

SKEEZIX, YOU'VE GOT \$6.40 TOWARD YOUR HALF INTEREST. CAN YOU DIG UP 50 CENTS AND MAKE IT SEVEN BUCKS EVEN?

SURE. WILL YOU GIVE ME ANOTHER I.O.U.?

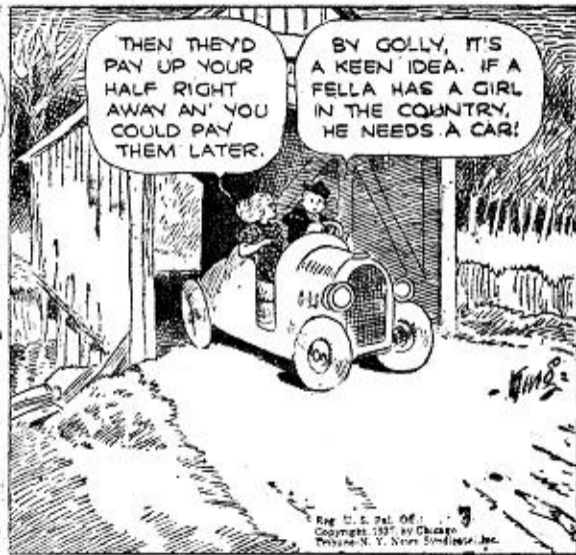
SWELL! WHEN TOPS BORROWS \$10.50 MORE I'LL BE HALF OWNER OF HIS CAR.

HE THINKS I'M DOIN' HIM A FAVOR WHEN HE BORROWS — BUT I CAN HARDLY WAIT!





























I RODE MY BIKE  
OUT, NINA, TO TELL  
YOU TOMORROW'S  
MY DAY TO HAVE  
THE CAR.

AM I  
INVITED?



SUREST THING.  
I'LL BE OUT  
RIGHT AFTER  
SCHOOL.

BUT LAST  
TIME YOU HAD  
TO SPEND ALL  
YOUR TIME  
FIXING THE  
CAR.

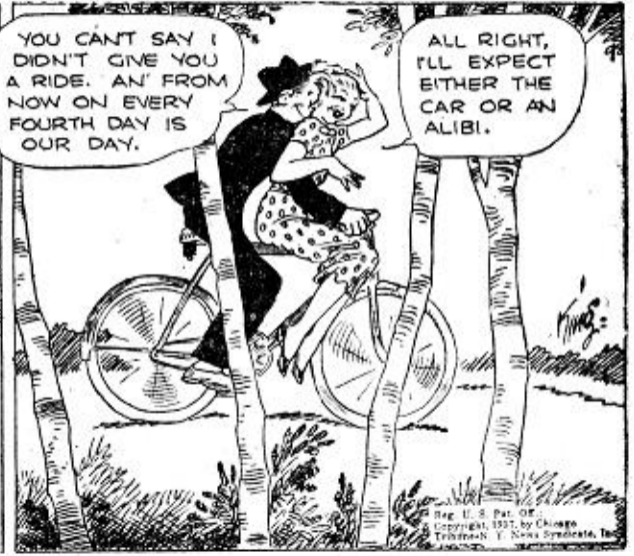
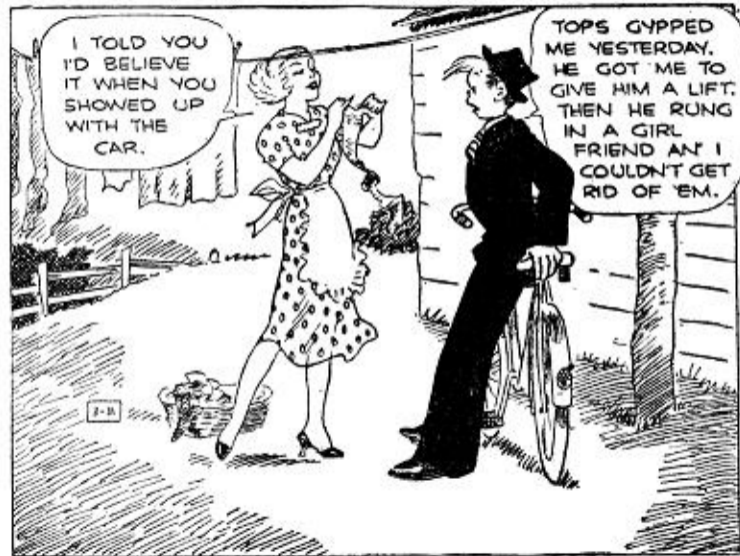


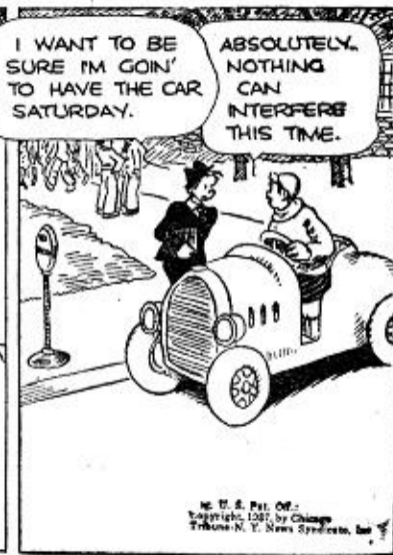
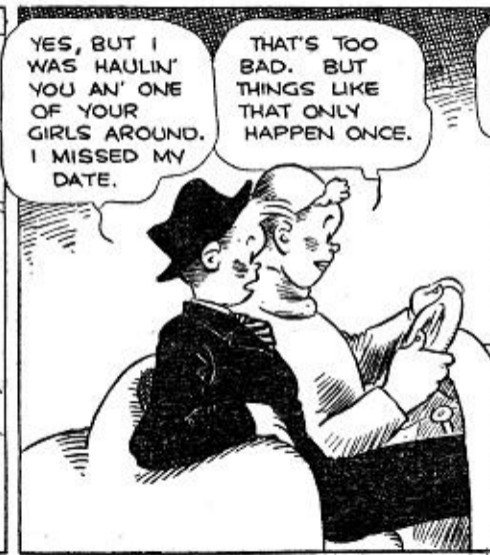
MY LUCK  
CAN'T BE  
BAD ALL  
THE TIME.

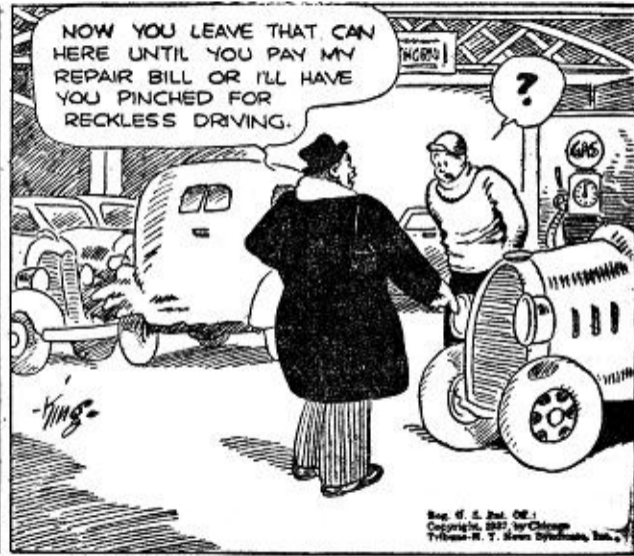
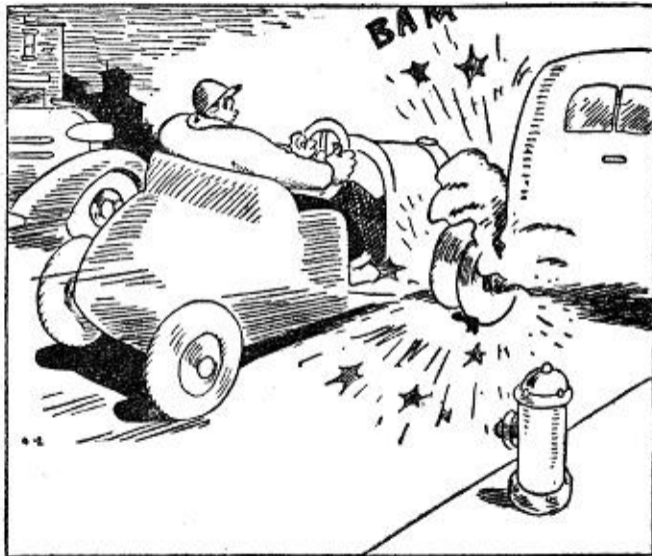
I'M GOING TO  
BELIEVE IT THIS  
TIME WHEN YOU  
DRIVE IN.











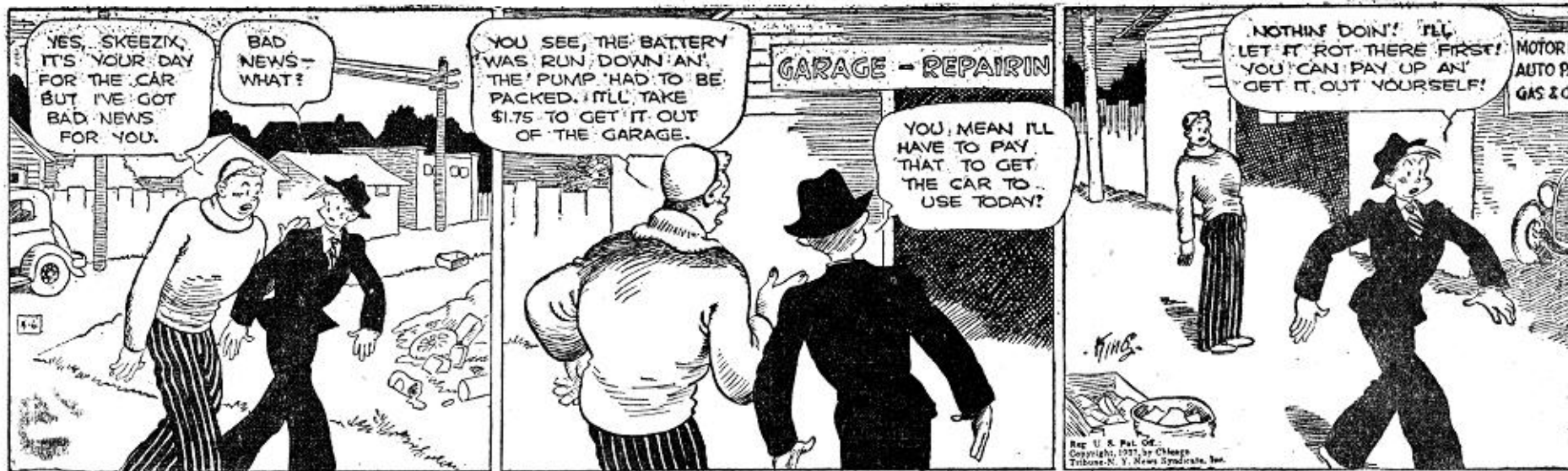
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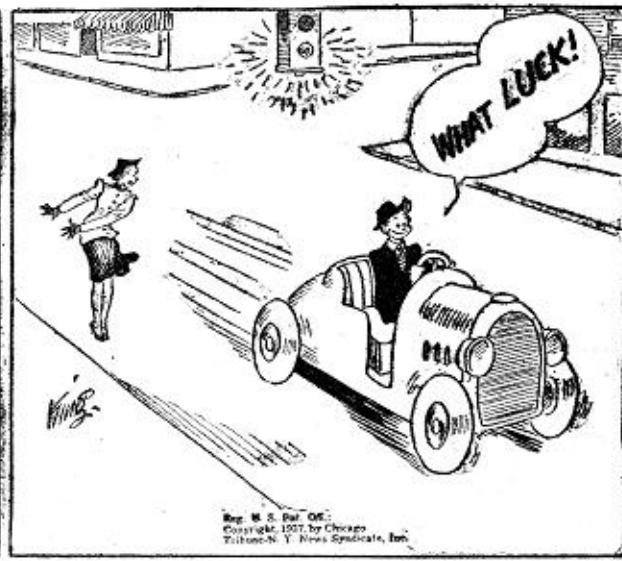
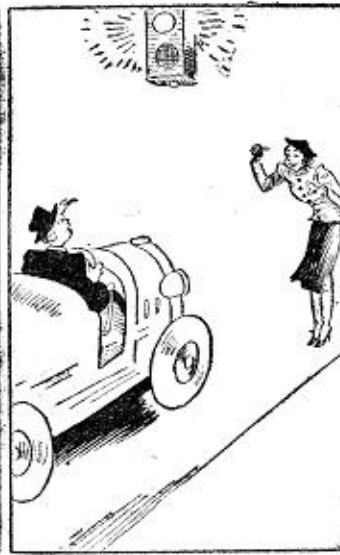
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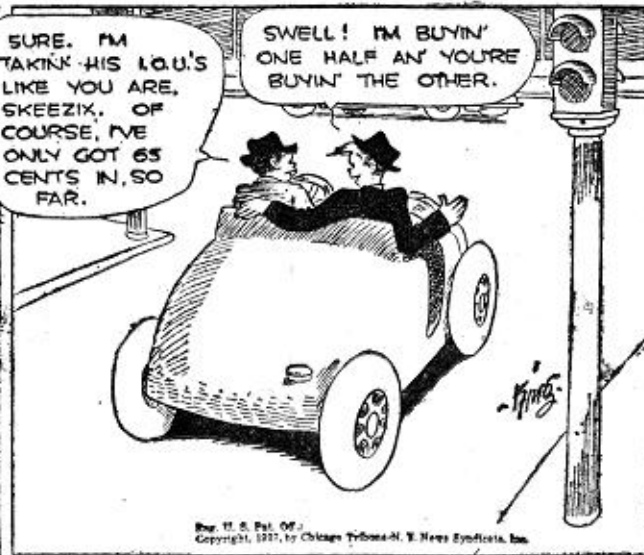
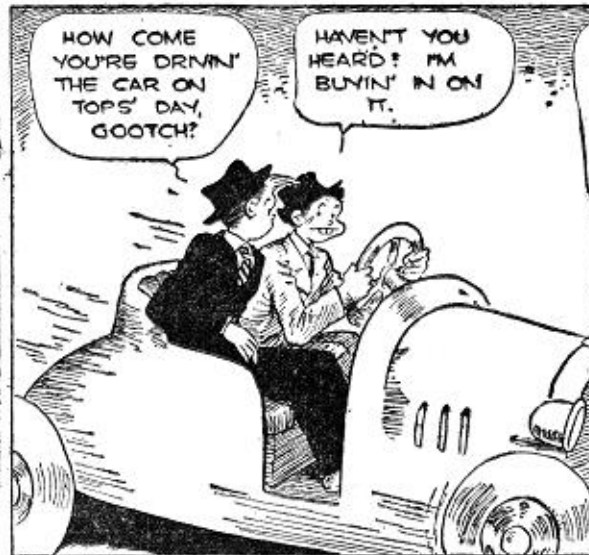
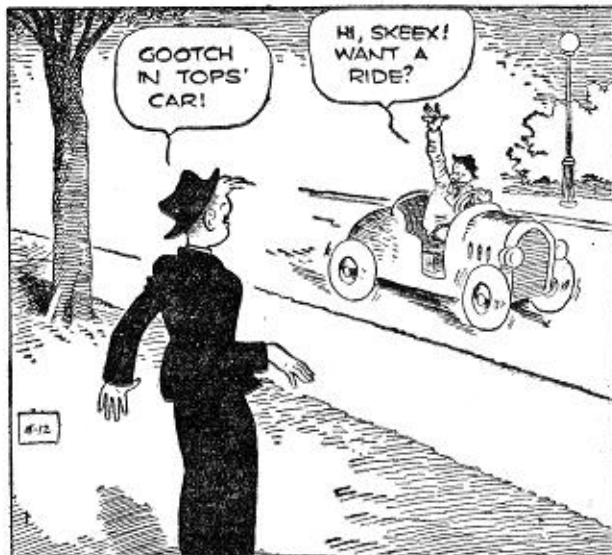


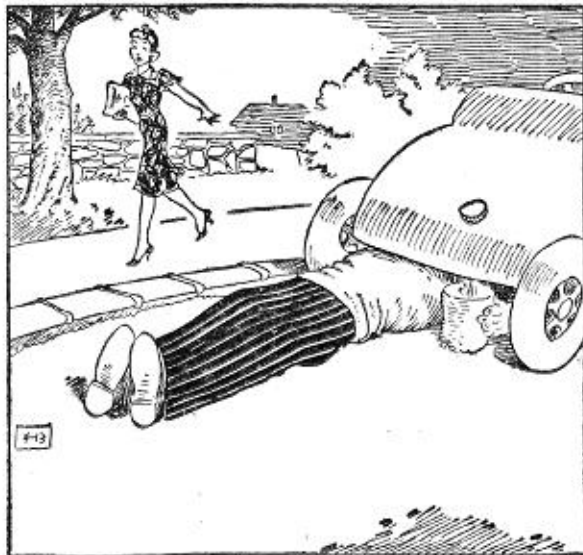








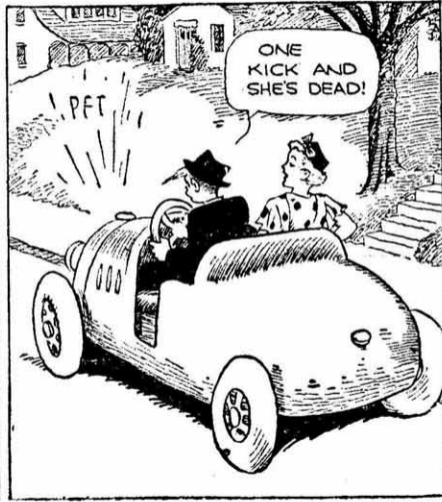


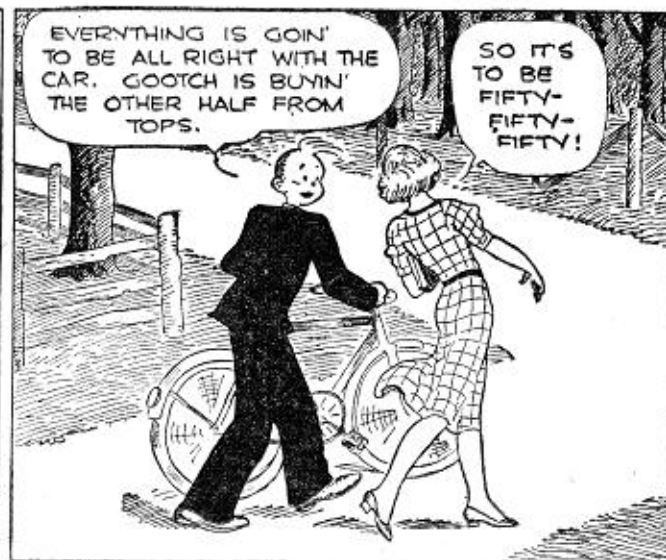




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—AND THAT'S HOW











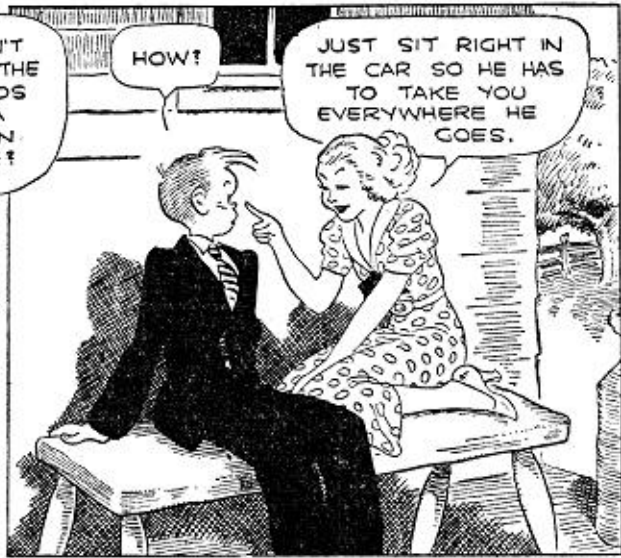


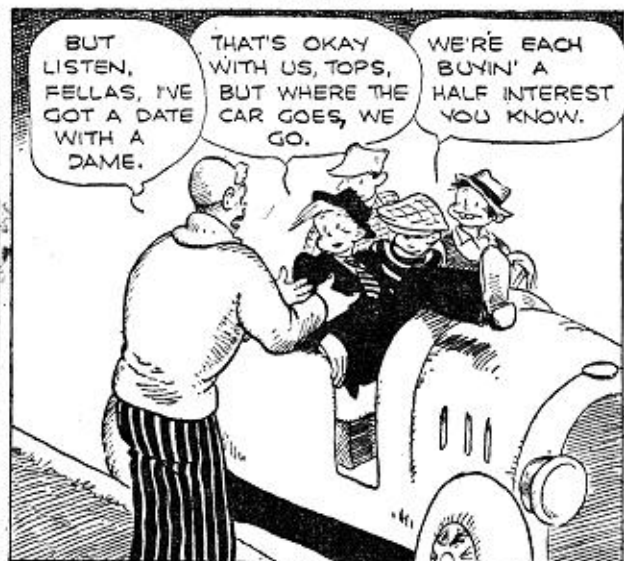
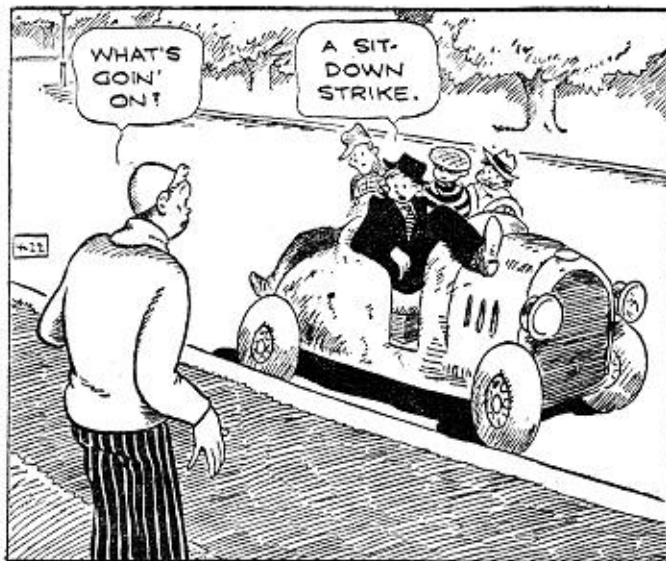


WHY DON'T YOU AN' THE OTHER KIDS STAGE A SIT-DOWN STRIKE?

