT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT OR ANYTHING BUT YOU'VE GOT A NICE COMFORTABLE PLACE AT HOME WITH A BATHTUB AND EVERYTHING HAVEN'T YOU?

YES, AND OF COURSE THIS WILL HAVE TO BE FIXED UP A LOT TO MAKE IT LIVABLE. BUT IF YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE IMAGINATION YOU CAN VISUALIZE A FINE PLACE.

IT TAXES MY IMAGINATION TOO MUCH, WALT.

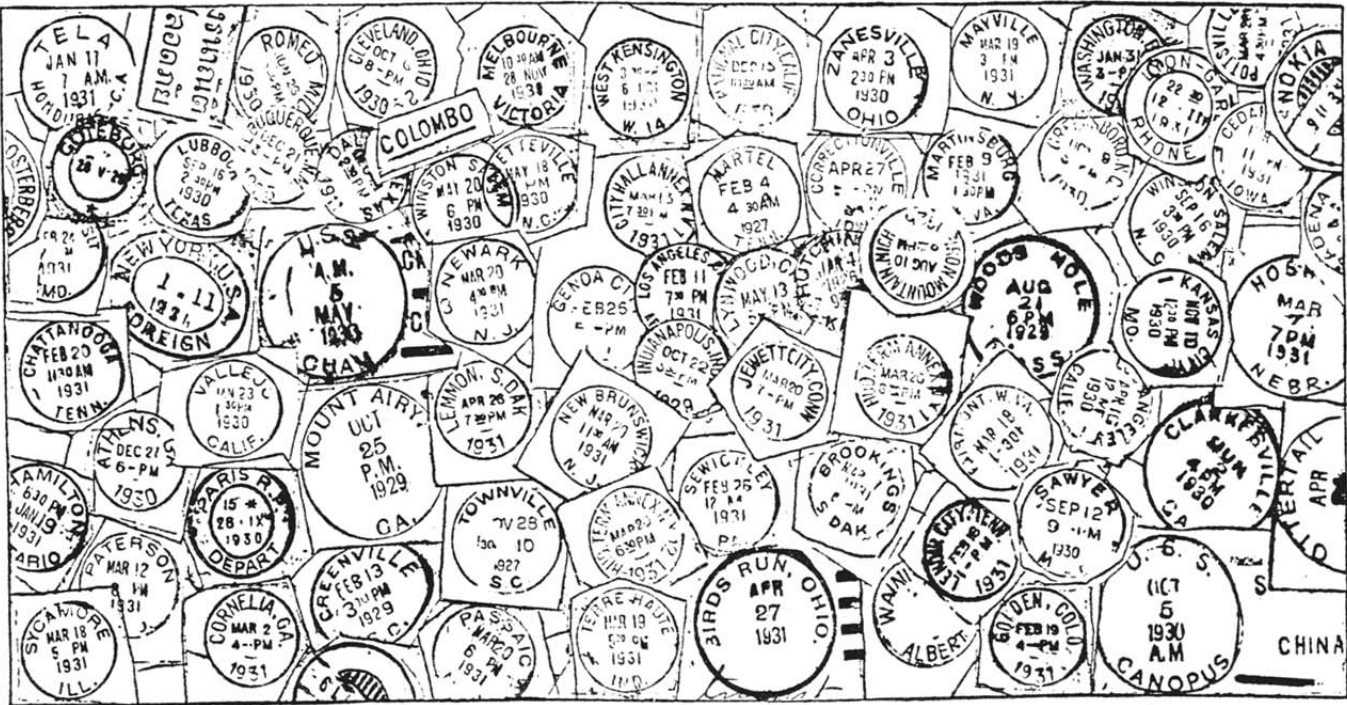
YES, AVERY, FOR A PLACE LIKE THIS I'D CALL THAT AN UNREASONABLE TAX.



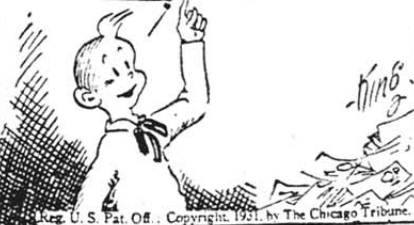
HOW'D YOU LIKE IT, DOC? I THINK I'D RATHER SLEEP IN THE CAR.

IF YOU ASK ME, BILL, IT HAS DONE ME A LOT OF GOOD. I'M GOING TO BE HAPPY TO STAY IN TOWN.

GEE WHIZ, I'M BEHIND IN MY CORRESPONDENCE! I'VE GOT SO MANY LETTERS AN' POSTMARKS THAT YOU FOLKS HAVE SENT ME THAT I'M AFRAID I CAN'T CATCH UP. I HAVE SOME KEEN ONES. AN' IF I CAN'T GET TO ALL OF YOU TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY I CERTAINLY DO THANK YOU A LOT RIGHT NOW. SPUD THANKS YOU AND THE ALLEY RANGERS THANK YOU— BECAUSE IF I GET DUPLICATES THEY GET 'EM. LOOK— HERE ARE A FEW OF MINE.



WHEN I'M GROWN UP I'M GOIN' TO BE A POSTMASTER AN' START A POST OFFICE RIGHT HERE AN' THAT'LL BE MY POSTMARK.





IF I FIX THIS SUMMER COTTAGE UP AND GIVE IT TO PHYLLIS FOR AN ANNIVERSARY PRESENT. I'LL HAVE TO DECIDE PRETTY SOON. I LOVE TO COME OUT AND WANDER AROUND IT.



WALT, WHERE WERE YOU TODAY? I TRIED TO GET YOU.

WHO ME? I WAS — THAT IS — I WENT OUT FOR A WHILE.



YES I KNOW YOU DID. WAS IT BUSINESS?

ER — NOT EXACTLY. I JUST HAD TO GO OUT ON A LITTLE MATTER —



OH WALT! IT ISN'T WHAT YOU DID, BUT YOU'RE TRYING TO CONCEAL SOMETHING FROM ME.

THERE, THERE, PHYLLIS, IT WAS NOTHING. YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD AND YOUR NERVES ARE ALL UPSET.

I WANTED TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT IT WOULD COST, MISS FLASH, FOR YOU TO INTERIOR DECORATE A LITTLE SUMMER COTTAGE I'M THINKING OF BUYING.

I COULDN'T TELL A THING ABOUT IT, MR. WALLET, WITHOUT SEEING THE ROOMS.



YOU GET IN MY CAR, MISS FLASH. WE CAN BE BACK IN AN HOUR.



MY, MY! I WONDER WHO ON EARTH WALT WALLET IS TAKING OUT IN HIS COUPE.

