

GASOLINE ALLEY

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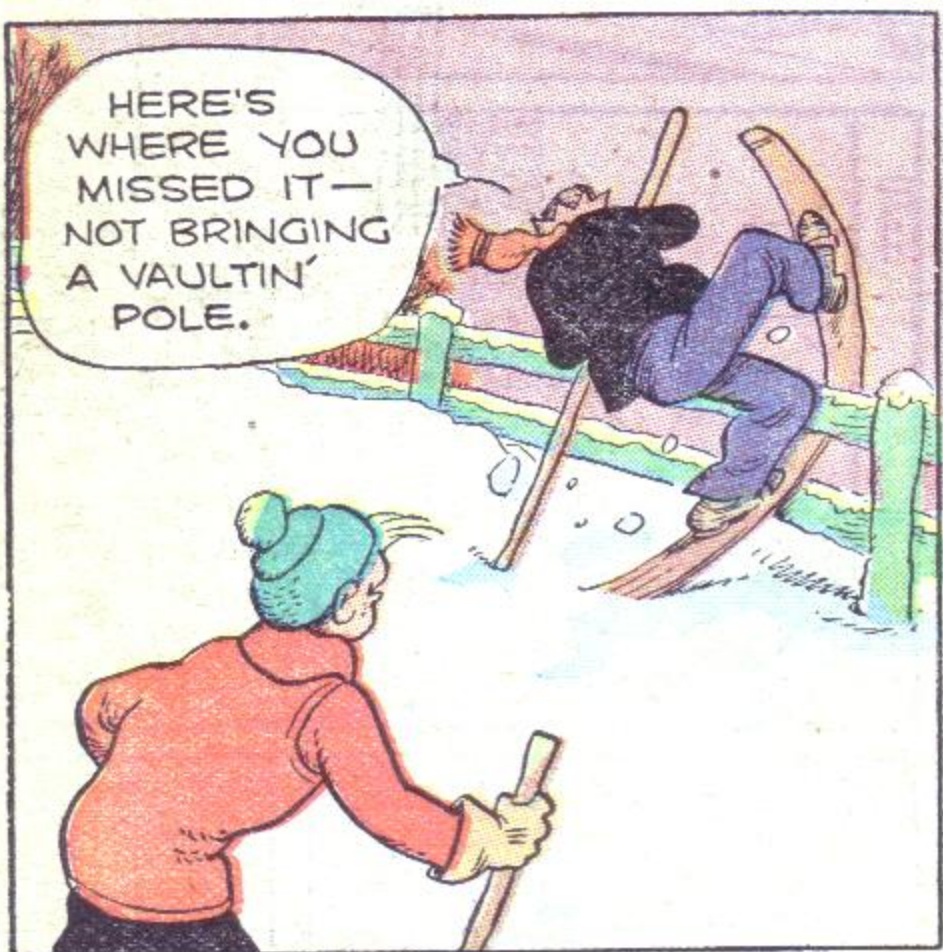


I DON'T CARE WHO WINS THIS BARREL STAVE SKI RACE AS LONG AS IT ISN'T SISSY BLY.

YOU AN' ME BOTH.



HE'S BEEN LORDING IT OVER EVERYBODY SINCE HE'S BEEN HOME.



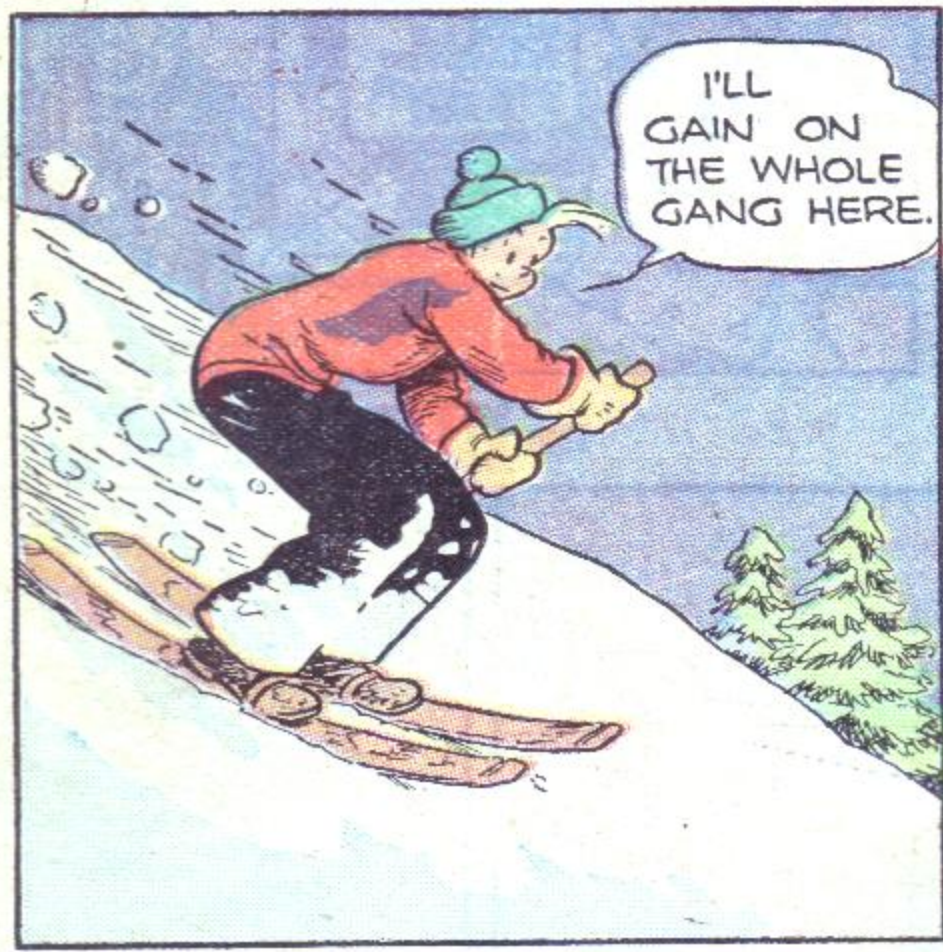
HERE'S WHERE YOU MISSED IT — NOT BRINGING A VAULTIN' POLE.



SORRY, GOOTCH!



OH BOY! WHAT A CHANCE.



I'LL GAIN ON THE WHOLE GANG HERE.



SORRY!



SKEEZIX! YOU LET SISSY TRIM YOU WHEN YOU HAD IT RIGHT IN YOUR MITT!

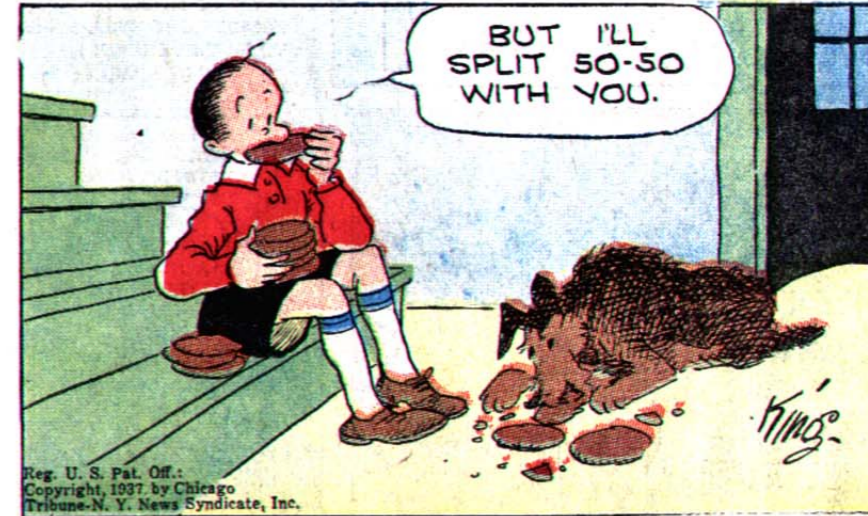
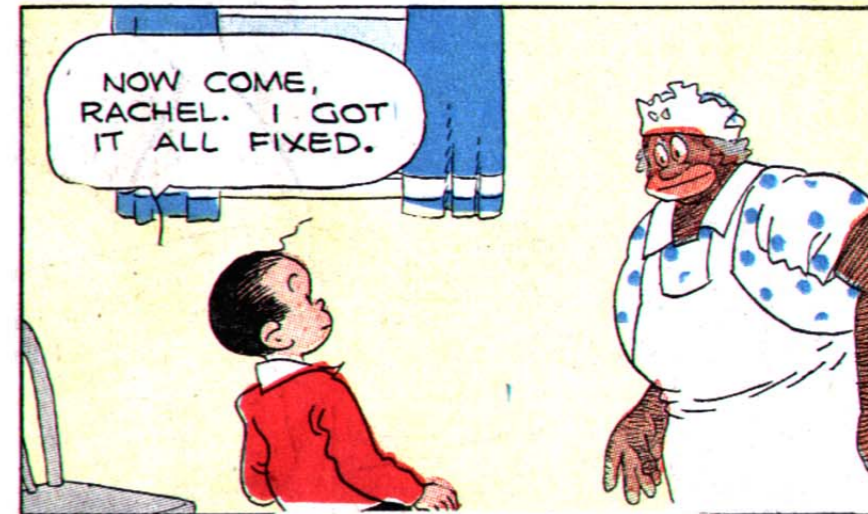
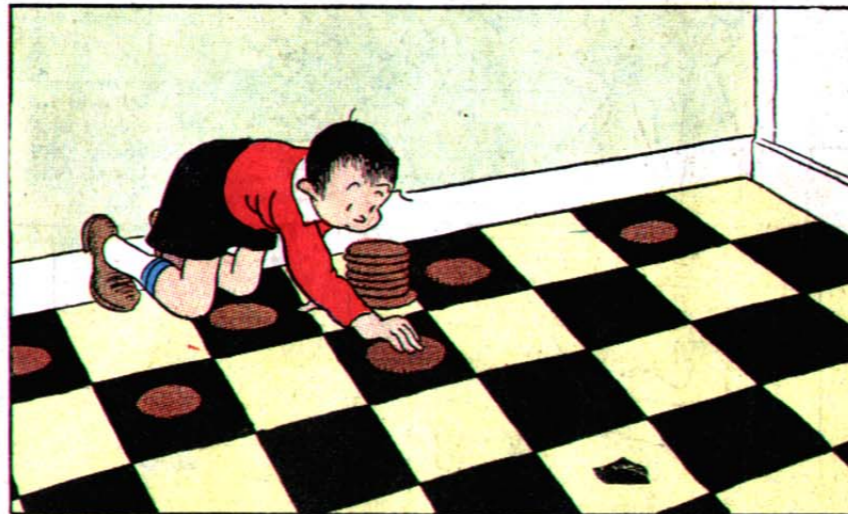
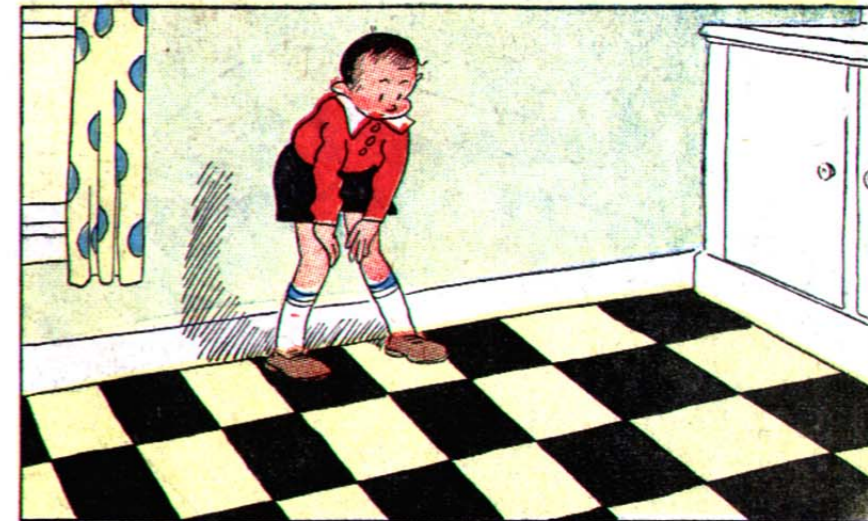
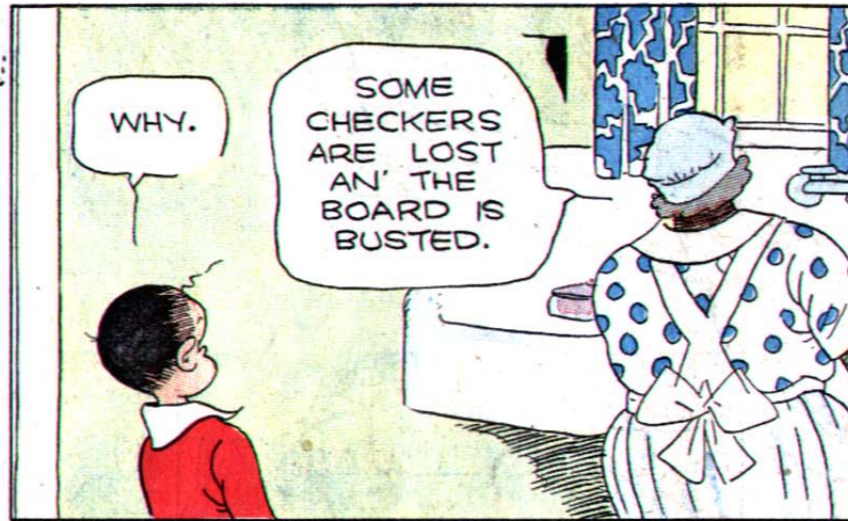
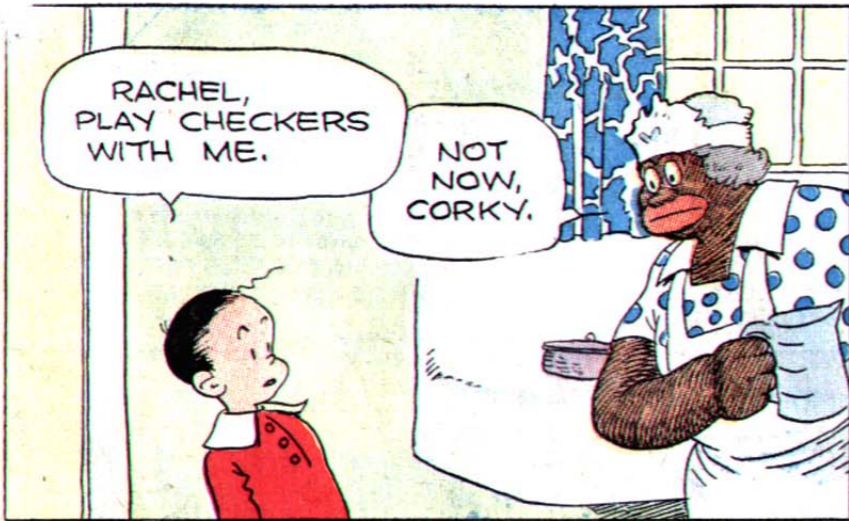
BUT YOU SEE — NO ALIBIS!

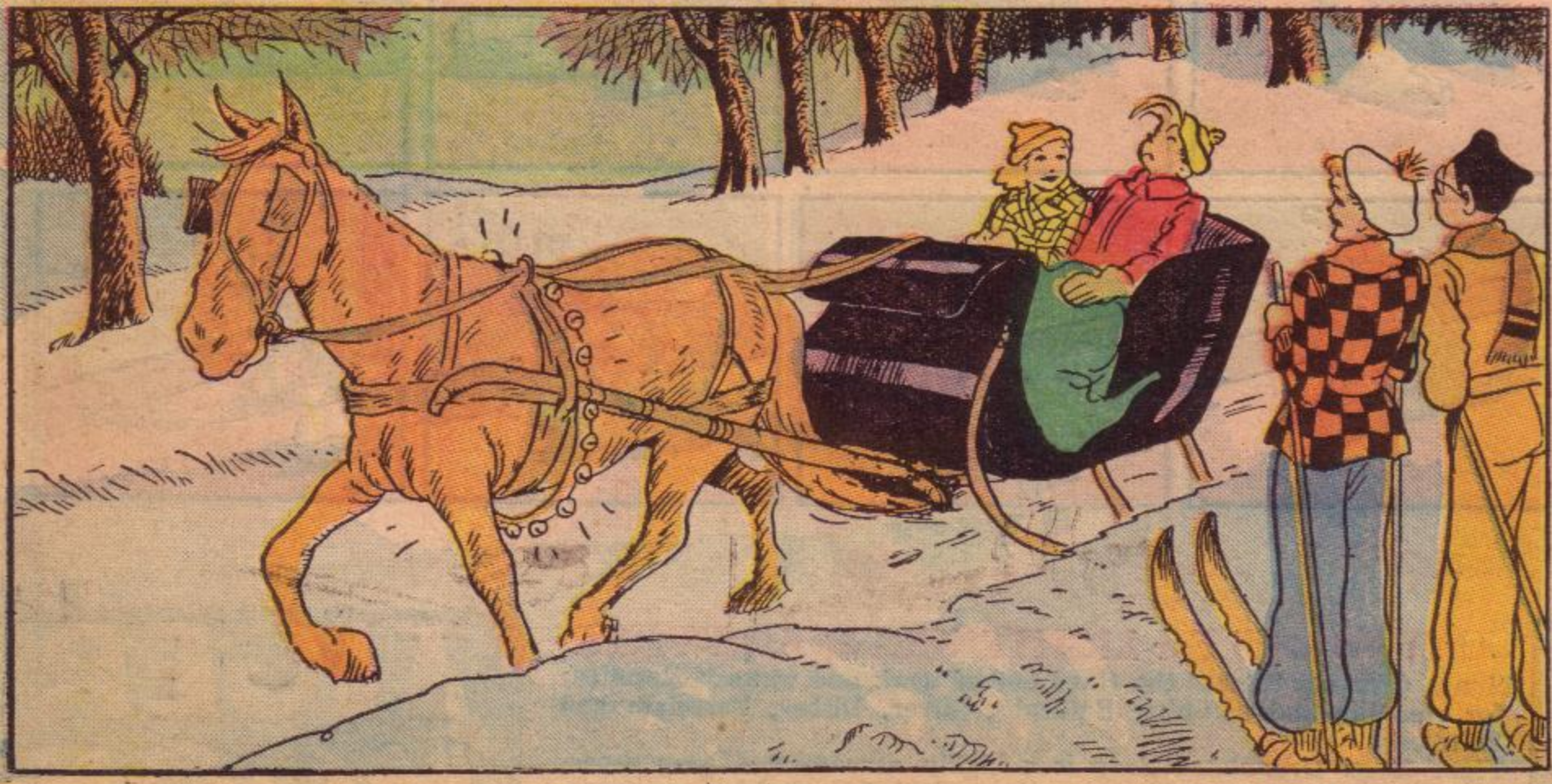
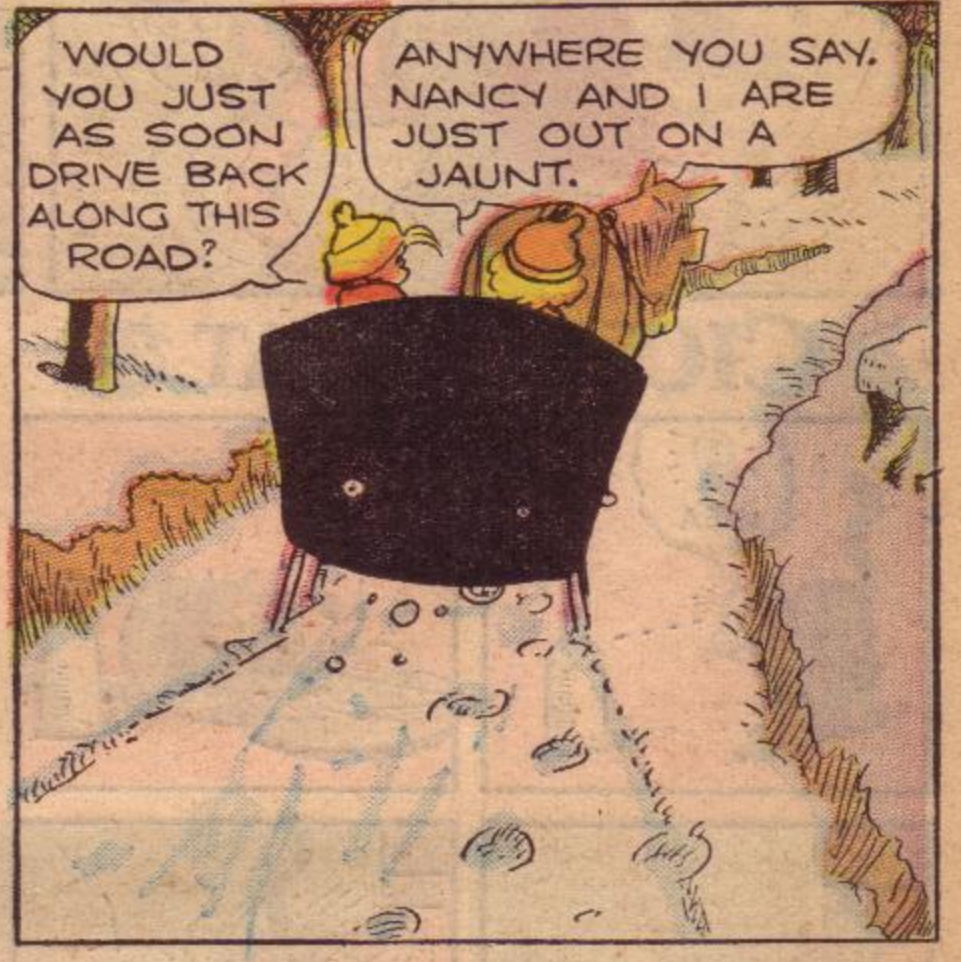


RIGHT DOWN OUR ALLEY.

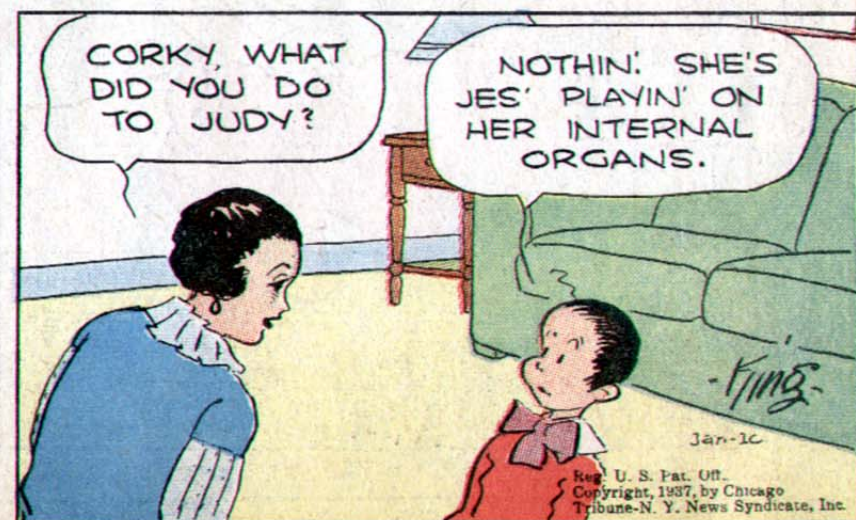
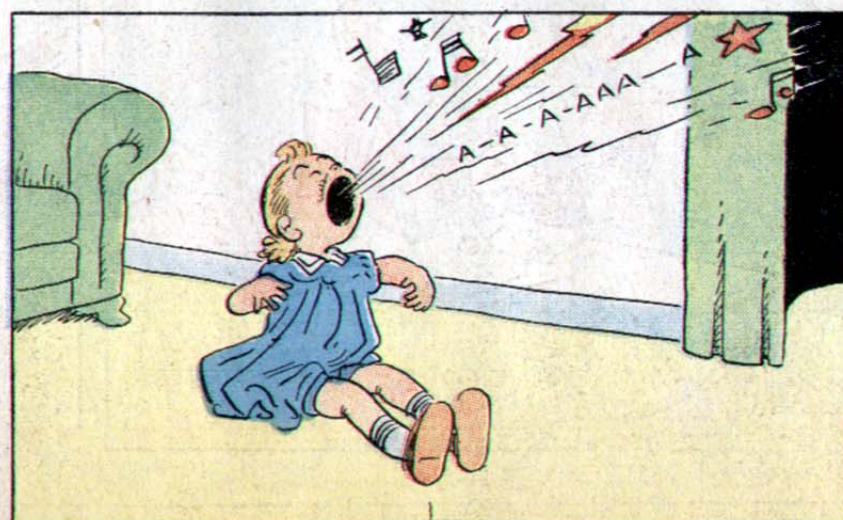
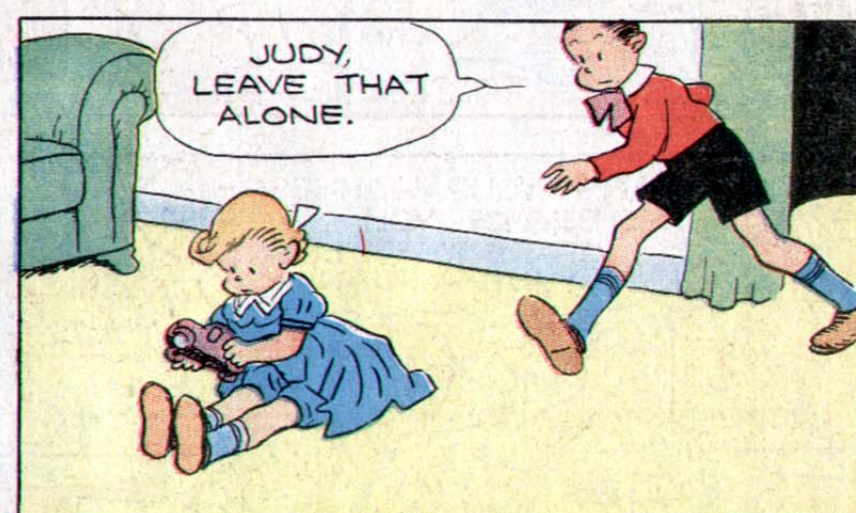
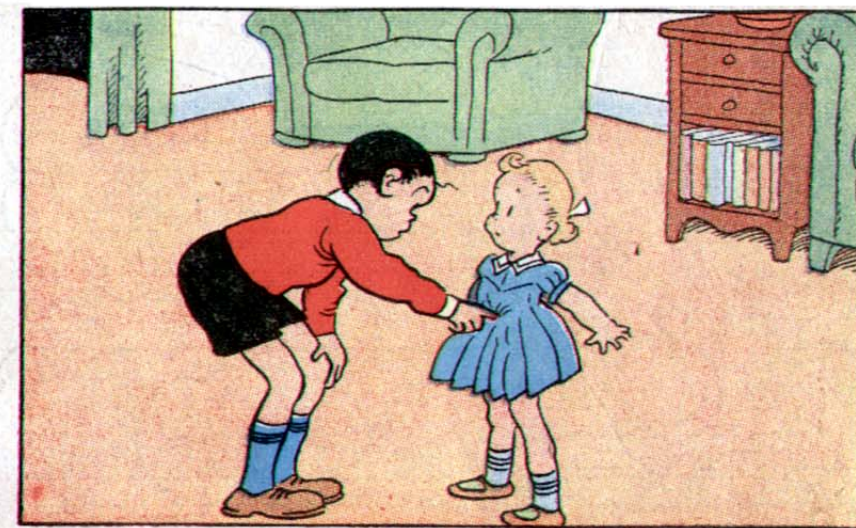
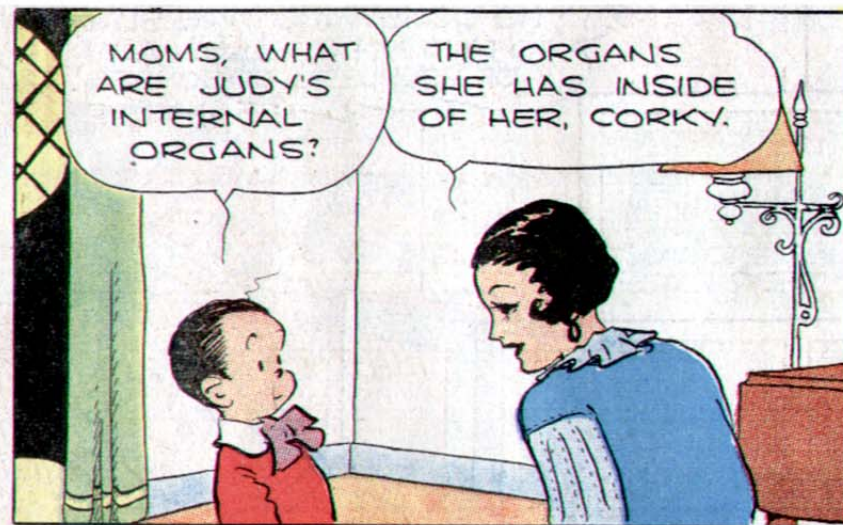
LET UP, FELLAS! I GET THE IDEA.