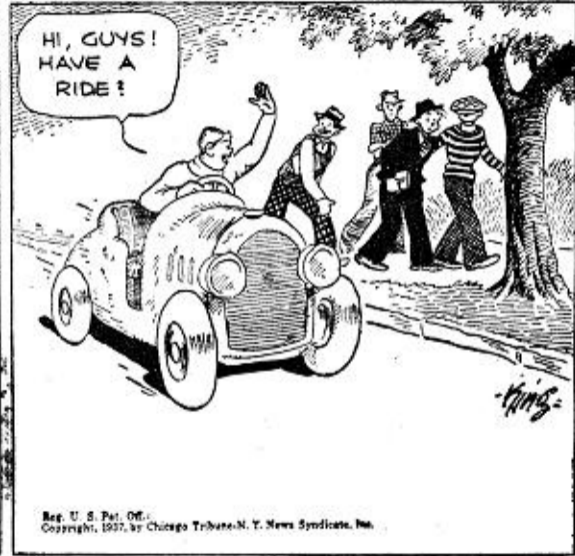
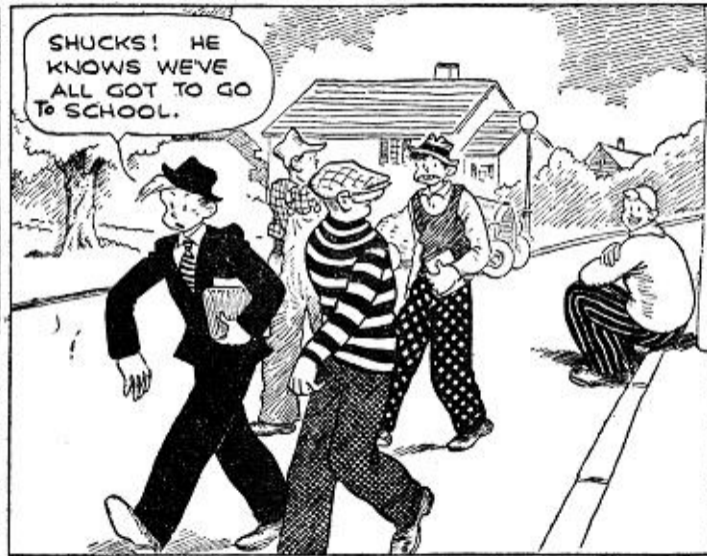
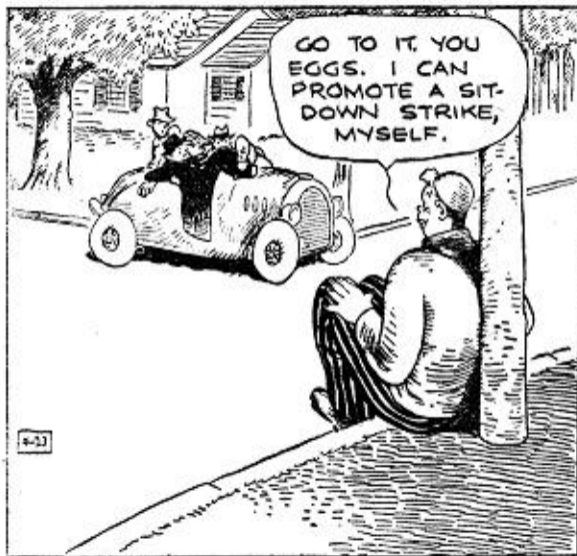
HOW?

JUST SIT RIGHT IN THE CAR SO HE HAS TO TAKE YOU EVERYWHERE HE GOES.





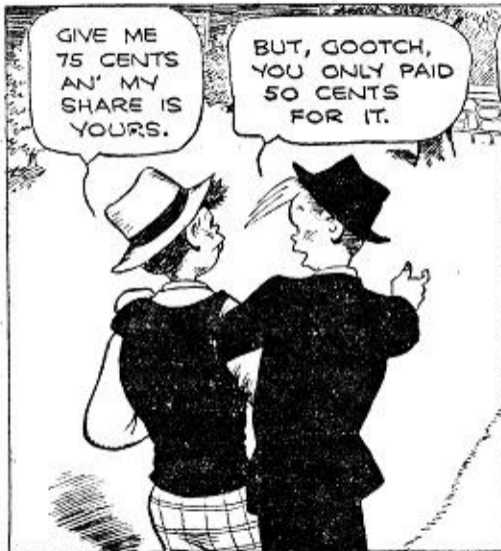










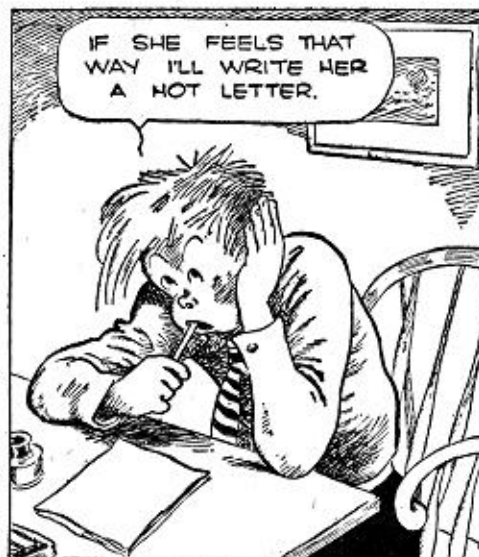


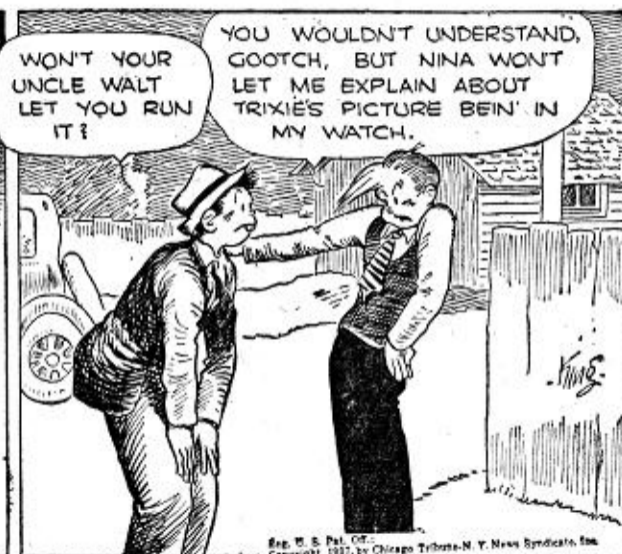




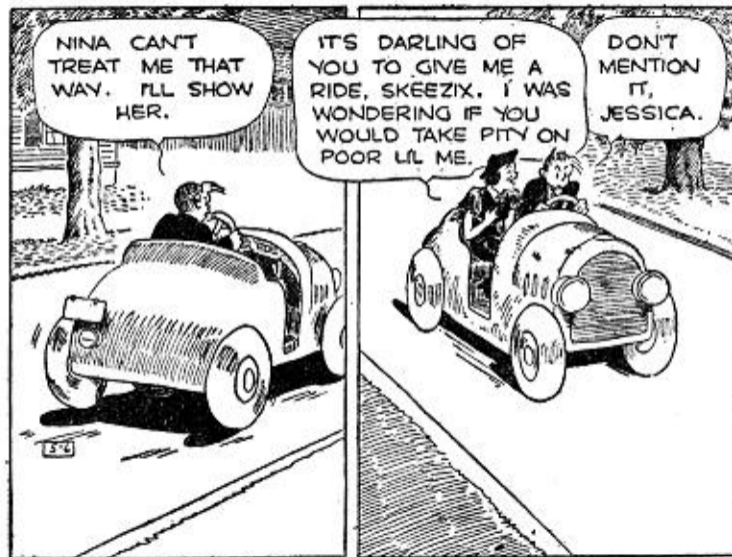






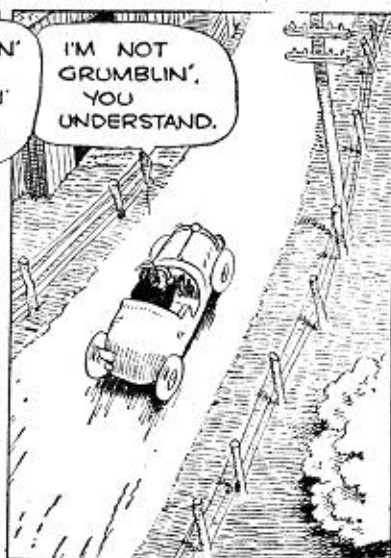
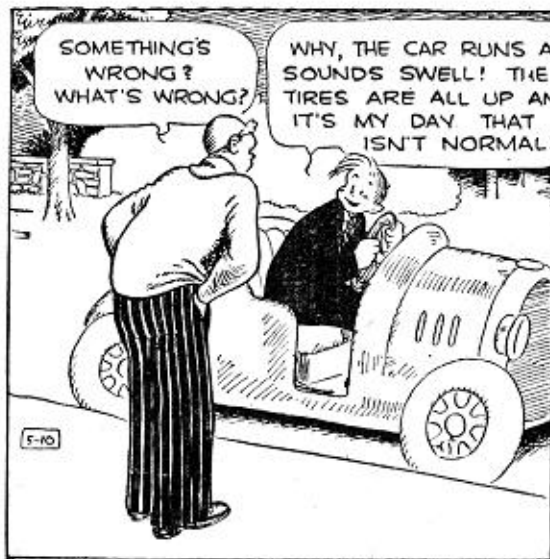


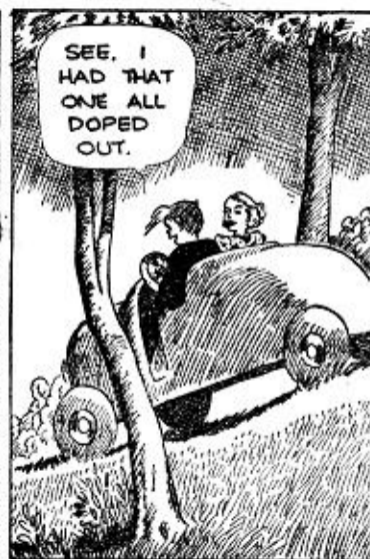




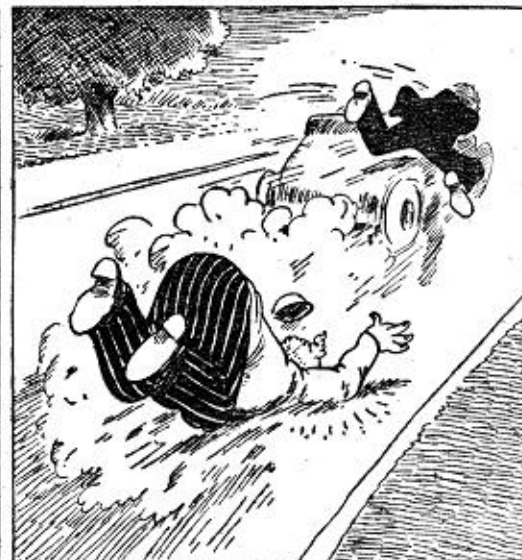


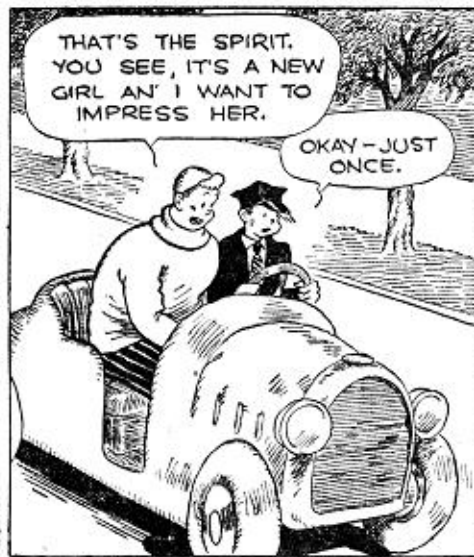


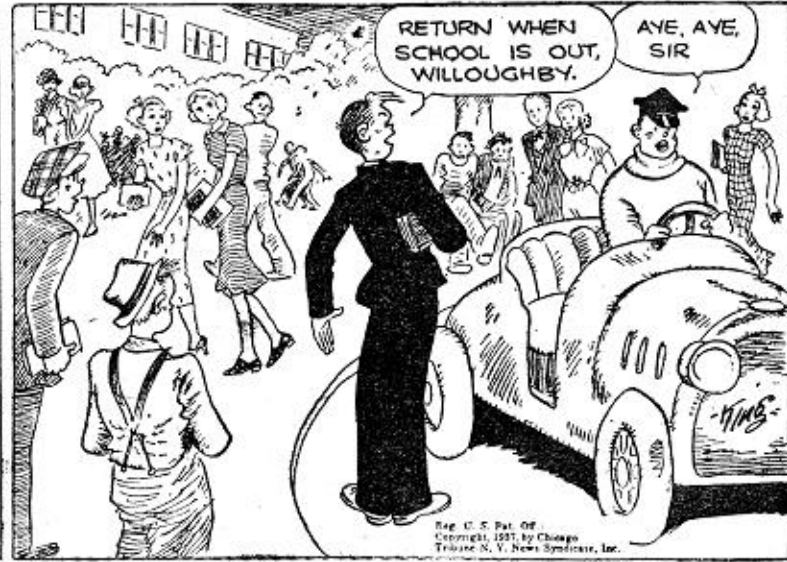
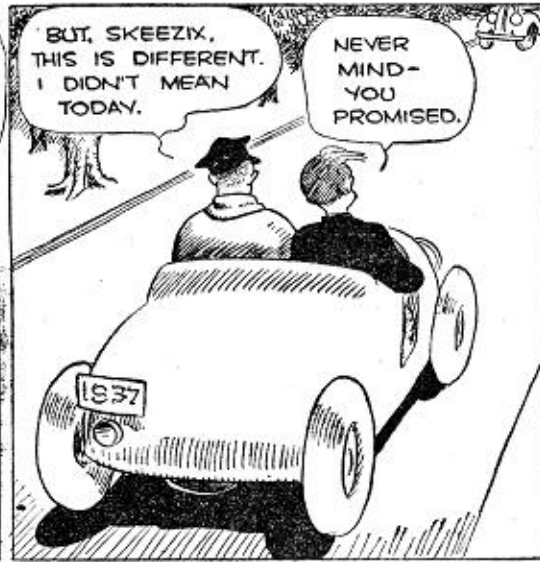




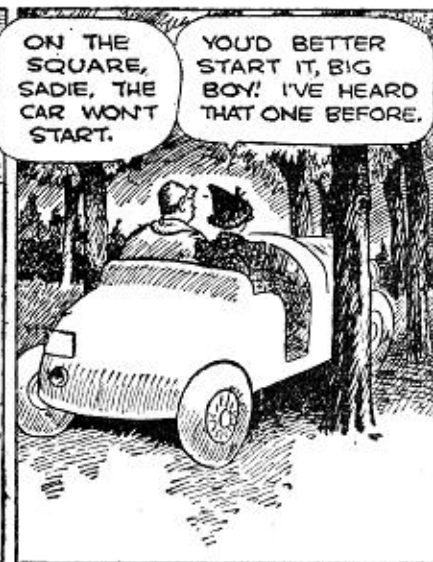






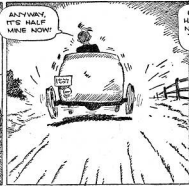




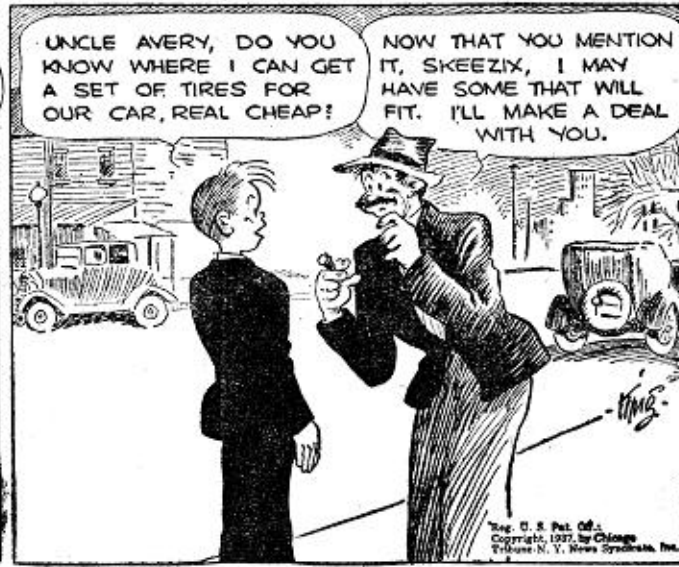
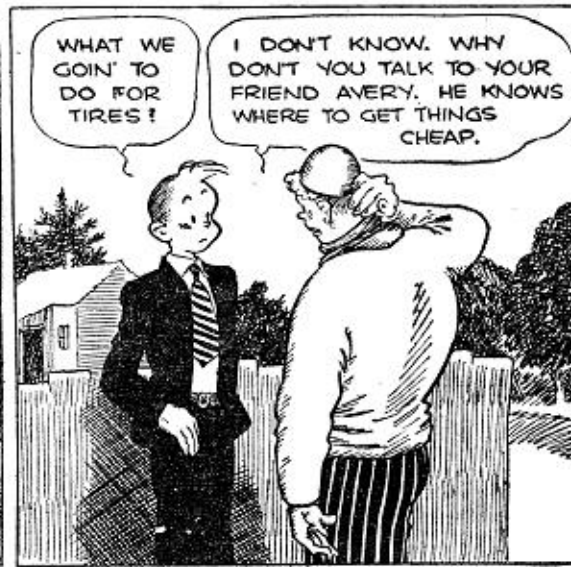


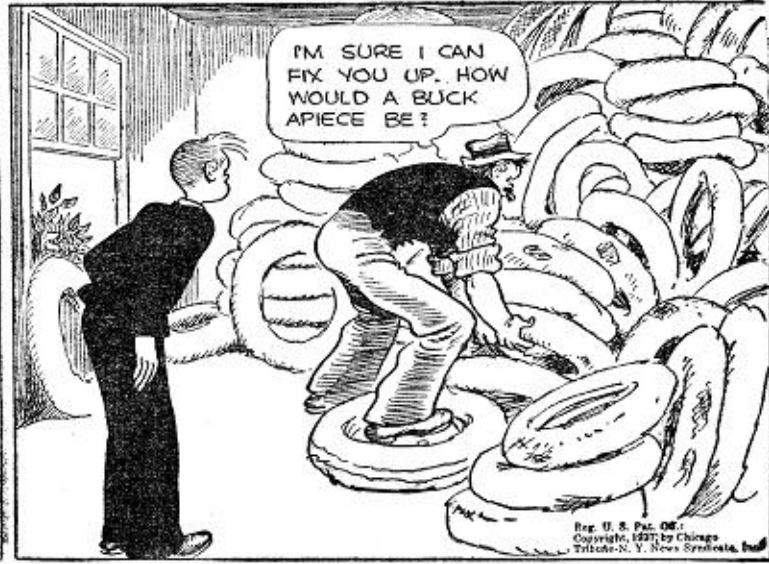


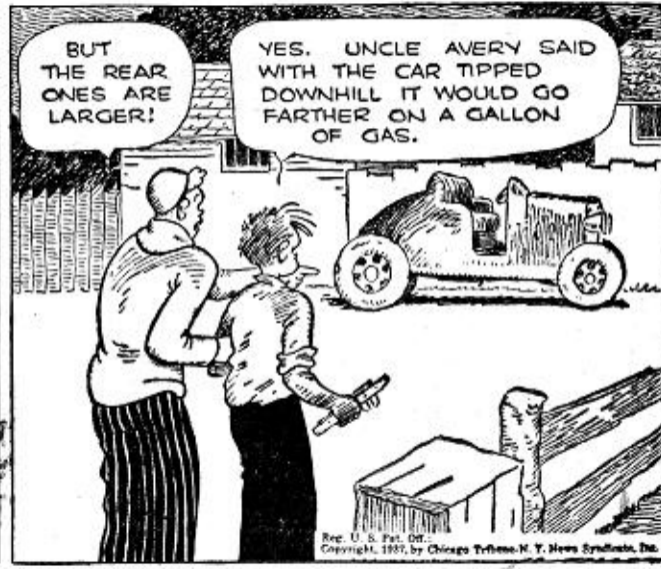
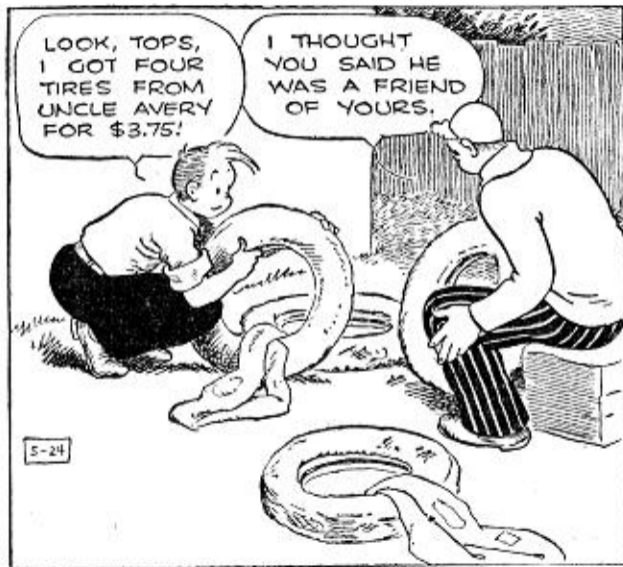




