

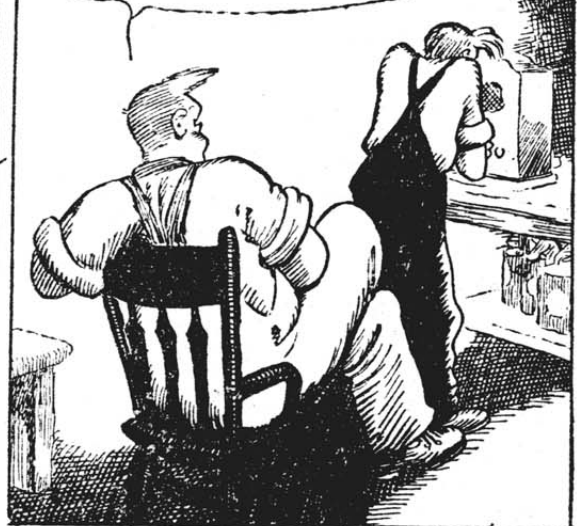
YOU THINK FARM LIFE IS TOUGH, SKEEZIX BUT LOOK, THE FARMER NEVER USED TO HAVE THE TELEPHONE.



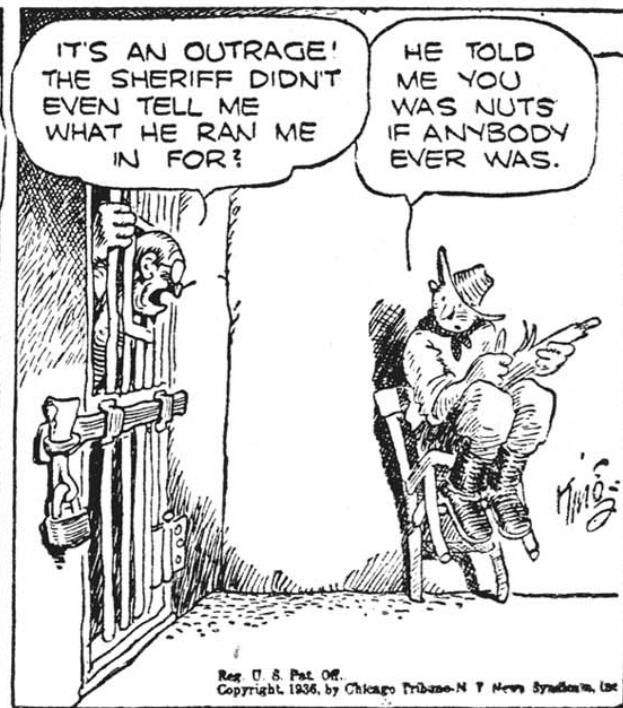
AND THINK OF HITCHING UP A TEAM AND DRIVING MILES TO TOWN! WITH A CAR AND GOOD ROADS IT'S A SNAP

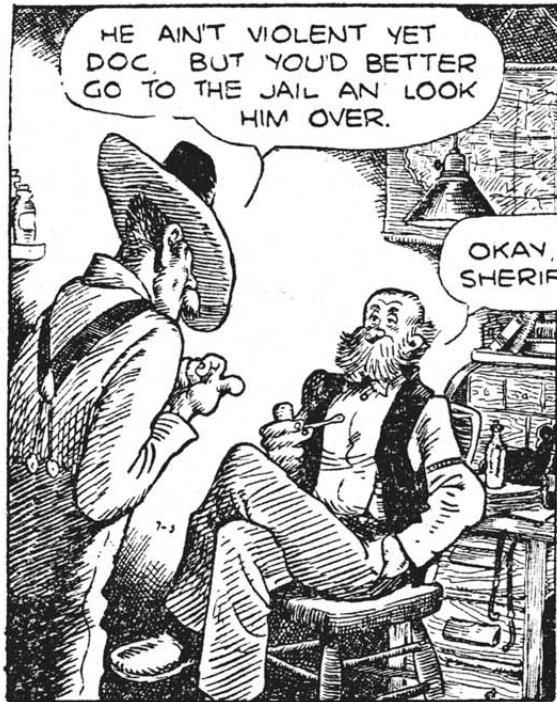


THEN THERE IS THE RADIO — GREAT MUSIC — GREAT THOUGHTS FROM GREAT MINDS — TURN IT ON.



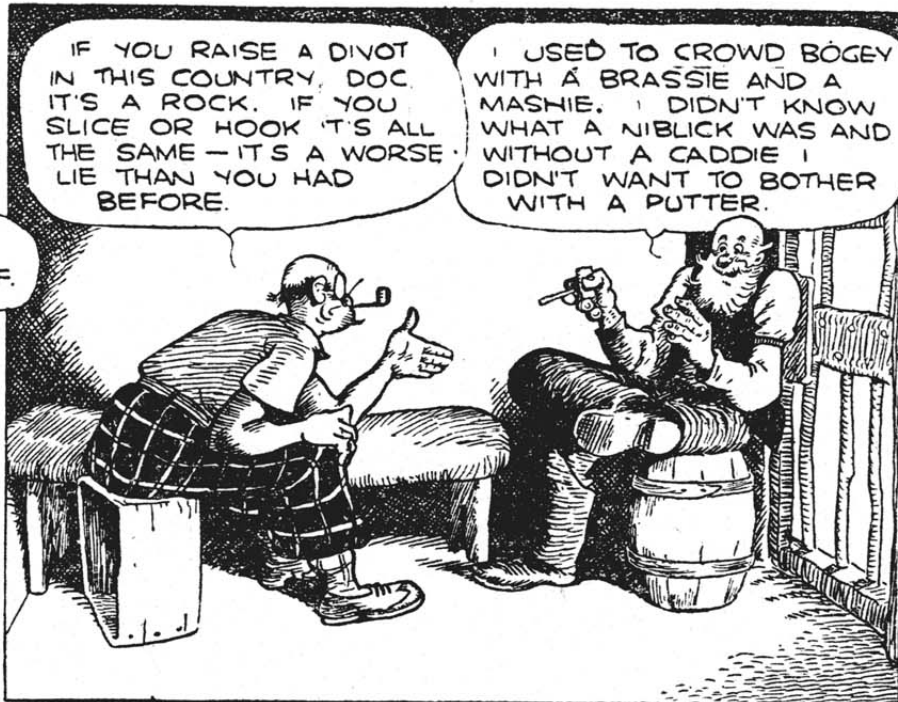
AND NOT A MOMENT OF THESE LAST FOURTEEN YEARS — BUT THAT HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO MY CONSTITUENTS — IF ELECTED PROMISE —





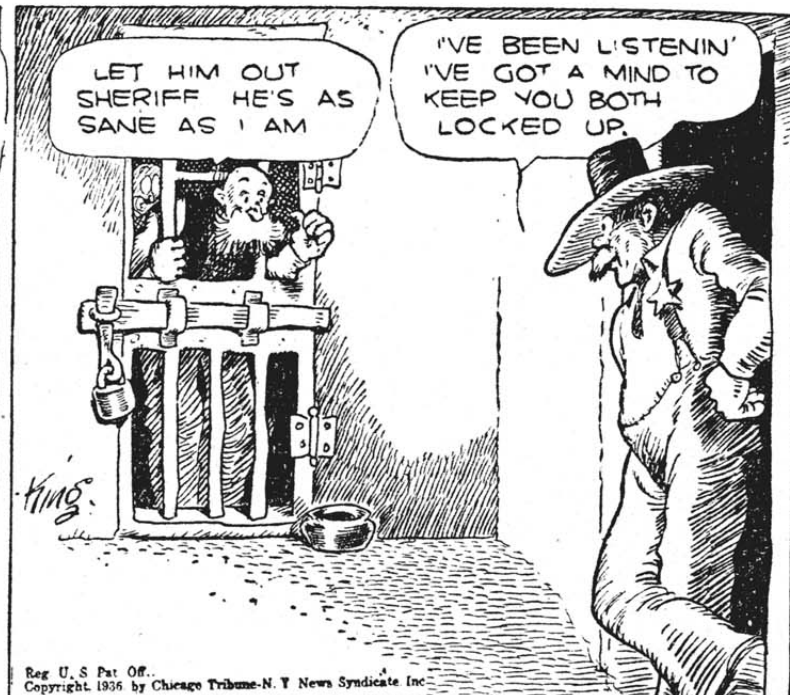
HE AIN'T VIOLENT YET DOC. BUT YOU'D BETTER GO TO THE JAIL AN' LOOK HIM OVER.

OKAY, SHERIFF.



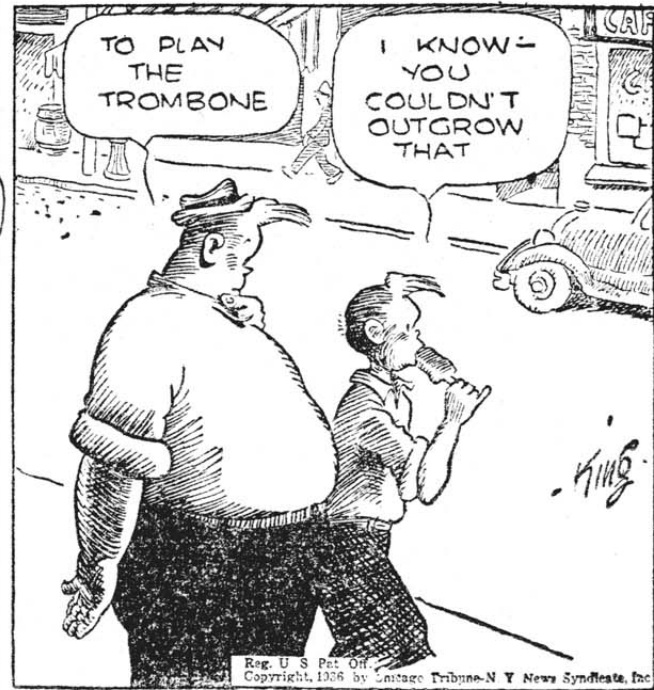
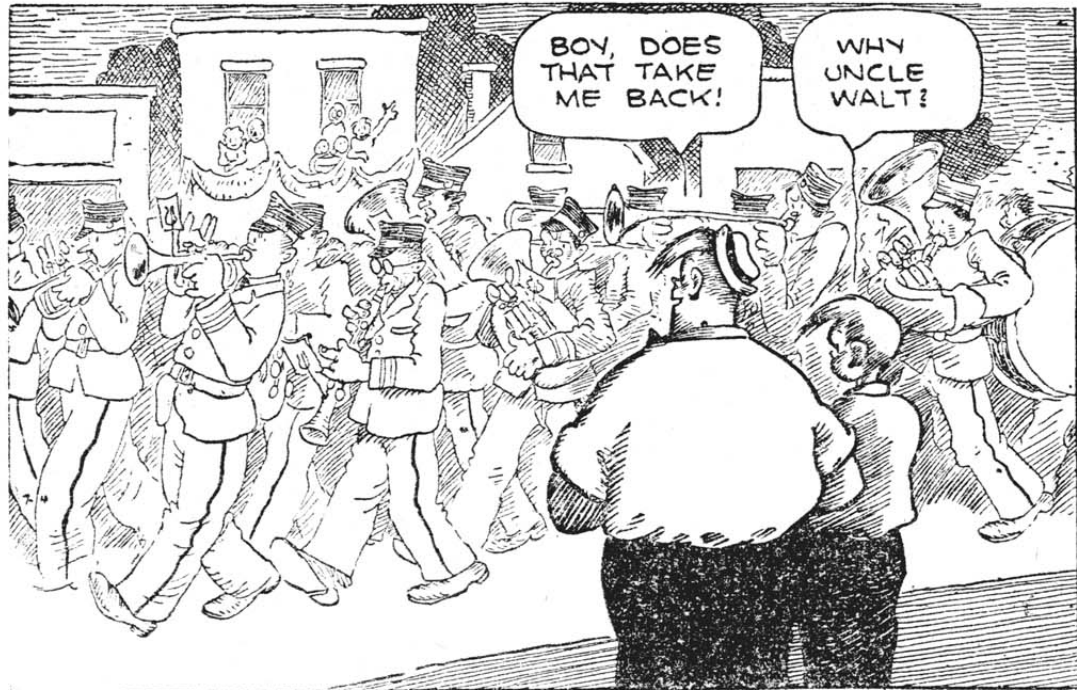
IF YOU RAISE A DIVOT IN THIS COUNTRY, DOC. IT'S A ROCK. IF YOU SLICE OR HOOK IT'S ALL THE SAME — IT'S A WORSE LIE THAN YOU HAD BEFORE.

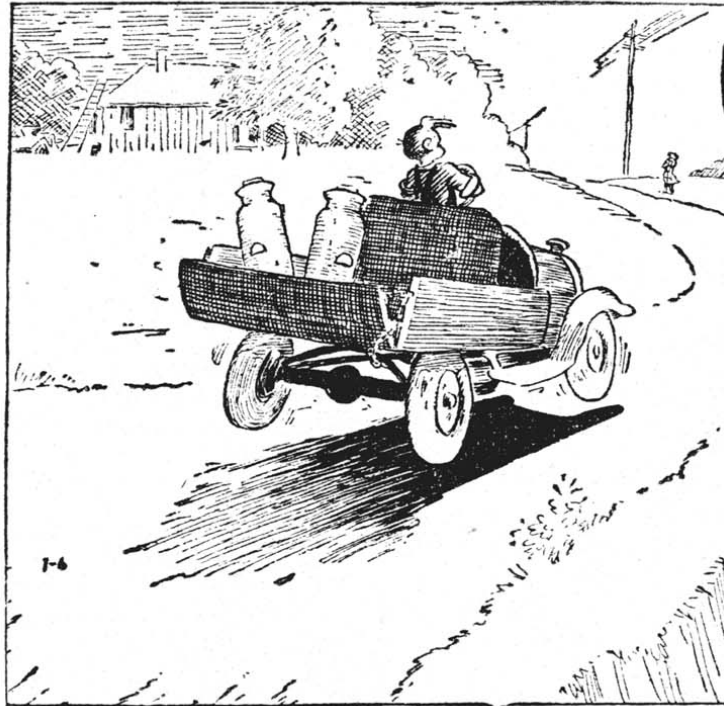
I USED TO CROWD BOGEY WITH A BRASSIE AND A MASHIE. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A NIBLICK WAS AND WITHOUT A CADDIE I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER WITH A PUTTER.



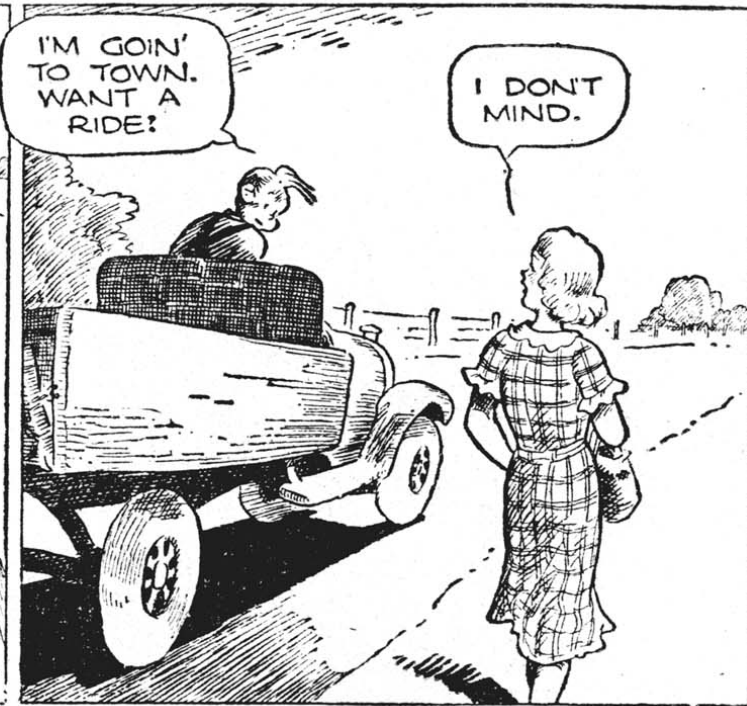
LET HIM OUT SHERIFF HE'S AS SANE AS I AM

'I'VE BEEN L'ISTENIN' I'VE GOT A MIND TO KEEP YOU BOTH LOCKED UP.



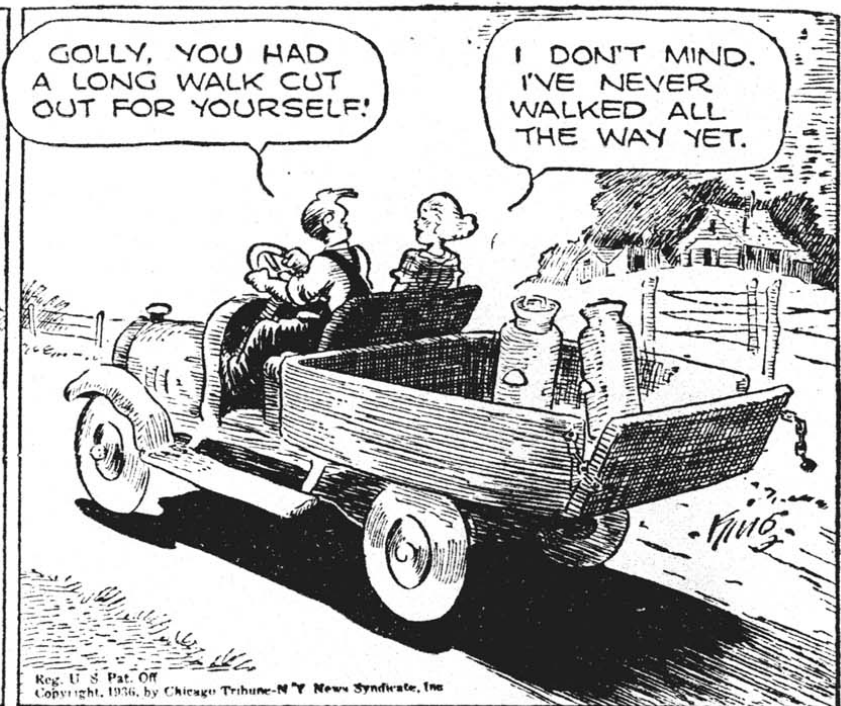


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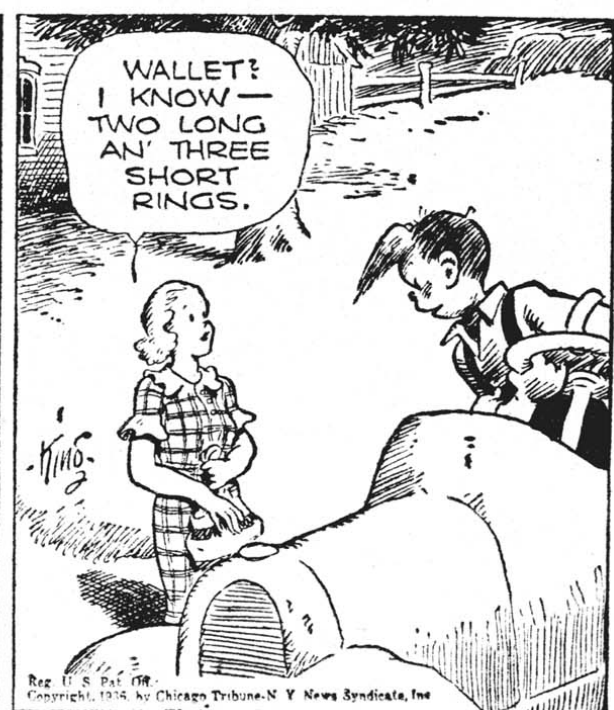
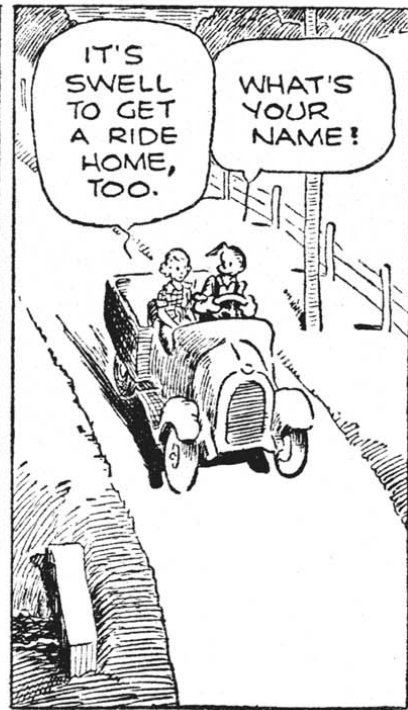
I'M GOIN' TO TOWN. WANT A RIDE?

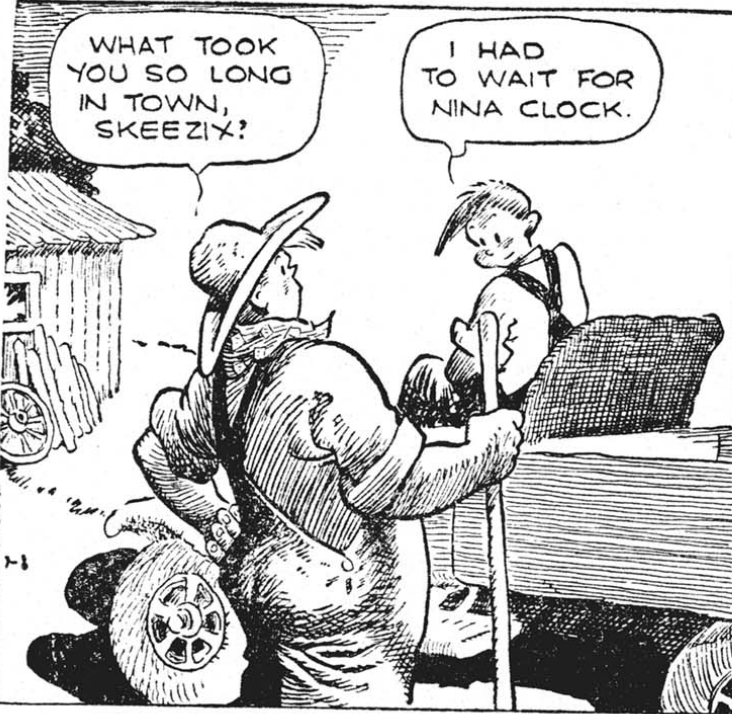
I DON'T MIND.



GOLLY, YOU HAD A LONG WALK OUT FOR YOURSELF!

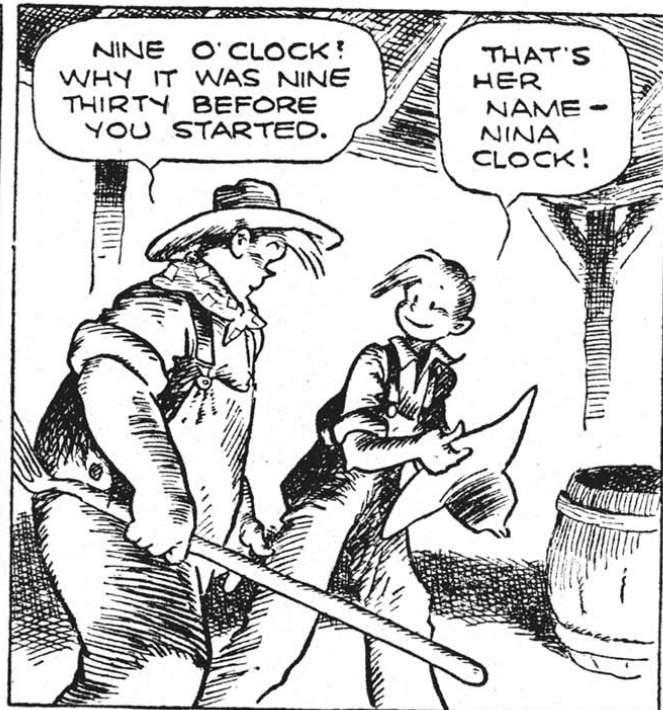
I DON'T MIND. I'VE NEVER WALKED ALL THE WAY YET.





WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG IN TOWN, SKEEZIX?

I HAD TO WAIT FOR NINA CLOCK.



NINE O'CLOCK? WHY IT WAS NINE THIRTY BEFORE YOU STARTED.

THAT'S HER NAME - NINA CLOCK!

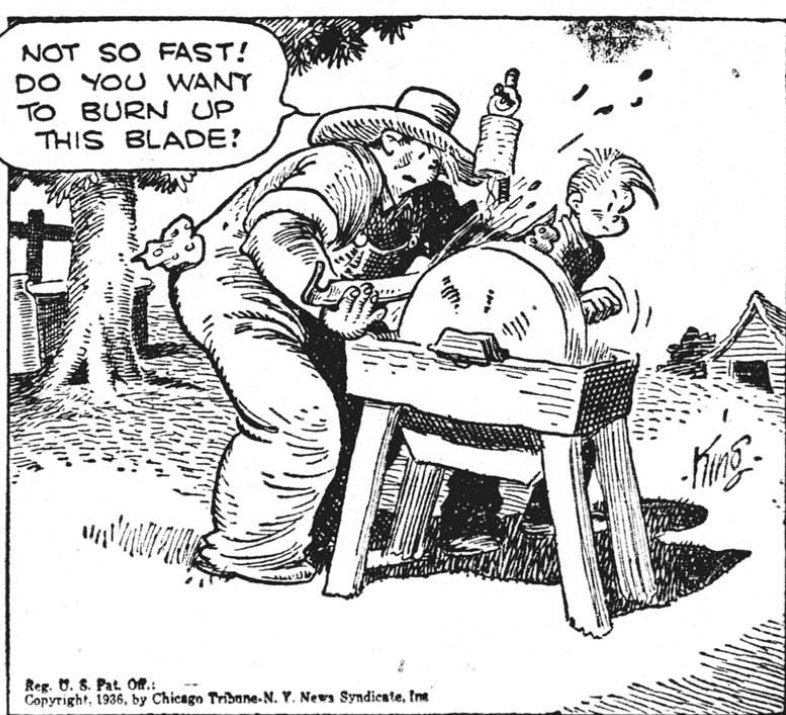
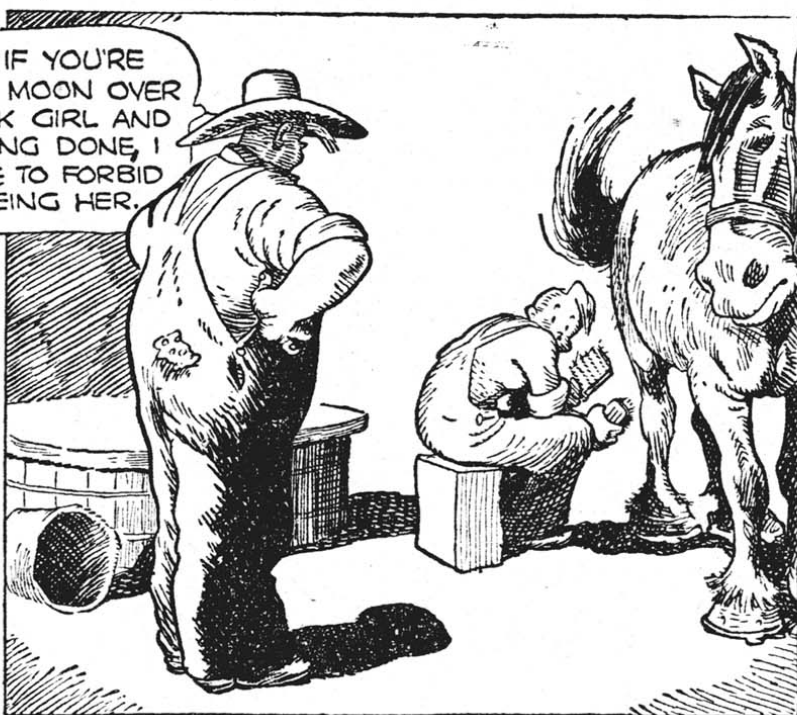


YOU KNOW—ONE OF THE CLOCKS THAT LIVE THREE MILES DOWN THE CREAMERY ROAD.

OH YES, ON THE PARTY LINE. THREE SHORTS AND A LONG.

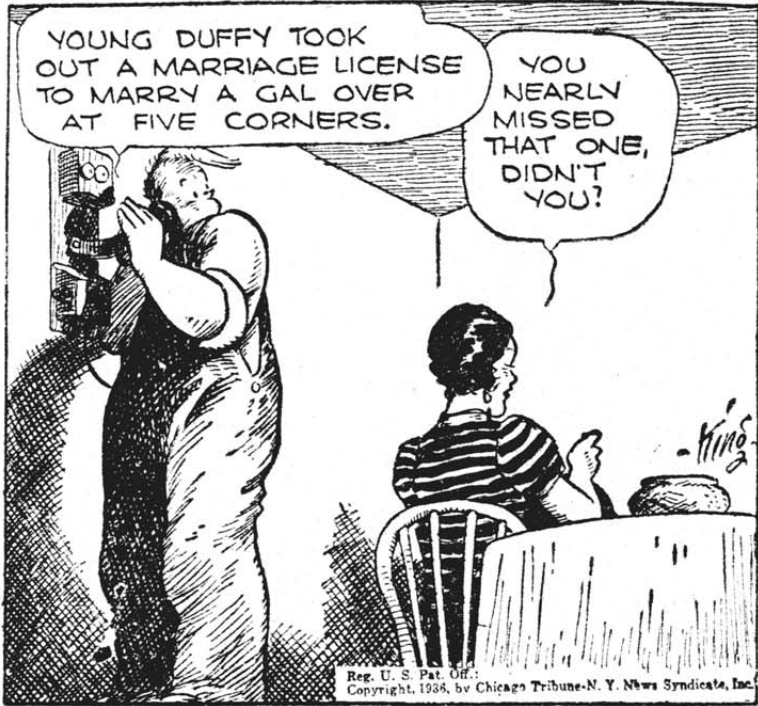


SKEEZIX, IF YOU'RE GOING TO MOON OVER THIS CLOCK GIRL AND GET NOTHING DONE, I WILL HAVE TO FORBID YOU SEEING HER.



NOT SO FAST! DO YOU WANT TO BURN UP THIS BLADE?





I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ANY GOLF CLUB IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY.

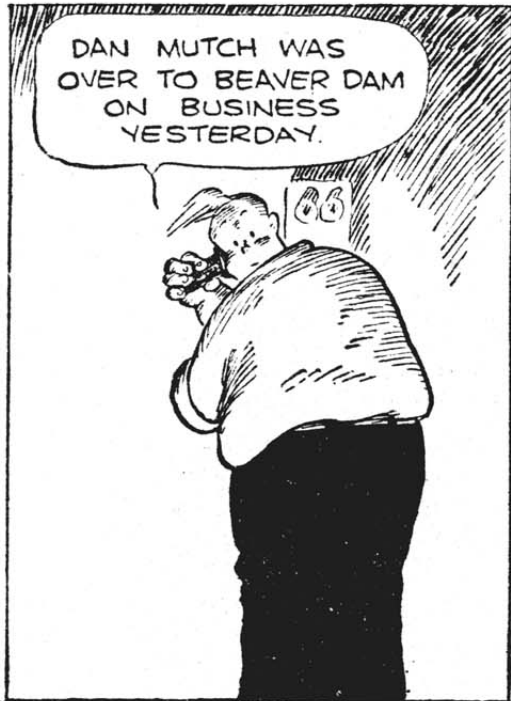
THERE ISN'T. I'M JUST PLAYING SOLO ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

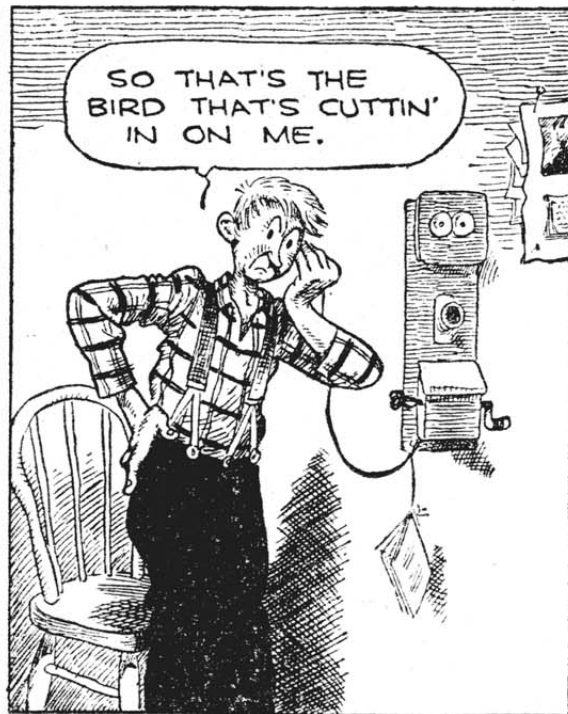
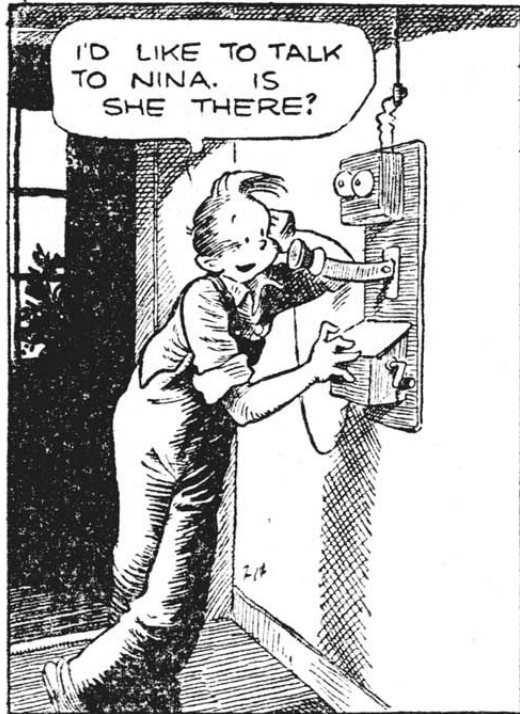
DO YOU MIND IF I PLAY A FEW HOLES WITH YOU?