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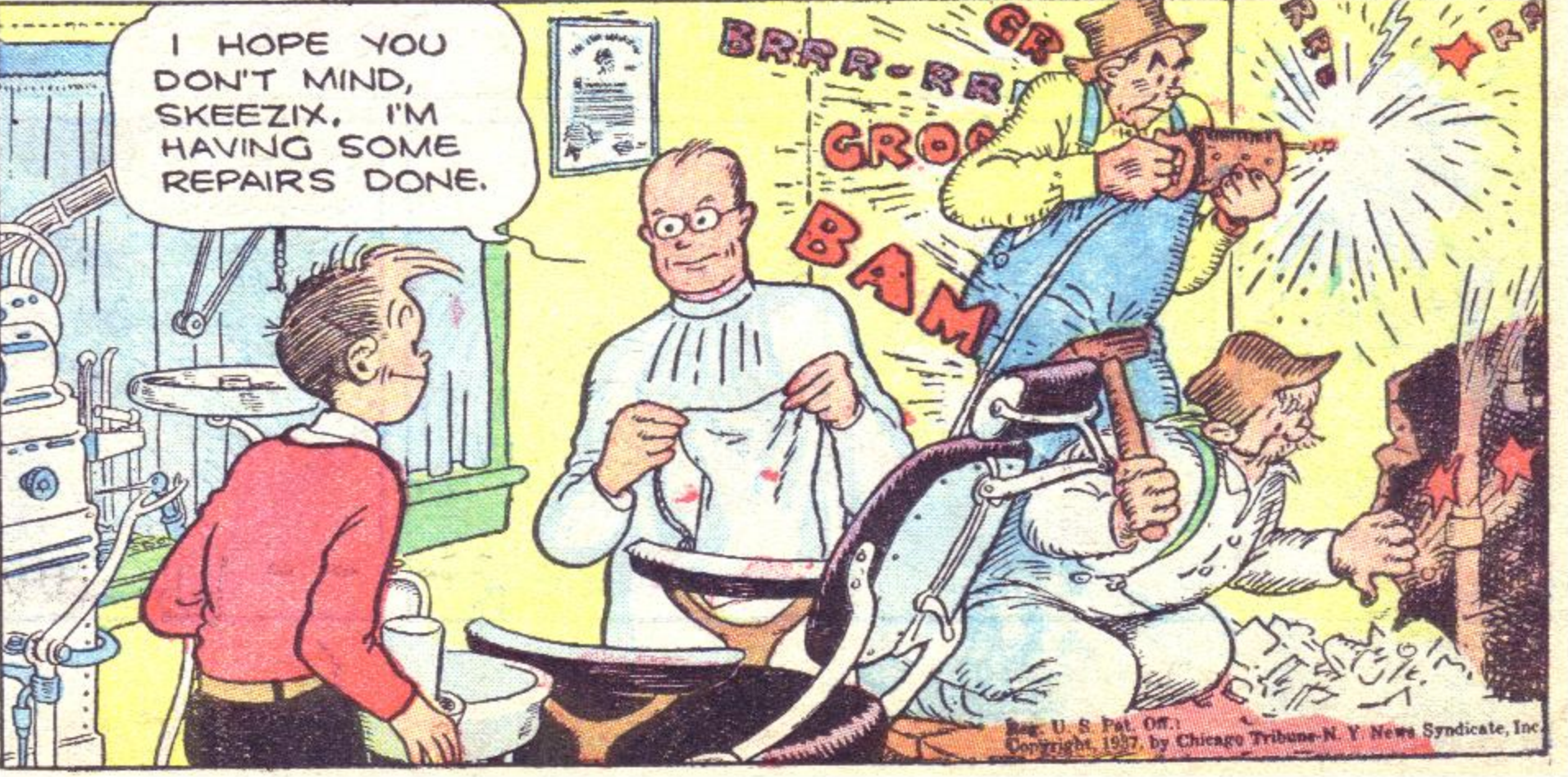
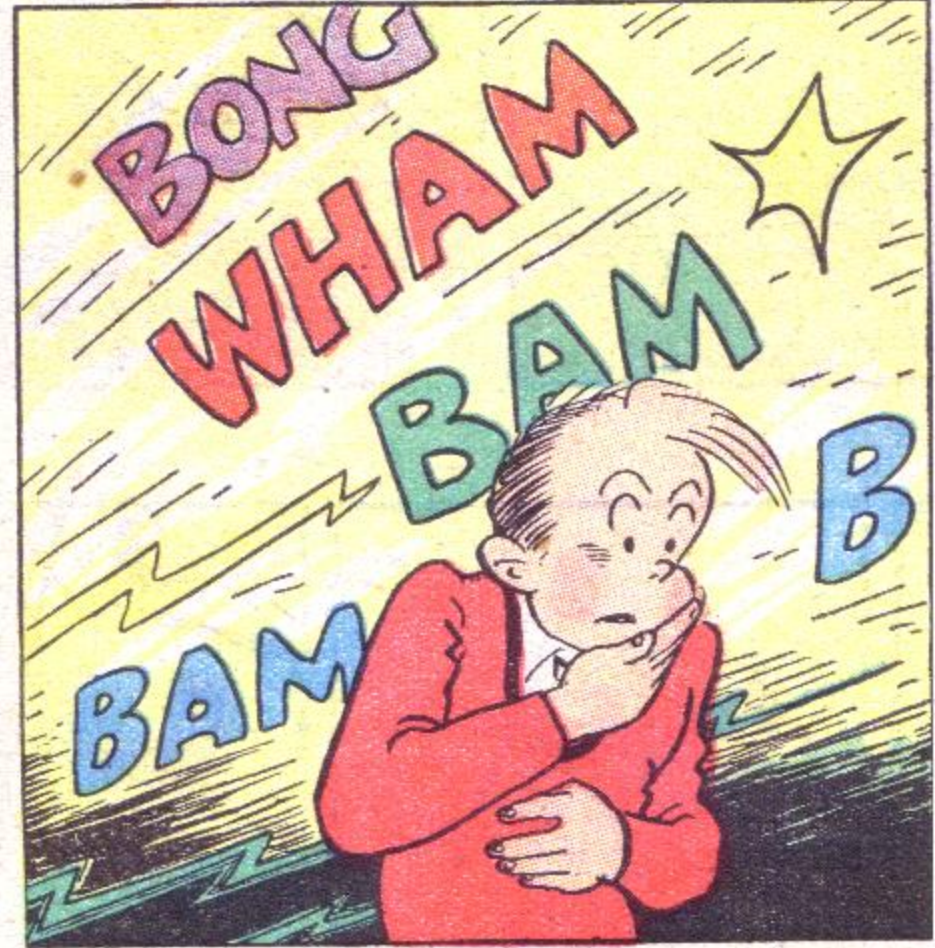
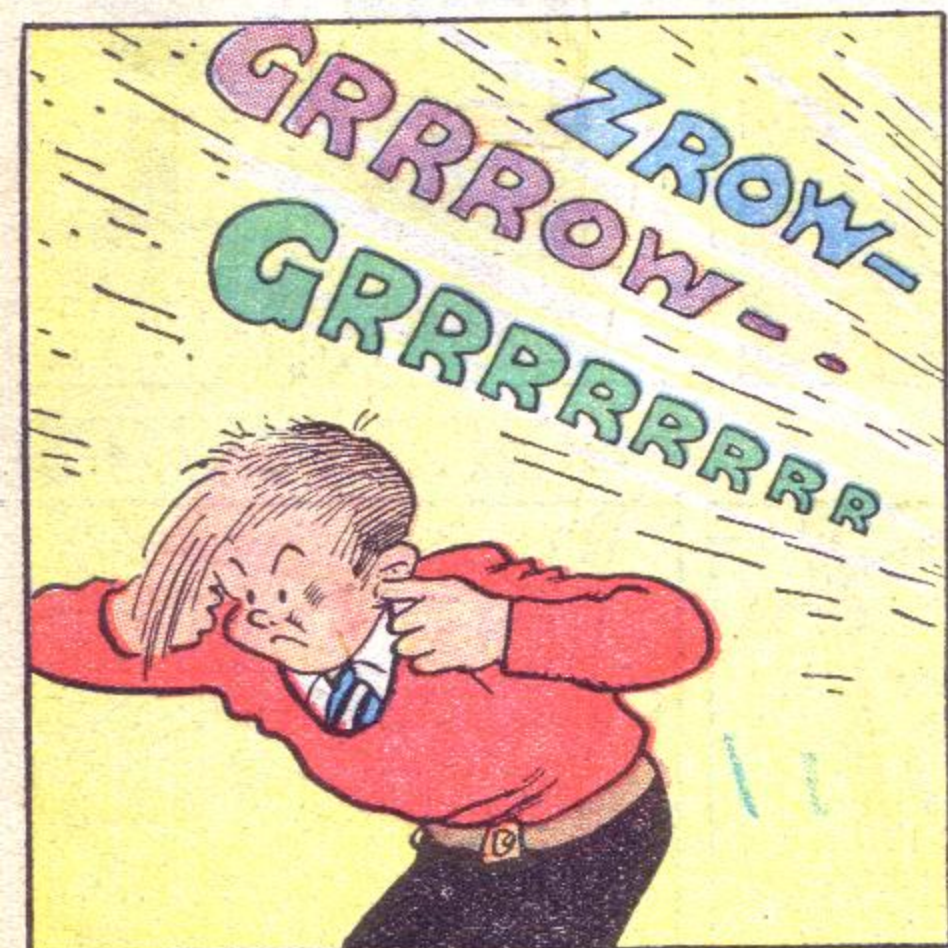
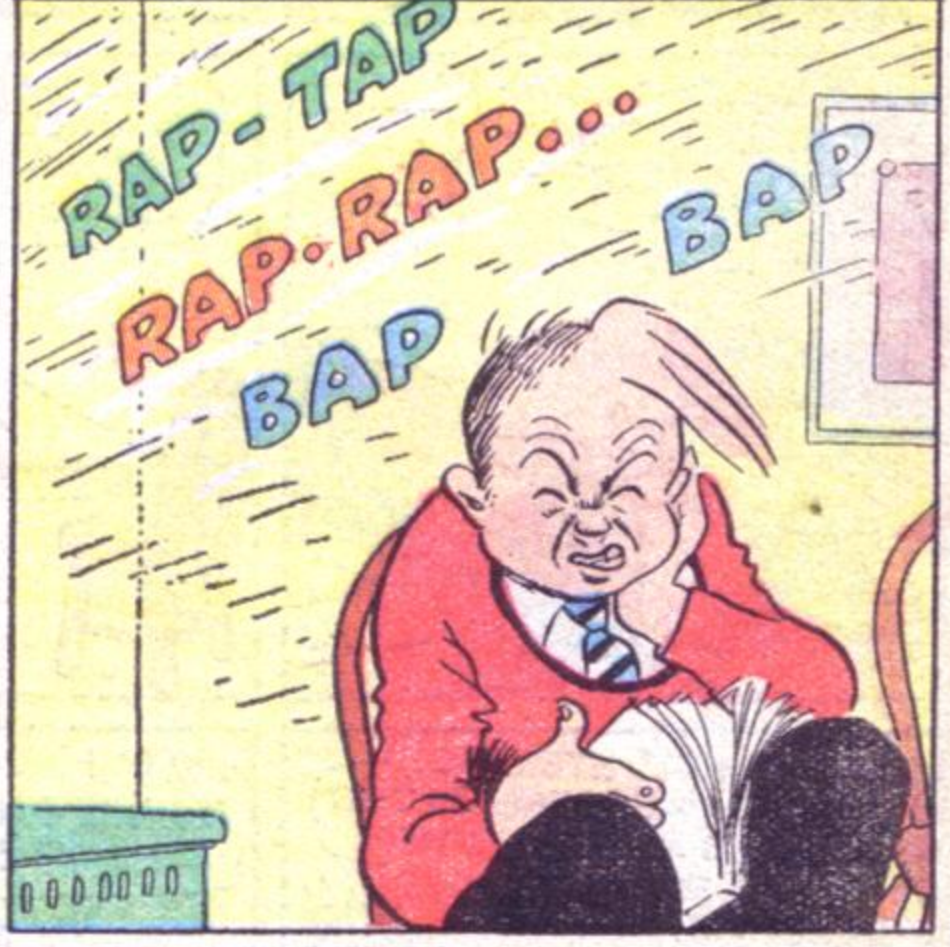
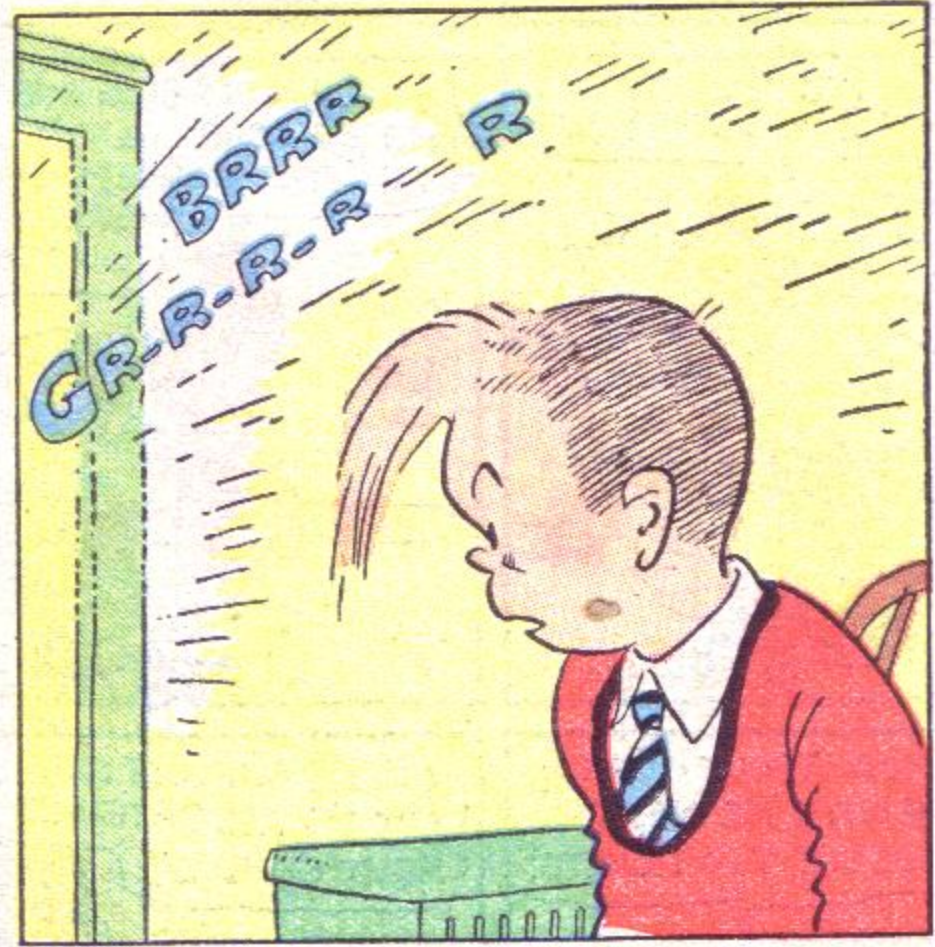
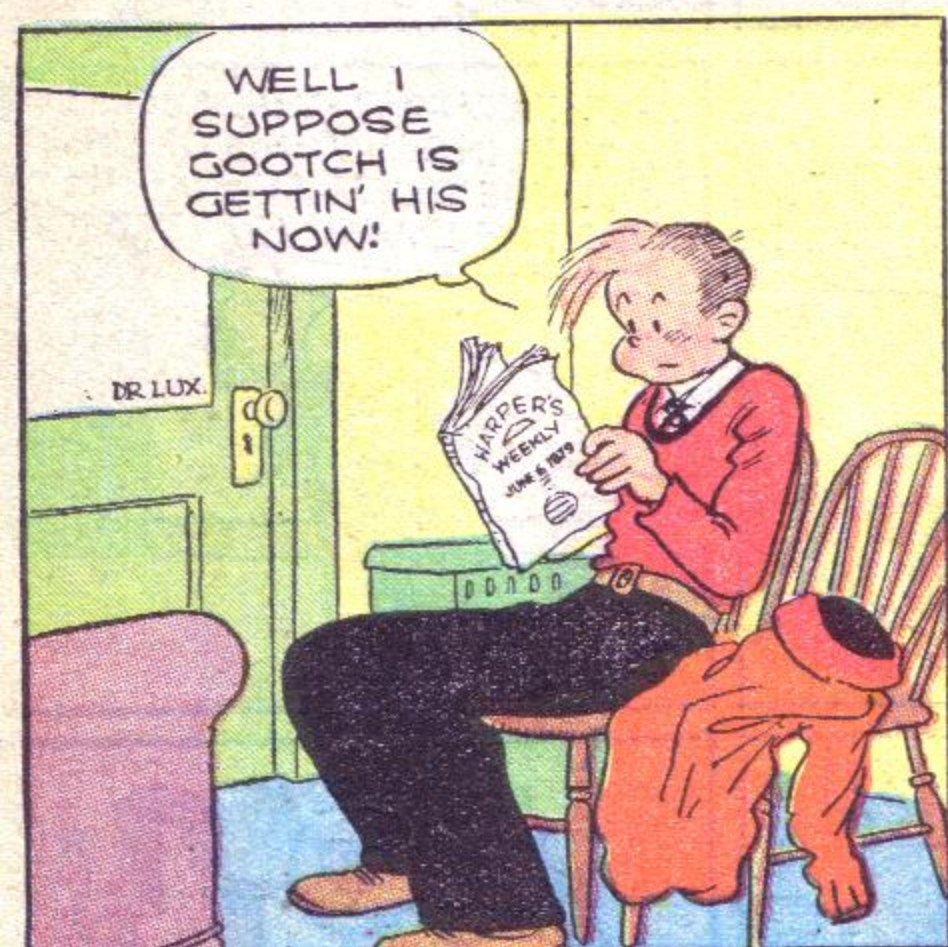


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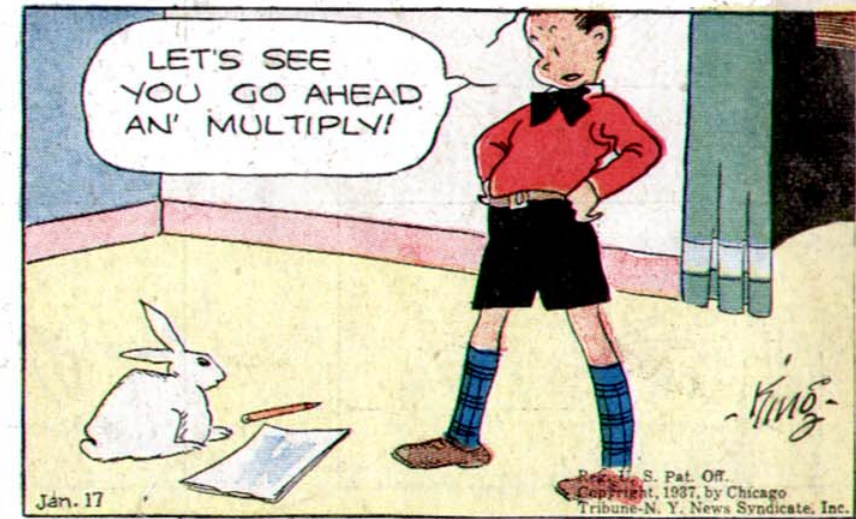
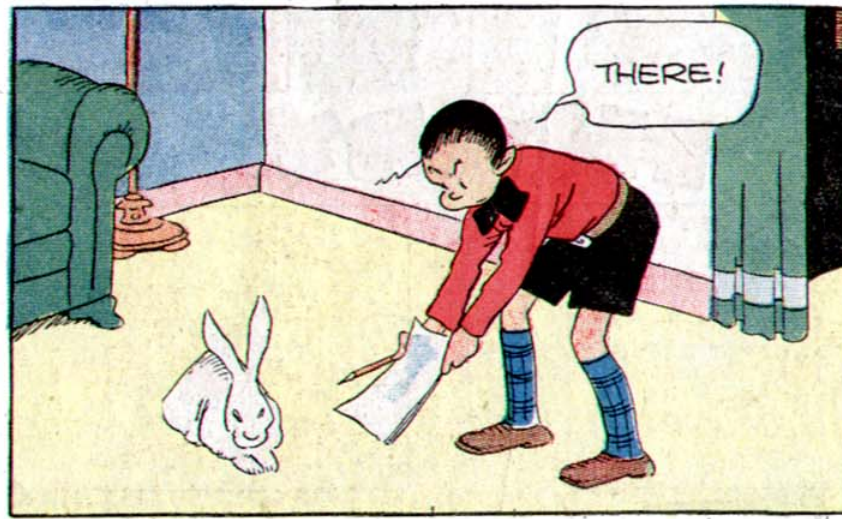
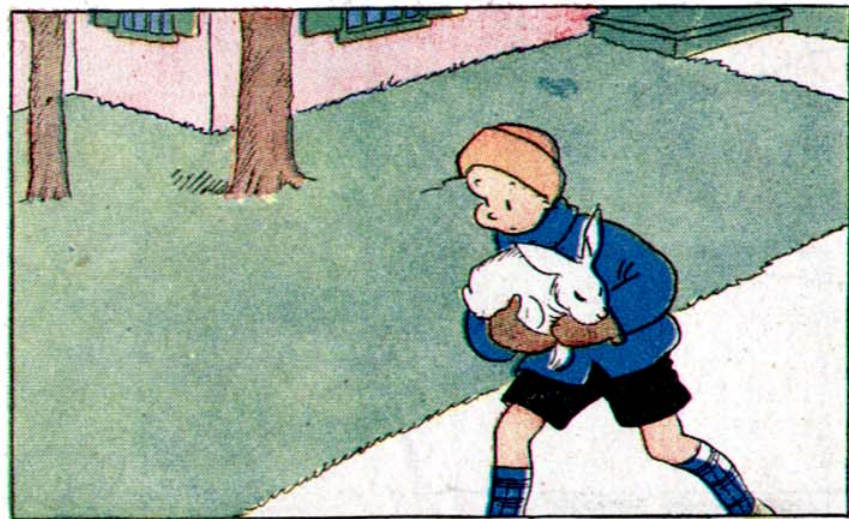
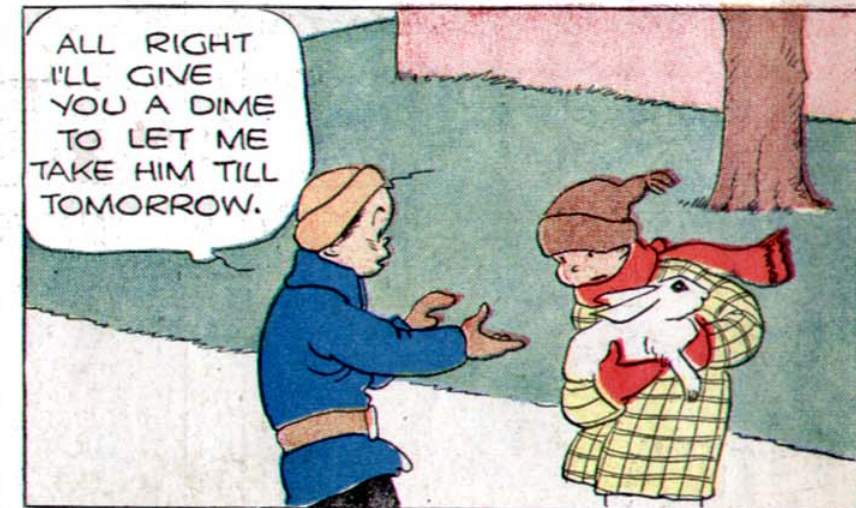
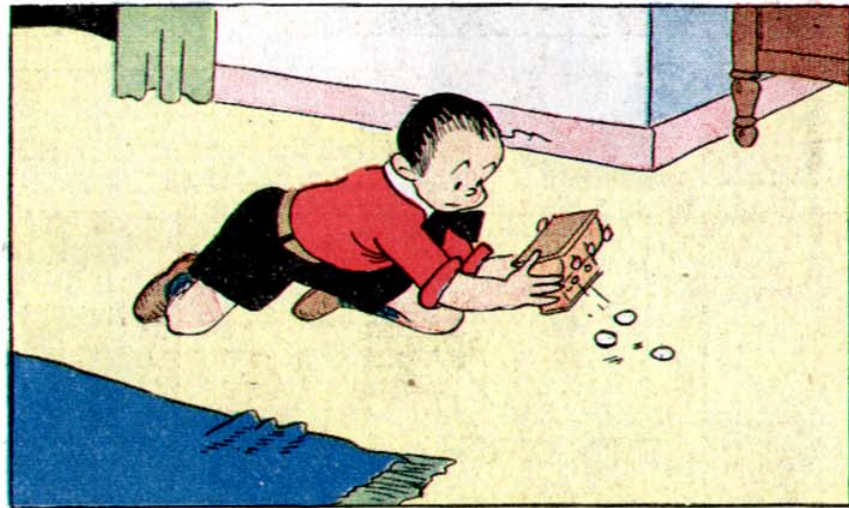
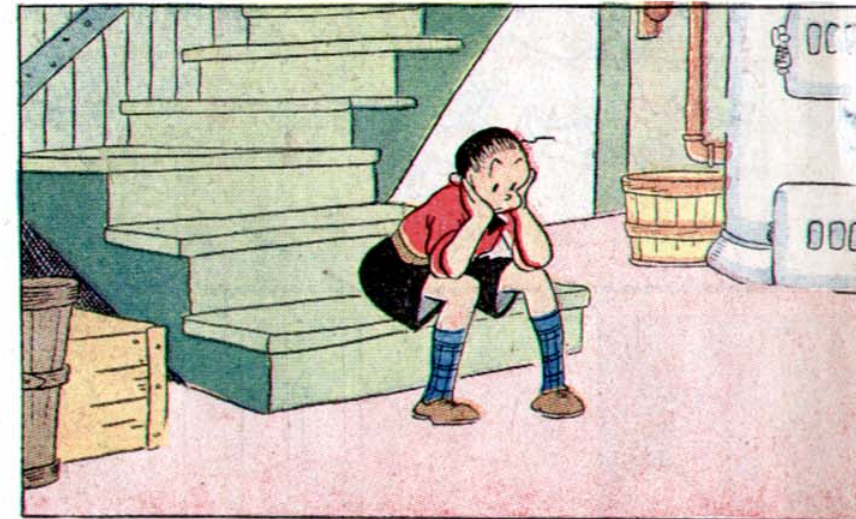
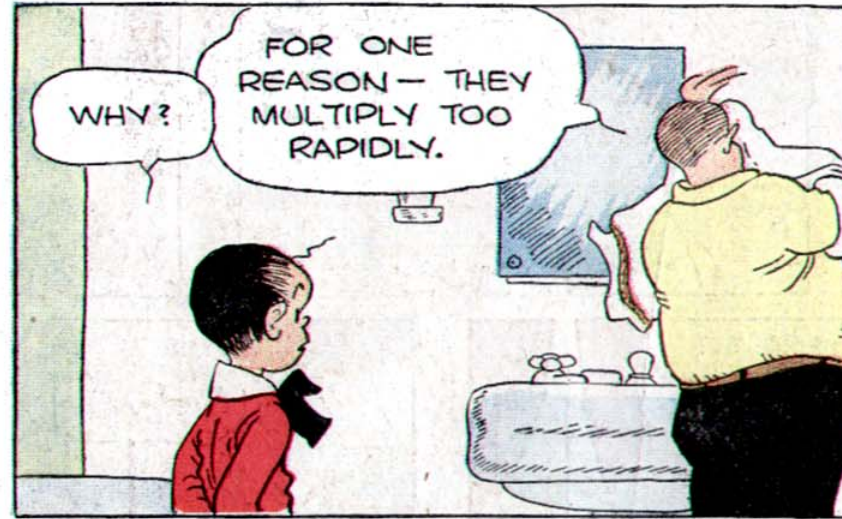
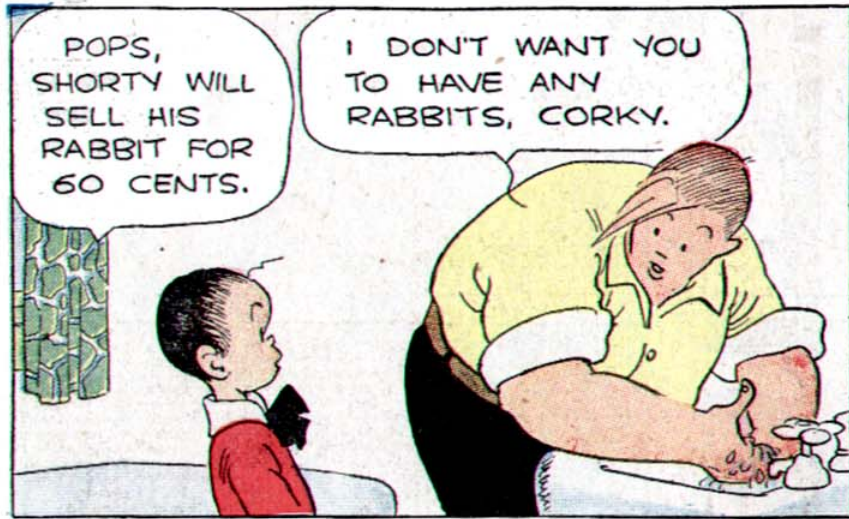


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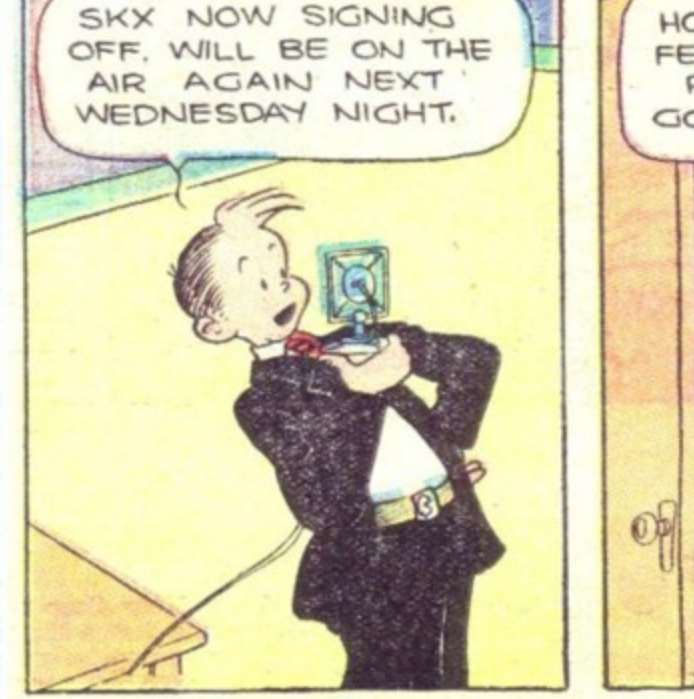
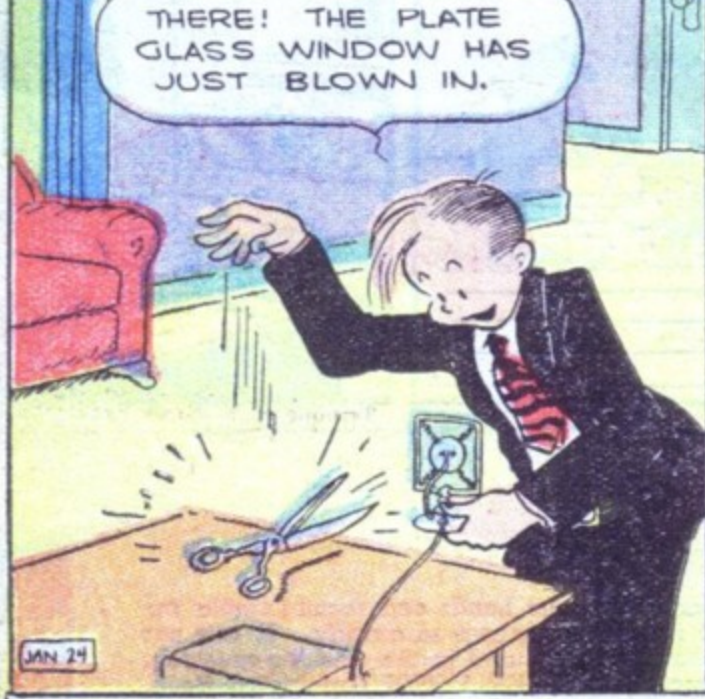
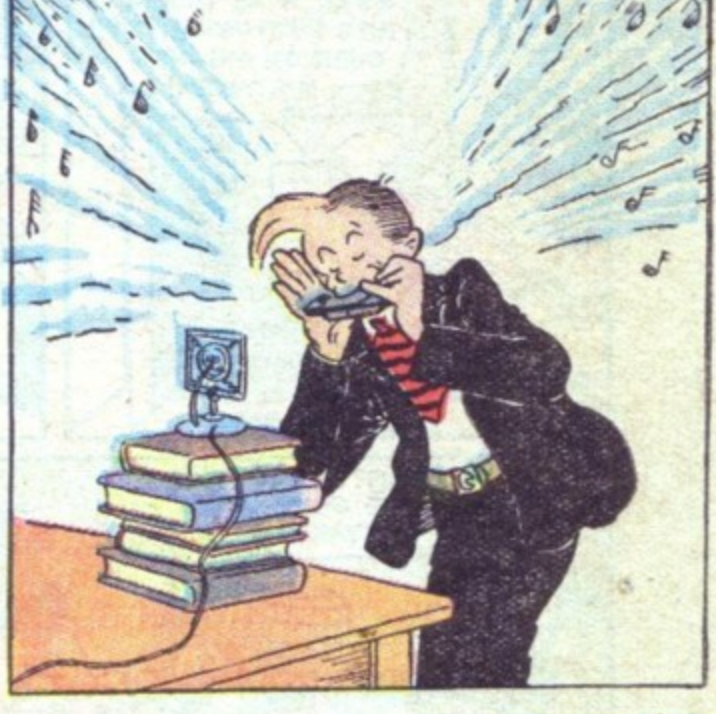
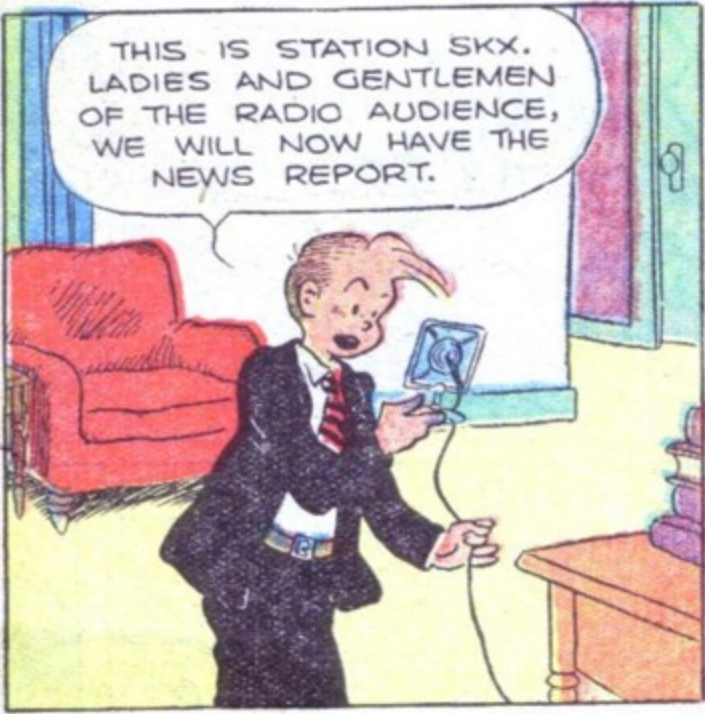
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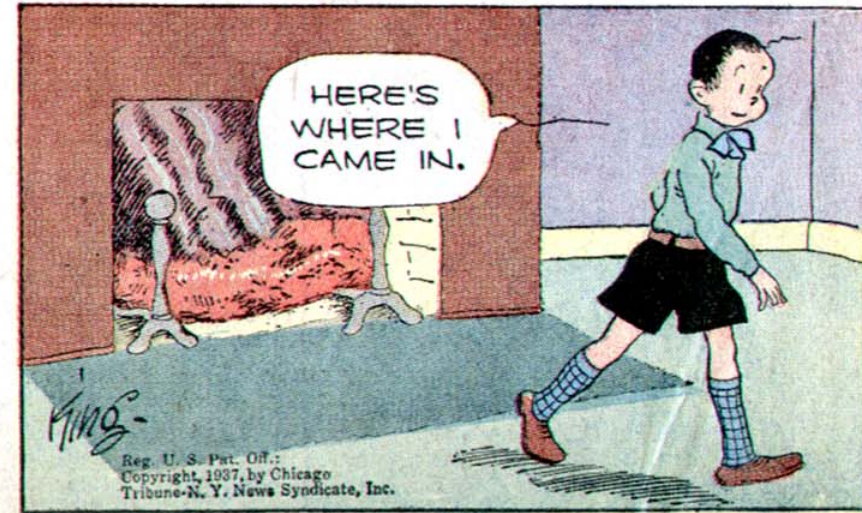
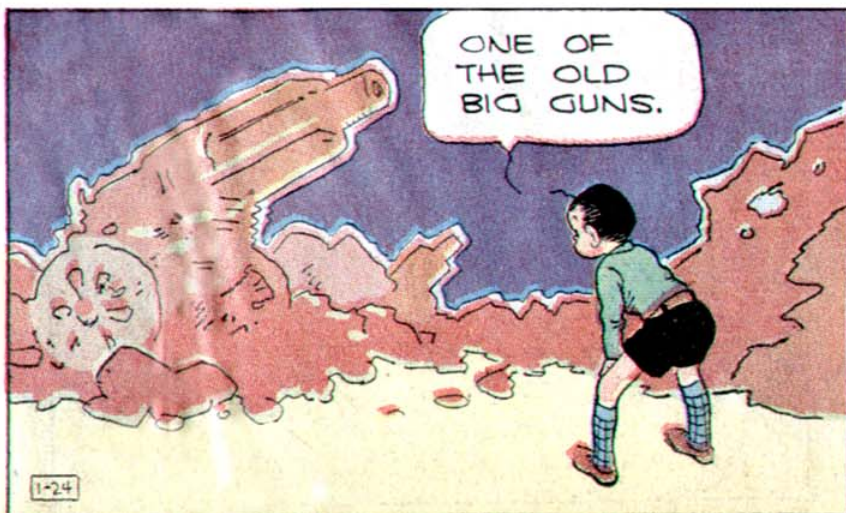
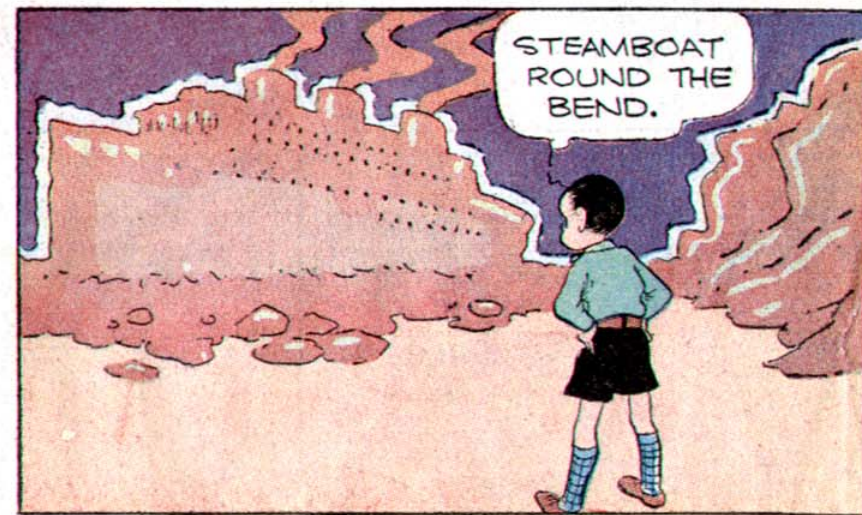
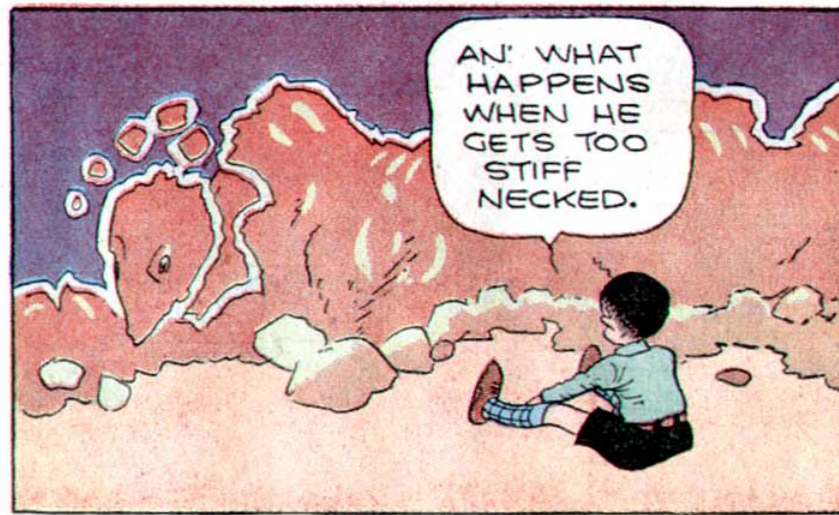
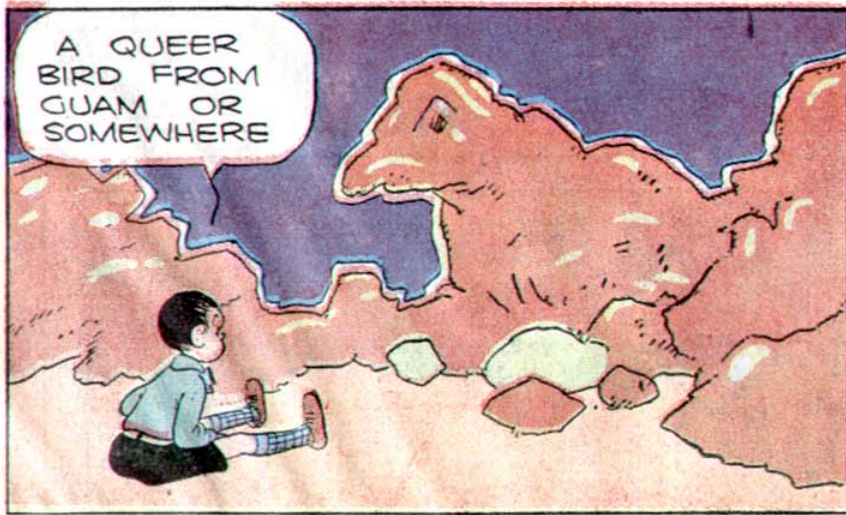
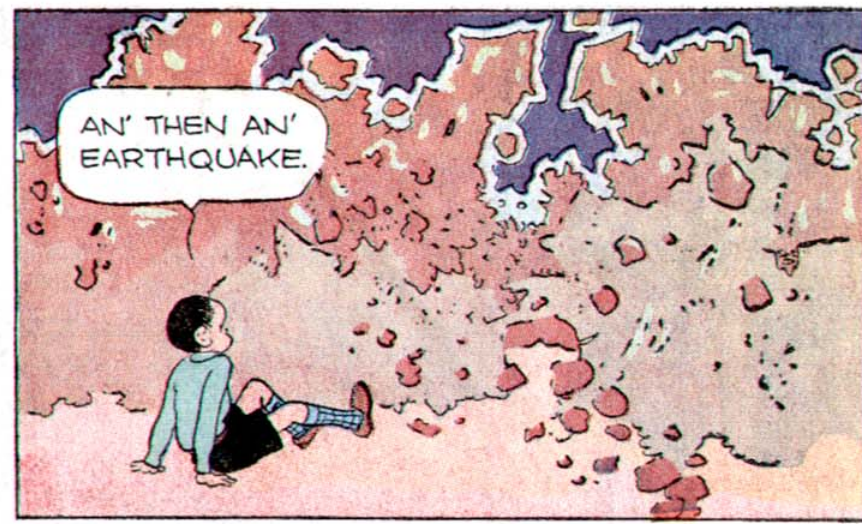
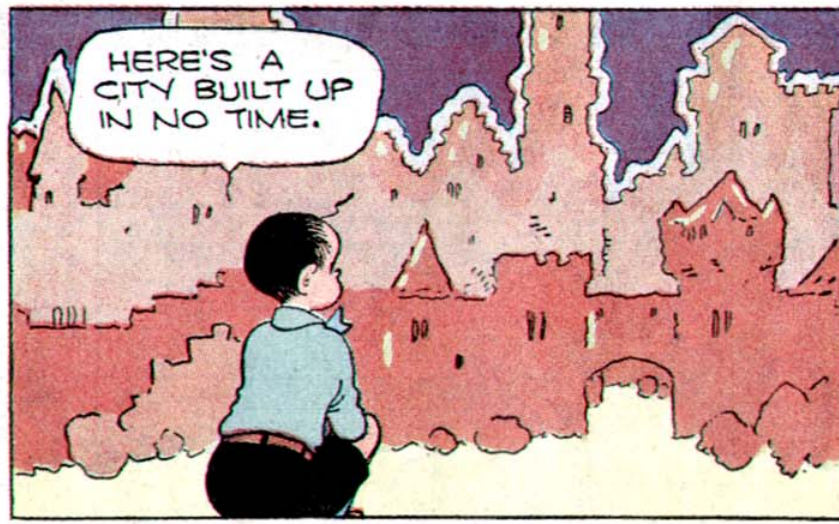
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WALT, SKEEZIX IS GOING AROUND A LOT WITH GIRLS NOW. YOU SHOULD HAVE A TALK WITH HIM AND TELL HIM SOME THINGS HE OUGHT TO KNOW.