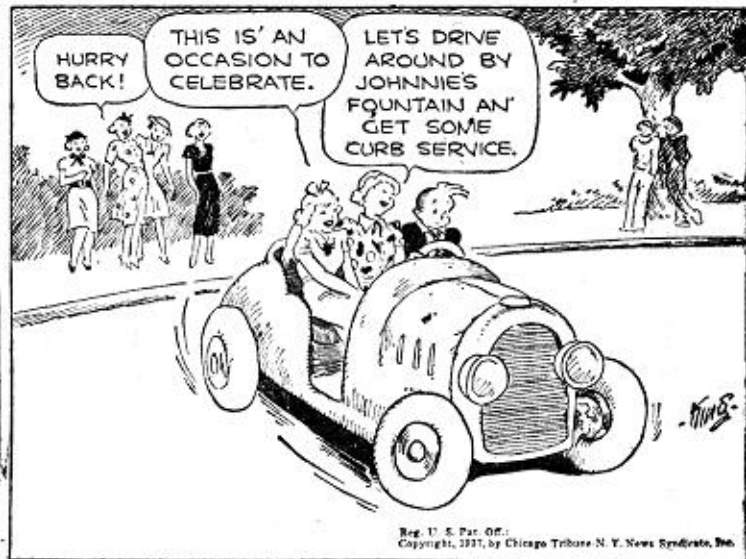


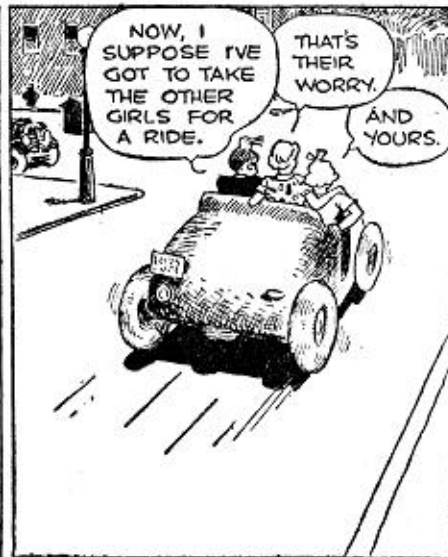
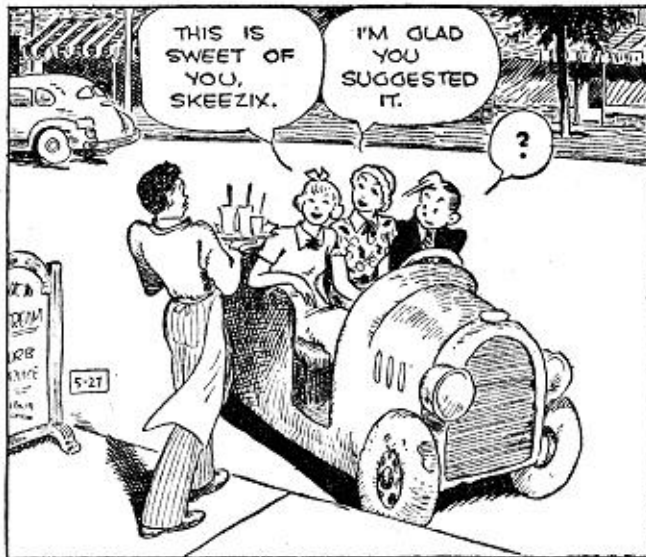




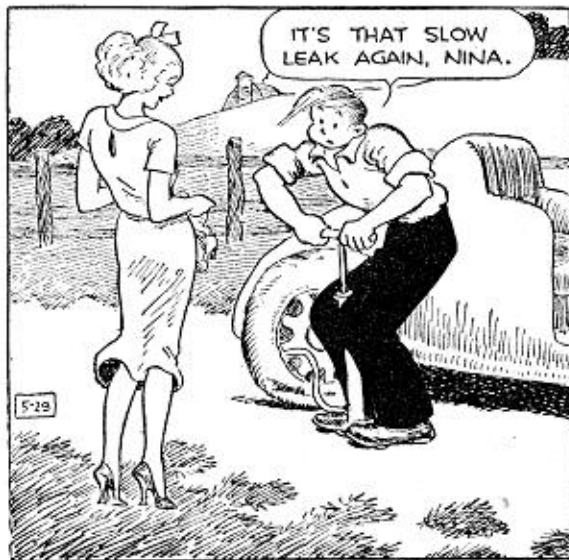




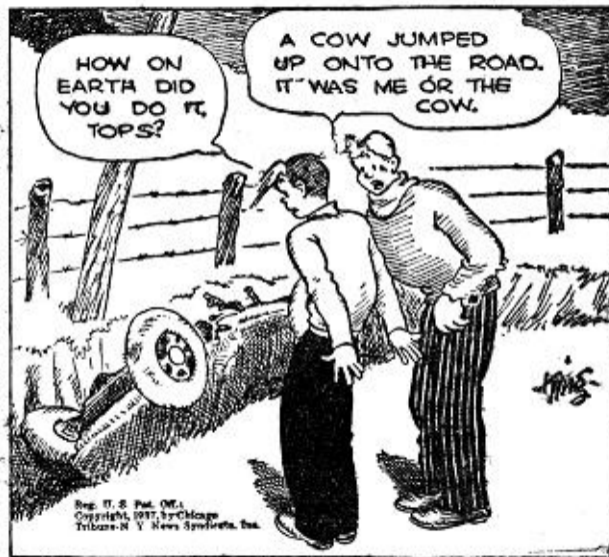


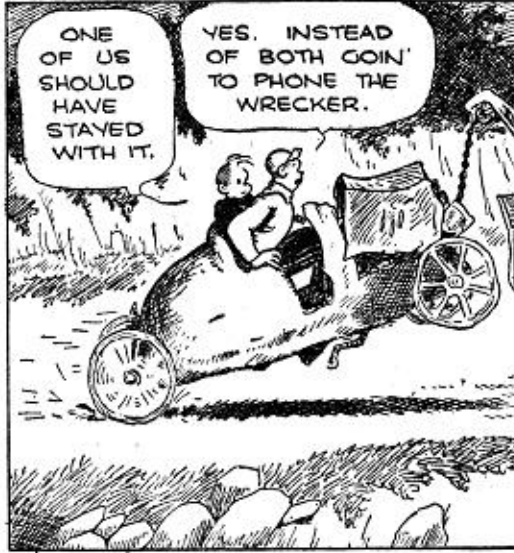
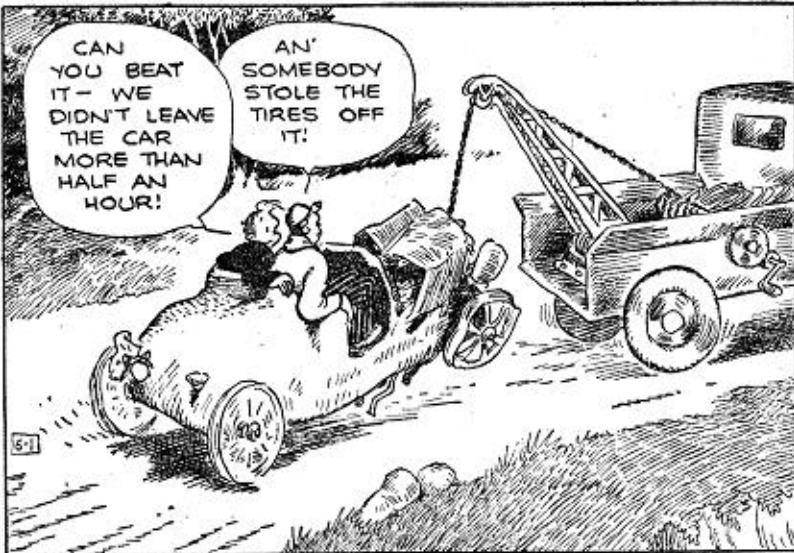








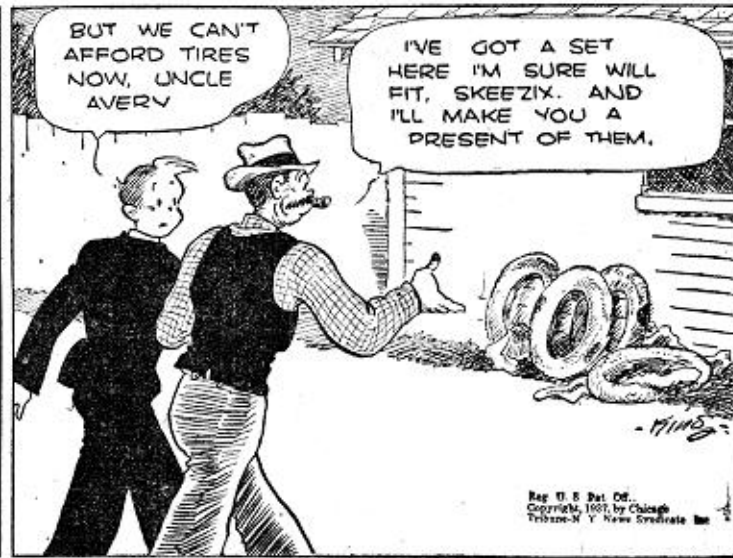


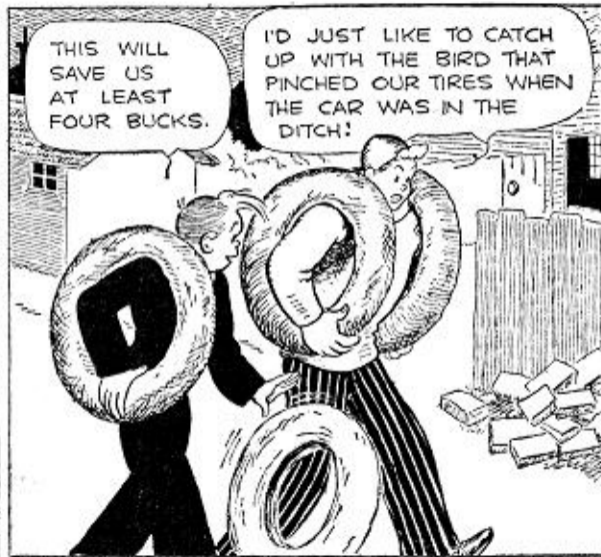






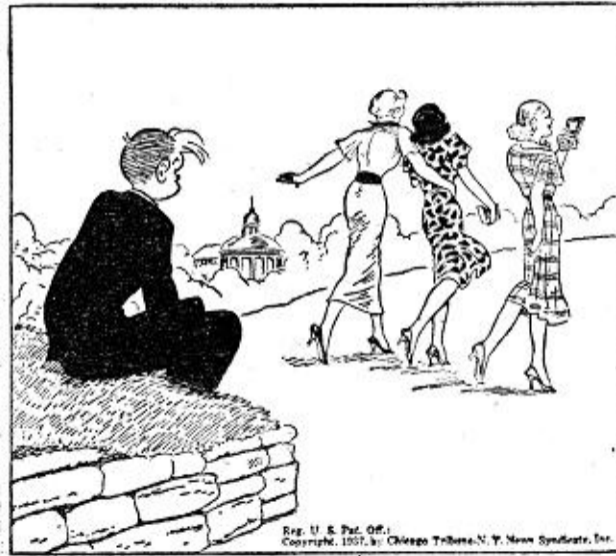




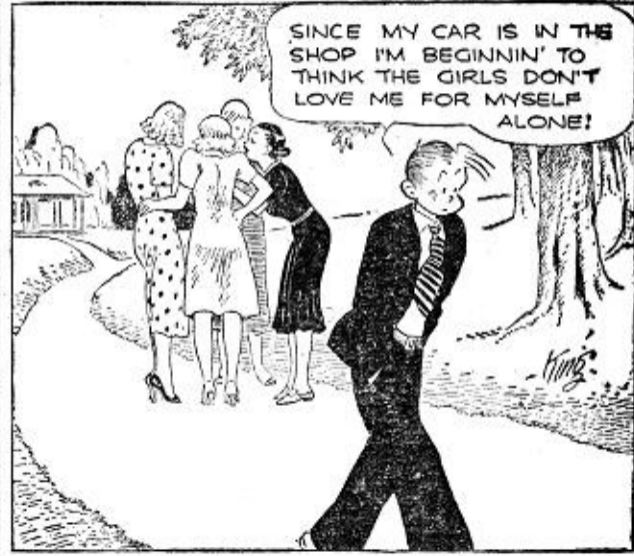








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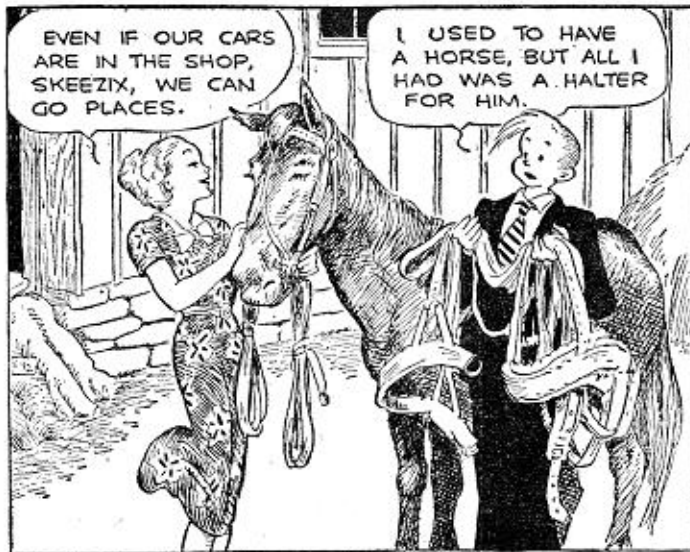


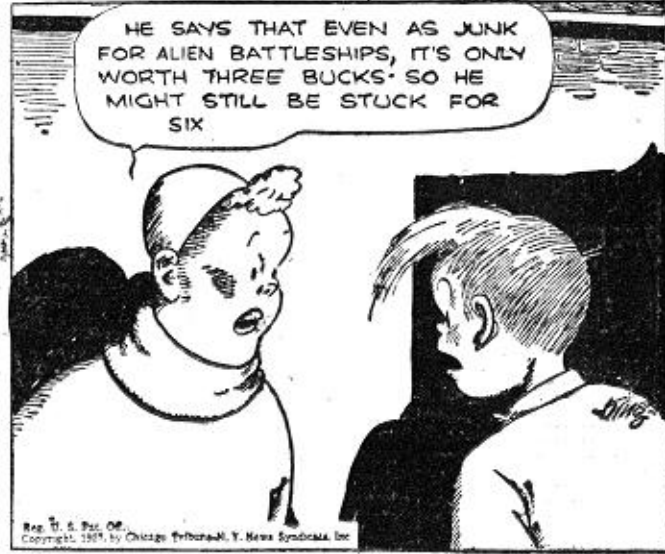


I'VE BEEN AROUND, JESSICA. WHY?



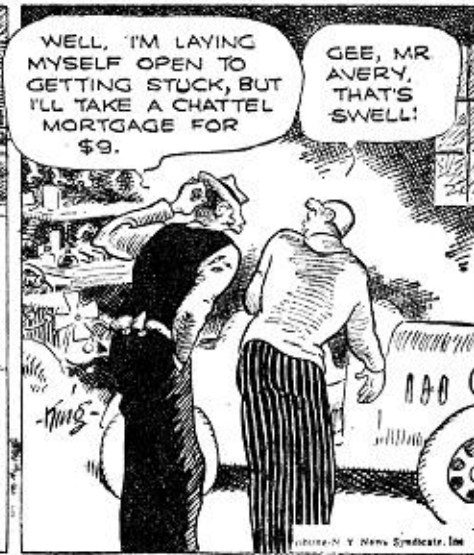




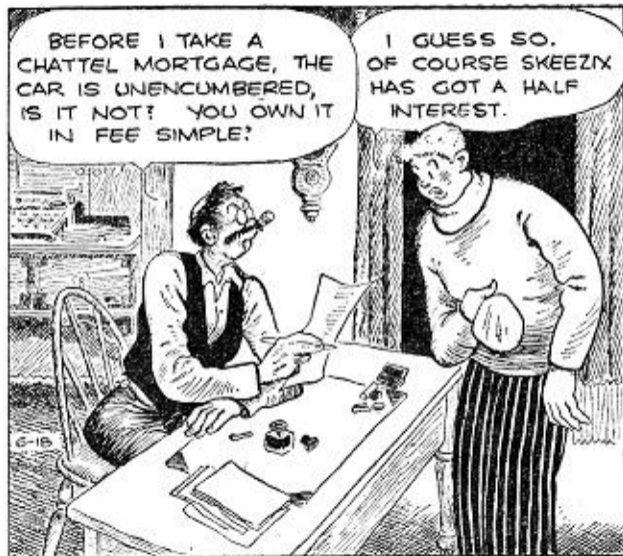














AVERY WILL TAKE A CHATTEL MORTGAGE FOR \$9, BUT HE WANTS YOU TO OKAY IT.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, ALL AND SINGULAR THE SAID GOODS, CHATTELS— SAID MORTGAGEE. EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS ASSIGNS FOREVER— INSTANTLY BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE--



NO, I WON'T SIGN IT- IT'S TOO COMPLICATED.

BUT ALL IT MEANS IS YOU AGREE TO HIS GIVIN' US THE MONEY.



ALL I KNOW IS EVERY TIME I GET MIXED UP IN ANYTHING WITH YOU, TOPS, I'VE GOT TO COUGH UP DOUGH!

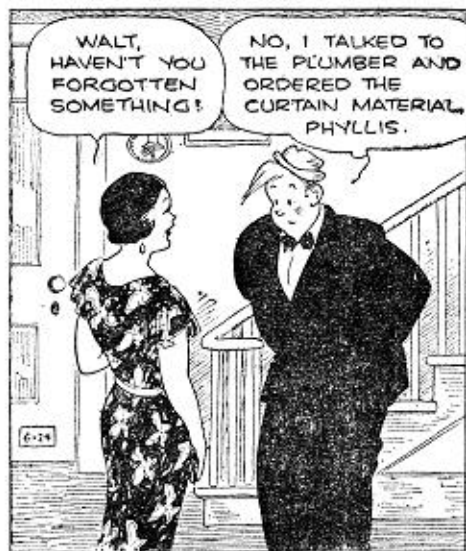


WHEN ARE YOU FELLAS TAKIN' YOUR CAR OUT? I'M CHARGIN' YOU TWO BITS A NIGHT STORAGE, YOU KNOW.

















DON'T ASK ME! TOPS' DAD GOT OUR CAR OUT OF THE SHOP AN' HAS GOT IT LOCKED IN HIS GARAGE.

HE CAN'T DO THAT.



WHY NOT? HE HAS.

HE CAN LOCK UP TOPS' HALF, BUT HE HASN'T ANY RIGHT TO LOCK UP YOURS.



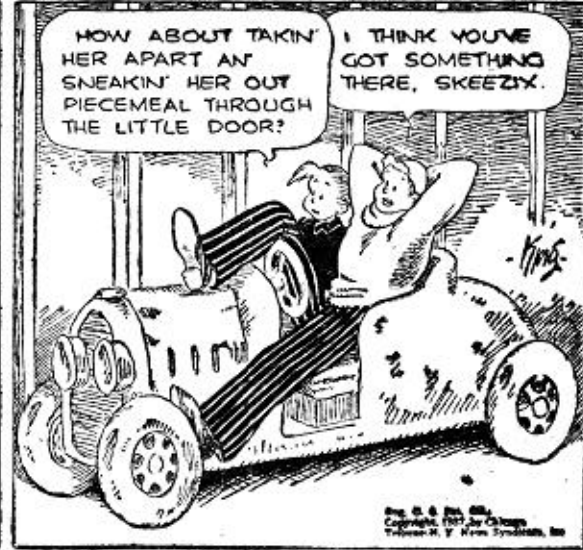
HOW CAN HE LOCK UP TOPS' HALF WITHOUT LOCKIN' UP MINE?

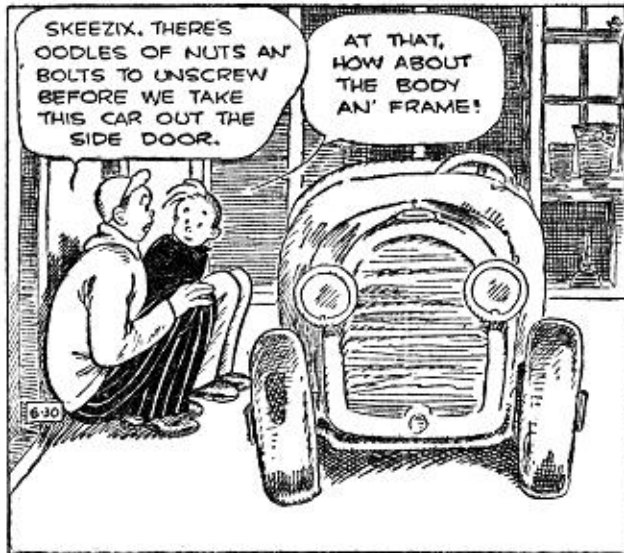
THAT'S JUST IT. ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS GET YOUR HALF OUT.



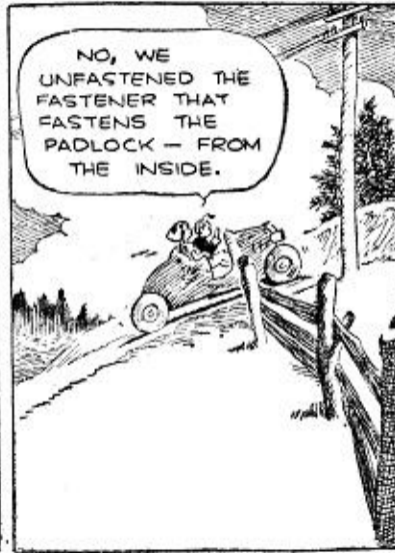
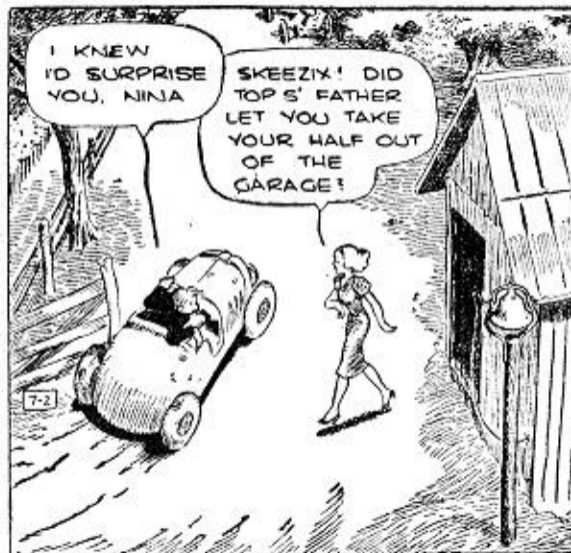
BY GOLLY, NINA, TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE!

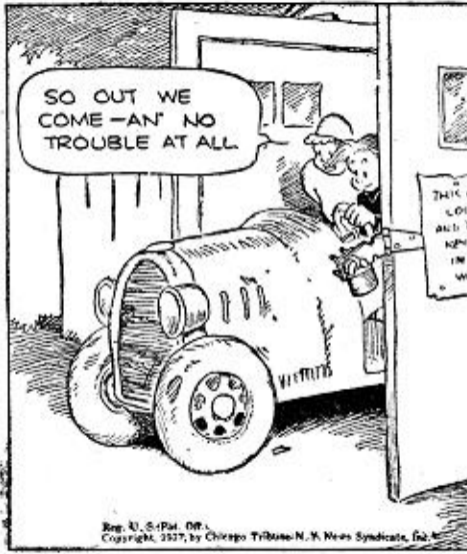
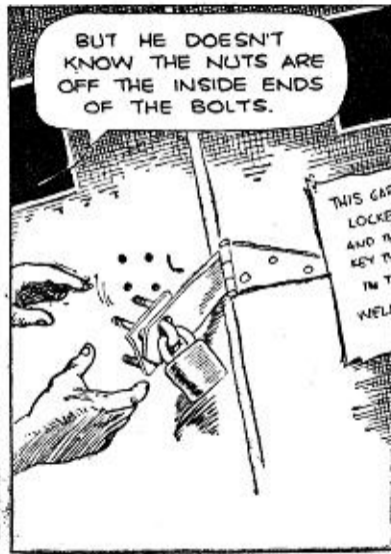
NOT IF JUST ONE OF THEM IS WORKING.