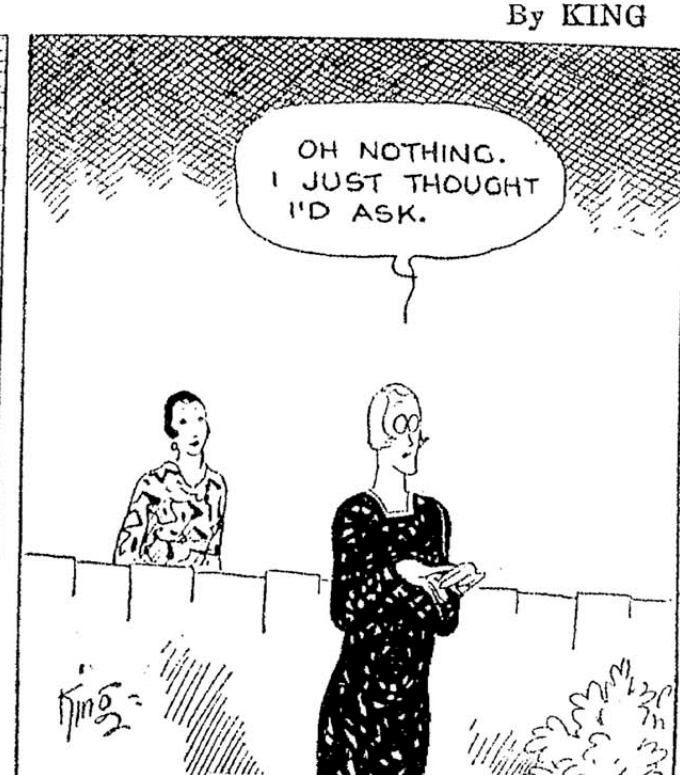
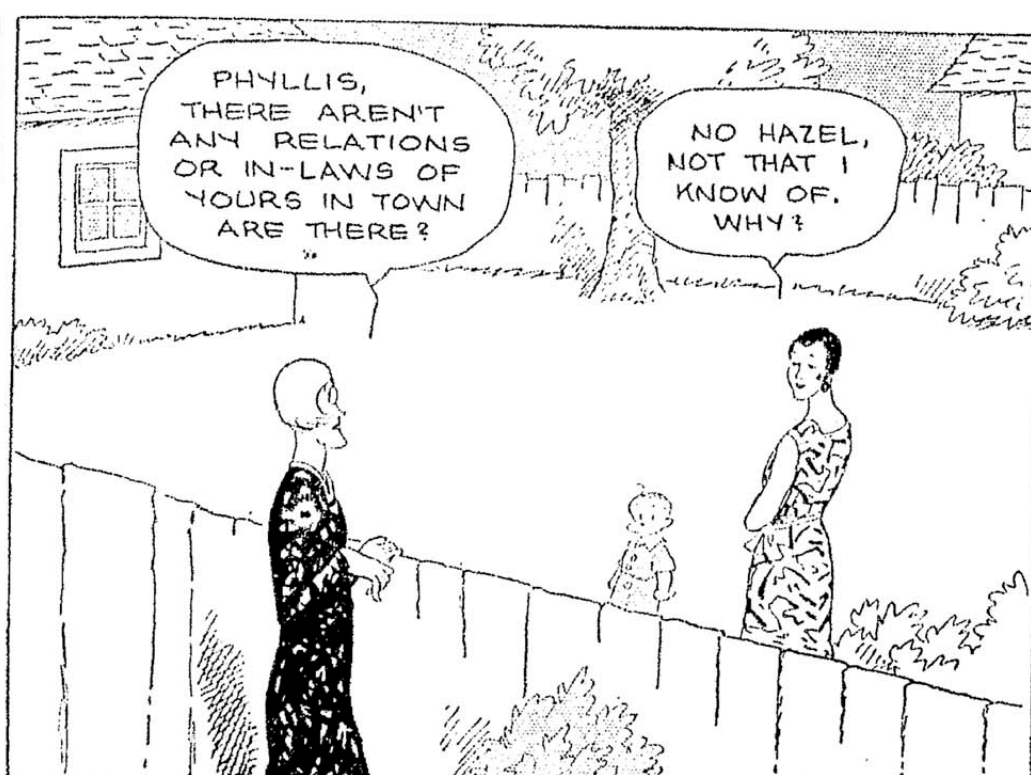


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I THINK CHINTZ WOULD BE DARLING IN THIS ROOM, MR. WALLET, WITH A SILVER CEILING AND BLUE UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS.

GOLLY, IT WAS HAZEL, DOC'S WIFE, THAT SAW MISS FLASH GET INTO MY CAR - AND SHE'S THE BUSIEST BUSY-BODY IN THE ALLEY!





I'D BETTER TELL PHYLLIS
RIGHT AWAY ABOUT TAKING
MISS FLASH, THE INTERIOR
DECORATOR, IN MY CAR BEFORE
DOC'S WIFE SPILLS IT.



WALT, LOOK
AT YOUR SON,
CORKY. ISN'T
HE A
DISGRACE!

NO I'M
A BOY.

THAT'S JUST
WHAT YOU ARE —
A BOY! AND YOU
WOULDN'T BE IF
YOU DIDN'T LOOK
THAT WAY ONCE
IN A WHILE.



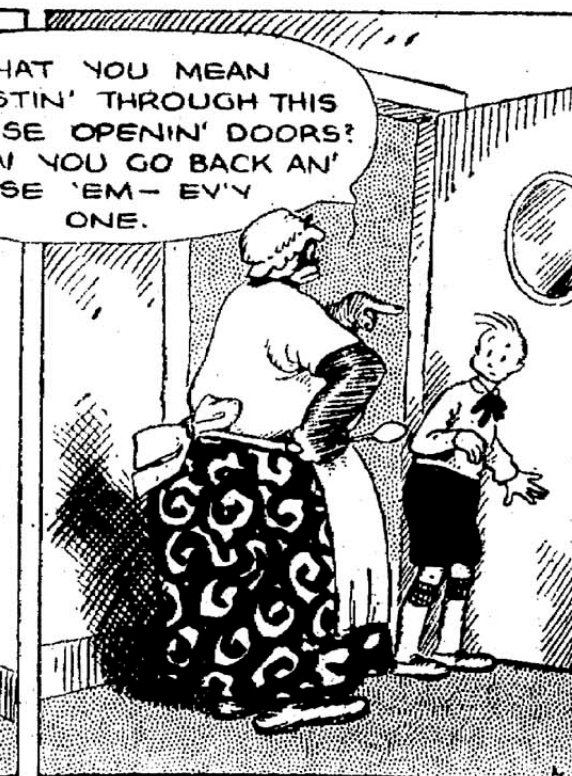
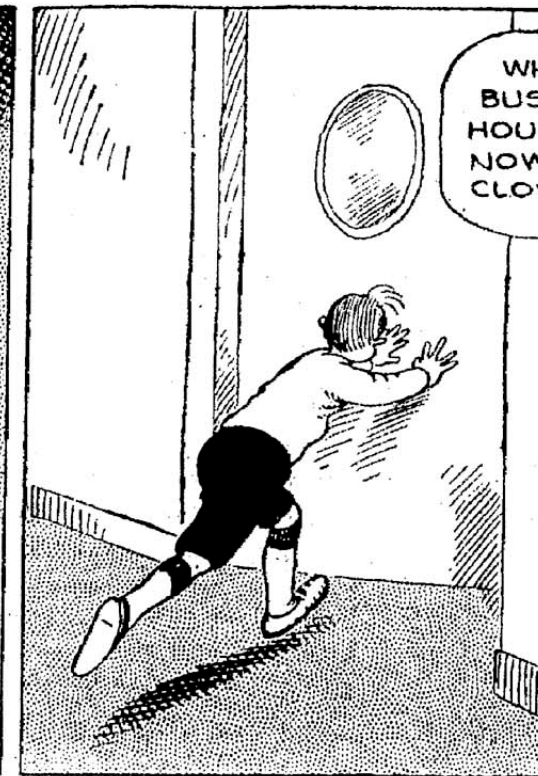
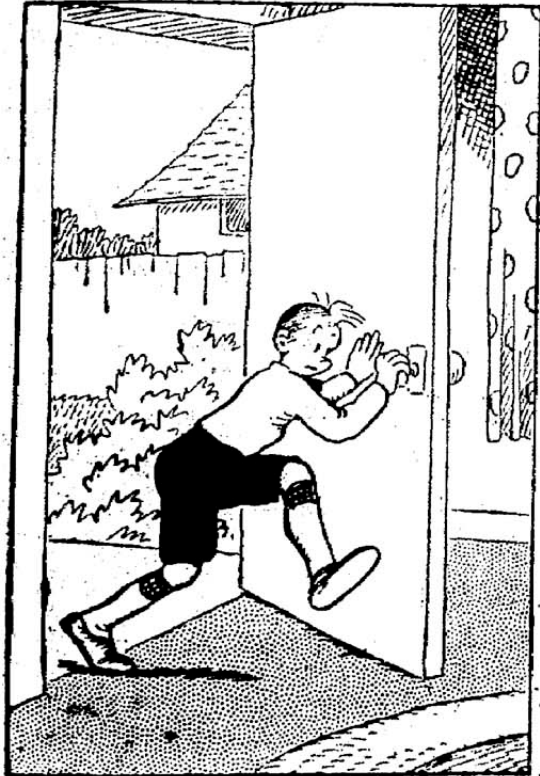
TELL YOUR
MAMA IT WILL
WEAR OFF
IN TIME.