PROBABLY YOU'RE RIGHT, PHYLLIS.

HOW ABOUT A HIKE, SKEEZIX?

FINE! HERE'S GOOTCH. CAN'T HE GO ALONG TOO?

GOOTCH, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE OUT WITH A GIRL.

NOT ME - YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE GIRLS.

I DON'T WANT 'EM. THEY GET IN MY HAIR.

WHAT'S YOUR PET PEEVE ABOUT 'EM?

OH, IF YOU'VE GOT A JOB AN' MONEY TO SPEND THEY SWARM AROUND AND GET UNDERFOOT.

I HAD MONEY ONCE - I KNOW.

THEN IF YOU SPEND IT ALL ON 'EM THEY DROP YOU LIKE A HOT POTATO.

AN' THEY'RE FICKLE. YOU GET EVERYTHING GOIN' SWELL -

-THEN A PUNK FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE COMES TO TOWN AN' THEY'RE GONE LIKE YESTERDAY.

YOU TELLIN' ME.

WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS TREAT 'EM ROUGH - THEY LIKE IT.

AN' DON'T EVER LET 'EM KNOW YOU CARE A RAP WHAT THEY DO. THAT'S FATAL.

OF COURSE THEY CAN BE SWEET AS HONEY IF THEY WANT TO.

YES, BUT DON'T SWALLOW IT. THEY'VE GOT SOME IDEA OR OTHER THEY WANT TO PUT OVER.

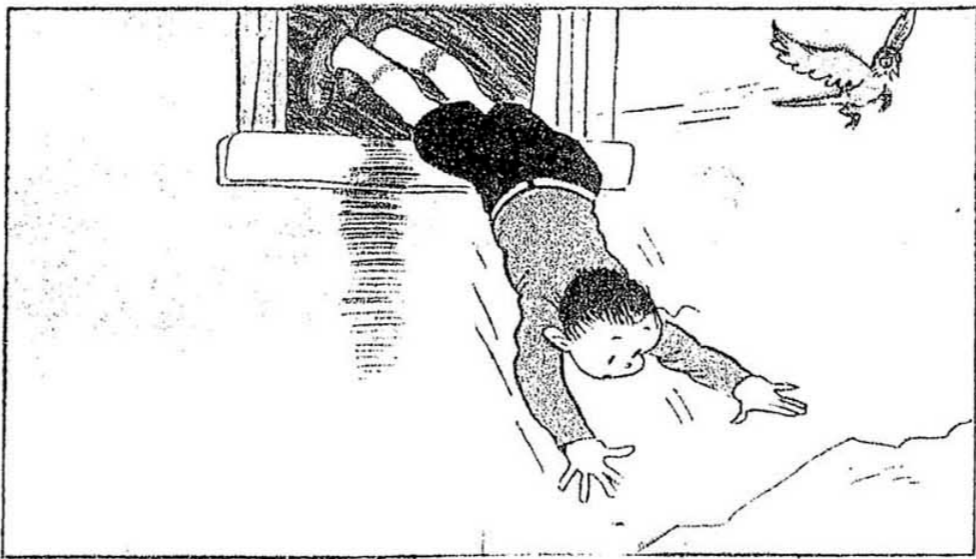
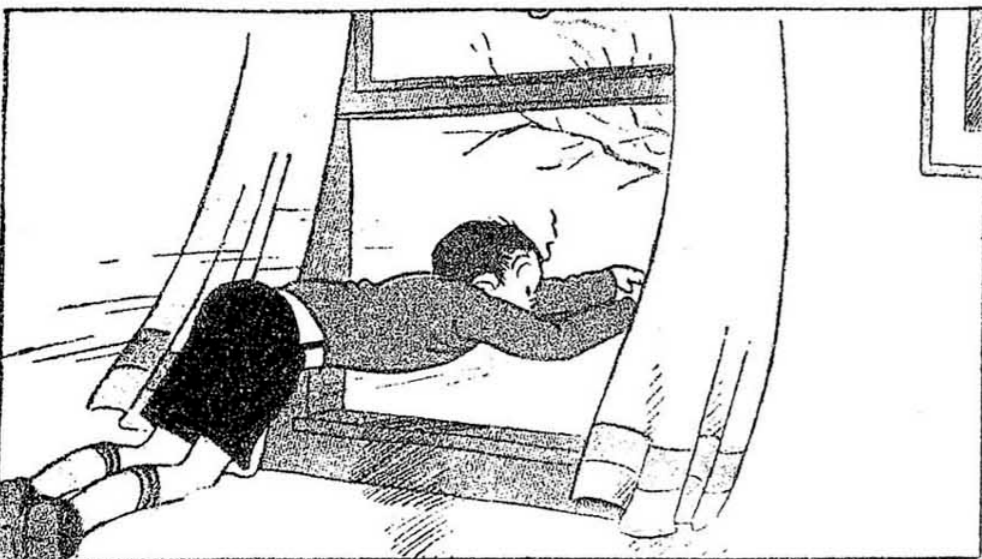
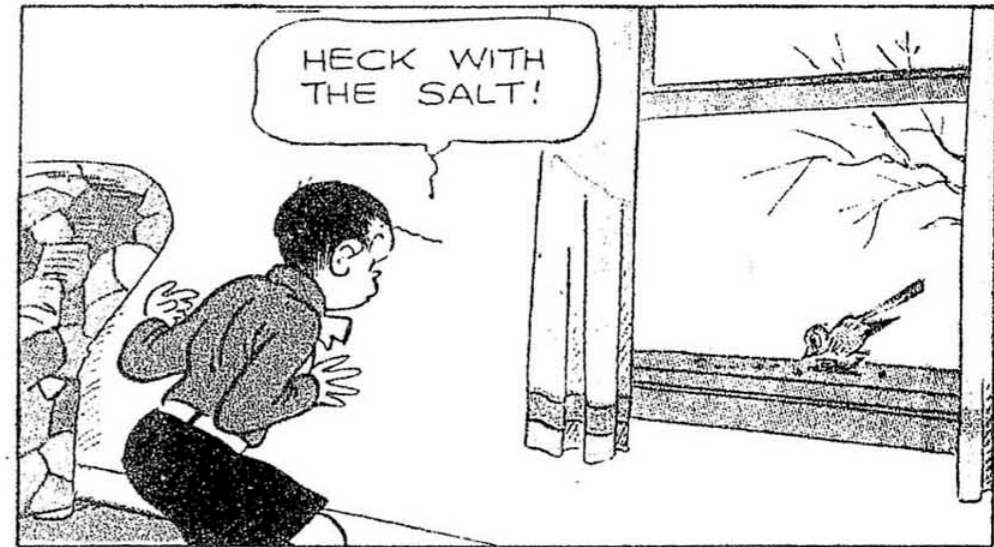
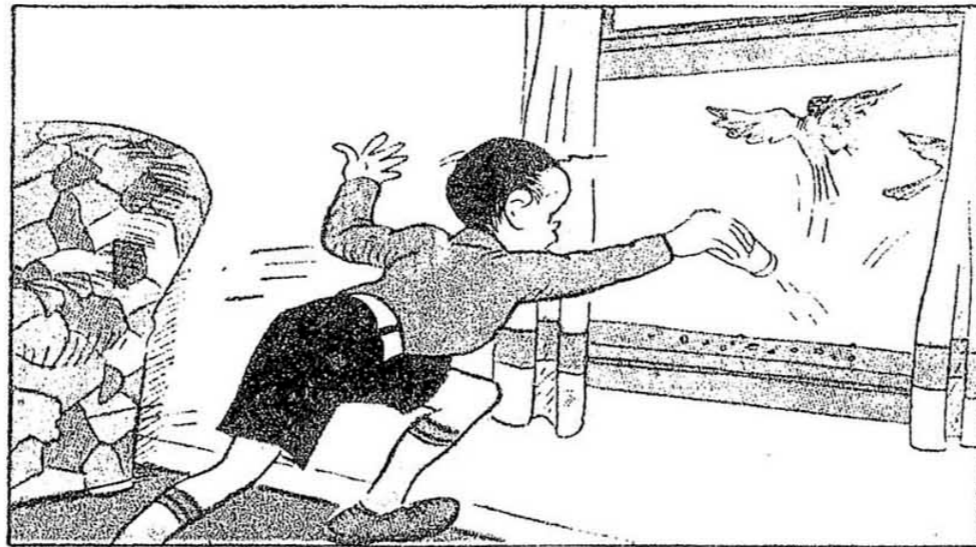
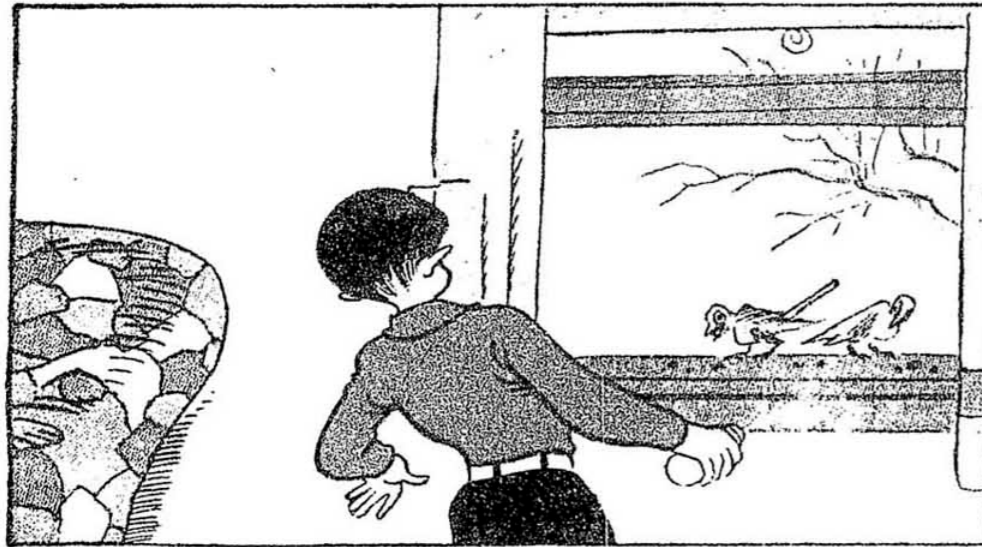
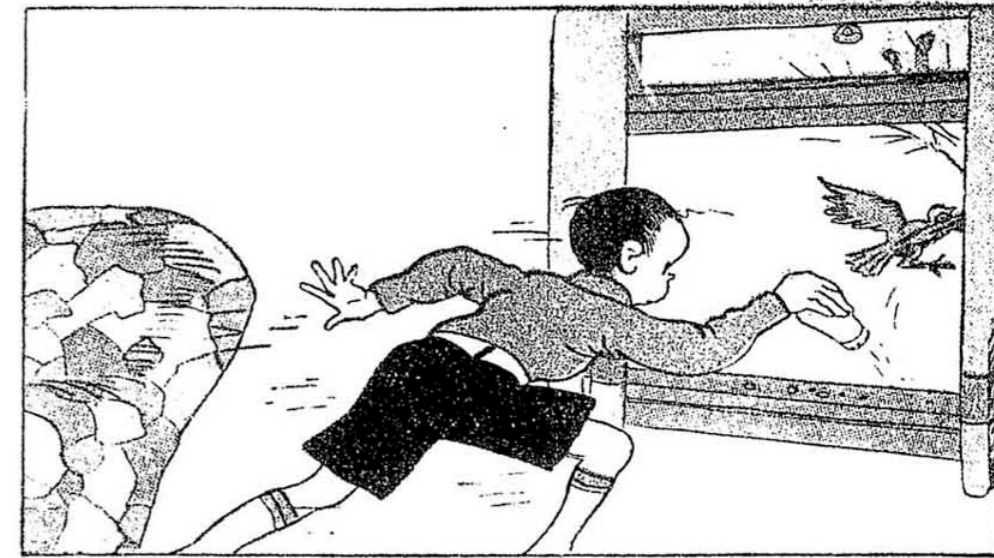
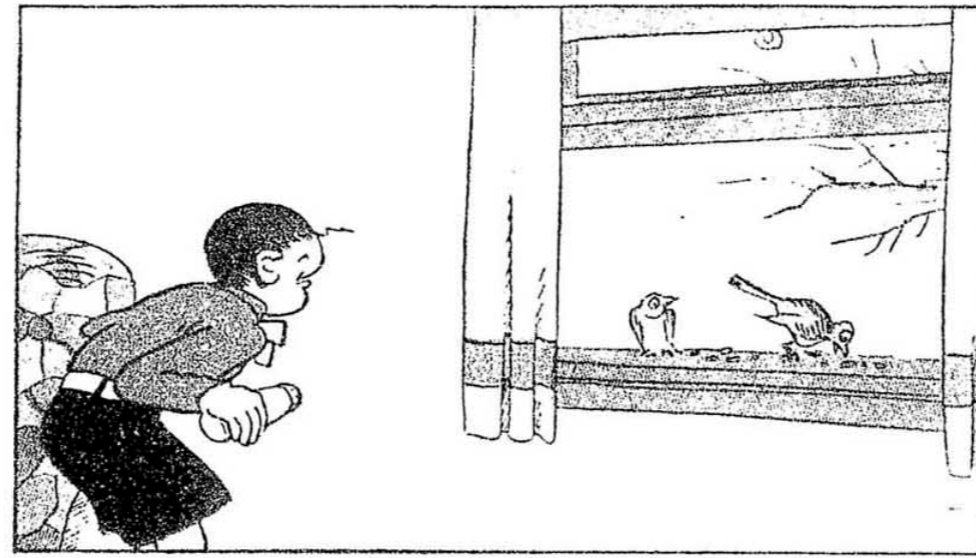
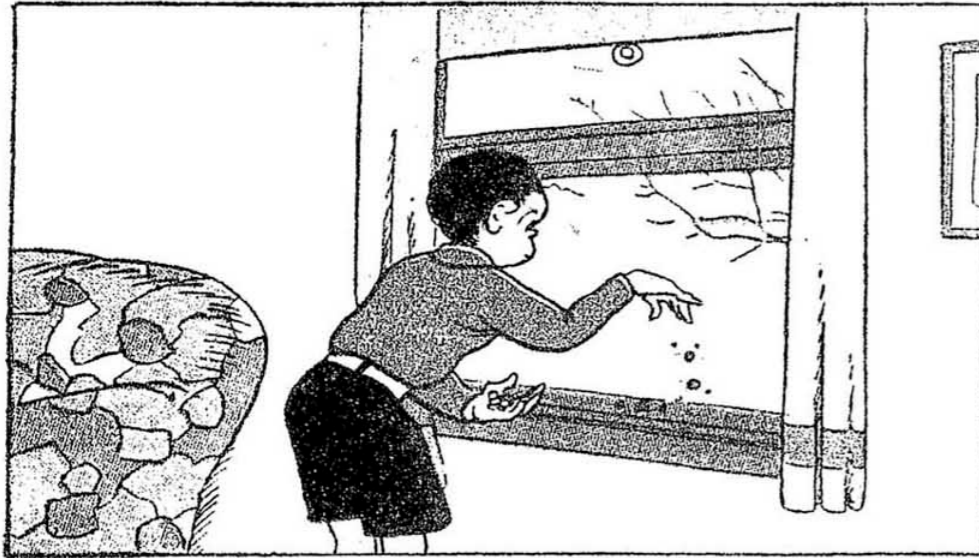
ONCE IN A LONG WHILE THERE'S AN' EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.

YES, BUT YOU NEVER CAN TELL HOW LONG IT'S GOIN' TO LAST.

DID YOU HAVE YOUR TALK WITH SKEEZIX?

YES, AND I LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS I OUGHT TO KNOW.

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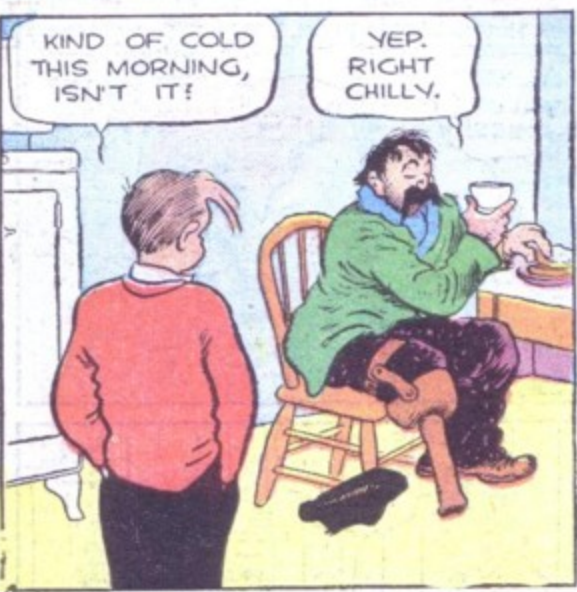
MIS WALLEY, THEY'S A MAN WITH A WOODEN LEG WANTS A CUPPA COFFEE.

GIVE IT TO HIM, RACHEL— AND SOMETHING TO EAT.



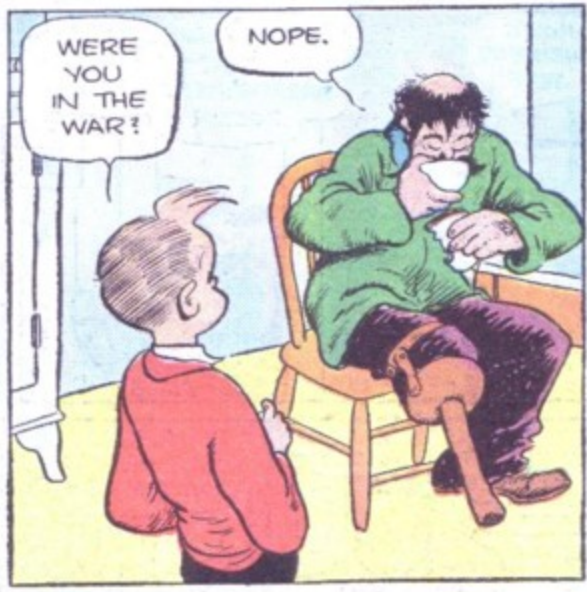
GOOD MORNING.

HI, BUDDY.



KIND OF COLD THIS MORNING, ISN'T IT?

YEP. RIGHT CHILLY.



WERE YOU IN THE WAR?

NOPE.



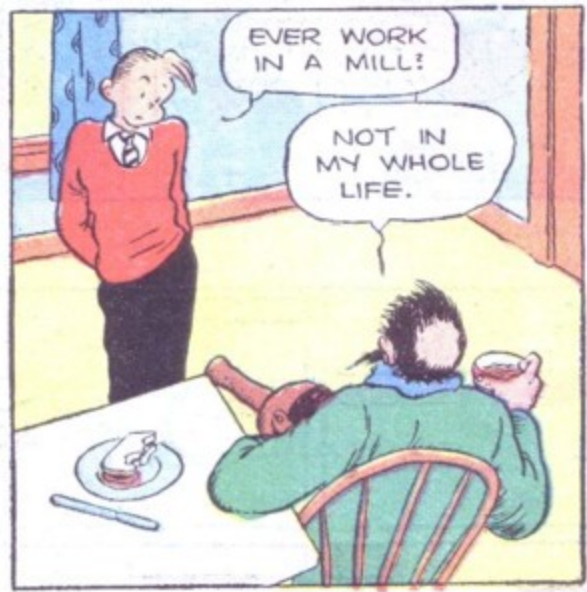
AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT?

NO, I'VE NEVER RODE IN THEM THINGS MUCH.



FREIGHT TRAIN?

NO.



EVER WORK IN A MILL?

NOT IN MY WHOLE LIFE.



EVER RIDE IN AN AIRPLANE?

NEVER.



I DONT WANT TO BE INQUISITIVE, BUT WOULD YOU MIND TELLIN' ME HOW YOU LOST YOUR LEG?

NOT AT ALL—



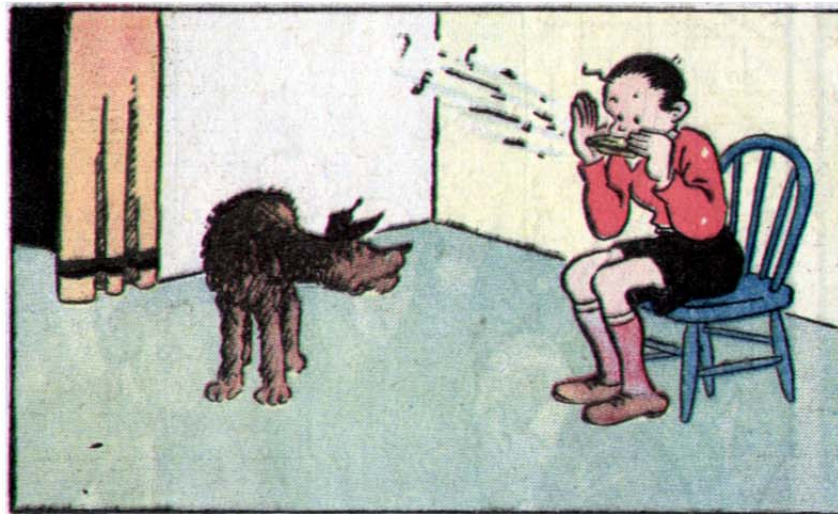
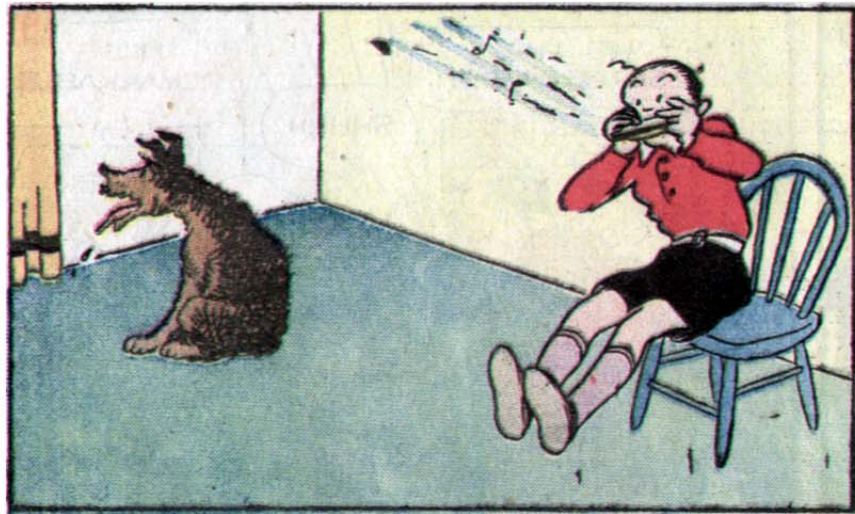
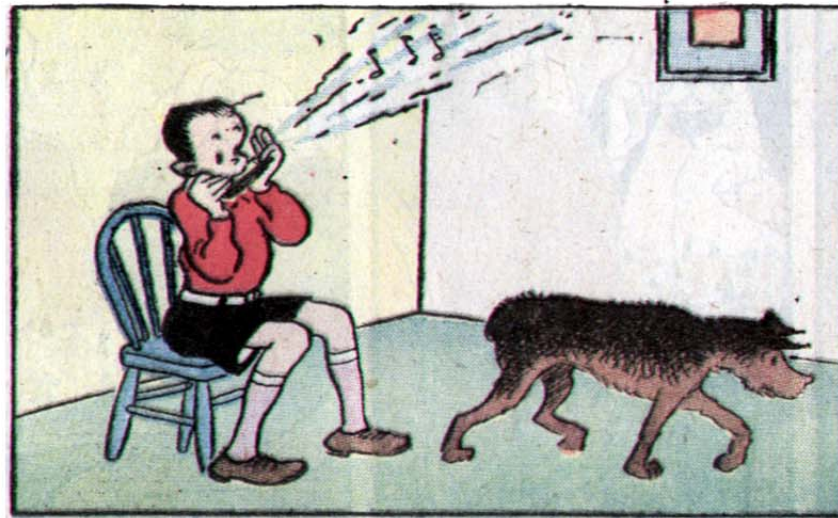
IF YOU'LL PROMISE NOT TO ASK ANY MORE QUESTIONS.

SURE. I PROMISE



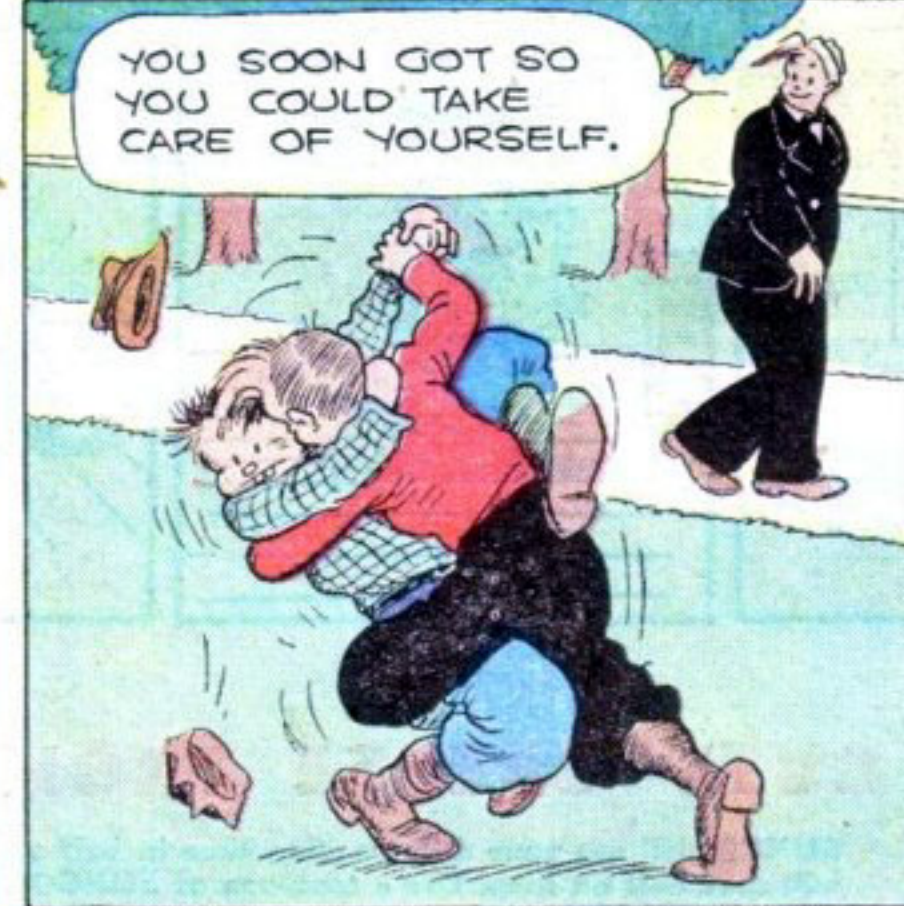
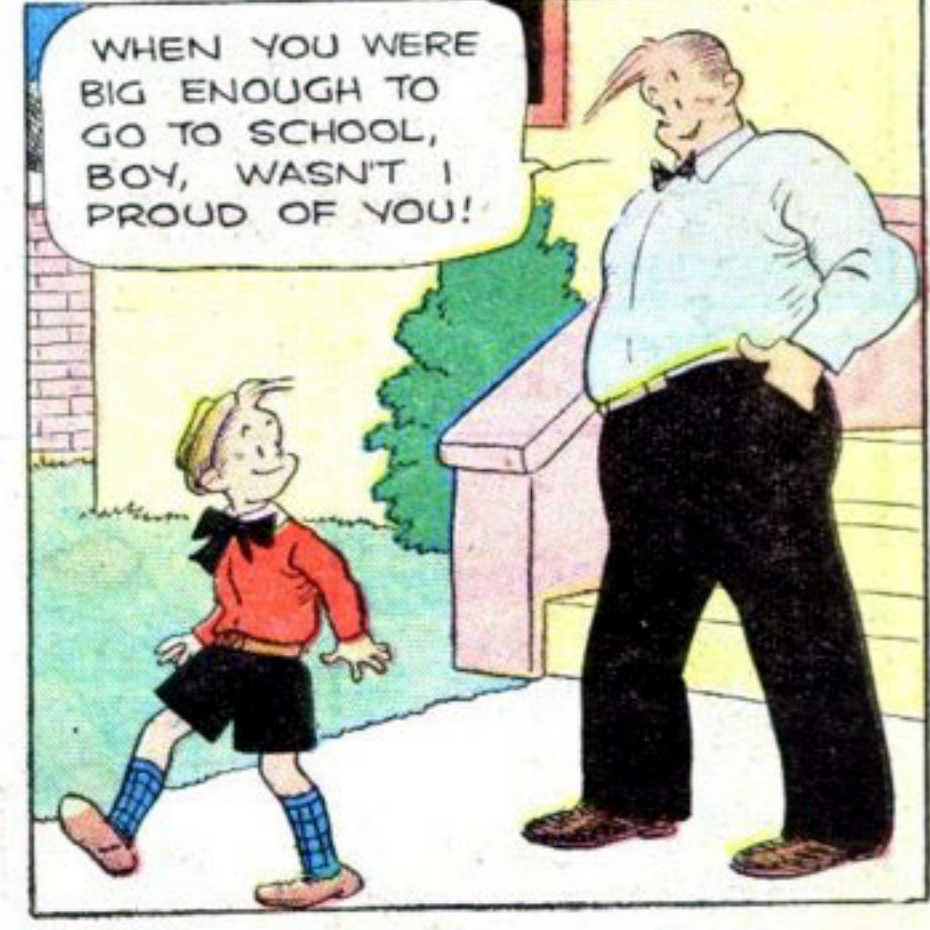
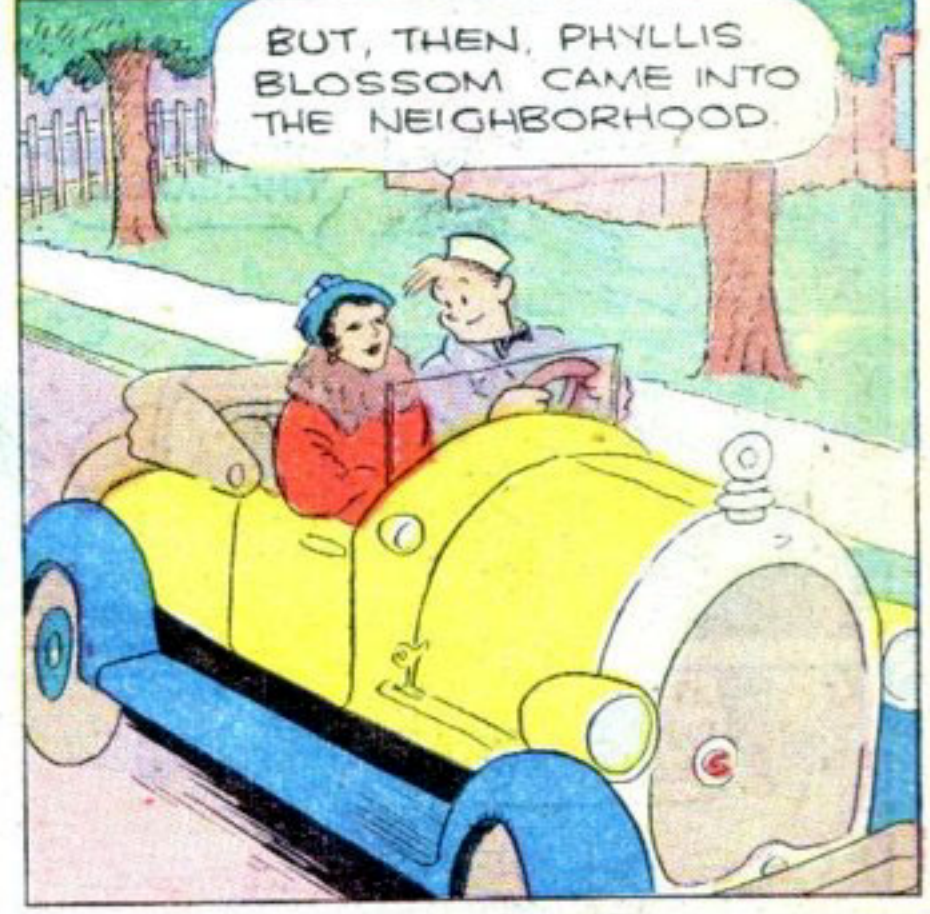
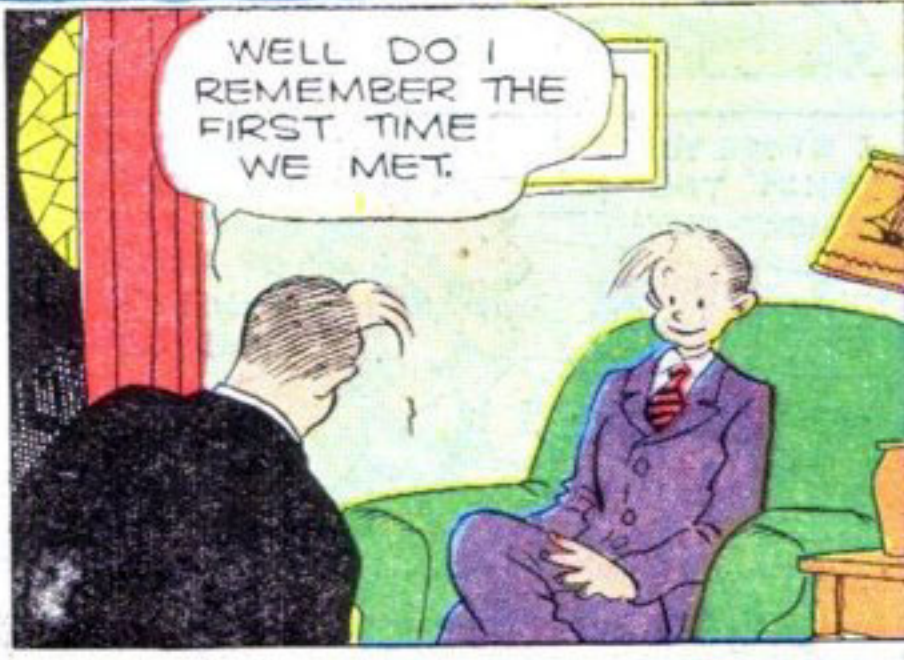
ALL RIGHT— IT WAS BIT OFF!