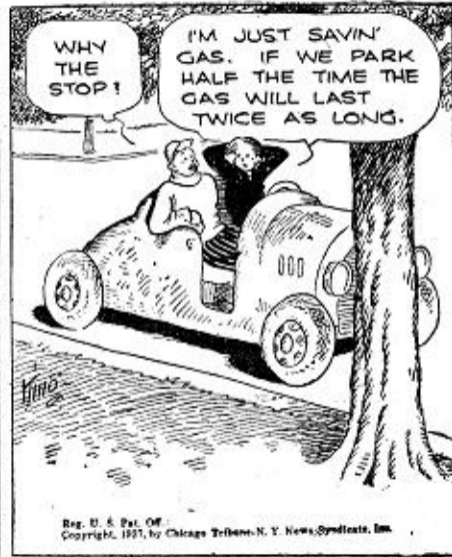
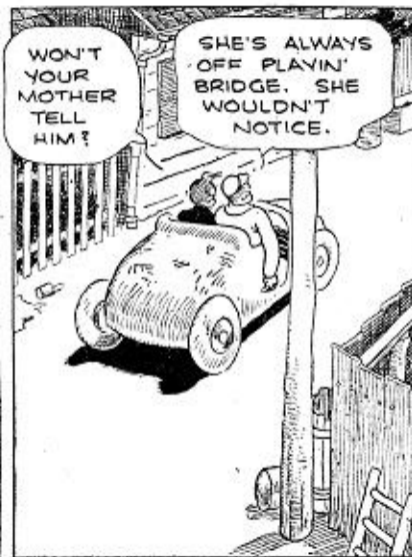


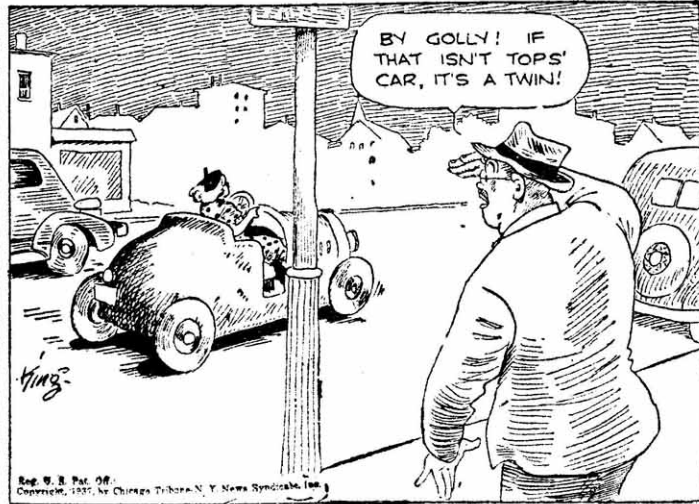
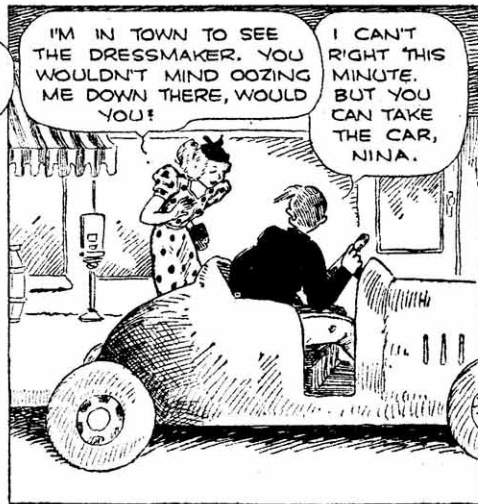






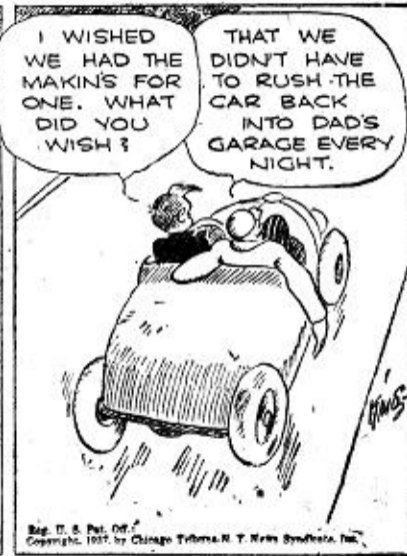
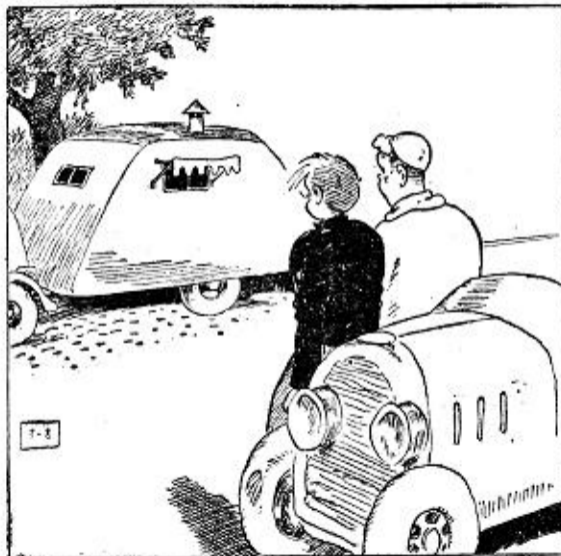


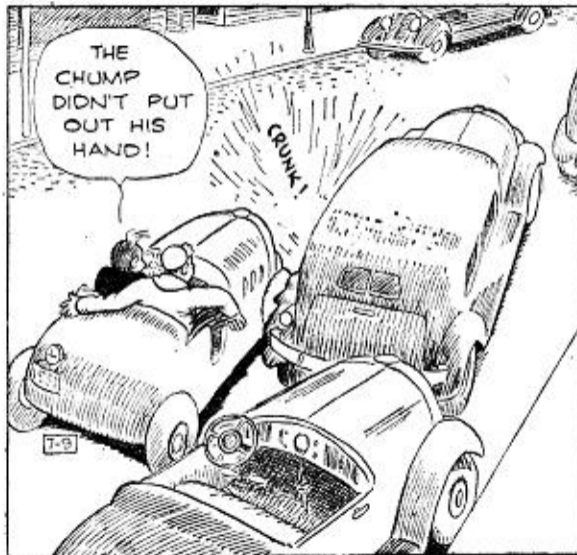


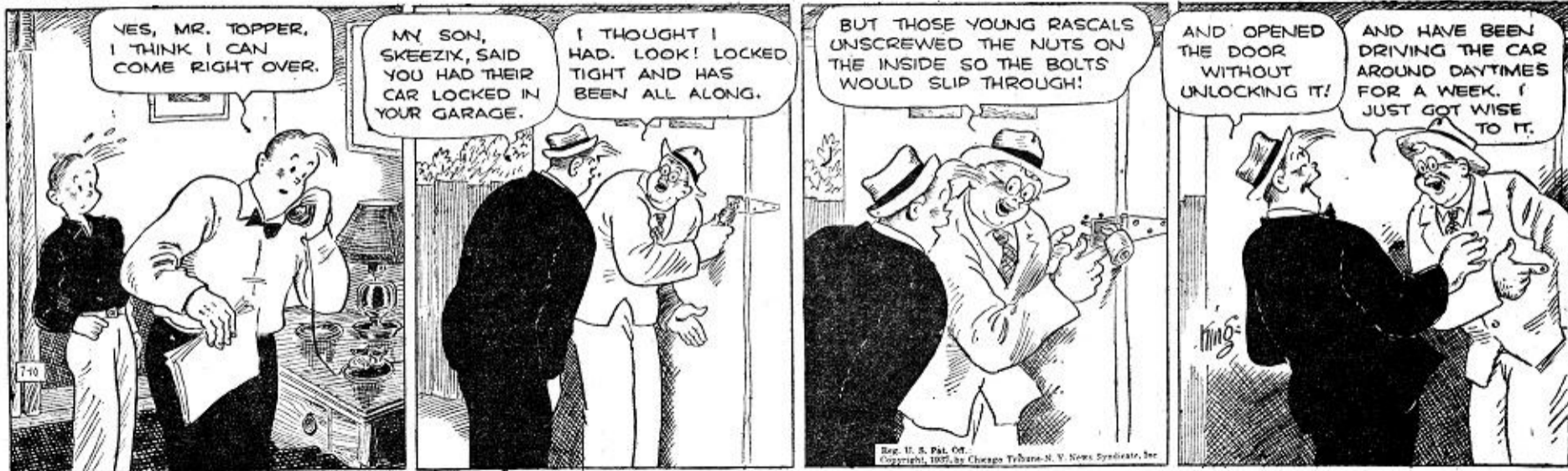




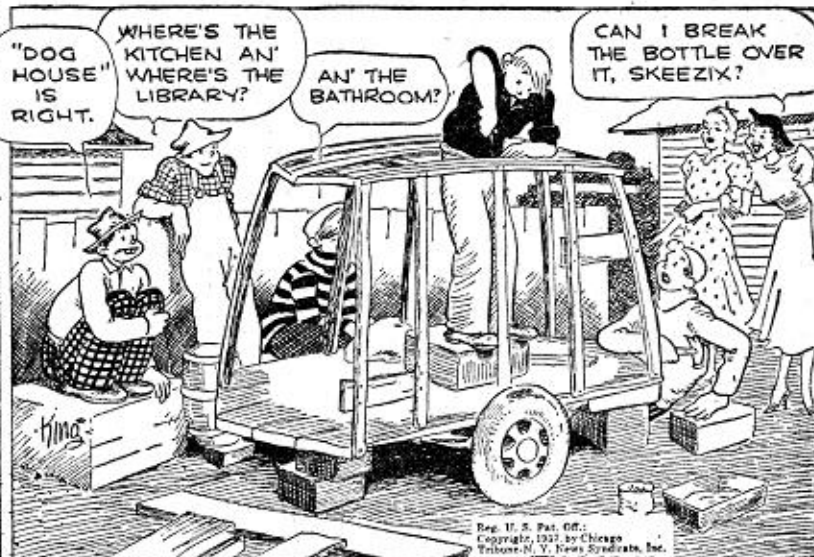


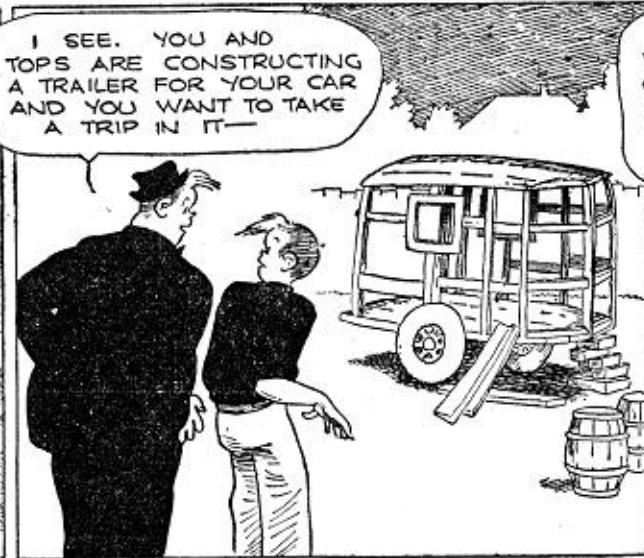


















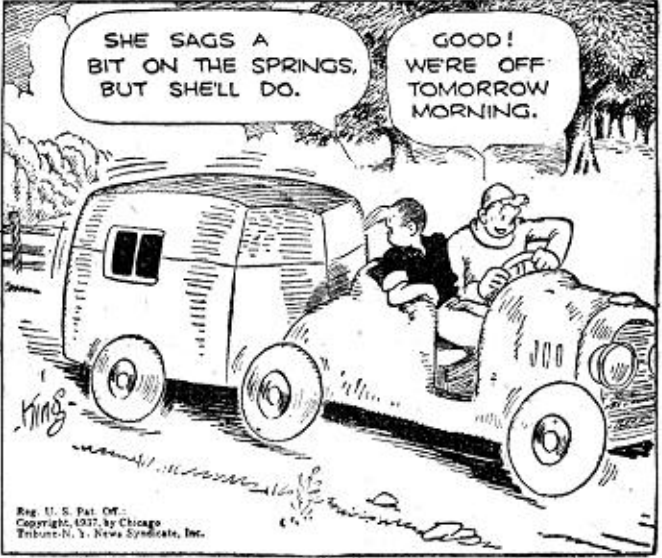
OUR DADS SAY WE'VE GOT TO MAKE OUR EXPENSES. HOW ARE WE GOIN' TO DO IT?

MAYBE WE COULD PAINT TRAILERS.



OH WELL, SOMETHING WILL TURN UP.

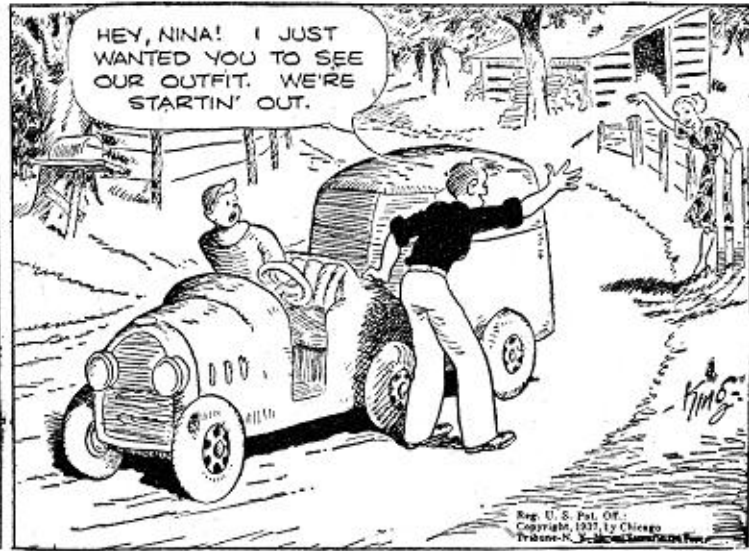
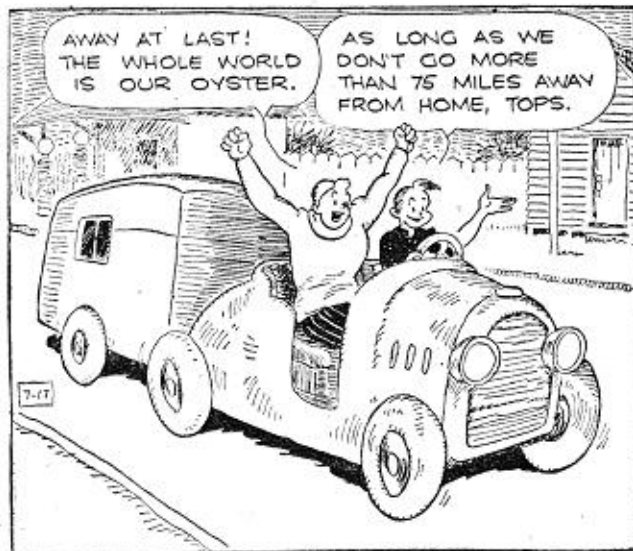
SURE. AN' NOW WE'RE READY FOR A TRY-OUT

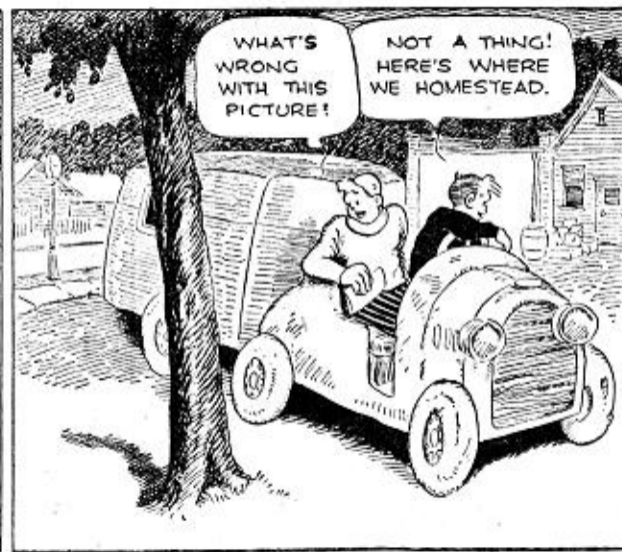
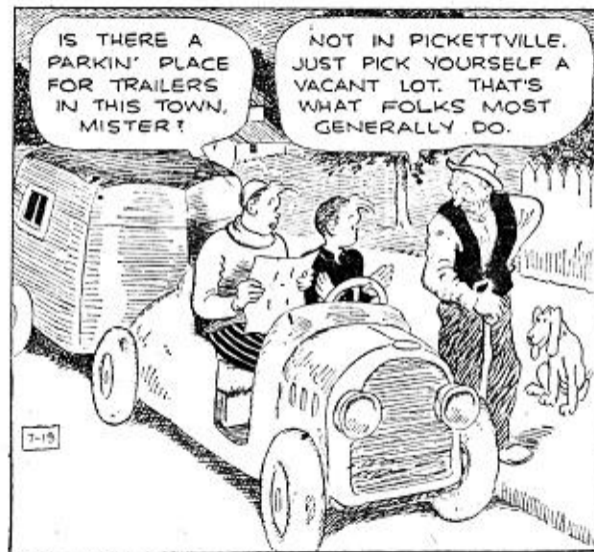


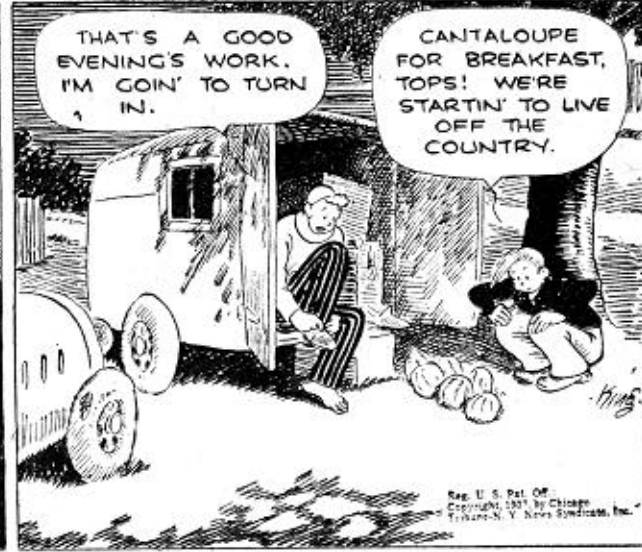
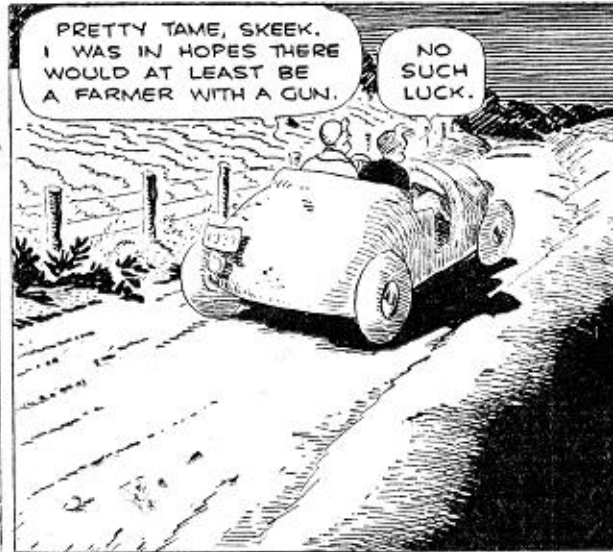
SHE SAGS A BIT ON THE SPRINGS, BUT SHE'LL DO.

GOOD! WE'RE OFF TOMORROW MORNING.

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WAKE UP, TOPS!  
IT'S GETTIN'  
DAYLIGHT. YOU  
WANTED TO  
START EARLY.



IT'S SWELL AN'  
CRISP AN COOL  
THIS TIME OF  
THE MORNIN'.

YES, BUT  
I WISH  
YOU'D LET  
ME SLEEP.



MEAN-  
WHILE -  
IN  
PICKETT-  
VILLE:



THEY GOT  
IN THROUGH  
A BACK  
WINDOW.

AN' GOT  
\$76  
FROM  
THE TILL-  
AN' SOME  
GROCERIES.

I SAW  
THAT  
TRAILER  
PARKED  
ON SI'S  
LOT.

I WAS  
THE ONE  
THAT  
TOLD 'EM  
THEY COULD  
PARK THERE

I LOOKED  
OUT AT  
DAYLIGHT  
AN' THEY  
WERE GONE,  
SHERIFF.

DON'T YOU  
FRET. I'LL  
HAVE 'EM  
BY  
SUNDOWN.

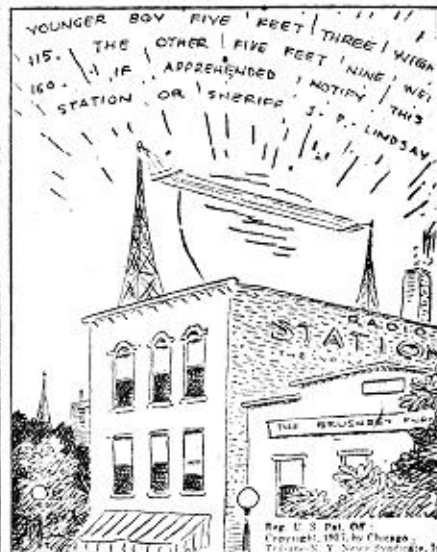


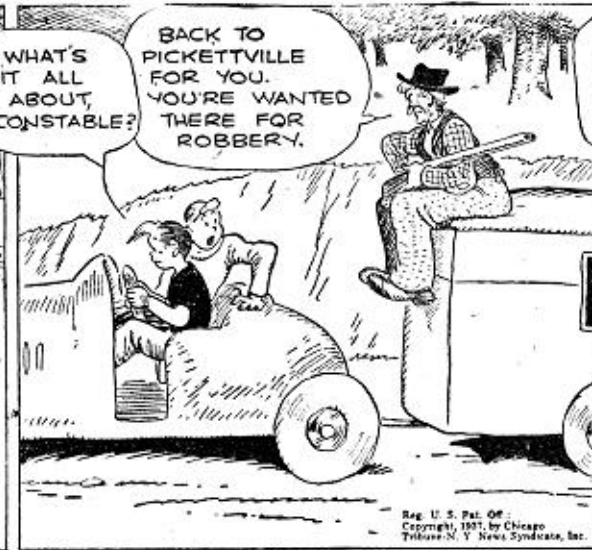
SKEEZIX AND TOPS DAWDLE ALONG THE SUNNY COUNTRY ROADS WITH NO INKLING OF WHAT IS HAPPENING BACK IN PICKETVILLE, WHERE THEY SPENT THE NIGHT AND WHERE THE H & F STORE WAS ROBBED.

