

GASOLINE ALLEY

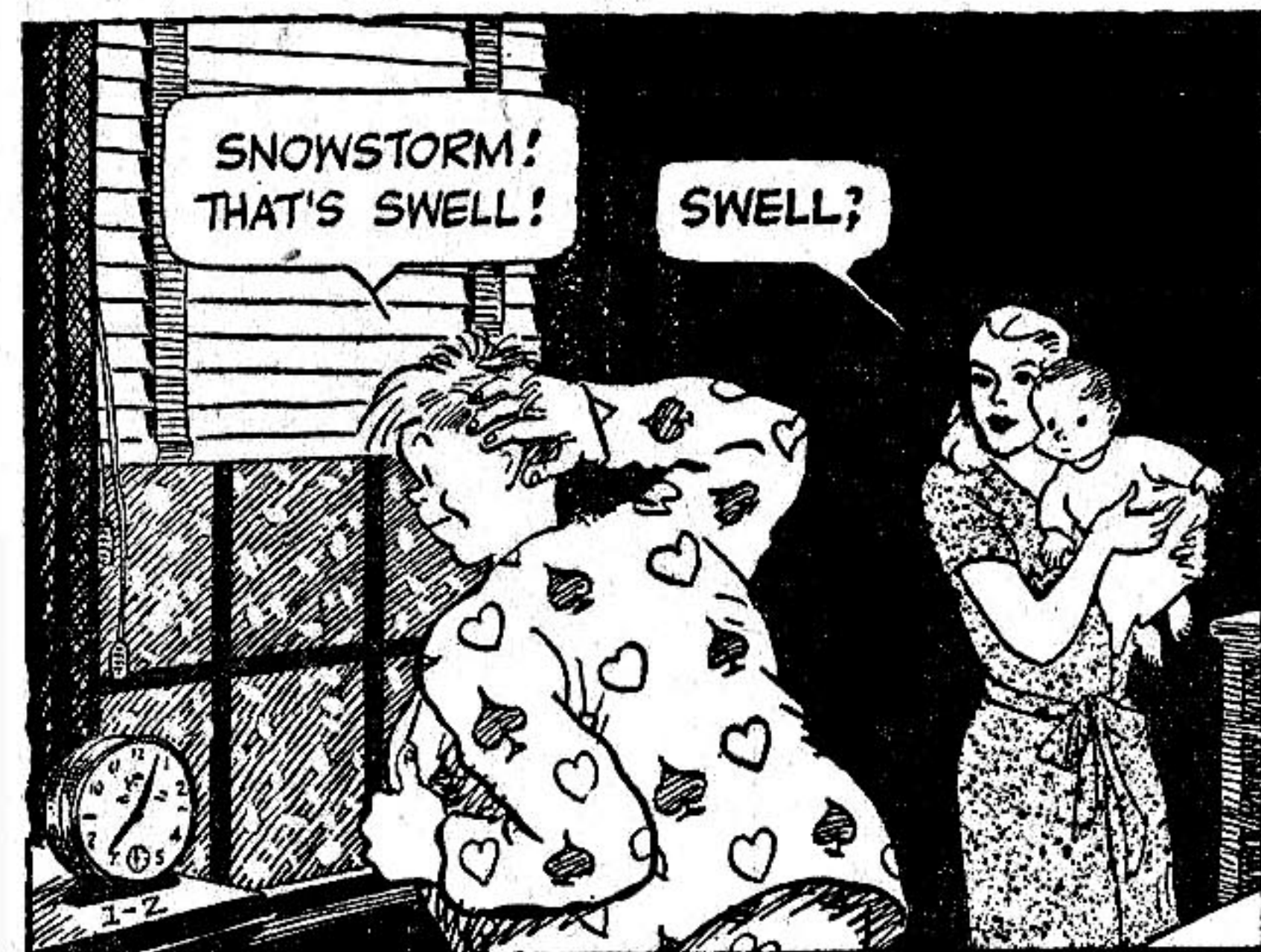
NINE O'CLOCK
ON NEW YEAR'S
DAY AND NOBODY
STIRRING!

THE FURNACE
IS HUNGRY IF
NOBODY ELSE IS.

EVEN CHIPPER
HASN'T LET OUT
A PEEP.

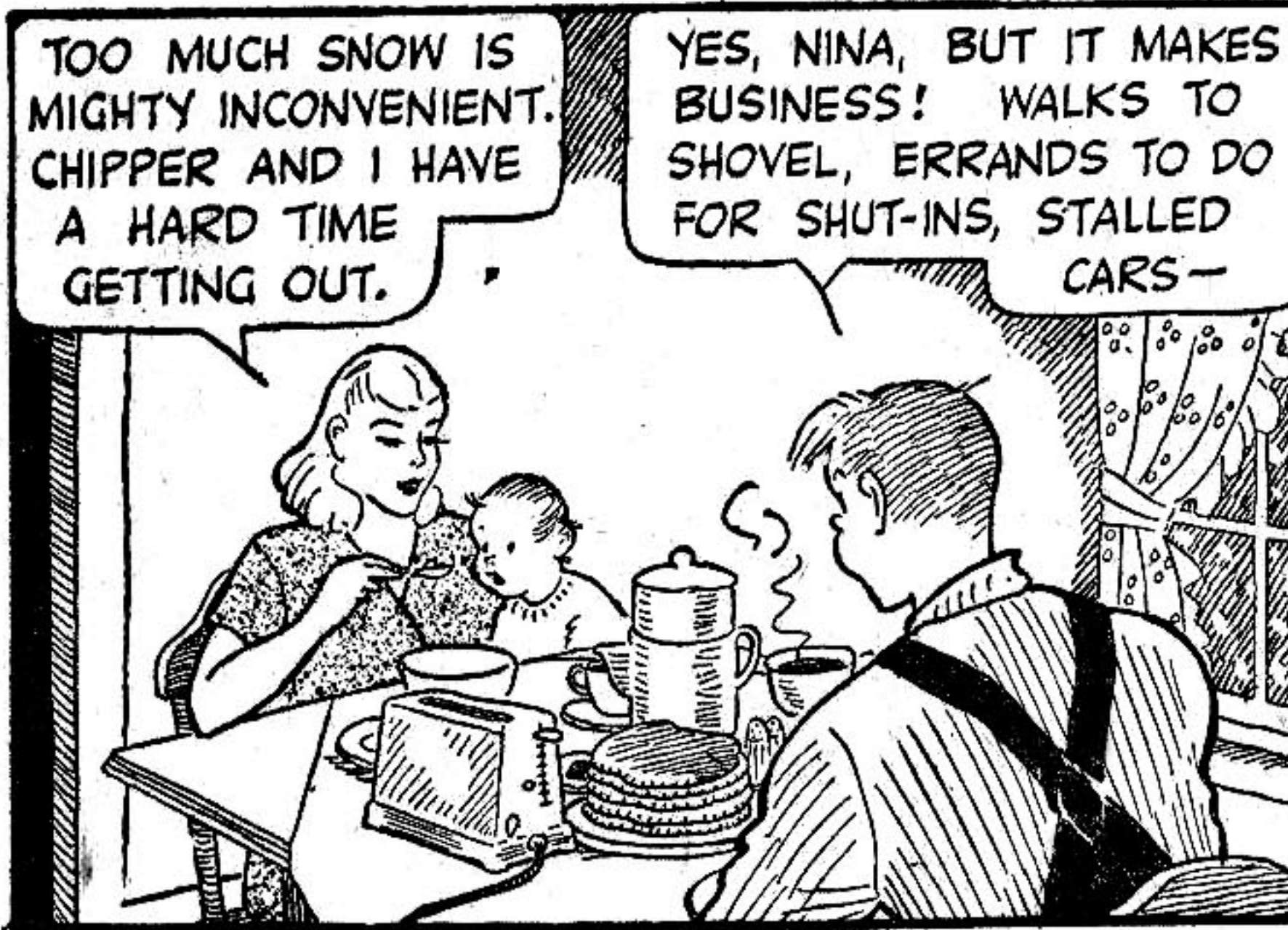
WELL, I DON'T KNOW
OF ANY BETTER WAY
TO START 1946.

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SNOWSTORM!
THAT'S SWELL!

SWELL?



TOO MUCH SNOW IS
MIGHTY INCONVENIENT.
CHIPPER AND I HAVE
A HARD TIME
GETTING OUT.

YES, NINA, BUT IT MAKES
BUSINESS! WALKS TO
SHOVEL, ERRANDS TO DO
FOR SHUT-INS, STALLED
CARS—



WELL, YOU
HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN
YET,
SKEEZIX.

NOT YET, HONEY.
NOW YOU CAN
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PUT ON YOUR
LIPSTICK.

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IT MAKES TROUBLE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE—TELEPHONE LINEMEN, MILKMEN, MAIL CARRIERS, TRAIN CREWS—

A NUISANCE TO THEM, BUSINESS TO US.

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SHE STALLED LAST NIGHT AND I JUST LEFT HER WHERE SHE WAS.

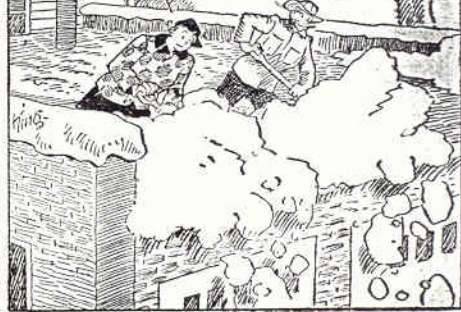
YOU GET IN AN' DRIVE, MR. CLOTS, AN' WE'LL PUSH.



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FOR US, WILMER, IT'S GOOD LUCK!

YEP. ANOTHER MAN'S FOISON IS SURE OUR MEAT.



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WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE PICKED UP THIS STOVE.

IT'S A LIFESAVER AFTER SHOVELIN' SNOW, SKEEZIX.

BUT YOU KNOW WE CAN'T MAKE ANY MONEY DOIN' IT BY HAND.

I'VE COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION, WILMER.

HERE'S THAT GASOLINE LAWNMOWER I TRADED MY BIKE FOR. I'LL BET I COULD MAKE IT INTO A POWER SNOW SHOVELER.