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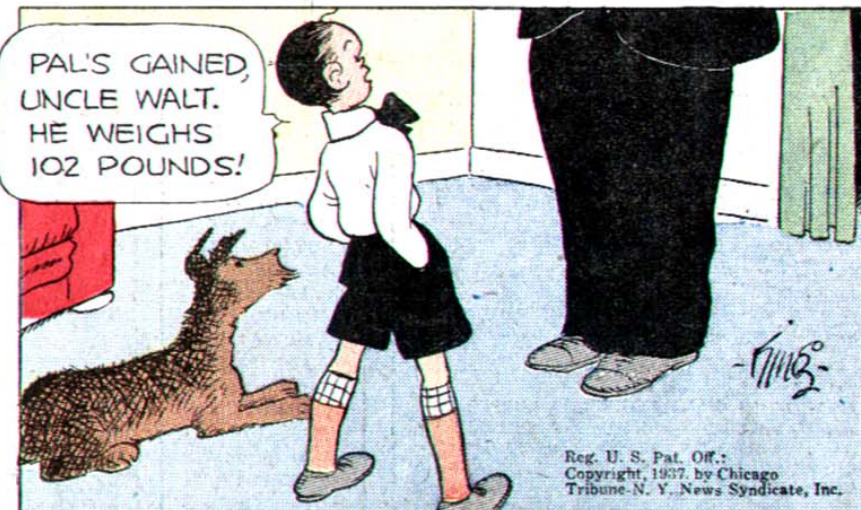
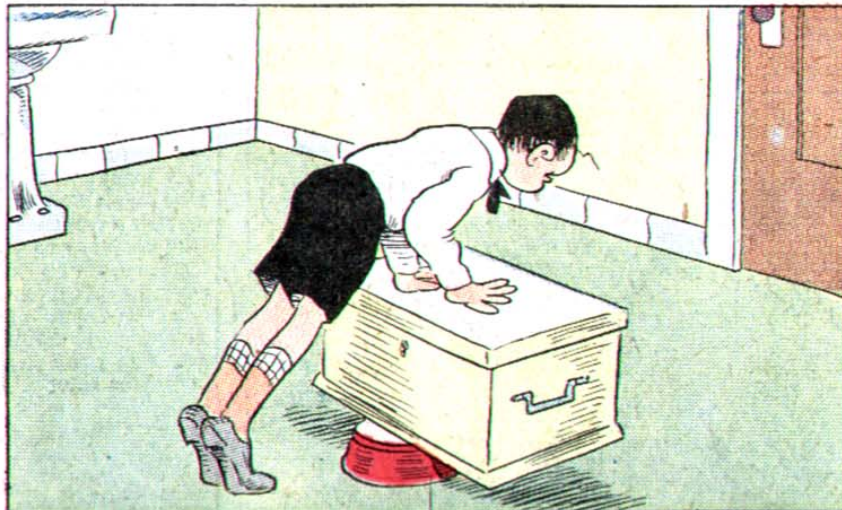
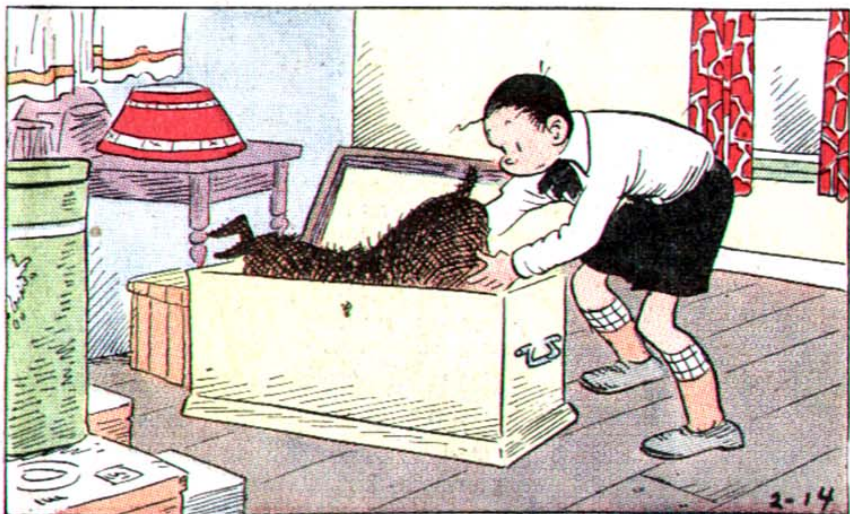
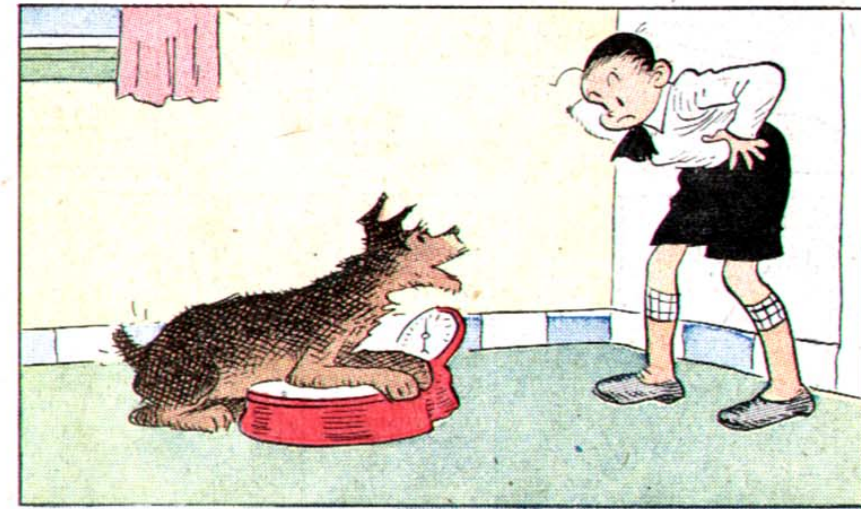
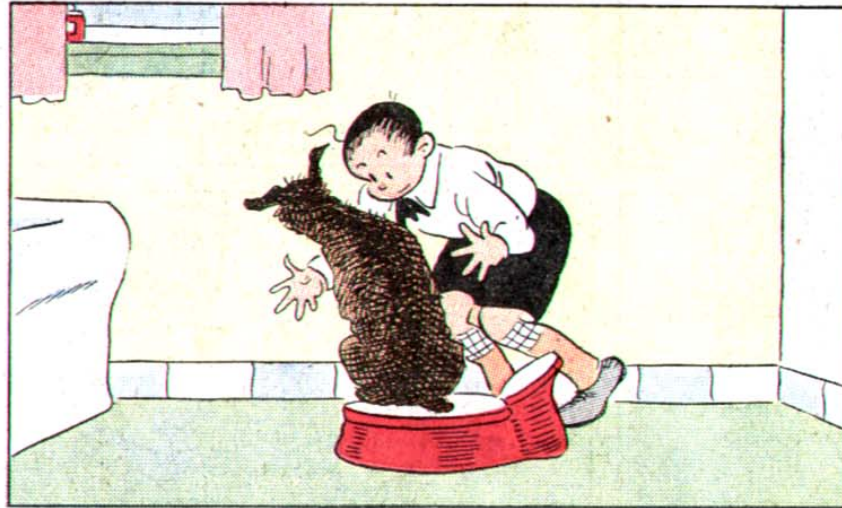
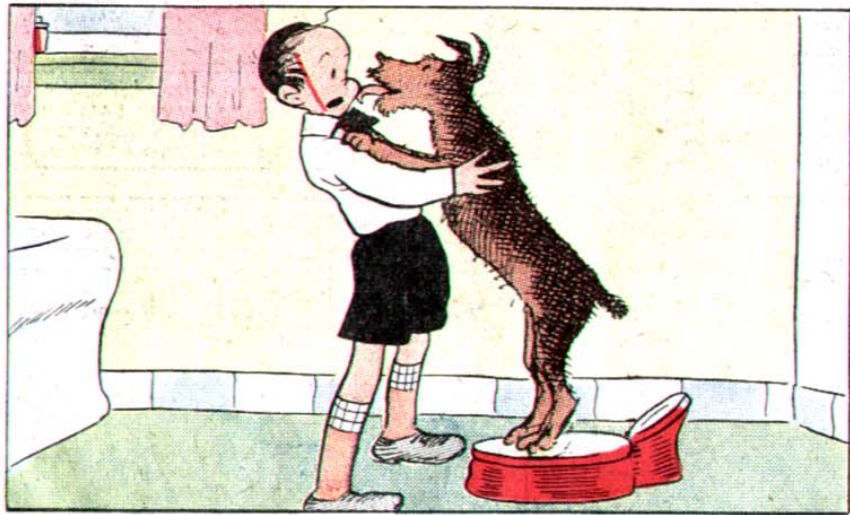
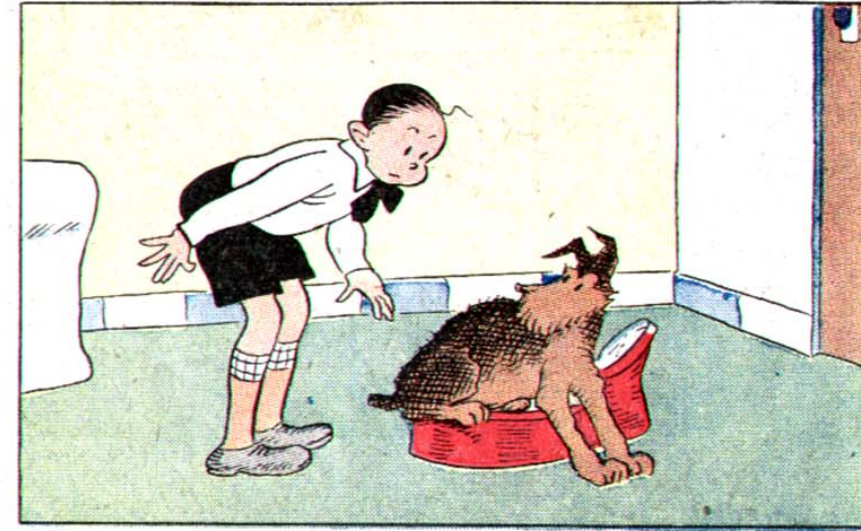
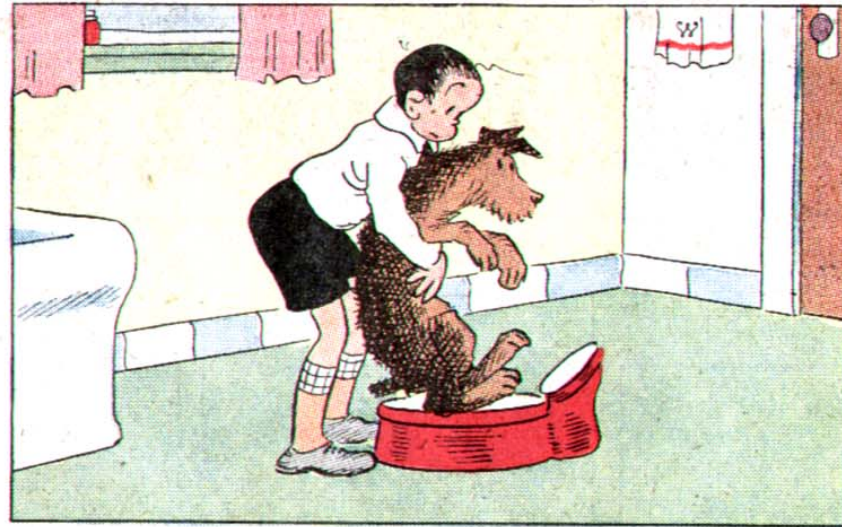
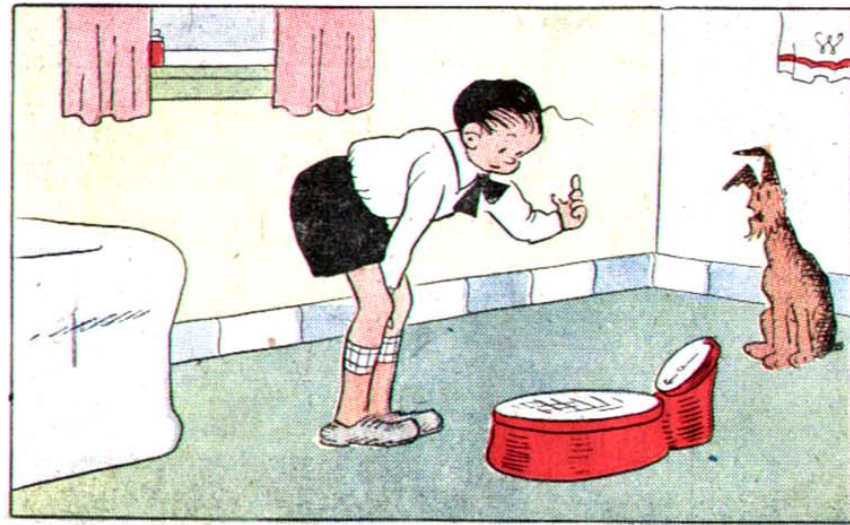


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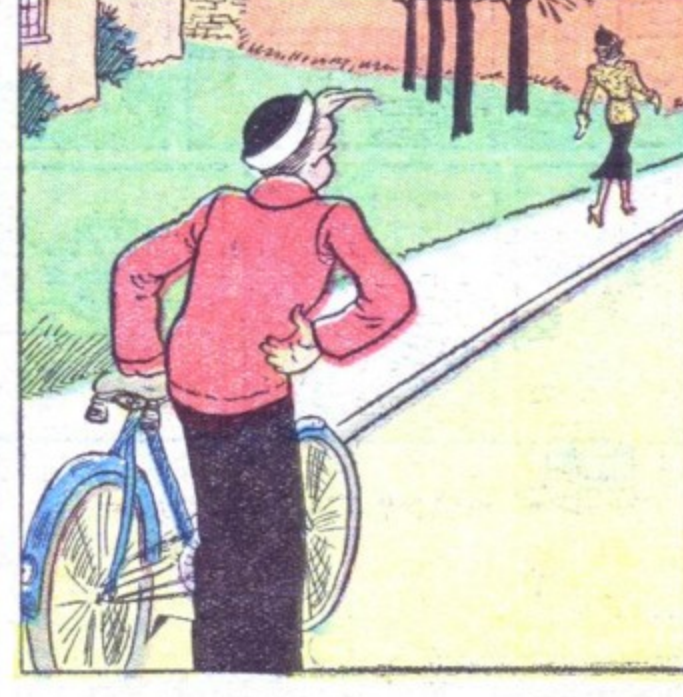
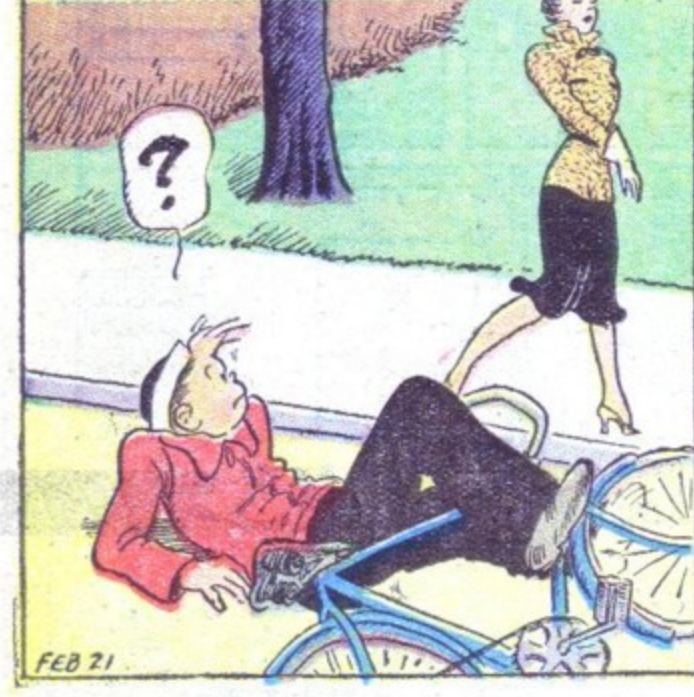
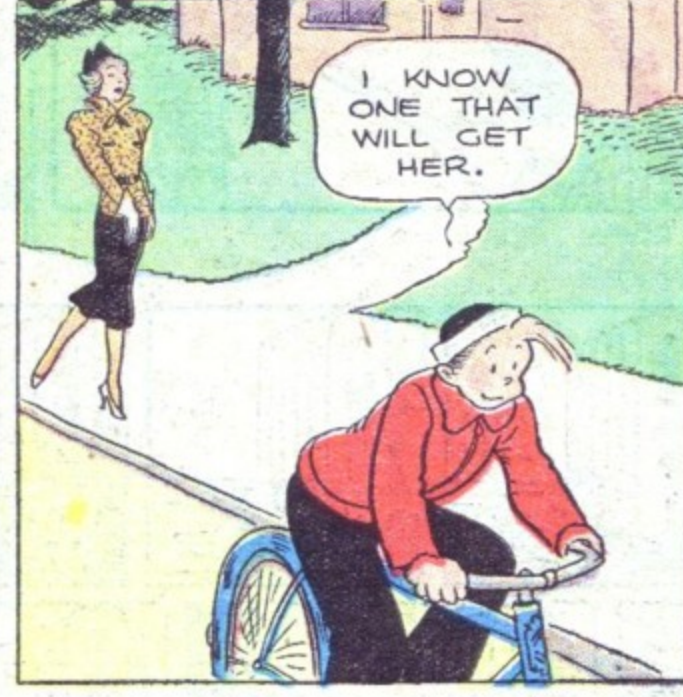
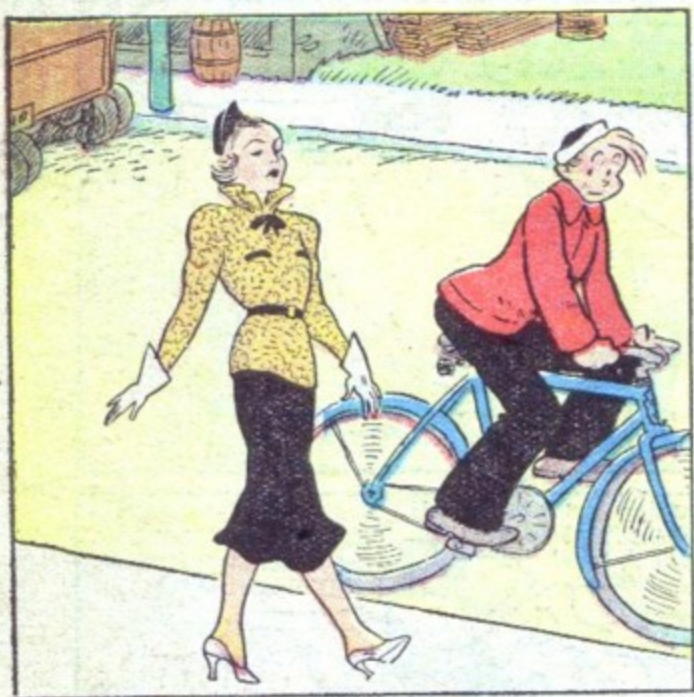
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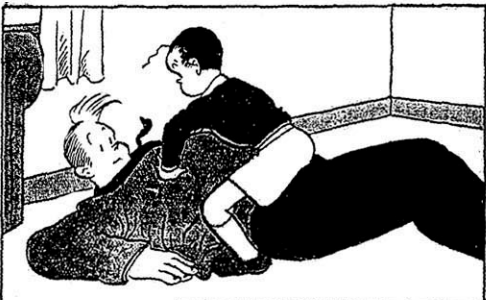
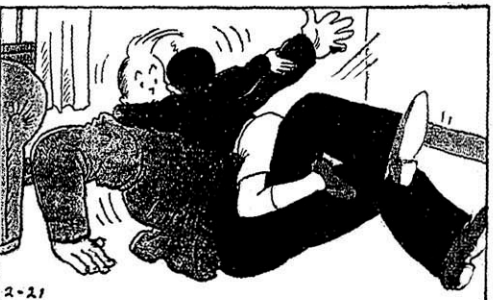
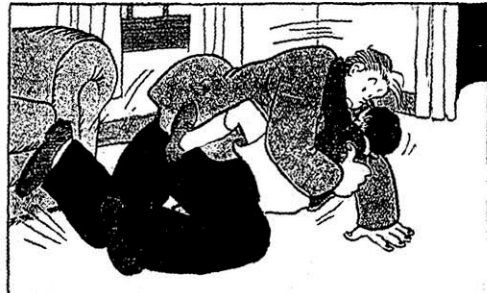
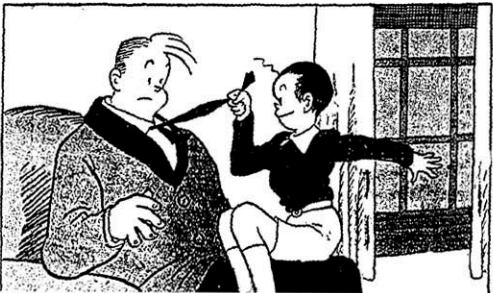
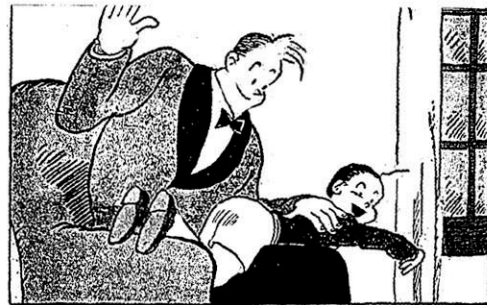
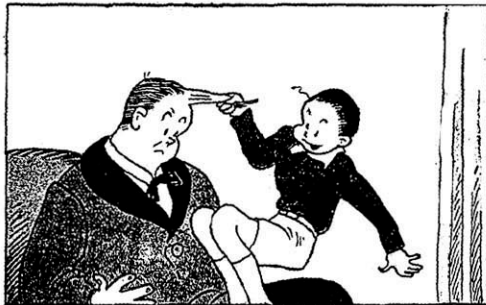
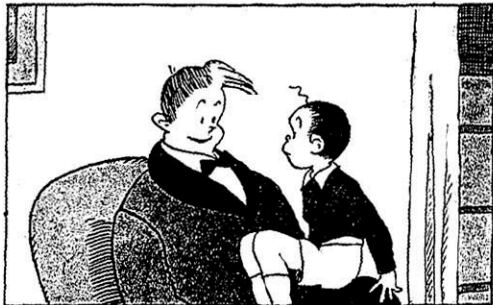
NEW GIRL!
KEEN! THAT
REMINDS ME
I NEED A
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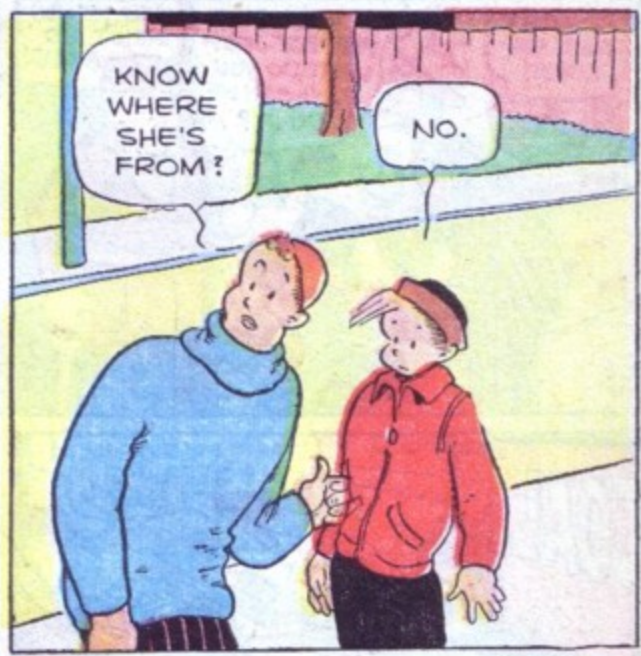
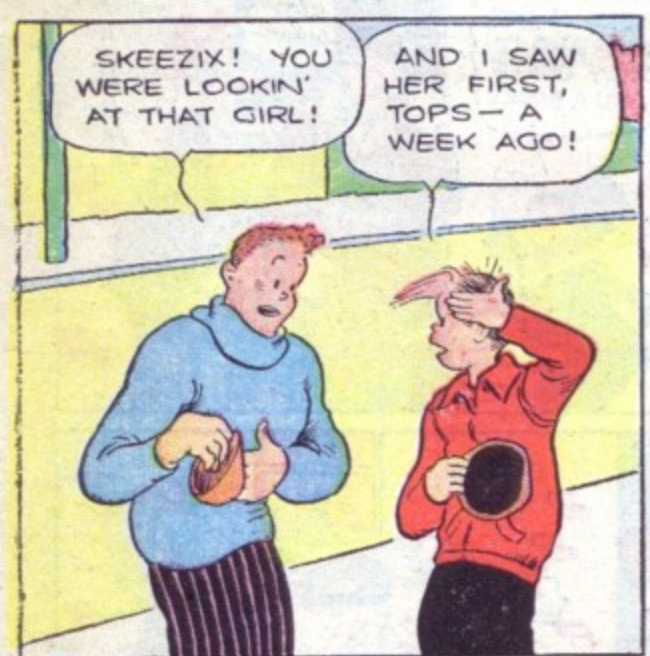
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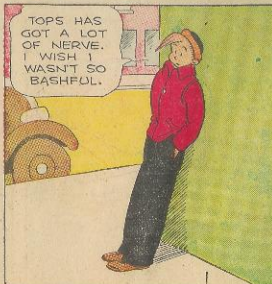
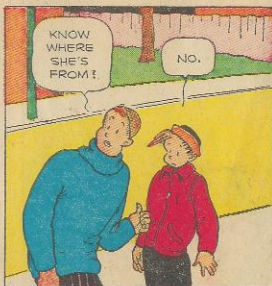


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NO, TOPS, I HAVEN'T FOUND OUT ANY MORE ABOUT THAT BEAUTIFUL DOLL YET.

HAVEN'T YOU GOT ANY CURIOSITY?

WELL, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT MY BUSINESS.

LOOK! GOOTCH, OF ALL PEOPLE!

BE SEEN' YOU, RUBY.

I'M LATE NOW, SO LONG.

GOOTCH, YOU'VE BEEN HOLDIN' OUT ON US.

GOOTCH, HOW COME?

WOULDN'T YOU BIRDS LIKE TO KNOW?

WHAT'S HER NAME?

GIVE US A KNOCKDOWN TO HER, WILL YOU?

RUBY. AN' AN INTRODUCTION WILL COST YOU JUST A PIECE OF PIE APIECE.

SHYLOCK

IT'S A STICKUP!

ALL RIGHT. NO SALE.

WAIT. IF YOU WANT TO BE A HEEL, WE'LL MEET YOUR TERMS.

RUBY.