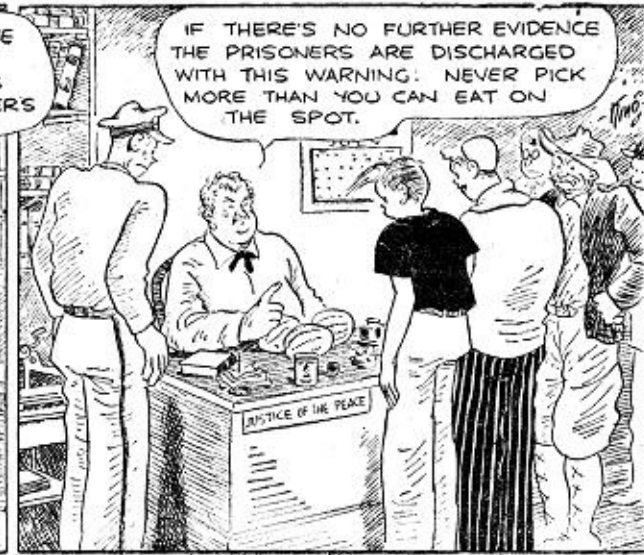
STATION VLX! HERE'S A CALL FOR YOUR SHERIFF AND POLICE REPORTS — SHERIFF J. P. LINDSAY SPEAKING.



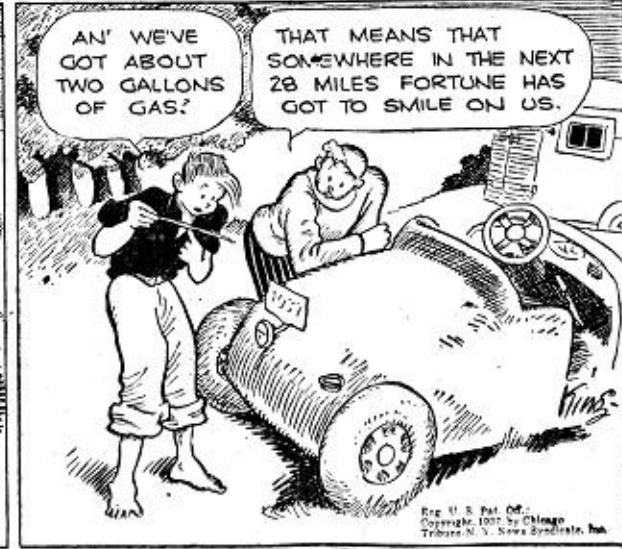
ARREST AND HOLD AS ROBBERY SUSPECTS TWO BOYS 16 AND 19 YEARS OF AGE TRAVELING IN OLD OPEN ROADSTER WITH HOME MADE TRAILER.



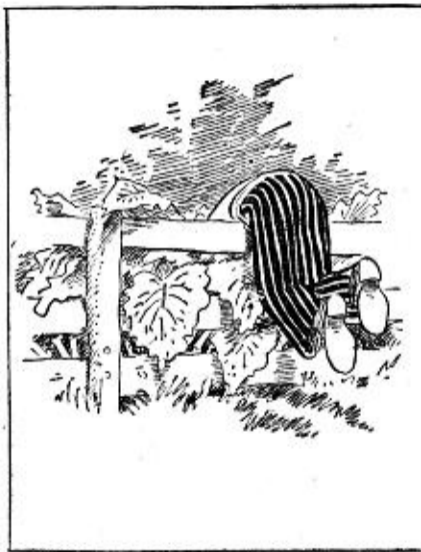




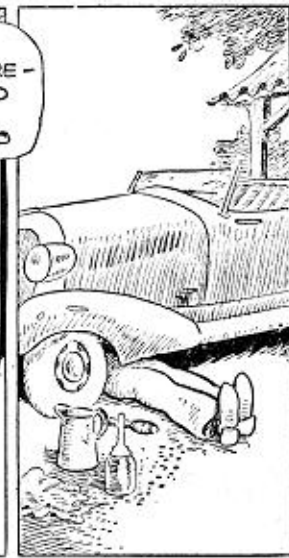


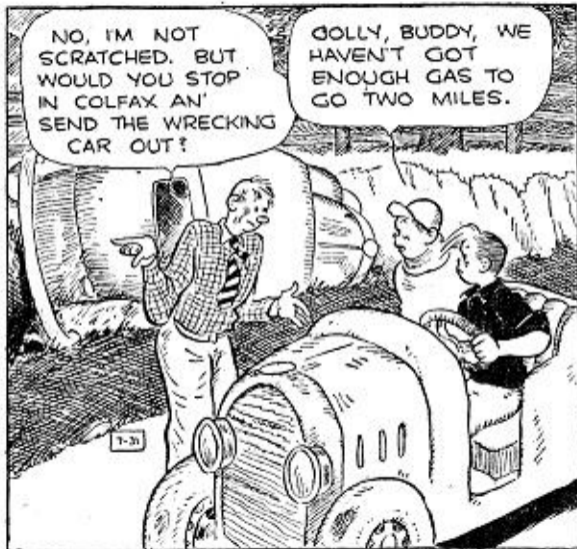










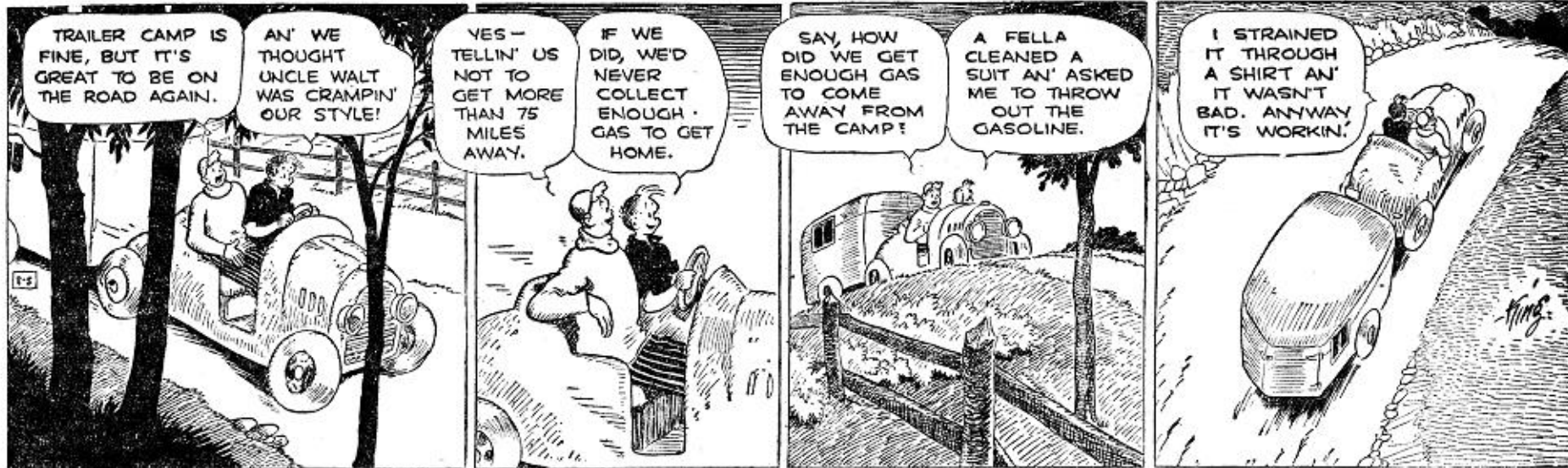


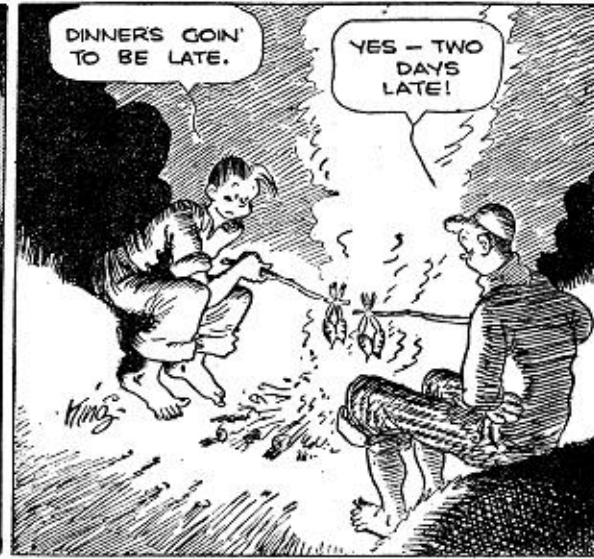


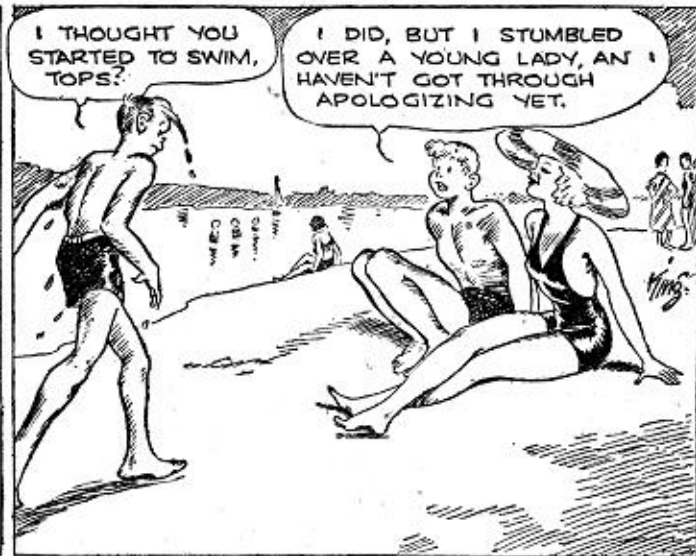
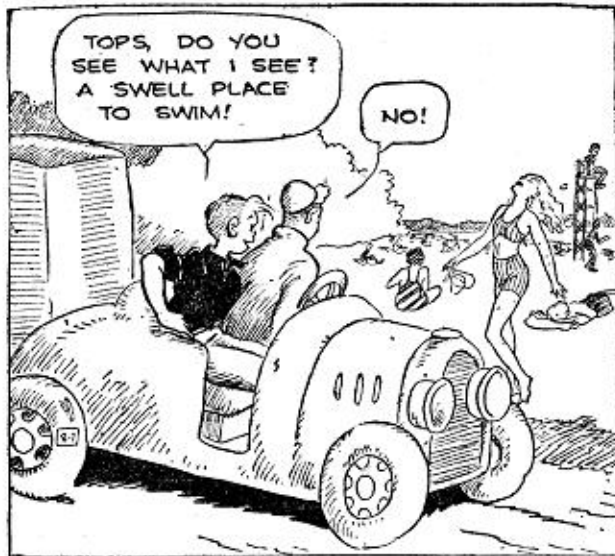






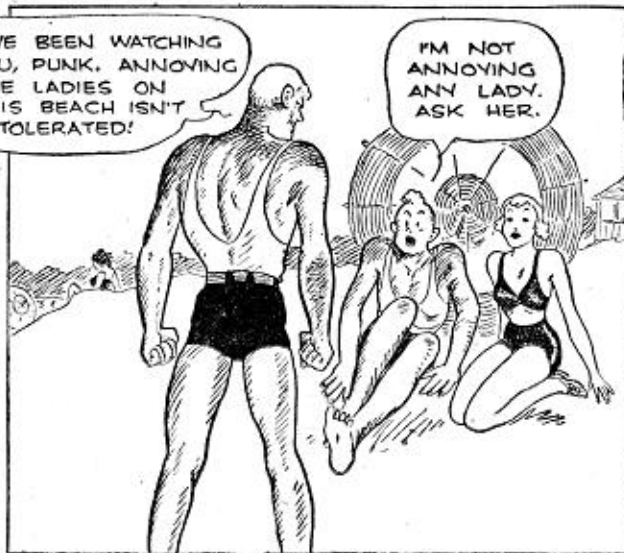








I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU, PUNK. ANNOYING THE LADIES ON THIS BEACH ISN'T TOLERATED!



I'M NOT ANNOYING ANY LADY. ASK HER.

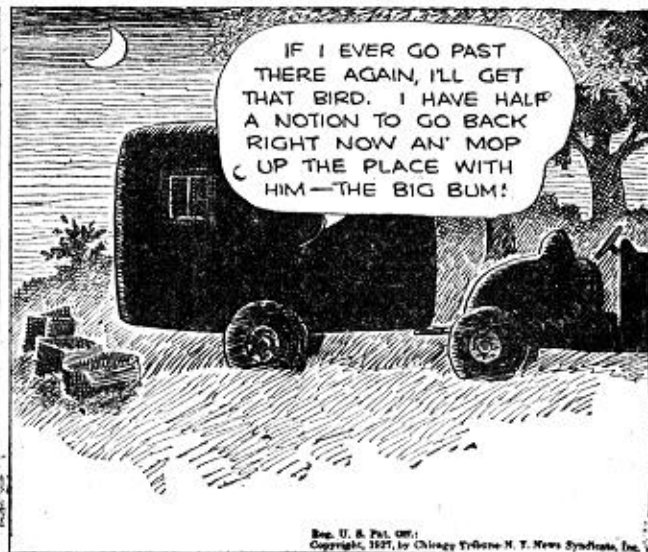
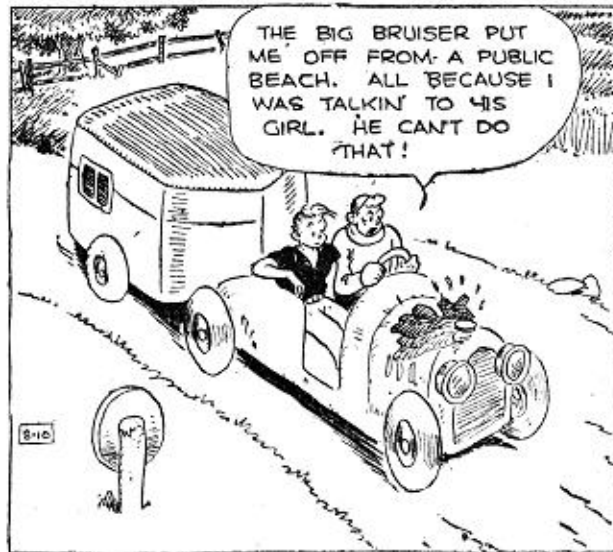


ANYWAY, YOU'RE ANNOYING THE LADY'S BOY FRIEND. NOW GET IN YOUR CAR AND SCRAM.

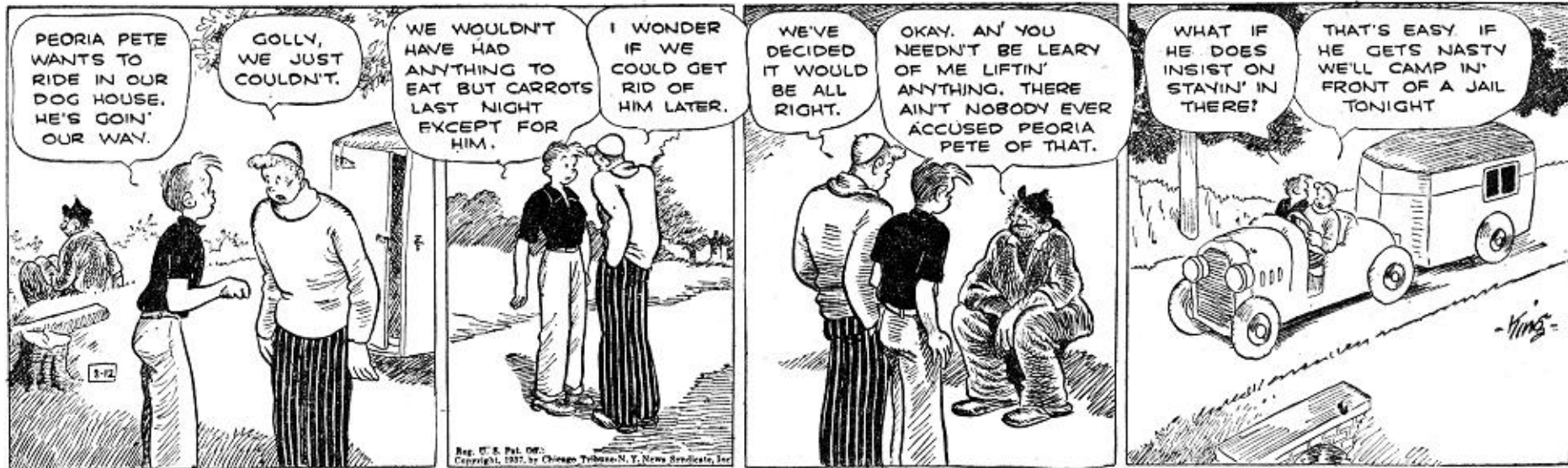


A SWELL WAY FOR A LIFE SAVER TO ACT.

IF YOU ONLY KNEW IT, I'M SAVIN' A LIFE RIGHT NOW.





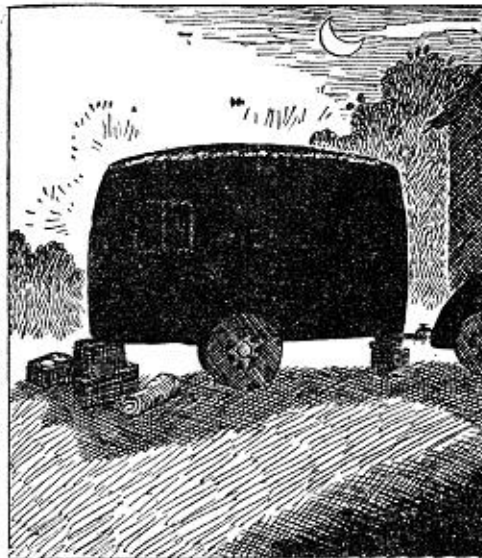




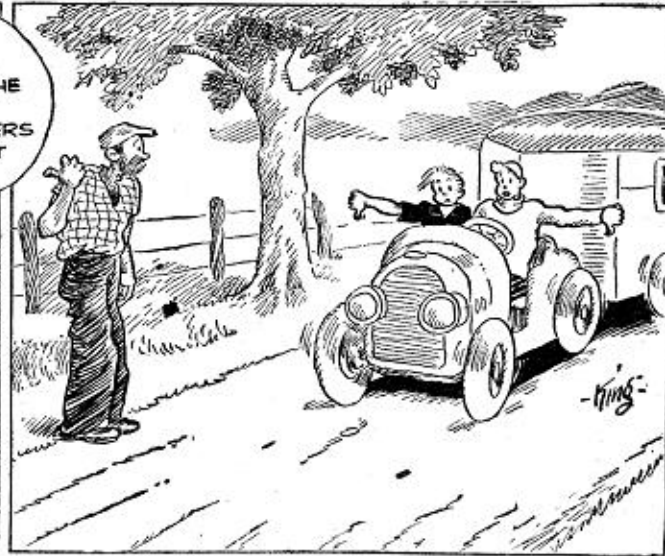


WE GAVE  
PEORIA PETE  
A DAY'S RIDE  
IN OUR DOG  
HOUSE.

AN' I DON'T  
THINK  
HE TOOK  
A THING.



NO, HE DIDN'T TAKE  
ANYTHING, BUT, BOY—  
DID HE LEAVE SOMETHING!



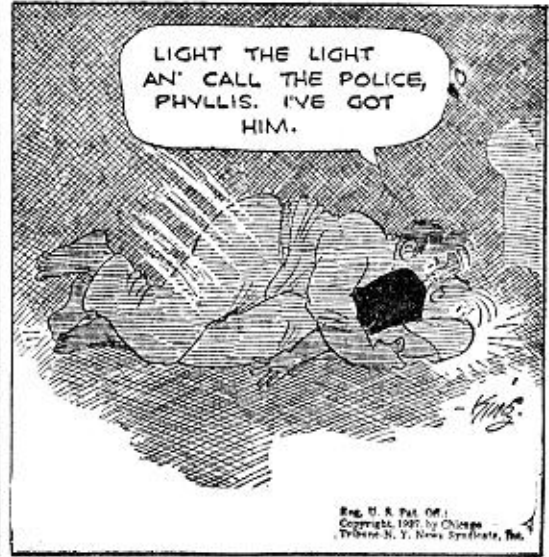




TOPS AND SKEEZIX ARE OUT OF MONEY AND SKEEZIX HAS COME HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO RIFLE HIS COIN BANK AND HIT THE ROAD AGAIN.