GO TO IT! WE NEED A PANZER UNIT TO MOW 'EM DOWN!



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WE'RE GOING TO BE A LOT OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPECIALISTS BY THE TIME WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS A YEAR.



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THERE, MRS. CLINE, YOUR WOODPILE IS UNCOVERED. AND HERE'S AN ARMFUL OF WOOD TO KEEP YOU GOING.



YOU'RE VERY KIND, MR. WALLET.

YOU PROBABLY THINK I'M STALLIN', SKEEZIX. BUT IF I GET THIS POWER SHOVELER WORKIN', WE CAN DO FOUR TIMES AS MUCH WORK.

WE'LL TRY IT OUT, WILMER. IF IT WORKS, YOU WEREN'T STALLING.



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YOUR SNOW SHOVELER IS OUT, WILMER. IT DIDN'T PASS THE TEST.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE - EXCEPT IT THROWS THE SNOW RIGHT BACK INTO THE PATH.



WE TAKE TOO MANY DINKY JOBS ANYWAY. WHAT WE NEED IS A REAL ONE.

NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT.



WE AREN'T MAKIN' ANY MONEY AS WE'RE GOIN' NOW, SKEEZIX. LET'S TRY SOMETHING,

IF YOU'VE GOT A HUNCH, GO TO IT!



WHAT WALLET & BOBBLE NEEDS IS ME TO SCOUT AROUND FOR SOME REAL PROJECTS.

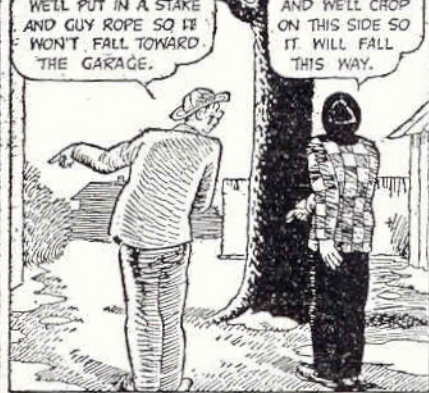


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THE TREE IS GOING TO FALL THIS WAY AND WE'VE GOT TO MEASURE HOW FAR IT WILL COME.

SO YOU WANT ME TO SHINNY UP TO THE TOP WITH A MEASURING TAPE!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO. I'LL DRIVE THIS STAKE UNTIL IT'S THE HEIGHT OF MY EYES. THEN I'LL LIE DOWN AND SIGHT OVER IT.

THAT I WANT TO SEE.

I MOVE THE STAKE UNTIL MY EYE, THE TOP OF THE STAKE AND THE TOP OF THE TREE ARE ALL IN LINE.

I DON'T GET IT.

THEN WE MEASURE FROM WHERE MY EYES WERE TO THE BASE OF THE TREE, AND THAT IS IT'S HEIGHT.

LIVE AN' LEARN!

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YES, WE'RE TAKING OUT THIS DEAD TREE. WHO ARE YOU?

I'M BLINKER, HIBARK'S NEIGHBOR. I'VE BEEN WAITIN' AN' PRAYIN' FOR THAT TREE TO TUMBLE OVER ONTO HIS GARAGE.

WHY DO YOU WANT THAT TO HAPPEN?

THAT SKUNK! THAT CHISELER! HE'S GOT IT COMIN'! IT'S FOUR INCHES OVER ON MY LOT!

YA KNOW, ED? GIVE SO BUCKS IF IT SHOULD ACCIDENTALLY SMASH HIS BLASTED GARAGE!

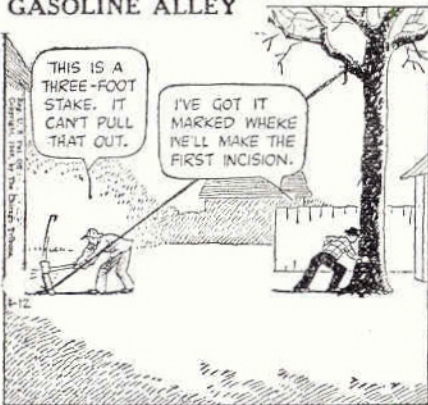
SORRY, BUT WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO KEEP THE TREE FROM FALLING ONTO IT.

HE MUST BE CRAZY, THINKING WE'D LET IT FALL AND WRECK MR. HIBARK'S BUILDING.

FIFTY BUCKS! IT WOULDN'T BE SUCH A BAD PROPOSITION AT THAT—EXCEPT HIBARK COULD SUE US FOR THE DAMAGE.



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SO THAT'S THE WAY YOU YOUNG SQUIRTS TAKE DOWN MY TREE!

THE STAKE PULLED OUT.

NO ALIBIS. I HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAMAGE TO MY GARAGE - \$300.

BUT, MR. HIBARK, THAT'S MORE MONEY THAN WE'VE GOT!

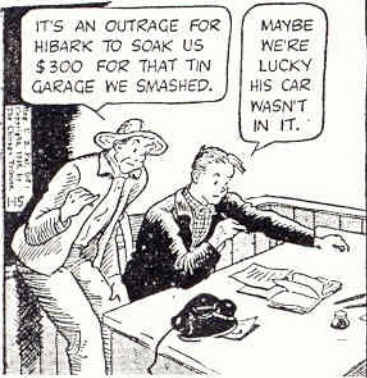
YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU'RE NOT BONDED, OR DON'T CARRY INSURANCE? YOU'D BETTER RAISE IT SOMEWHERE.

GOSH!

CEE!

Hings

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IT'S AN OUTRAGE FOR HIBARK TO SOAK US \$300 FOR THAT TIN GARAGE WE SMASHED.

MAYBE WE'RE LUCKY HIS CAR WASN'T IN IT.



WE STARTED WITH \$400 CAPITAL AN' WE SURE HAVEN'T GOT \$300 LEFT.

I'LL SAY NOT. HERE'S WHERE IT'S GONE:

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4 1/2 hrs.	
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New locks	19.50
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Post & Law	8.75
Small tools	21.00
Wear & milite	38.60
Office supplies	97.00
	6.45
	2.95
	<u>262.55</u>



AN' WE'VE ONLY TAKEN IN ABOUT \$55. THAT LEAVES US \$192.50.

WE'VE GOT TO GO BROKE OR PUT IN MORE MONEY!

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WE'D BETTER KEEP ON WITH OUR JOB JUST THE SAME.

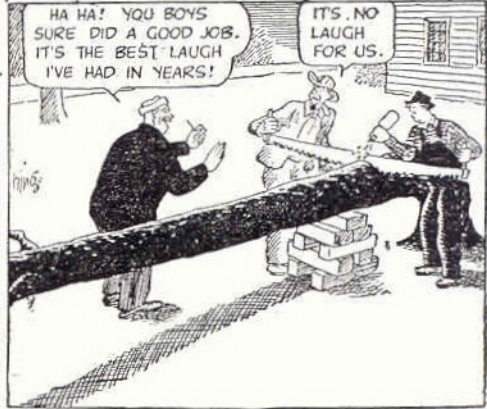
WE'VE GOT TO COLLECT OUR \$25

HERE COMES THAT NEIGHBOR WHO WANTED US TO LET THE TREE FALL ON HIBARK'S GARAGE.

WELL, HE GOT HIS WISH.

HA HA! YOU BOYS SURE DID A GOOD JOB. IT'S THE BEST LAUGH I'VE HAD IN YEARS!

IT'S NO LAUGH FOR US.



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THAT WAS A GRAND JOKE,
THAT TREE SMASHIN'
HIBARK'S GARAGE! COME ON,
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.

I SAID I'D GIVE 50 BUCKS
IF THAT TREE FELL ON HIS
GARAGE. I'M WILLIN' TO
MAKE GOOD. IT WAS
WORTH IT.

BUT IT WAS
ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL.
WE TRIED TO MAKE IT
FALL THE OTHER WAY.

I SAW THAT STAKE
PULL OUT. I
UNDERSTAND.
HERE'S YOUR MONEY.

THANKS. AND OF
COURSE WE STILL
UNDERSTAND IT WAS
ENTIRELY
ACCIDENTAL.

THE
GASOLINE
ALLEY
BY
THE
CHUCK
TODD

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OH BOY! THAT NEIGHBOR THAT WANTED US TO LET THE TREE FALL ON HIBARK'S GARAGE - HE CAME ACROSS WITH 50 BUCKS, AS HE HINTED HE WOULD.

YOU DIDN'T TAKE IT, WILMER!

SURE I DID. I TOLD HIM IT WAS ENTIRELY ACCIDENTAL. BUT HE PAID OFF ANYWAY.

WE CAN'T ACCEPT IT. YOU TAKE IT RIGHT BACK.

IT WAS ACCIDENTAL. BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IF HE THINKS WE FRAMED IT FOR HIM? 50 BUCKS IS 50 BUCKS!

NOTHING DOING! I WOULDN'T CONSIDER IT IF IT WAS TWENTY TIMES THAT MUCH!

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MY PARTNER WOULDN'T ACCEPT THAT 50 BUCKS YOU HANDED ME. I'M GIVIN' IT BACK.

AN' YOU DIDN'T SLIP IT INTO YOUR OWN POCKET, EITHER?

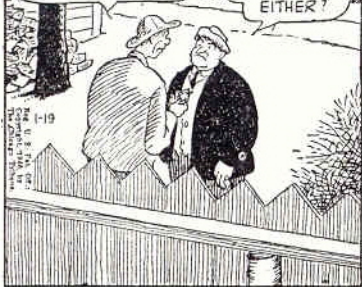
WELL, YOU BOTH MISSED A BET. THE WOOD FROM THAT TREE BELONGS TO YOU, DOESN'T IT?

YES. THAT WAS PART OF THE DEAL.

ALL RIGHT, YOU CUT IT UP AN' PILE IT ON MY LOT AND I'LL PAY YOU \$20 FOR IT. IS THAT BETTER?

THAT'S FINE.

AN'. DON'T LET THAT GYP ARTIST HIBARK TELL YOU THAT SHED OF HIS IS WORTH 300 BUCKS. DON'T LET HIM BLUFF YOU.



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60 BUCKS FOR HIS OLD GARAGE! HE DIDN'T HURT HIMSELF AT THAT.