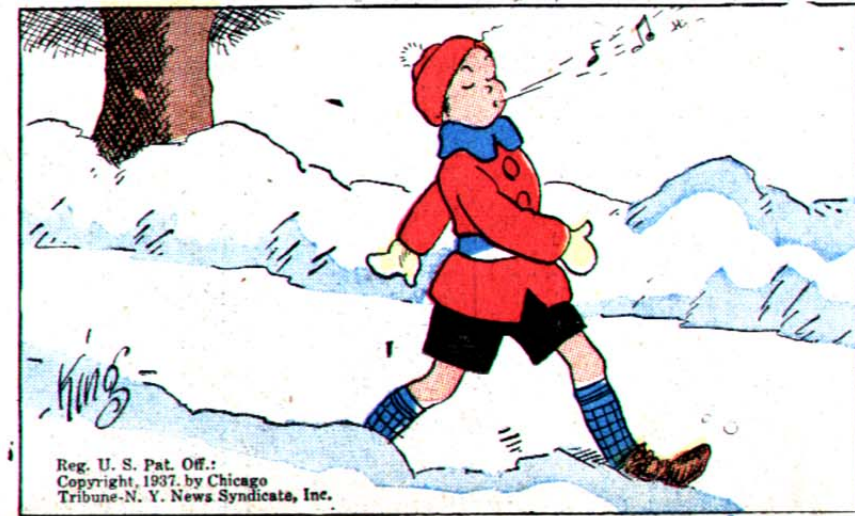
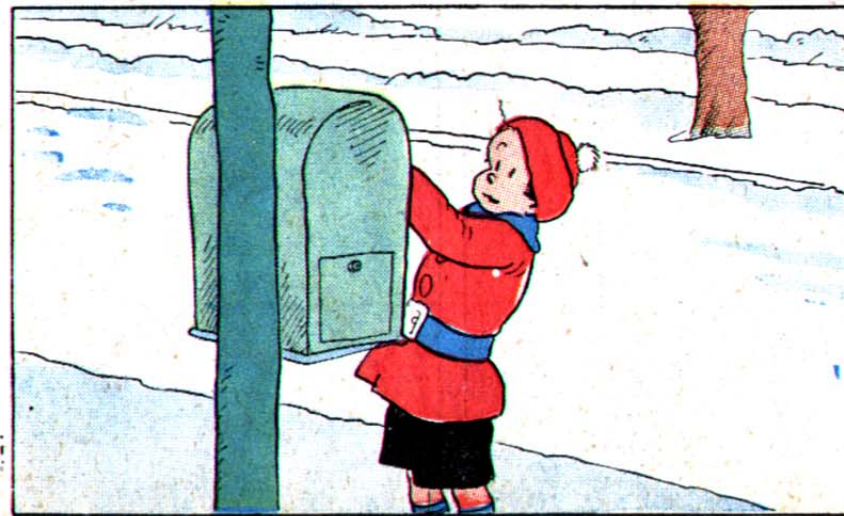
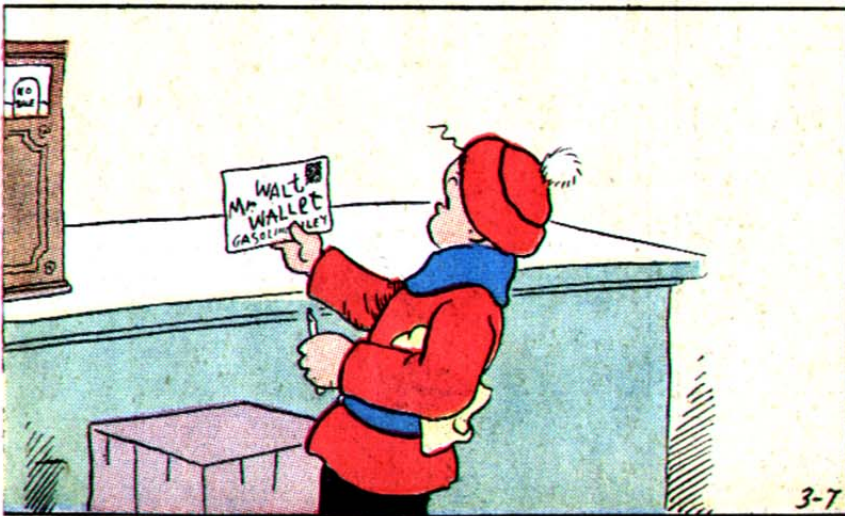
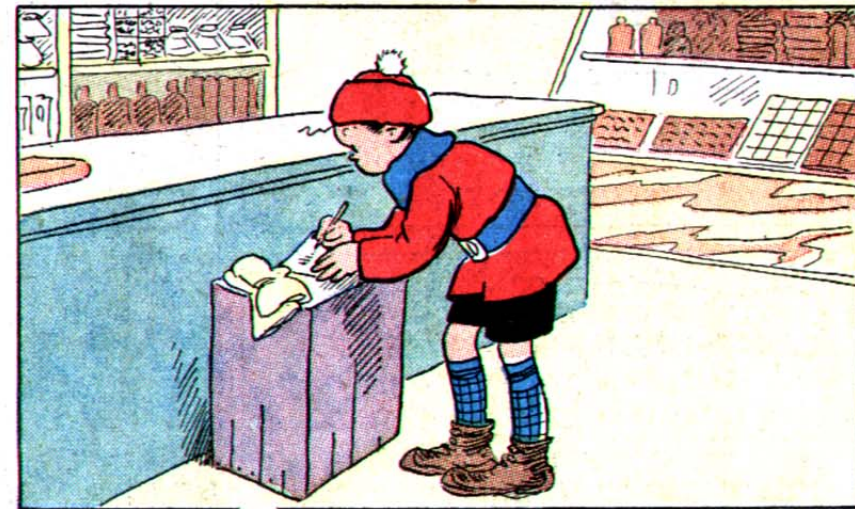
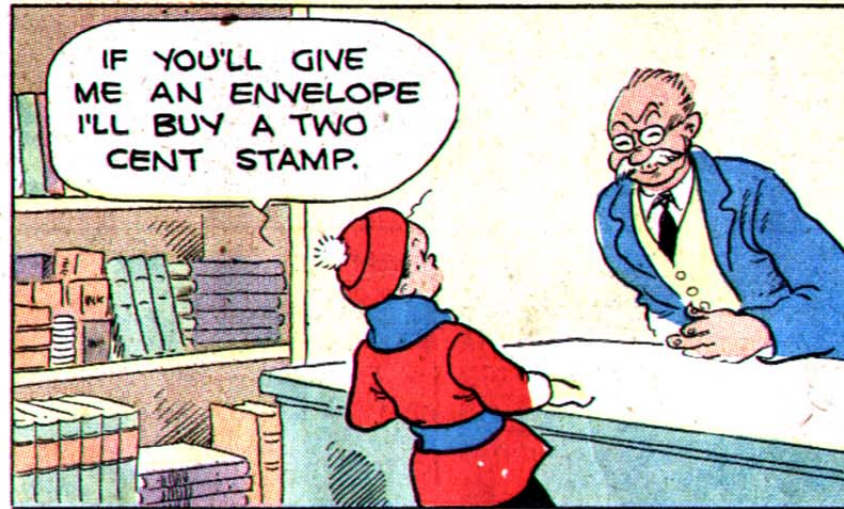
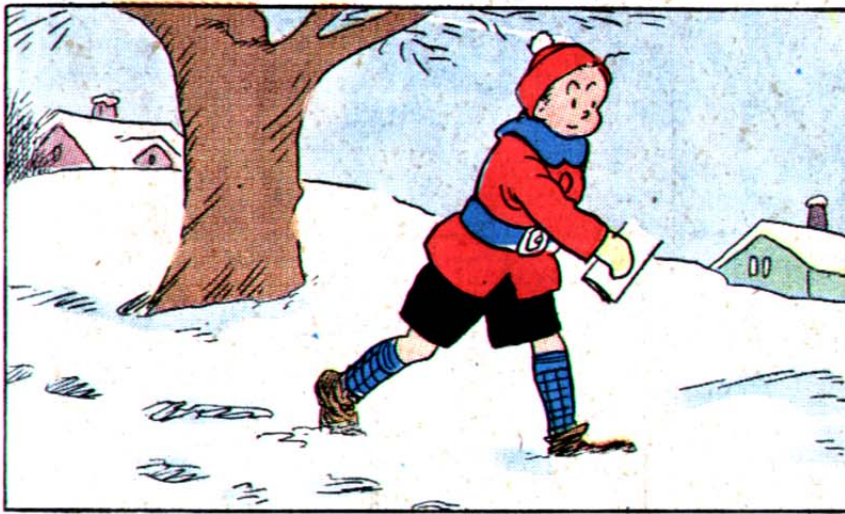
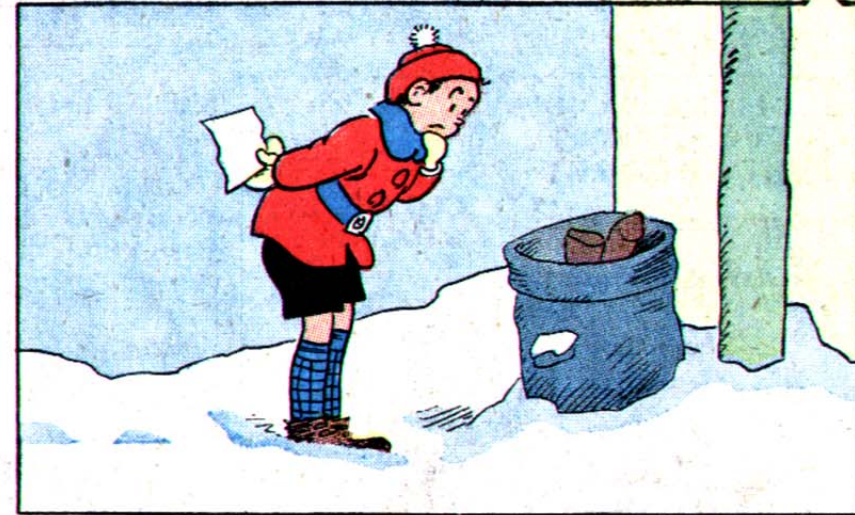
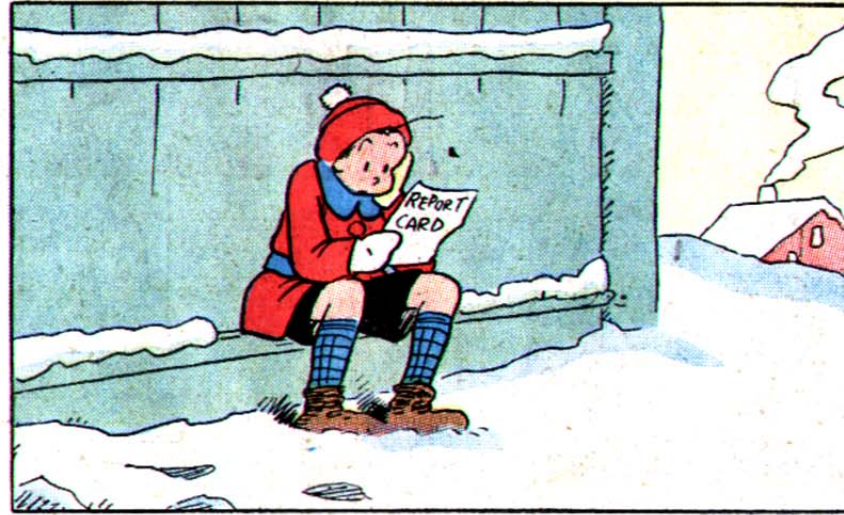
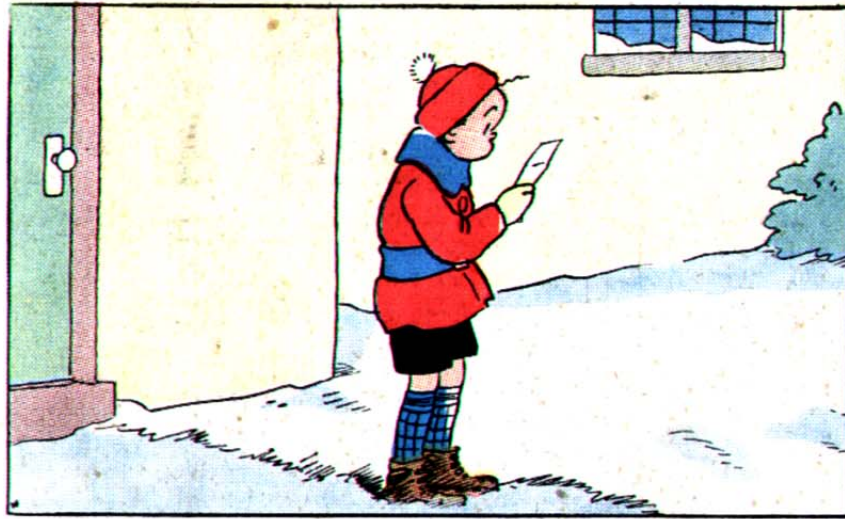
HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU CAN PRODUCE?

NO PRODUCE, NO PIE.

RUBY, THIS IS SKEEZIX AN' TOPS. I'LL HAVE TWO SLABS OF MINCE.

WHAT'S YOURS?

CORKY



GASOLINE ALLEY

By KING

GOOTCH IS THE ONLY ONE RUBY WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH.

NO WAITRESS CAN TREAT ME LIKE THAT, SKEEZIX.

I'M GOIN' OVER TO THE AJAX LUNCH AND DATE HER UP OR DATE THE REASON WHY.

I'LL BE WAITIN' FOR THE REASON WHY, TOPS.

SHE MUST HAVE A SNAP. SHE DOESN'T WORK BUT AN HOUR OR SO A DAY.

NO MATTER. JUST GIVE ME A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

A CUP OF COFFEE, CUTIE, AND WHAT YOU DOIN' SATURDAY NIGHT?

I'M GOIN' TO AN' ICE CREAM SOCIABLE, WHY?

WHY NOT GO TO THE OPERA OR OVER TO THE SODA FOUNTAIN WITH ME?

I NEVER MAKE DATES OVER THE COUNTER.

OKE - DOKE!

HEATCAKES & FRAGON 55¢

THERE, BABY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE 'EM OVER THE COUNTER.

OF COURSE, THAT'S DIFFERENT.

NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' SENSE.

NO KIDDING?

BONG!

NO SALE

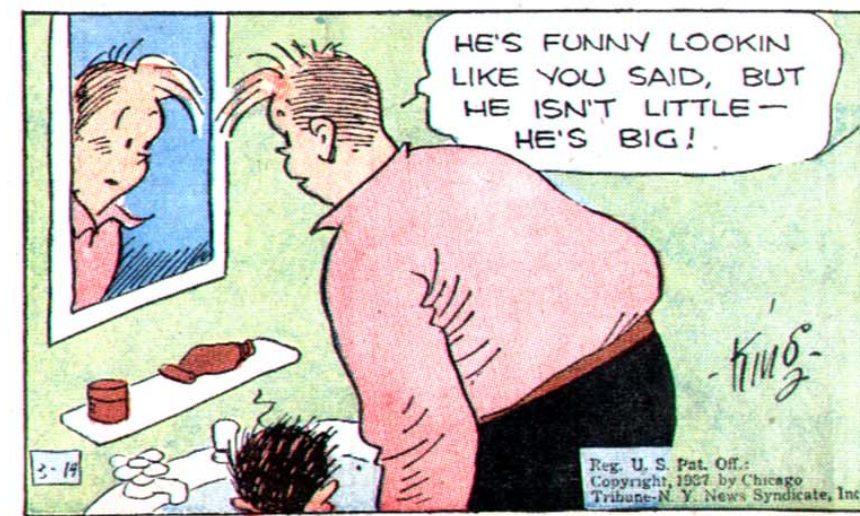
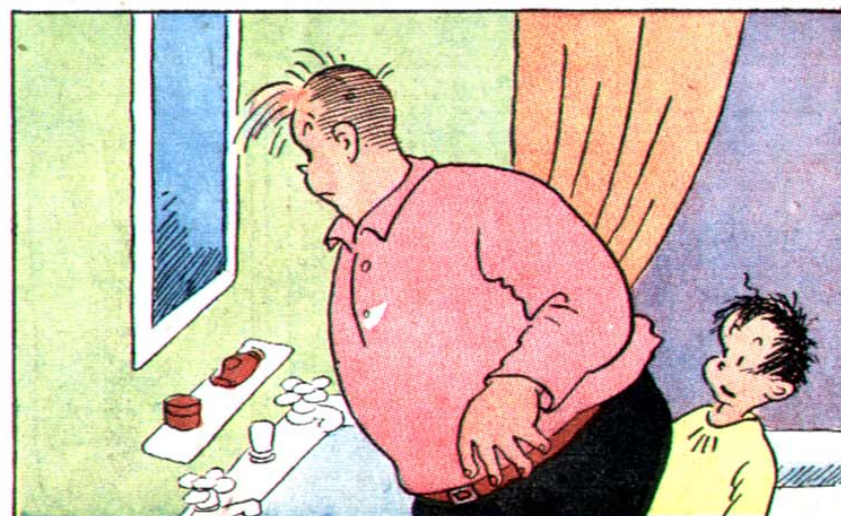
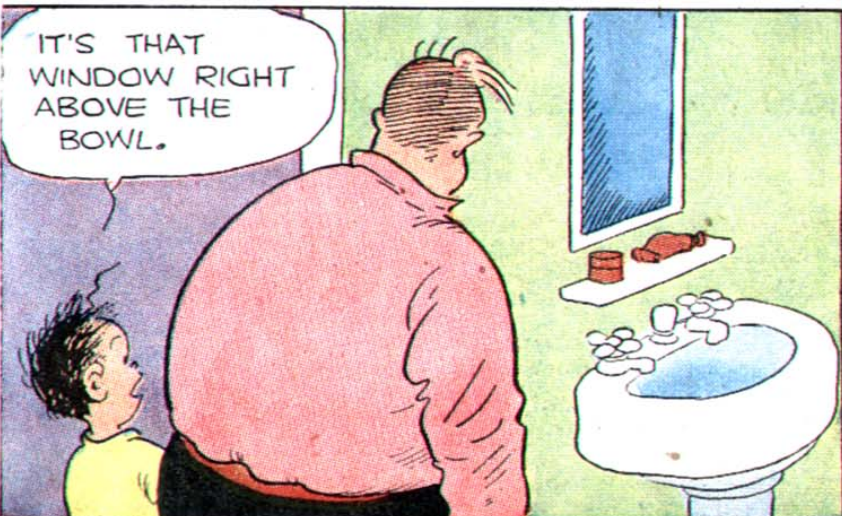
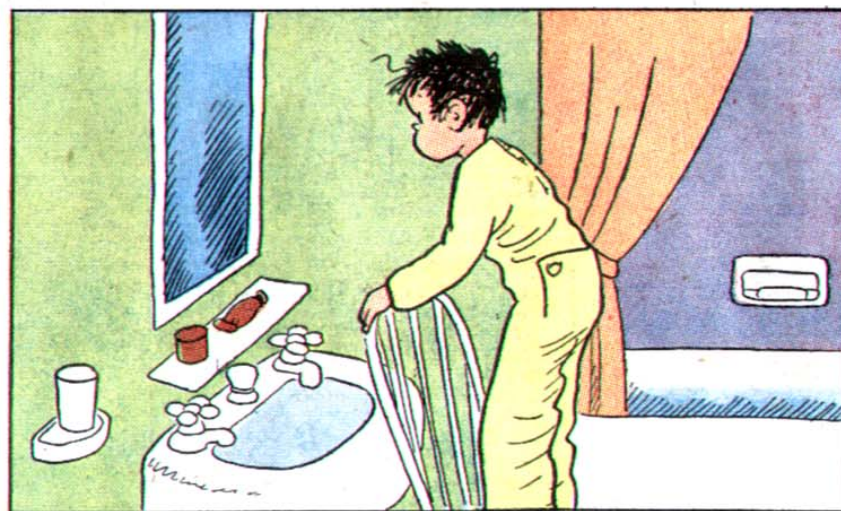
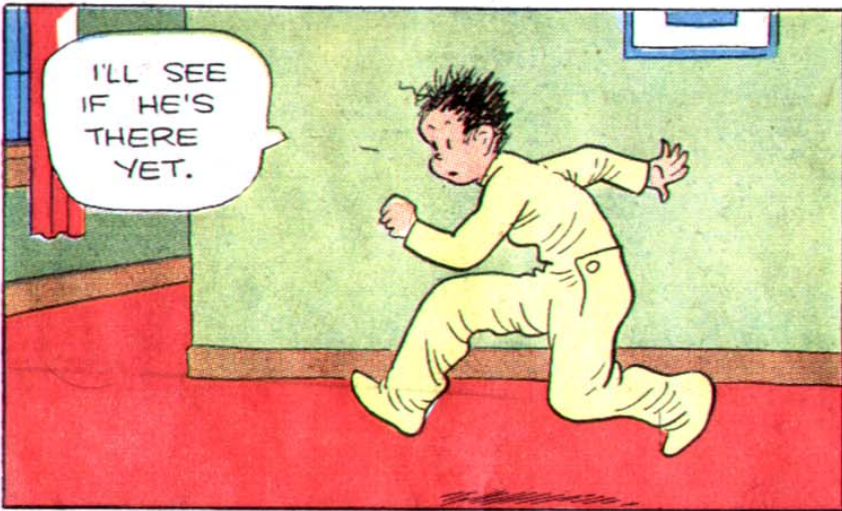
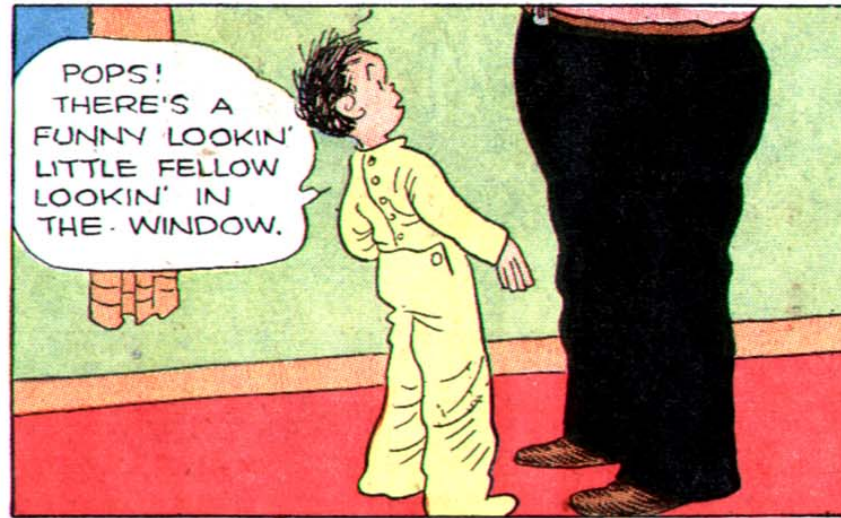
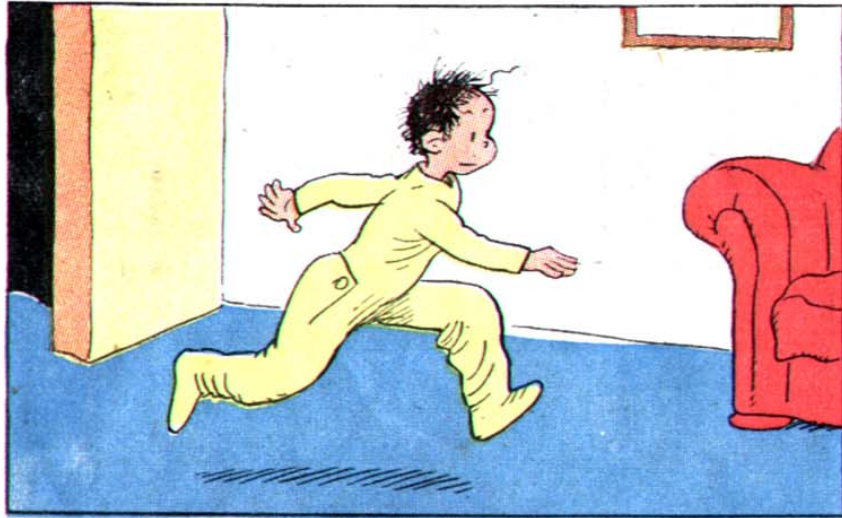
WATCH YOUR HAT.

NO SALE

LUNCH

I TELL YA, HE CAN'T DO THAT TO ME!

CORKY



GASOLINE ALLEY

EVEN IF RUBY'S BOSS DID TOSS ME OUT FOR BEIN' BEHIND THE LUNCH COUNTER, SKEEZIX, THERE'S OTHER WAYS TO SKIN A CAT.

FOR INSTANCE?

SHE HASN'T SEEN MY CAR. I'LL BET SHE CAN'T RESIST IT.

THERE SHE IS! CLEAR OUT. I NEED THE SPACE.

TAXI, LADY? NO CHARGE.

NO, THANKS.

YOU DON'T MIND IF I USE THE SAME STREET, DO YOU, LITTLE ONE?

BR-R-R!! IT'LL NEVER DO. IT'S SO CHILLY MY RADIATOR WILL FREEZE.

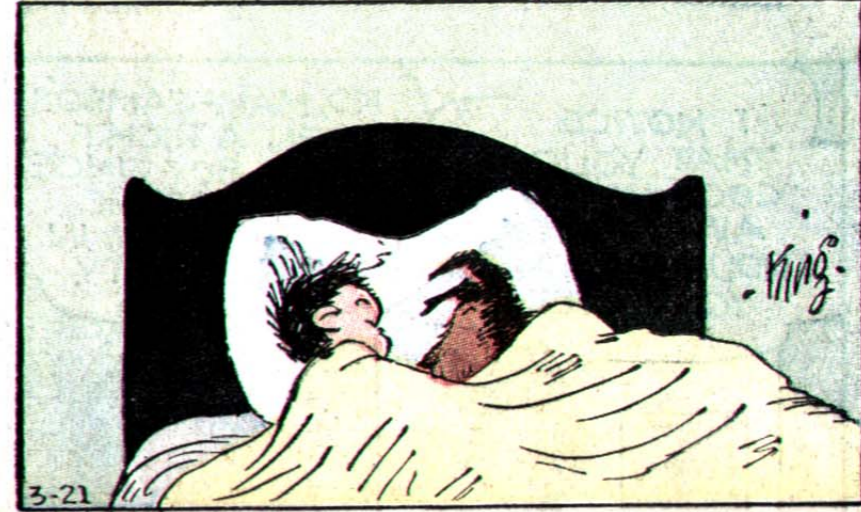
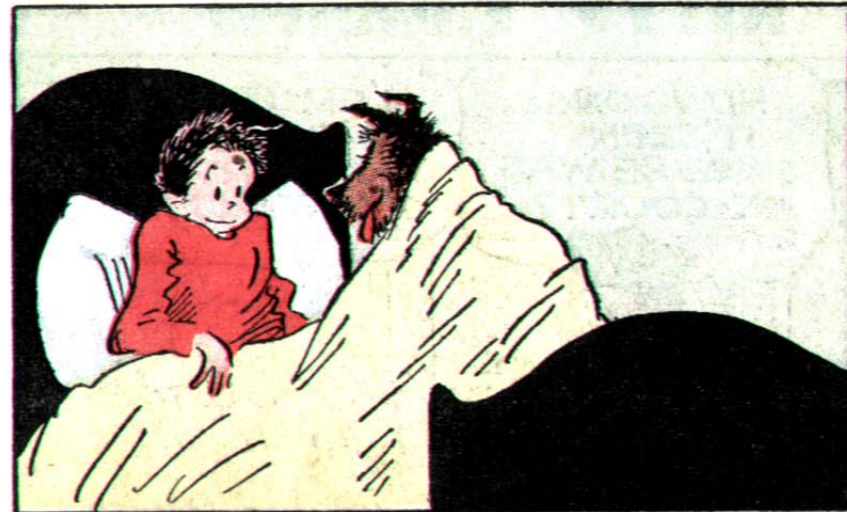
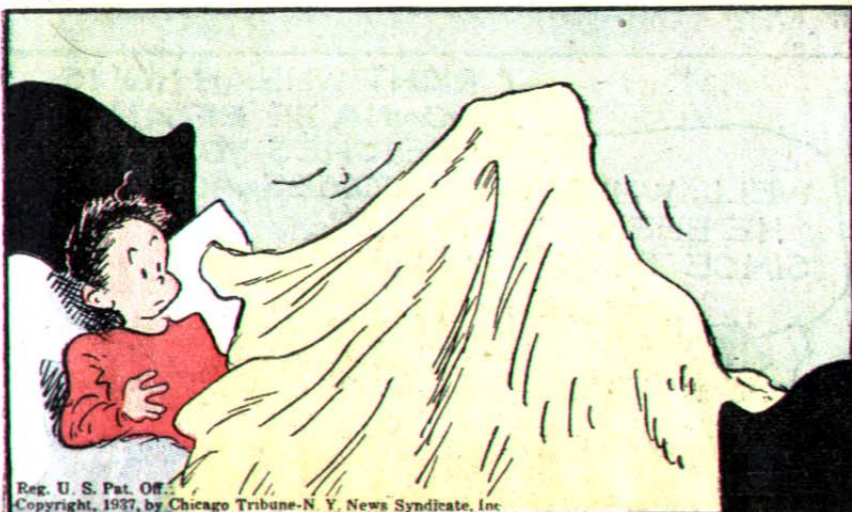
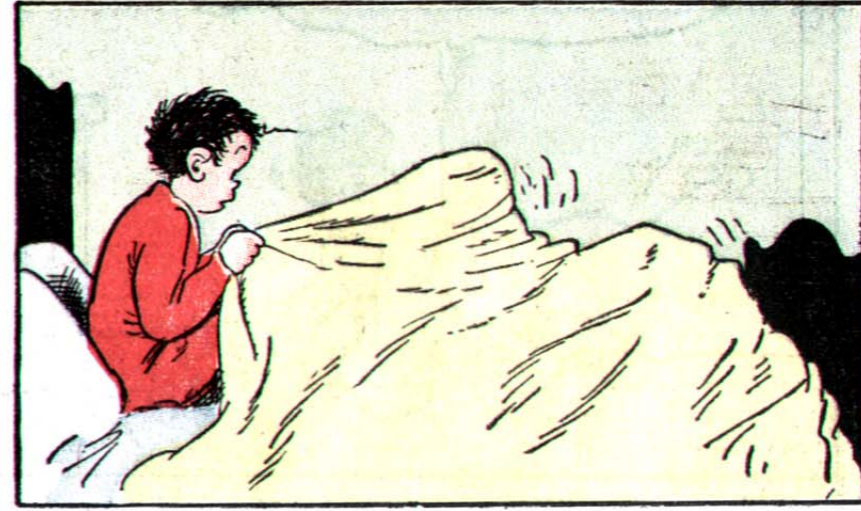
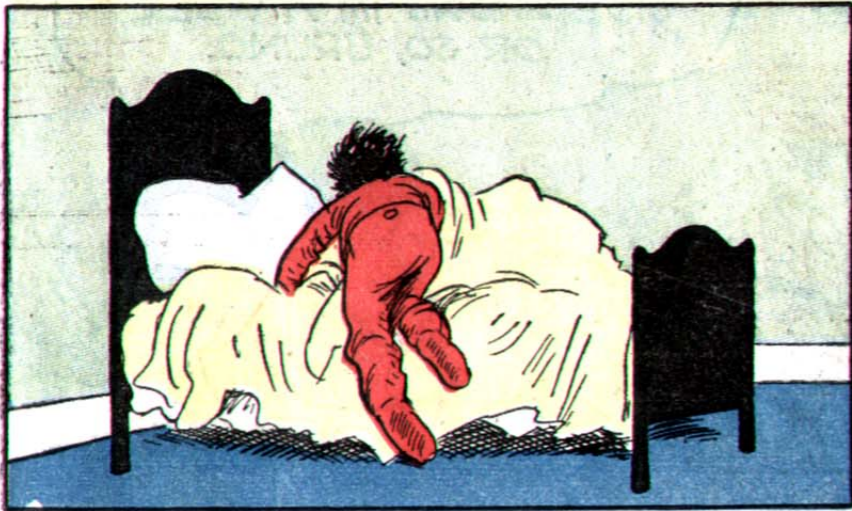
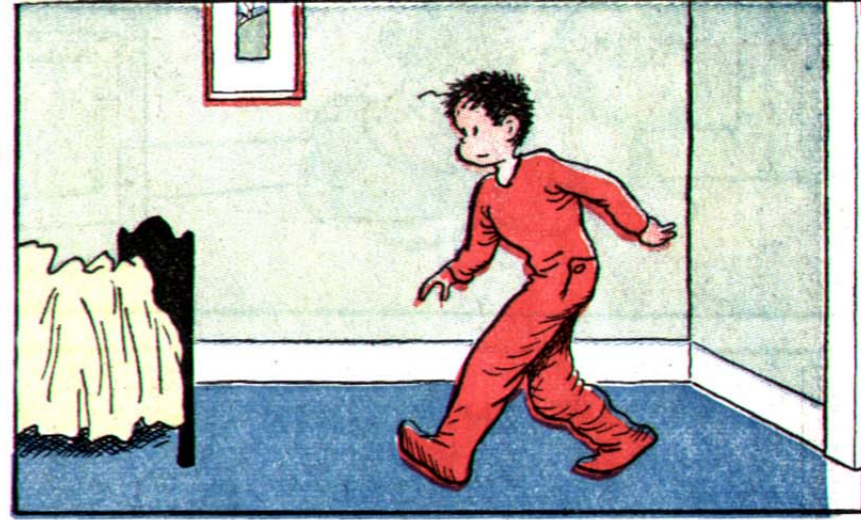
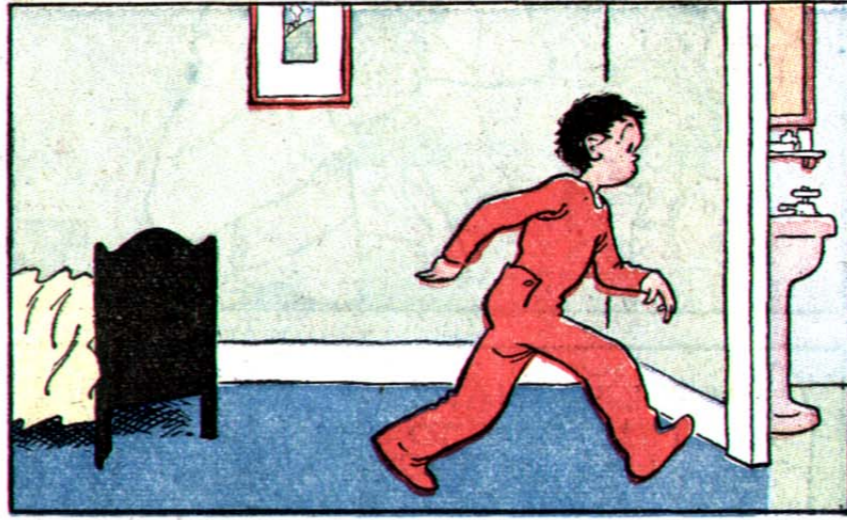
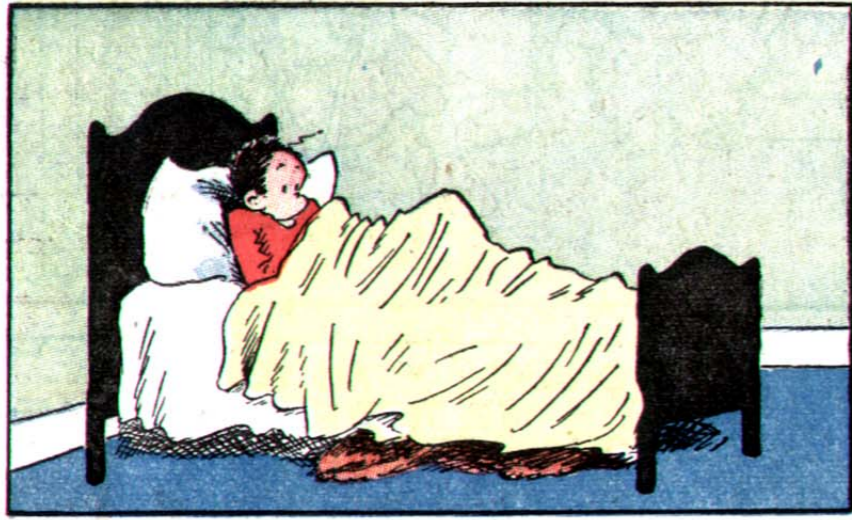
SO THAT'S WHERE SHE LIVES.

I CAN WAIT. IF SHE COMES OUT AGAIN, SHE MAY BE IN A SUNNIER MOOD.

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...AND IT WAS THE SAME BIRD THAT BOUNCED ME OUT OF THE LUNCH ROOM ON MY EAR.

CORKY



GASOLINE ALLEY By King

QUICK, SKEEZIX! I'VE GOT A DATE WITH RUBY. GOT TO HAVE A GALLON OF GAS.

I HAVEN'T ANY.

IF WE HAD A HOSE WE COULD BORROW SOME OUT OF YOUR UNCLE WALT'S CAR.

HE'D RAISE HECK.

YOU'LL SURE PAY IT BACK, TOPS?

SURE, I WILL—TOMORROW.

STICK IT IN THE PAIL AS SOON AS YOU GET THE HOSE FULL.

BOY—NEVER AGAIN ON THAT!

WE'VE GOT SOME CLEANING FLUID.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN IT, BUT IT'S ABOUT LIKE GASOLINE.

LOOKS LIKE IT.

YOU HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH PUSH. I'LL HAVE TO TRADE PLACES WITH YOU.

DON'T WEAKEN.

WHERE WAS THAT DATE? I'LL KEEP IT FOR YOU.