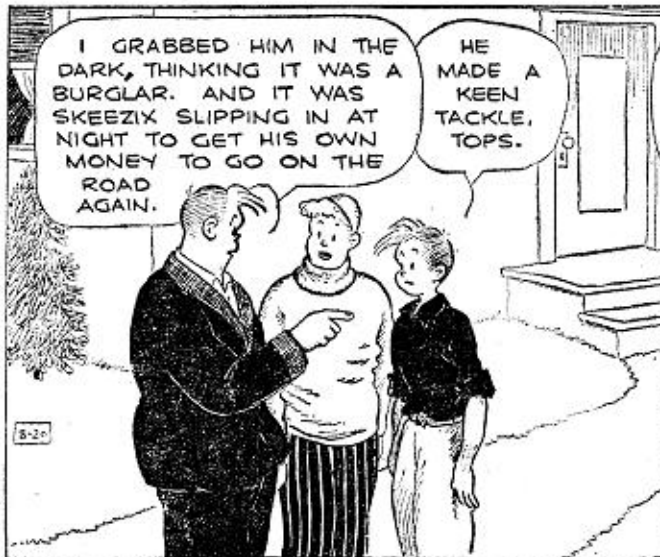
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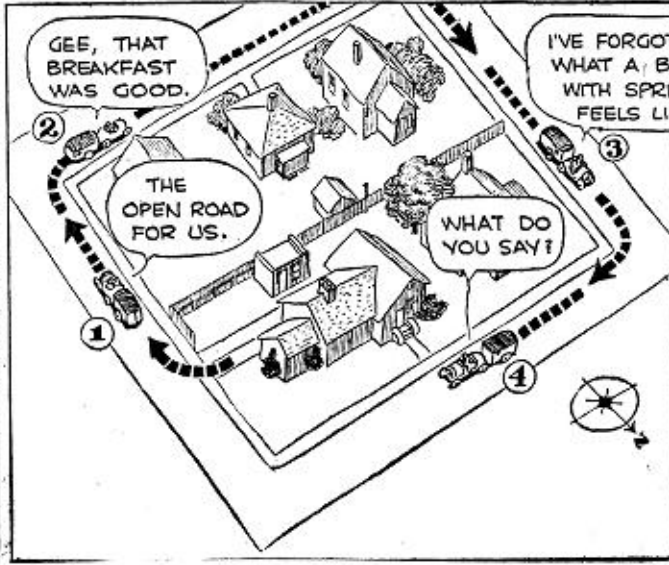
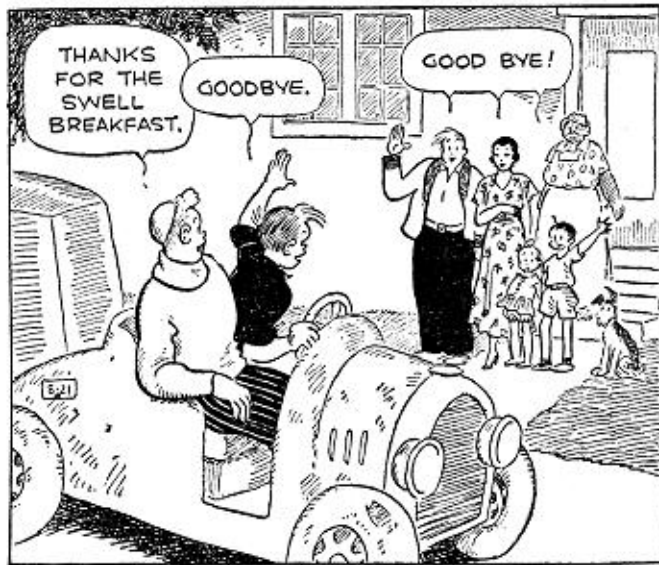
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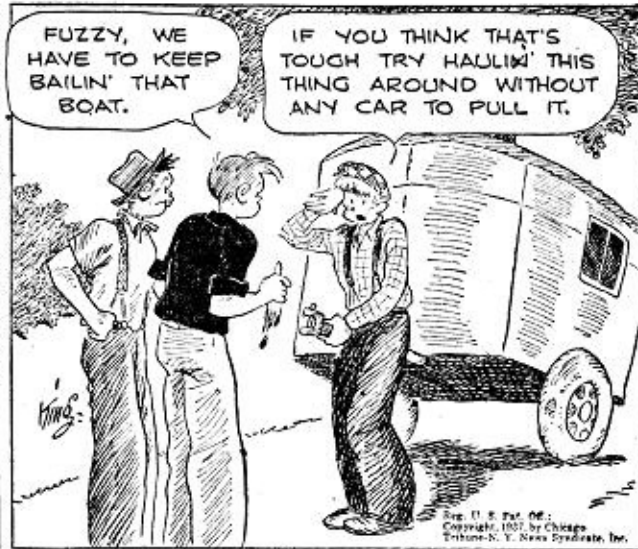
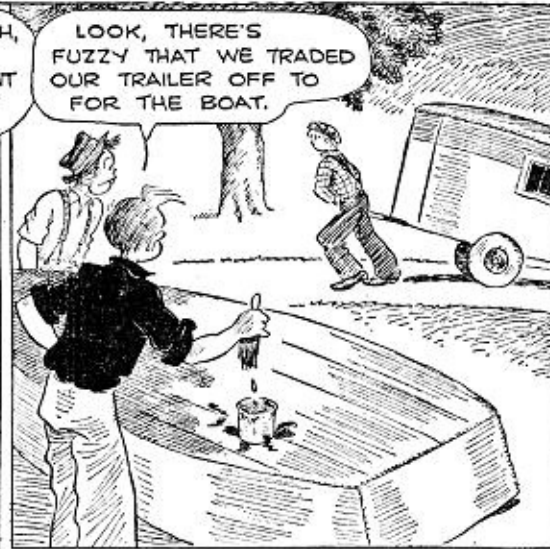


GOLLY, NINA, IT SEEMS YEARS SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU.

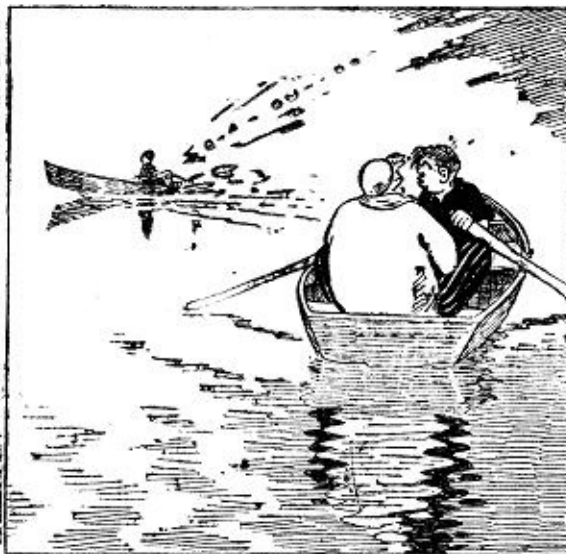
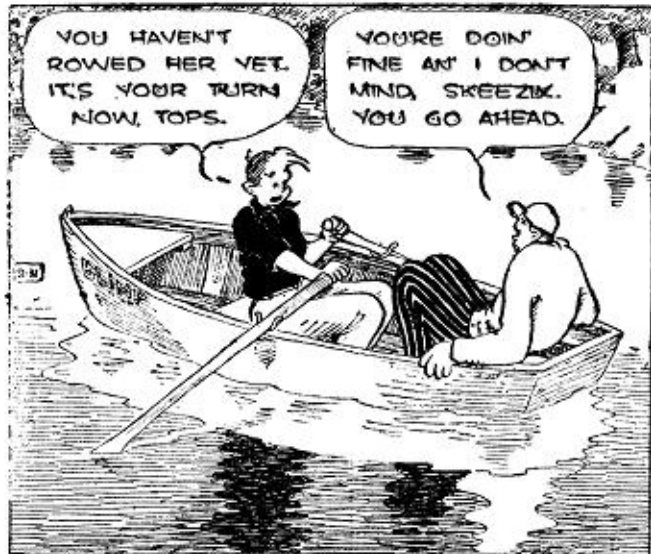
I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN ME ENTIRELY, SKEEZIX. WHY, YOU DIDN'T EVEN WRITE TO ME!





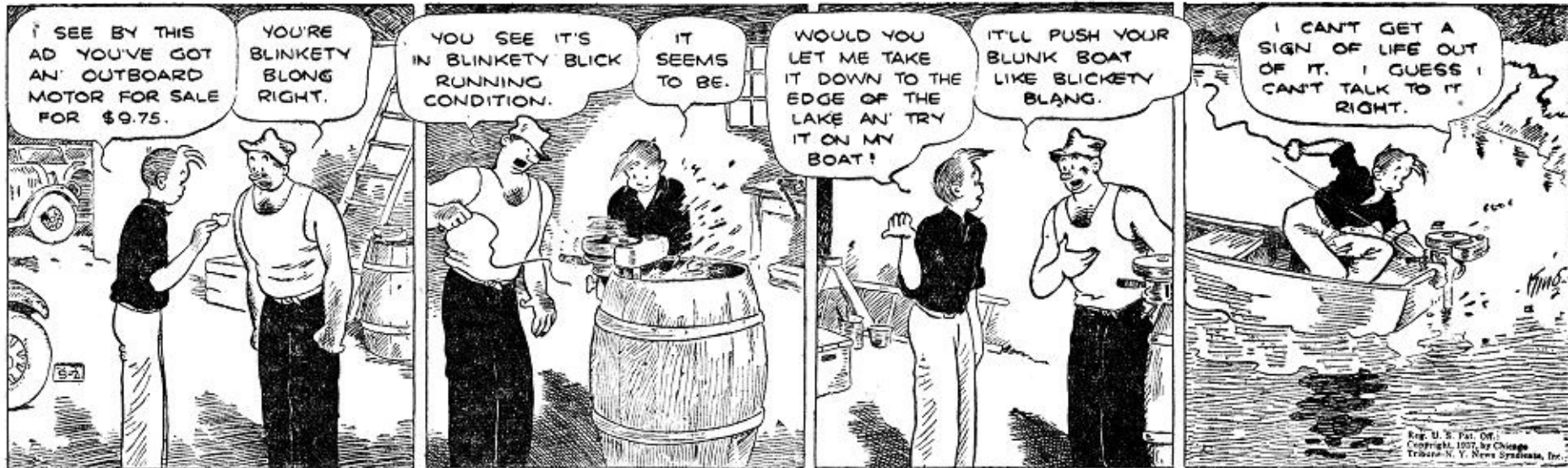




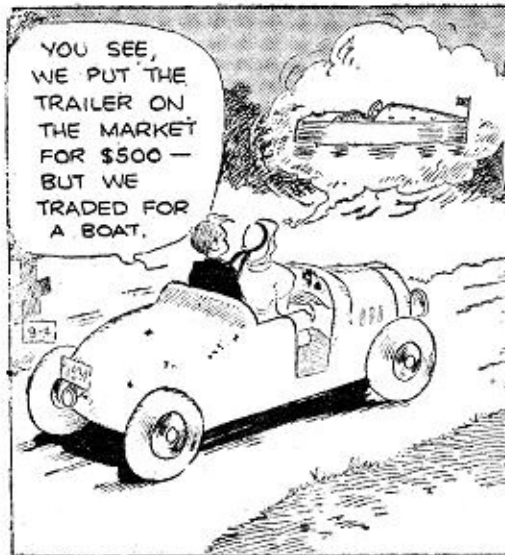


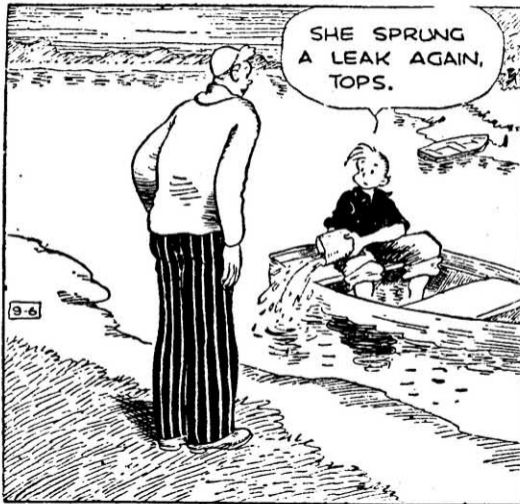




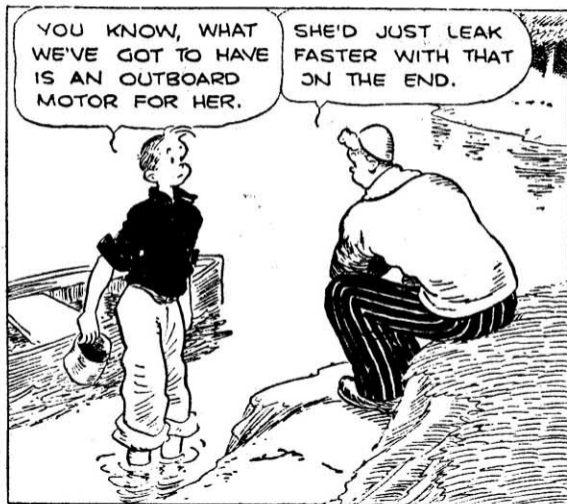








SHE SPRUNG  
A LEAK AGAIN,  
TOPS.



YOU KNOW, WHAT  
WE'VE GOT TO HAVE  
IS AN OUTBOARD  
MOTOR FOR HER.

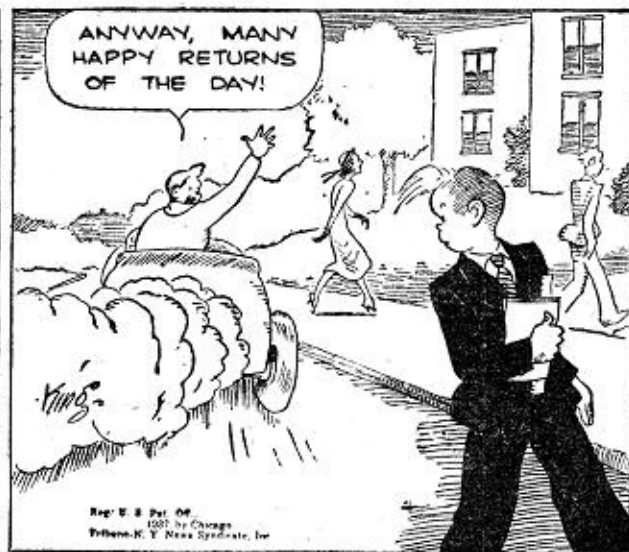
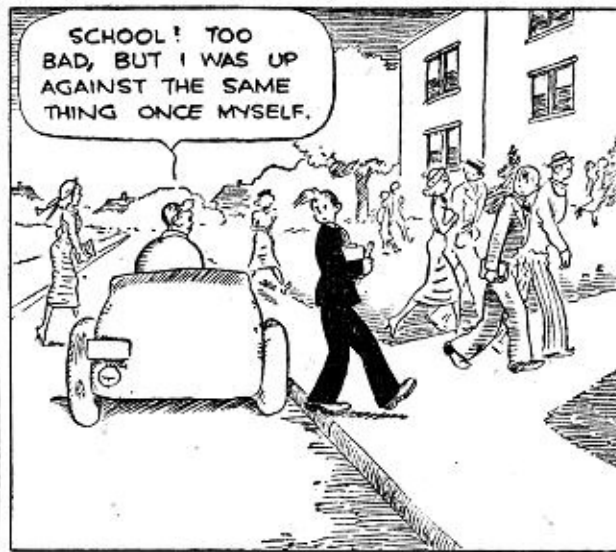
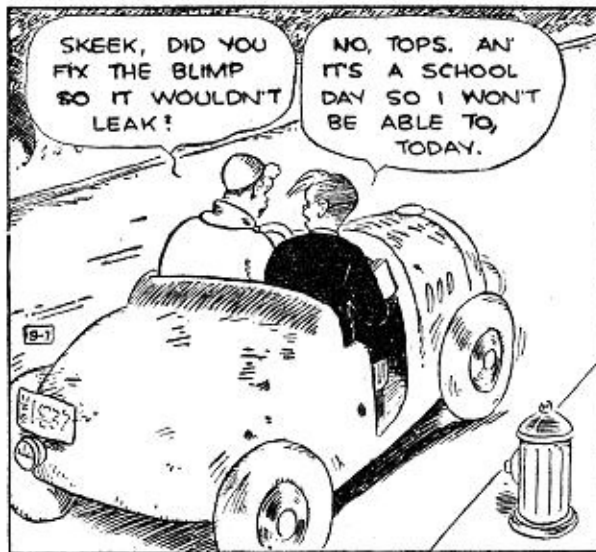
SHE'D JUST LEAK  
FASTER WITH THAT  
ON THE END.



NO, YOU SEE THAT  
WOULD SKIM THE BLIMP  
OVER THE WATER AN'  
SHE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY  
CHANCE TO  
LEAK.

FINE! GO  
TO IT. AS LONG  
AS I DON'T  
HAVE TO PUT  
UP ANY MONEY.

King





I HOPE IT'S RAIN.

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GOOTCH, IF YOU BUY AN OUTBOARD MOTOR, WE'LL TRADE A HALF INTEREST IN THE BOAT FOR A HALF INTEREST IN THE KICKER.

HOW LONG IS YOUR BOAT AT THE WATER LINE?



THIRTEEN FEET.

THE LAST TIME YOU SAID IT WAS TWELVE FEET.



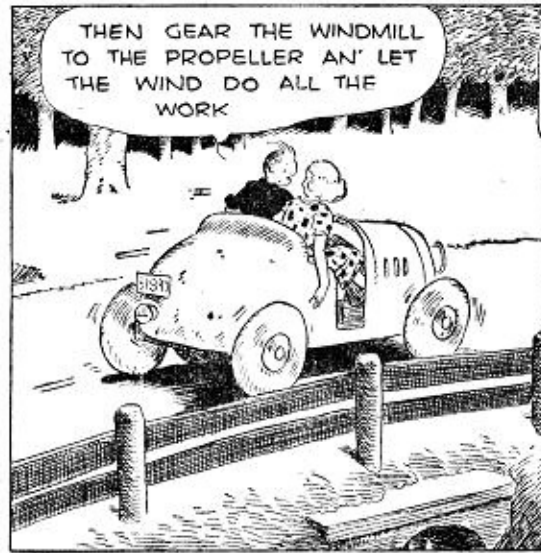
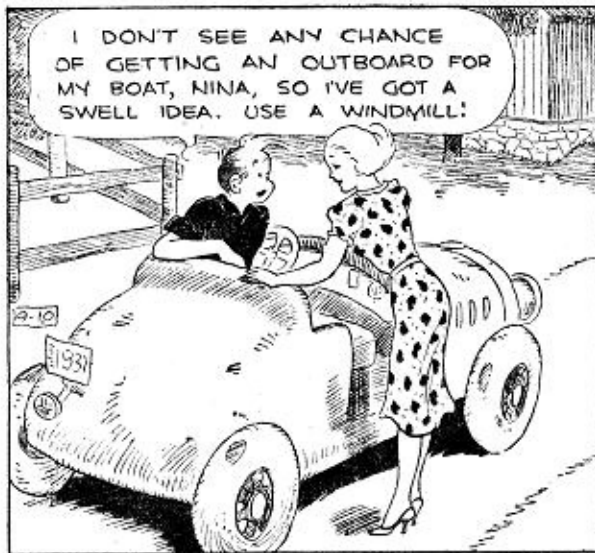
YES, BUT IT'S LONGER NOW. THE WATER LINE IS HIGHER.

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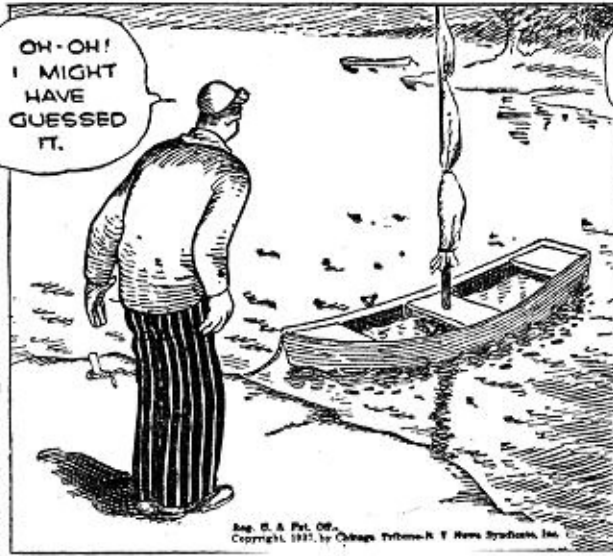


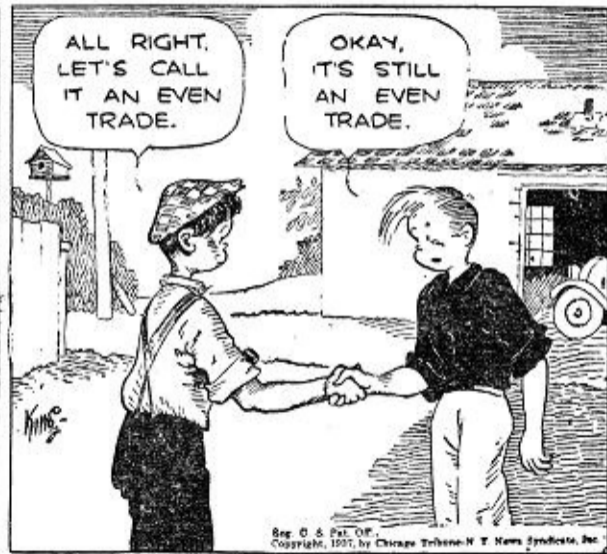




HOW  
DOES THE  
THE SAIL  
WORK OUT?