SOME COME-DOWN FROM \$300. ANYWAY, HE OWES US \$25 FOR TAKING DOWN HIS TREE.

FROM \$60 THAT LEAVES \$35 WE OWE HIM.

THEN I SOLD THE WOOD TO HIS NEIGHBOR FOR \$20. THAT BRINGS IT DOWN TO \$15.

TWO WEEKS' WORK AND WORRY AND ALL WE'RE OUT IS 15 BUCKS! A COUPLE OF BUSINESSMEN!

IF I'D HUNG ONTO THAT \$50 THE NEIGHBOR GAVE US WE'D HAVE BEEN \$15 AHEAD - PROFIT INSTEAD OF LOSS!

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NOW, WILMER, WITH ALL THAT OFF OUR MINDS WE CAN GET IN THE GROOVE AGAIN.

OH-OH! HERE'S AVERY. IS IT RENT TIME ALREADY?

HELLO, BOYS. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN AROUND THE 17TH FOR THE RENT, BUT I GUESS YOU'LL FORGIVE ME.

WE'LL OVERLOOK IT.

AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK RIGHT NOW.

I BROUGHT ALONG A FAN THAT NEEDS SOME GOING OVER. I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE IN YOUR SPARE TIME—

CERTAINLY. I THINK WE COULD PUT IT IN GOOD SHAPE FOR TWO DOLLARS.

OH, WELL, I WON'T BE USING IT FOR MONTHS YET. I'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME. I'LL BRING IT IN AGAIN.



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SAY, SKEEZIX,
WHAT'S A
CYCLOTRON?

A MACHINE FOR
SMASHING ATOMS,
WILMER. WHY?

I WAS 'FIXIN' A MOTOR
UP AT THE COLLEGE AN'
THEY SAID THEY'D LIKE
TO HAVE ONE. WHAT
DO THEY COST?

MAYBE WE COULD
GET 'EM A USED
ONE FOR \$200,000.

GOSHA MIGHTY! I TOLD
'EM WE'D BUILD 'EM
ONE FOR 80 BUCKS!

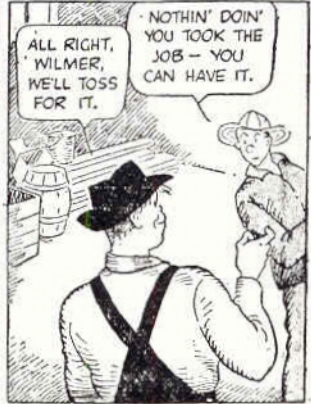
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BABY SITTING! WE HAVEN'T DONE IT YET, BUT WE TACKLE ANYTHING



ALL RIGHT, WILMER, WE'LL TOSS FOR IT.

NOTHIN' DOIN' YOU TOOK THE JOB - YOU CAN HAVE IT.



THANKS, SKEEZIX, JESSICA AND I WANT TO SEE THAT PICTURE AT THE CLOUD THEATER TONIGHT.

DON'T STAY LATE, NINA. REMEMBER THE WALLET & BOBBLE RATE IS \$1 PER HOUR.



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I NEED A SATURDAY JOB, SKEEZIX. WILL WALLET & BOBBLE TAKE ME ON?

WHAT CAN YOU DO, JUDY?



'MOST ANYTHING EXCEPT ARITHMETIC AN' WASHIN' DISHES.

CAN YOU FURNISH GOOD REFERENCES FROM FORMER EMPLOYERS?



I DON'T KNOW. I'VE HAD ONLY ONE—MOMMY. AN' SHE DOESN'T THINK I'M SO HOT.



WE DON'T TAKE FAMILY RECOMMENDATIONS, ANYWAY. BUT CALL AT THE FACTORY AN' WE'LL GIVE YOU A TRIAL.

THANK YOU, SIR.



GASOLINE ALLEY

WHAT DO YOU THINK!
JUDY MADE A DELIVERY
FOR US AND SHE GOT
WALLET & BOBBLE TWO JOBS!

SHE'S STARTING
YOUNG AS A
BUSINESSWOMAN.



THE PROJECTS ARE
TEARING DOWN A HOUSE
AND DIGGING OUT
ANOTHER STUMP.

YOU'D BETTER
PUT JUDY ON
YOUR PAYROLL.



DO I GET
MY 10 PERCENT
COMMISSION?

THAT'S PRETTY STEEP,
JUDY. I THINK WE'D BETTER
NEGOTIATE A BIT.



GASOLINE ALLEY

DON'T YOU THINK 10 PERCENT COMMISSION FOR GETTING THOSE JOBS IS PRETTY HIGH, JUDY?

10 PERCENT FOR TOTAL SALES EXPENSE ISN'T TOO MUCH.

WE MAY NOT MAKE 10 PERCENT OURSELVES, OVER EXPENSES AND NOMINAL LABOR CHARGES.

THEN ADD 10 PERCENT TO THE PRICE OF THE JOB AS OVERBURDEN. THAT'S ME.

I TOLD HIM WHAT YOU SAID, POPPY. HE SAID NO.

GO BACK AND TELL HIM THAT AFTER YOU'VE FIGURED YOUR SURTAX AND OVERHEAD YOU CAN'T CONSIDER ANYTHING LESS.

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GEE, JUDY,
IT'S SWELL
OF YOU TO
TREAT!

WHERE DID
YOU GET
ALL THE
MONEY?

I GOT SOME JOBS
FOR WALLET & BOBBLE
AND MADE A CASH
SETTLEMENT FOR \$3.



THAT WAS
KEEN!
THANKS
A LOT!

NOW, IF ANY OF YOUR
FATHERS WANT ANY JOBS
DONE YOU TELL ME. I
GET A COMMISSION.

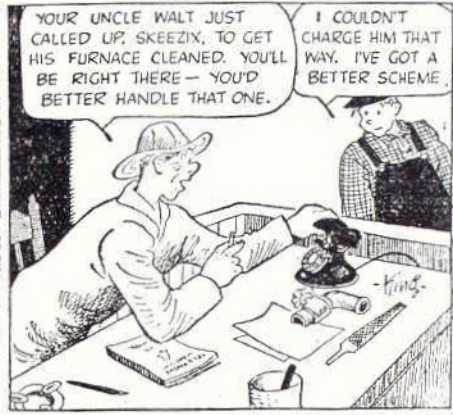
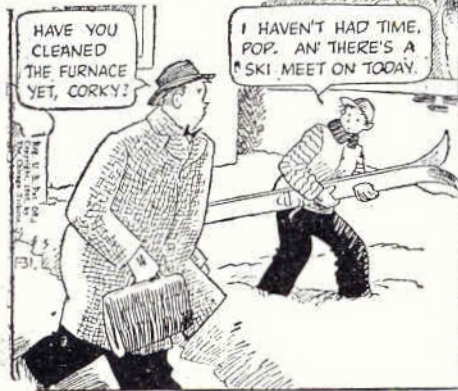
WE
SURE
WILL,
JUDY.



THERE! I CAN
TAKE THE PRICE OF
THOSE SODAS OFF
MY INCOME TAX.

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YOU GAVE SIS A JOB. HOW ABOUT ONE FOR ME?