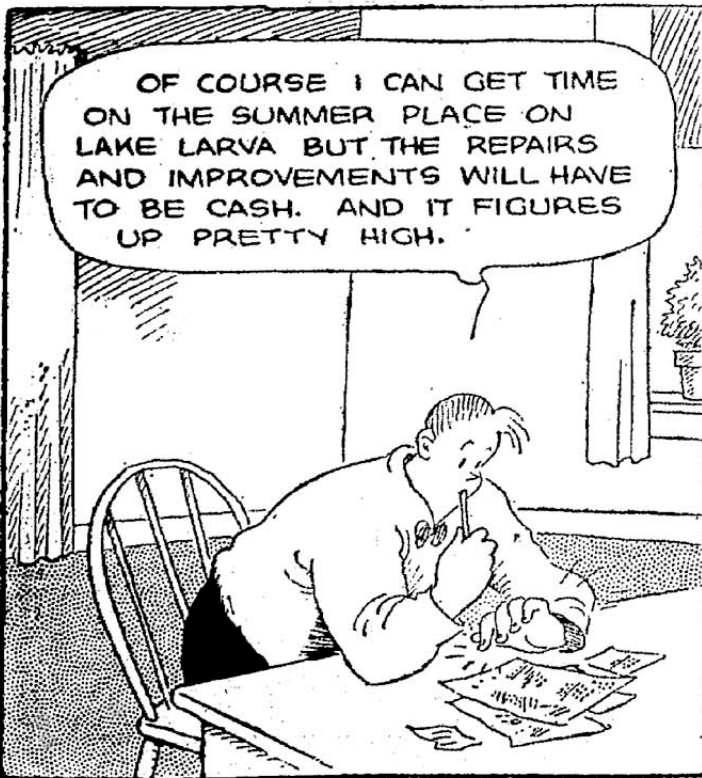
PERHAPS,
BUT I'LL
TRY SOAP
FIRST.



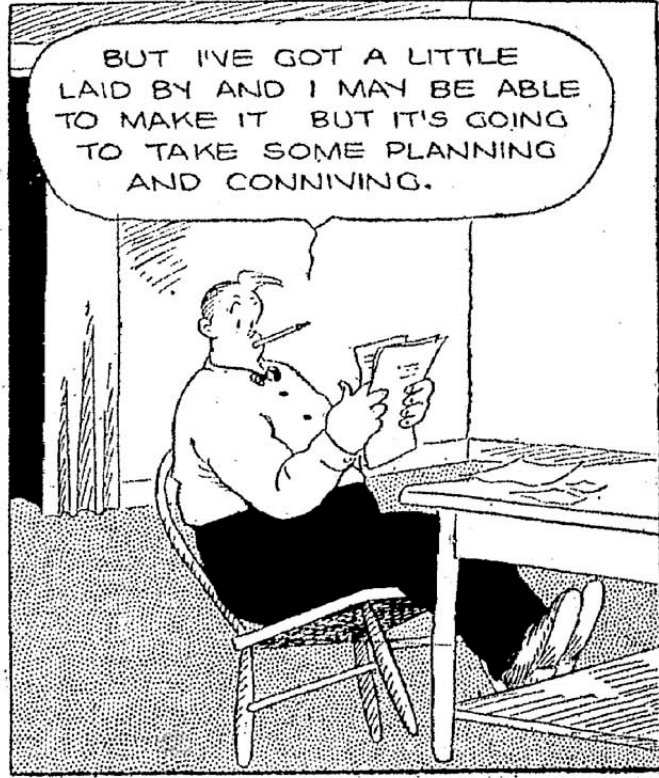
SHE'S ALL RIGHT. SHE
DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING SO I
GUESS SHE HASN'T HEARD
ABOUT IT. I'LL LET IT GO
AND TELL HER ABOUT
THE WHOLE THING AT
ONCE.