NOT SO HOT.  
I ROW HARDER  
STEERIN' THE  
OUTFIT THAN I  
USED TO ROWIN'  
IT



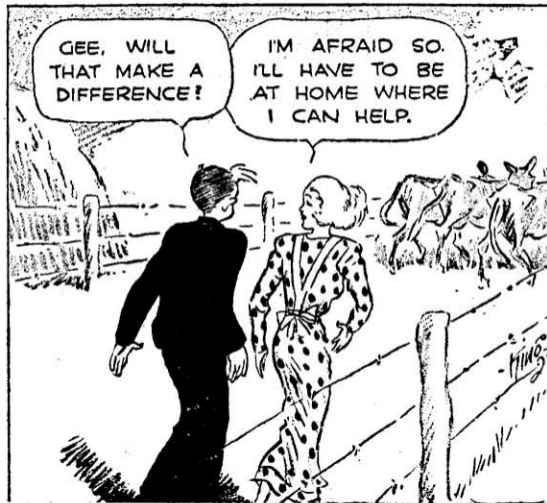
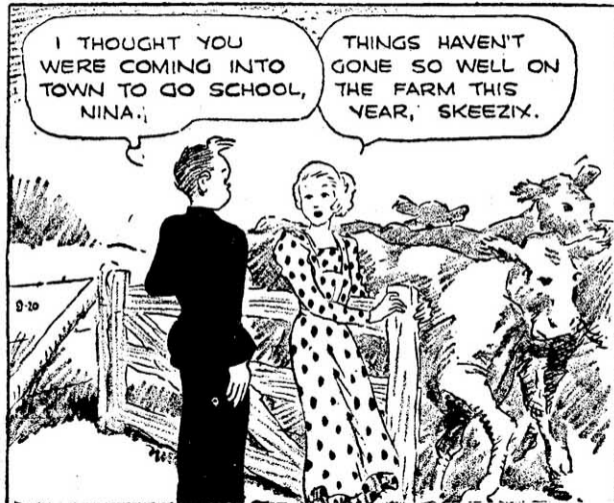




















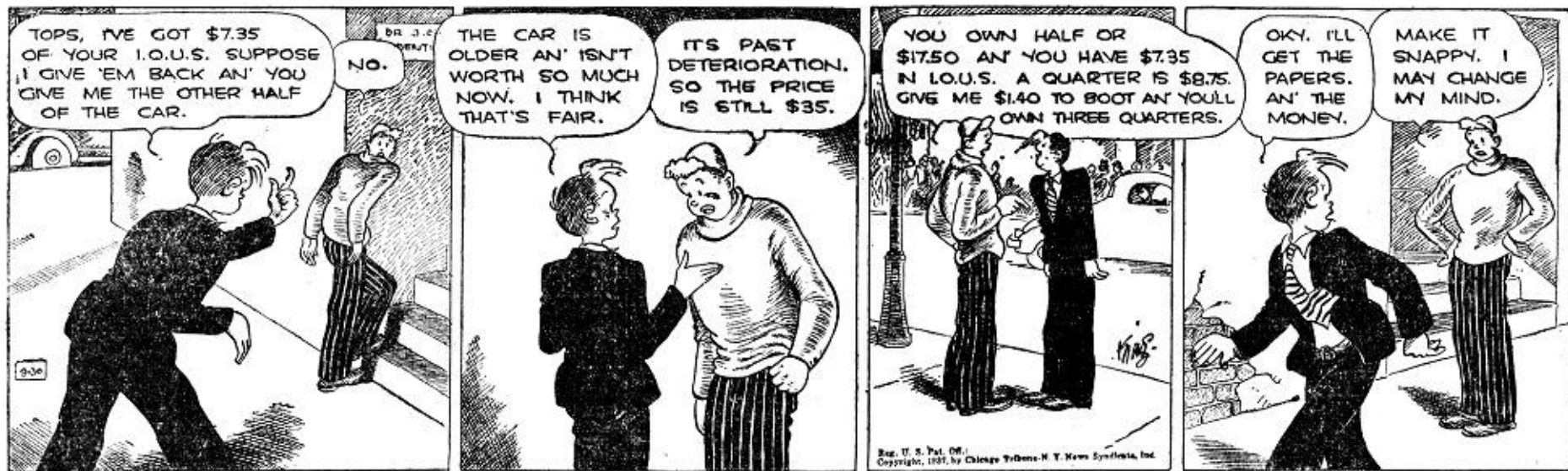




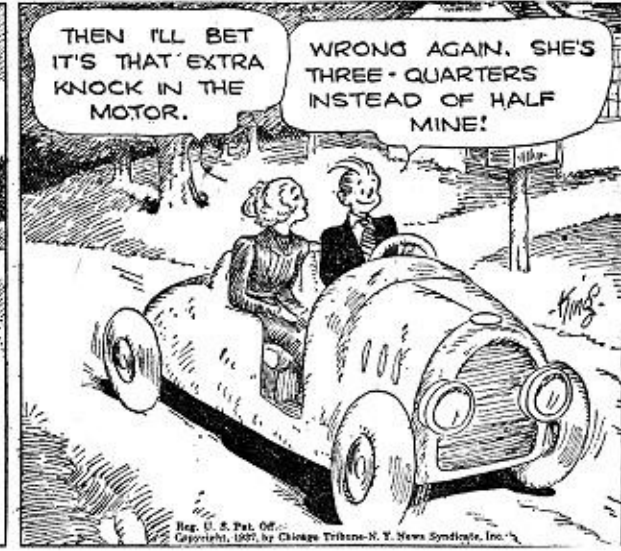
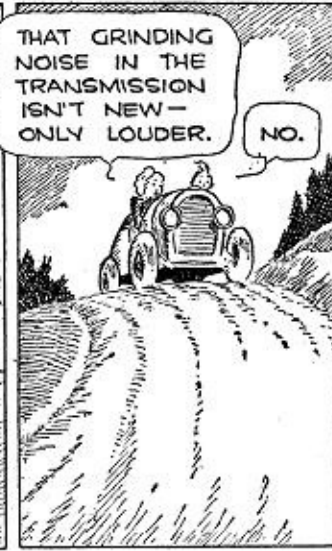
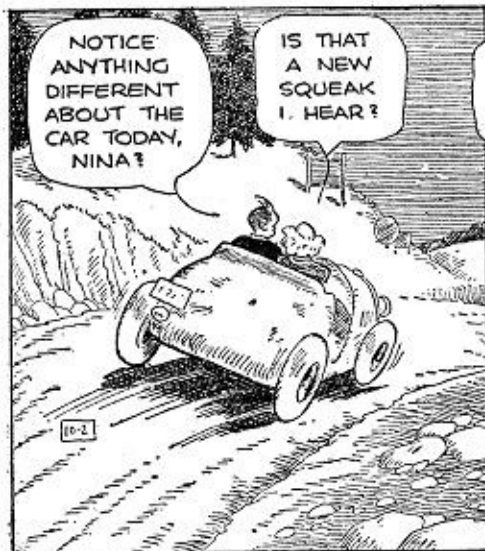




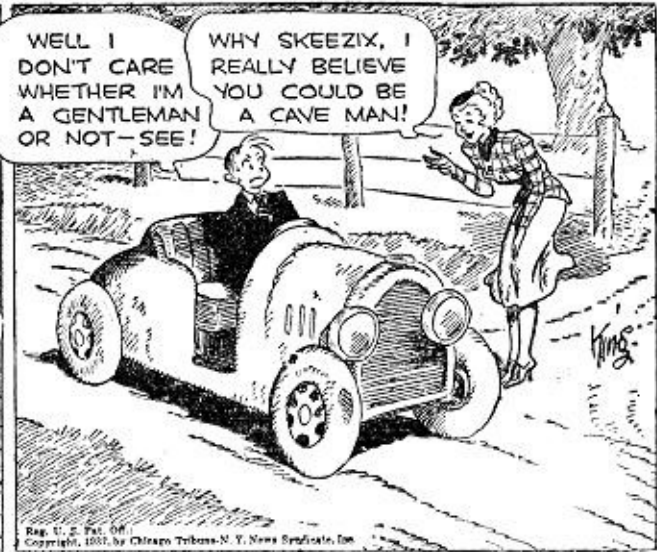
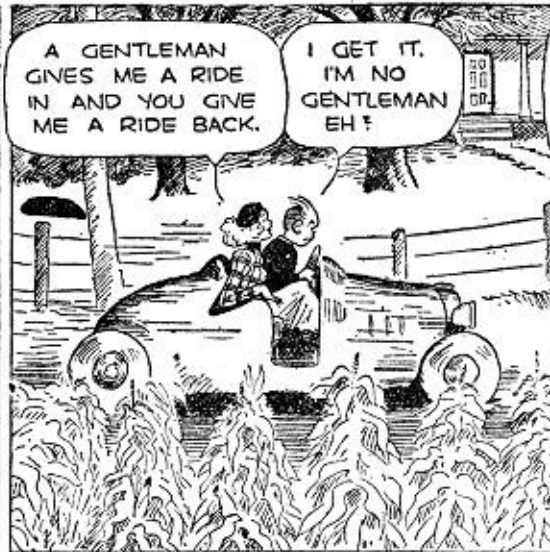
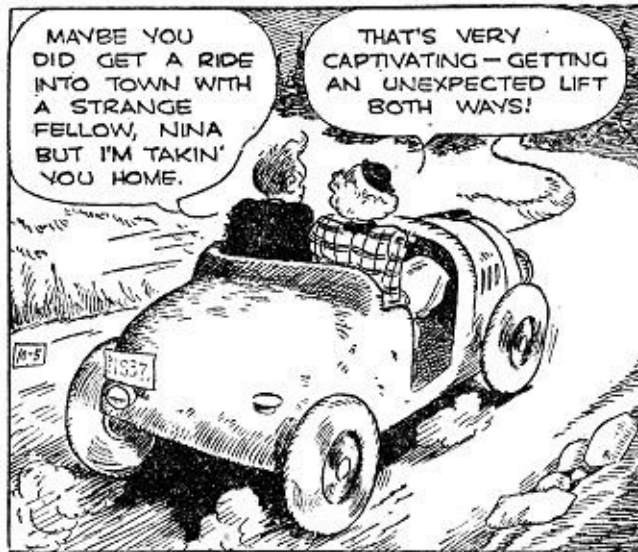








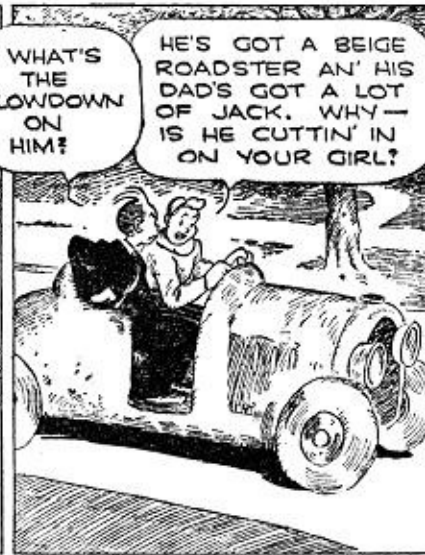
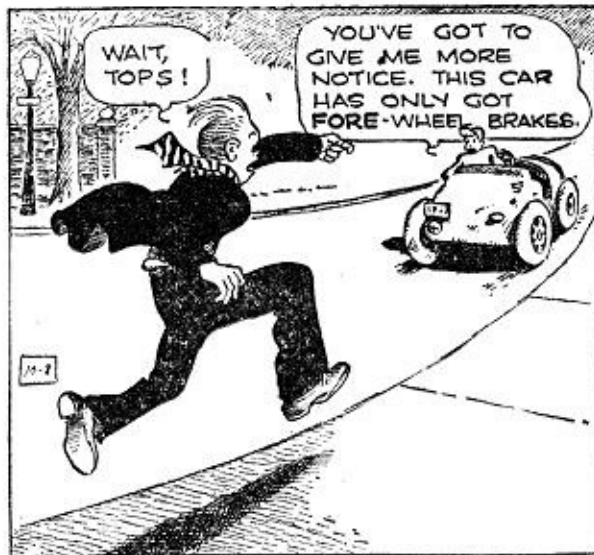




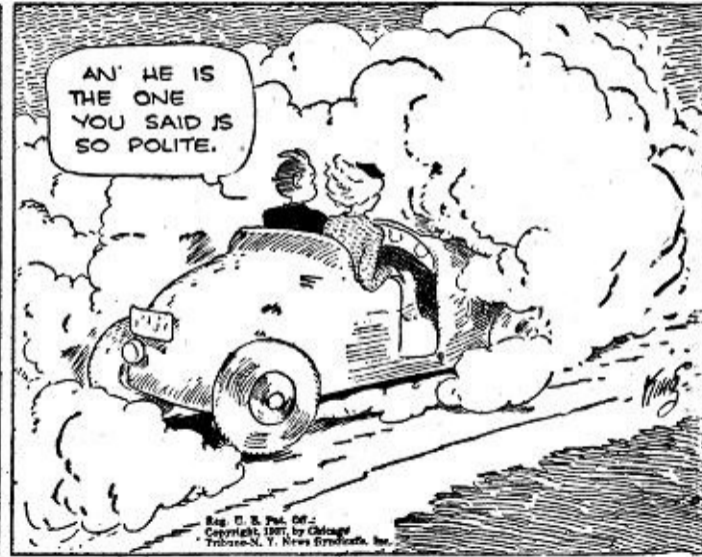














PARDON ME, BUT COULD I GIVE YOU A LIFT?

THANK YOU.



I'M NOT GOING VERY FAR. I LIVE UP THE ROAD A COUPLE OF MILES.

IT'S A SHORT RIDE BUT A LONG WALK.

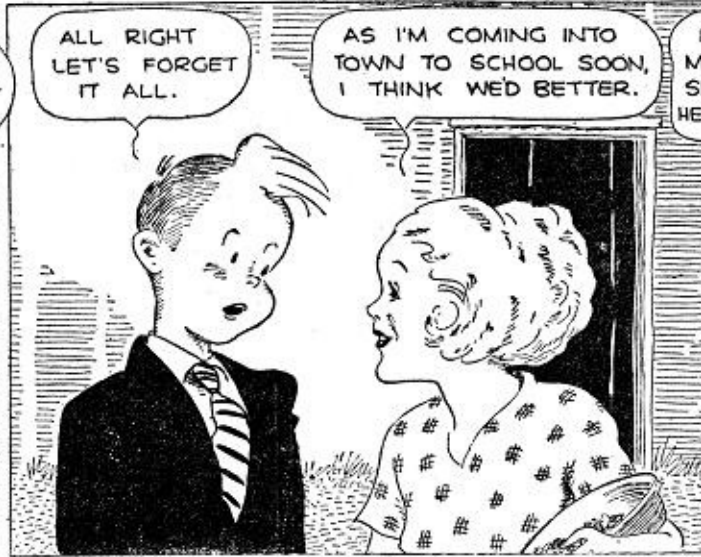


YOU'RE WELCOME. IT WASN'T MUCH.

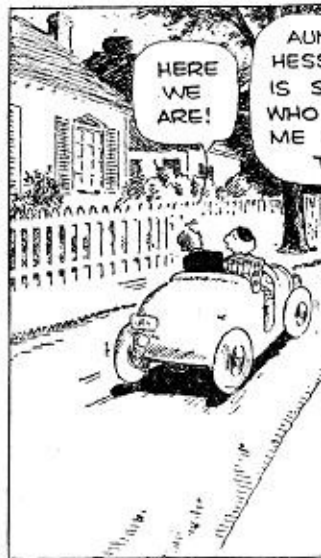
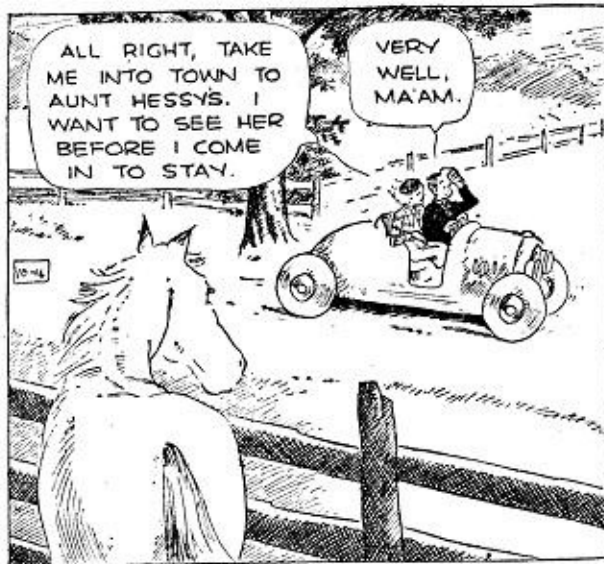
IT REALLY HELPED A LOT.

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AUNT HESSY, THIS IS SKEEZIX WHO BROUGHT ME INTO TOWN.

HUH! YOUR FATHER WAS IN YESTERDAY AND IS COMING TOMORROW!

YOU'RE COMING TO STUDY, I HOPE, AND AREN'T AIMING TO HAVE YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPERS HANGING ABOUT?

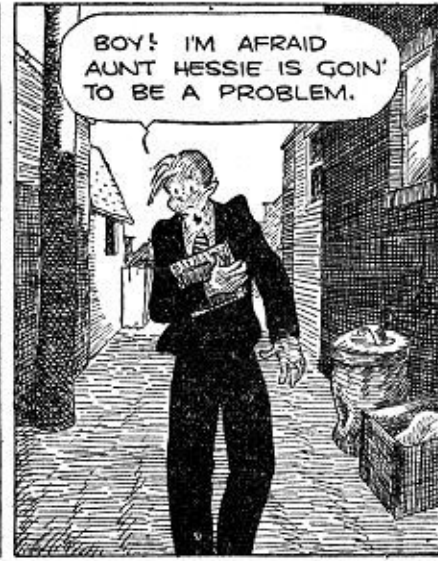
OH, NO, AUNT HESSY, SKEEZIX IS MERELY BEING NICE TO ME TODAY.

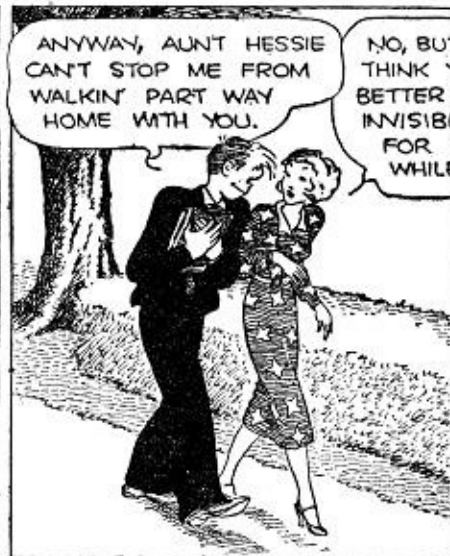








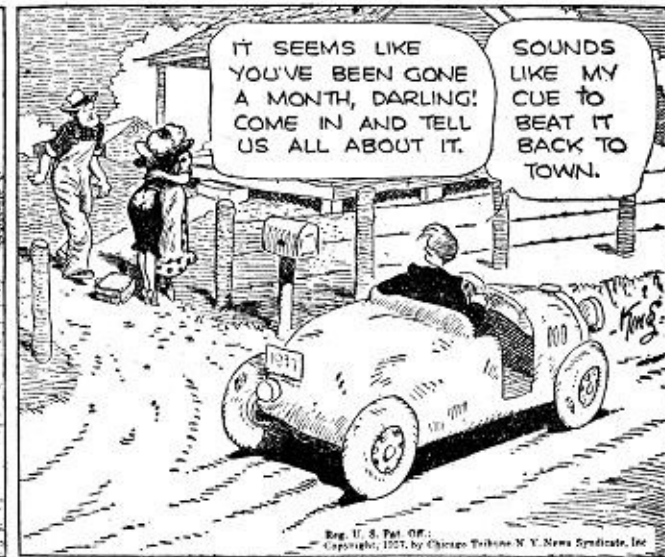
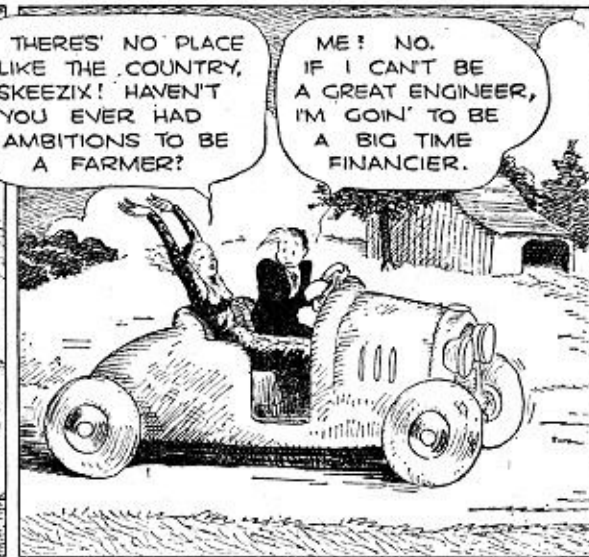






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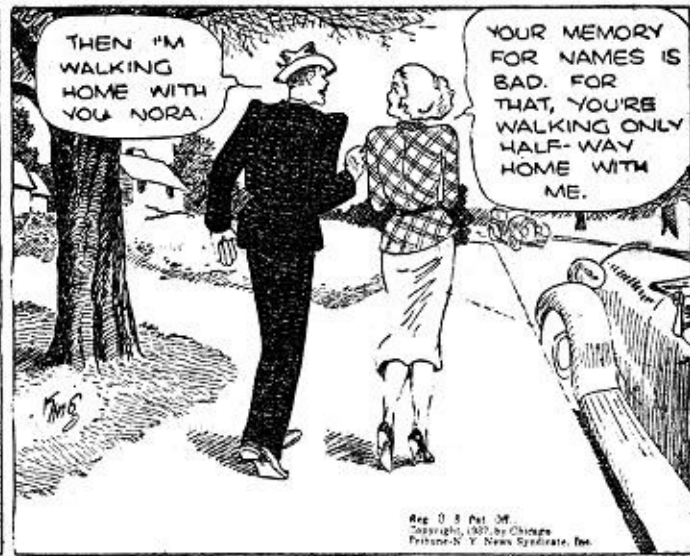






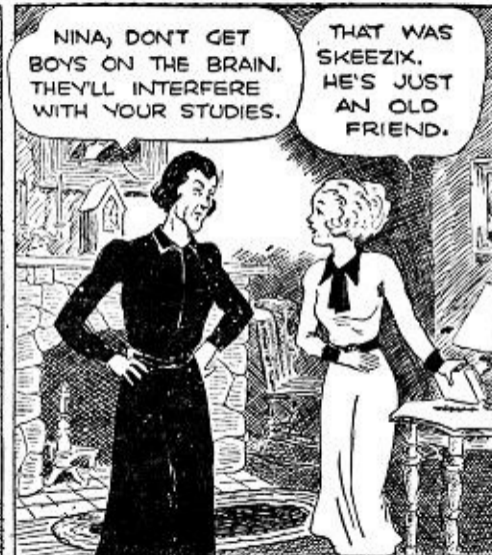
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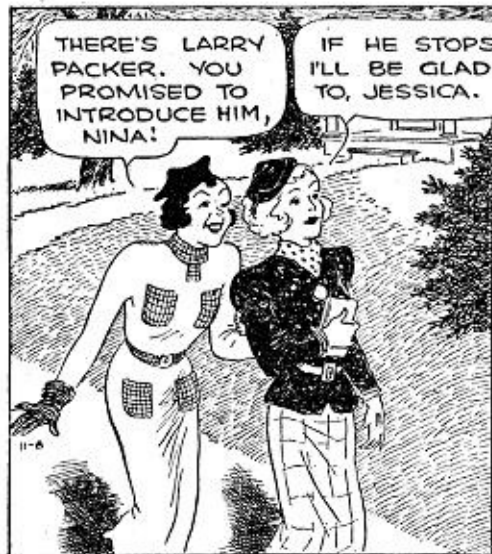