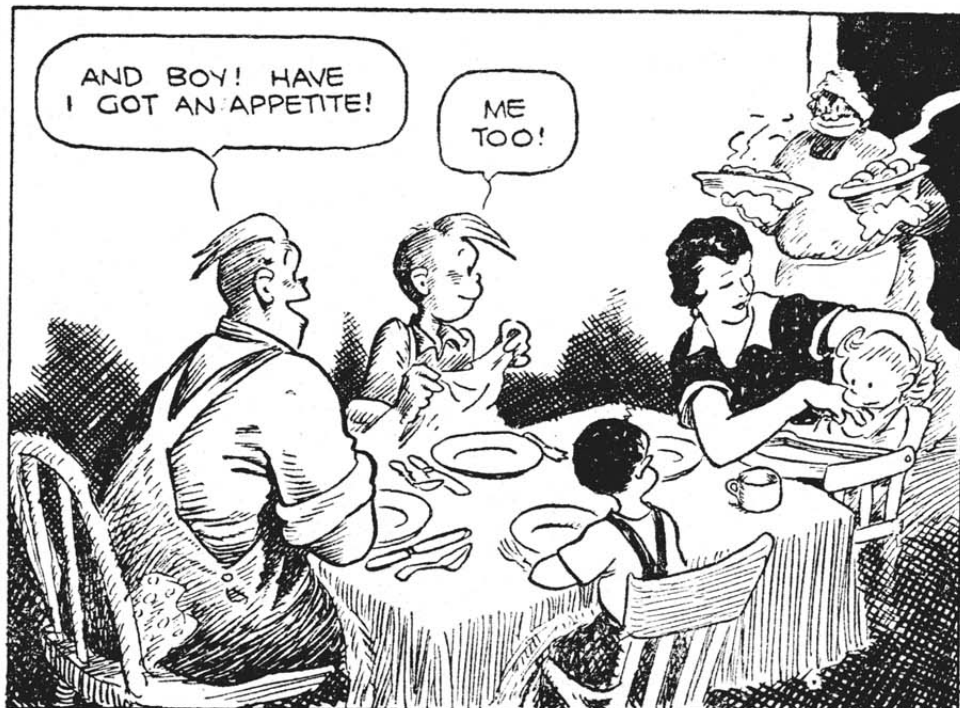
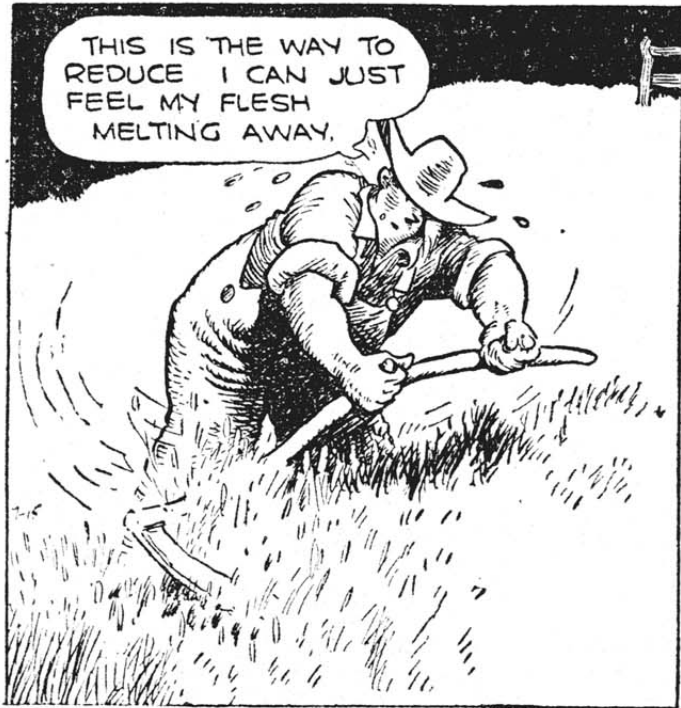
NOT AT ALL— ONLY THERE AREN'T ANY HOLES.

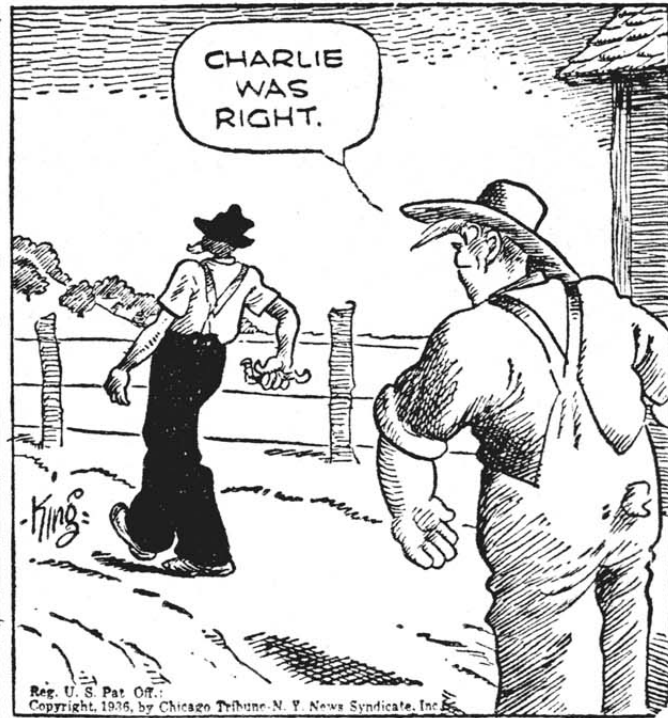
ALL RIGHT. I'LL PLAY YOU TWO BITS A HILL.

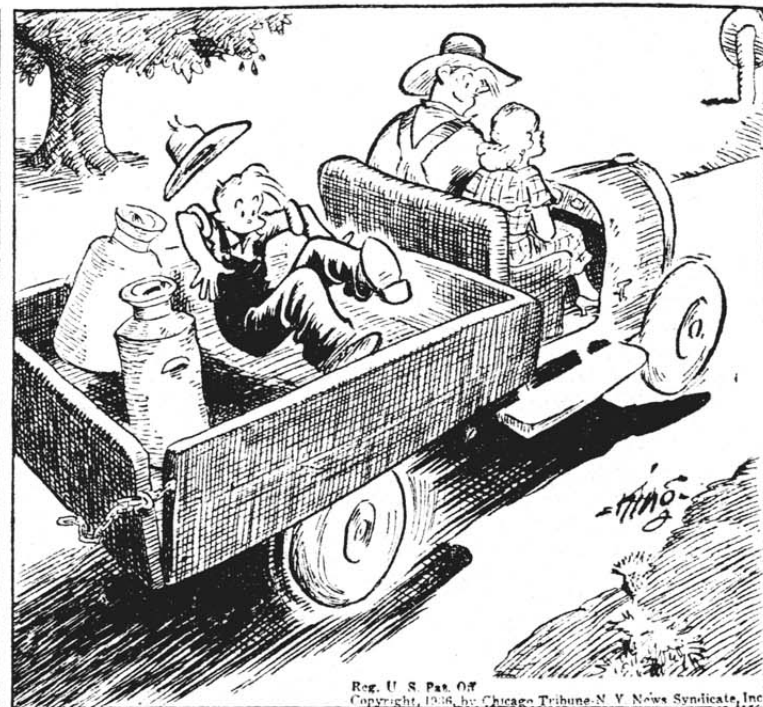
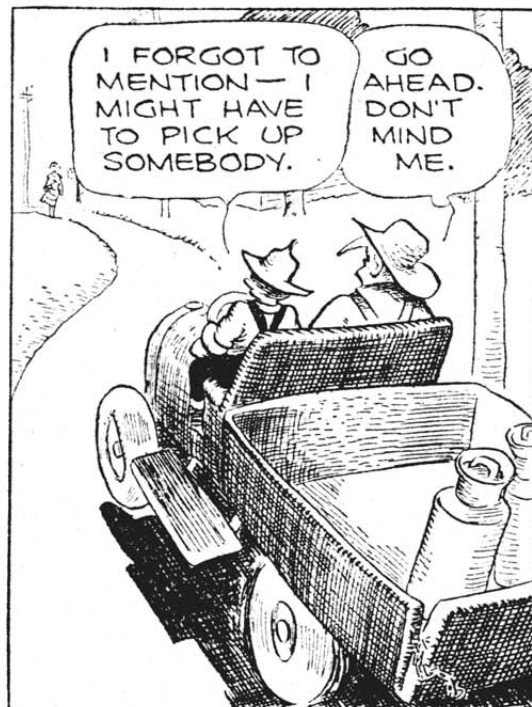


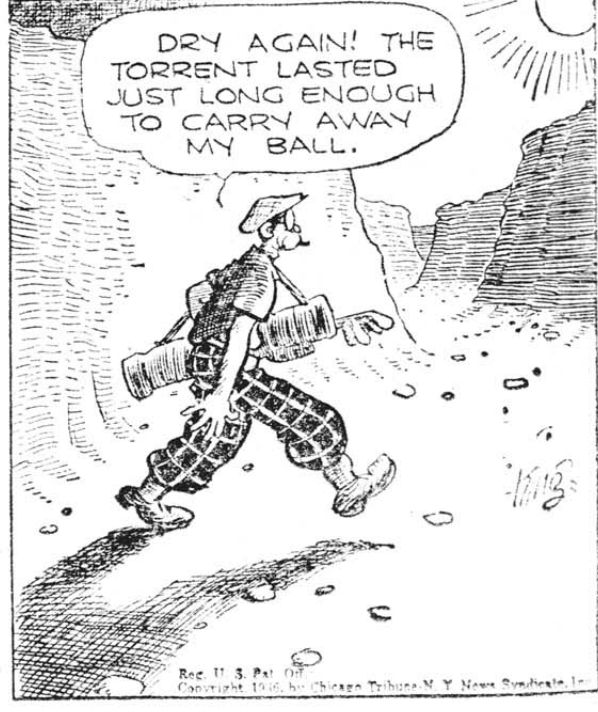










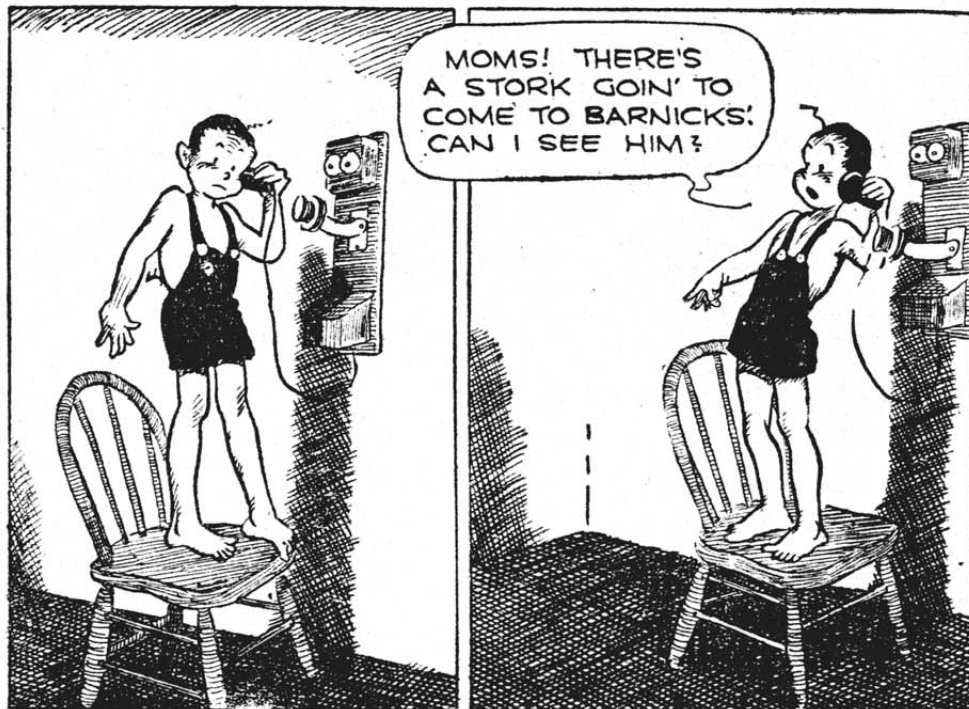


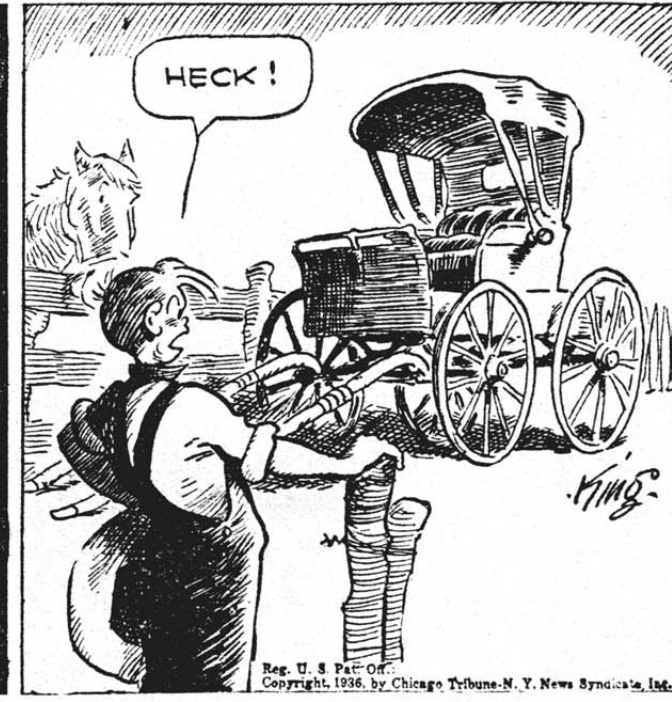




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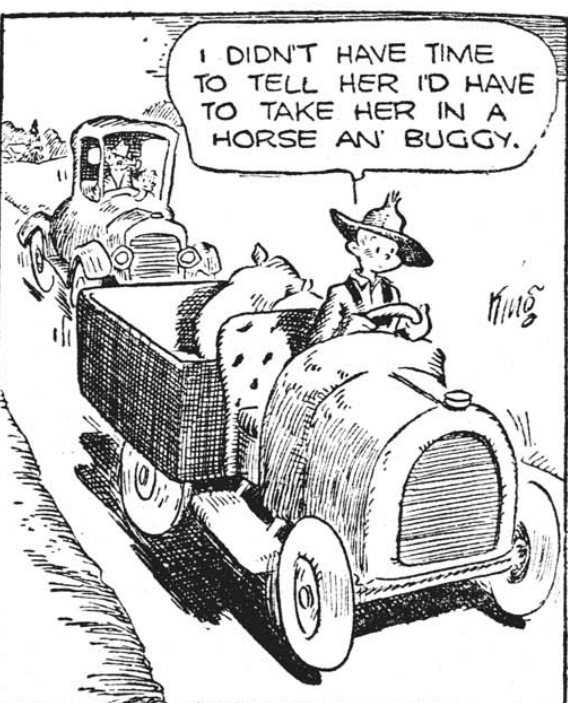
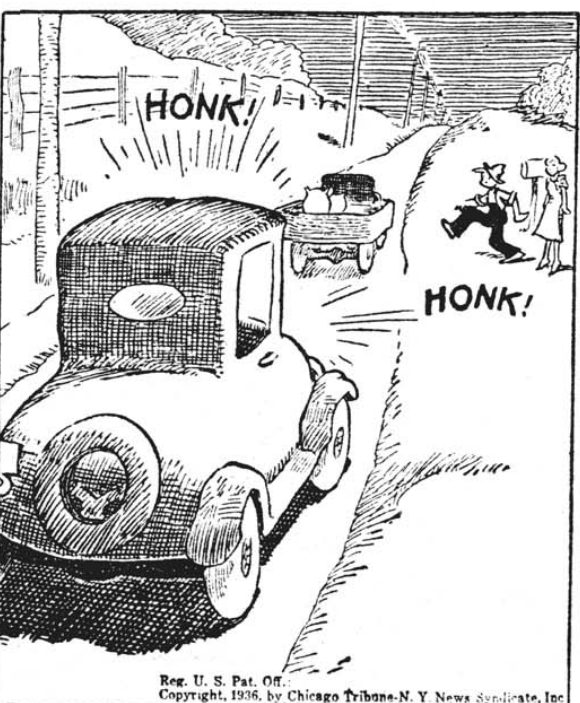






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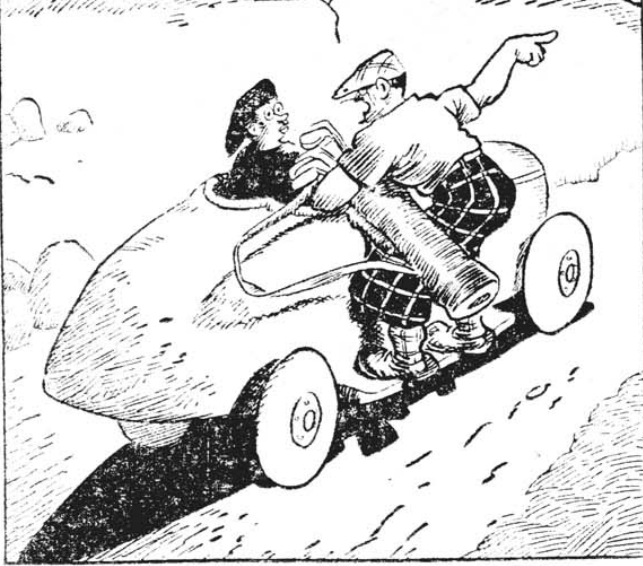
# —SORRY ROAD BUSY



HEY YOU! LEAVE THAT BALL ALONE!

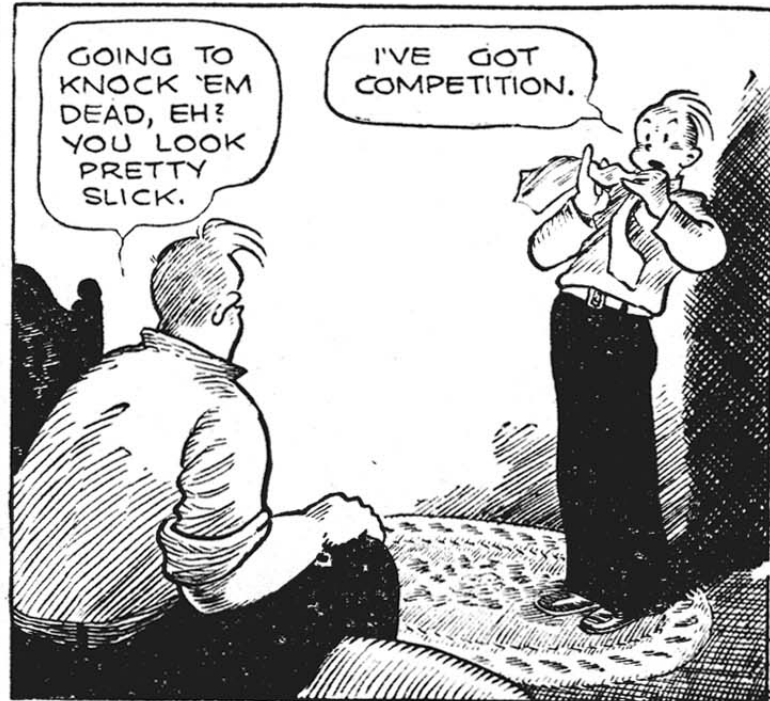


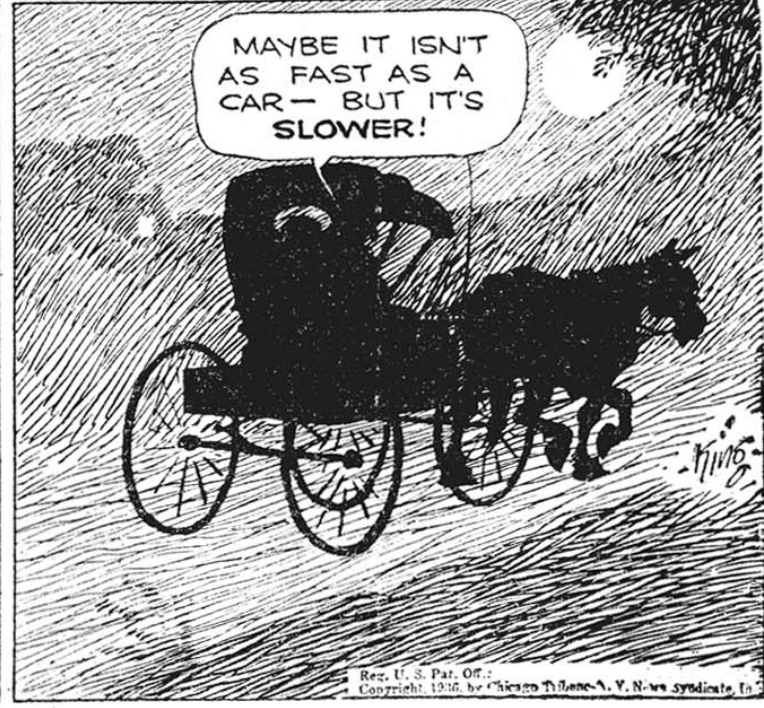
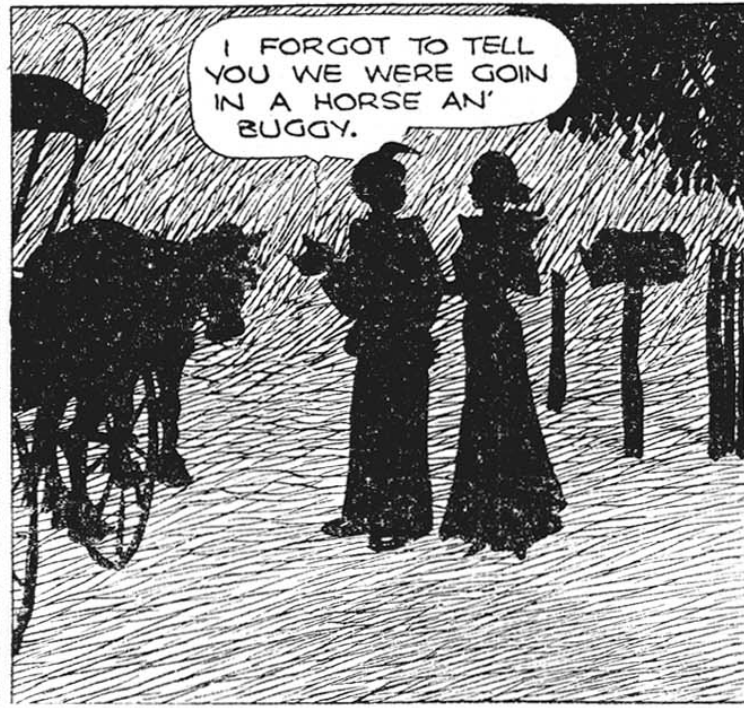
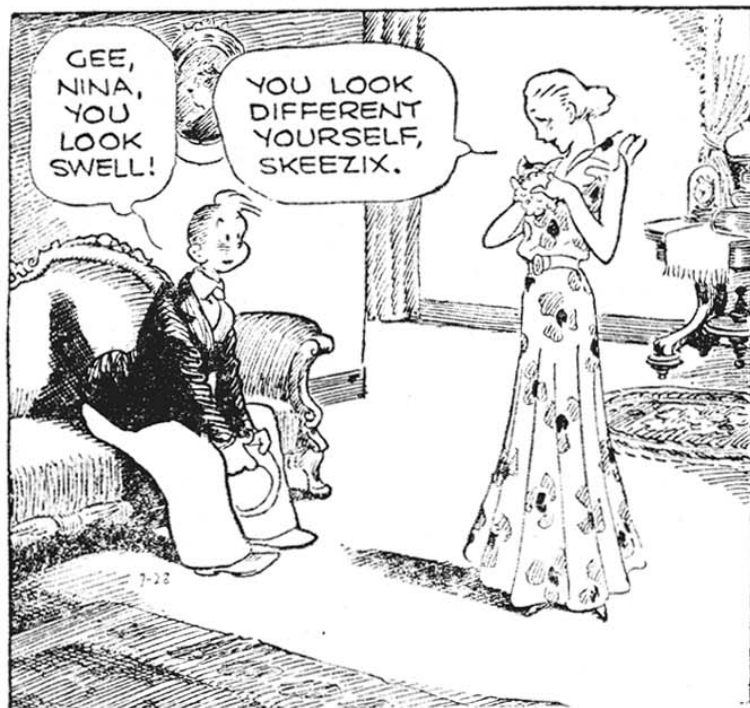
HEY, FOLLOW THAT BIRD, WILL YA?



THANKS, MISTER. I GOT A MILE AND A HALF OUT OF THAT MASHIE SHOT ANYWAY



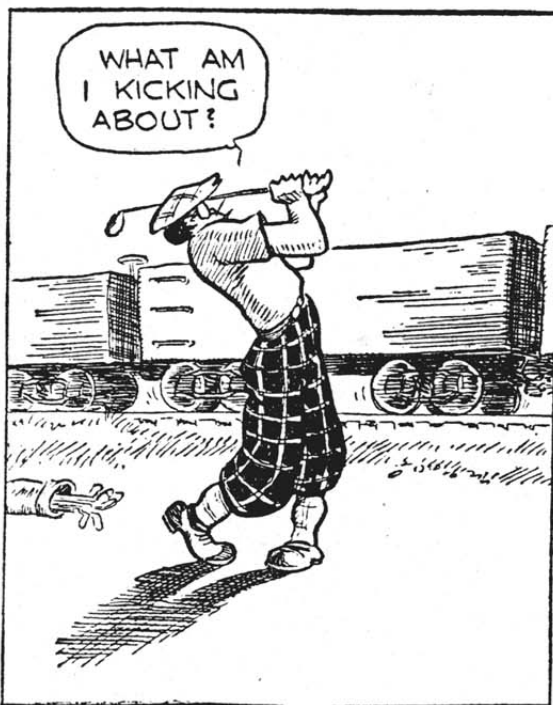




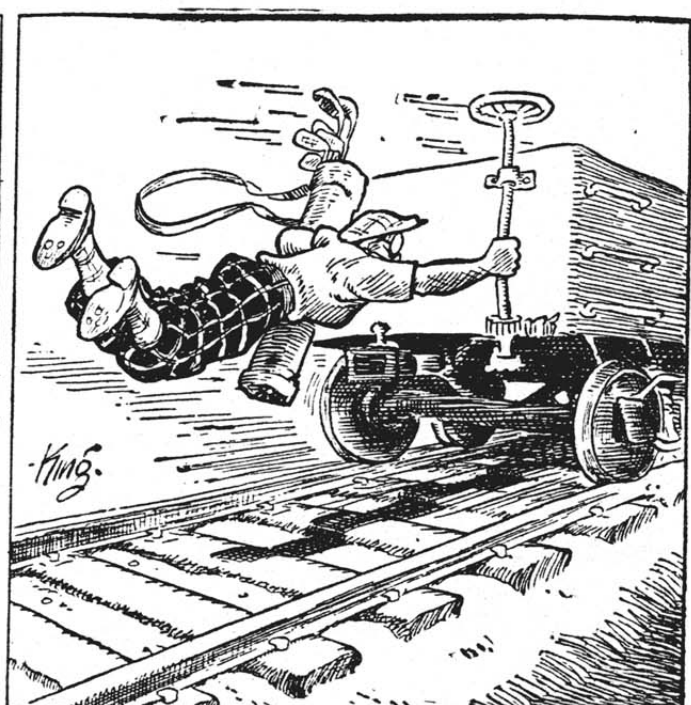


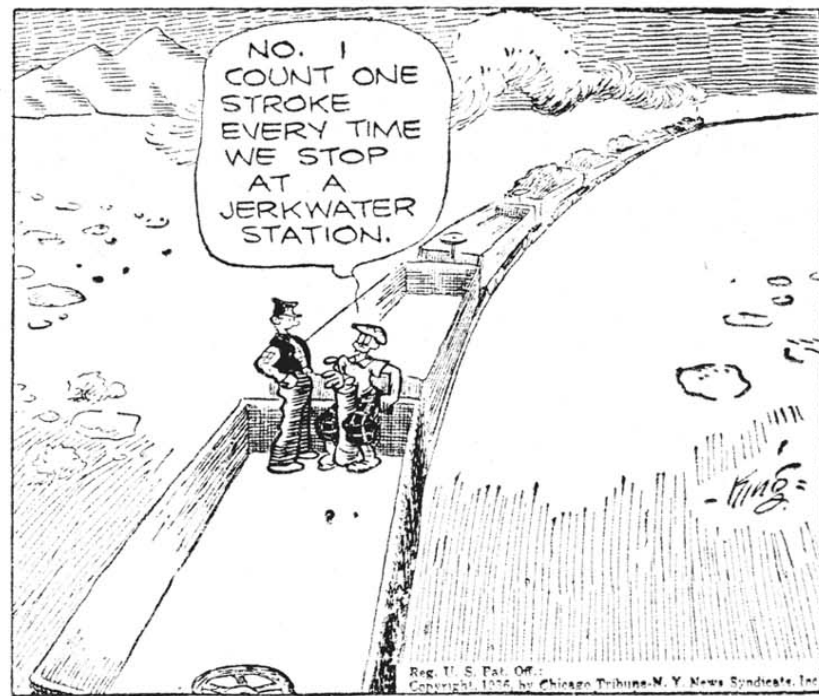


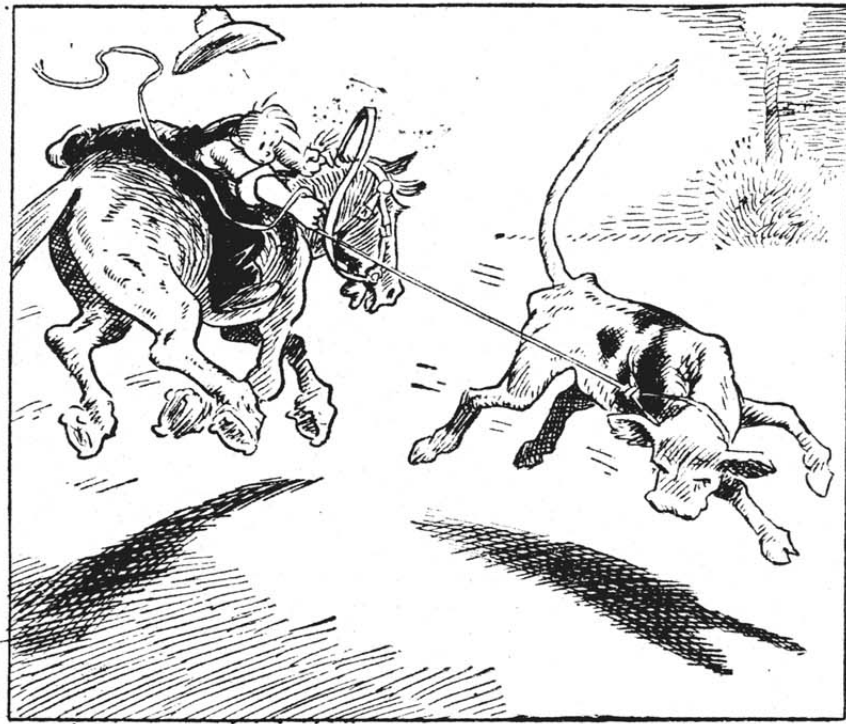
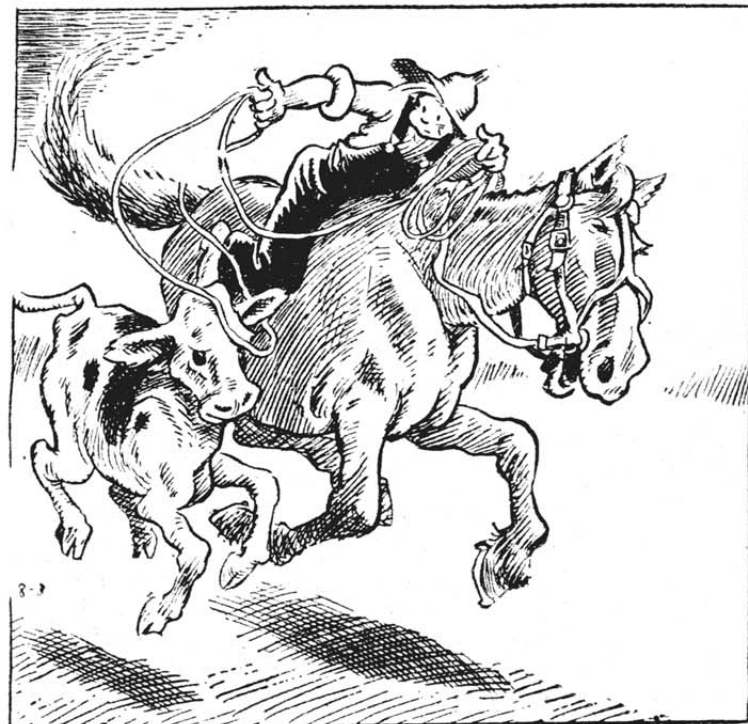