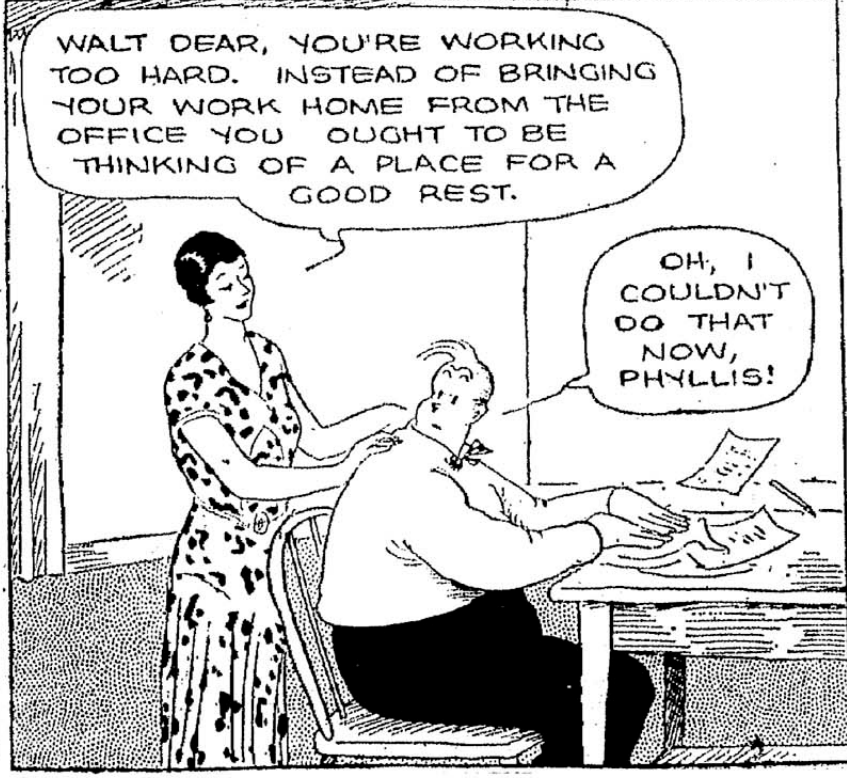




OF COURSE I CAN GET TIME ON THE SUMMER PLACE ON LAKE LARVA BUT THE REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE CASH. AND IT FIGURES UP PRETTY HIGH.



BUT I'VE GOT A LITTLE LAID BY AND I MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME PLANNING AND CONNIVING.



WALT DEAR, YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD. INSTEAD OF BRINGING YOUR WORK HOME FROM THE OFFICE YOU OUGHT TO BE THINKING OF A PLACE FOR A GOOD REST.

OH, I COULDN'T DO THAT NOW, PHYLLIS!



SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW CLOSE SHE CAME TO IT. SHE'S JUST GOING TO BE CRAZY ABOUT THIS PLACE WHEN I SURPRISE HER WITH IT!

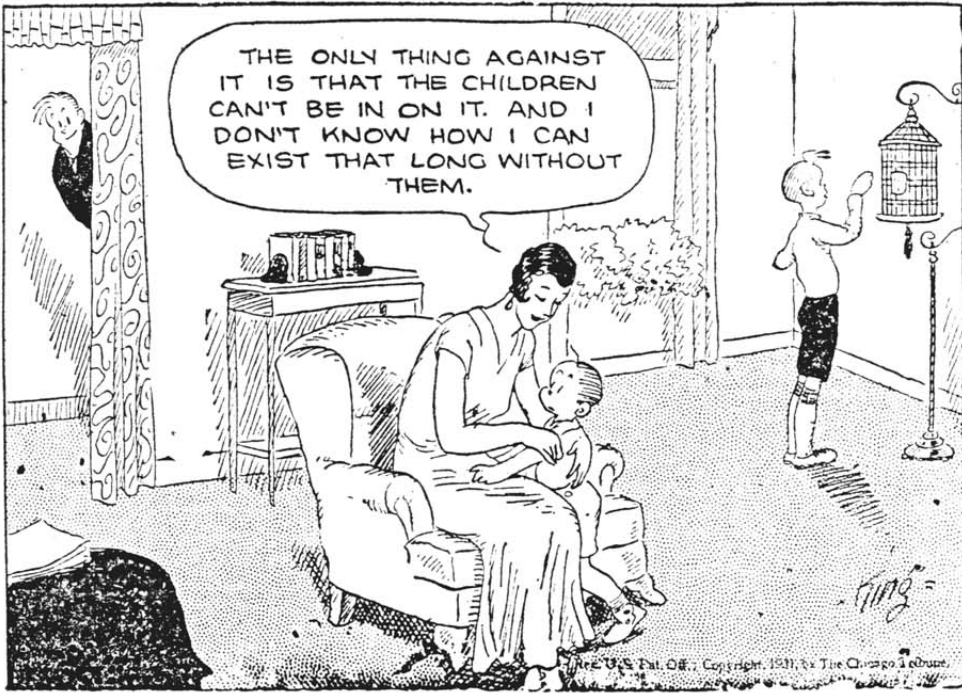
THERE ARE JUST SO MANY THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU START LOOKING INTO THE SUBJECT. BUT THERE ARE ONE OR TWO I'D LOVE TO DO. I WANT TO PLAN THEM OUT AND SURPRISE WALT.




I JUST KNOW HE WILL LIKE THE IDEA BUT OF COURSE NOT TO BEGIN WITH. I'LL HAVE TO START AN AGITATION IN FAVOR OF IT.




THE ONLY THING AGAINST IT IS THAT THE CHILDREN CAN'T BE IN ON IT. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN EXIST THAT LONG WITHOUT THEM.






COME ON, PHYLLIS!
I'VE GOT A SURPRISE
FOR YOU. I WAS SAVING
IT FOR YOUR ANNIVERSARY
BUT I JUST CAN'T KEEP
IT ANY LONGER.

OUR
ANNIVERSARY.
IT'S YOURS
TOO,
REMEMBER.




THERE IT IS— TO BE
ALL YOURS! A COTTAGE
ON A BEAUTIFUL LAKE—
DRIVING DISTANCE FROM
TOWN. OF COURSE IT
NEEDS FIXING UP,
BUT CAN'T YOU
VISUALIZE A WONDERFUL
PLACE FOR THE
SUMMER?

IT'S
JUST TOO
SURPRISING
FOR
WORDS!



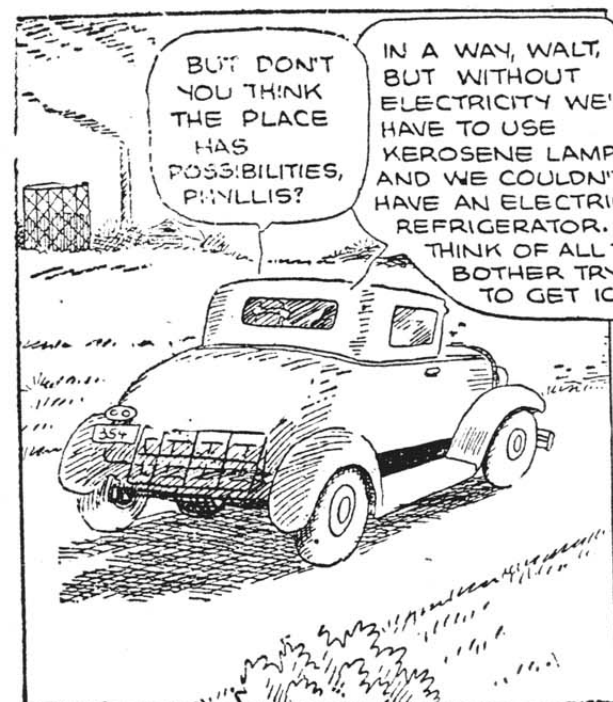
YOU HAVEN'T
ACTUALLY
BOUGHT IT
YET, HAVE
YOU, WALT?

NOT YET. AND
YOU UNDERSTAND
THAT THERE ARE
A NUMBER OF
THINGS THAT HAVE
TO BE DONE TO
IT.