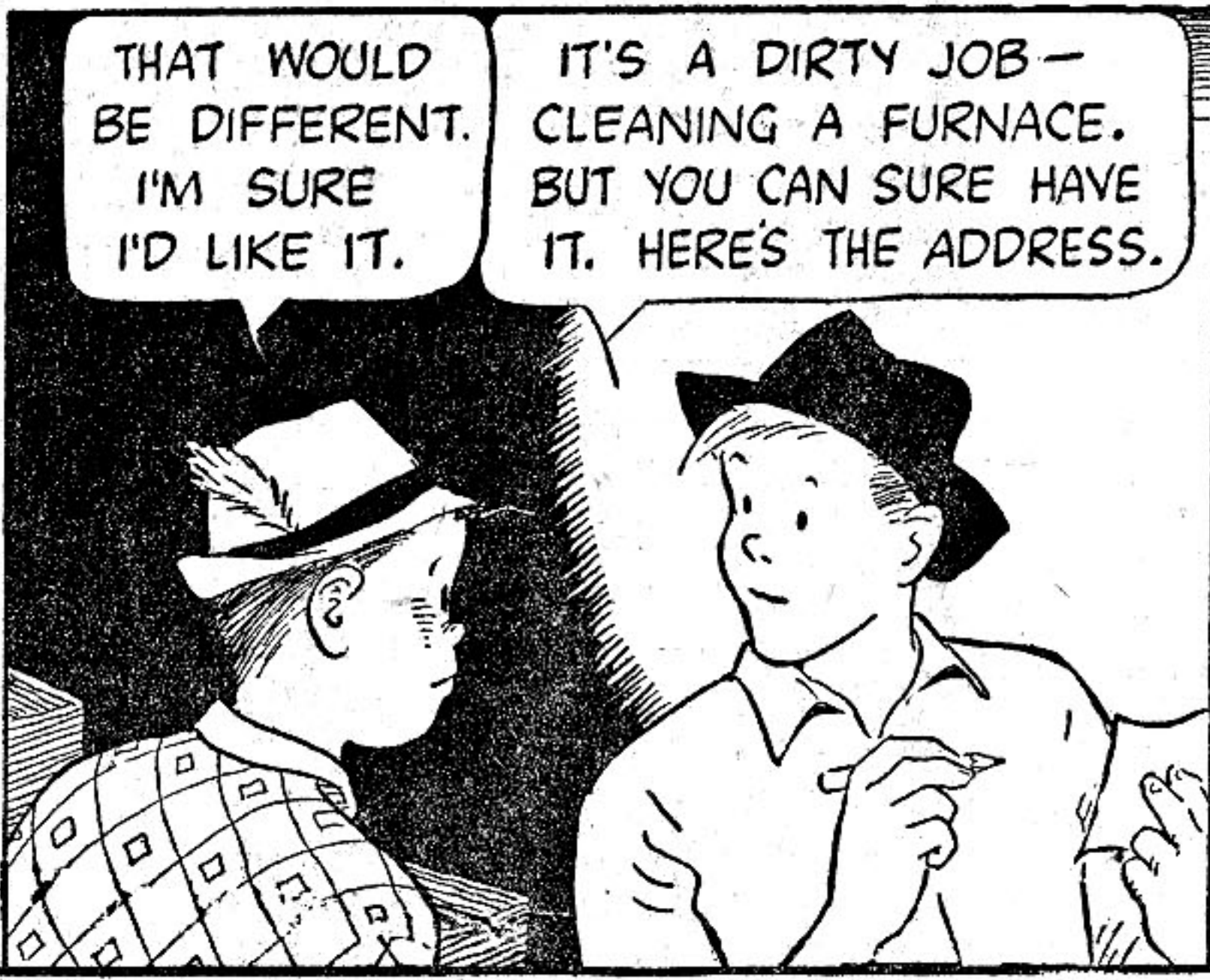
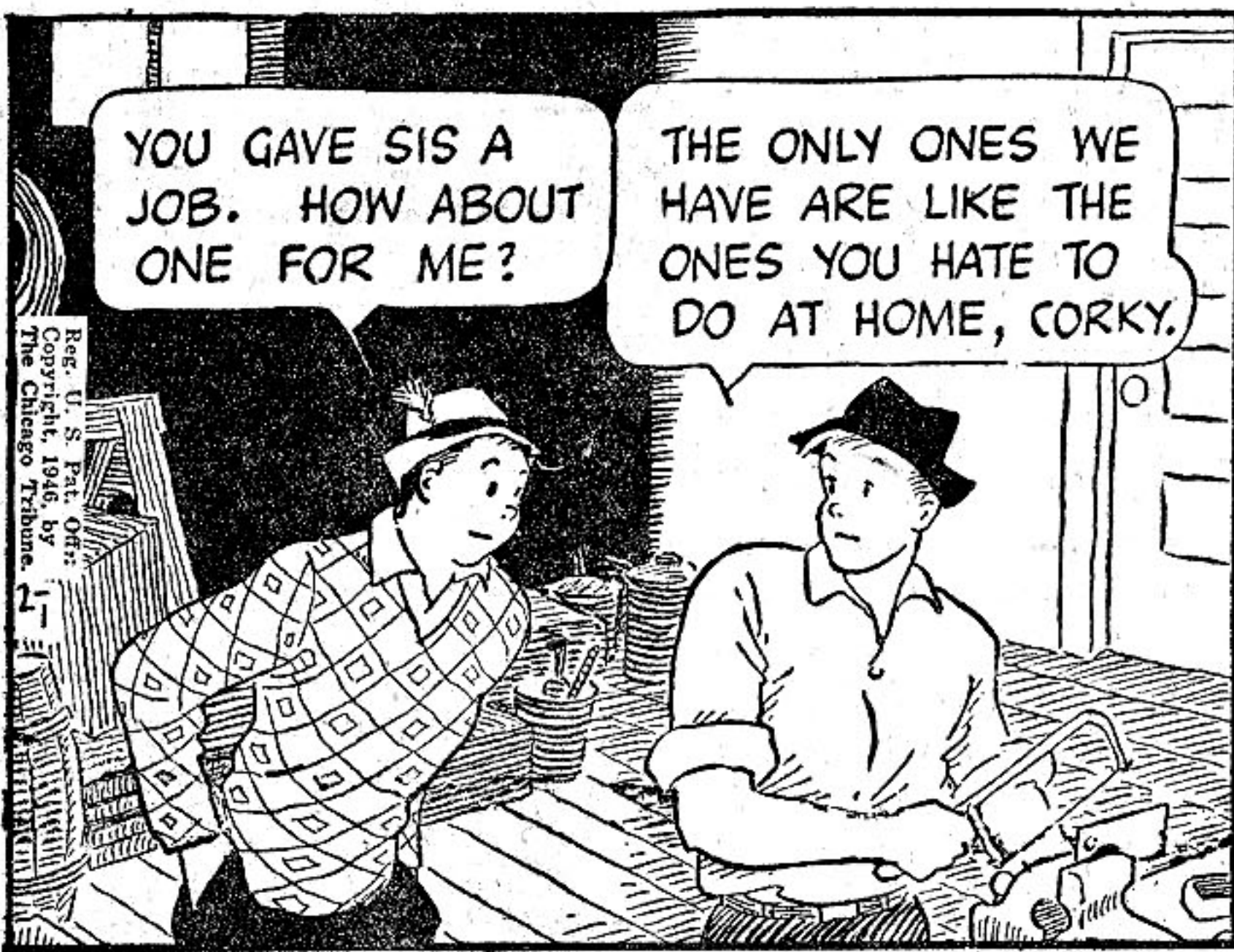
THE ONLY ONES WE HAVE ARE LIKE THE ONES YOU HATE TO DO AT HOME, CORKY.

THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT. I'M SURE I'D LIKE IT.

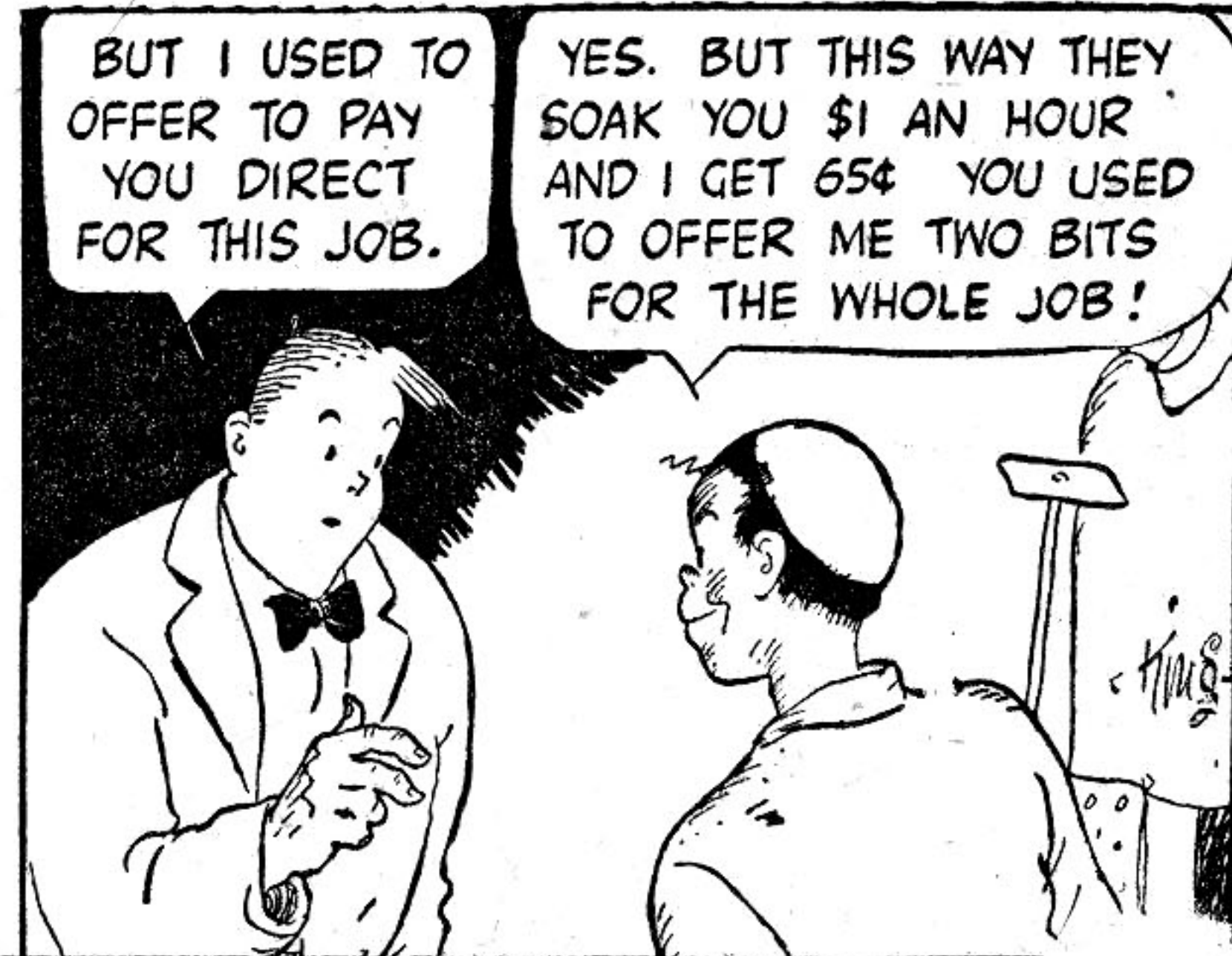
IT'S A DIRTY JOB — CLEANING A FURNACE. BUT YOU CAN SURE HAVE IT. HERE'S THE ADDRESS.

CAN YOU BEAT THAT! IT'S OUR OWN HOME ADDRESS! I'LL FOOL HIM — I'LL GO THROUGH WITH IT!

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HEY, SKEEZIX, HOW ABOUT GIVIN' ME THE DOUGH FOR FIXIN' THAT PHONGGRAPH YESTERDAY?

THAT'S NOT A VERY DIGNIFIED WAY TO COLLECT YOUR BILLS, CORKY.

SORRY, BUT I'VE JUST GOT TO HAVE SOME MOOLA.

MISS RIB CALLED UP AND SAID YOU DID A GOOD JOB — THAT YOU WERE PROFICIENT IN YOUR LINE. HERE'S YOUR DOLLAR.

I'M GLAD SHE LIKED MY LINE! BREAK THIS BUCK, WILL YOU — I'VE GOTTA HAVE A NICKEL FOR THE PHONE.