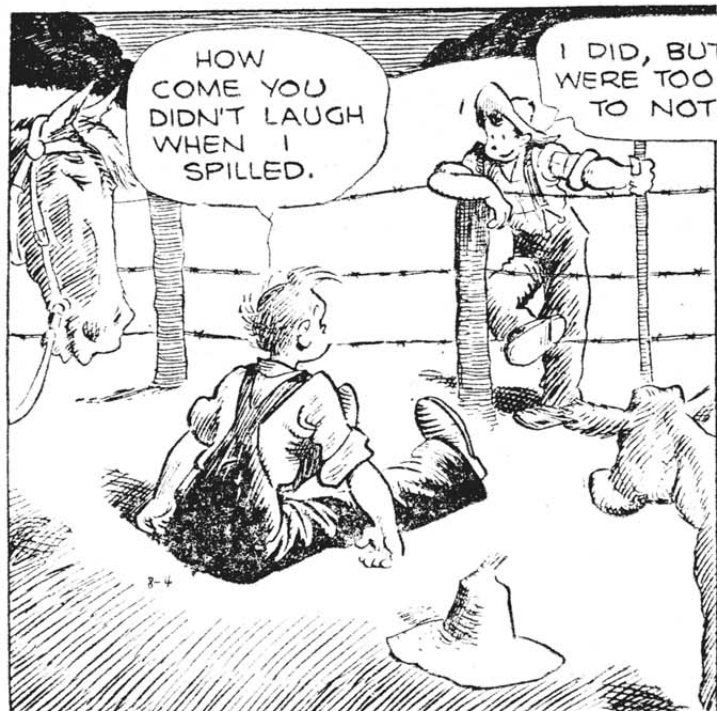


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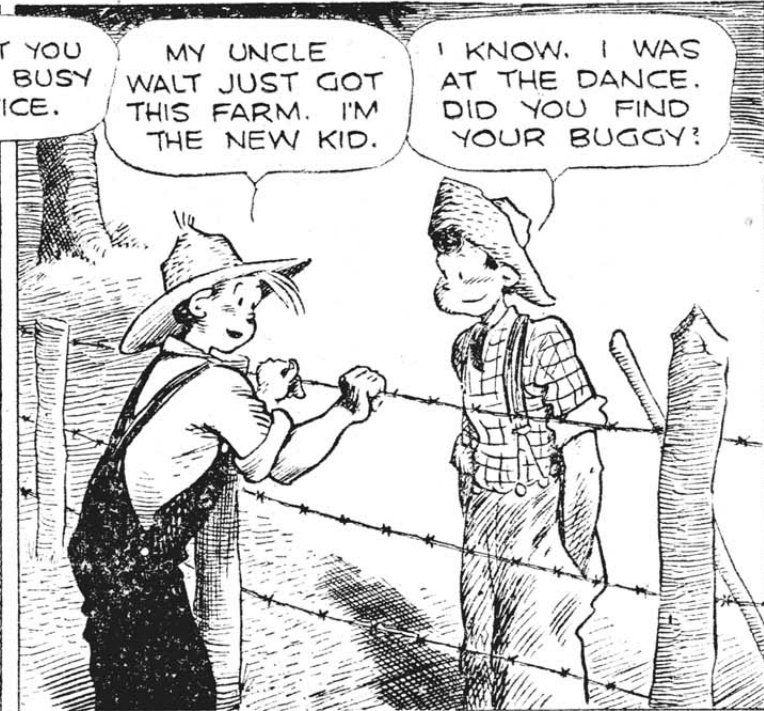






HOW COME YOU DIDN'T LAUGH WHEN I SPILLED.

I DID, BUT YOU WERE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE.



MY UNCLE WALT JUST GOT THIS FARM. I'M THE NEW KID.

I KNOW. I WAS AT THE DANCE. DID YOU FIND YOUR BUGGY?



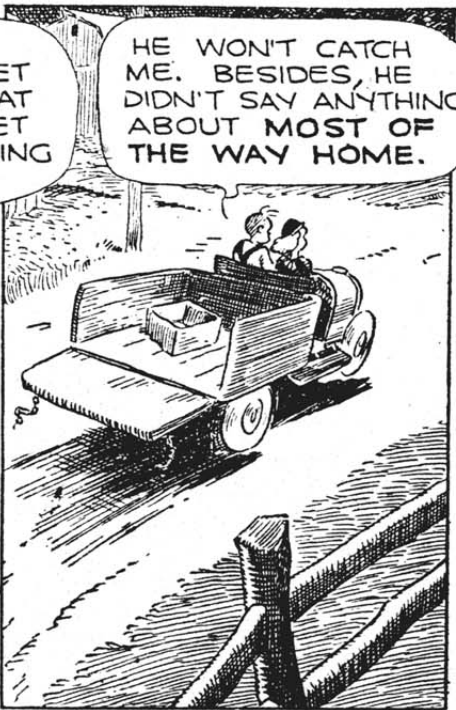
NEXT DAY, IT WAS ON THE SCHOOLHOUSE PORCH.

YES, PETE MOSS HAS BEEN BRAGGIN' ABOUT IT. HE WAS SORE BECAUSE YOU TOOK HIS GIRL.



I MISSED YOU COMIN' IN. BUT YOU'LL GO BACK WITH ME, NINA?

MY FATHER SAID 'DON'T LET ME CATCH THAT YOUNG WALLET SQUIRT BRINGING YOU HOME.'



HE WON'T CATCH ME. BESIDES, HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MOST OF THE WAY HOME.



WHY, WHAT'S HE GOT AGAINST ME?

HE WAS SORE ABOUT US RIDIN' THE HORSE HOME. BESIDES, HE LIKES PETE MOSS BETTER.

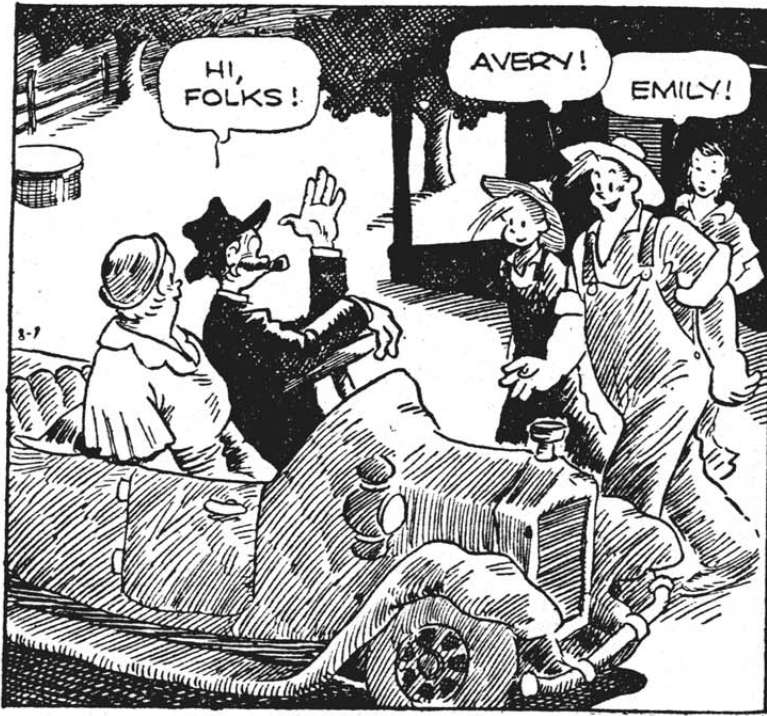


PETE MOSS! WHY?

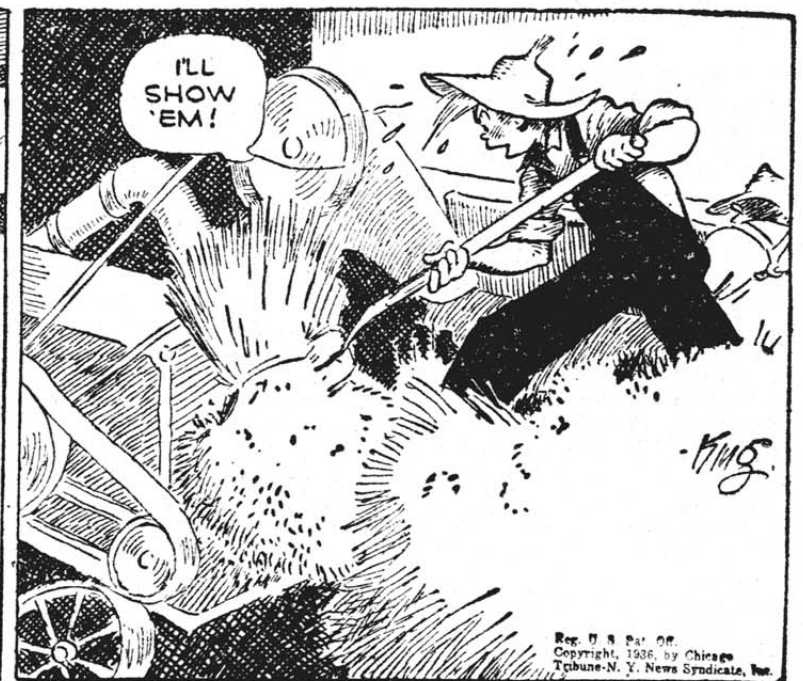
HE SAYS PETE IS ONLY 15 BUT HE CAN DO A MAN'S WORK IN THE FIELD WITH ANY OF THEM.

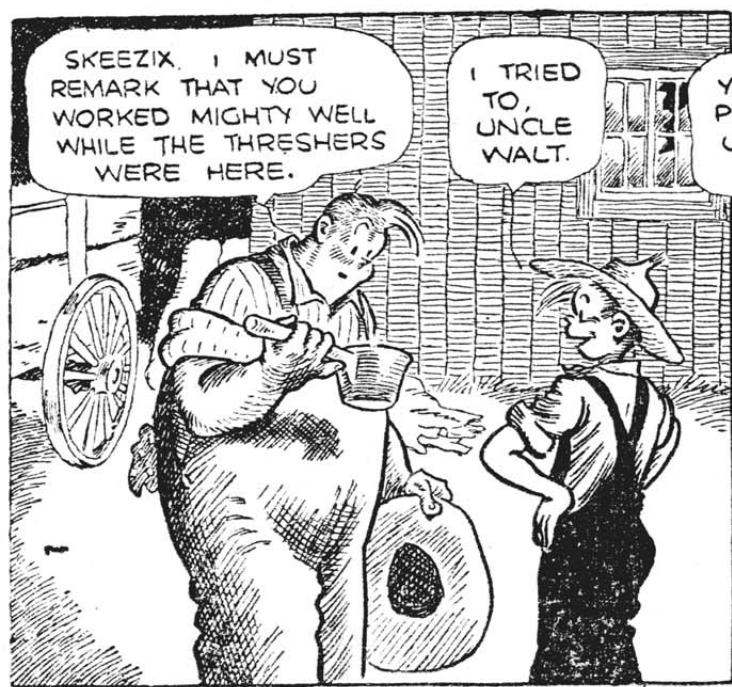


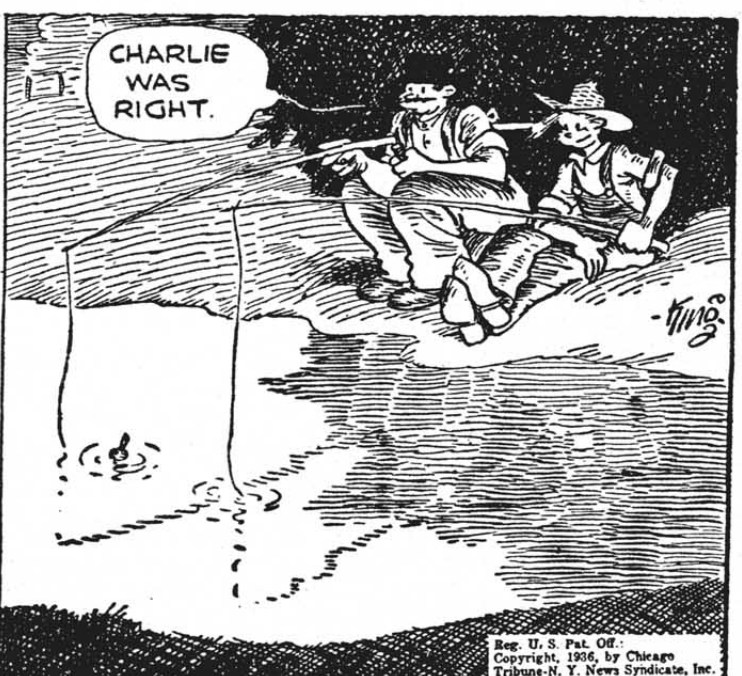
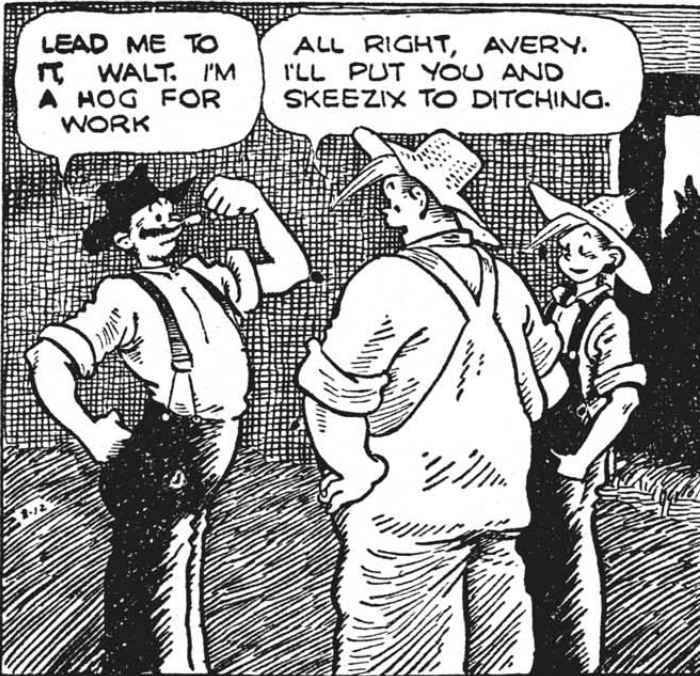




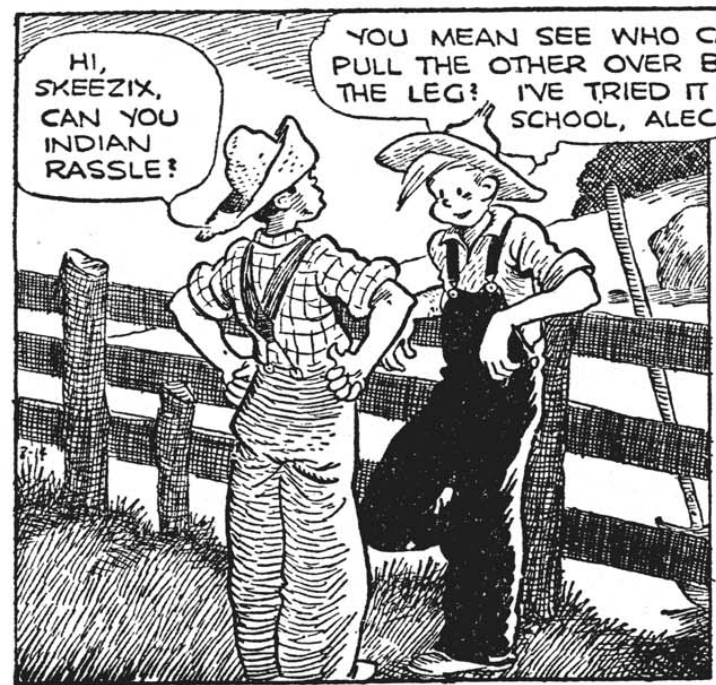


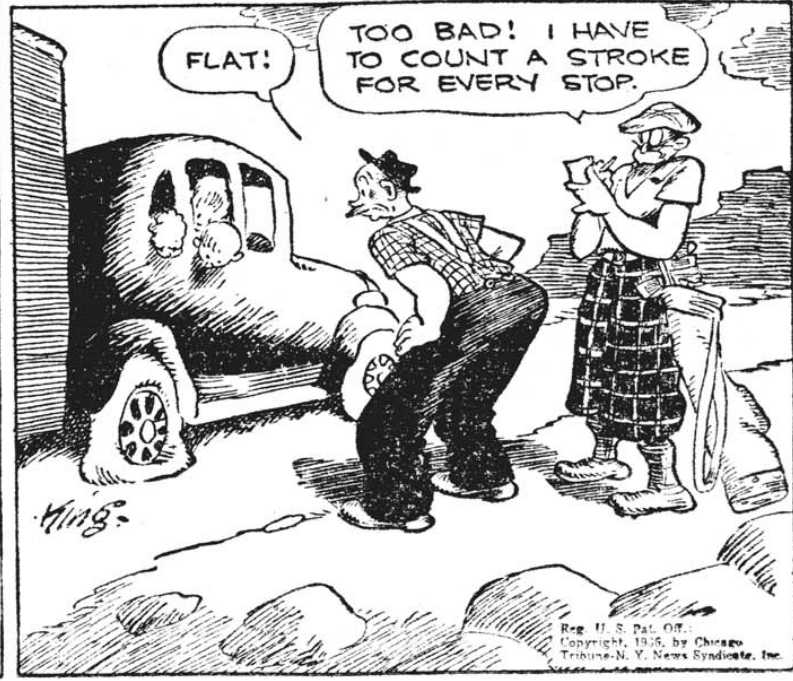
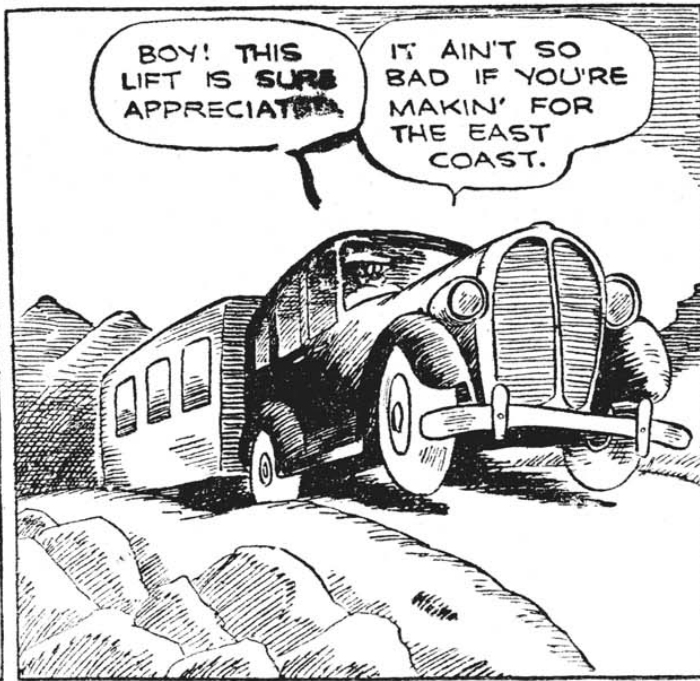














YOU GOT ME INDIAN RASSLIN' THAT TIME, ALEC.

YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO DO BETTER.

START FAST AND GET THE BACK OF YOUR KNEE UP BEHIND THE OTHER BIRD'S ANKLE AS FAR AS YOU CAN.

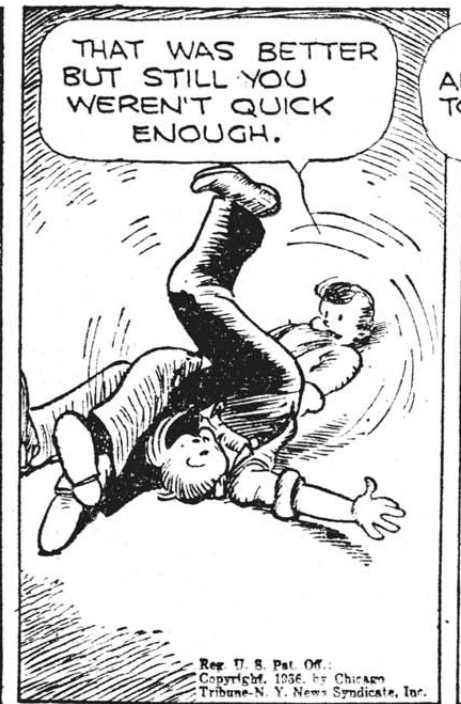
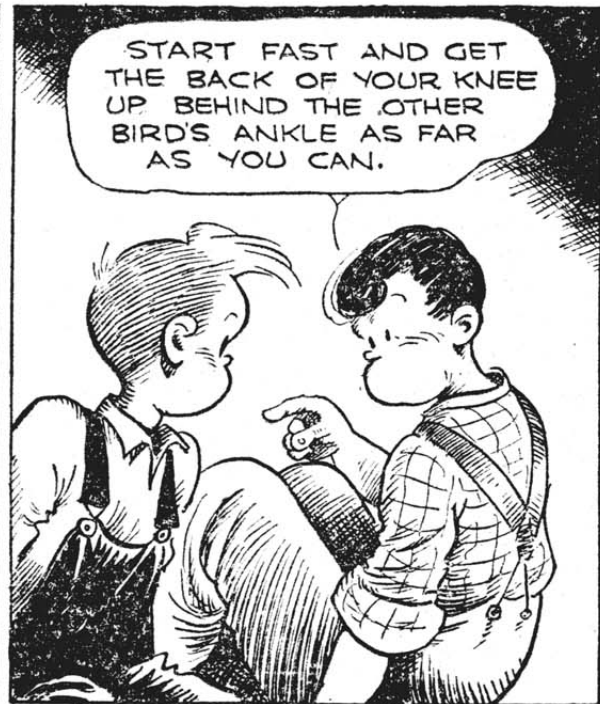
THAT WAS BETTER BUT STILL YOU WEREN'T QUICK ENOUGH.

BUT WHY ARE YOU TRYIN' TO TEACH ME, ALEC?

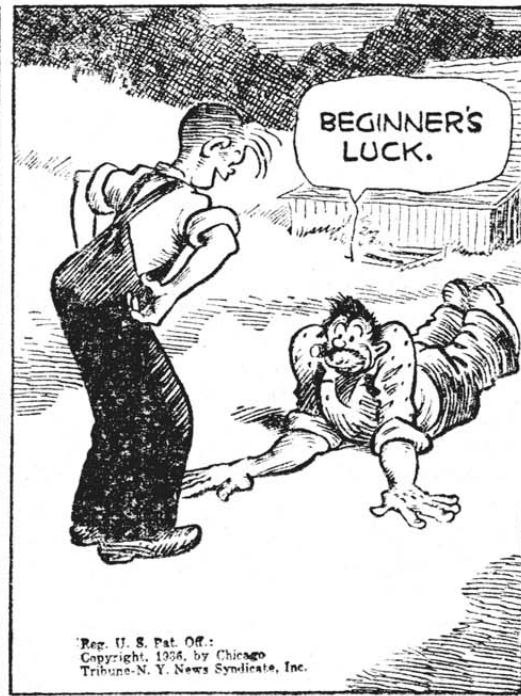
BECAUSE PETE MOSS FIGGERS HE'S THE CHAMP AROUND HERE AN' HE'LL TRY TO GET YOU SOONER OR LATER.

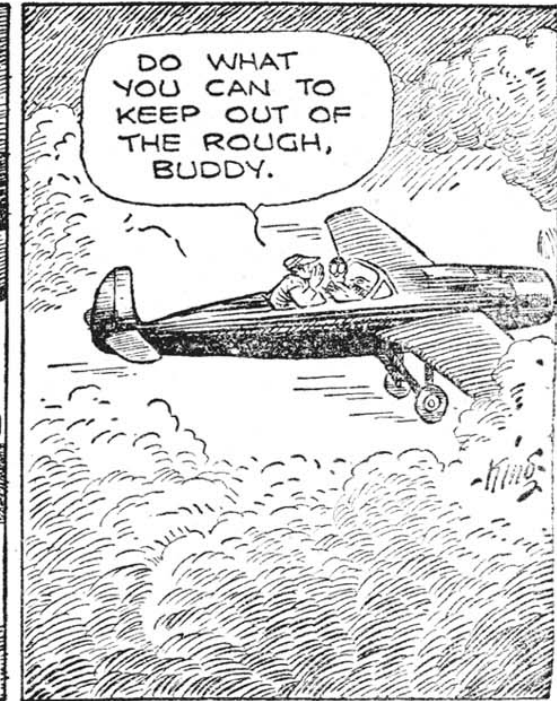
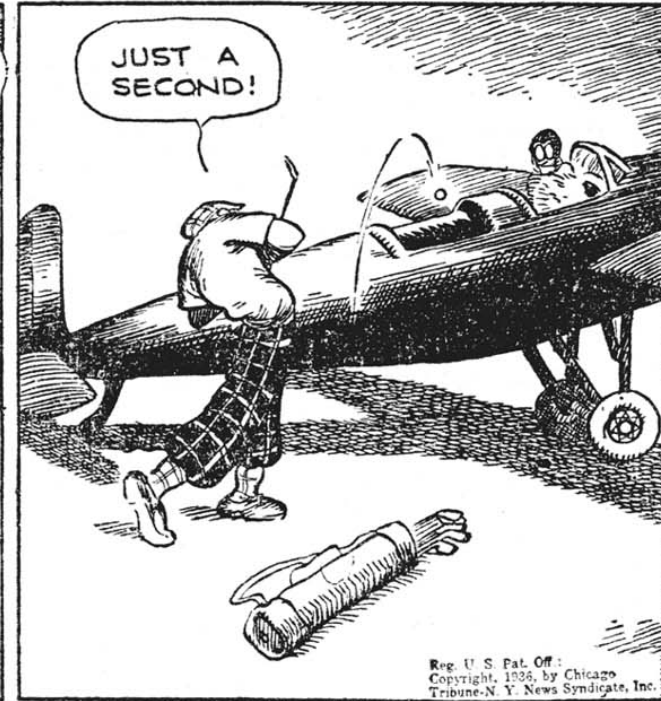
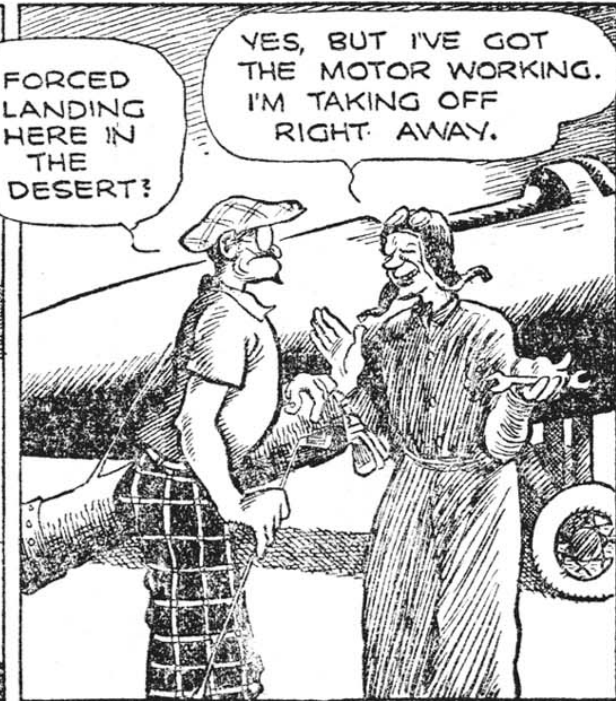
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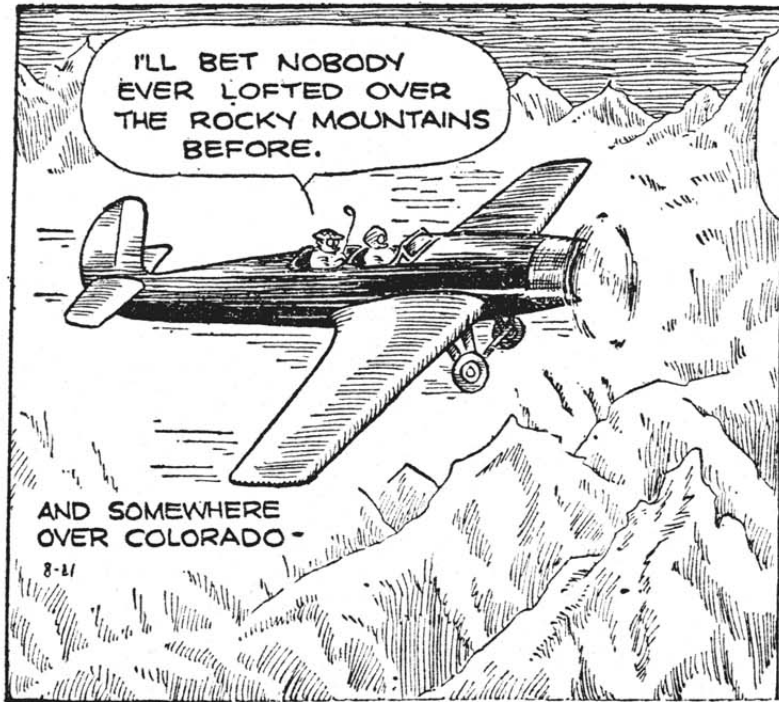
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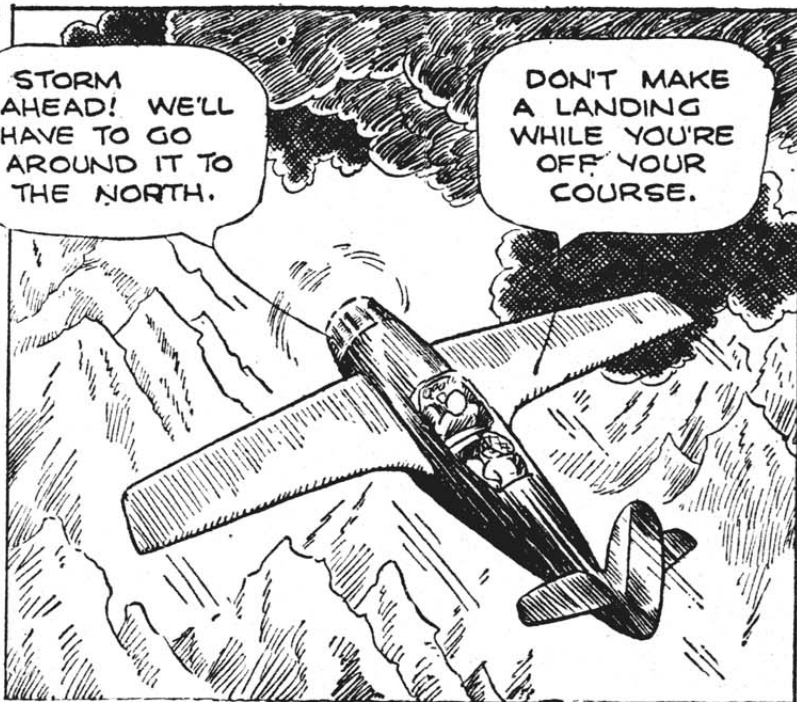






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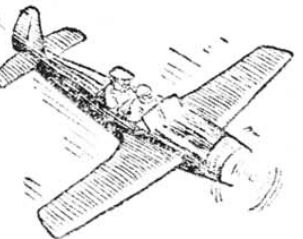
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DON'T MAKE A LANDING WHILE YOU'RE OFF YOUR COURSE.