IT'S AWFULLY SWEET
OF YOU, HONEY, BUT
DON'T DO ANY MORE
TILL WE TALK IT OVER.
THERE MAY BE SOME
THINGS THAT EVEN
YOU HAVEN'T
THOUGHT
OF.

O. K.
PHYLLIS, BUT
I'LL MAKE
IT A
DREAM
COME
TRUE.



I'M SORRY, BUT THE DEAL IS OFF. I CAN'T BUY THE SUMMER COTTAGE ON LAKE LARVA I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT.

NO IT'S NO USE - COMING OVER WON'T DO ANY GOOD. MY WIFE DOESN'T LIKE IT. NO, SHADING THE PRICE WON'T MAKE A BIT OF DIFFERENCE.

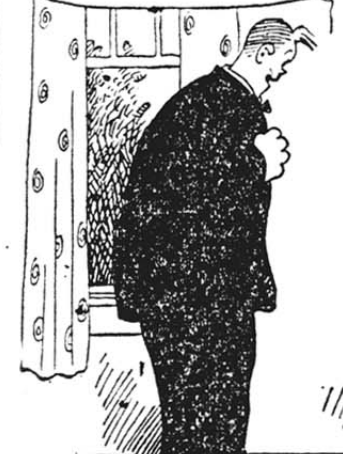
NO USE GOING INTO ALL THAT. SAY, ARE YOU MARRIED?

THEN YOU SHOULD KNOW. GOOD DAY.

NOW IT'S ALL OVER I DON'T KNOW THERE'S ANY USE TELLING PHYLLIS I TOOK MISS FLASH OUT IN MY CAR TO FIGURE ON INTERIOR DECORATING THE COTTAGE. NO REASON I SHOULDN'T BUT NO REASON I SHOULD.



I GUESS YOU DON'T FEEL BADLY ANY MORE, PHYLLIS. BECAUSE I KEPT THE SUMMER COTTAGE IDEA A SECRET FROM YOU.



NO, WALT. IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO WANT TO GET IT AND FIX IT ALL UP FOR ME - EVEN TO INTERIOR DECORATIONS.

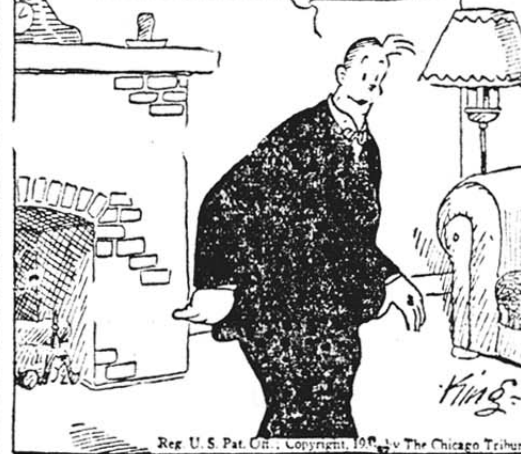


THAT REMINDS ME. I TOOK MISS FLASH OUT ONE DAY TO LOOK OVER THE POSSIBILITIES - YOU KNOW, CURTAINS AN' THINGS.



THAT'S ALL I KNEW ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.

WOULDN'T THAT BURN YOU UP! NOT THAT IT MAKES A BIT OF DIFFERENCE BUT I'LL BET DOC'S WIFE COULDN'T GET BACK HERE QUICK ENOUGH TO TELL PHYLLIS SHE SAW US.



YES, THE SUMMER COTTAGE STUFF IS ALL OFF, MR. WICKER. AND WHAT DO YOU THINK PHYLLIS WANTS TO DO INSTEAD? TAKE A TRIP ABROAD! SHE'S GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT

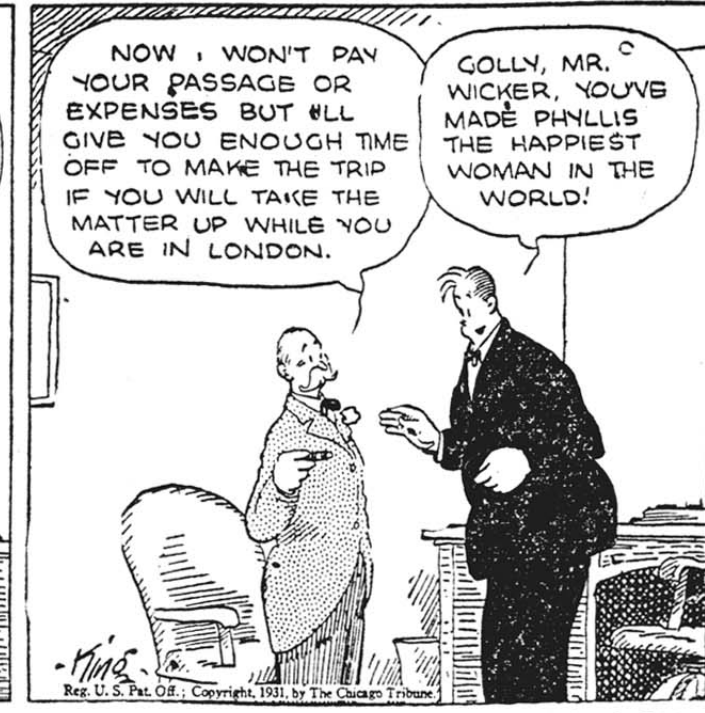
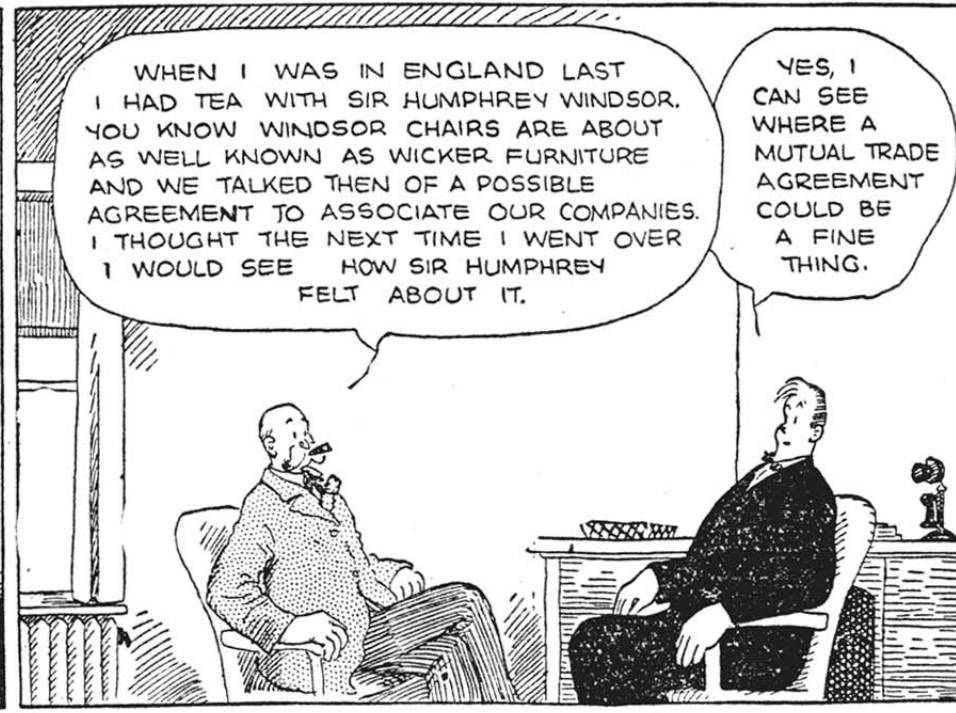
I TOLD HER IT IS ABSOLUTELY OUT OF THE QUESTION NOW. SHE SAID, YOU'RE NOT DOING SO MUCH NOW. THIS IS THE VERY TIME. YES, I SAID, BUT WHEN WE ARE NOT DOING SO MUCH IS THE TIME FOR ME TO BE ON THE JOB WORKING HARDEST.