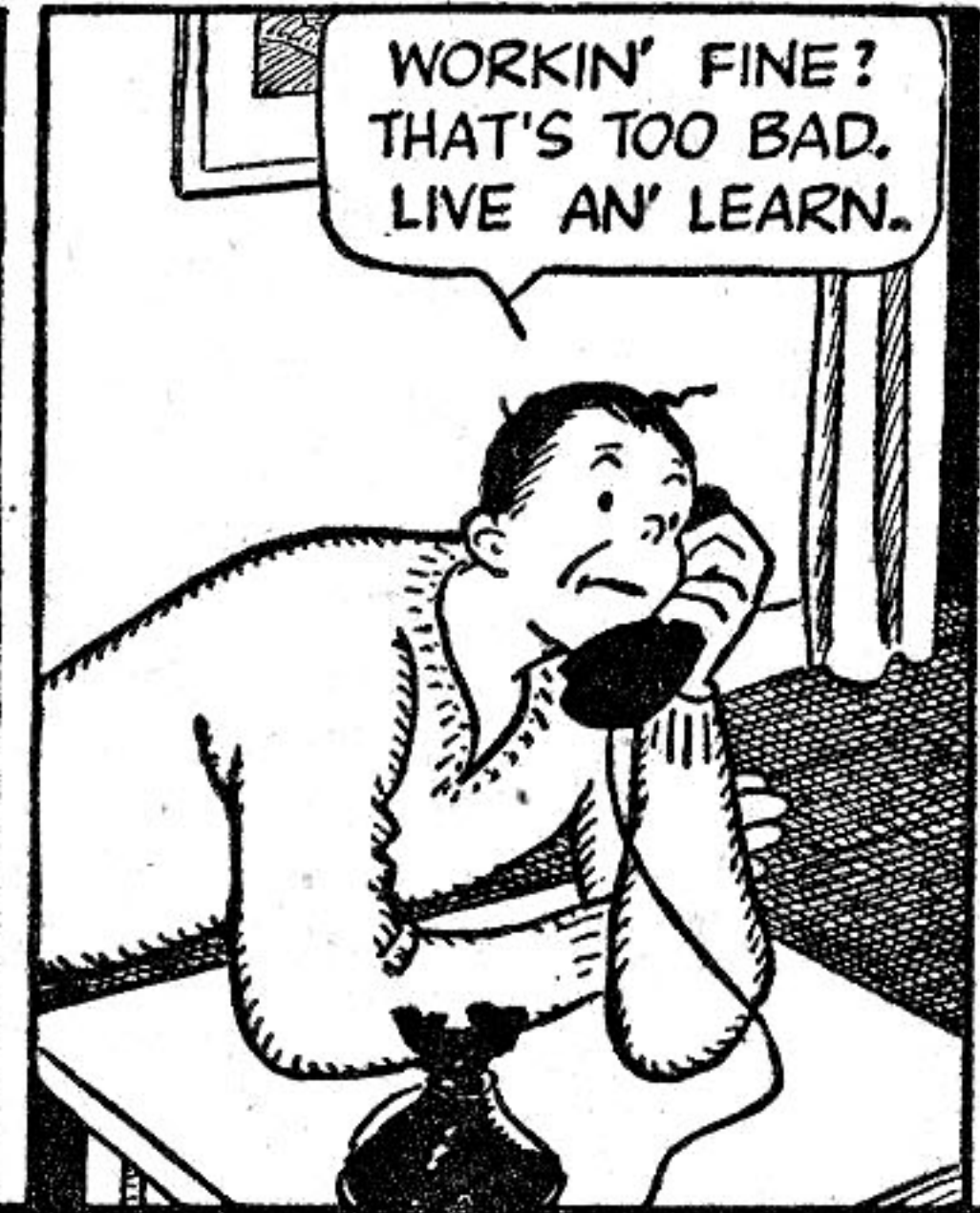
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HI, RONA! I JUST CALLED TO SEE HOW THAT RECORD-CHANGER I FIXED IS PERKIN'.

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WORKIN' FINE? THAT'S TOO BAD. LIVE AN' LEARN.



I'M IN THE MONEY, NOW—NOT SO FAR IN, YOU UNDERSTAND, BUT I CAN LOOK A JUKE BOX STRAIGHT IN THE EYE.



HOW ABOUT STEPPIN' OUT FOR SOME STEPPIN'-RUBBIN' ELBOWS AN' SUCH WITH SOME PALSIED PALS?



SURE! NO USE BEIN' MISERS AN' HOARDIN' OUR TALENTS. WE OWE THAT MUCH TO THE PUBLIC.

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GOSH, RONA, IT WAS LUCKY FOR EVERYBODY THAT I WAS SENT TO YOUR HOUSE TO FIX YOUR RECORD-CHANGER!

WHY? ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO IT?



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MAYBE NOT. BUT IT'S FIXED, I GET PAID FOR IT, AN' HERE WE ARE OUT DANCIN' AWAY THE PROCEEDS.

THEN MY FATHER IS REALLY THE ONE WHO IS PAYING FOR IT, CORKY.



HE GETS HIS MONEY'S WORTH IN REPAIRS, WALLET & BOBBLE GET THEIR FEE, I GET MY CUT, AN' WE HAVE AN EVENING. EVERYBODY'S HAPPY!



I HOPE YOUR MACHINE BREAKS DOWN AGAIN, RONA.

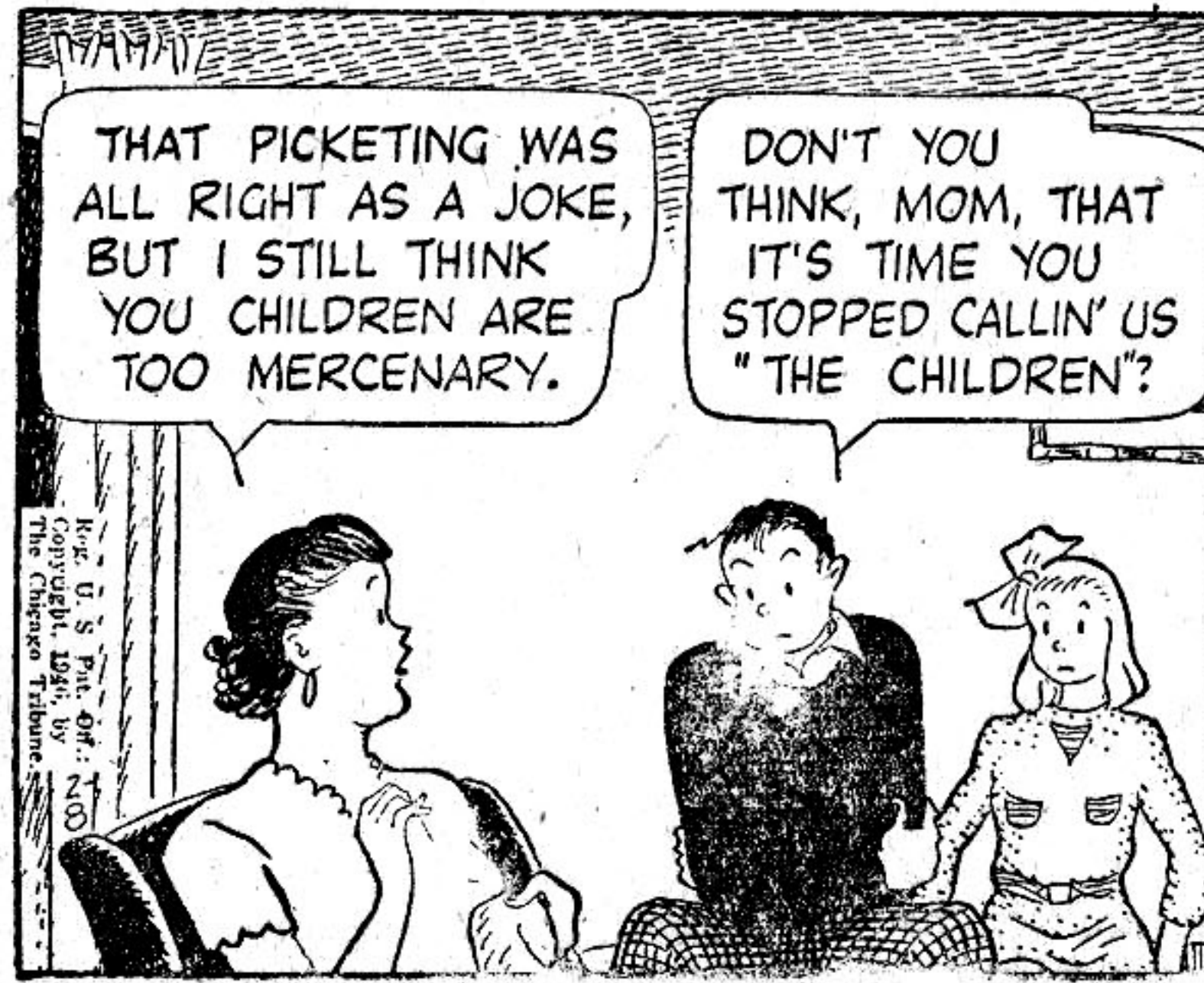
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH, CORKY—IT WILL.



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AUNTIE BLOSSOM,
NEXT THURSDAY
IS SKEEZIX'S
BIRTHDAY.

SO SOON? WE
MUST DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.