WAKE HER  
ROLL AS FAR  
AS YOU CAN  
AFTER SHE  
LIGHTS.



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WHERE  
ARE WE,  
MISTER?  
YOU'RE  
FOUR MILES  
OUT OF  
OGALLALA,  
NEBRASKA.



WELL, WE MADE  
A HOP FROM  
UTAH OF 590  
MILES THAT  
TIME.  
I CLAIM  
THAT'S THE  
LONGEST  
MASHIE-  
NIBLICK SHOT  
EVER MADE  
IN GOLF!



**FORE!**  
WHY FORE?  
THERE'S  
NOBODY IN  
SIGHT FOR  
A MILE.

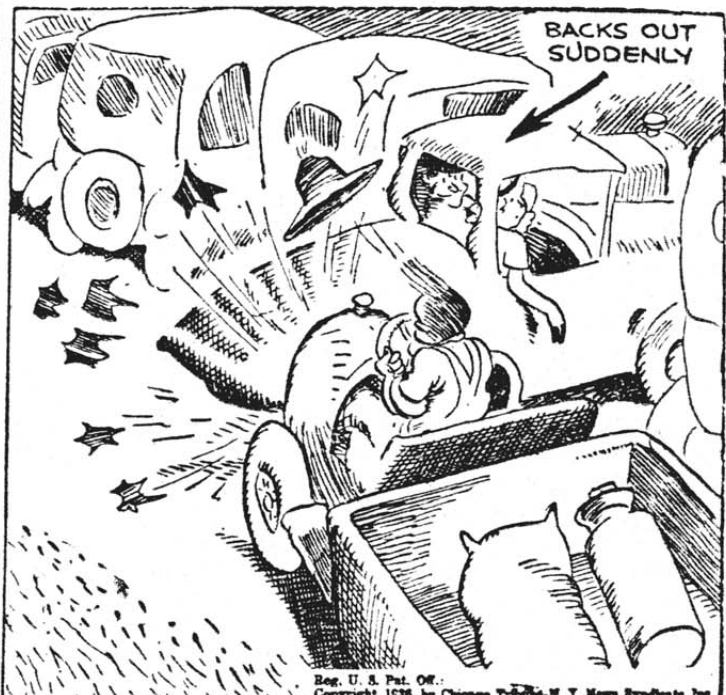
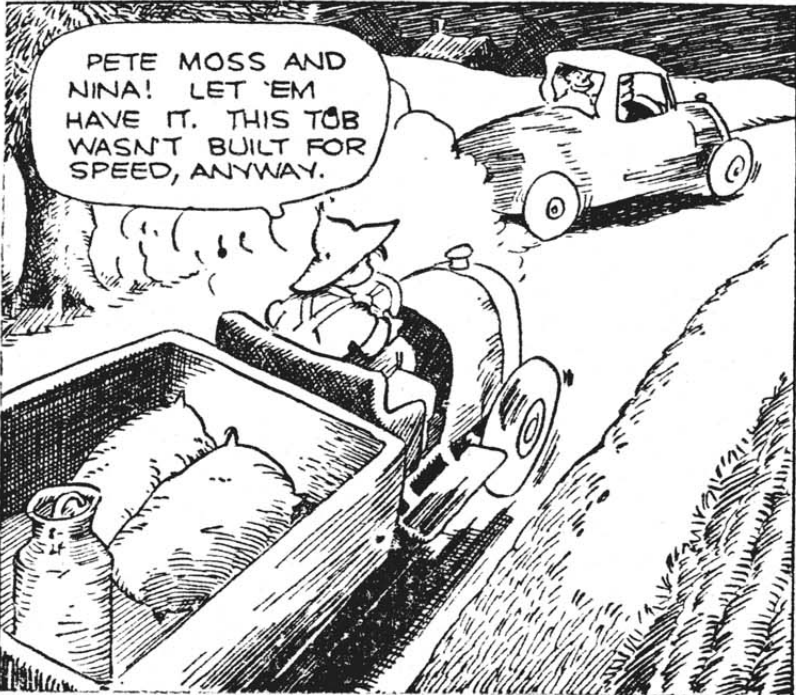


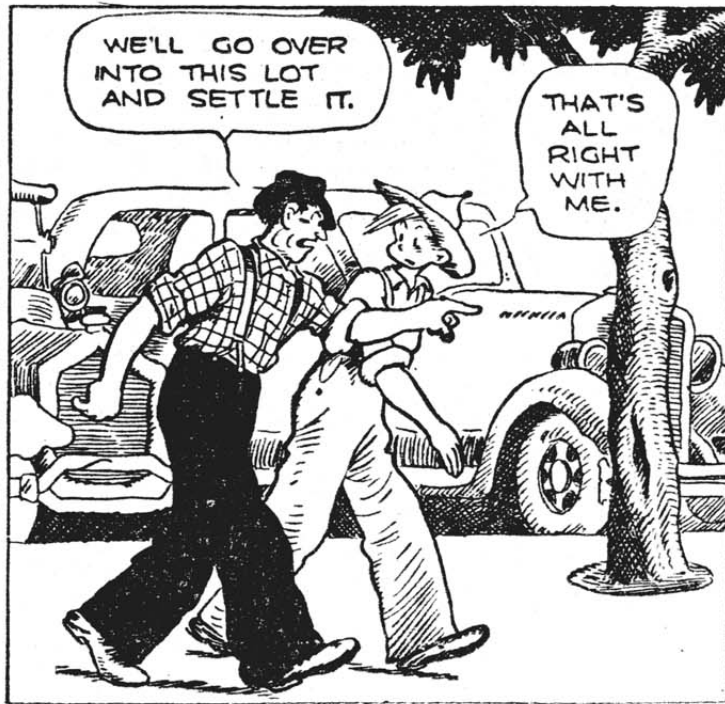
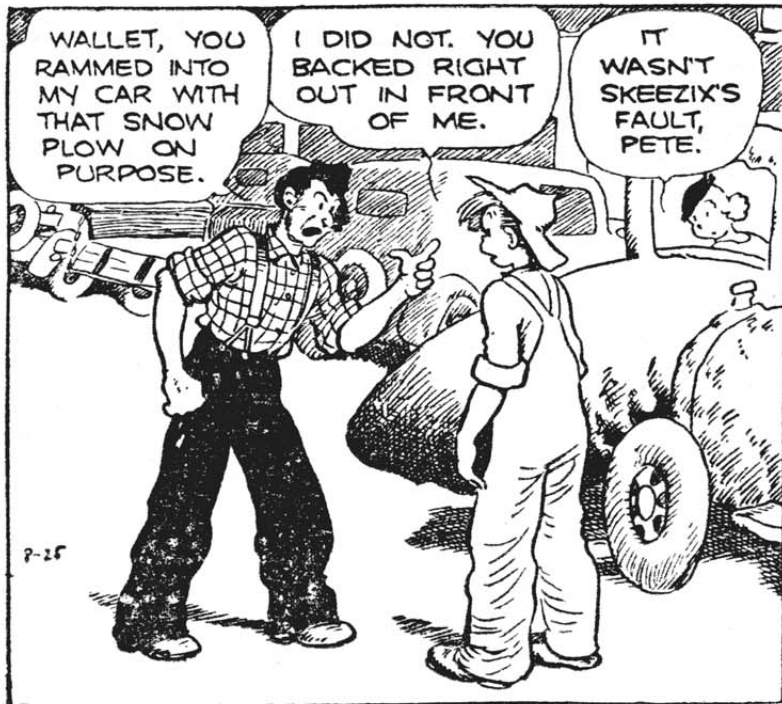
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YES, BUT THERE  
MIGHT BE SOMEBODY  
ON THE GREEN  
OVER IN ILLINOIS.



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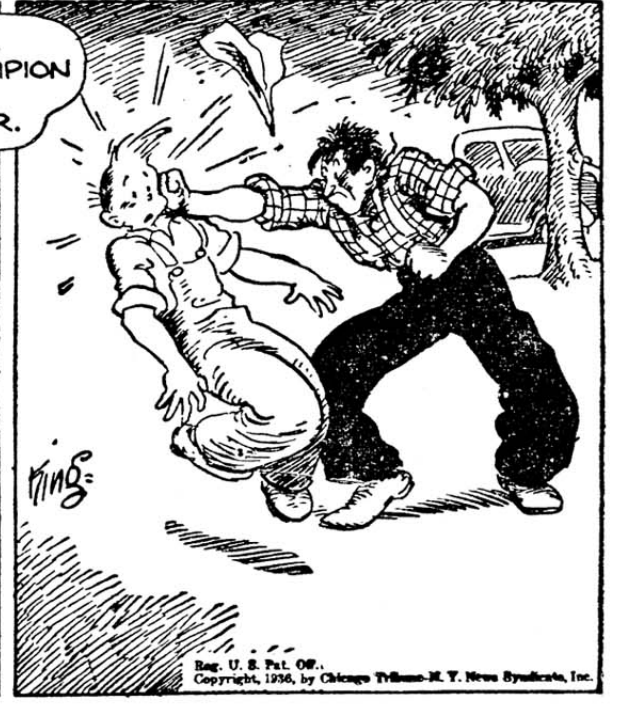


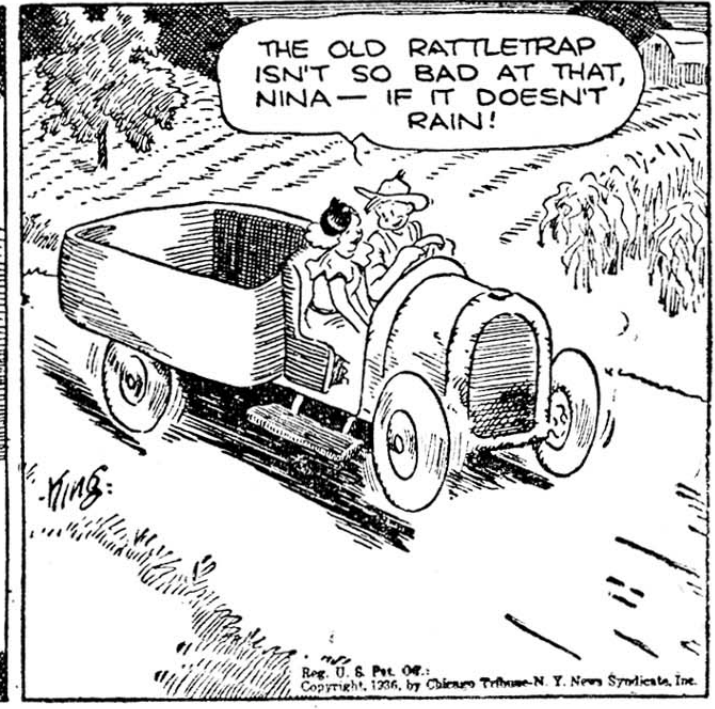


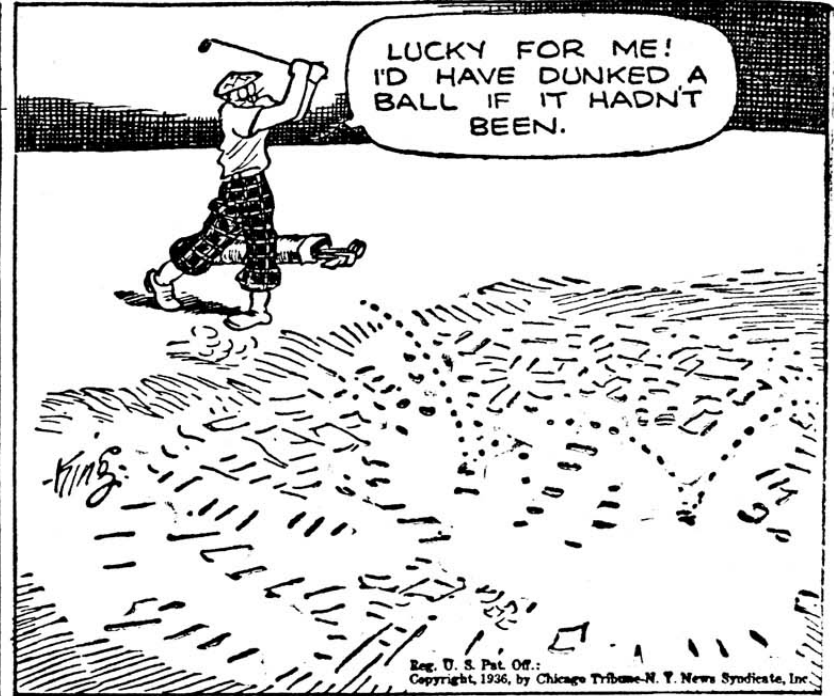
**P**ETE MOSS, WITH NINA IN HIS CAR, BACKED OUT OF A PARKING SPOT AND SKEEZIX RAMMED HIM WITH HIS TRUCK.

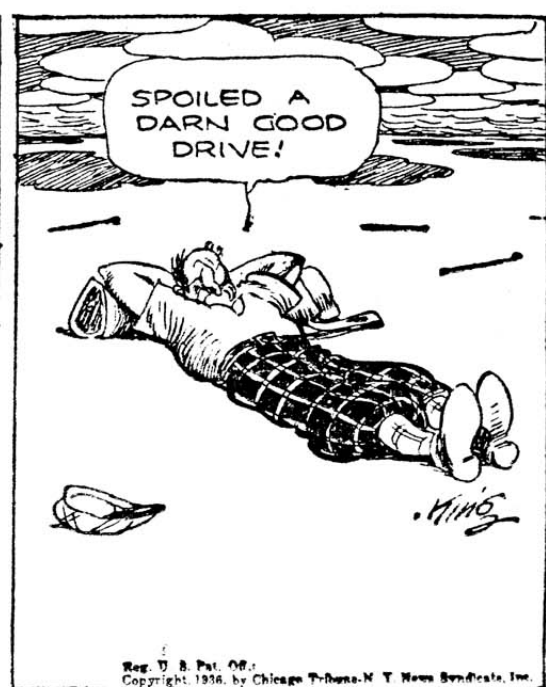
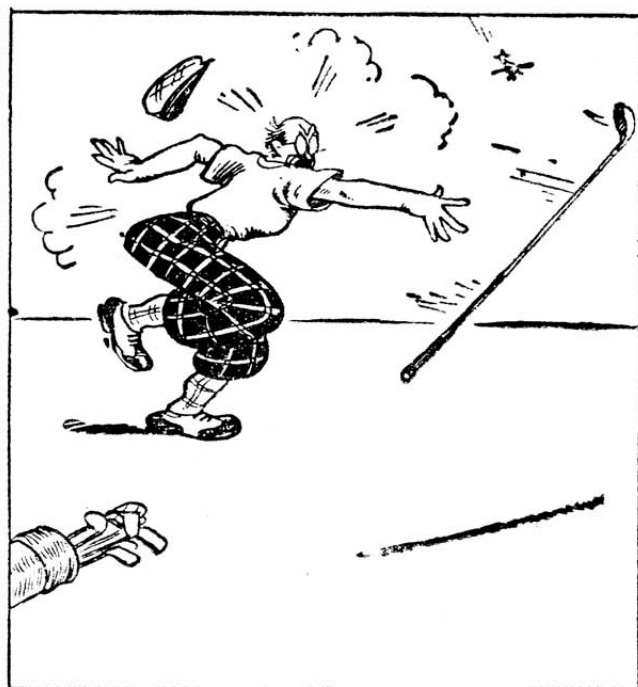
THEY ARE GOING TO SETTLE IT WITH AN "INDIAN RASSLE"—LOSER PAY DAMAGES AND APOLOGIZE.

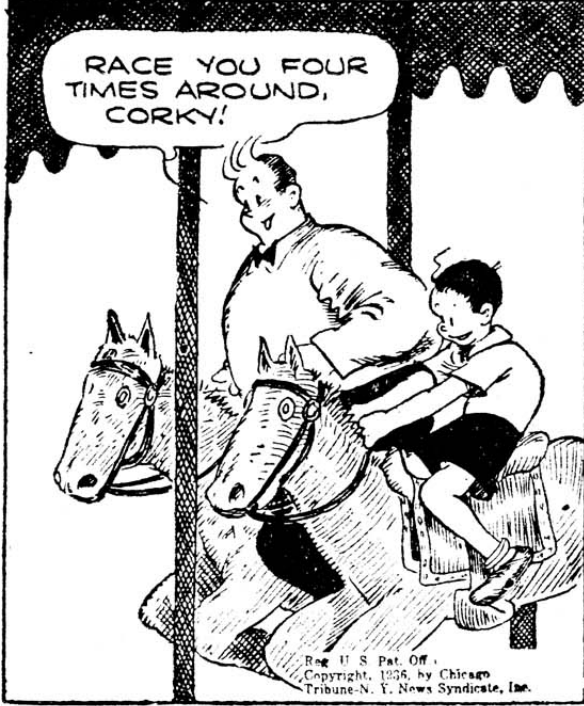
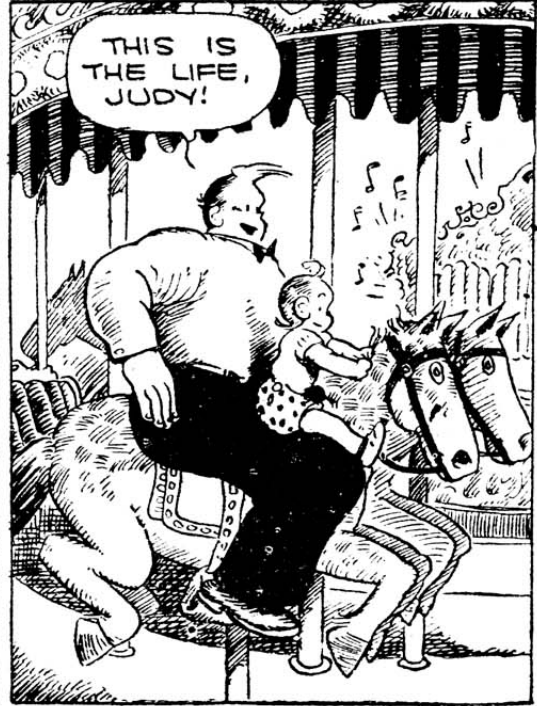
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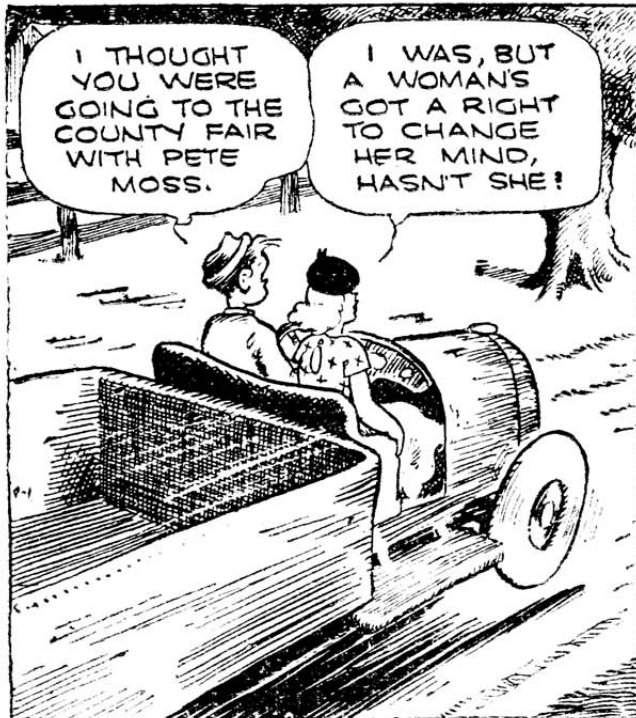












I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO THE COUNTY FAIR WITH PETE MOSS.

I WAS, BUT A WOMAN'S GOT A RIGHT TO CHANGE HER MIND, HASN'T SHE!

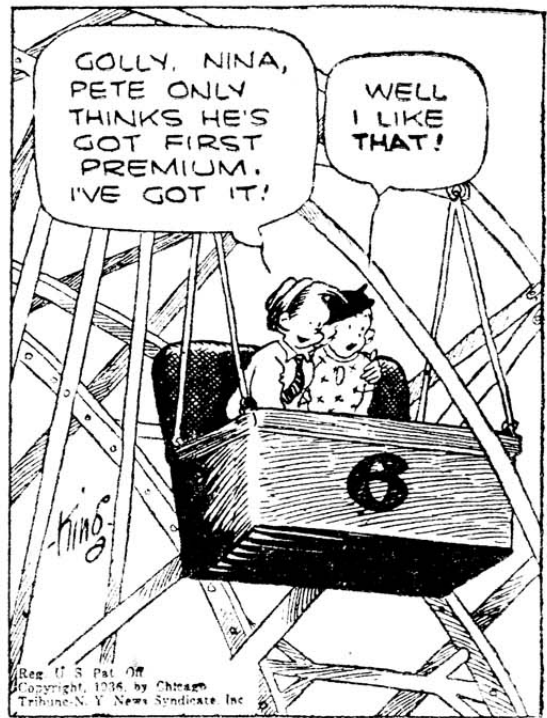


I WANT YOU TO SEE THE SWELL HOG I RAISED.

AW, SHUCKS! PETE GOT FIRST PREMIUM ON HIS HOG AND I ONLY GOT SECOND.



I'M SORRY, SKEEZIX, BUT DON'T YOU CARE.



GOLLY, NINA, PETE ONLY THINKS HE'S GOT FIRST PREMIUM. I'VE GOT IT!

WELL I LIKE THAT!



IT'S GOIN' TO RAIN, MR. WALLET.

HOW DO YOU MAKE THAT OUT? THERE ISN'T A CLOUD IN THE SKY.



FOR ONE THING, THERE'S A WET MOON.

THAT'S JUST SUPERSTITION, CHARLIE.

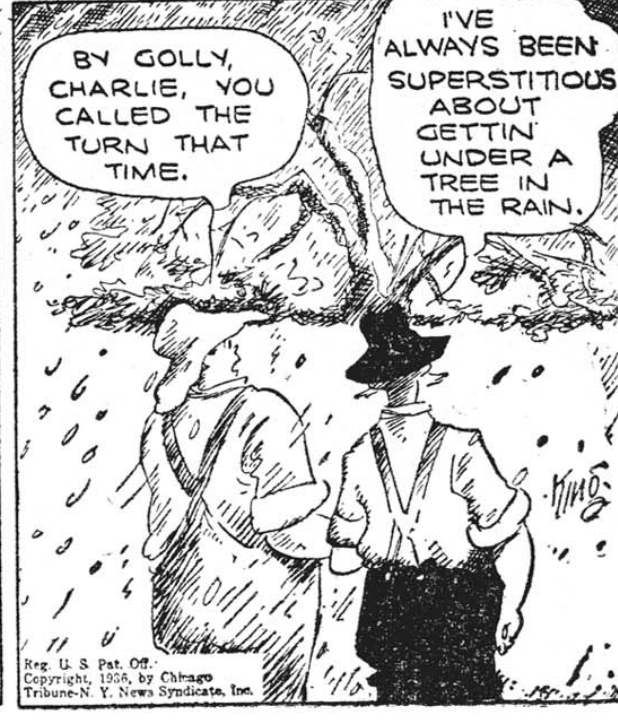
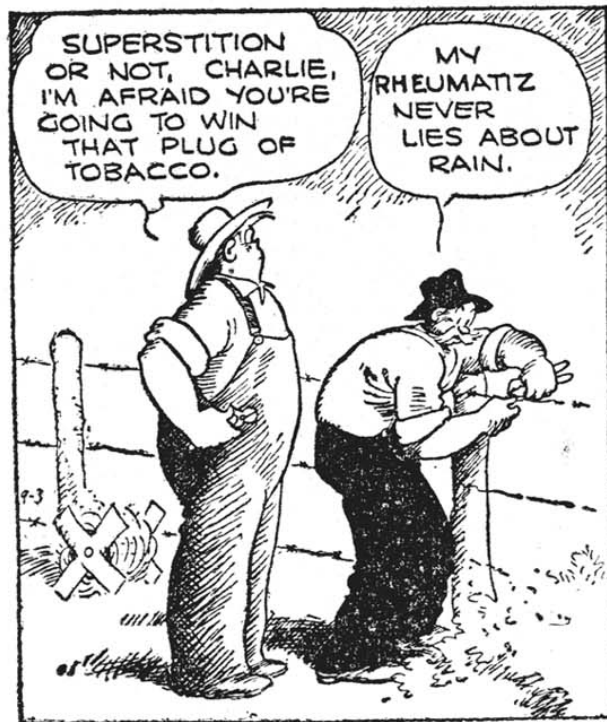


THEN MY LEFT HIND LEG TELLS ME THE SAME THING — AN' THAT AIN'T SUPERSTITION.

I THINK IT'S IMAGINATION YOU'VE GOT ON YOU'RE HIP. BET YOU A PLUG OF TOBACCO YOU'RE WRONG.

# GASOLINE ALLEY

—CHARLIE WAS RIGHT







DOC HAS JUST MAILED A SMALL PACKAGE WHICH LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY AS THOUGH IT CONTAINS A GOLF BALL TO HIMSELF "AIR MAIL, GENERAL DELIVERY, NEW YORK CITY—HOLD FOR ARRIVAL!"





EARTH OR AIR—  
HITCH HIKING IS  
MIGHTY SLOW  
THIS MORNING.



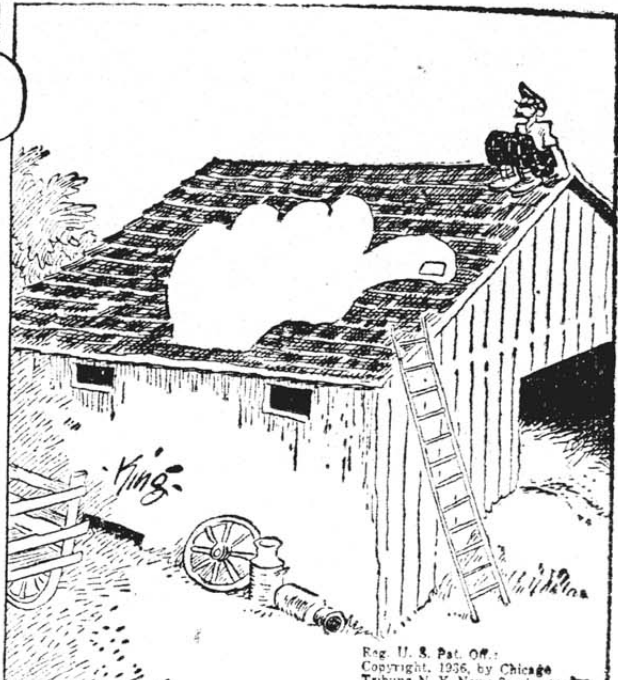
HALF A GALLON  
OF BRIGHT YELLOW  
AND A BRUSH,  
PLEASE.

NEVERPEELOFF  
OUTSIDE  
PAINTS

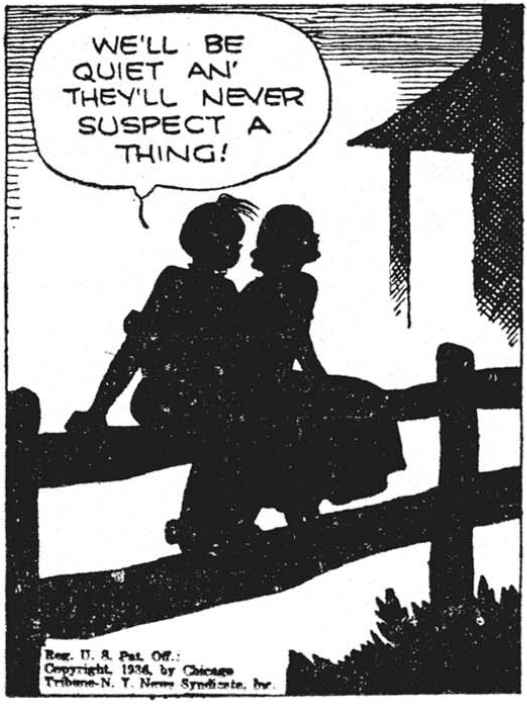


I'LL PAINT HALF  
YOUR BARN ROOF  
FREE—AND I WON'T  
PUT ANY LETTERING  
ON IT.

GO  
TO IT.





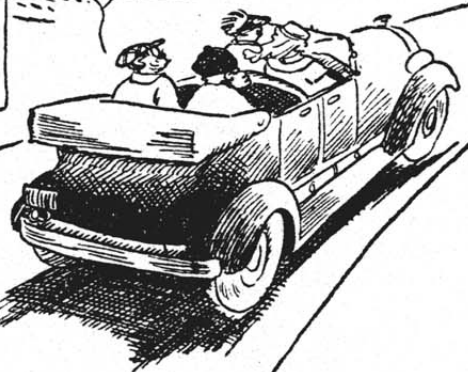


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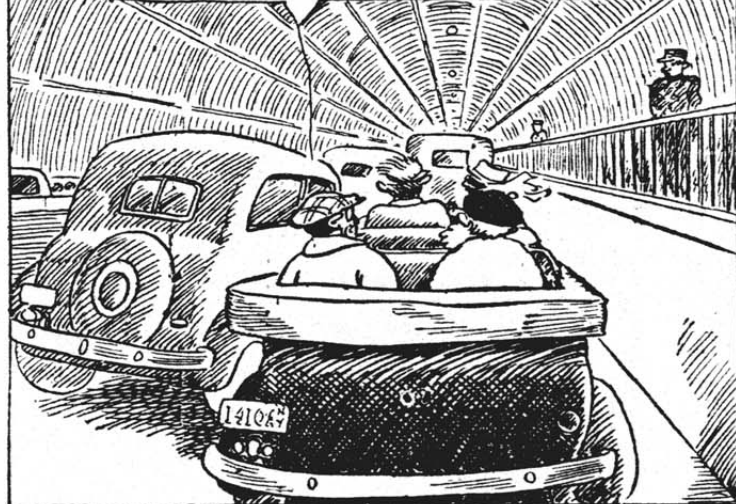


I TOOK 13,114 STROKES FROM FRISCO TO NEBRASKA AND THREE STROKES FROM THERE TO NEW YORK.

HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT?

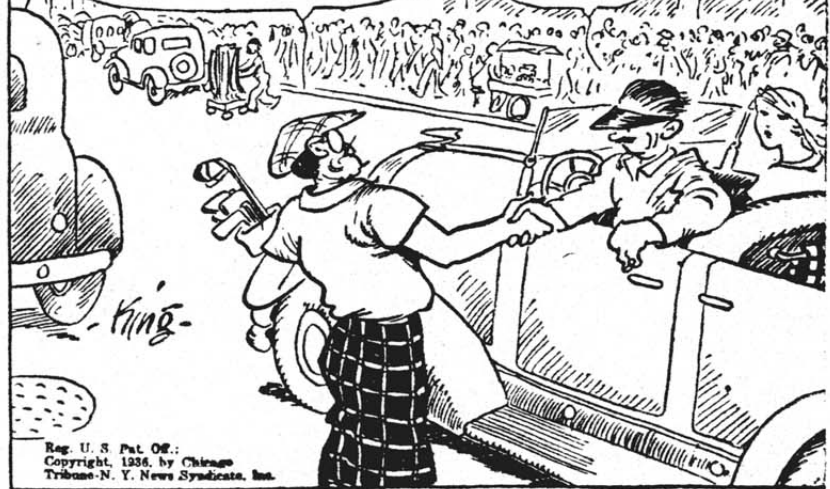


I AIR-MAILED MY GOLF BALL IN NEBRASKA AND THE MAIL PLANE MAKES THREE HOPS TO NEW YORK — SO I COUNT THREE ON THAT.