THIS IS WHEN I SHOULD BE TRYING TO MAKE BUSINESS. I'VE GOT TO KEEP BEHIND THE SALESMEN EVERY MINUTE, I TOLD HER. WHY I COULDN'T POSSIBLY GET AWAY RIGHT NOW.

COULD I, MR. WICKER ?

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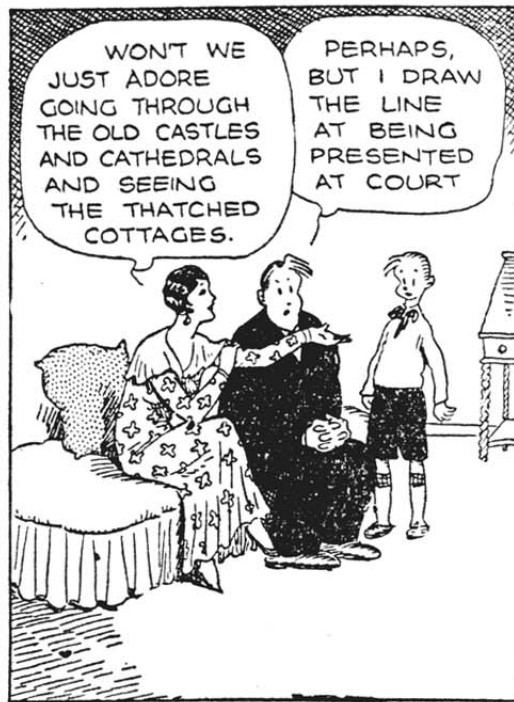






WASN'T IT WONDERFUL OF MR. WICKER TO LET YOU OFF SO YOU COULD GO TO ENGLAND, WALT!

JUST FINE. NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO USE FOR TICKETS.



WON'T WE JUST ADORE GOING THROUGH THE OLD CASTLES AND CATHEDRALS AND SEEING THE THATCHED COTTAGES.

PERHAPS, BUT I DRAW THE LINE AT BEING PRESENTED AT COURT



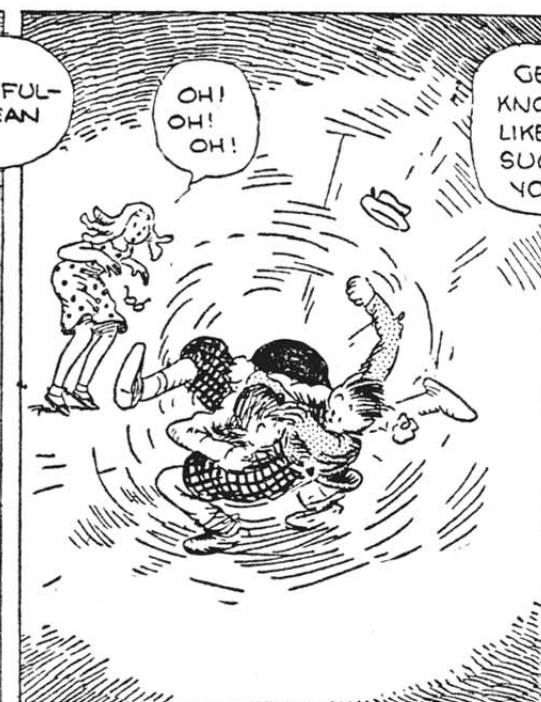
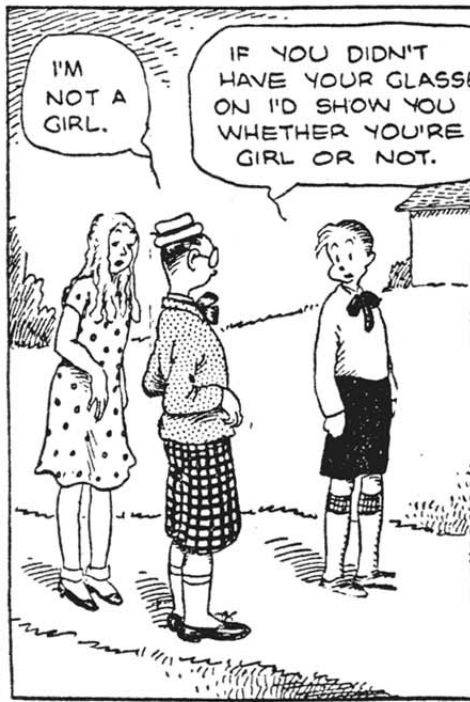
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO ENGLAND, UNCLE WALT!

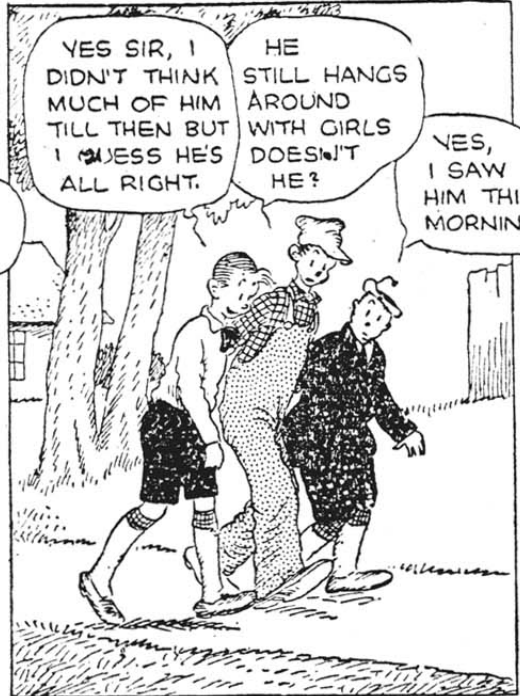
ISN'T THAT LUCKY! BECAUSE WE CAN'T TAKE YOU, SKEEZIX.