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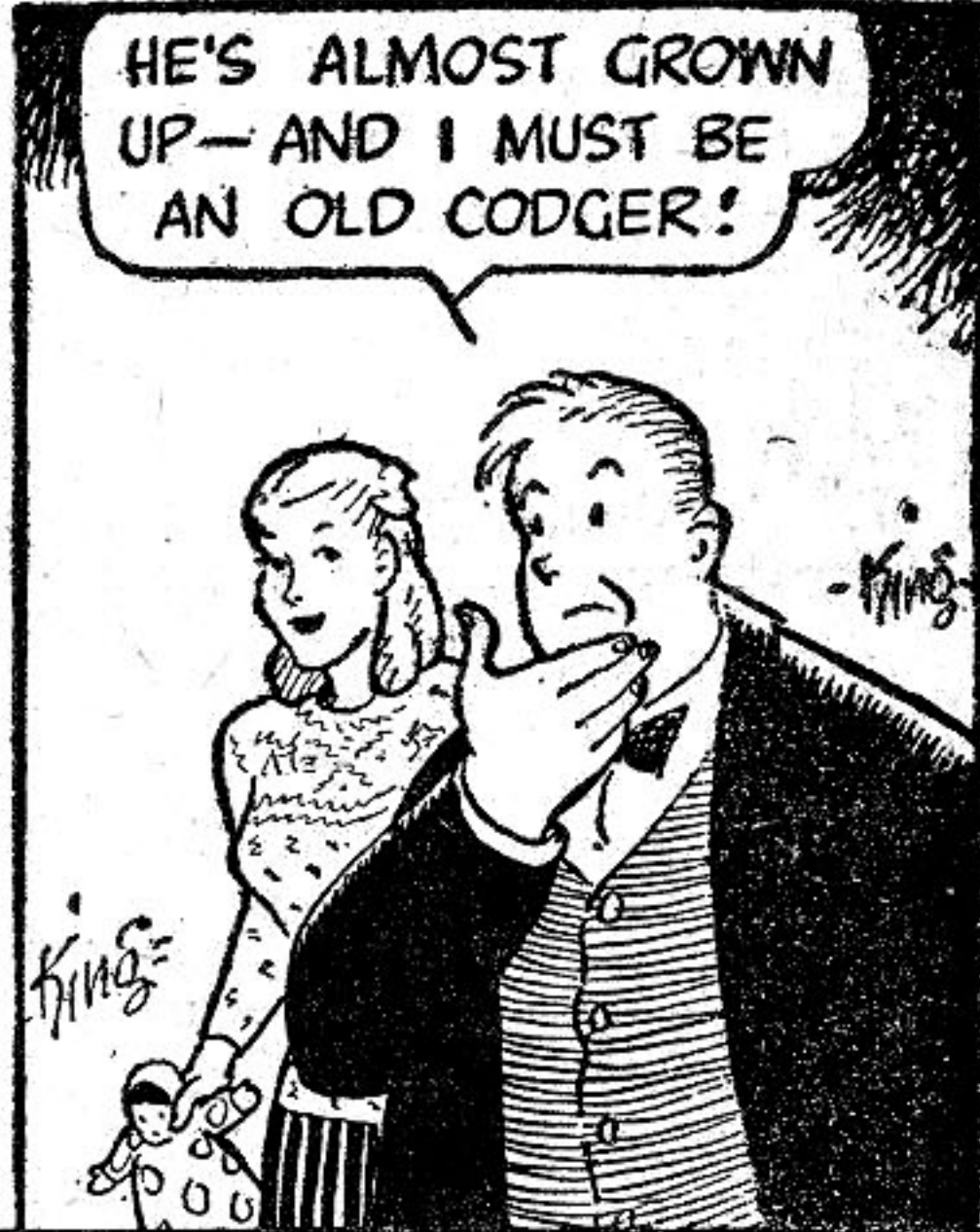
I'M GETTING A
PICTURE FRAMED
FOR HIM. I THINK
HE'LL LIKE IT.

AT LEAST,
I'LL BAKE HIM
A CAKE.



UNCLE WALT,
SKEEZIX'S
BIRTHDAY
COMES
NEXT WEEK.

YOU DON'T MEAN IT!
1921 TO 1946 - BOY,
HE'S 25 YEARS OLD!

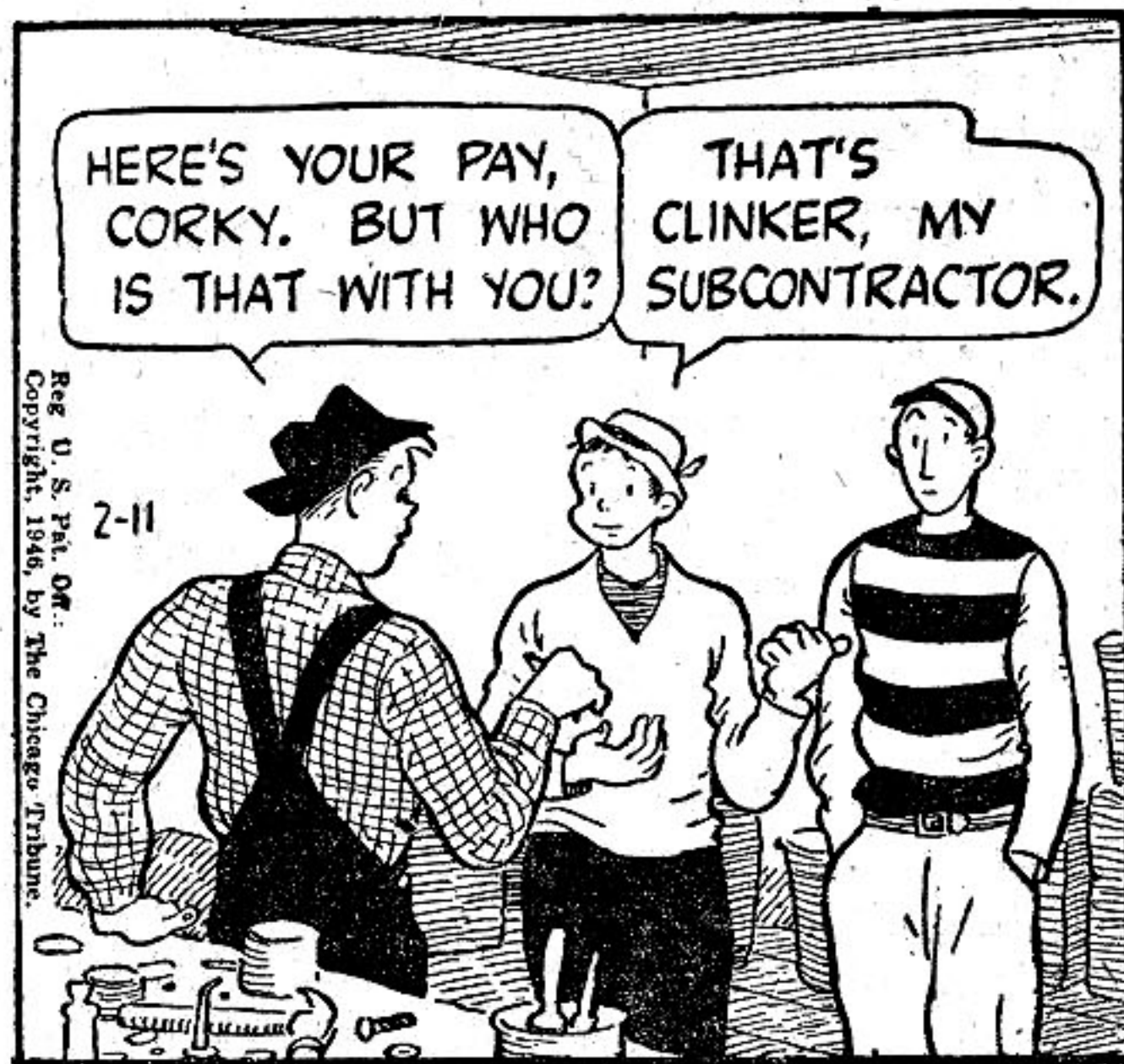


HE'S ALMOST GROWN
UP - AND I MUST BE
AN OLD CODGER!

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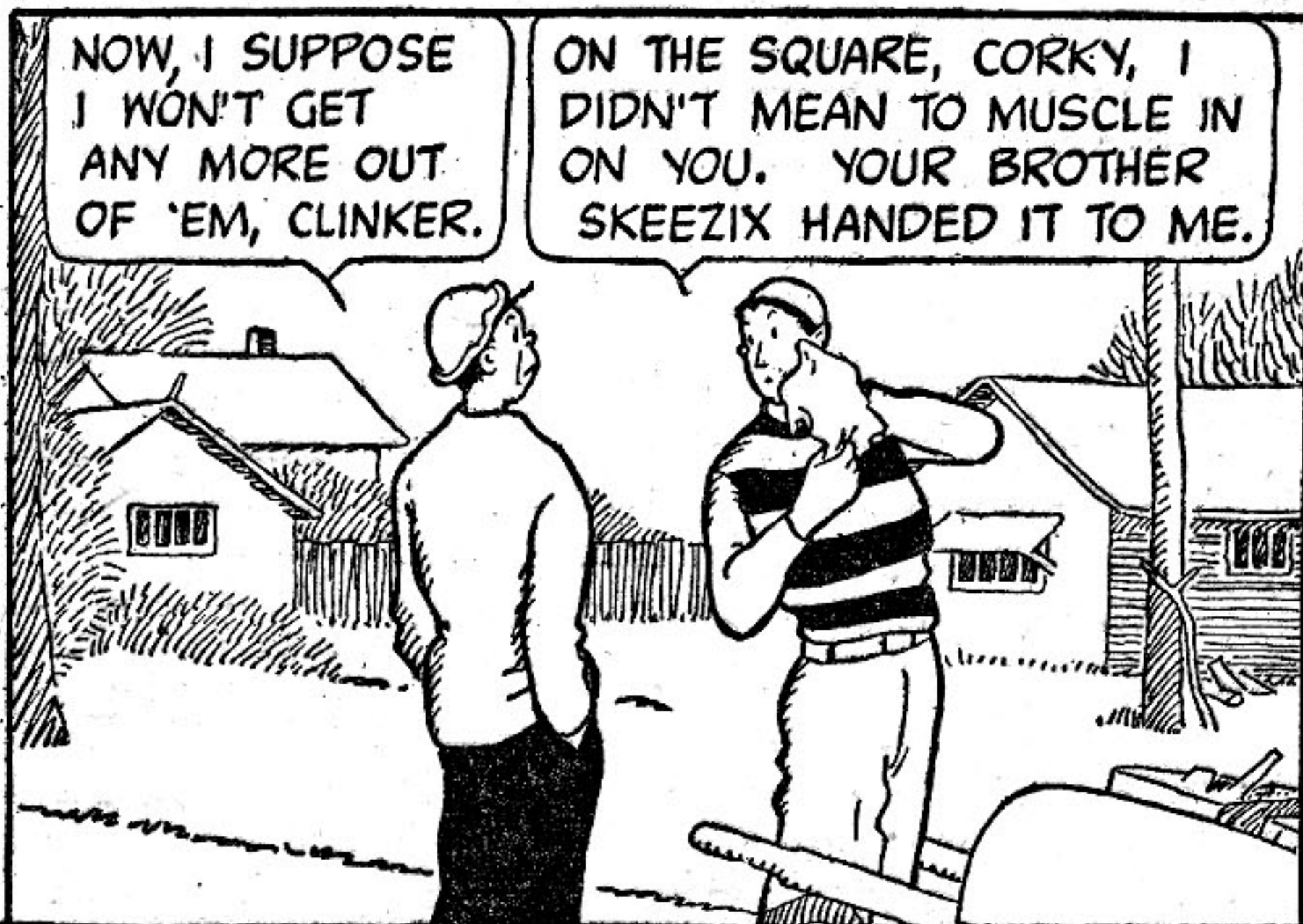