THANKS FOR A SWELL RIDE FROM CHICAGO. NOW TO THE POST OFFICE FOR MY MAIL.

GOOD LUCK.



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**D**OC MAILED A PARCEL ADDRESSED TO HIMSELF, GENERAL DELIVERY, NEW YORK CITY. HE HAS HITCHHIKED WITH A MASHIE FROM NEBRASKA AND HAS ARRIVED IN MANHATTAN TO PICK UP HIS MAIL.



FOLKS, IT TOOK ME 13,114 STROKES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN TO UTAH. I DID THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN ONE AND I TOOK THREE STROKES FROM NEBRASKA TO NEW YORK CITY. AND I BROKE 80 FROM THE POST OFFICE HERE TO THE EAST RIVER.

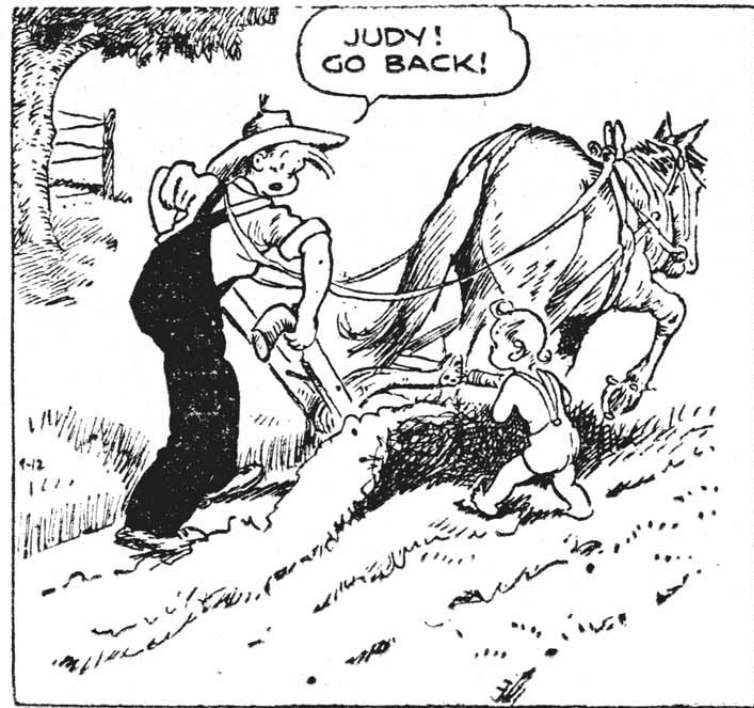


GRAND TOTAL, 14,197!



PACIFIC TO ATLANTIC — AND I'M THROUGH WITH GOLF FOREVER.



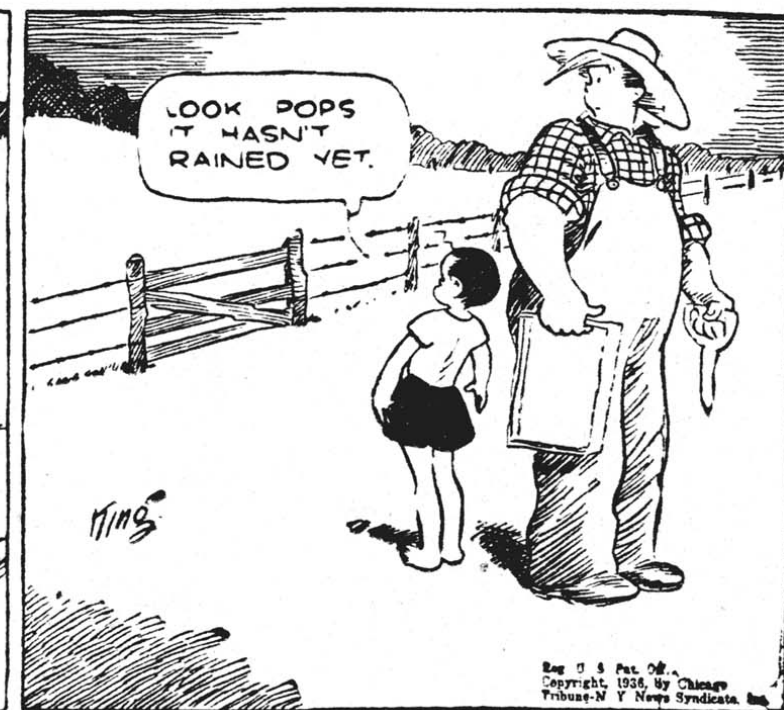
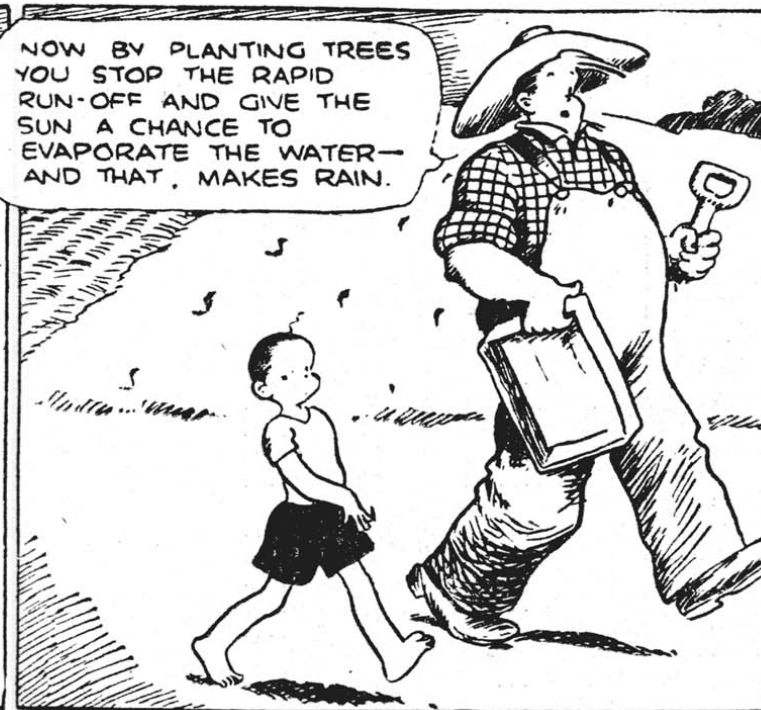




THESE ARE TREES, CORKY THE TROUBLE WITH THIS COUNTRY IS THAT THE TREES HAVE ALL BEEN CUT OFF THE RAINS RUN OFF IN FLOODS TO THE RIVERS AND THEN IT'S DRY AGAIN.

NOW BY PLANTING TREES YOU STOP THE RAPID RUN-OFF AND GIVE THE SUN A CHANCE TO EVAPORATE THE WATER—AND THAT, MAKES RAIN.

LOOK POPS IT HASN'T RAINED YET.



YOU COULDN'T HANDLE A SACK OF POTATOES THAT WAY WHEN YOU STARTED FARMING THIS SUMMER, SKEEZIX.

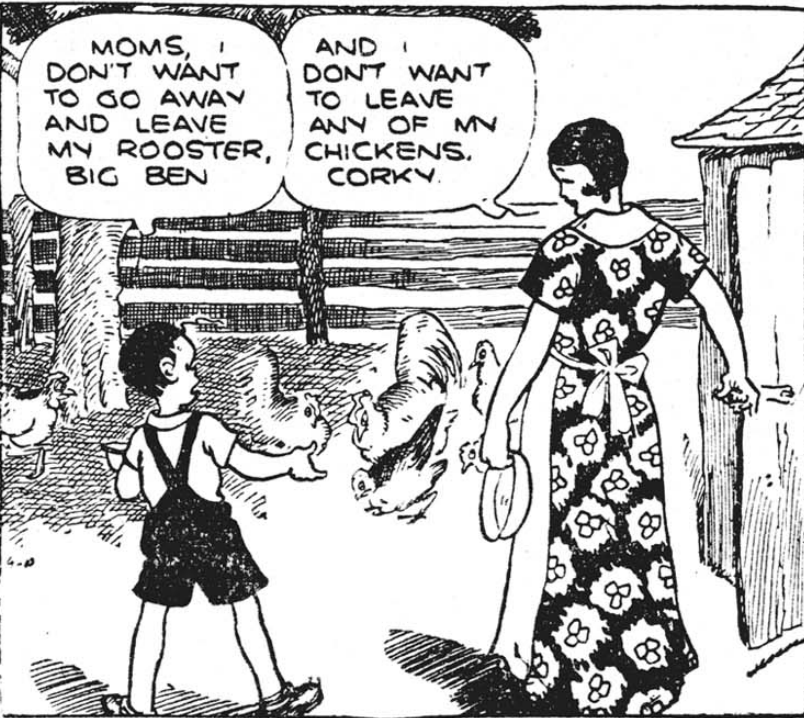
AND WATCH ME INHALE. I'LL BET I'VE GOT 3½ INCHES CHEST EXPANSION

IT'S DONE LOTS FOR MY MUSCLES.

AND I'LL BET I'VE INCREASED MY CHEST EXPANSION TOO.

TO GET THE MOST OUT OF IT, DON'T MEASURE AFTER YOU INHALE. UNCLE WALT, MEASURE AFTER YOU EAT.



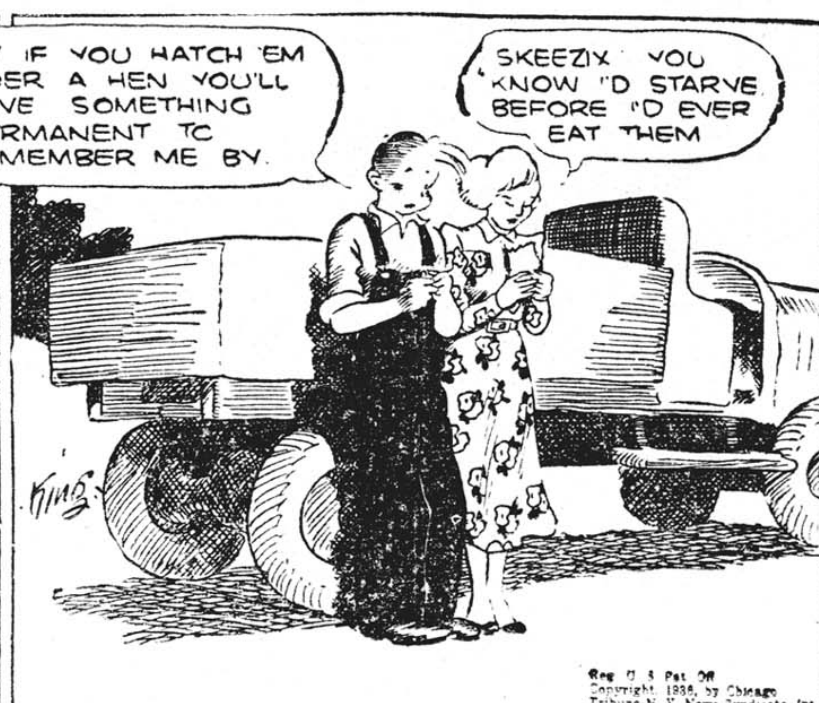


WALT, I HATE TO LEAVE THE FARM I LOVE THE SHADE TREES AND THE CHICKENS AND THE SUNSETS.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS I HATE TO LEAVE, TOO.

HERE THEY ARE — MY PALS, DUKE AND DUCHESS. I'VE PUSHED THEM ALONG BY THE REINS MANY A WEARY MILE.

NOW, DUKE! WAS THAT NICE?



SKEEZIX HITCH-HIKED HOME YESTERDAY; PHYLLIS, CORKY AND RACHEL WENT IN THE CAR THIS MORNING.

I HOPE YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT AT THE HOUSE.

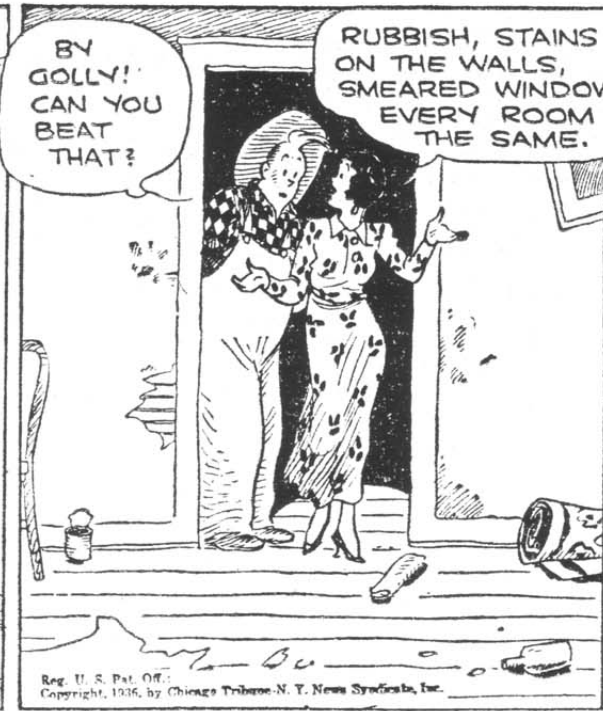
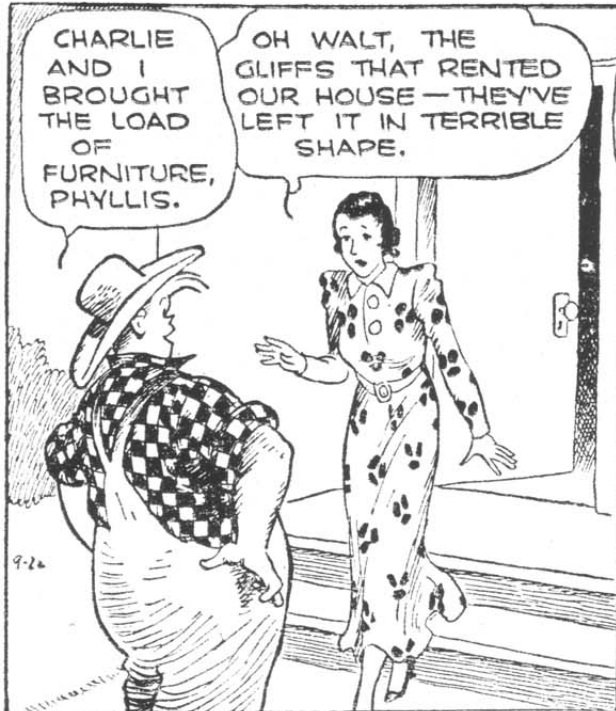
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS TELL ABOUT RENTERS, YOU KNOW, MR. WALLET.

THESE PEOPLE, THE GLIFFS, SEEMED TO BE OKAY, CHARLIE.

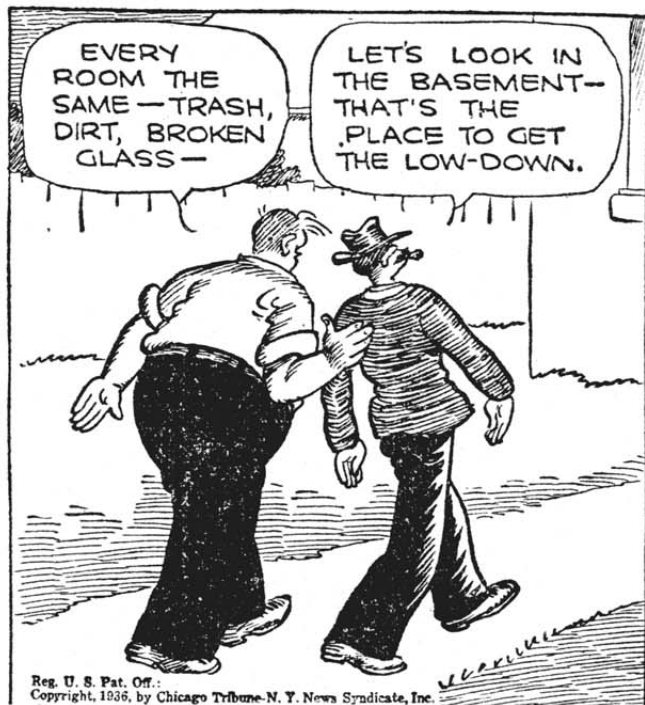
AND I MADE THEM PAY THE SEASON'S RENT IN ADVANCE.

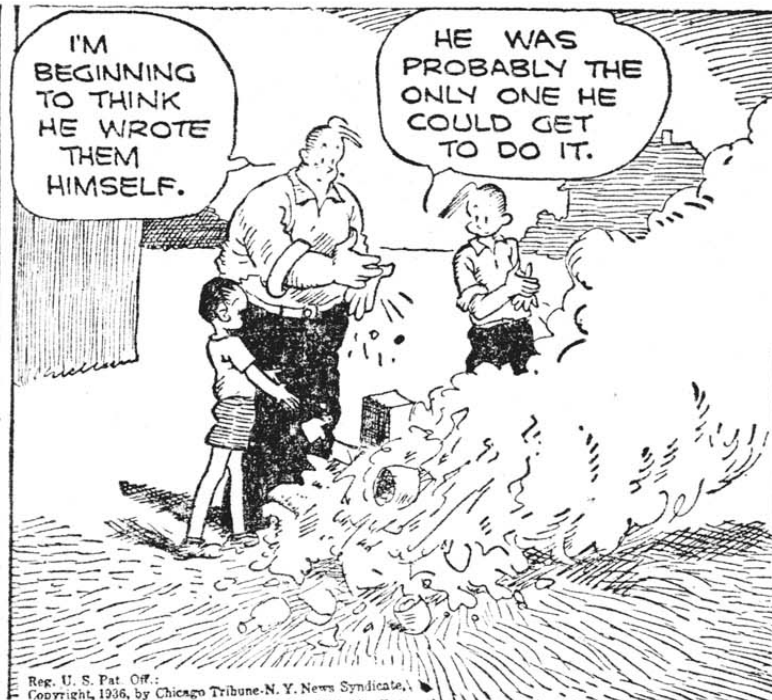
THAT'S SOMETHING. BUT, OF COURSE, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WATCHING 'EM VERY CLOSE.

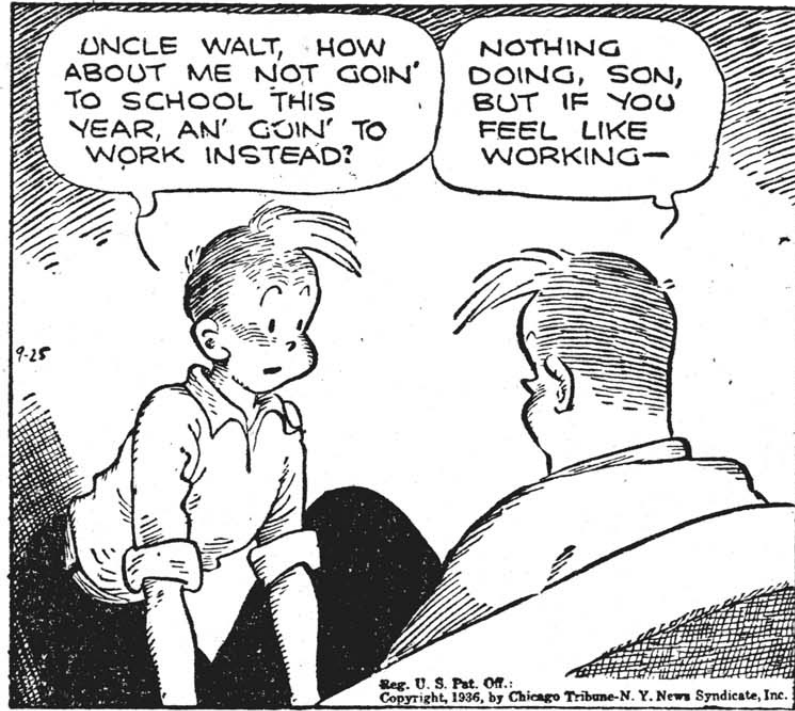
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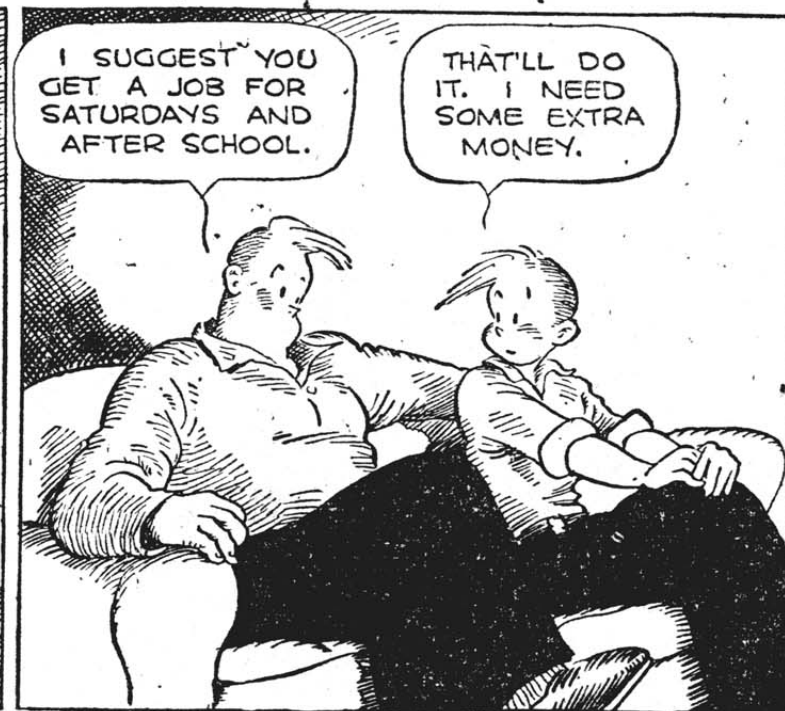


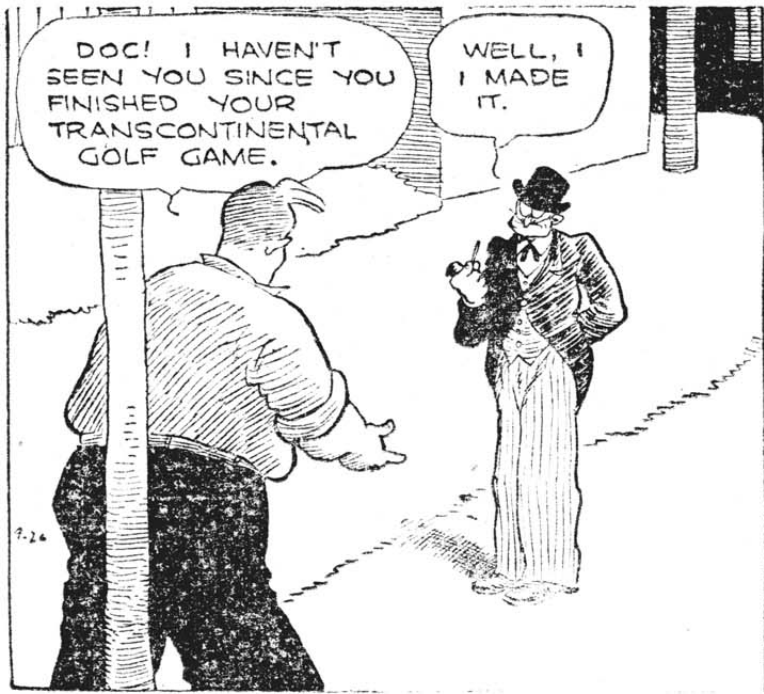






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DOC! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE YOU FINISHED YOUR TRANSCONTINENTAL GOLF GAME.

WELL, I MADE IT.



THAT WAS A WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

TOOK ME ALL SUMMER AND 14,197 STROKES.

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DOC, WE'LL GET TOGETHER SOON FOR A ROUND OF GOLF.

SH, WALT! THE VERY THOUGHT MAKES ME SICK.

KING

I LANDED MY JOB, UNCLE WALT— AFTER SCHOOL AND SATURDAYS.

GOOD! WHERE?

I'M ASSISTANT AND DELIVERY BOY TO MR. PLITZ THAT OWNS THE GROCERY STORE.

EXCELLENT! AS I'VE TOLD YOU, THE DEVIL FINDS WORK FOR IDLE HANDS TO DO.

WELL, NOW HE DOESN'T NEED TO BE THINKIN' UP ANY PROJECTS FOR ME.

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BILL FOR \$77.60 - PLUMBING ALTERATIONS. I DIDN'T ORDER THIS!

NO, BUT THE GLIFFS THAT WERE IN YOUR HOUSE DID. THEY SAID YOU'D PAY FOR IT.

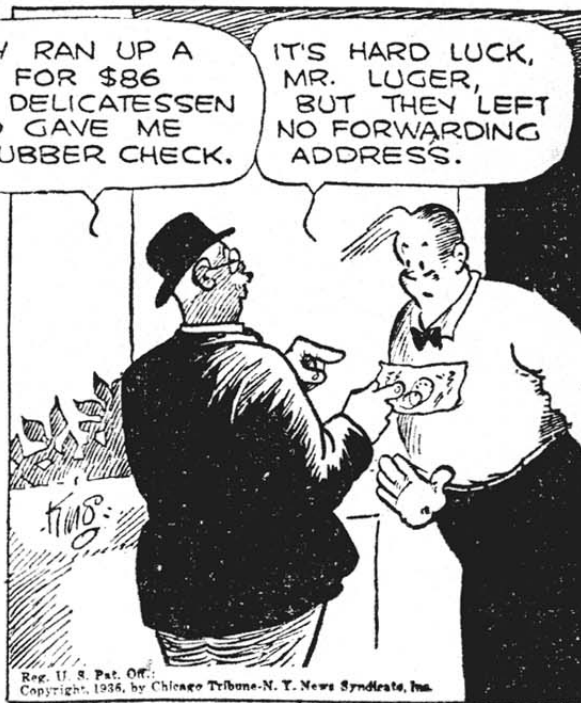


I'M SORRY, BUT THIS MEAT BILL IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE GLIFFS.

THEY KEPT PUTTING ME OFF AND THEN BEAT IT.

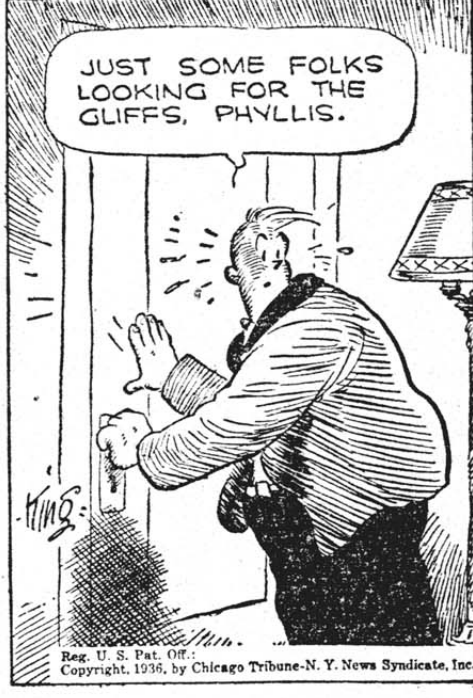


BUT I CAN'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY TENANTS' LIQUOR BILLS.



THEY RAN UP A BILL FOR \$86 FOR DELICATESSEN AND GAVE ME A RUBBER CHECK.

IT'S HARD LUCK, MR. LUGER, BUT THEY LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.



YOU'RE UP EARLY, MR. WALLET. YOUR TENANTS USED TO BE UP AND AROUND—BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE THEY HADN'T GONE TO BED YET.

THEY WERE A WILD BUNCH, I HEAR.

THEY USED TO THROW ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS AT ME TILL I GOT OUT OF RANGE.

I WONDERED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE LIGHT BULBS.

THEY DIDN'T STICK YOU FOR A BILL, DID THEY?

NOT ME. I CAUGHT EM MOVING OUT AT 6 ONE MORNING, AND I PARKED ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY TILL THEY PAID.



I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED. IT HAS TAKEN NEARLY TWO WEEKS TO GET STRAIGHTENED UP AFTER YOUR FRIENDS!

THEY'RE NO FRIENDS OF MINE.

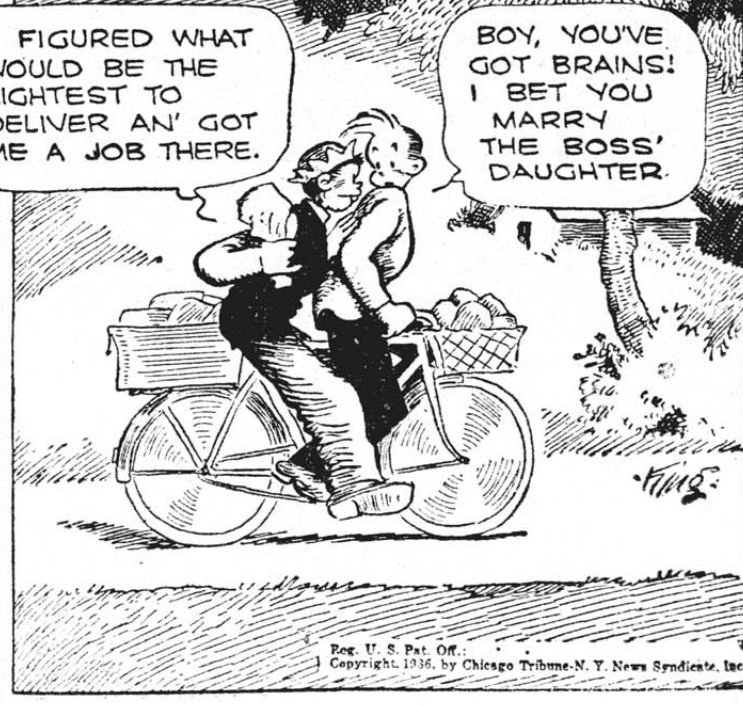
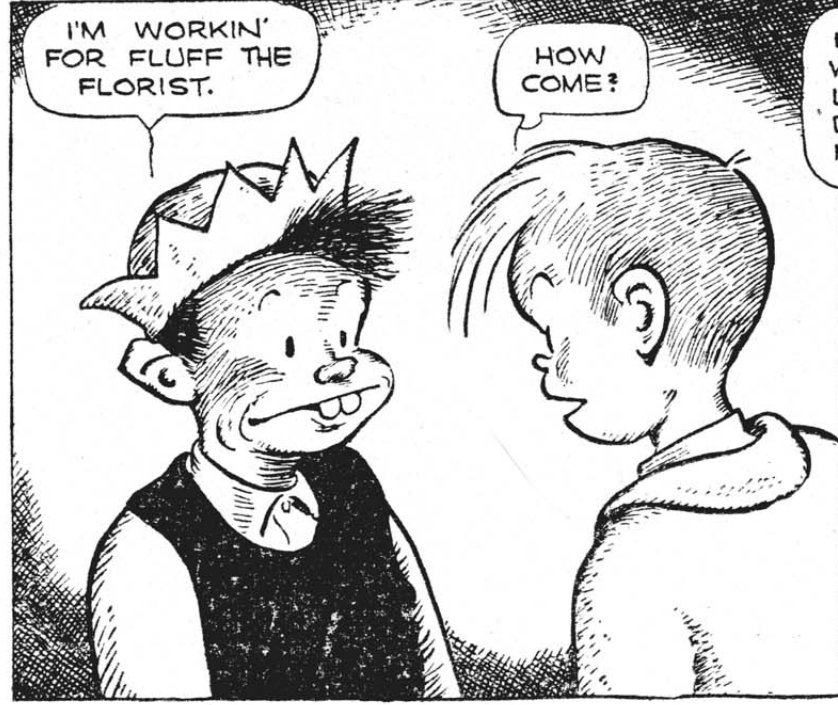
YOU LOOKED INTO THEIR CREDENTIALS AND THEY WERE OKAY.

THE NEXT TIME WE RENT THIS HOUSE, BELIEVE ME, I'LL PICK OUT THE TENANTS.

EVERYBODY MAKES MISTAKES ONCE IN A WHILE, PHYLLIS.

WHY DRAG EVERYBODY IN? YOU MEAN YOU DO.





NOW YOU'RE WORKING FOR MR. PLITZ, SKEEZIX, YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET ME MY GROCERIES WHOLESALE.

I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T DO IT, UNCLE AVERY.

IT WON'T DO ANY HARM TO ASK.

I'LL ASK HIM, BUT HE WANTS TO KEEP UP RETAIL PRICES AND I'VE HEARD HIM TURN OTHER FOLKS DOWN.

**NO!**

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD HIM—BUT NOT IN SO FEW WORDS.