GASOLINE ALLEY

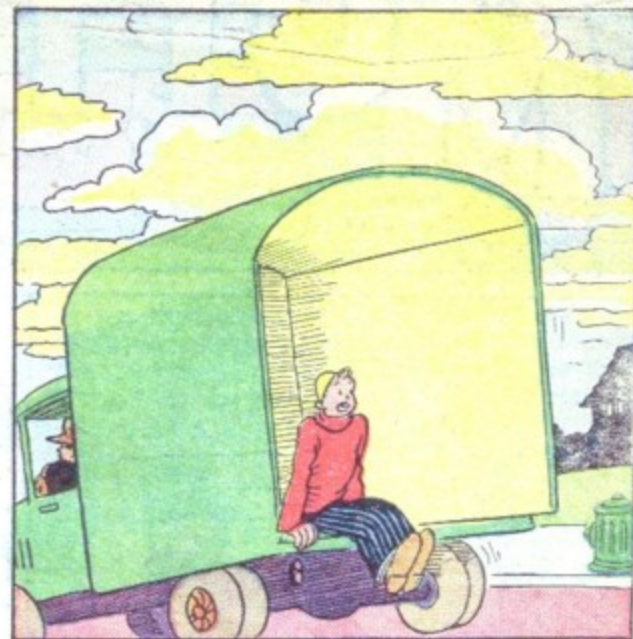
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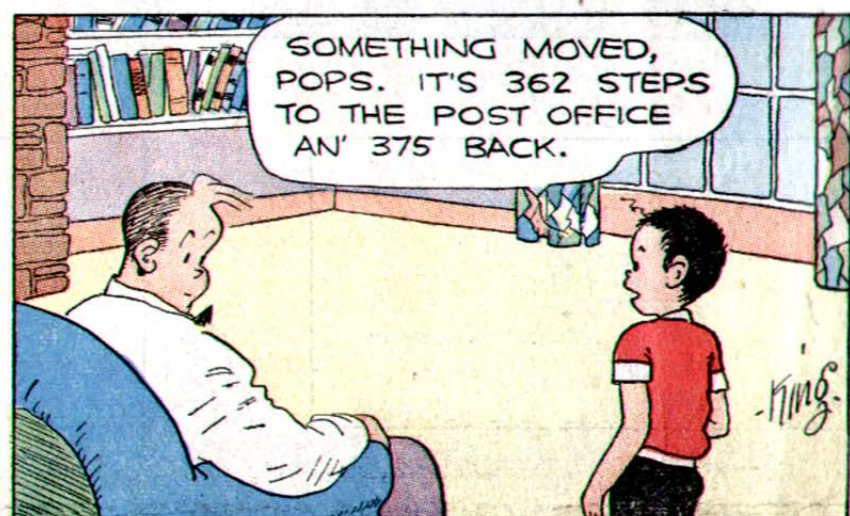
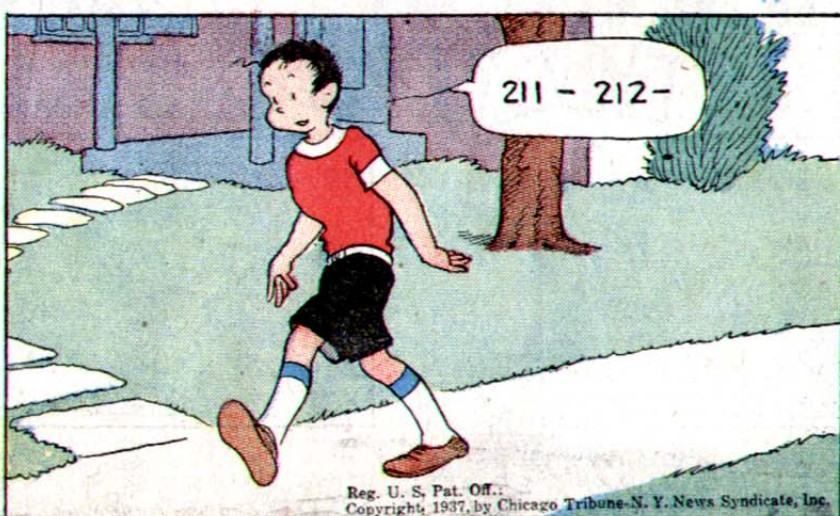
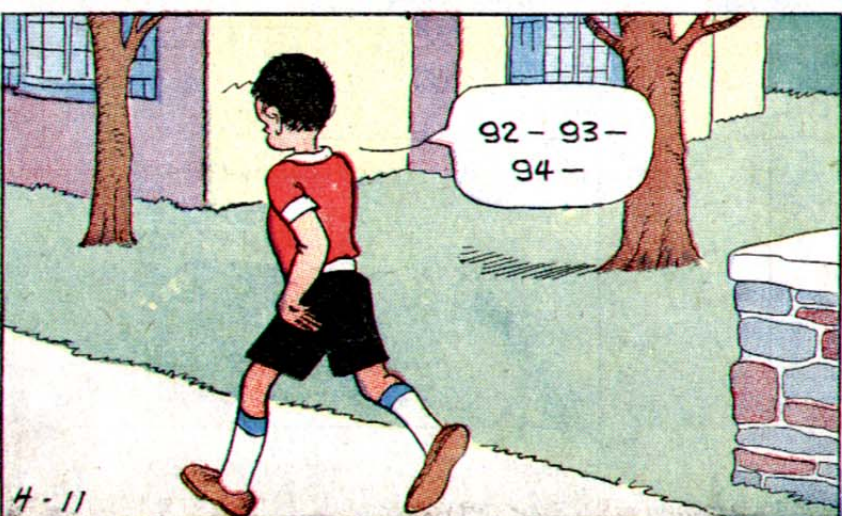
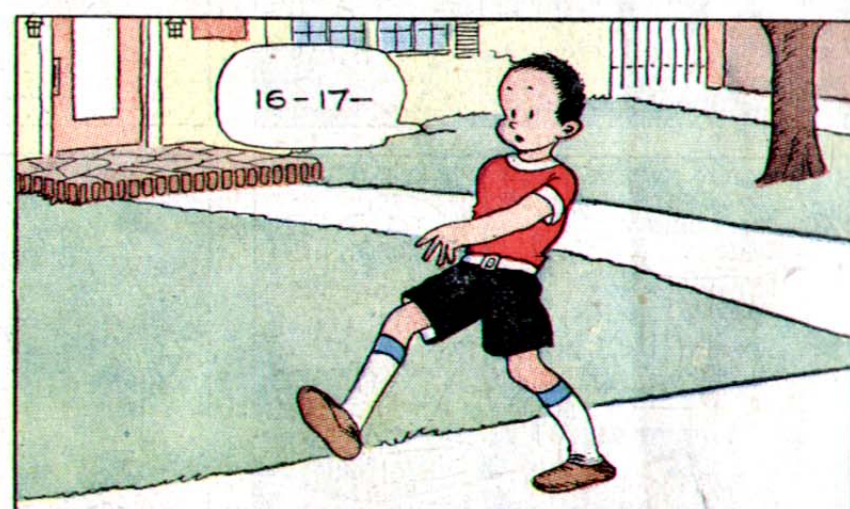
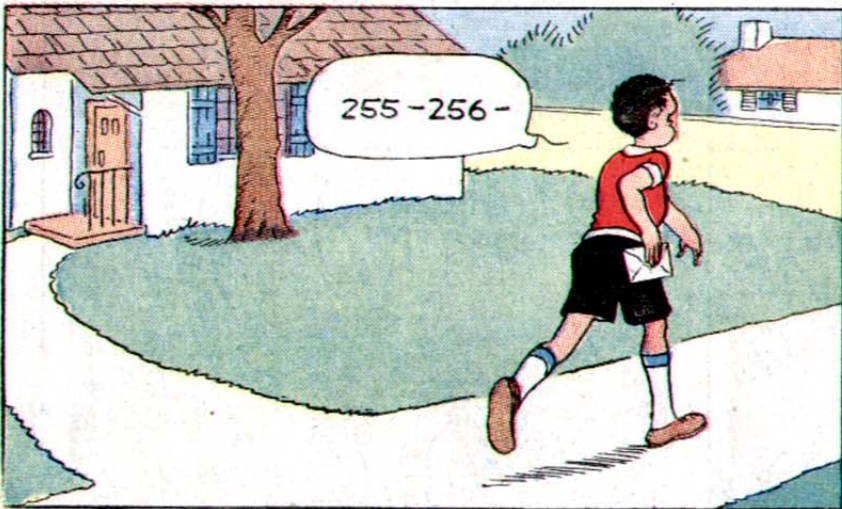
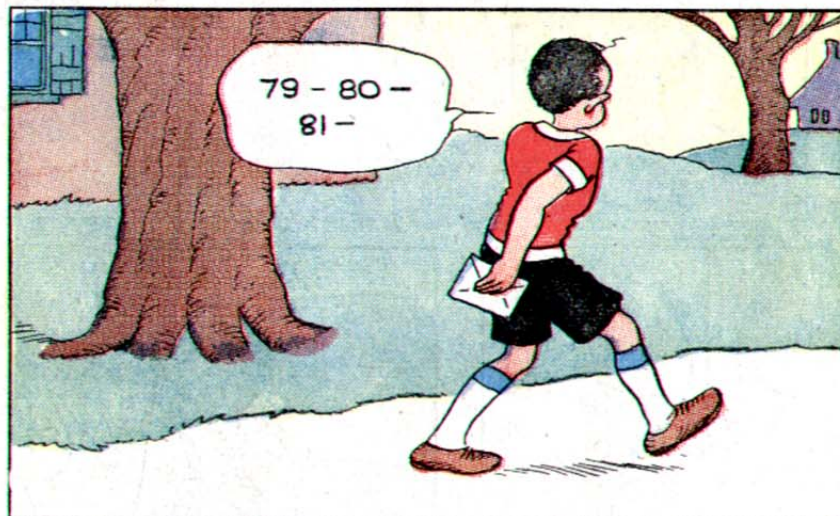
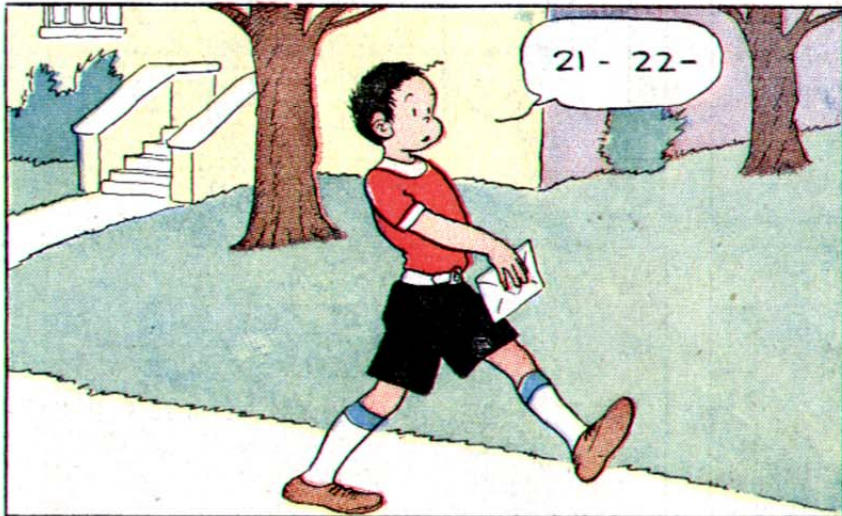
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WHERE YOU OFF TO, TOPS?

SO LONG, SKEEZIX. I'M CATCHIN' A RIDE DOWN TO THE APEX LUNCH COUNTER.



CORKY



GASOLINE ALLEY

by KING

RUBY, HOW ABOUT ME AN' YOU STEPPIN' OUT AFTER YOU GET THROUGH YOUR AFTERNOON SHIFT?

NO CHANCE. I'VE GOT A DATE.

HI SUGAR. HOW'S TRICKS?

OKAY CHUCK. HOW'S THE TRUCK AN' TRAILER RACKET?

ALWAYS TRUCK DRIVERS HANGIN' AROUND.

AN' BUS DRIVERS!

HAVE YOU GOT THAT DATE WITH RUBY YET, TOPS?

I AIN'T GETTIN' ANYWHERE. WE HAVE NO PRIVACY, SKEEZIX.

WE'LL WALK PAST AN' I'LL SHOW YOU HOW COME?

GET A LOAD OF THAT.

ONE'S BAD ENOUGH, BUT YOU CAN SEE THEY GANG UP ON ME.

ANYWAY WE CAN WATCH AN' SEE WHICH ONE WINS OUT.

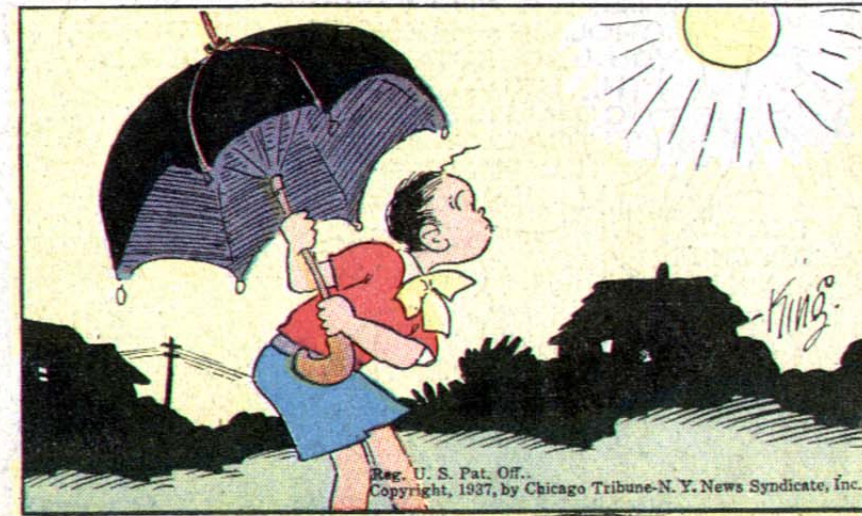
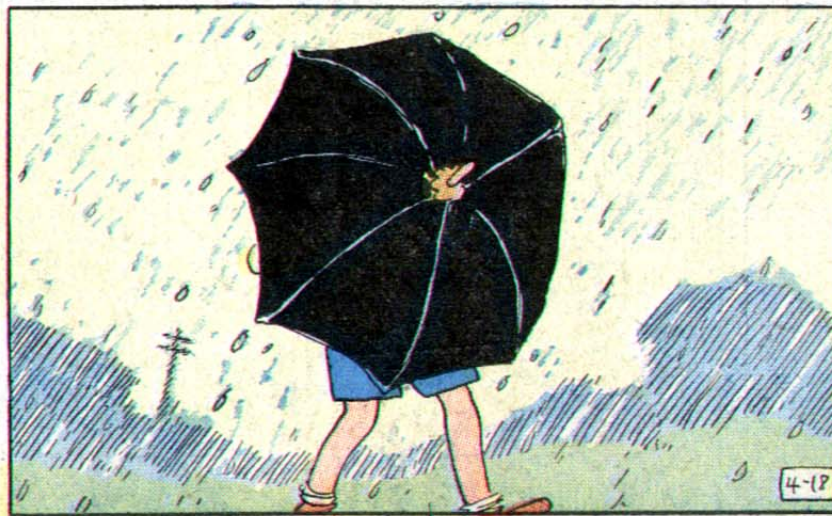
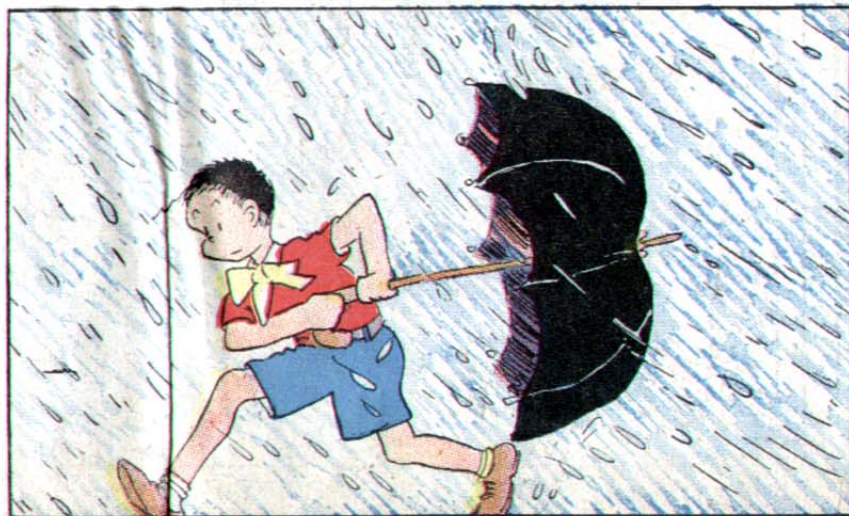
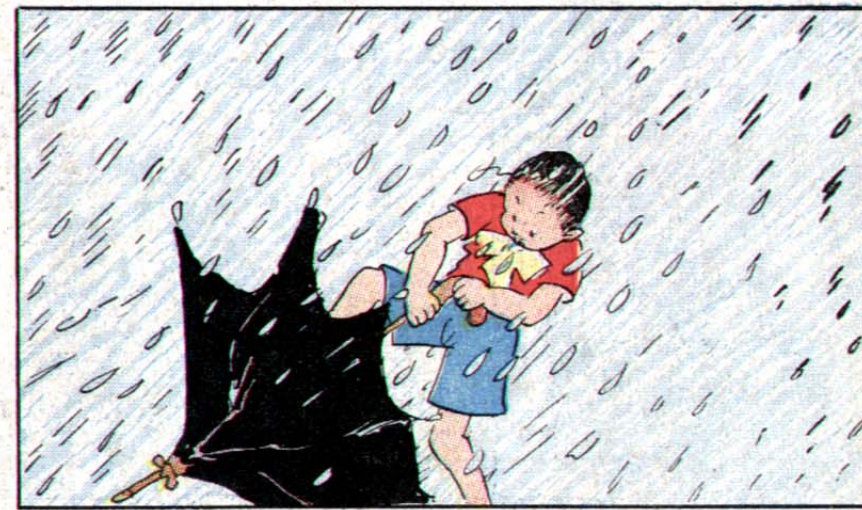
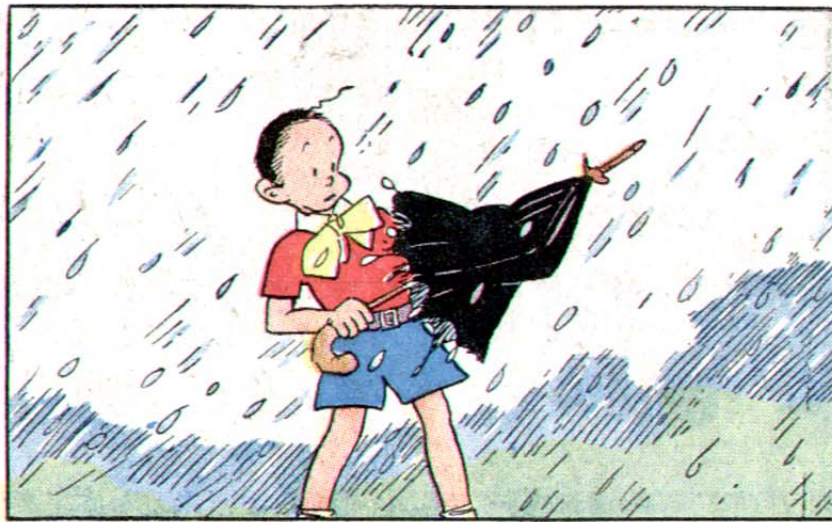
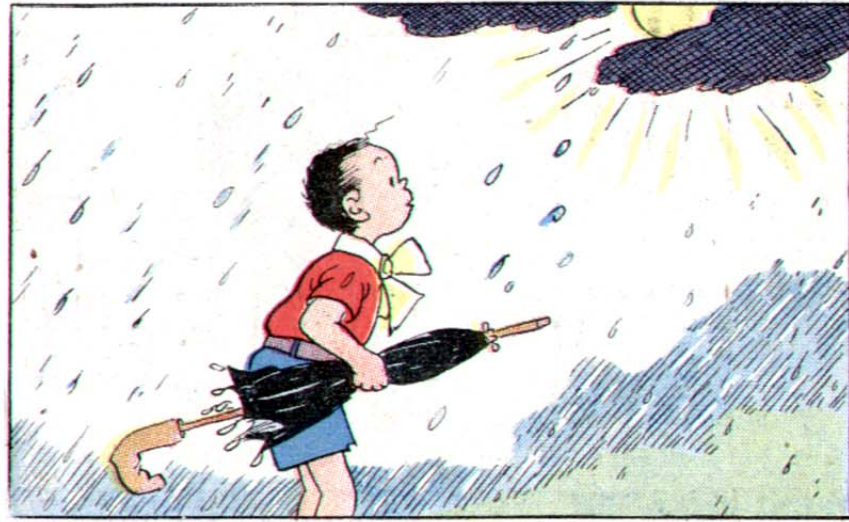
LOOK! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

GOOTCH!

WHAT RIGHT HAS THAT GUY GOT?

HE PROBABLY HAD TO CLEAN UP A BUNCH OF TRUCK DRIVERS FIRST.

CORKY



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by King

WE COULD GO DOWN TO RIVEREDGE PARK.

THIS IS A POWERFUL, LONG WHEELBASE ONE AND I CAN GO TO RIVEREDGE OR ANYWHERE I SAY.

LUNCH

RUBY, THE LITTLE CAR IS ALL WASHED UP. GET IN AN' WE'LL TAKE A RIDE.

WASHED UP IS RIGHT! NO, I HAVE A DATE FOR A DRIVE IN A NICE BIG CAR.

APEX LUNCH

LUN

SKEEZIX! I'M FINDIN' OUT IF RUBY IS KIDDIN' ME.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED. FOR BIG LONG CARS AN' WATCH FOR RUBY.

I GET YOU.

NOT THAT ONE.

NOPE - A FAMILY OUTFIT.

SHE'S NOT IN THAT ONE. HE'S ALL ALONE.

HE IS - YET.

WHO'S PASSIN' US.

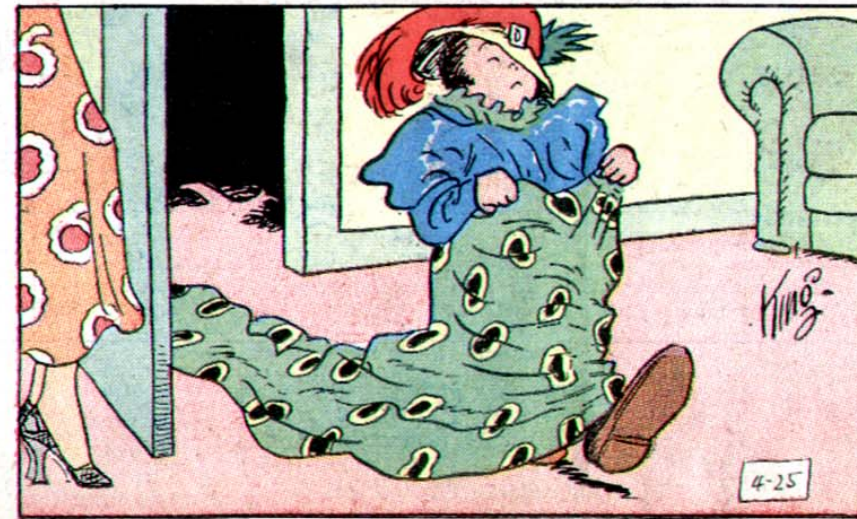
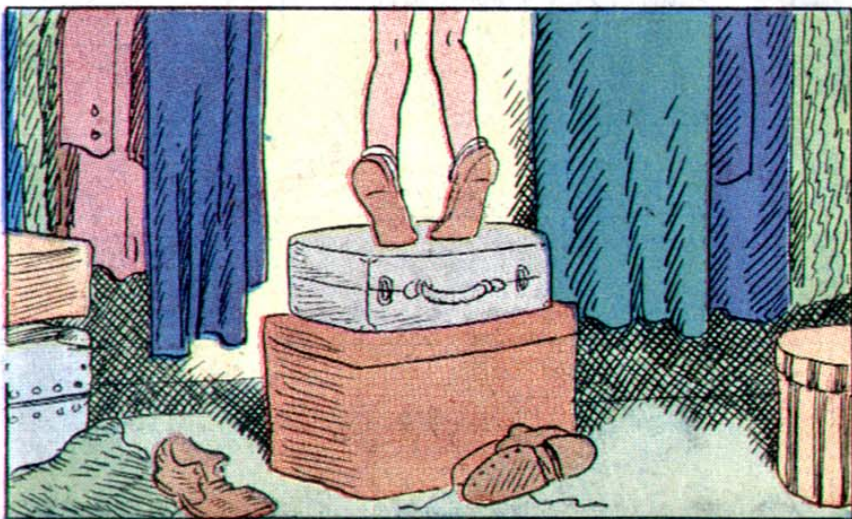
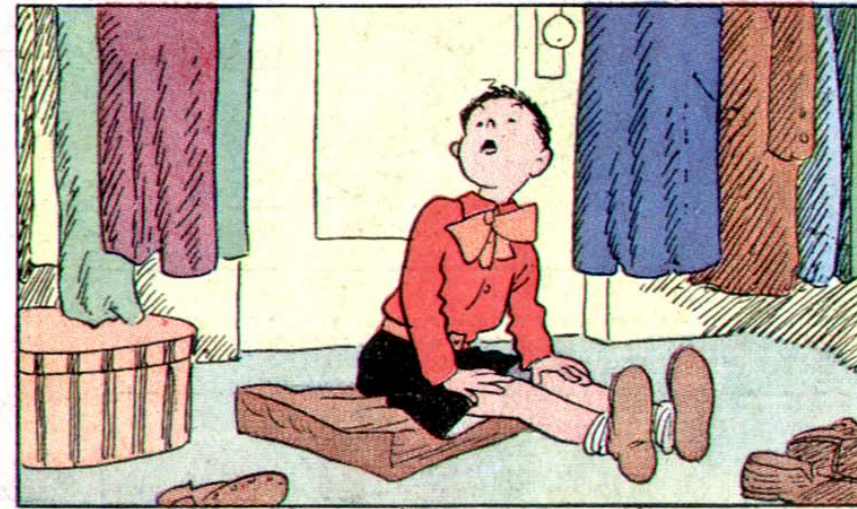
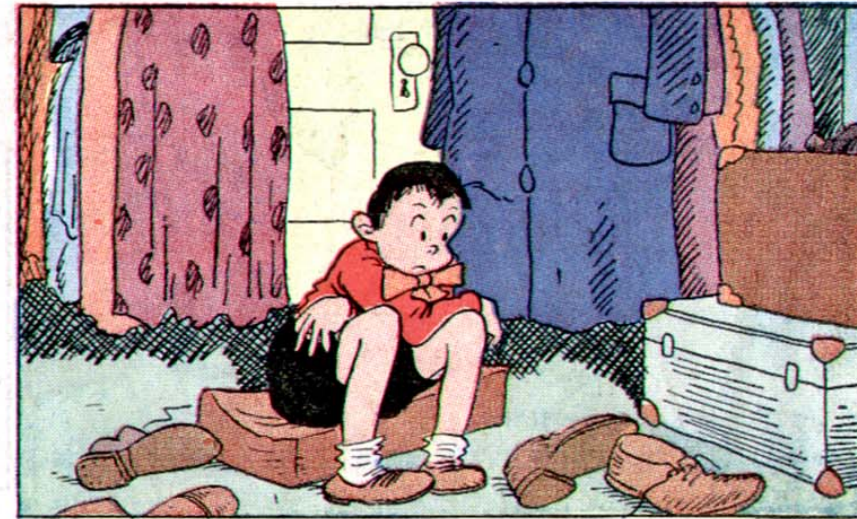
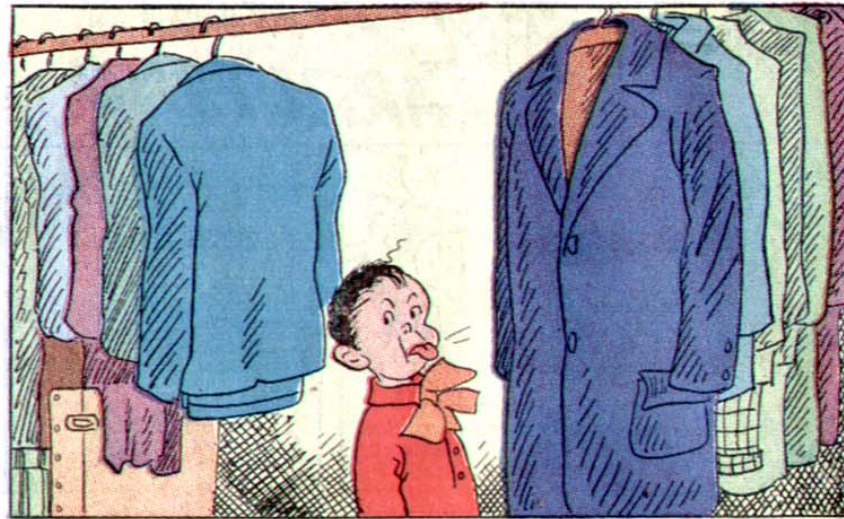
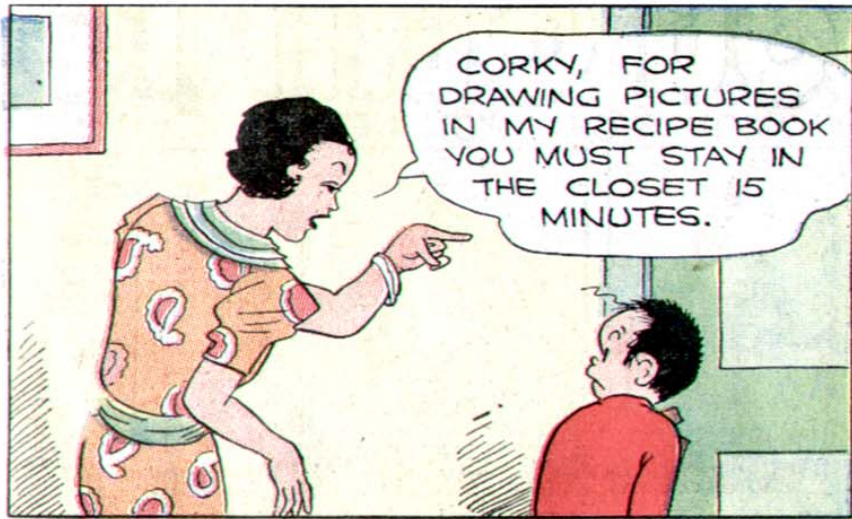
IT'S ONLY A DAME.

I'VE GOT A HUNCH SHE'LL GO TO RIVEREDGE PARK.

OKAY. HERE WE GO.

YOU WIN!

CORKY



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by King



TOPS!

LOOK, SKEEZIX! AT LAST I'VE BOOKED RUBY FOR A RIDE IN MY CAR.



AND I MEAN RIDE WITH YOU - NOT PARK WITH YOU.

HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BABY.



AW, RUBY, YOU DON'T WANT TO TURN AROUND NOW. OUR RIDE IS JUST STARTED!

YOU TURN AROUND. OUR RIDE IS JUST HALF DONE!



HECK!

YOU'D BETTER GET OUT. I'VE GOT TO BE BACK AT WORK.

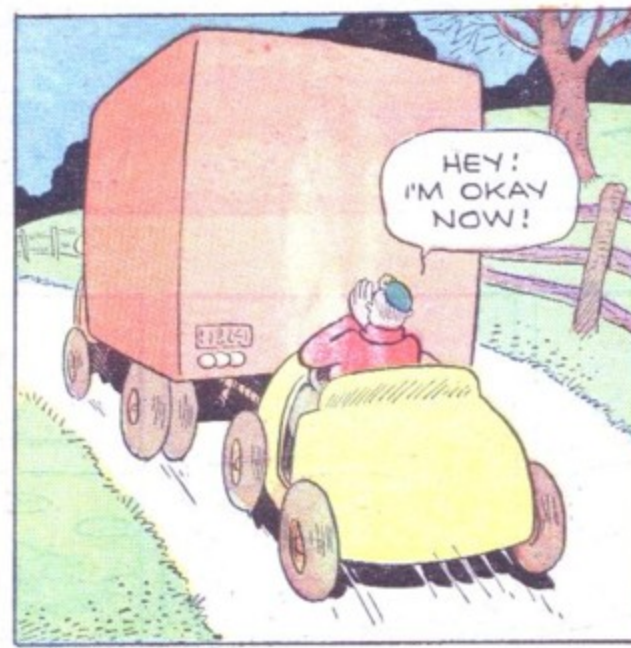


HI, RUBY! SHALL YOU AN' I GIVE THIS BIRD A PULL?

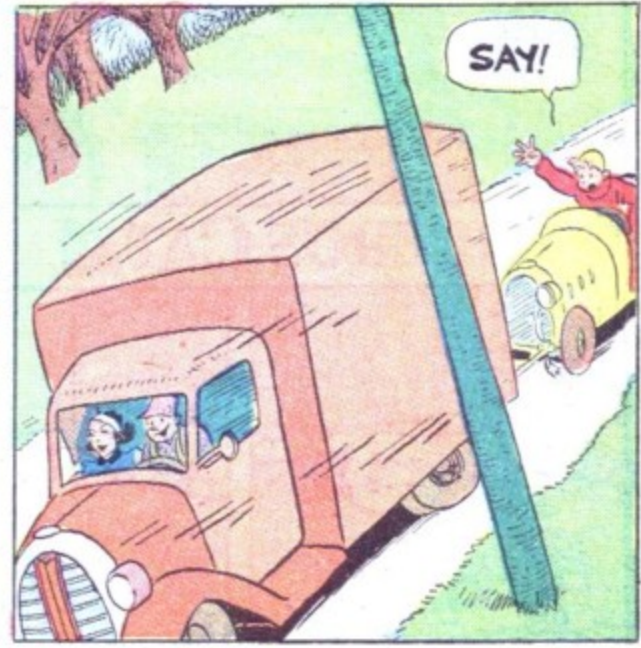
SAY WE DO, BIFF.



THERE'S NOTHIN' LIKE DOIN' A FELLOW MOTORIST A GOOD TURN.



HEY! I'M OKAY NOW!

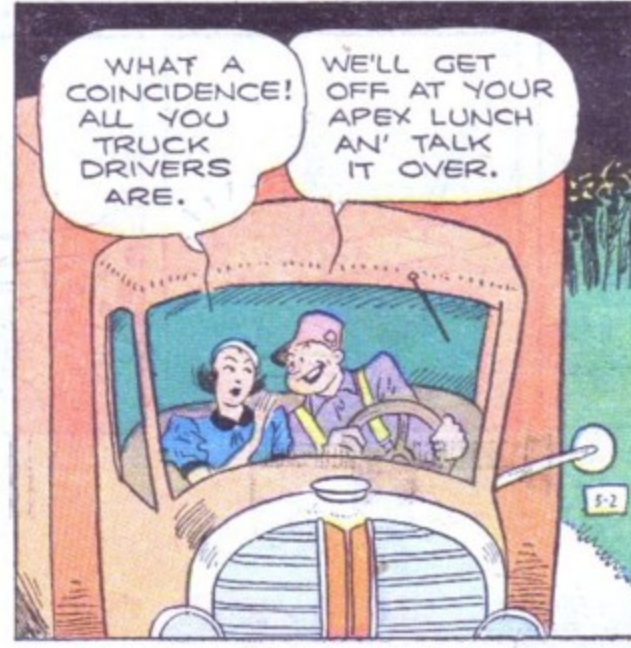


SAY!



BIFF, YOU'RE SPOOFING ME! YOU'VE GOT A GIRL AT EVERY HOT DOG STAND ON YOUR RUN.

ON THE SQUARE, RUBY, I'M A ONE GIRL MAN.



WHAT A COINCIDENCE! ALL YOU TRUCK DRIVERS ARE.

WE'LL GET OFF AT YOUR APEX LUNCH AN' TALK IT OVER.

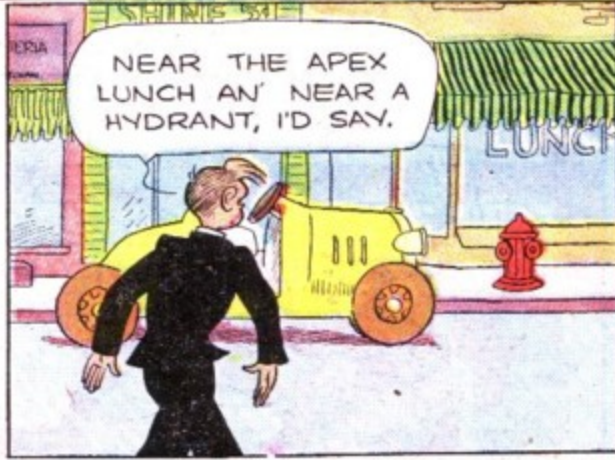


CAN YOU BEAT IT, RUBY?

WHY, TOPS, WE FORGOT ALL ABOUT YOU!

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By KING



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BUT, TOPS, I'VE GOT YOUR I.O.U.'S FOR \$13.85.