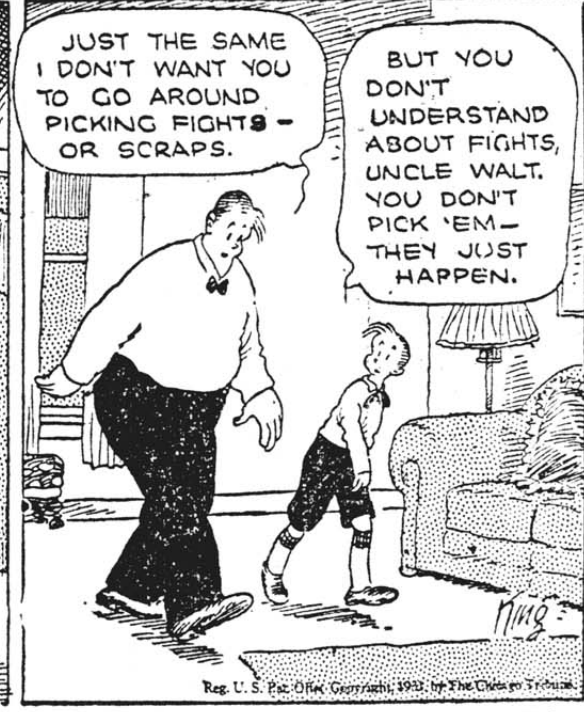
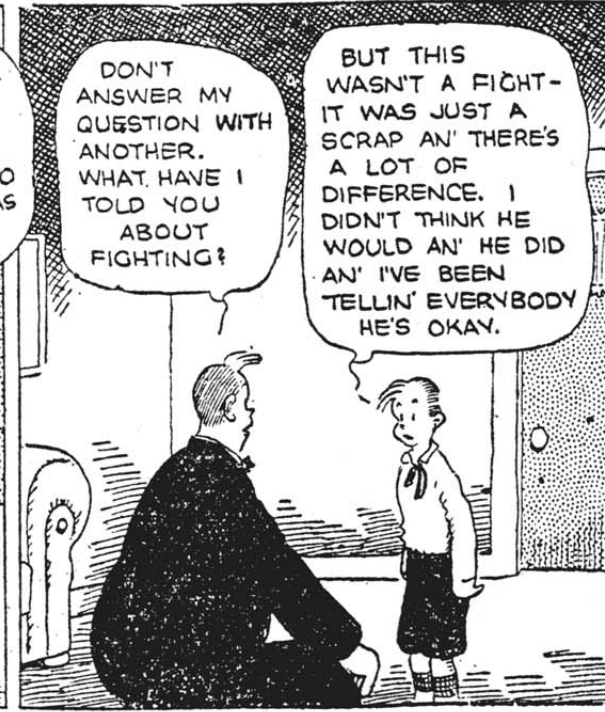


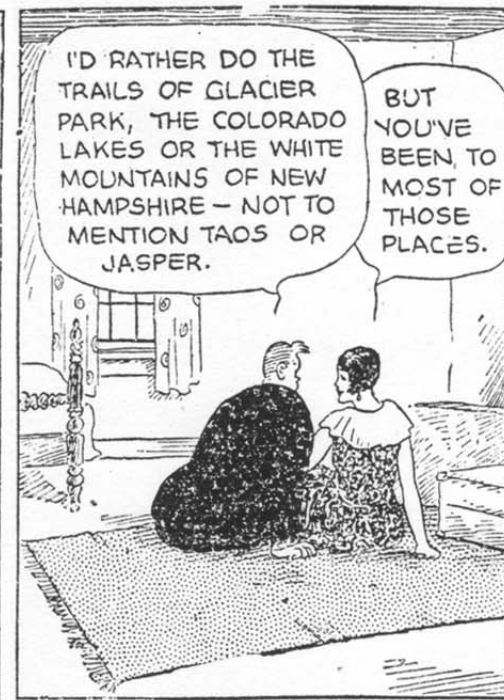
GOODY GOODY, I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO ENGLAND!

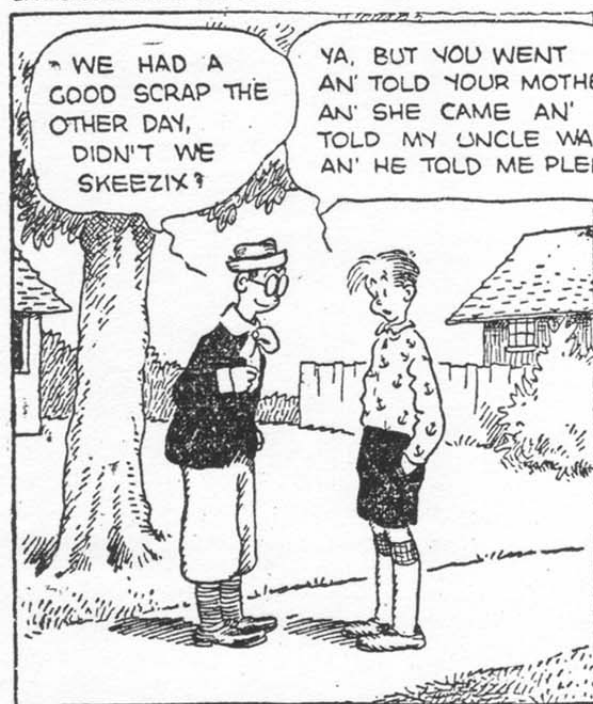
WHY GIT HET UP ABOUT THAT? NEITHA DOES I.











"WHAT DO YOU THINK, PHYLLIS! MR. WICKER HAS GOT US A STATEROOM ON THE MYOPIA, SAILING JULY 9TH. THE RESERVATION WAS CANCELED BY A FRIEND OF HIS.

THAT'S GRAND WALT. NOW YOU MUST GET SOME CLOTHES FOR ENGLAND AND A SUIT TO WALK AROUND THE DECK IN.

GEE, IF WE'VE GOT TO GET LUGGAGE AND TICKETS AND CLOTHES WE'RE SUNK BEFORE WE START.