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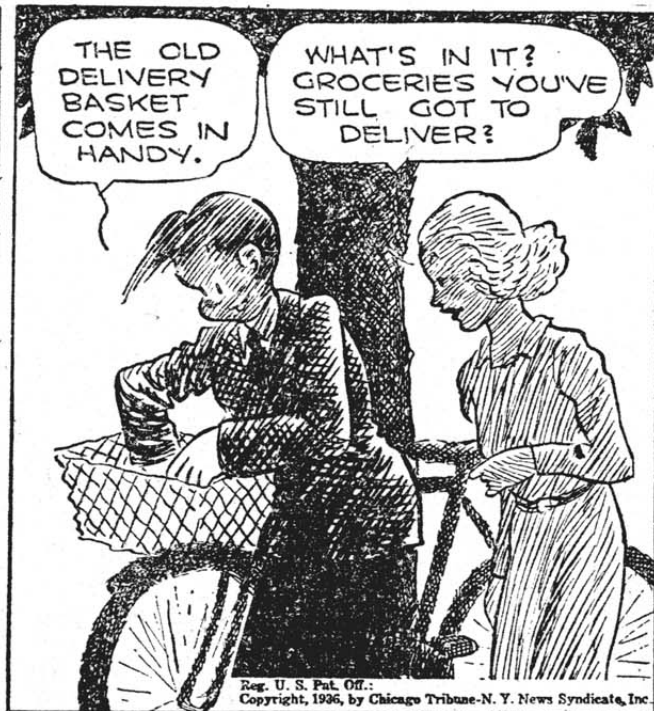
—King—





IT ISN'T SO FAR OUT HERE ON A BIKE, NINA.

I'M GLAD YOU DON'T THINK SO.



THE OLD DELIVERY BASKET COMES IN HANDY.

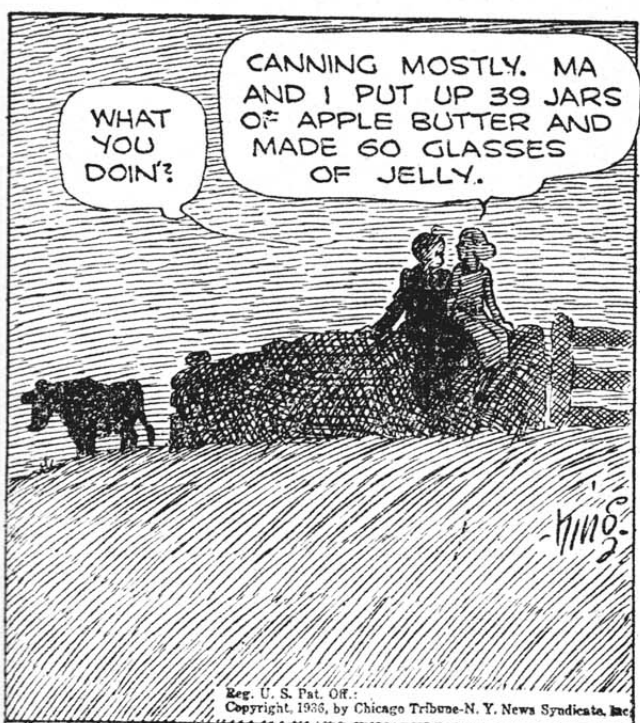
WHAT'S IN IT? GROCERIES YOU'VE STILL GOT TO DELIVER?

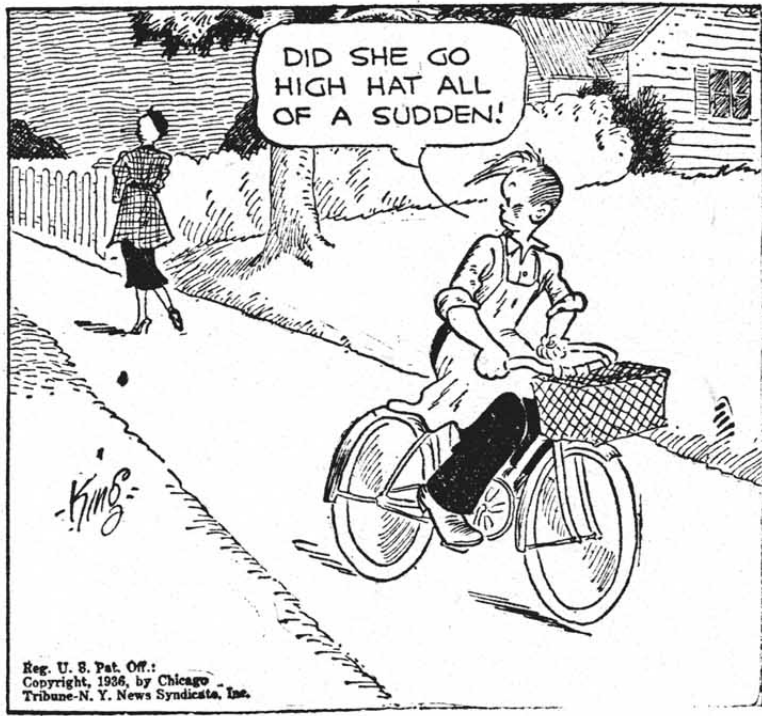


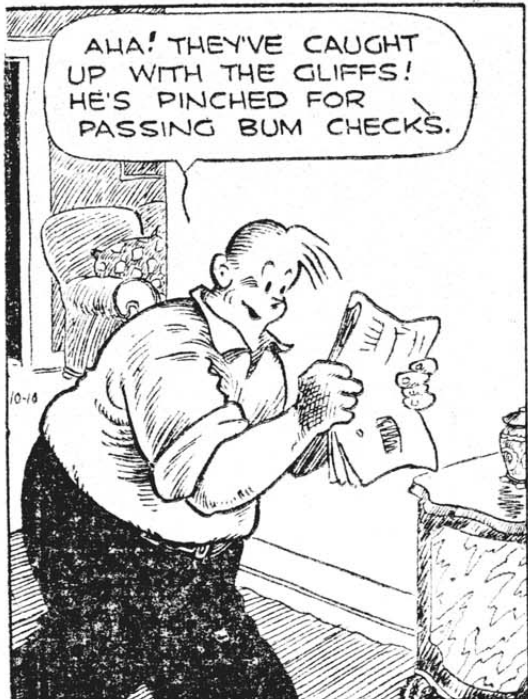
I'D TAKE YOU TO TOWN AND THE DRUG STORE ON MY BIKE, NINA— BUT THERE ARE TWO BIG HILLS.

THIS IS JUST AS GOOD, SKEEZIX.

-King-







AHA! THEY'VE CAUGHT UP WITH THE GLIFFS! HE'S PINCHED FOR PASSING BUM CHECKS.



OH BOY! I HAD A COUPLE OF THEM.



NO, HIS RENT CHECKS CLEARED AND MUST HAVE BEEN ALL RIGHT.



PHYLLIS, GLIFF IS ARRESTED IN SPRINGFIELD FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECKS.

YOU'RE FOOLISH IF YOU DON'T HAVE HIM ARRESTED, TOO.

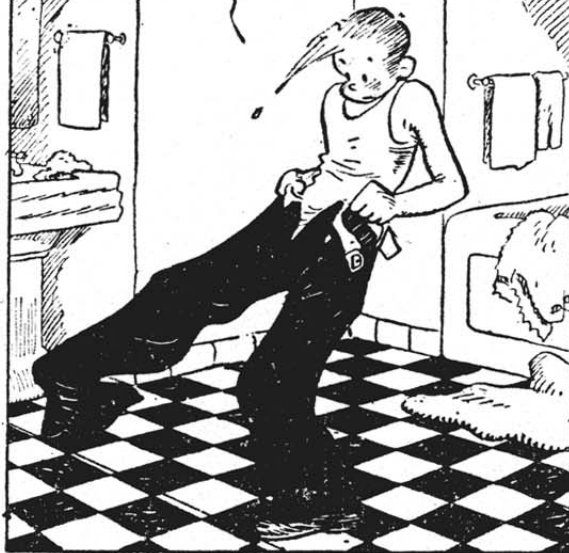
SHO'NUFF. THEY BUSTED EVERYTHING THAT WAS COMBUSTIBLE.



TRIXIE TRIED TO HIGH  
HAT ME JUST BECAUSE  
SHE WAS ALL DOLLED  
UP



I'LL SHOW HER I  
CAN LOOK SPIFFY  
MYSELF.



I KNOW WHERE  
I CAN CATCH HER  
AN' IT WILL LOOK  
ACCIDENTAL.



SHE ISN'T THE  
ONLY ONE THAT'S  
BEEN AWAY TO  
BOARDING  
SCHOOL.





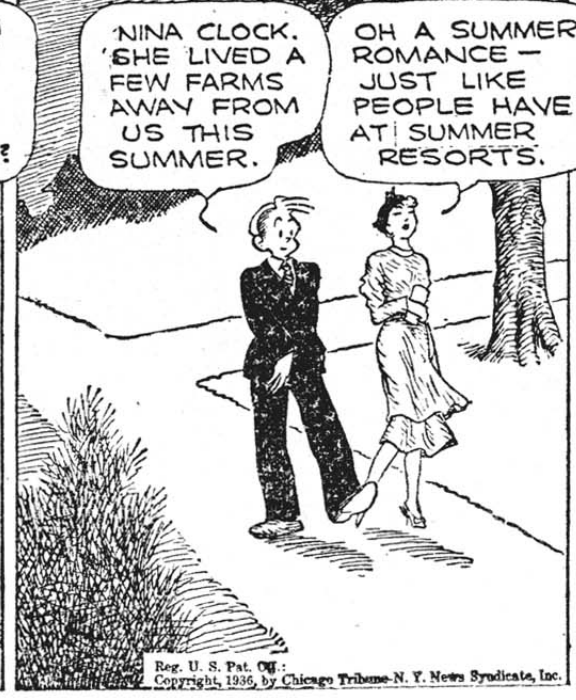
TRIXIE!  
FANCY  
MEETING  
YOU!

I'M LATE GETTING  
DOWN TOWN. I JUST  
HAD A LONG DISTANCE  
CALL FROM LARRY  
WALBURT.



LARRY THAT  
WENT TO BUNKER?  
THAT REMINDS  
ME, I SHOULD  
GIVE NINA A  
CALL.

NINA? I  
HAVEN'T  
HEARD  
ABOUT  
NINA,  
HAVE I?



'NINA CLOCK.  
'SHE LIVED A  
FEW FARMS  
AWAY FROM  
US THIS  
SUMMER.

OH A SUMMER  
ROMANCE —  
JUST LIKE  
PEOPLE HAVE  
AT SUMMER  
RESORTS.



SHE'S  
A SWELL  
GIRL —  
A SWELL  
LOOKER  
TOO.

YES, BUT WHEN  
THE SEASON IS  
OVER THEY DON'T  
MEAN A THING.  
I KNOW. I'VE HAD  
LOTS OF AFFAIRS  
LIKE THAT!

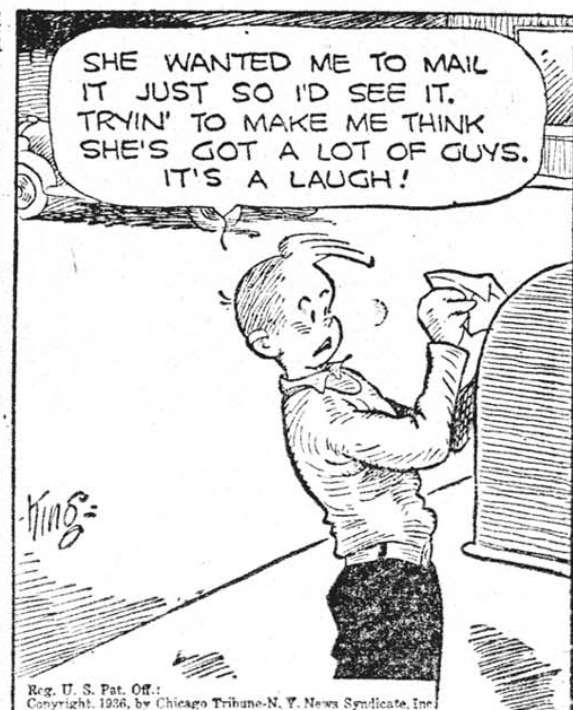
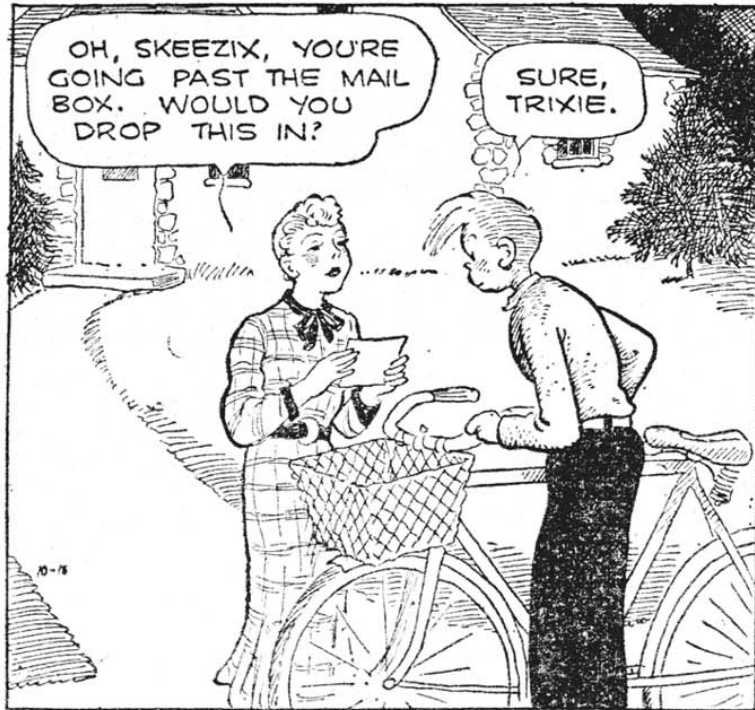
TRIXIE SAYS NINA WAS JUST A SUMMER GIRL AND DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING. JUST A SIMPLE LITTLE COUNTRY GIRL.

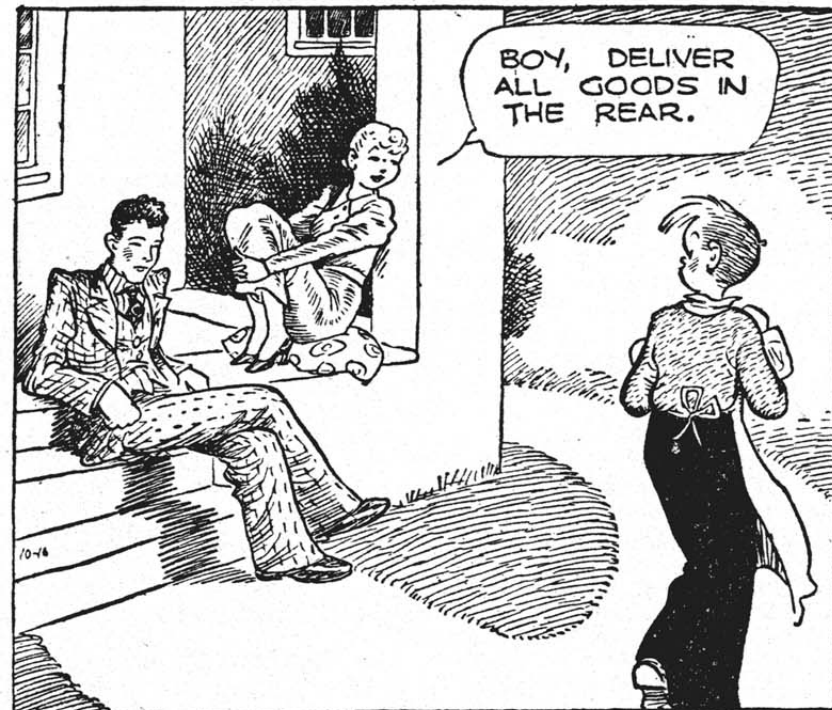
MAYBE SHE IS, BUT SHE ISN'T HIGH HAT AND SHE DOESN'T THINK SHE'S JEAN HARLOW.

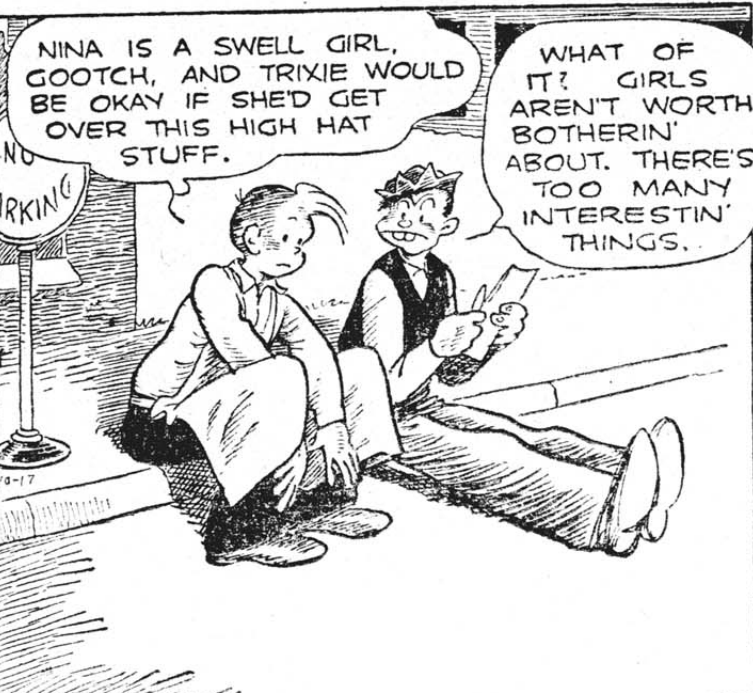
AN' I'M GOIN' TO CALL HER UP ON HER PARTY LINE.

HELLO, NINA? HOW'S PETE MOSS? YOU HAVEN'T? THAT'S SWELL. THEN I'M SITTIN' PRETTY?

MAYBE SHE IS A SIMPLE COUNTRY GIRL BUT SHE'S ALL MINE.







NINA IS A SWELL GIRL, GOOTCH, AND TRIxie WOULD BE OKAY IF SHE'D GET OVER THIS HIGH HAT STUFF.

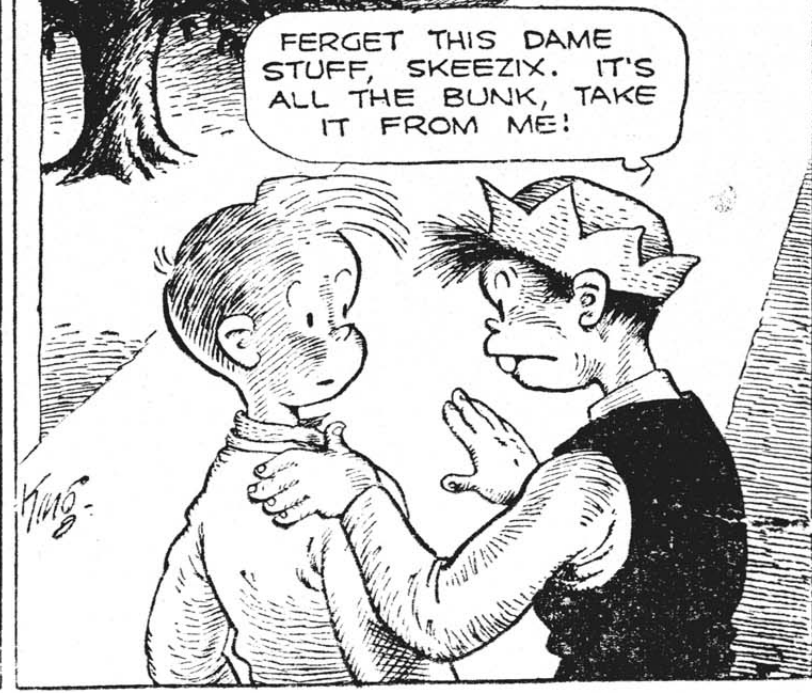
WHAT OF IT? GIRLS AREN'T WORTH BOTHERIN' ABOUT. THERE'S TOO MANY INTERESTIN' THINGS.



WHAT, FOR INSTANCE?

OH FOOTBALL, BUILDIN' RADIOS, SEA STORIES, PIE, SHOOTIN' A 22, STAMPS, TAKIN' SNAPSHOTS.

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FERGET THIS DAME STUFF, SKEEZIX. IT'S ALL THE BUNK, TAKE IT FROM ME!

LOOK AT THE SWELL  
CART MR. PLITZ  
BOUGHT ME, GOOTCH!

IT ISN'T AS FAST  
AS A BICYCLE BUT IT  
WILL SURE CARRY A  
LOT MORE GROCERIES.

GET A  
LOAD OF  
THAT—  
IT'S  
TRIXIE.

CAN YOU BEAT  
IT! SHE'S BOUGHT  
ALEC, THEIR HOUSE  
MAN, A CAP AN'  
NOW SHE HAS A  
CHAUFFEUR!

BOY! I'LL  
SAY SHE'S  
PUTTIN'  
ON THE  
DOG.







TRIXIE SAYS I OUGHT TO HAVE A SOPHISTICATED GIRL. WHAT DOES SOPHISTICATED MEAN?

WELL IF IT'S LIKE TRIXIE IT'S HIGH HAT.

I WISH I KNEW JUST WHAT SHE WAS DRIVIN' AT.

"HAVEN'T YOU GOT A DICTIONARY?"

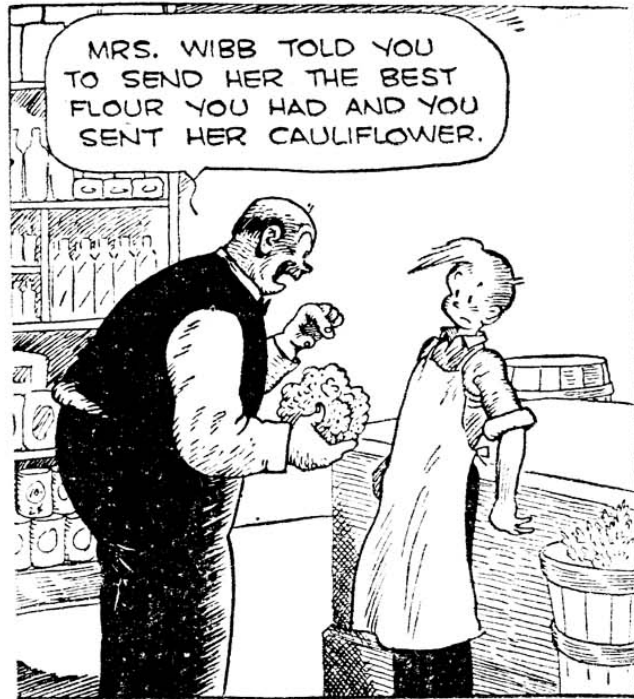
ARTIFICIAL, DEBASED, INVOLVED, WORLDLY WISE, BEING WITHOUT DIRECTNESS, SIMPLICITY OR NATURALNESS.

WELL, TRIXIE THINKS SHE'S SOPHISTICATED AND I DON'T THINK SO MUCH OF THAT.

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-KING-







SO TRIxie HAS GONE HIGH HAT ON YOU. AND YOU HAVE GOT YOURSELF A COUNTRY GIRL.

THAT'S RIGHT. ONLY I GOT THE COUNTRY GIRL FIRST.

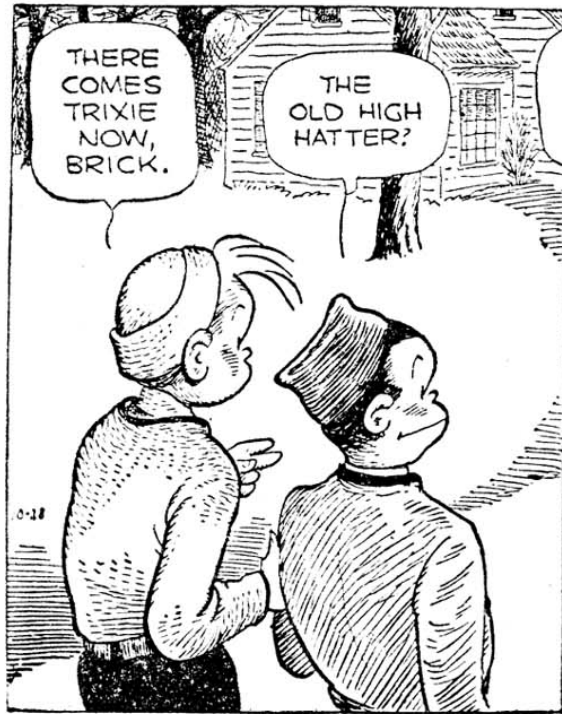
I KNOW YOU. YOU'RE TOO SOFT WITH YOUR WOMEN. YOU HAVEN'T ANY LINE — ANY TECHNIQUE.

YES, BUT HOW DO YOU GET THAT WAY?

FIRST, DON'T EVER LET 'EM KNOW YOU'VE GOT TIME TO BOTHER WITH 'EM. MAKE THEM COME THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WAY.

BUT WHAT IF THEY WON'T.

SUCH THOUGHTS ARE OUT. AN' IF THEY KNOW YOU'RE THINKIN' 'EM, YOU'RE OUT. I SEE I'VE GOT TO GIVE YOU SOME FREE LESSONS.



THERE COMES TRIXIE NOW, BRICK.

THE OLD HIGH HATTER?

BRICK FROM BUNKER! IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU AGAIN.

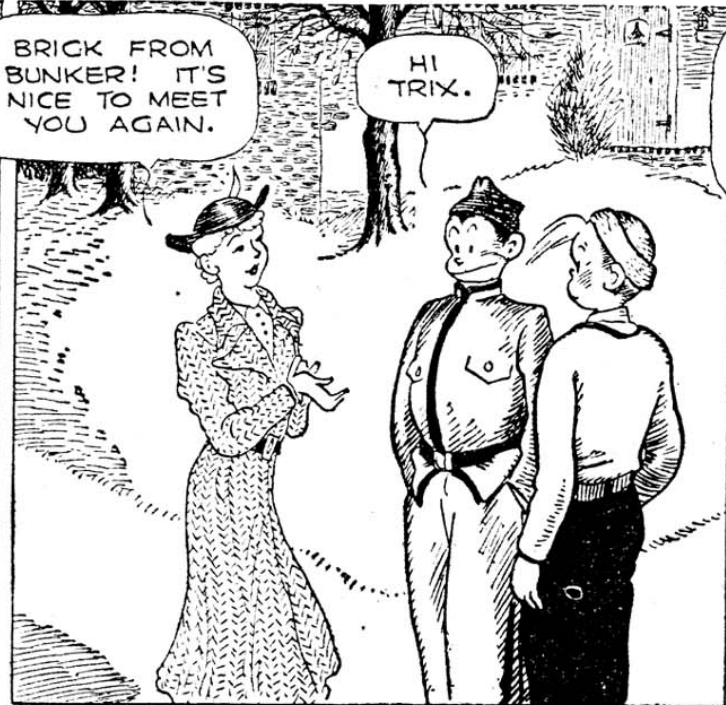
HI TRIX.

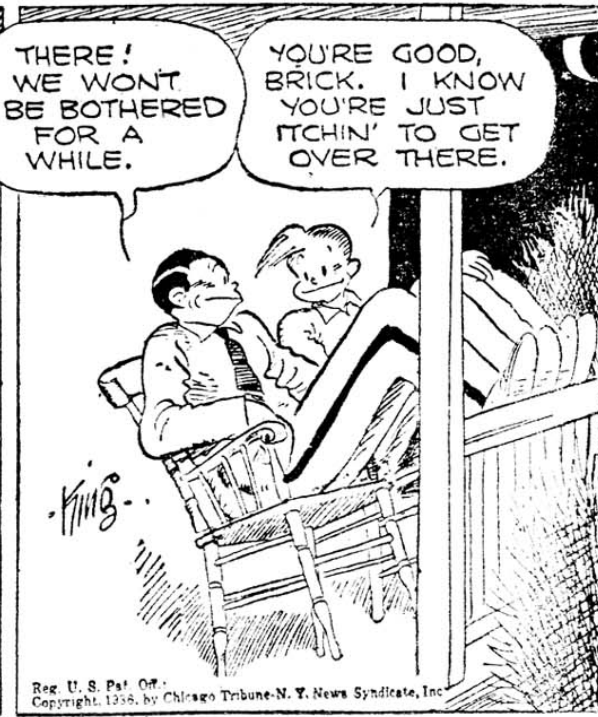
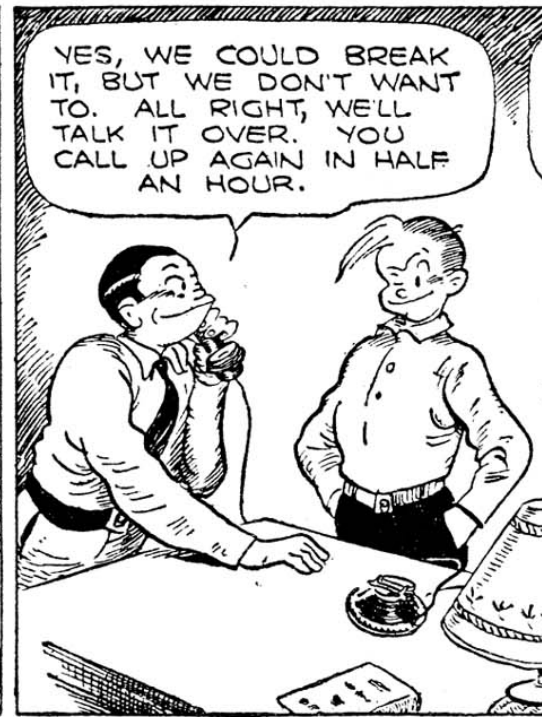
WILL YOU BE HERE A WHILE? I'LL BE SEEING YOU MAYBE!

I DUNNO. SKEEZIX AND I ARE PRETTY WELL DATED UP. TOODLE-OO!

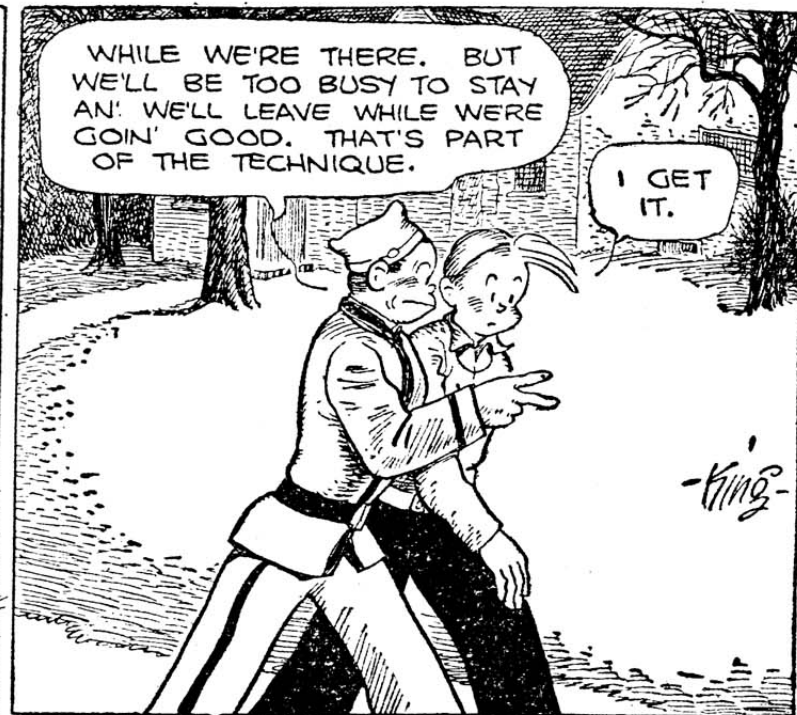
AFTER THAT COOL RECEPTION, I'LL BET SHE'LL KEEP DARK.

I'LL BET SHE WON'T. SHE'LL BE AROUND. YOU WATCH.









# GASOLINE ALLEY

# —LATE AND EARLY











MAKE 'EM COME NINE-TENTHS. OF THE WAY— THAT'S THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS, GOOTCH.

WHY NOT ALL THE WAY?