BUT YOU WERENT TO HAVE A HALF INTEREST IN MY CAR, SKEEZIX, TILL YOU'D LENT ME \$17.50

BESIDES, I'VE GOT A DATE TONIGHT.

SO HAVE I GOT A DATE TONIGHT. WE'LL TOSS A COIN. NAME IT.

I WAS A SAP! NOW I HAVE TO CALL FOR RUBY WITHOUT A CAR.

HER OL' MAN'S WAITIN' ON THE COUNTER. SHE'S GONE HOME.

ALL DARK AT HOME, TOO. SHE'S WALKED OUT ON ME.

I KNOW WHERE SHE'S GONE. THAT TRUCK DRIVER IS TAKIN' HER OVER TO THE COMPANY K DANCE AT WYEVILLE.

I'M BOUND FOR WYEVILLE.

WELL, I CAN TAKE YOU WITHIN' ABOUT THREE MILE OF THERE.

I'VE BEEN HERE TWO HOURS AN' NOT A CAR HAS COME ALONG HEADED FOR WYEVILLE.

IN FACT, THEY'RE BEGINNING TO COME BACK FROM THE DANCE.

IF I DONT WANT TO STAY HERE ALL NIGHT, I'D BETTER SNATCH A RIDE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

AS I LIVE AND BREATHE!

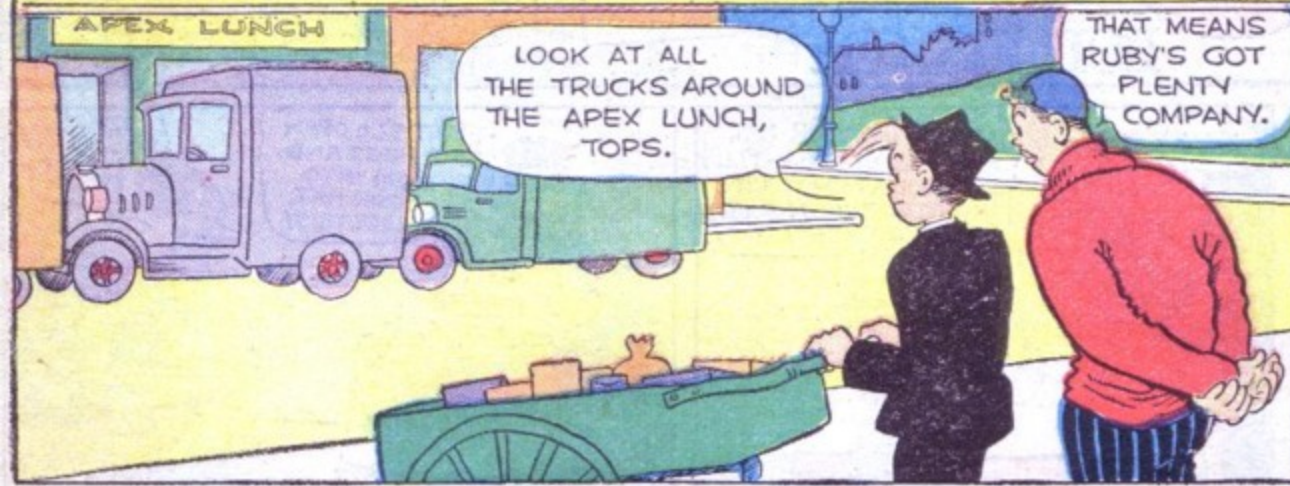
IT'S TOPS!

RUBY!

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LOOK AT ALL THE TRUCKS AROUND THE APEX LUNCH, TOPS.

THAT MEANS RUBY'S GOT PLENTY COMPANY.



SKEEZIX, WHAT YOU DOIN' WITH THOSE GROCERIES.

DELIVERIN' 'EM TO THE APEX LUNCH.



I'LL GIVE YOU A DIME I.O.U. TO LET ME DELIVER 'EM.

IT'S A DEAL, TOPS.



NOW I CAN GET INTO THE APEX KITCHEN AN' CONTACT RUBY.



NO KIDDIN'!

YEP, RUBY. I'M DELIVERIN' FOR PLOTZ THE GROCER.



RUBY, DID I HEAR THAT LOAFER TOPS IN THE KITCHEN?

YES, BUT HE ISN'T A LOAFER ANY MORE, DAD.



HE'S WORKIN' FOR PLOTZ.

I'VE GOT TO SEE THAT WITH MY OWN EYES.



ANYWAY, YOUR OL' MAN RUINED A WHOLE KETTLE OF SOUP!

HA HA! IT WASN'T SOUP - THAT WAS DISHWATER.



I'VE HAD HIS SOUP AN' YOU CAN'T FOOL ME - IT WAS SOUP!

GASOLINE ALLEY *J. King*

AFTER WHAT THEY HANDED YOU AT THE APEX LUNCH, I DON'T BLAME YOU, TOPS.

YES, SIR, I'M OFF WOMEN FOR LIFE. THEY GIVE ME A PAIN. FELLAS CAN HAVE A LOT MORE FUN.

GIRLS ARE OUT! GIVE ME BOYS EVERY TIME. WE CAN HAVE A SWELL TIME AN' NO GRIEF.

THE OLD TEAKETTLE IS AT IT AGAIN!

YOU WAIT, SKEEZIX. I'LL MOOTCH A PAIL OF WATER.

HURRY BACK.

WHAT'S HOLDIN' TOPS? HE'S TAKIN' HIS TIME.

HO, HUM!

I S'POSE I'D BETTER SEE WHAT'S KEEPIN' HIM.

I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED IT.

HEY, HASN'T SHE GOT A SISTER?

SURE. AROUND THE CORNER.

GOO!

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ABSOTIVELY, SKEEZIX, I'M OFF GIRLS PERMANENTLY. THEY AREN'T WORTH THE TIME. BOYS FOR ME FROM NOW ON.

I'M GLAD, TOPS.

NOW YOU AN' I CAN HAVE A KEEN TIME GOIN' ON A HIKE.

SWELL! I'LL GET MY CAMERA AN' MEET YOU HERE IN HALF AN HOUR.

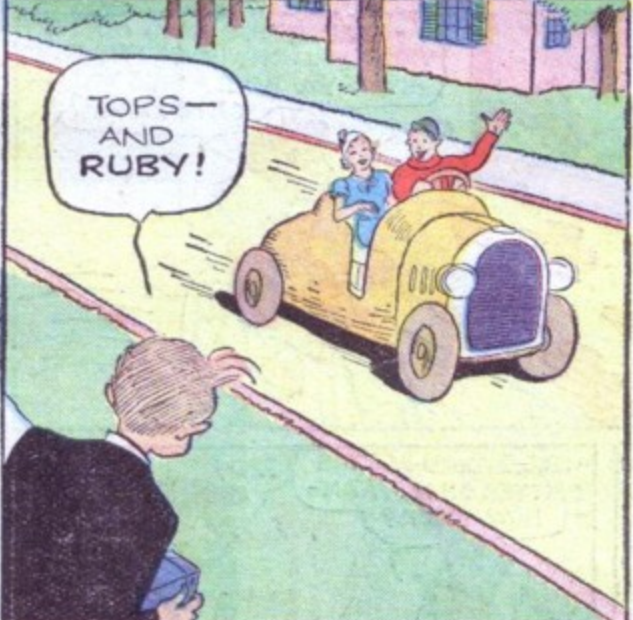


WHAT'S KEEPIN' TOPS? HE'S OVERDUE.

TOPS— AND RUBY!

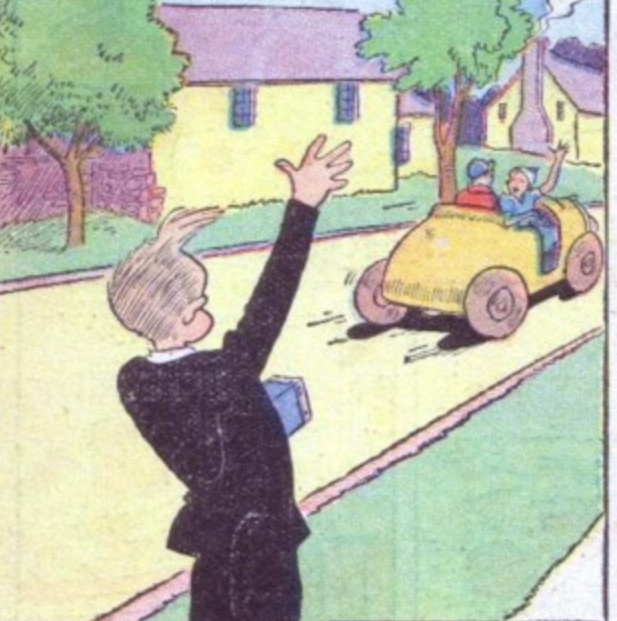
YES, RUBY FINALLY WEAKENED AN' AGREED TO TAKE A RIDE WITH ME.

HOLD IT!



THAT WAS A GOOD SHOT. IT'S COMIN' UP FINE.

I'LL BET THEY'LL BE GLAD TO GET A PRINT SO SOON.



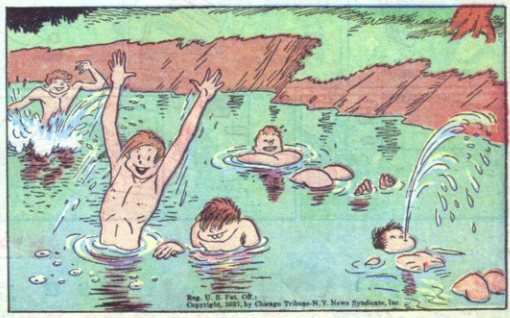
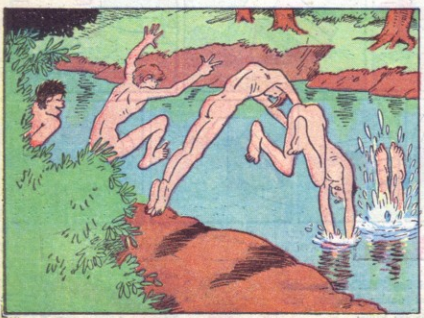
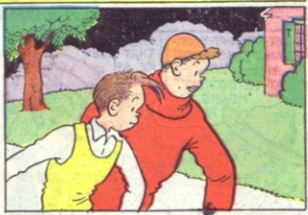
LOOK, TOPS! YOUR PICTURE.

SORRY, SKEEZIX, BUT I'M OFF GIRLS PERMANENTLY THIS TIME!



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MY OLD MAN SAYS I'VE GOT TO GET MYSELF A JOB THIS SUMMER.

TRY IT, TOPS, IT ISN'T SO TOUGH.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO— I'LL MAKE ONE TRY AT IT. I'LL ANSWER THE FIRST SIGN I SEE.

THEN IF THEY DON'T WANT ME, I'LL TELL HIM I'VE DONE MY PART.

ANYWAY, IT'S A START.

THE KIDS ARE ALL LOAFERS. I'VE HAD THAT SIGN UP ALL MORNING. I'M GOING TO HIRE THE FIRST ONE THAT COMES.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, DAD.

WOW! THE APEX LUNCH! THAT BIRD HATES ME LIKE POISON.

WELL, YOU SAID YOU'D TRY THE FIRST PLACE YOU SAW.

YOU?

GO AHEAD, DADDY, YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE THE FIRST ONE

HE'S BIG AND STRONG. MAYBE HE'S WILLING.

OVER MY DEAD BODY, I LET THAT LOAFER WORK HERE!

ALL RIGHT! IF YOU WANT HIM, YOU CAN HAVE HIM.

RUBY, IT WAS SWEET OF YOU TO STICK UP FOR ME IN FRONT OF YOUR DAD!

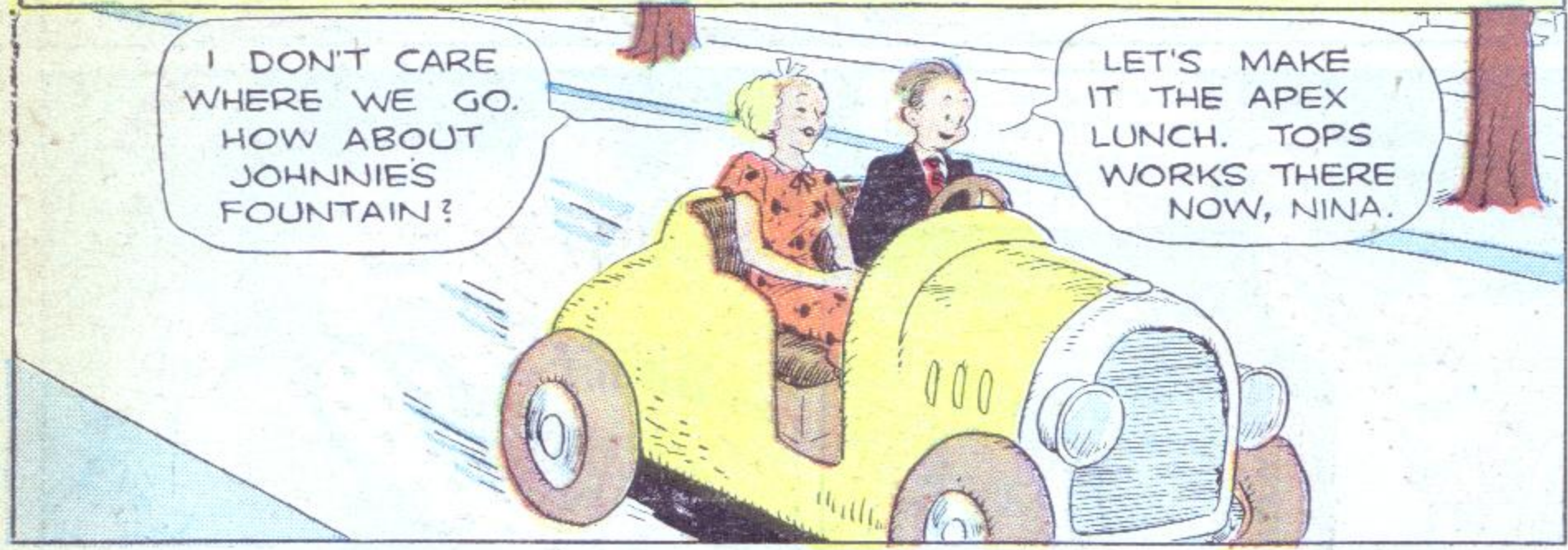
SWEET, MY EYE! YOU HUSTLE THESE TO THE KITCHEN!

AND WHEN YOU PARK THEM IN THE SINK YOU COME BACK FOR MORE!

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I DON'T CARE WHERE WE GO. HOW ABOUT JOHNNIE'S FOUNTAIN?

LET'S MAKE IT THE APEX LUNCH. TOPS WORKS THERE NOW, NINA.



HI, BIG BOY!



CRASH!



GEE, TOPS! THAT'S TOO BAD!

GOLLY, SKEEZIX, I THOUGHT IT WAS A TRUCK DRIVER I'VE TRIED TO COOK FOR.



WE'LL HELP YOU PICK 'EM UP.

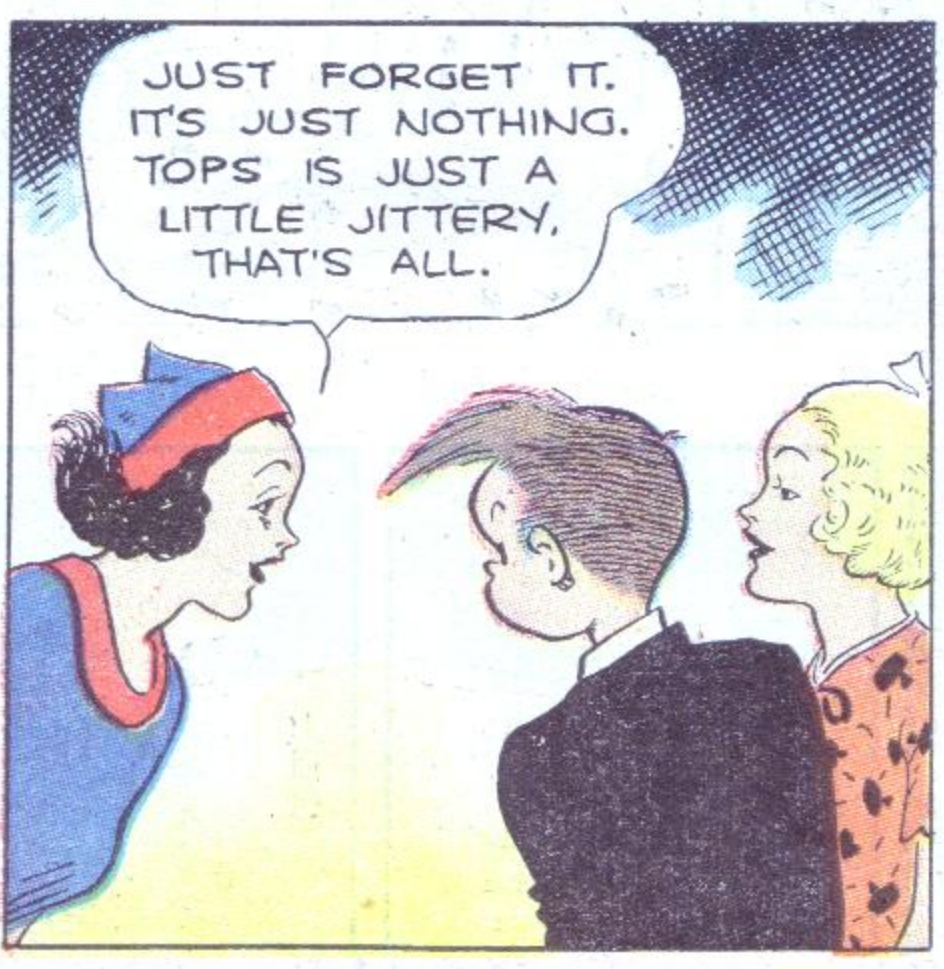
WE WERE JUST GOIN' TO SURPRISE YOU.

IT'S ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK.



HELLO, SKEEZIX!

I'M SORRY, RUBY— IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.



JUST FORGET IT. IT'S JUST NOTHING. TOPS IS JUST A LITTLE JITTERY, THAT'S ALL.

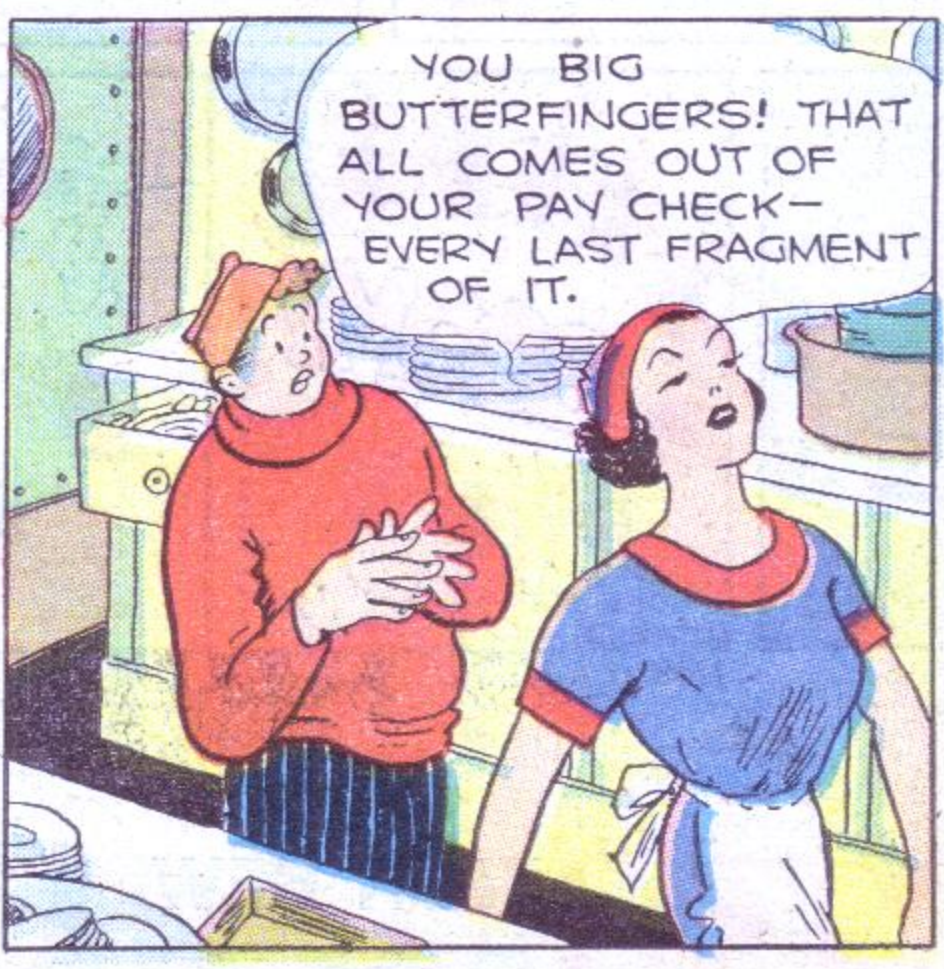


WASN'T SHE GRAND! SHE'S JUST LIKE THAT!



GOSH, RUBY, YOU WERE SWELL TO ME ABOUT THE DISHES!

SAY, THAT WAS FOR THE CUSTOMERS. I HAVEN'T BEGUN ON YOU YET.



YOU BIG BUTTERFINGERS! THAT ALL COMES OUT OF YOUR PAY CHECK— EVERY LAST FRAGMENT OF IT.



OH WELL, FIGURIN' MY WAGES AN' EVERYTHING, IT DON'T COST ME SO MUCH TO WORK HERE.

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NOW WE'RE ALONE, RUBY, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.

BUT, TOPS, WE'RE NOT ALONE BEHIND TWO BIG PLATE GLASS WINDOWS.



ANYWAY, WE'RE ALL BY OURSELVES HERE IN THE KITCHEN. RUBY, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU—

JUST A MINUTE—



HI, RUBY, HOW MANY QUARTS AN' HOW MANY HALF-PINTS?



AN' DON'T YOU SWALLOW ANYTHING ANY OTHER GUY TELLS YOU.



AS I STARTED TO SAY, RUBY—



HEY, TOOTS!



I'M LATE, RUBY. I HOPE YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME.



RUBY, YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES AFTER LOOKIN' AT GARBAGE ALL DAY.



HOW DID YOUR DAD LIKE THE CATSUP, RUBY, GAL? HE DON'T WANT IT TOO GOOD, YOU KNOW.



THIS JOINT DON'T NEED NO PEACH—NOT WITH YOU AROUND, RUBY.



COME ON OUT AND SIT ON THE CURB. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE!

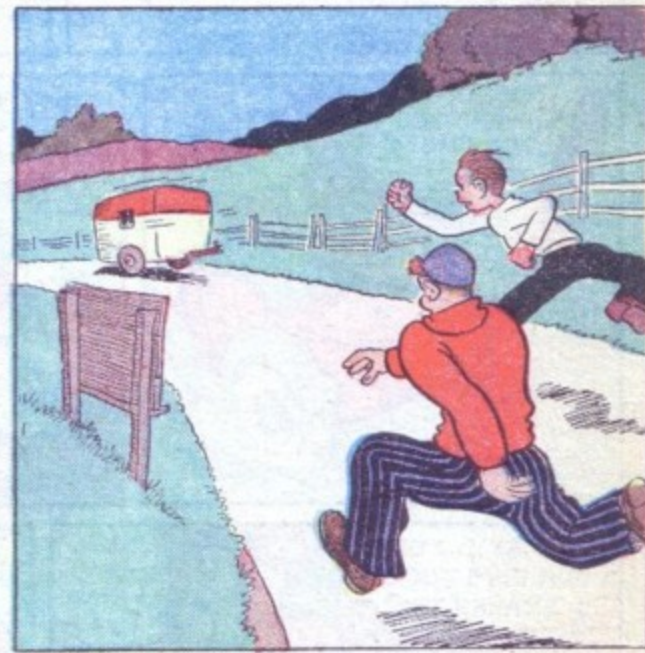
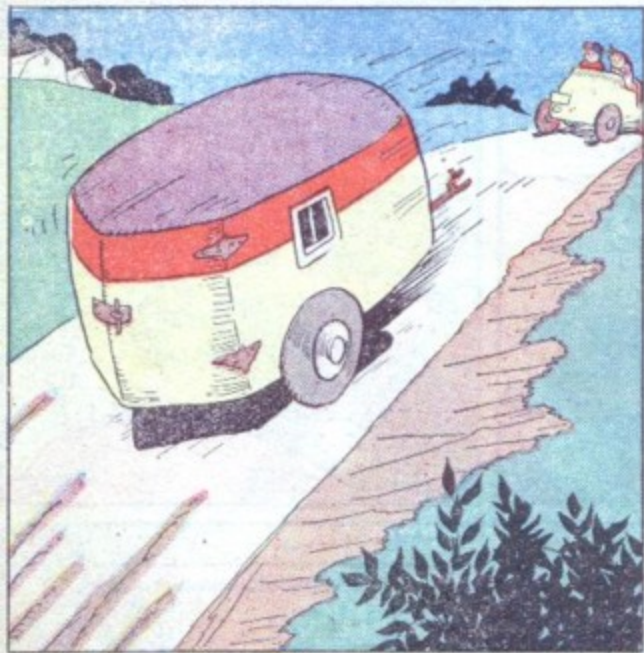
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THIS SURE BEATS 'WORKIN' FOR A GROCERY STORE AN' A QUICK LUNCH, TOPS.

IT WAS A KEEN IDEA, SKEEZIX. BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN A CAMPING SPOT YET.

STOP, TOPS! THE TRAILER HAS COME LOOSE.



AN' LOOK—A SPRING READY-MADE TO FURNISH DRINKIN' WATER!

ALL RIGHT, GO UP AN' BRING THE CAR DOWN. THE TRAILER PICKED US A SWELL SITE.

THE THING IS SMARTER THAN WE ARE.

ALL RIGHT. WE'LL LET IT PICK OUR CAMP EVERY NIGHT.

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I'VE WASHED THE DISHES, TOPS. YOU MIGHT AT LEAST EMPTY THE TRASH.



THE MORE I THINK OF IT, THE MADDER I GET. I'M GOIN' BACK AN' RAISE HECK!



HEY, YOU! CALL OFF YOUR DOG AN' COME OUT HERE! HE BIT ME!



I'M SO SORRY! HE'S PERFECTLY HARMLESS.



I'LL TIE HIM SHORTER.



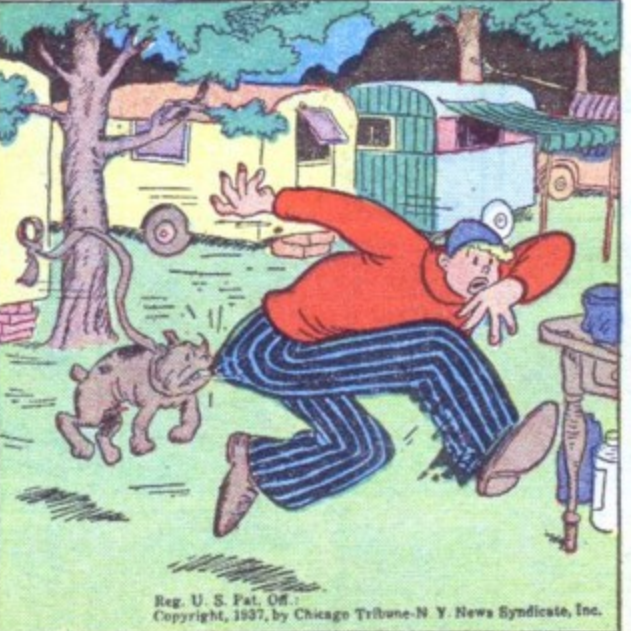
NOW, WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED?



GOSH, I FORGOT!



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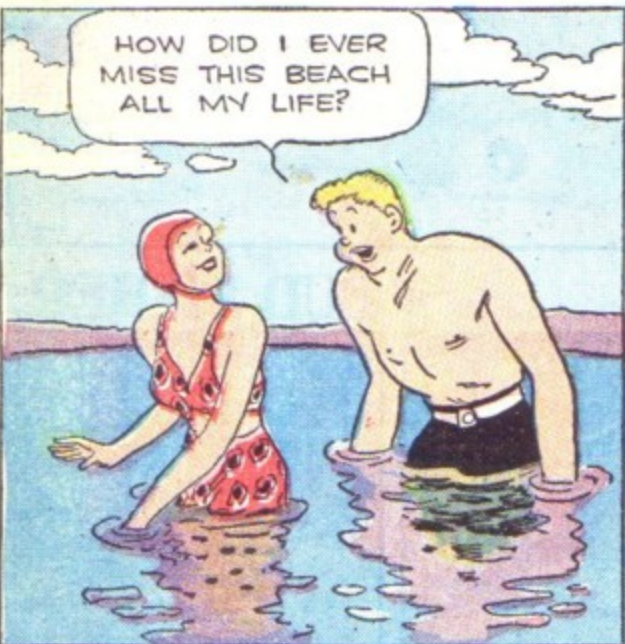
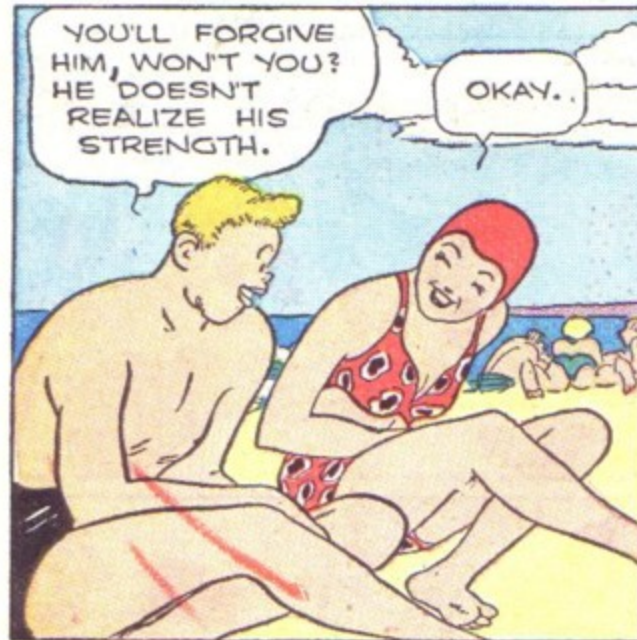
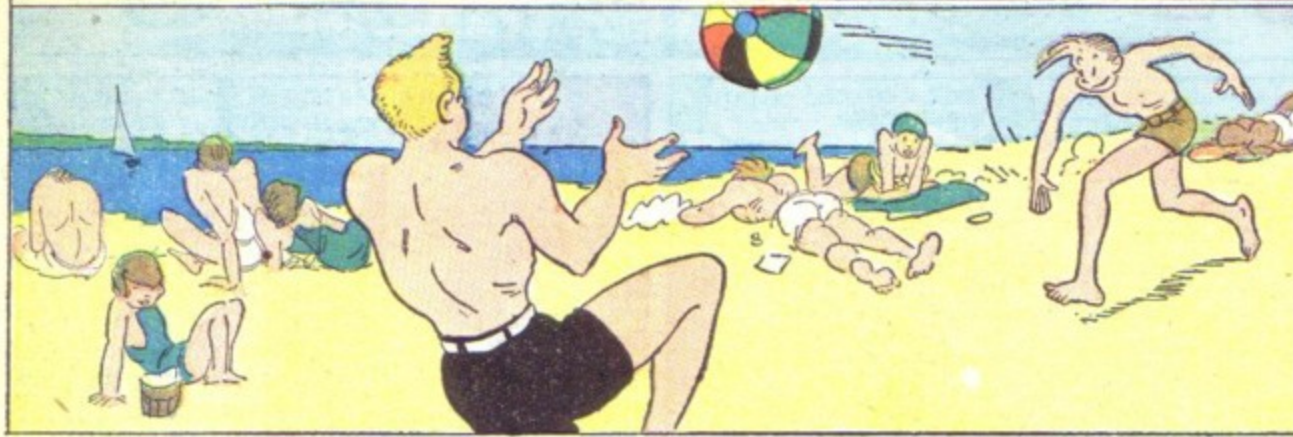
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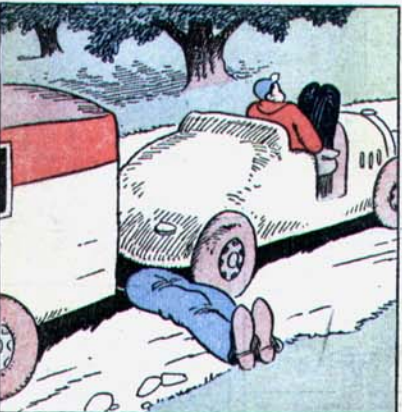
YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON! NOT TO TRUST A WOMAN?

NO, NOT TO LEAVE HOME WITH ONLY ONE PAIR OF PANTS.

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THERE, THAT OUGHT TO MOVE IT.



I MIGHT BUY IT, SKEEZIX, BUT ISN'T THAT A BIT STEEP?

IT'S A SWELL TRAILER, UNCLE AVERY!



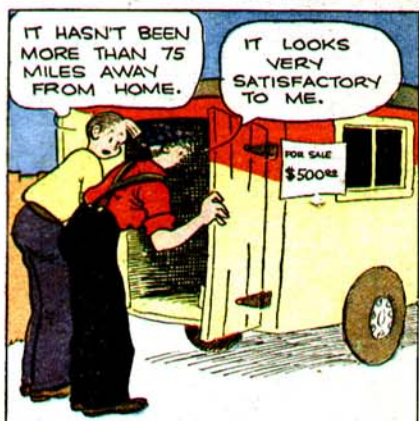
HOW ABOUT \$5 CASH!

I'LL SEE YOU IF WE DON'T SELL IT, BUT I THINK WE'LL GET OUR PRICE.



I HEAR YOU'VE GOT A TRAILER TO SELL. CAN I SEE IT?

SURE. IT'S OVER ON MY LOT.



IT HASN'T BEEN MORE THAN 75 MILES AWAY FROM HOME.

IT LOOKS VERY SATISFACTORY TO ME.



I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO. I'LL TRADE YOU EVEN FOR A \$500 BOAT.

WE'D A LOT RATHER HAVE THE CASH.



BUT THIS IS A SWELL BOAT—THREE SEATER, OARLOCKS, ANCHOR ROPE, BAILER AN' EVERYTHING.

LET'S SEE THE BOAT.



SEE, ALL PAINTED AN' READY TO GO.

NO, IT ISN'T WORTH MORE THAN \$400. I'LL TRADE YOU FOR THE BOAT AN' \$100 CASH.



I DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE THE CASH READY, BUT I'LL THROW IN A PAIR OF OARS.

I'LL HAVE TO CONSULT MY ASSOCIATE.



HOW ABOUT \$5.50 FOR THE TRAILER?