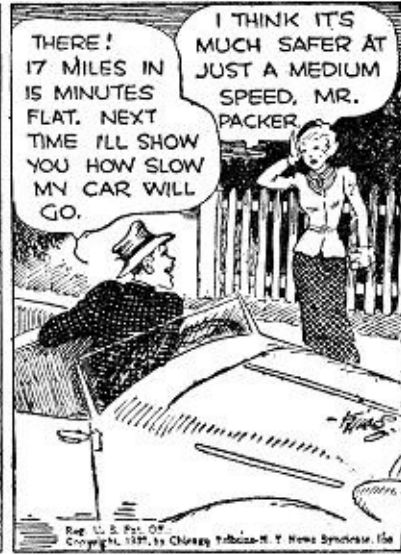






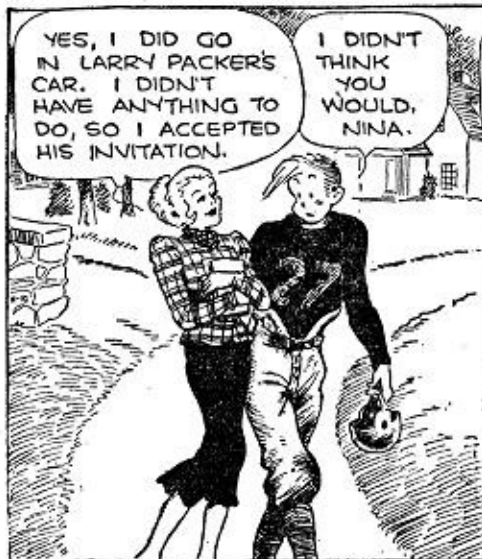


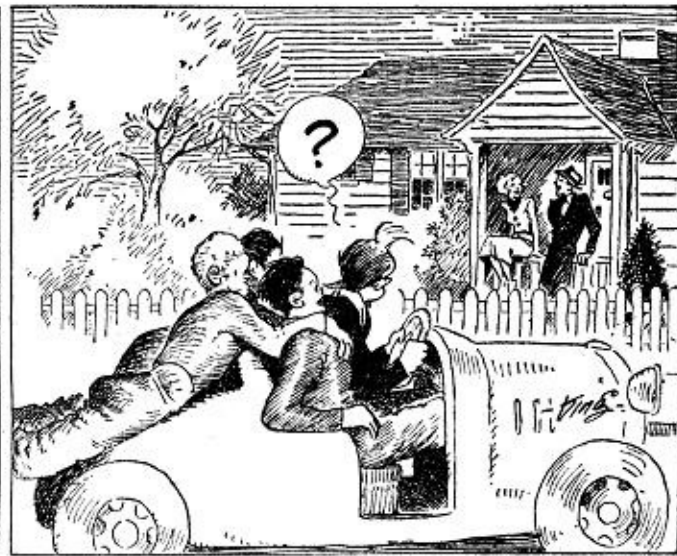
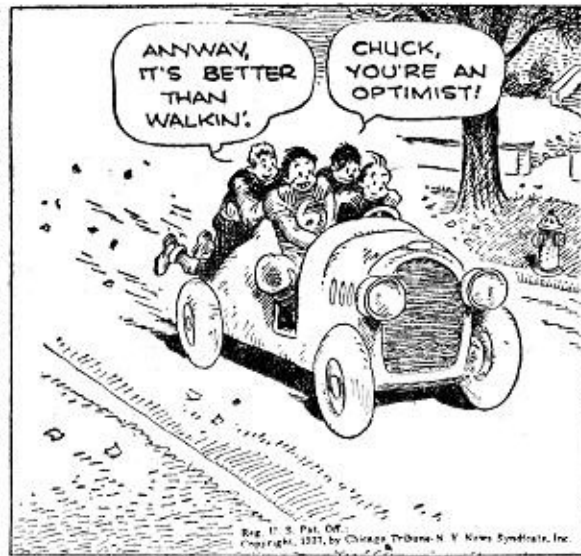






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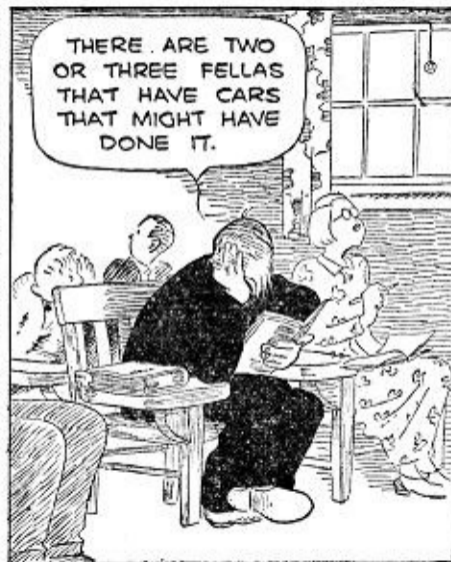












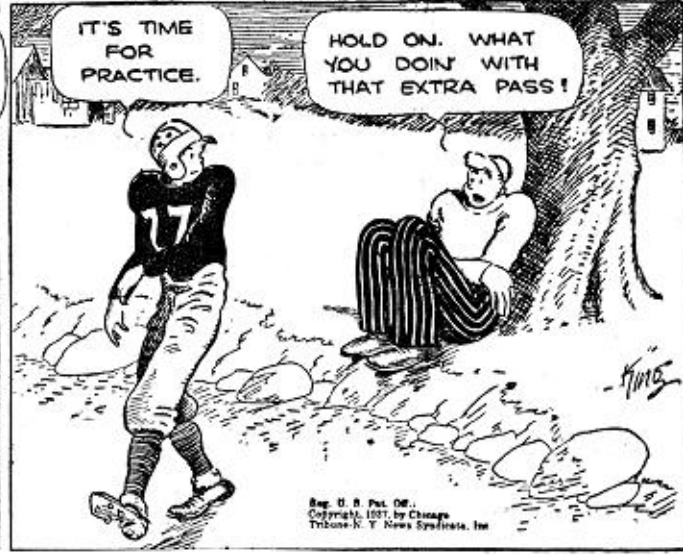
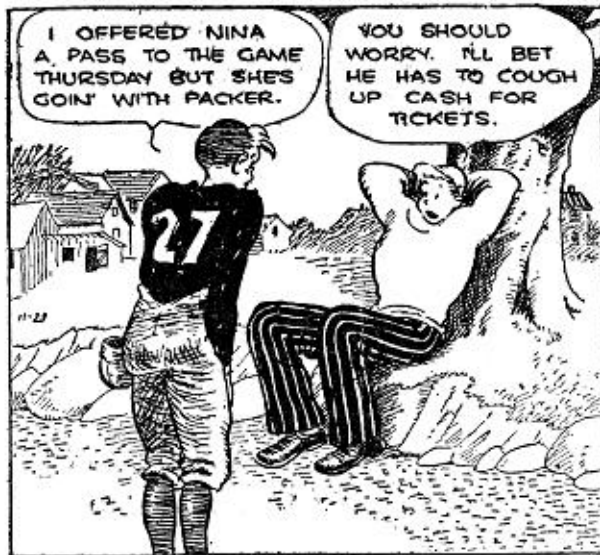




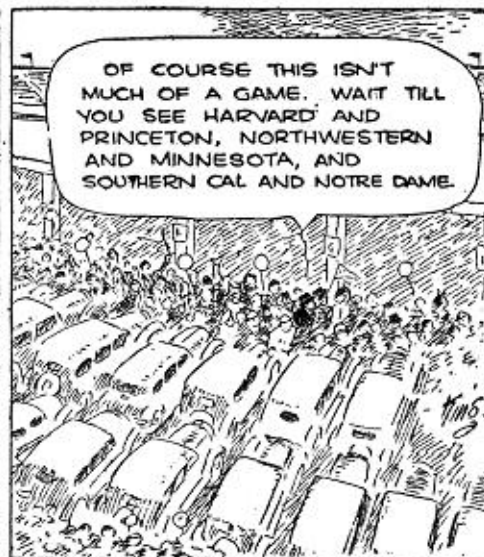
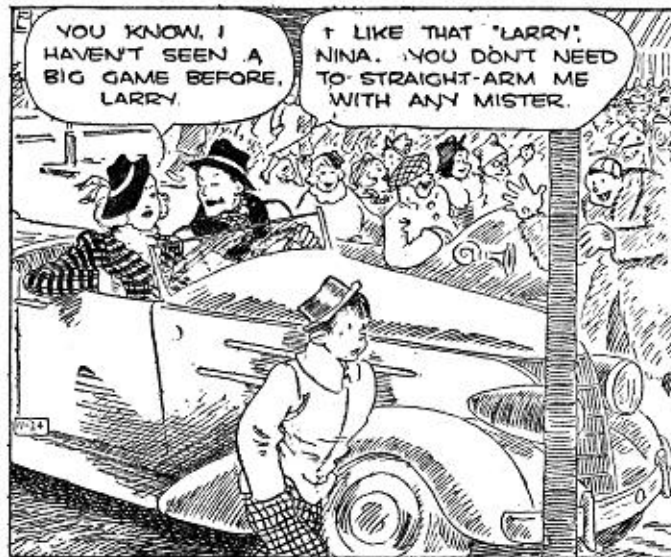




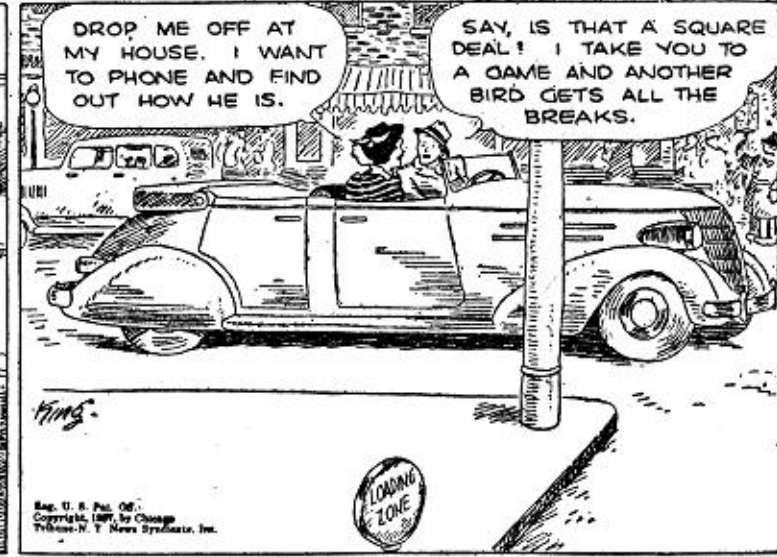






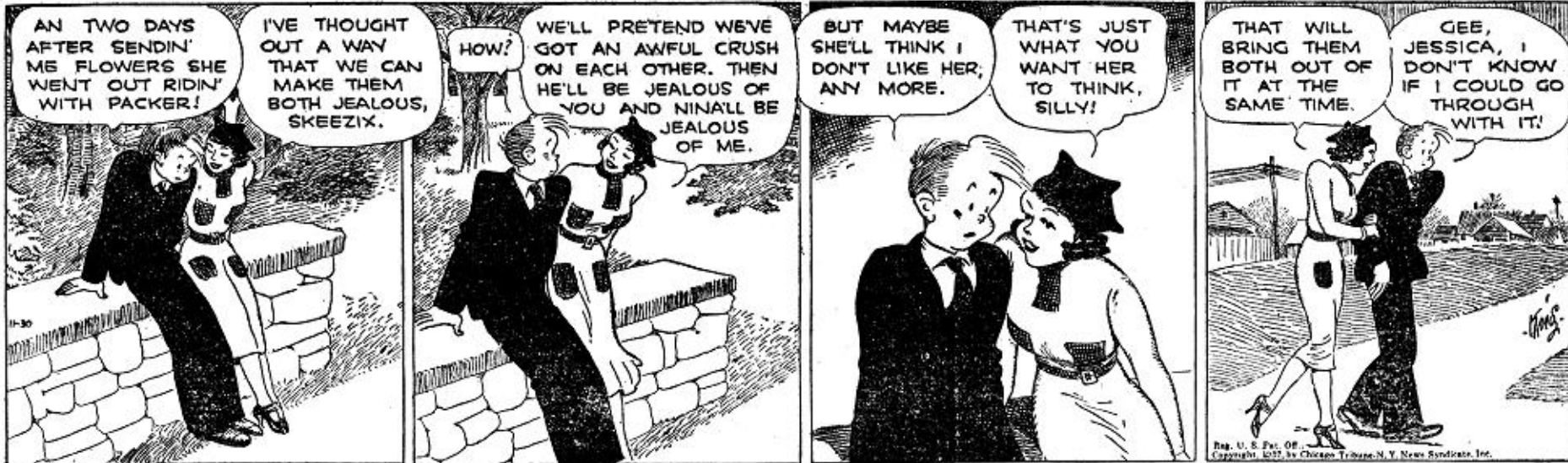




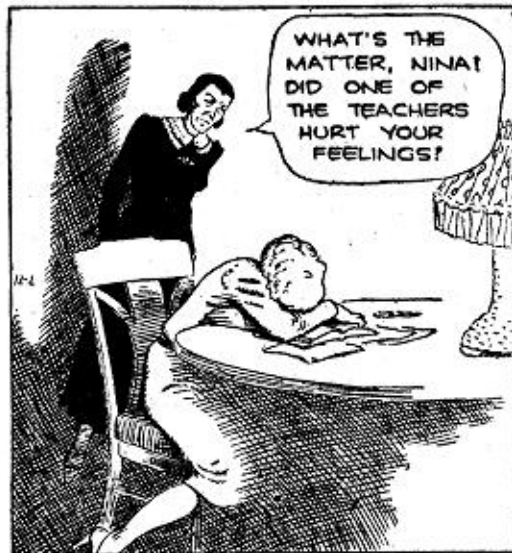






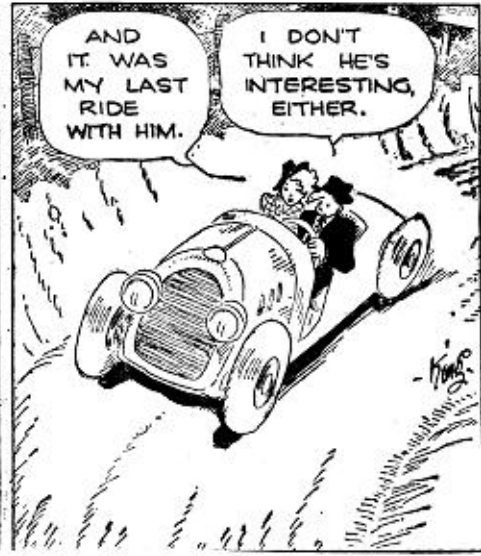
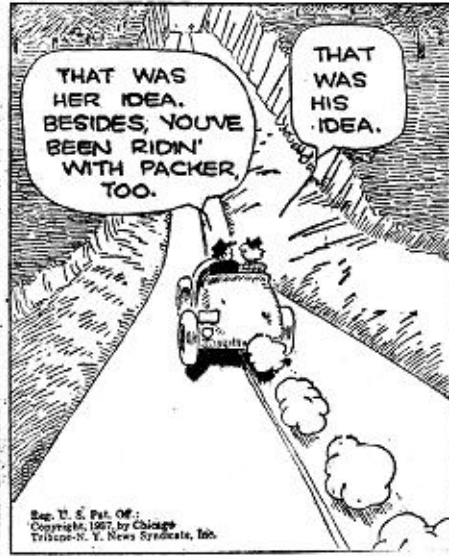
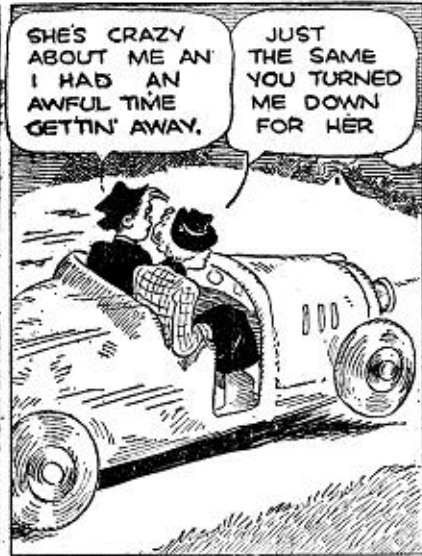
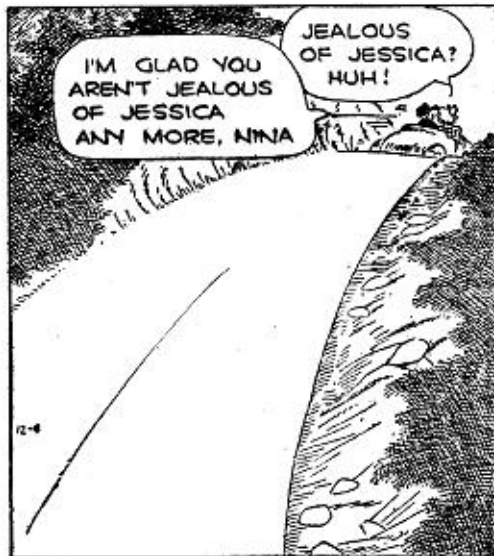




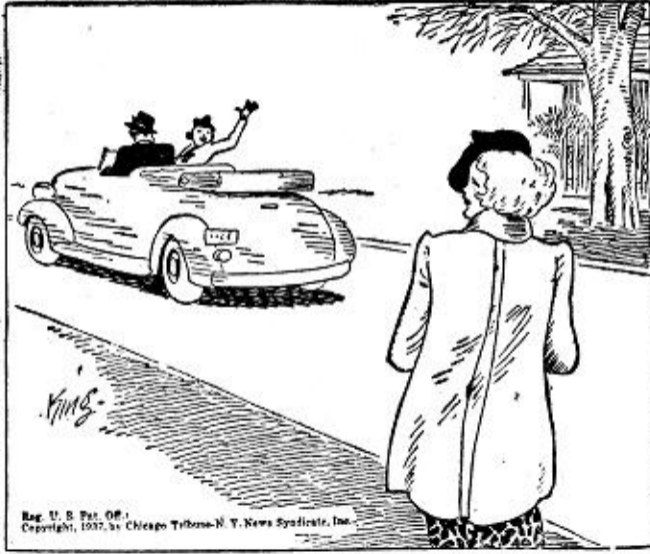
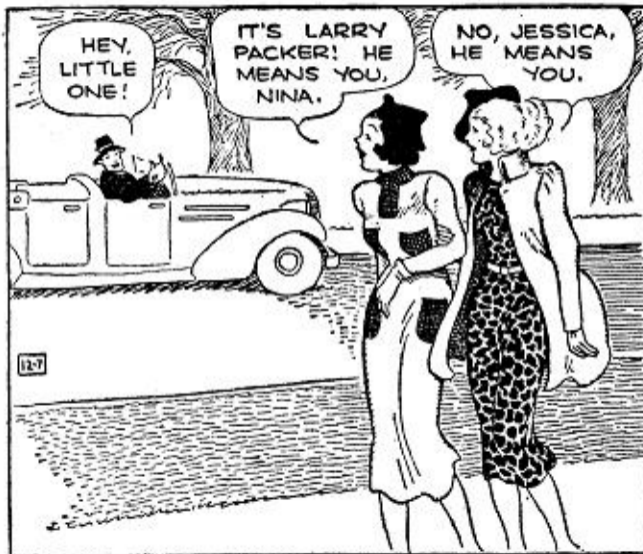


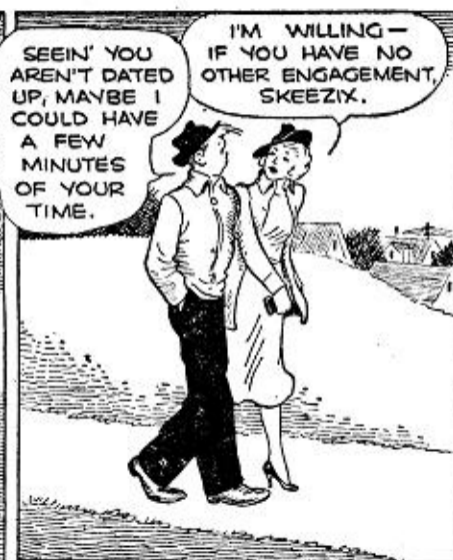


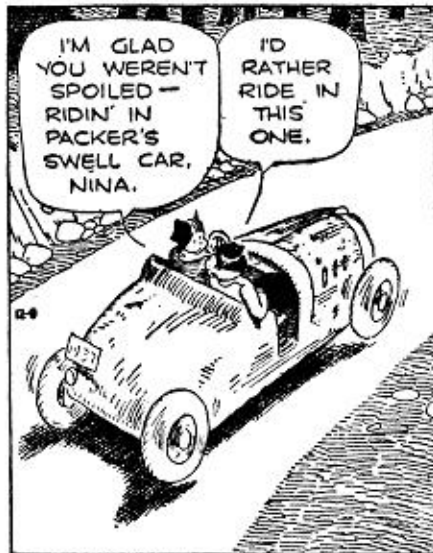


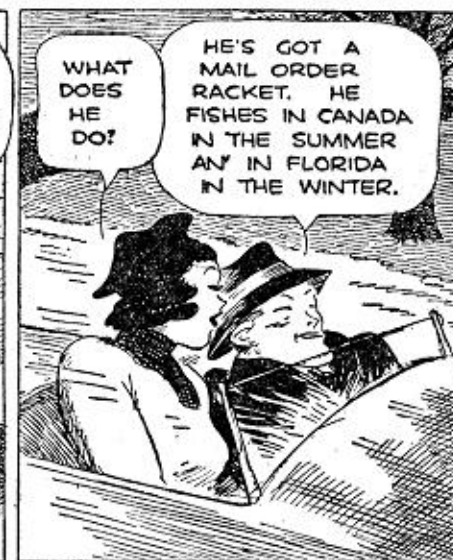






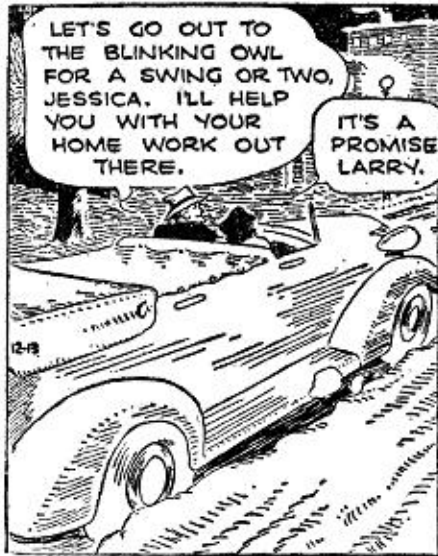












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WILL YOU TAKE JUDY  
ON HOME? I'VE GOT  
TO DROP IN AT THE  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

BUT I WAS  
JUST WALKIN'  
HOME WITH  
NINA, UNCLE  
WALT.



NEVER MIND. I'M  
GOING THAT WAY. I'LL  
SEE THAT SHE GETS  
THERE ALL RIGHT.

THESE YOUNG  
SQUAWKS HAVE BEEN  
GETTING ALL THE BEST  
OF IT. IT'S TIME US  
OLDER BOYS CUT IN.

I THINK  
SO, TOO,  
MR.  
WALLET.



































AUNT HESSIE FOUND THESE PAJAMAS AND I HAD A BAD TIME EXPLAINING THEM TO HER, JESSICA.

I'M SORRY, NINA, I DIDN'T WANT TO GET YOU IN TROUBLE, TOO.



WHAT HAVE YOU DECIDED TO DO ABOUT THEM?

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO, I GUESS—RETURN THEM TO LARRY AS MOTHER SAYS.



YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, JESSICA.

I HATE IT LIKE POISON AND I KNOW LARRY WILL TAKE IT PRETTY HARD.

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