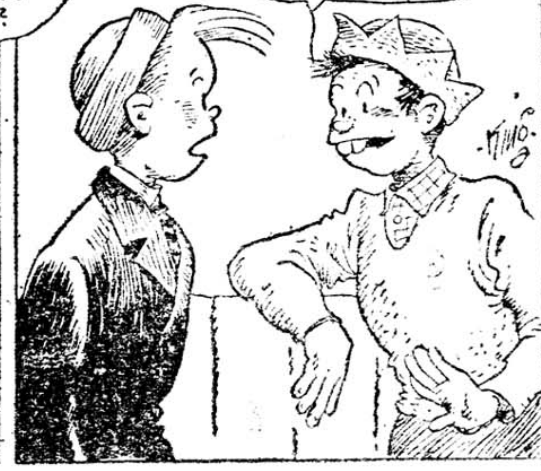
BE NONCHALANT— MAKE 'EM THINK THERE'S PLENTY MORE WHERE THEY CAME FROM— THAT'S MY SYSTEM.

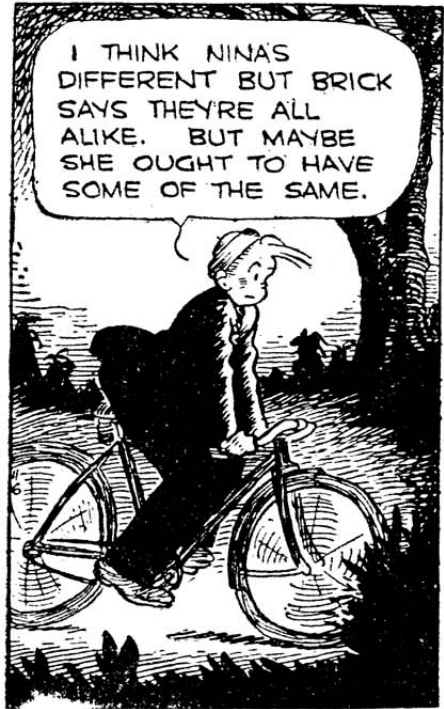
YOU DON'T THINK IT'S YOUR SYSTEM THAT'S GETTIN' 'EM?



IF IT ISN'T, WHAT IS IT?

YOU' BIG GOOF— IT'S YOUR JOB! YOU'RE THE ONLY BIRD THAT'S GOT ANY MONEY.





BUT YOU'RE SO CHANGED, SKEEZIX! YOU AREN'T YOURSELF AT ALL!

A FELLOW'S GOT TO CHANGE. HE CAN'T STAY THE SAME, NINA.



BUT SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS TO HAPPEN TO CHANGE HIM AS MUCH AS YOU'VE BEEN CHANGED.

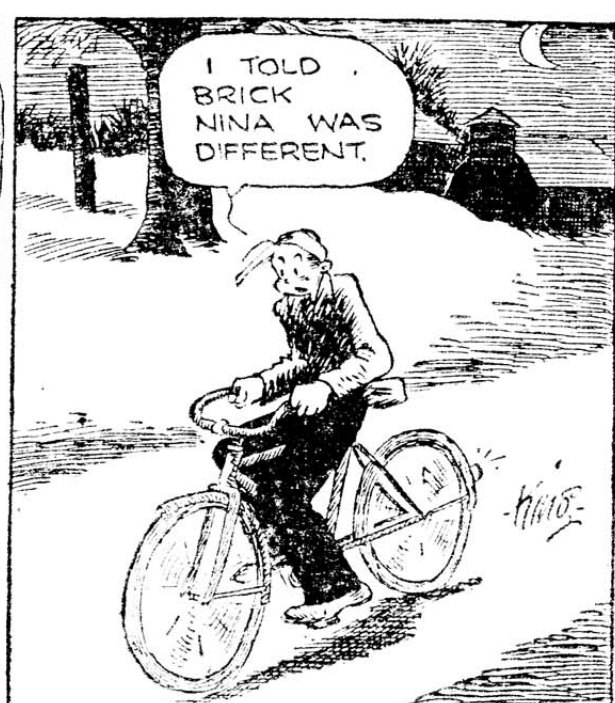
NOPE. A FELLOW JUST GETS WISE TO HIMSELF AFTER A WHILE—THAT'S ALL.



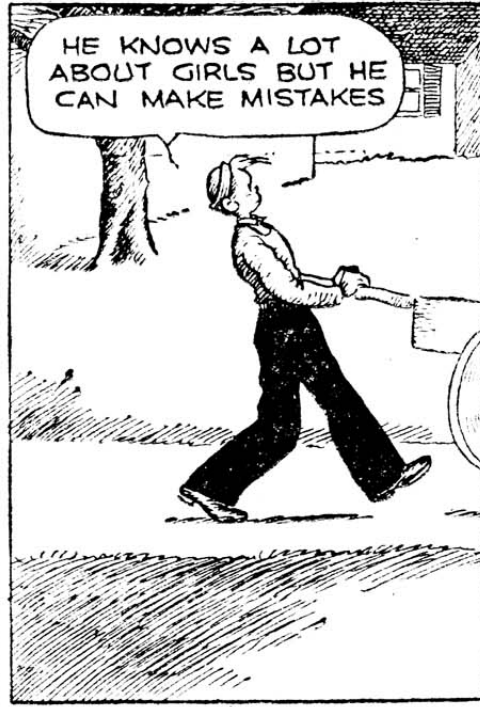
OH GEE, NINA, I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT—HONEST I DIDN'T. I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS HURTIN' YOUR FEELINGS! I WOULDN'T DO THAT.

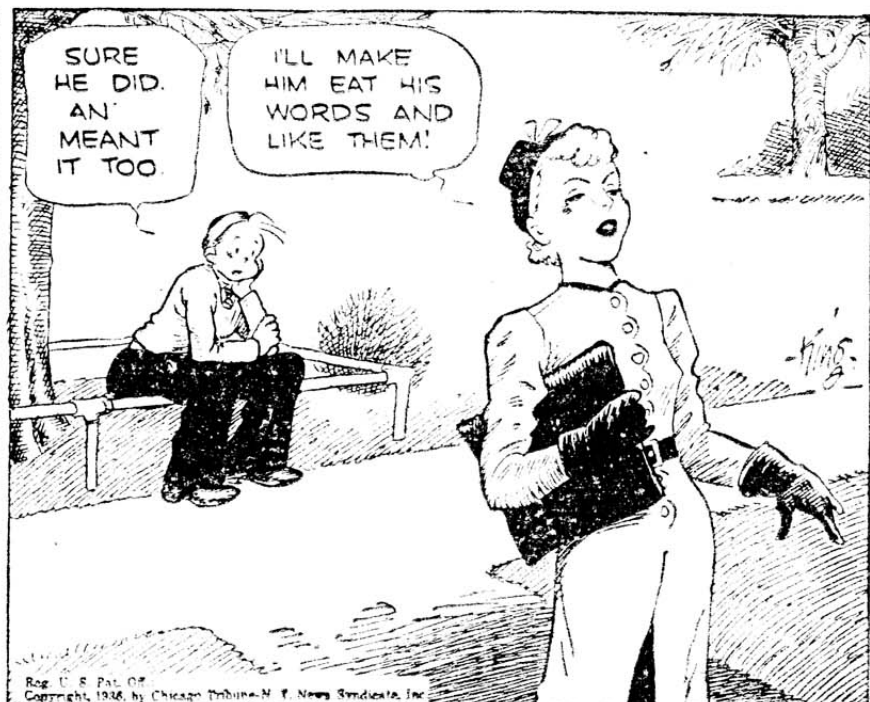


I TOLD BRICK NINA WAS DIFFERENT.

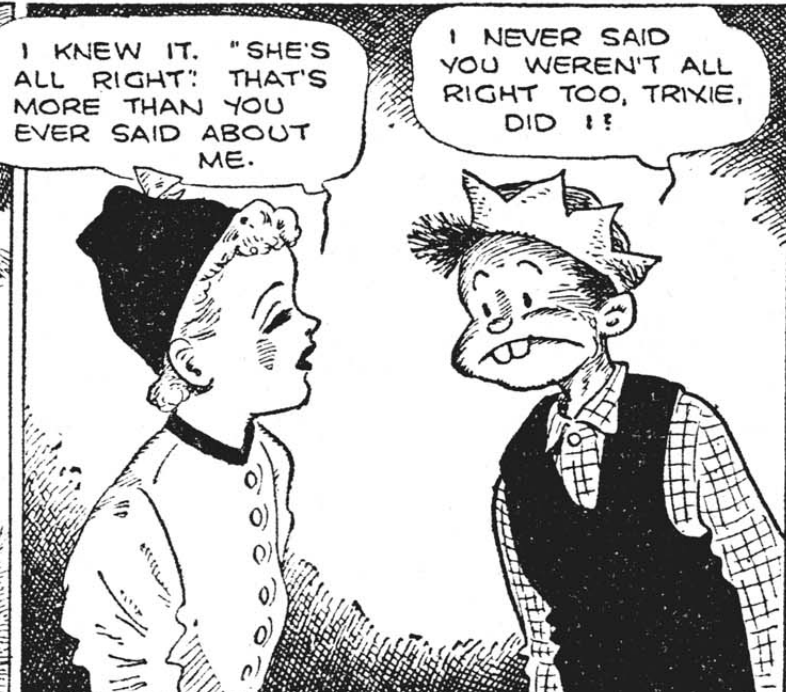














GOOTCH, YOU WERE RIGHT—WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT GIRLS.

WHAT DID I SAY?



THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY INTERESTING THINGS IN THE WORLD TO BOTHER ABOUT 'EM.

I SAID MOST GIRLS—NOT ALL GIRLS.



YOU SAID GIRLS! GOOTCH, DON'T TELL ME SOMEBODY'S GOT YOU SLIPPIN'!

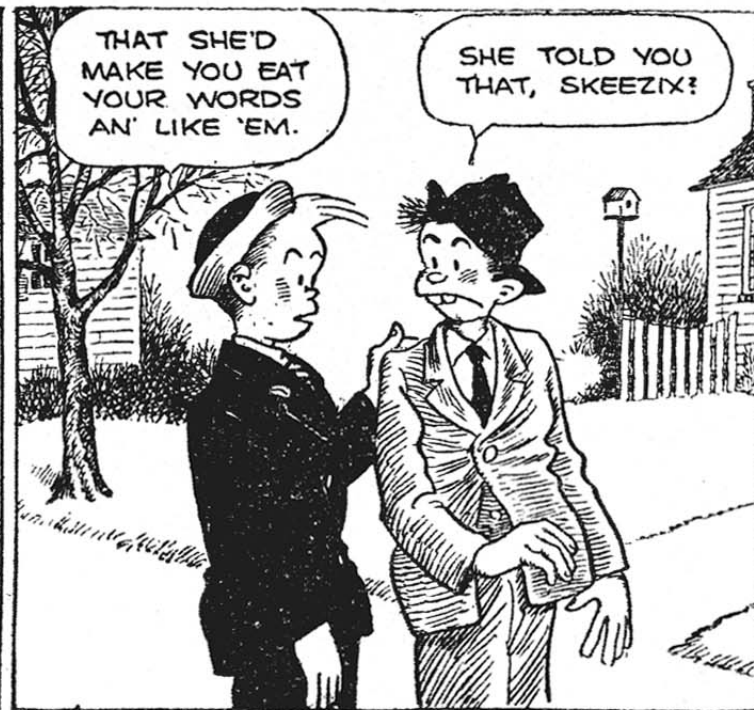
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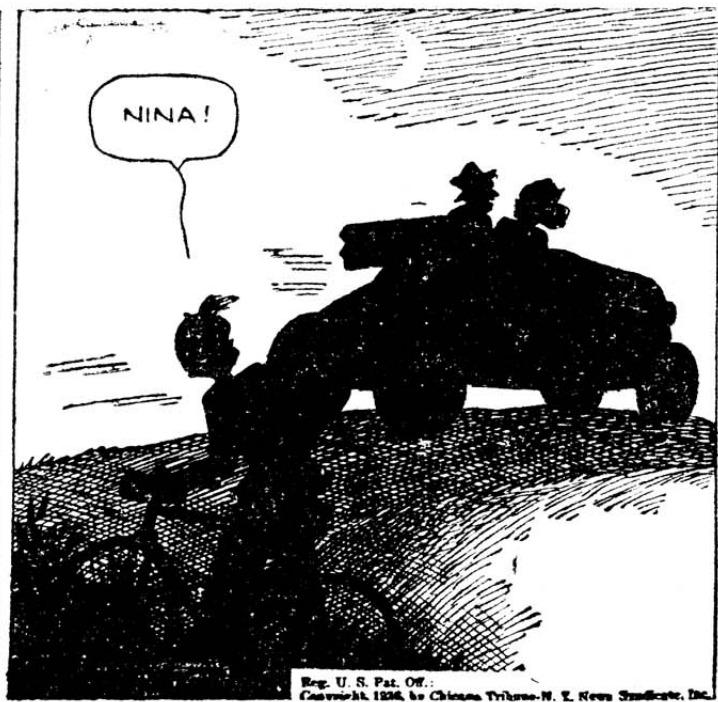


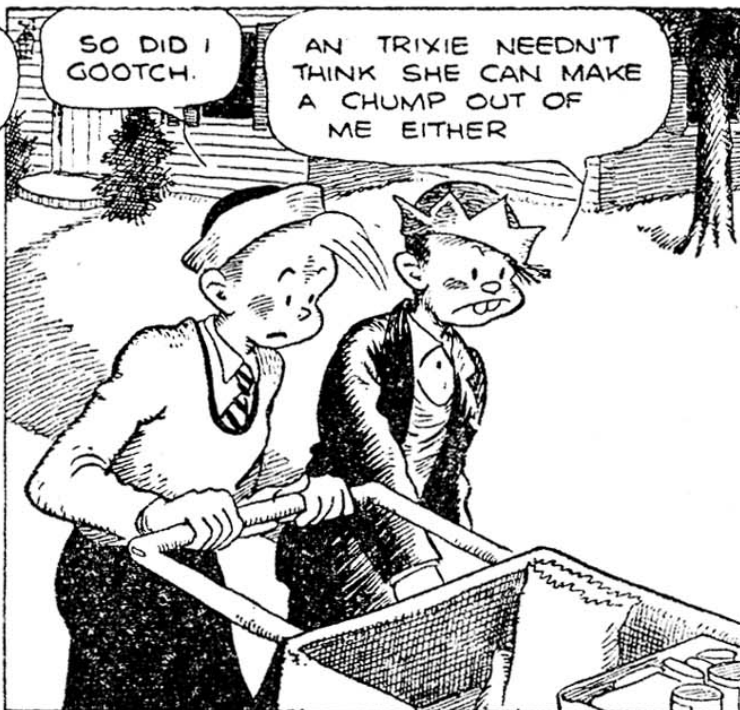


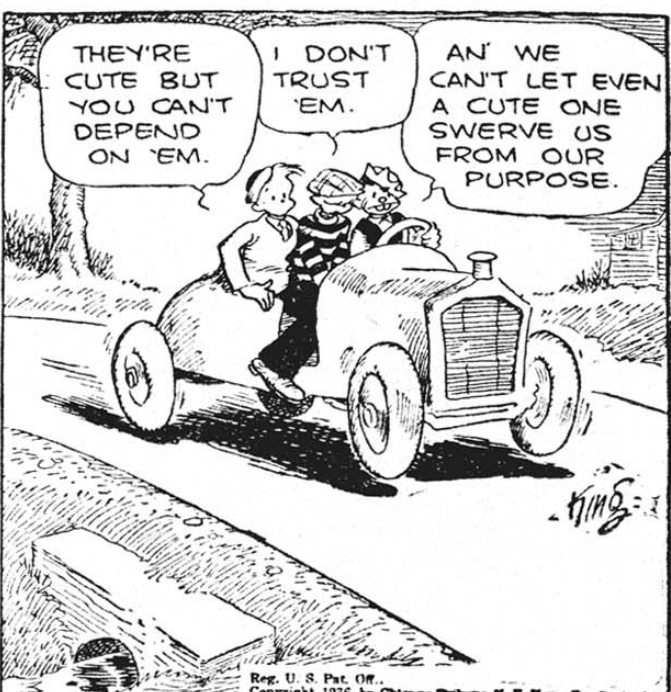
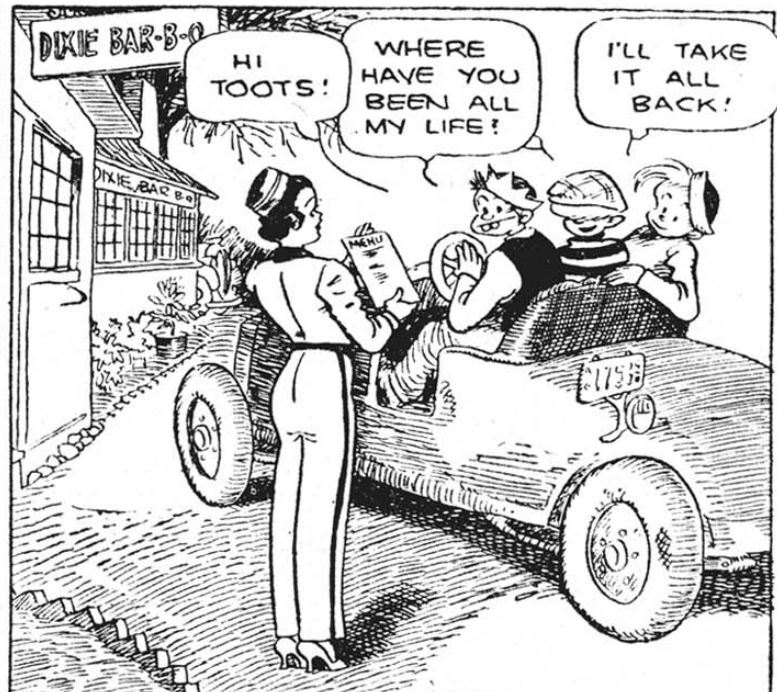
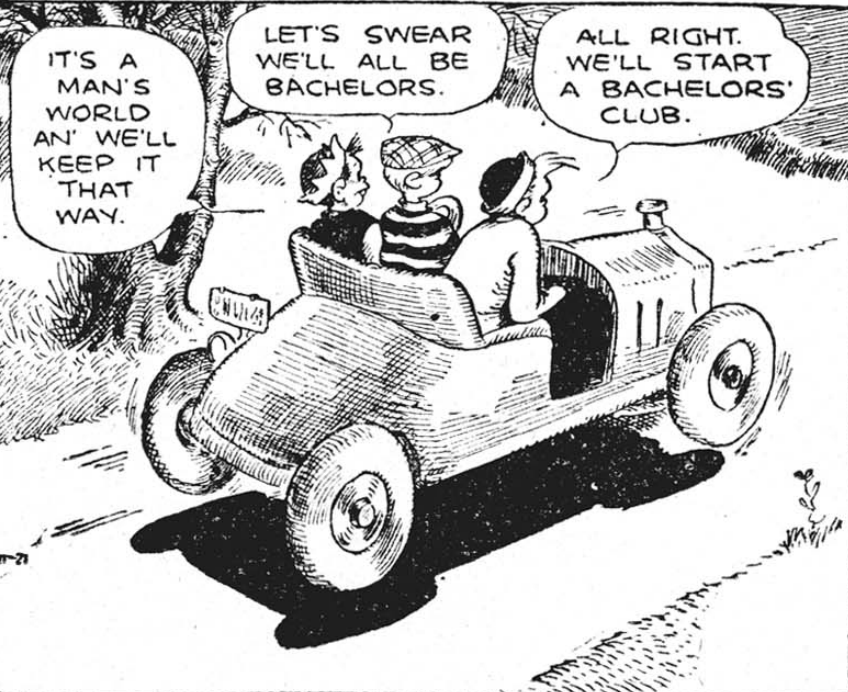










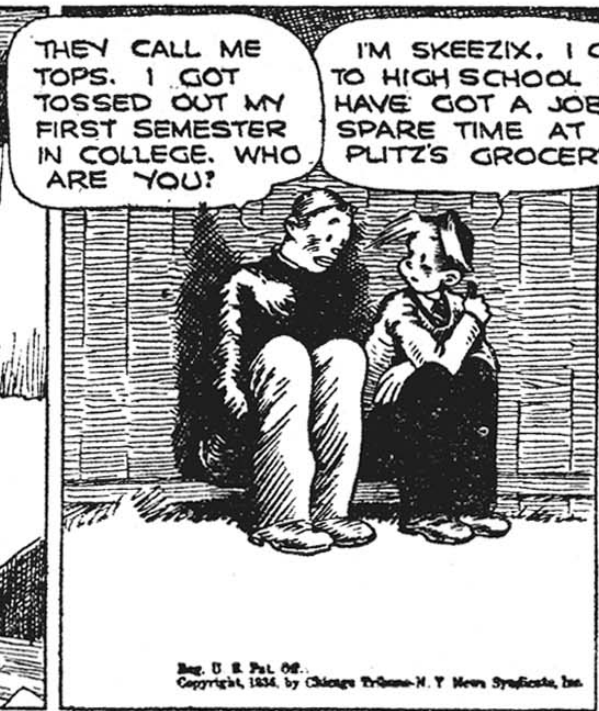




HEY, WHO YOU THROWIN' STONES AT!

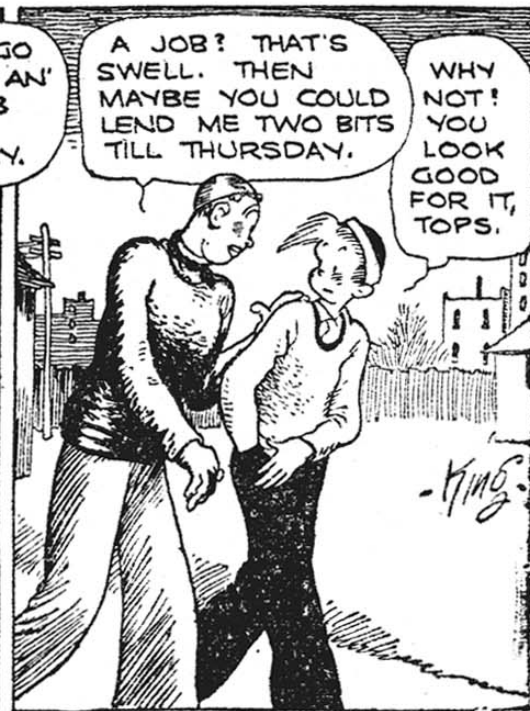


GEE, I'M SORRY!



THEY CALL ME TOPS. I GOT TOSSED OUT MY FIRST SEMESTER IN COLLEGE. WHO ARE YOU?

I'M SKEEZIX. I GO TO HIGH SCHOOL AN' HAVE GOT A JOB SPARE TIME AT PLITZ'S GROCERY.



A JOB? THAT'S SWELL. THEN MAYBE YOU COULD LEND ME TWO BITS TILL THURSDAY.

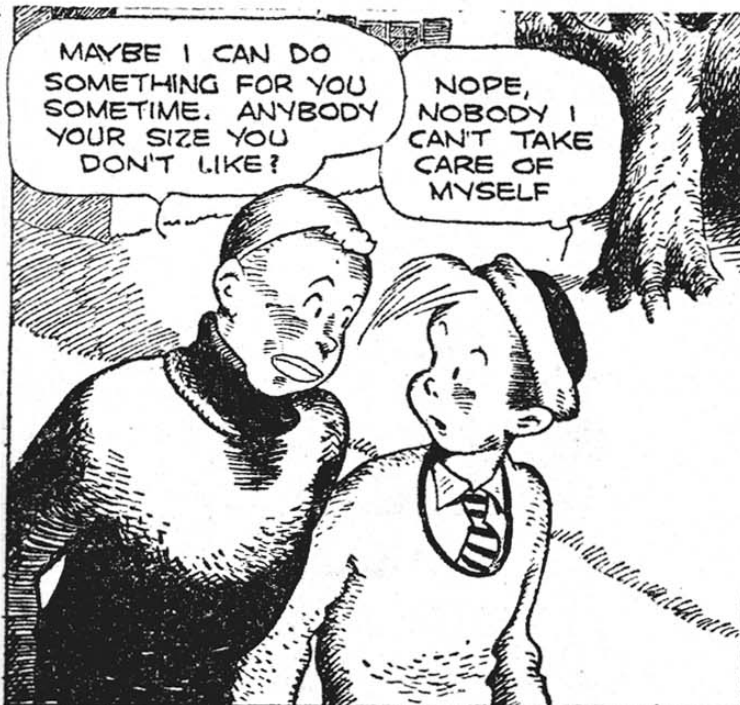
WHY NOT! YOU LOOK GOOD FOR IT, TOPS.

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THANKS SKEEZIX FOR THE LOAN OF TWO BITS. I'LL GET IT BACK TO YOU THURSDAY.

DON'T MENTION IT, TOPS. I'M MAKIN' GOOD MONEY. I CAN SPARE IT.



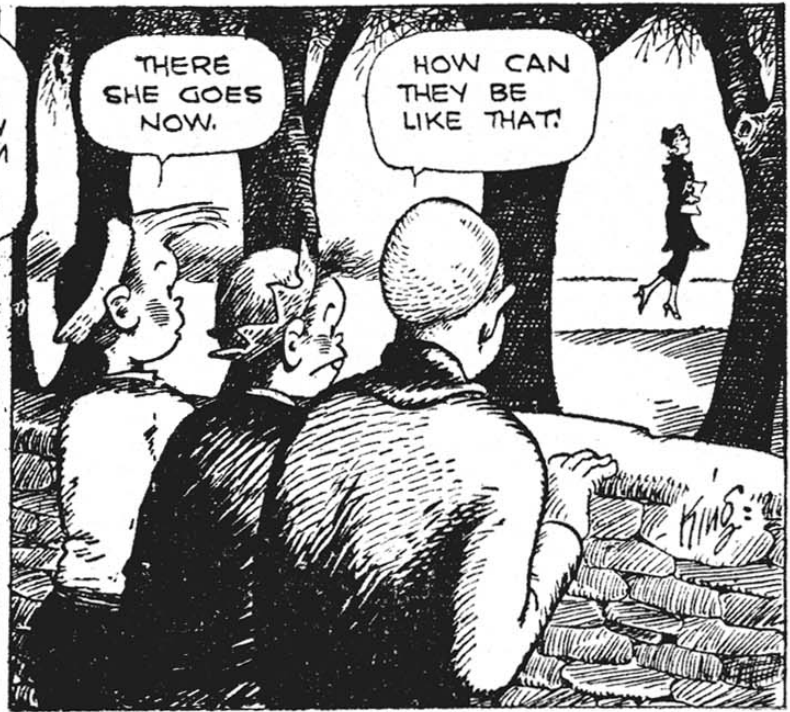
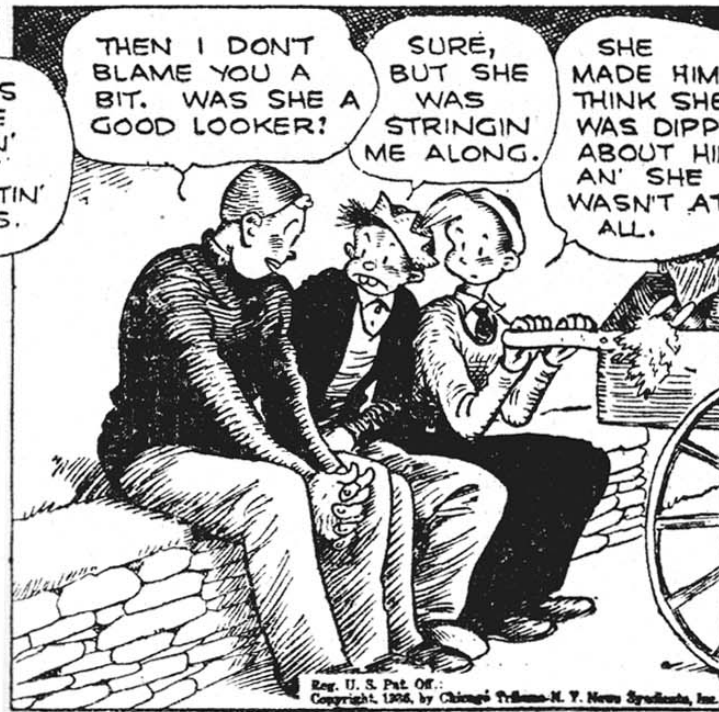
MAYBE I CAN DO SOMETHING FOR YOU SOMETIME. ANYBODY YOUR SIZE YOU DON'T LIKE?

NOPE, NOBODY I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF MYSELF



ISN'T THERE SOMEBODY CHISELIN' IN ON YOUR GIRL OR SOMETHING?

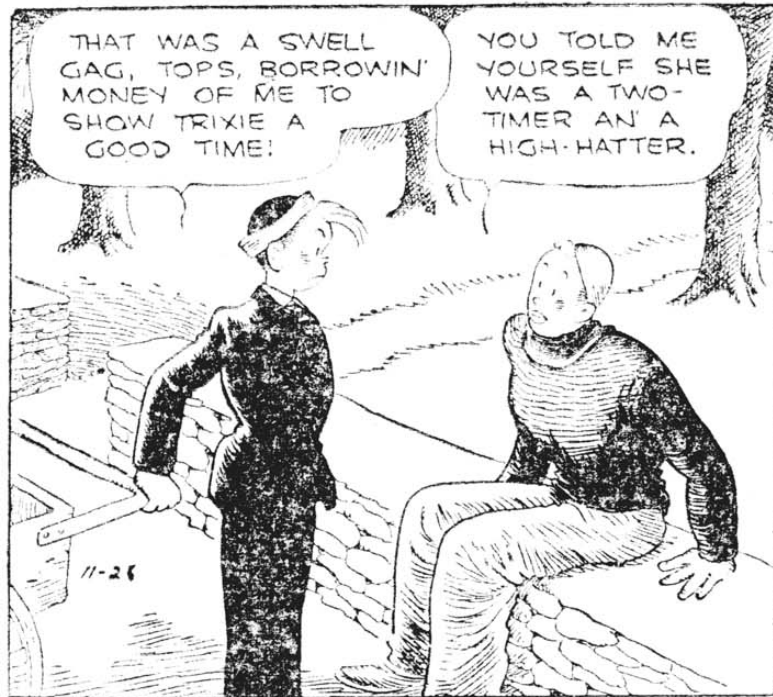
I'M NOT BOTHERED. I BELONG TO A BACHELORS' CLUB AN' WE'RE ALL WOMAN HATERS.

















IF YOU THINK YOU CAN EXPLAIN, GO AHEAD.

I HAD WALKED TO THE CORNERS TO GET SOME COLD CREAM. MATT MOLT OFFERED ME A RIDE HOME IN HIS CAR.



ON THE WAY I SAW YOU AND YOUR BIKE IN THE LIGHTS AND WANTED MATT TO STOP. BUT HE WOULDN'T. THEN THE FIGHT STARTED.

GEE, NINA, I DIDN'T SUSPECT.



WE QUARRELED ALL THE WAY HOME AND I RAN UP AND SAT ON THE FRONT STEPS HOPING YOU'D COME BACK.

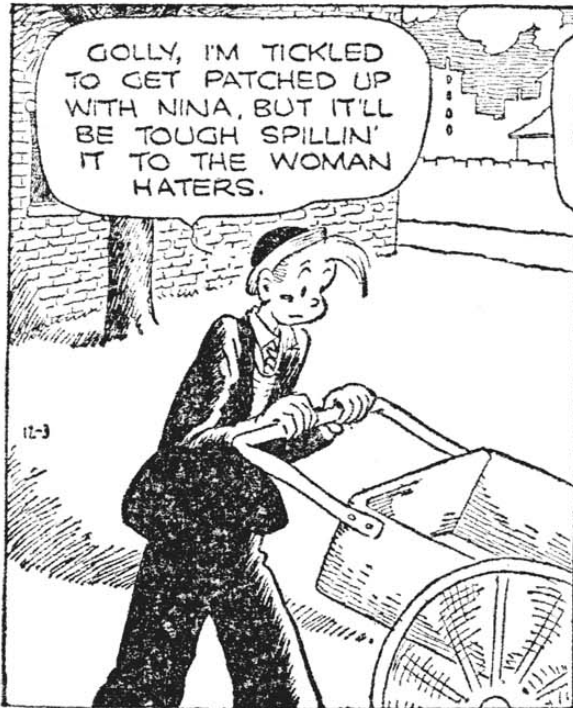
GOLLY, IF I'D ONLY KNOWN.



ANYWAY, I'VE TOLD YOU.

GOSH, NINA, DON'T WALK OUT ON ME NOW! I'M SORRY. I WAS JUST JEALOUS, I GUESS.