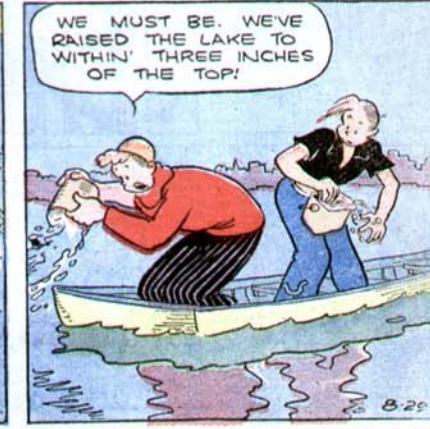
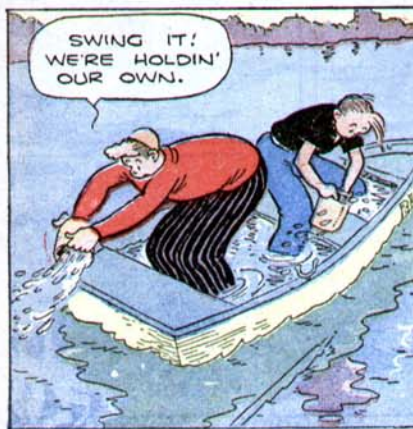
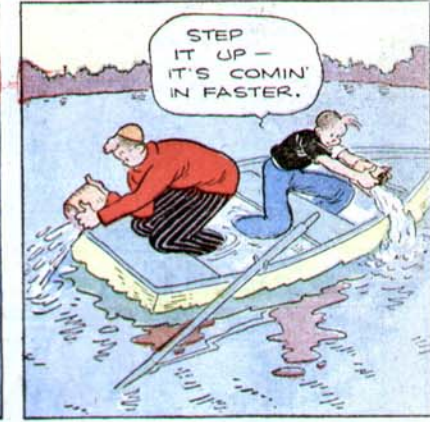
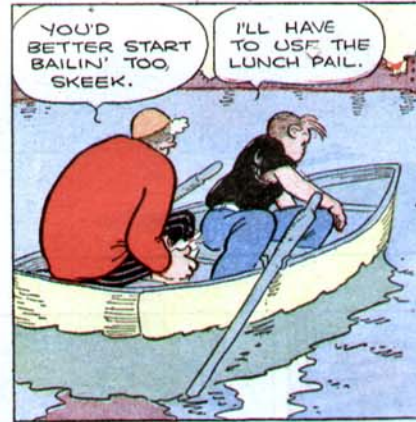
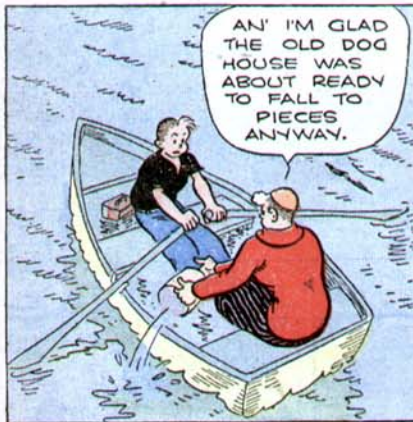
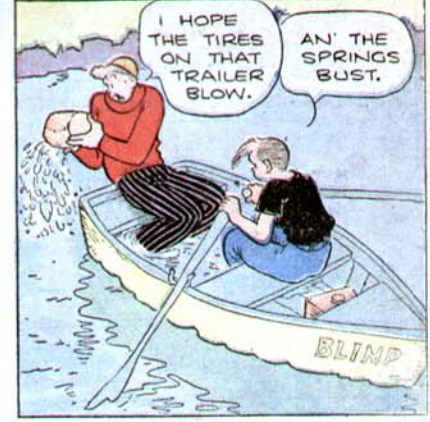
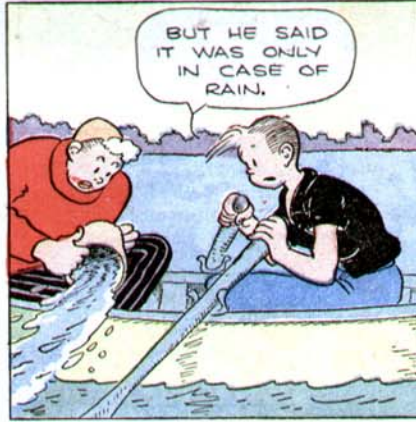
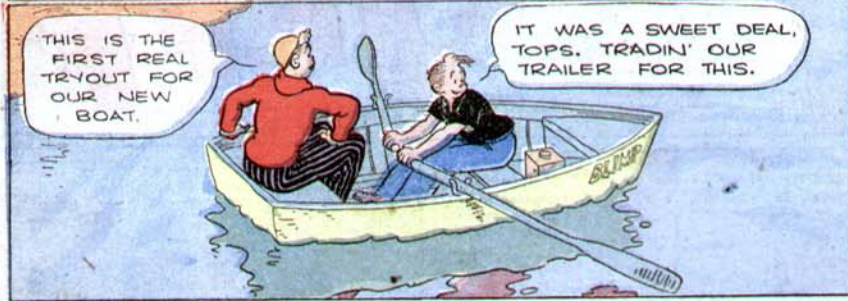
NO, IT'S SOLD.



DID YOU GET YOUR PRICE?

SURE. WE TRADED FOR A \$400 BOAT AND A \$100 PAIR OF OARS.

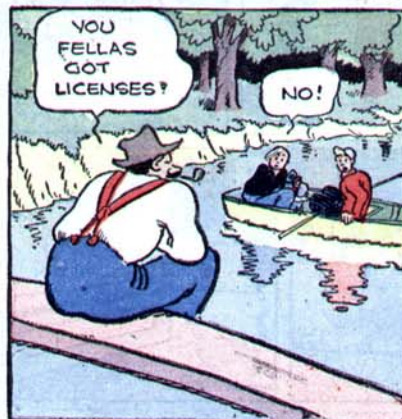
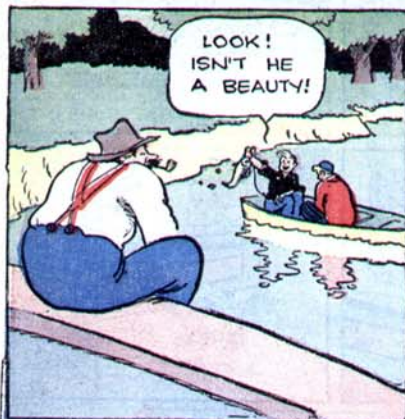
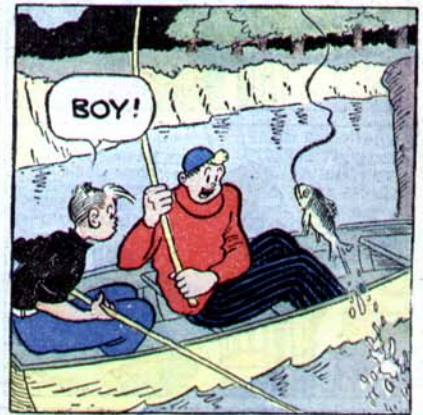
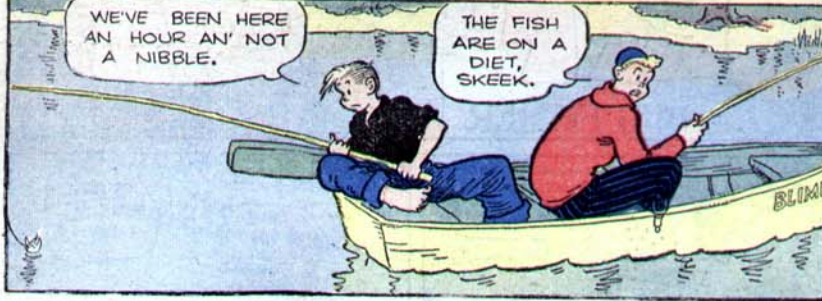
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THAT'S GORGEOUS! TAKE A FELLA OUT FOR A BOAT RIDE IN A LEAKY BOAT.

HONEST, RUBY, SKEEZIX DIDN'T TELL ME IT WAS LEAKIN' TODAY.



WELL WHY DON'T YOU BAIL IT OUT, TOPS?

TOO MUCH WORK. I'VE GOT A BETTER HUNCH.



WHAT ARE YOU STOPPIN' ON THIS LITTLE SANDBAR FOR?

ANY PORT IN A STORM.



THERE - IF WATER RUNS IN IT WILL RUN OUT.

IF YOU'D TURN THE BOAT UP IT WOULD RUN OUT A LOT FASTER.



I'VE BEEN HERE TOO LONG ALREADY, BIG BOY. GET UP AND DO SOMETHING.

CALM YOURSELF, BABY. JUST IMAGINE YOU'RE ON A DESERT ISLE.



ON A DESERT ISLAND WITH YOU? THAT WOULD BE TERRIBLE!

OH, YOU COULD DO WORSE.



I CAN'T STAND AROUND AN' DO NOTHING!

HEY! I'LL GET SUNBURNED WITHOUT MY HAT!



OH-OH!



GO AHEAD, SISTER, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS PERMANENT. I'M TAKIN' A NAP.



VIXEN, VINEGAR PUSS, VARMINT!

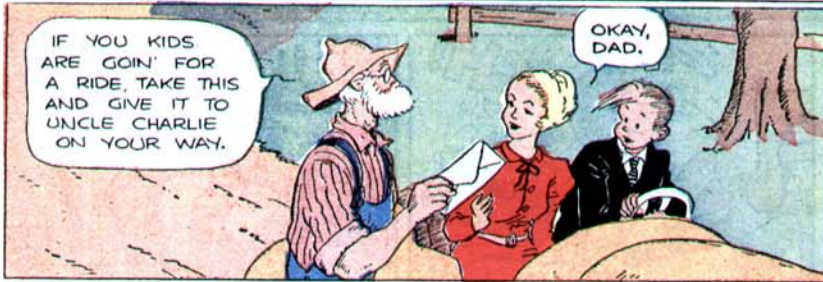
SHUT UP, ROBINSON CRUSOE! I CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU SAY!

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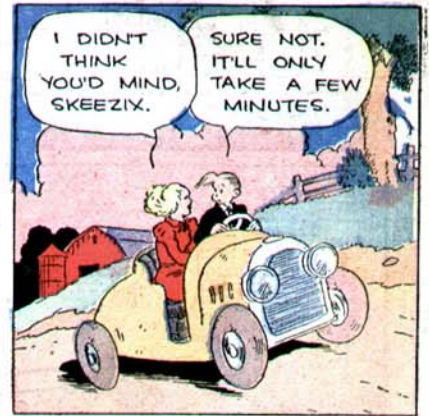


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IF YOU KIDS ARE GOIN' FOR A RIDE, TAKE THIS AND GIVE IT TO UNCLE CHARLIE ON YOUR WAY.

OKAY, DAD.



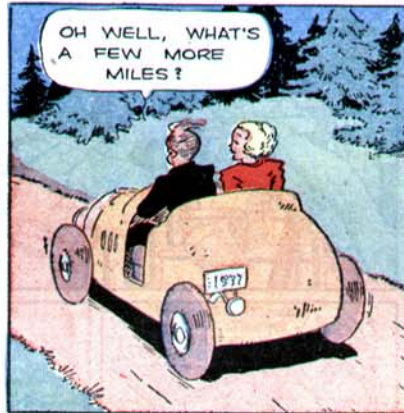
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MIND, SKEEZIX.

SURE NOT. IT'LL ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES.



WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DELIVER TO UNCLE CHARLIE.

SORRY, HE'S GONE TO TOWN, NINA. TRY ABLE'S STORE.



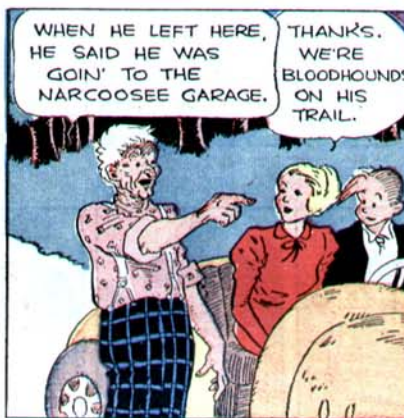
OH WELL, WHAT'S A FEW MORE MILES?



CHARLIE WAS IN, BUT HE'S GONE OUT TO MACK'S — FOUR MILES OUT.

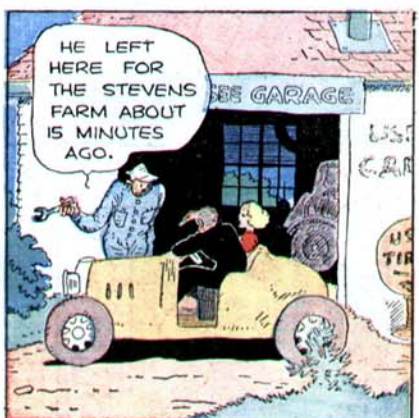


I THINK WE'RE GAINING ON HIM.



WHEN HE LEFT HERE, HE SAID HE WAS GOIN' TO THE NARCOOSSE GARAGE.

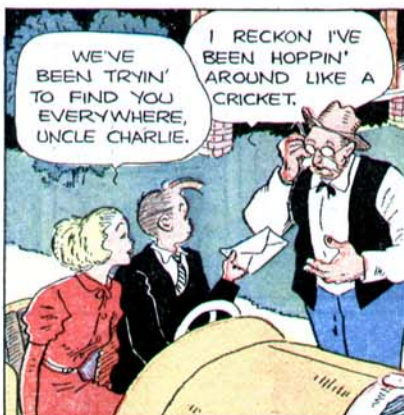
THANKS. WE'RE BLOODHOUNDS ON HIS TRAIL.



HE LEFT HERE FOR THE STEVENS FARM ABOUT 15 MINUTES AGO.



I WISH HE'D LIGHT SOMEWHERE.



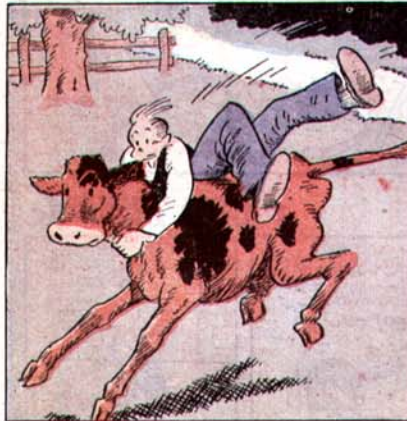
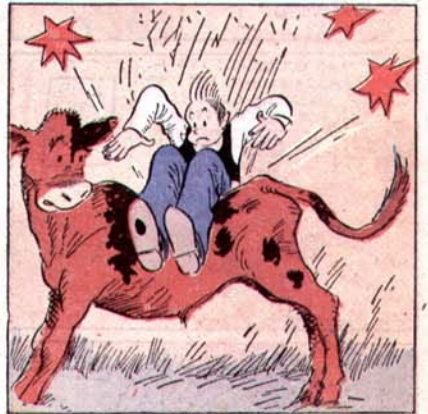
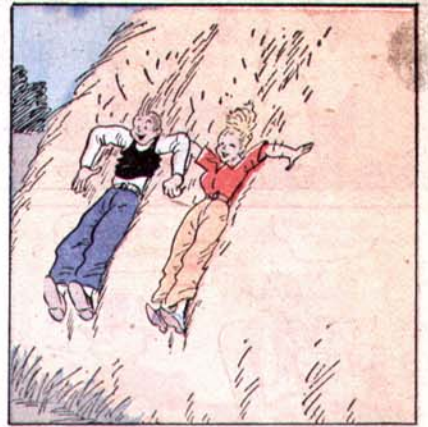
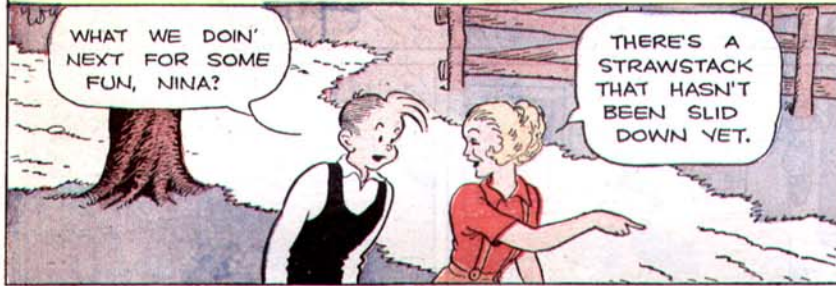
WE'VE BEEN TRYIN' TO FIND YOU EVERYWHERE, UNCLE CHARLIE.

I RECKON I'VE BEEN HOPPIN' AROUND LIKE A CRICKET.

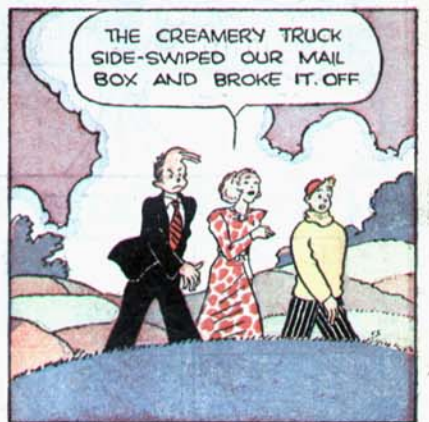


BUT SHUCKS! THE AFTERNOON IS GONE AN' WE HAVEN'T ANY TIME LEFT FOR A RIDE!

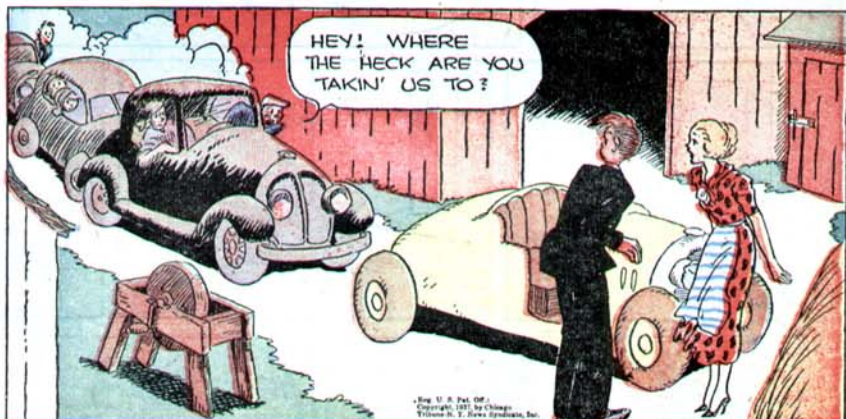
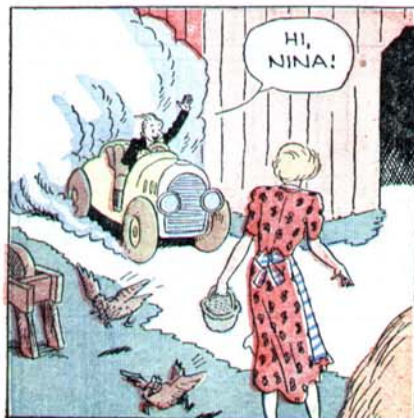
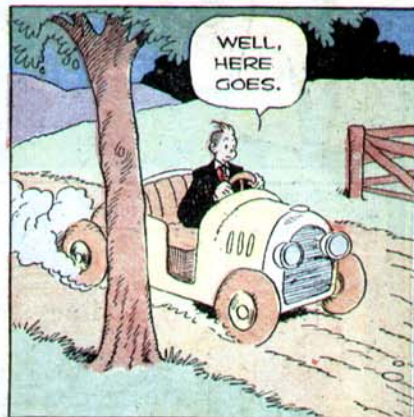
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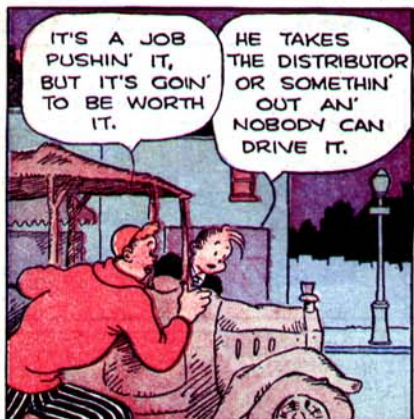
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GOLLY, UNCLE AVERY WILL BE SURPRISED!

THIS IS A FUNNY ONE, SKEEK. YOU'RE A GENIUS!

WE AREN'T DOIN' ANY HARM, AN' WHAT'S HALLOWE'EN FOR?

I HOPE HE WON'T BE TOO PEEVED.



IT'S A JOB PUSHIN' IT, BUT IT'S GOIN' TO BE WORTH IT.

HE TAKES THE DISTRIBUTOR OR SOMETHIN' OUT AN' NOBODY CAN DRIVE IT.

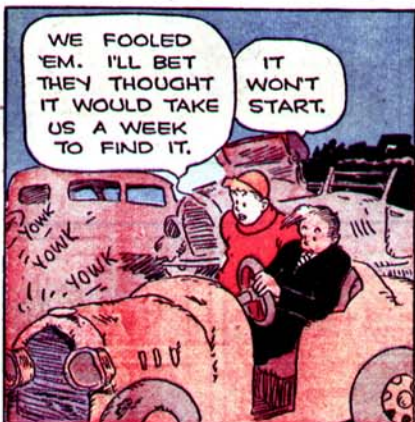


WE'LL PARK IT IN AMONG THE REST OF THE WRECKS.



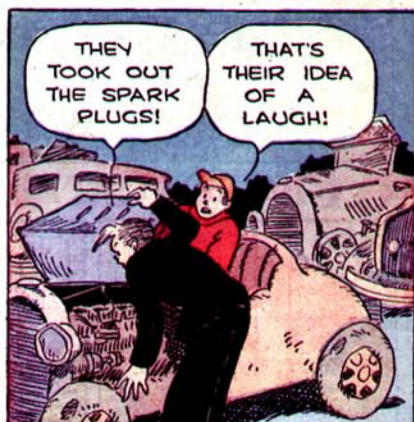
LOOK, TOPS! THERE'S OUR CAR!

GOOTCH AND SOME OF THOSE LOAFERS ARE TRYIN' TO BE FUNNY!



WE FOOLED 'EM. I'LL BET THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE US A WEEK TO FIND IT.

IT WON'T START.



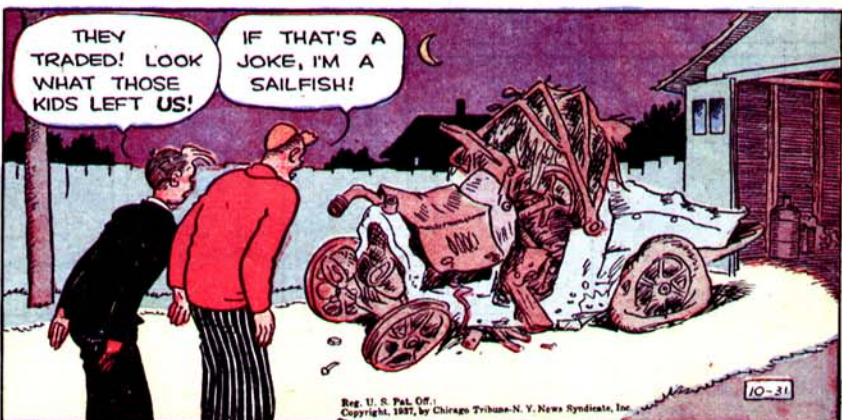
THEY TOOK OUT THE SPARK PLUGS!

THAT'S THEIR IDEA OF A LAUGH!



WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK HOME AN' BORROW SOME PLUGS.

A BUM SENSE OF HUMOR, I'D SAY!



THEY TRADED! LOOK WHAT THOSE KIDS LEFT US!

IF THAT'S A JOKE, I'M A SAILFISH!



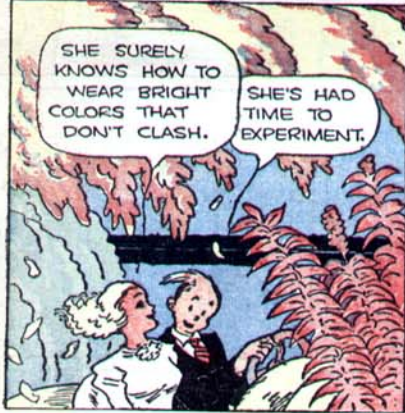
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NOW I KNOW WHY THEY CALL HER DAME NATURE, NINA.

BECAUSE SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.

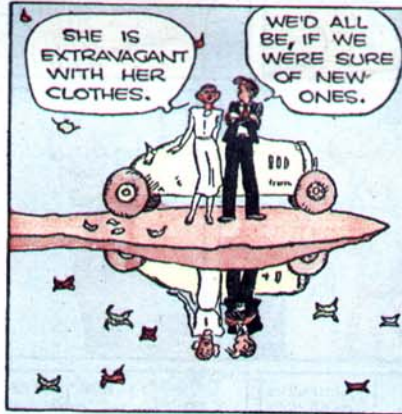


NO, BECAUSE SHE CHANGES HER STYLES AND COLOR SCHEMES WITH EVERY SEASON



SHE SURELY KNOWS HOW TO WEAR BRIGHT COLORS THAT DON'T CLASH.

SHE'S HAD TIME TO EXPERIMENT.



SHE IS EXTRAVAGANT WITH HER CLOTHES.

WE'D ALL BE, IF WE WERE SURE OF NEW-ONES.



SHE PUTS THEM ON OVER HER HEAD AND LETS THEM DROP OFF AT HER FEET.

FEMININE AGAIN.



PROBABLY SHE KNOWS BEST, BUT WHO ELSE WOULD GO NUDIST IN THE WINTER TIME?



IT'S MERELY HER BED TIME. WE ALL UNDRRESS TO GO TO SLEEP.



ANYWAY, NOW SHE'S HAVING HER FLING.



AND DOES SHE SPREAD THE ROUGE AN' LIPSTICK!



BUT AT HEART SHE IS REALLY SOFT, SWEET AND SERENE



YES, SHE HAS HER SENTIMENTAL MOMENTS.

AN' I'M AFRAID THEY'RE CATCHING.

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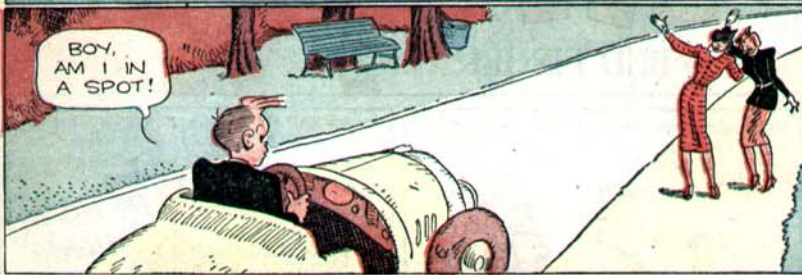
SUNSHINE
GRAND
COFFEE

AT YOUR GROCER'S

"IT'S FLAVOR-SEALED!"



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BOY, AM I IN A SPOT!



I CAN'T TAKE 'EM ON! I PROMISED TO PICK UP NINA AFTER THE GAME.



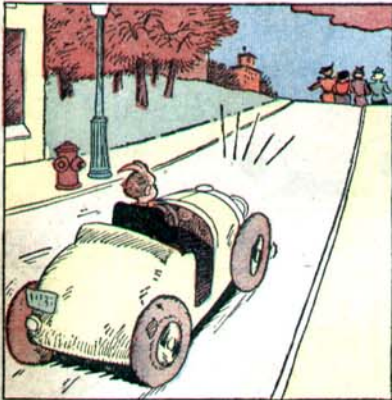
SKEEZIX! HOW ABOUT A RIDE!



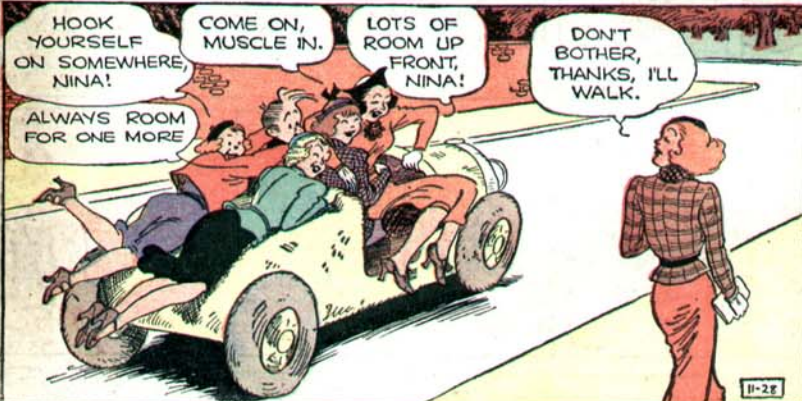
AN' IT WOULD BE WORSE TO PICK UP ONE THAN THREE!



HEY, TIGHTWAD! LOOSEN UP AND GIVE US A LIFT!



SURE THERE'S ROOM FOR FIVE!
HAVE A HEART, BIG BOY!
WE'LL TAKE NINA ON, TOO
BUT I'M LOOKIN' FOR NINA!
SHE'S PROBABLY RIDING WITH SOMEBODY ELSE.



HOOK YOURSELF ON SOMEWHERE, NINA!
ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE
COME ON, MUSCLE IN.
LOTS OF ROOM UP FRONT, NINA!
DON'T BOTHER, THANKS, I'LL WALK.



DON'T YOU THINK I CAN SEE WITH MY OWN EYES?
BUT I TELL YOU, NINA, THEY JUST SWARMED AN' LIT ON ME.



IT'S FRESHLY GROUND!

AT YOUR **SUNSHINE** COFFEE GROCER'S

A CHEERFUL CUPFUL!



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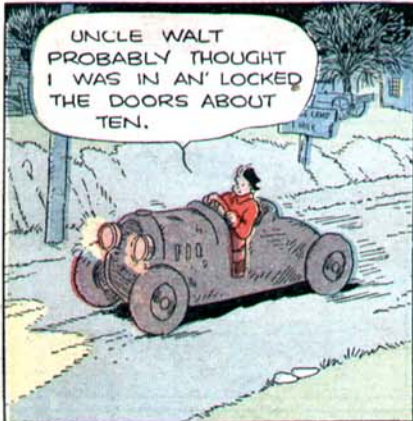
GEE, NINA, WE DANCED LATER THAN I EXPECTED! WILL YOUR FOLKS BE SORE?

NO. BESIDES, I CAN SLIP IN AND NOT WAKE THEM UP.



I CAN CLIMB IN A WINDOW WHEN I GET HOME.

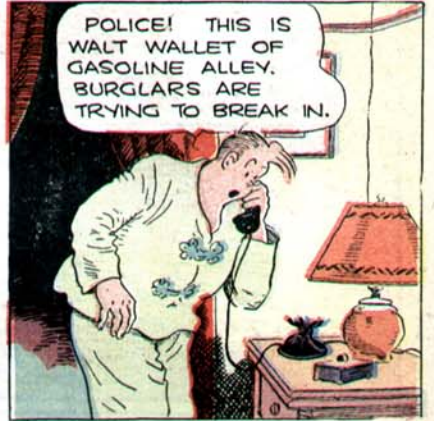
ANYWAY, BE QUIET ABOUT IT, SKEEZIX.



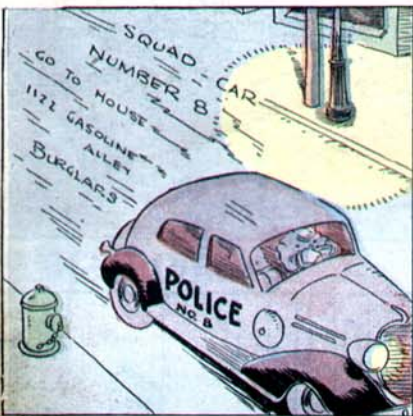
UNCLE WALT PROBABLY THOUGHT I WAS IN AN LOCKED THE DOORS ABOUT TEN.



WALT! I HEAR BURGLARS.



POLICE! THIS IS WALT WALLET OF GASOLINE ALLEY. BURGLARS ARE TRYING TO BREAK IN.



SQUAD - CAR
NUMBER 8
GO TO HOUSE
1122 GASOLINE
ALLEY
BURGLARS

POLICE
NO. 8



I'LL GO AROUND THE HOUSE THIS WAY, PETE, AN' YOU GO THAT.



HEY! COME OUT OF THERE, YOU!

WE'VE GOT THE DROP ON YOU. DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS.



SKEEZIX! WHY DID YOU TRY TO COME IN THIS WAY?



BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB ANYBODY THIS TIME OF NIGHT.

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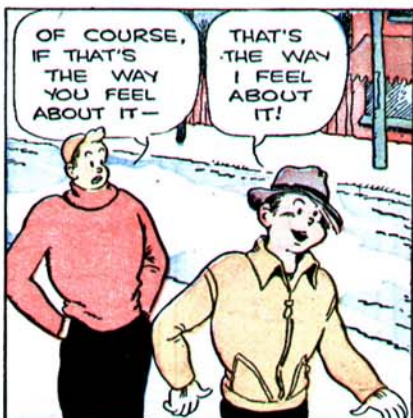
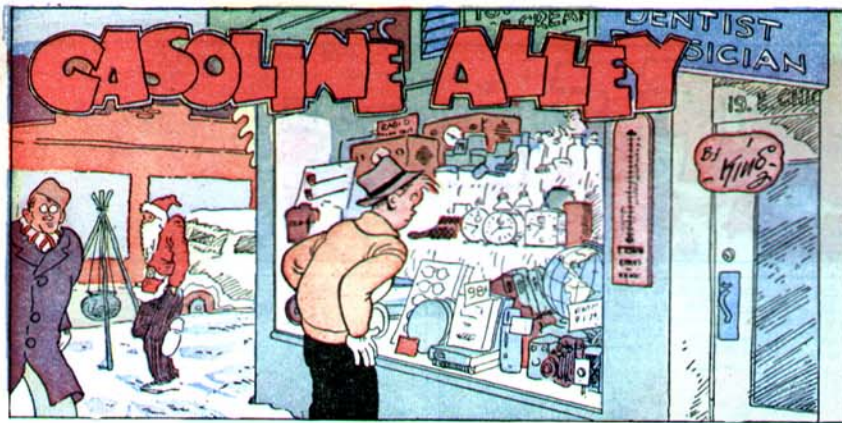
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NOW FOR A LAST MINUTE TOUR OF INSPECTION.

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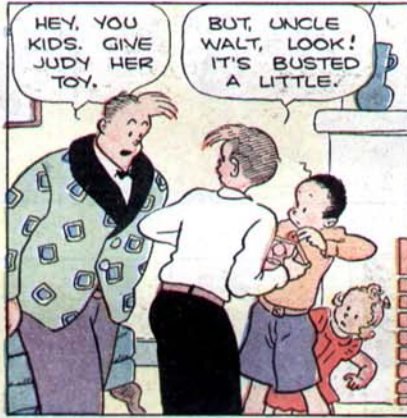
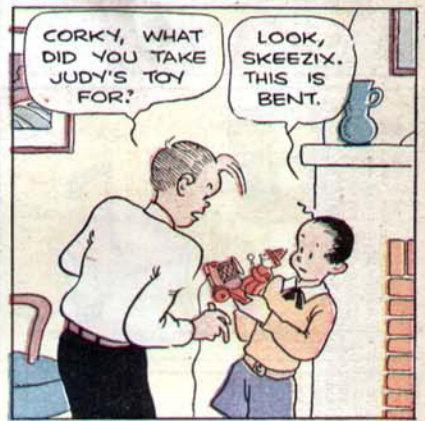
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