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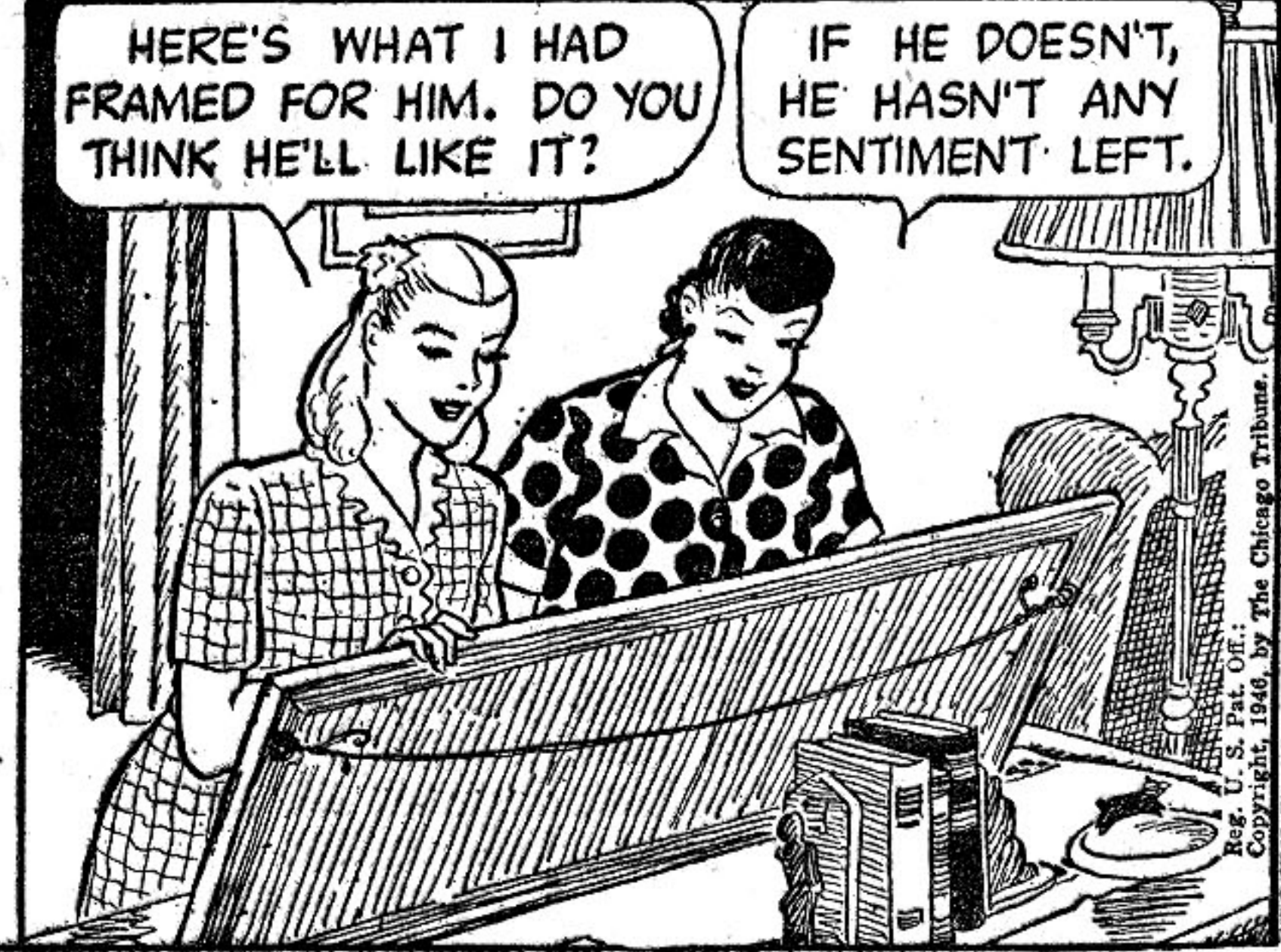


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"TO THE SWELLEST AND LOVELIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD, ON VALENTINE'S DAY!" SKEEZIX, YOU'RE A DARLING!



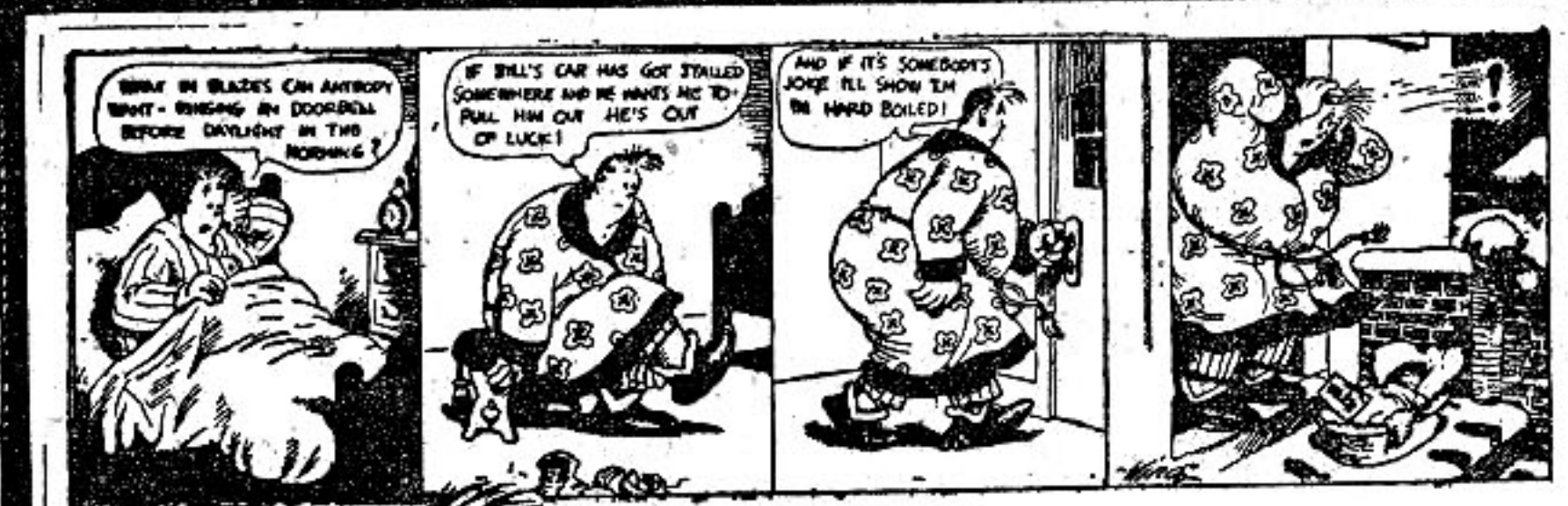
NOW, SWEETHEART, I WANT TO SHOW YOU THE PICTURE I HAD FRAMED FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY.

I'M AGOG WITH CURIOSITY!



IT'S GRAND, BABY!

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED 25 YEARS AGO THIS MORNING!



WHAT IN BLAZE'S CAR ANYBODY WENT - BANGING IN DOORBELL BEFORE DAYLIGHT IN THE MORNING?

IF BILL'S CAR HAS GOT STALLED SOMEWHERE AND HE WANTS ME TO PULL HIM OUT - HE'S OUT OF LUCK!

AND IF IT'S SOMEBODY'S JOKE I'LL SHOW 'EM IM HARD BOILED!

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OFF TO WORK AGAIN! I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SEE HOW YOUR SHOP LOOKS, NOW THAT YOU HAVE IT FIXED UP.



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YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND LATELY. WHY DON'T YOU DROP IN, NINA?



I WAS FISHING FOR AN INVITATION. I WILL, AND I'LL BRING JESSICA ALONG.