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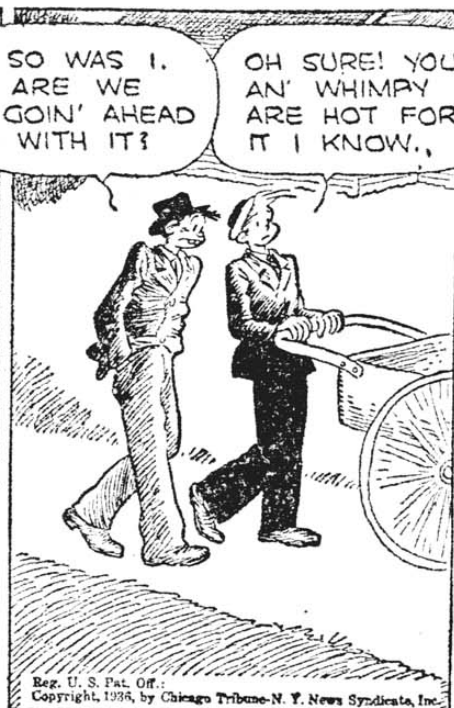


GOLLY, I'M TICKLED TO GET PATCHED UP WITH NINA, BUT IT'LL BE TOUGH SPILLIN' IT TO THE WOMAN HATERS.



HI, SKEEZIX. SAY ABOUT OUR WOMAN HATERS CLUB—

YES, GOOTCH—THE W. H. CLUB. I WAS JUST THINKIN' OF THAT.



SO WAS I. ARE WE GOIN' AHEAD WITH IT?

OH SURE! YOU AN' WHIMPY ARE HOT FOR IT I KNOW.,



OF COURSE. AN' NOBODY COULD BLAME YOU FOR BELONGIN' THE WAY YOUR GIRL TREATED YOU.

NO—THAT IS—ANYWAY, YOU GOT A RAW DEAL FROM TRIXIE YOURSELF, GOOTCH.



WELL, I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO SPRING IT ON 'EM.



YOU KNOW, FELLAS, I'VE GOT TO RESIGN FROM THE WOMAN HATERS. NINA AN' I HAVE MADE UP.

WHAT! DITCHIN' GOOTCH AN' ME AFTER ALL YOU'VE SAID?



I'M AFRAID I'M RESIGNIN' TOO, FELLAS. TRIxie TOLD ME IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE.



YOU BIRDS MAKE ME SICK.

TRIXIE, SKEEZIX HAS RESIGNED FROM THE WOMAN HATERS CLUB AND SO HAS GOOTCH!

YES, WHEN YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THE CLUB I MADE EYES AT GOOTCH A COUPLE OF TIMES AND HE CHANGED HIS MIND.

THAT'S RICH. HE FELL LIKE A TON OF BRICK.

THEY'RE FUNNY AT THAT AGE, TOPS.

THEY'RE JUST YOUR AGE AND DON'T YOU GET TOO INTERESTED IN KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE WOMAN HATERS SOCIETY.

DON'T BE SILLY, BIG BOY, THEY'RE INFANTS AND I CAN'T BE BOTHERED.





GET YOURSELF  
A SHINE, SKEEZIX,  
AND SIT AND  
KEEP ME COMPANY.



YOUR FRIEND TOPS IS  
A HONEY, ISN'T HE — I MEAN —  
NOT ANYBODY TO FALL FOR  
BUT A LOT OF FUN?

SURE.  
HE'S A  
GOOD  
SCOUT.



OH, THANKS A LOT,  
SKEEZIX, BUT I DIDN'T  
MEAN YOU SHOULD  
PAY FOR MINE.



SKEEZIX,  
I'VE GOT  
SOMETHING  
FOR YOU.



HERE IS A TICKET TO THE  
MUSICALE TOMORROW NIGHT.  
I'M TO PLAY. YOU CAN COME  
AND GET ME AND TAKE ME  
HOME IF YOU WANT TO.

SWELL,  
TRIXIE!

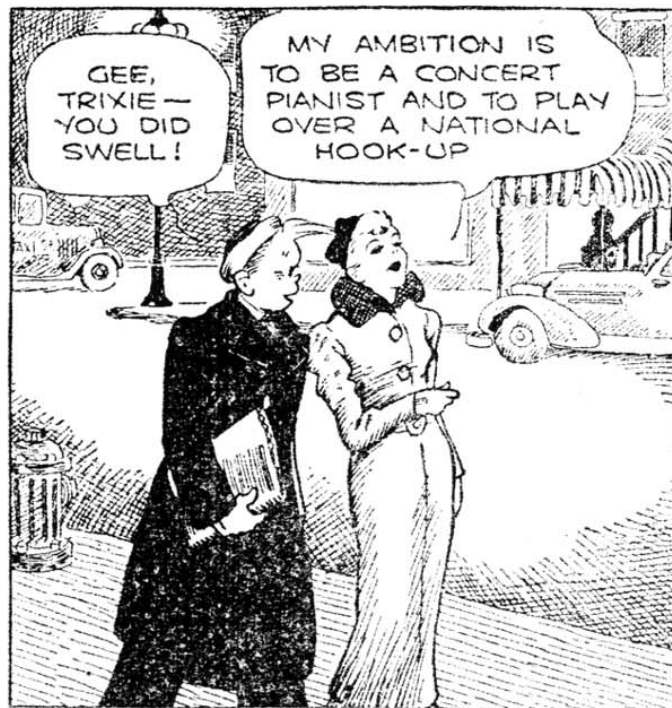
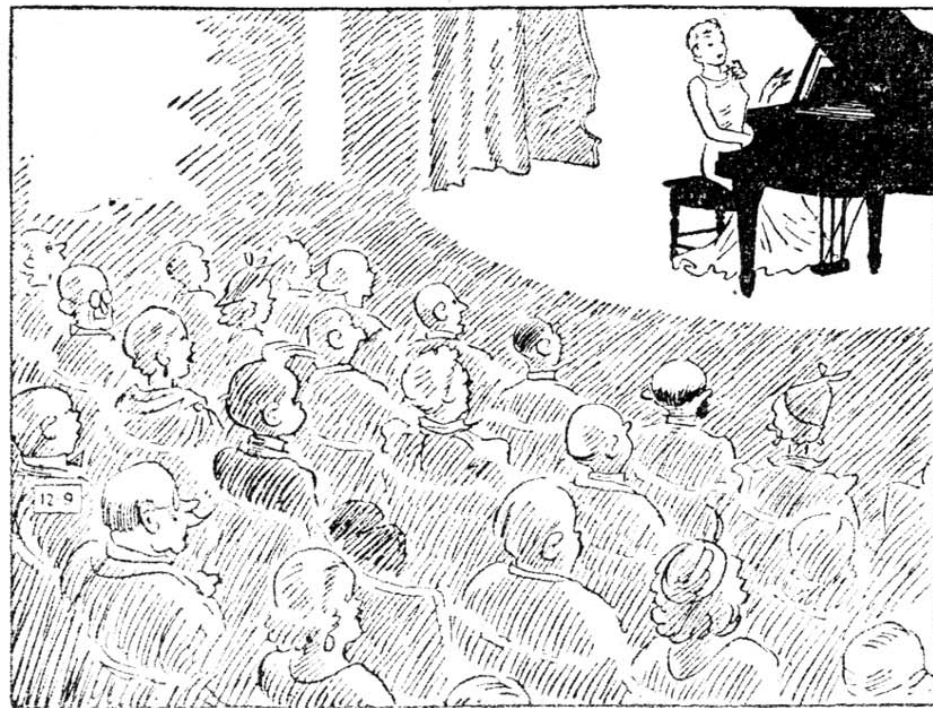


I'M PLAYING HUMORESQUE—  
AND MINUET FOR AN ENCORE—  
THAT IS, IF THERE IS ANY  
ENCORE.

BELIEVE  
ME, THERE'LL  
BE AN  
ENCHORE!



GOSH! I WONDER  
WHY TOPS OR  
GOOTCH, DIDN'T  
GET THIS!



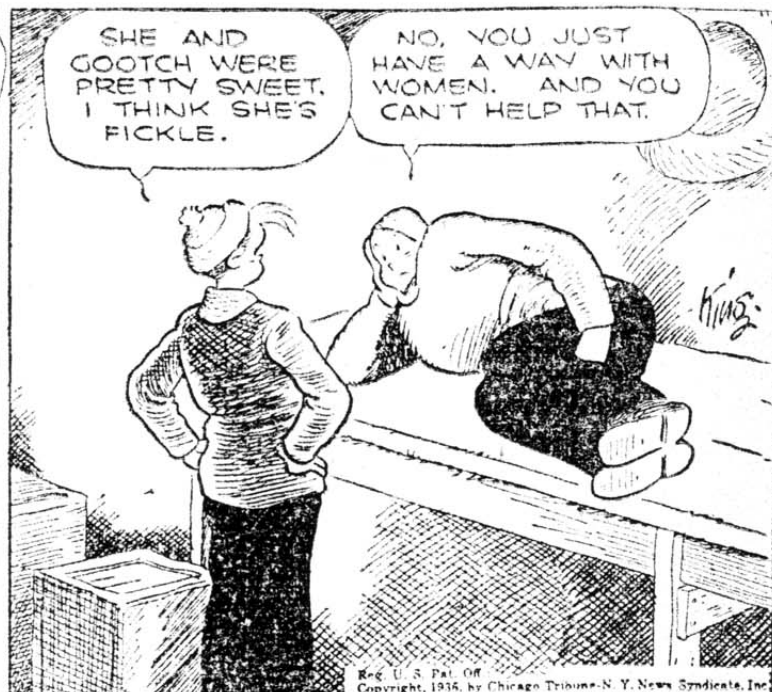
GEE, TRIXIE — YOU DID SWELL!

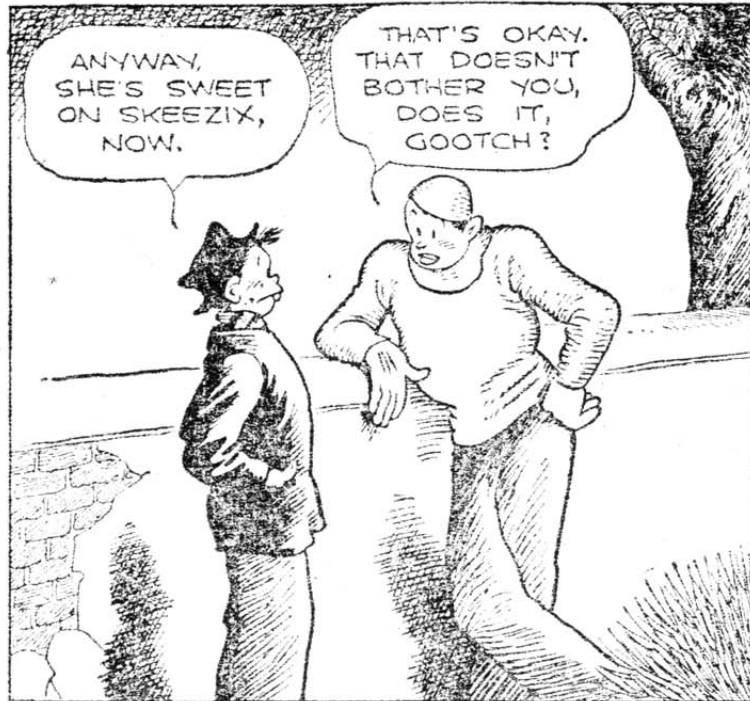
MY AMBITION IS TO BE A CONCERT PIANIST AND TO PLAY OVER A NATIONAL HOOK-UP



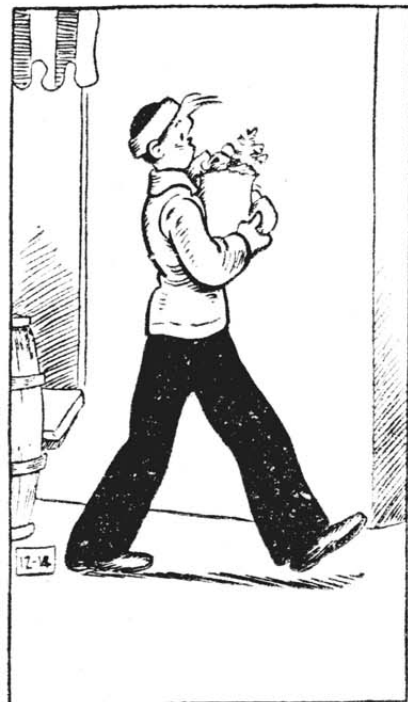
SOME DAY I MAY BE AN ANNOUNCER, AND IF I EVER AM, I'LL PUT YOU ACROSS.

IT'S A PROMISE, SKEEZIX?









GEE, JESSICA, ARE YOU HURT?

NO! ARE YOU?



WE SURE DID. SCATTER SOME GROCERIES.

IT'S COMBINATION SALAD IF YOU ASK ME.



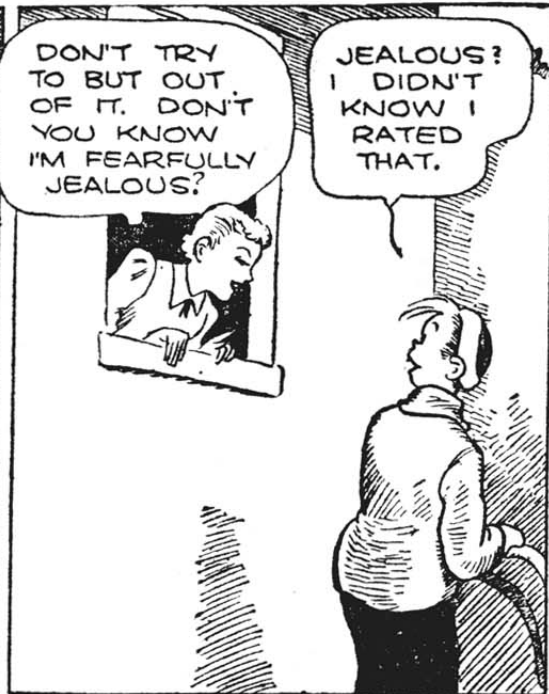
THAT WAS DEVASTATING. I'D LIKE TO HAVE A SNAPSHOT OF IT.



DON'T YOU DENY IT NOW— I SAW YOU WITH JESSICA YESTERDAY.

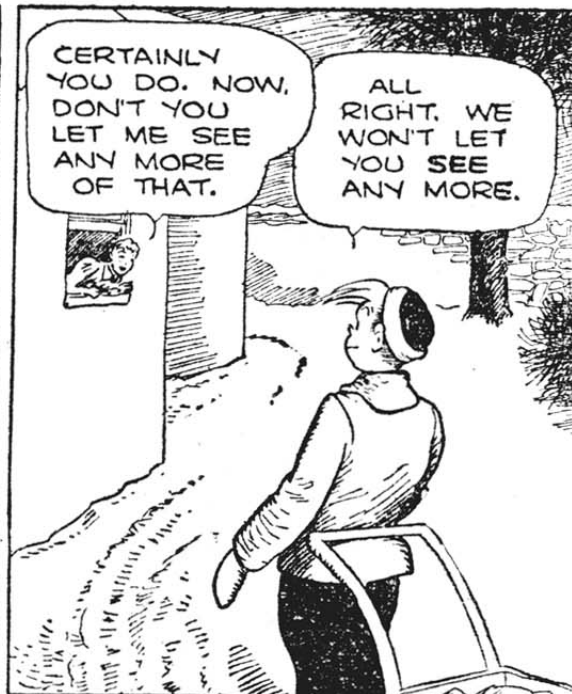
SURE, I WAS WALKIN' WITH HER BUT—

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DON'T TRY TO BUT OUT OF IT. DON'T YOU KNOW I'M FEARFULLY JEALOUS?

JEALOUS? I DIDN'T KNOW I RATED THAT.



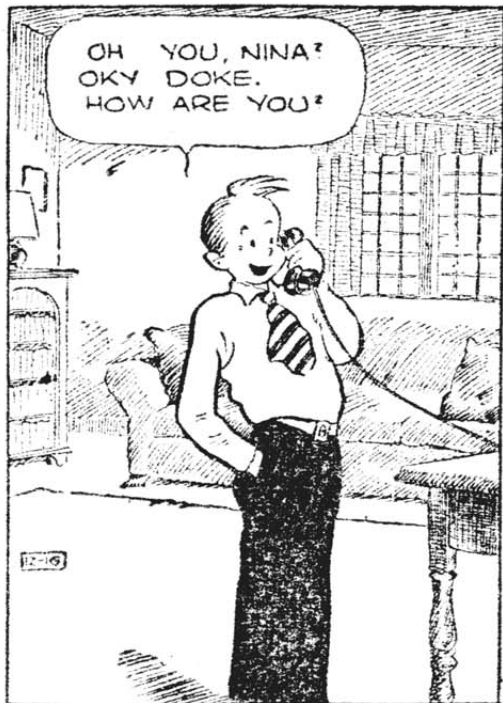
CERTAINLY YOU DO. NOW, DON'T YOU LET ME SEE ANY MORE OF THAT.

ALL RIGHT, WE WON'T LET YOU SEE ANY MORE.



MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE PROMISED TO GET HER A JOB ON THE RADIO.









SKEEZIX!

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WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MY PICTURE? IS IT ON YOUR DRESSER?

IT'S IN IT.



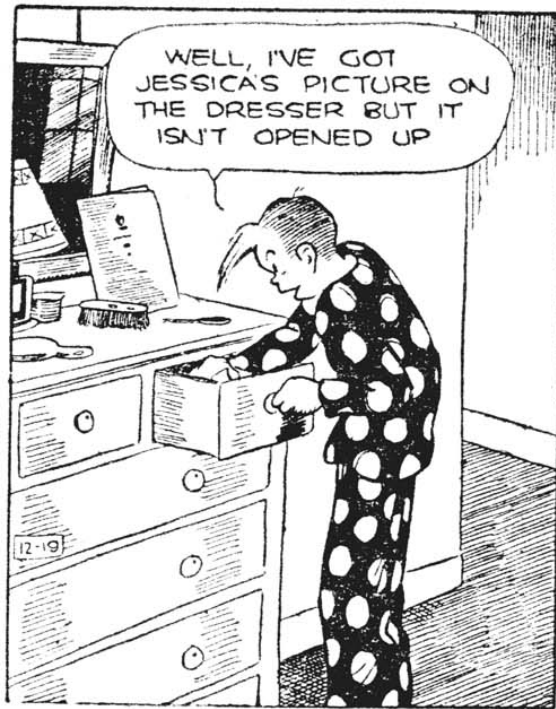
IN IT? IS THAT NICE?

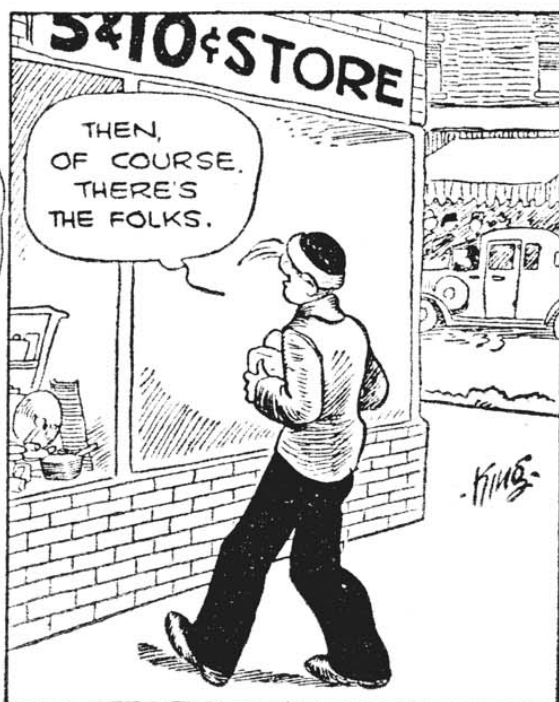
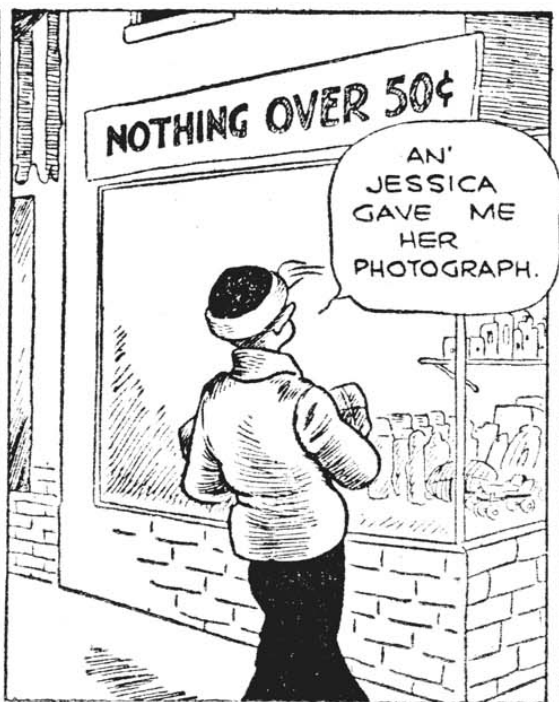
BUT, JESSICA, THAT'S WHERE I KEEP MY MONEY AN' MY MATCH COVER COLLECTION AN' THINGS I LIKE.

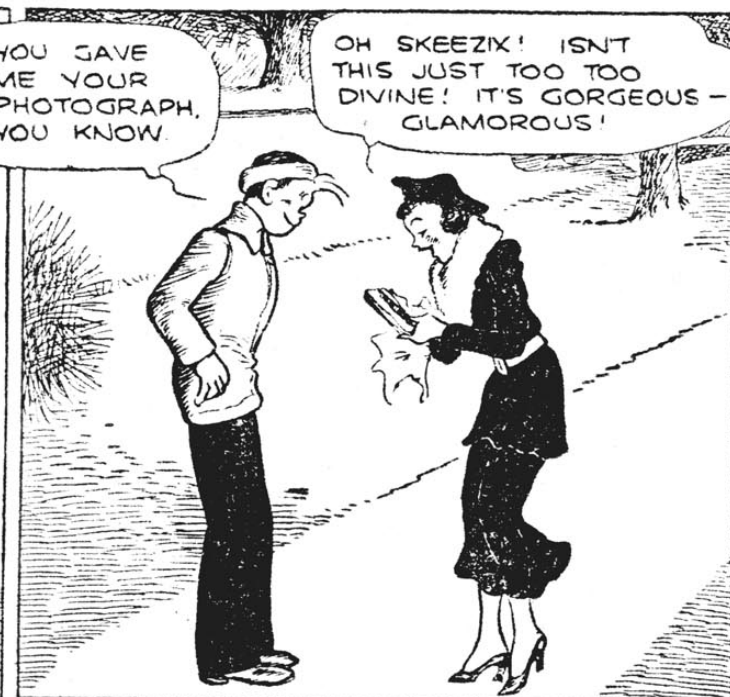
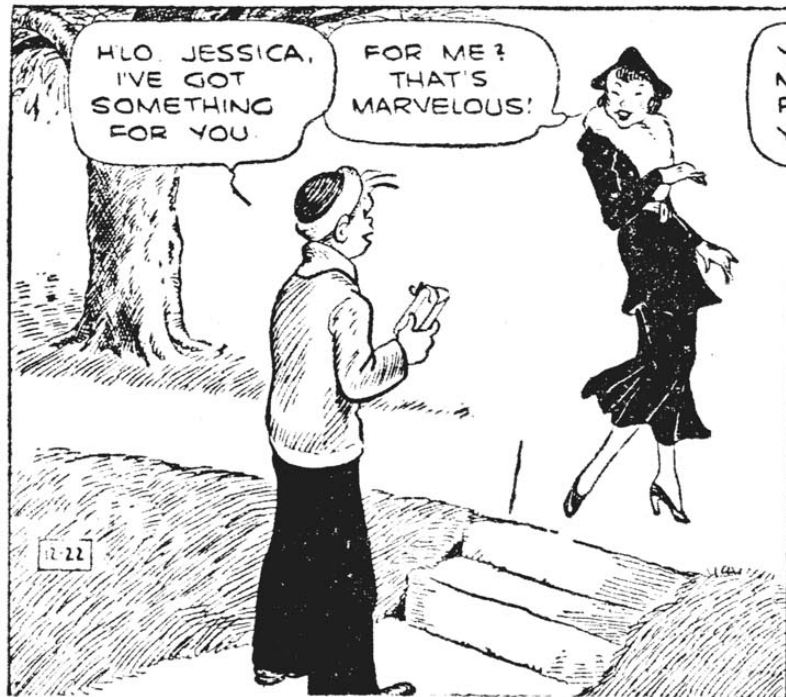


BUT I LIKE IT OUT ON TOP WHERE YOU CAN SEE IT ALL THE TIME.

OF COURSE. IF THAT'S WHERE YOU LIKE IT —



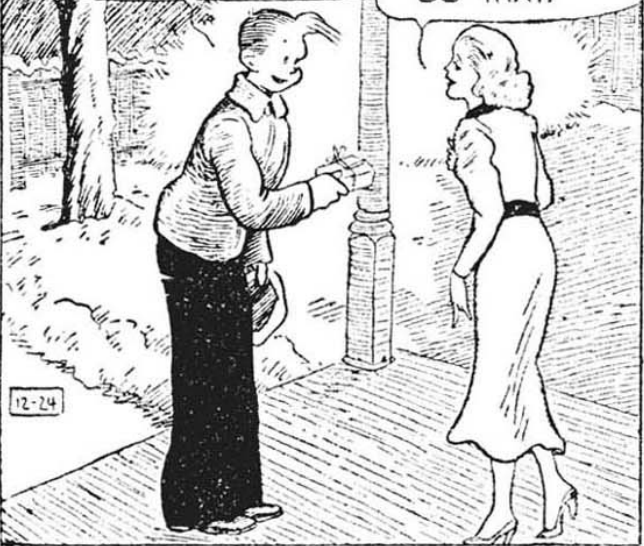






SURE, NINA, I  
'HITCH-HIKED OUT AN'  
I BROUGHT YOU A  
CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

THAT'S  
WONDERFULLY  
NICE, BUT YOU  
DIDN'T HAVE TO  
DO THAT.



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SHUCKS,  
I WANTED  
TO.

THEY'RE JUST  
DARLING,  
SKEEZIX! AND  
THREE OF THEM.



NOW, HERE'S  
WHAT I TOLD  
YOU I HAD  
FOR YOU.

GOSH, NINA, THIS  
IS SWELL! AND  
YOU MADE IT ALL  
WITH YOUR OWN  
HANDS!





# GASOLINE ALLEY—PINCH HITTING FOR SANTA

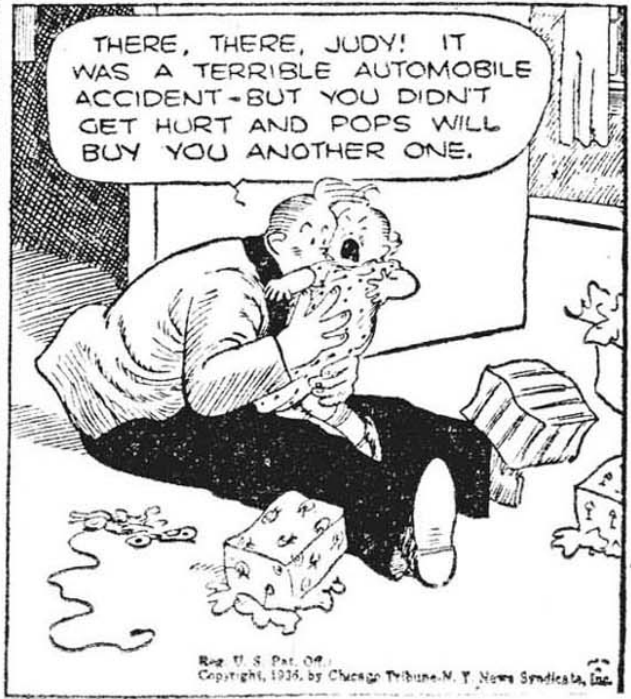
WALT GRY, DON'T GRY  
YOU GRY THINK GRY IT'S GRY  
TIME GRY FOR GRY  
SANT GRY CLAUS GRY?

OKAY GRY.

HI, FOLKS! HERE'S  
SANTA CLAUS!

WALT, YOU TOLD  
ME YOU'D HID  
THOSE TOGS AWAY  
WHERE CORKY  
WOULDN'T FIND  
THEM!

BUT, PHYLLIS, HOW  
COULD I KNOW HE'D  
GO PROWLING THROUGH  
MY SHIRT DRAWERS.



A HOT SCARF!  
YOU LOOK LIKE  
A CHRISTMAS  
TREE, SKEEZIX.

NINA, OUT IN  
THE COUNTRY,  
KNITTED IT  
FOR ME.

I FOUND I HAD  
THREE GIRLS I  
HAD TO GET  
PRESENTS FOR.

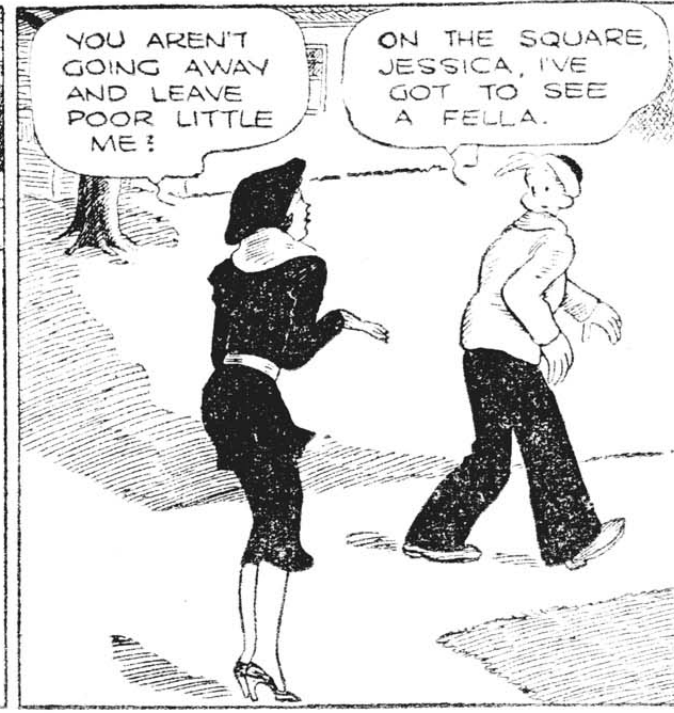
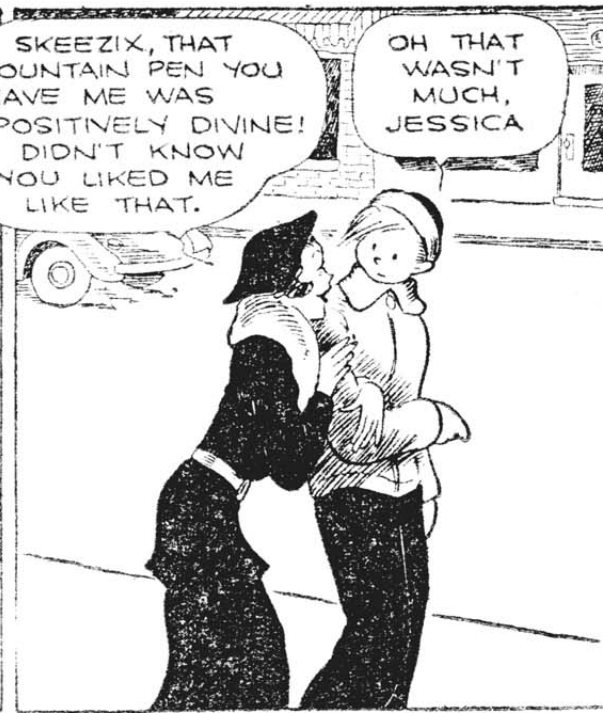
IT'S TOO LATE  
TO DO ANYTHING  
ABOUT THAT  
NOW

YES, BUT NOW  
I'VE GOT 'EM  
WHAT AM I GOIN  
TO DO WITH 'EM?

THAT'S NOTHING TO  
WORRY ABOUT. CHRISTMAS  
IS OVER AN' THEY'LL  
SCATTER LIKE BIRD SHOT

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TOPS, IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY PERFUME AND MY BOY FRIENDS, GET AWAY FROM HERE! I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY COMPANY, YOU CAN GO IN THE HOUSE.

I WON'T.

WON'T'S A BIG WORD, TRIXIE.

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I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!