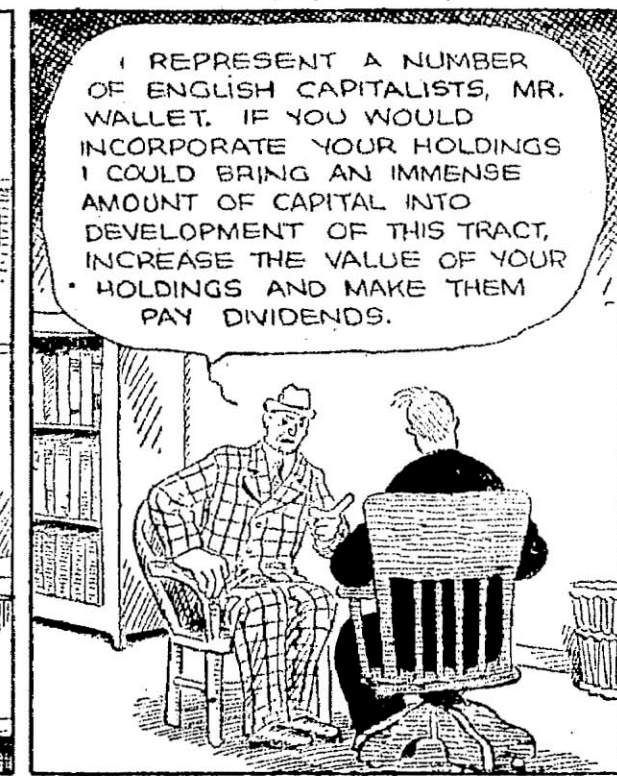
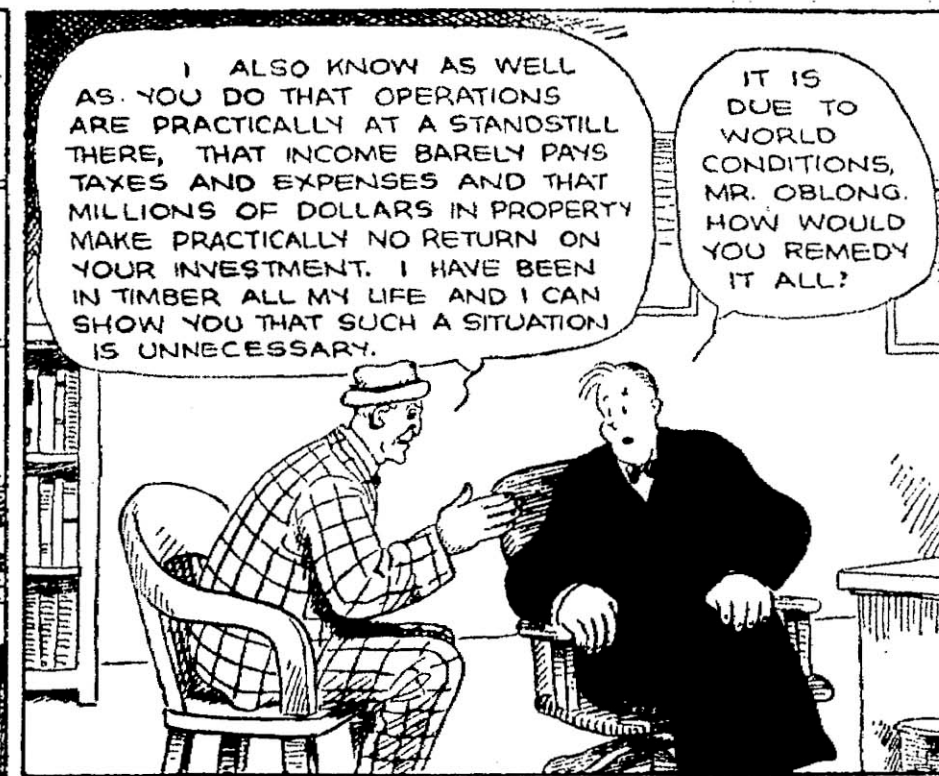
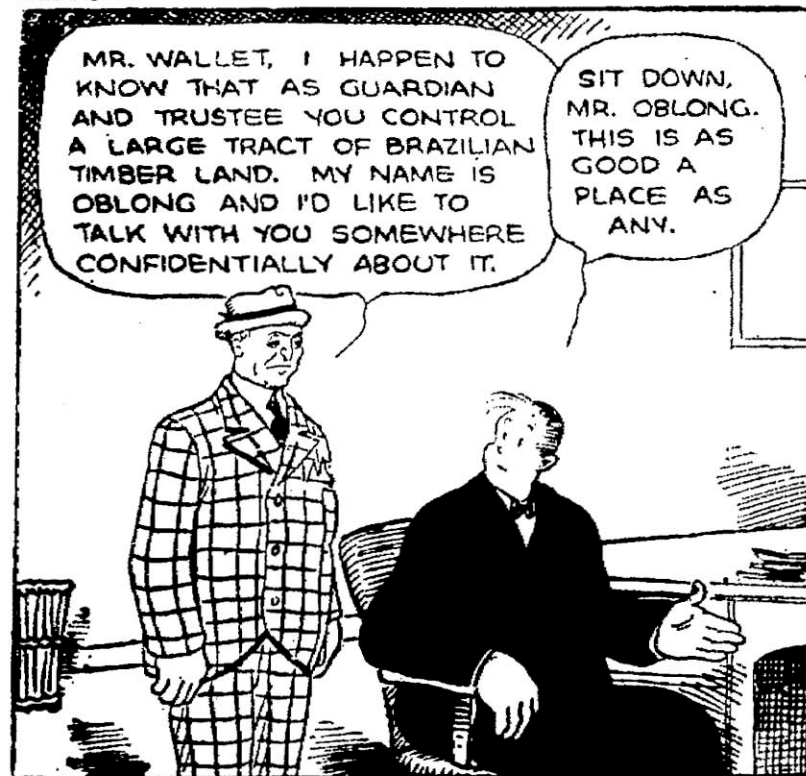
SEE HERE, PHYLLIS. I DON'T NEED ANY DECK SUIT. I CAN WEAR THESE WITH MY GOLF JACKET.

YOU WON'T WEAR PLUS FOURS ON THE BOAT!

AND YOU SAY I'VE GOT TO TAKE MY TUXEDO ALONG! WHAT'S THE IDEA? NOBODY KNOWS US FROM ADAM.

WHY CERTAINLY — WE'LL HAVE TO DRESS FOR DINNER. HERE'S A LITTLE DINNER DRESS I GOT. HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?





WE'VE GOT TO GET OUR PASSPORTS YOU KNOW, WALT

YES, BUT I'VE GOT THIS LUNCHEON ON WITH MR. OBLONG, WHO WANTS TO INCORPORATE SKEEZIX'S BRAZILIAN TIMBER TRACT. IT'S A COLOSSAL DEAL.



I DON'T EXACTLY FOLLOW YOU, MR. OBLONG.

WELL SUPPOSE THE ACTUAL VALUE OF YOUR TRACT IS SEVEN MILLIONS. WE WOULD INCORPORATE FOR TWENTY MILLIONS, PUT THE TRACT IN AT ELEVEN MILLIONS, RAISE THE OTHER NINE MILLIONS CASH BY SELLING STOCK. YOU WOULD MAKE FOUR MILLIONS RIGHT THERE AND STILL OWN MORE THAN HALF THE STOCK, A CONTROLLING INTEREST.



YOU TALK IN BIG FIGURES. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT TO PUT THE TRACT IN AT ELEVEN MILLIONS WHEN IT IS WORTH SEVEN IS WATERING THE STOCK CONSIDERABLY.

DO YOU REALIZE, MR. WALLET THAT IF THIS WAS A STOCK JOBBING PROPOSITION THE TRACT WOULD BE VALUED AT TWENTY MILLIONS AND FIFTY MILLIONS IN STOCK SOLD? MY ENGLISH CLIENTS ARE HARD HEADED SUBSTANTIAL MEN AND THIS IS A CONSERVATIVE PROPOSITION.



NOT ONLY THAT, BUT COMPETENT OPERATION WOULD PRODUCE ENORMOUS DIVIDENDS ON YOUR ELEVEN MILLIONS AND DOUBLE AND TREBLE THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES AND OF YOUR STOCK.

WELL, WE'RE TRAVELING FAST BUT I'M GETTING SO-I CAN KEEP UP. TELL ME SOME MORE.