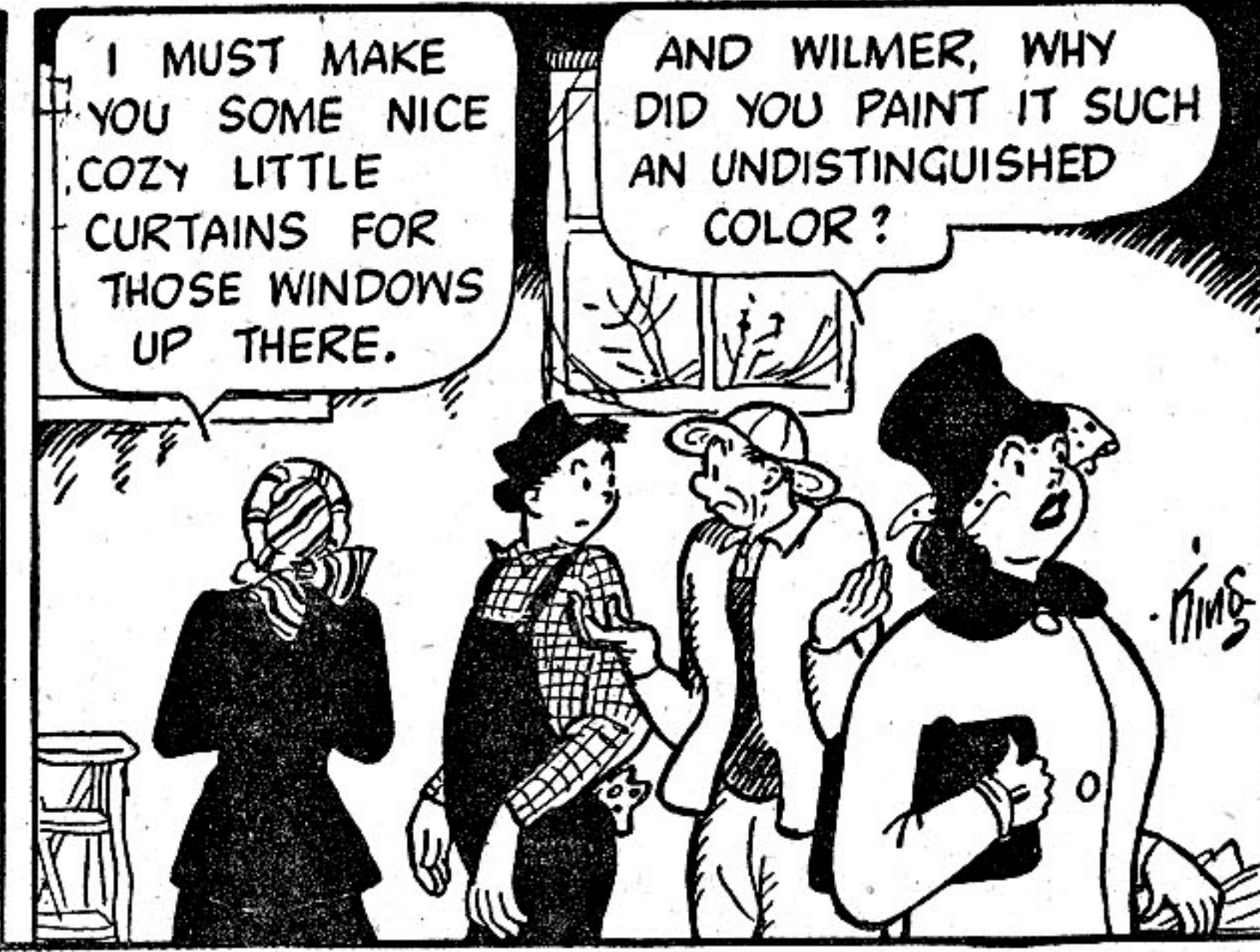
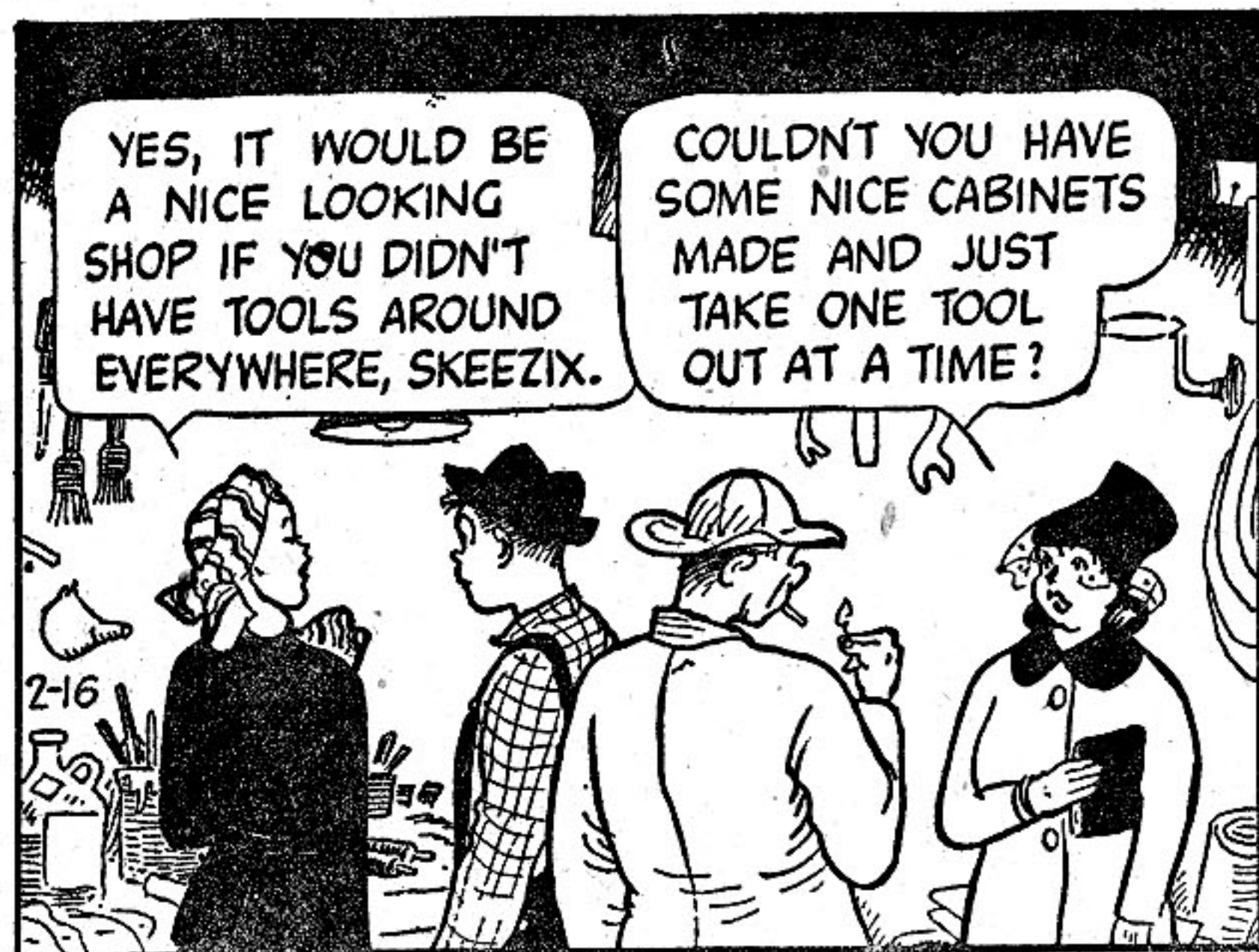
THEY'VE HAD IT ALL THEIR OWN WAY DOWN THERE. WE OUGHT TO LOOK THEM OVER, JESSICA.



I DON'T THINK WILMER LIKES TO HAVE ME AROUND. BUT WE'LL BARGE IN, JUST THE SAME.



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GEE, SKEEZIX, I PUT OVER A BIG ONE! WE'RE GOIN' TO HAVE THE AGENCY FOR THE NORTH POLE REFRIGERATOR.

NORTH POLE? I NEVER HEARD OF THAT LINE.

IT ISN'T ONE OF THE BIG ONES, BUT IT'S A REFRIGERATOR, AN' THAT'S SOMETHING EVERYBODY WANTS.

I HOPE IT ISN'T A GYP. HOW DID YOU MANAGE IT?

JESSICA'S BROTHER KNOWS A FELLOW WHO'S JUST LIKE THAT WITH THE STATE DISTRIBUTOR. HERE'S A PICTURE OF IT.

IT LOOKS FINE. I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU, WILMER. YOU'LL MAKE MILLIONAIRES OUT OF US YET!

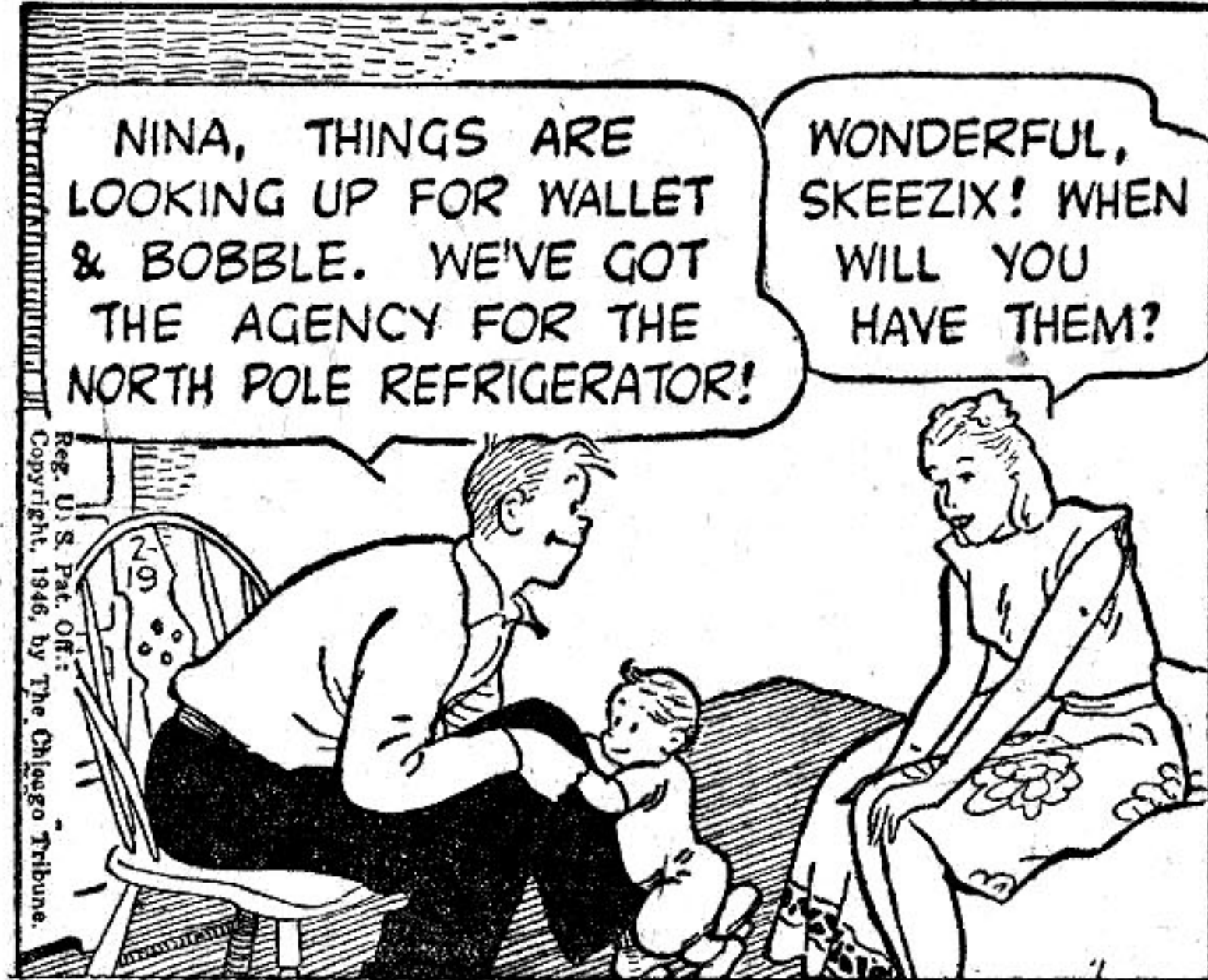
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OUR NEW BABY!

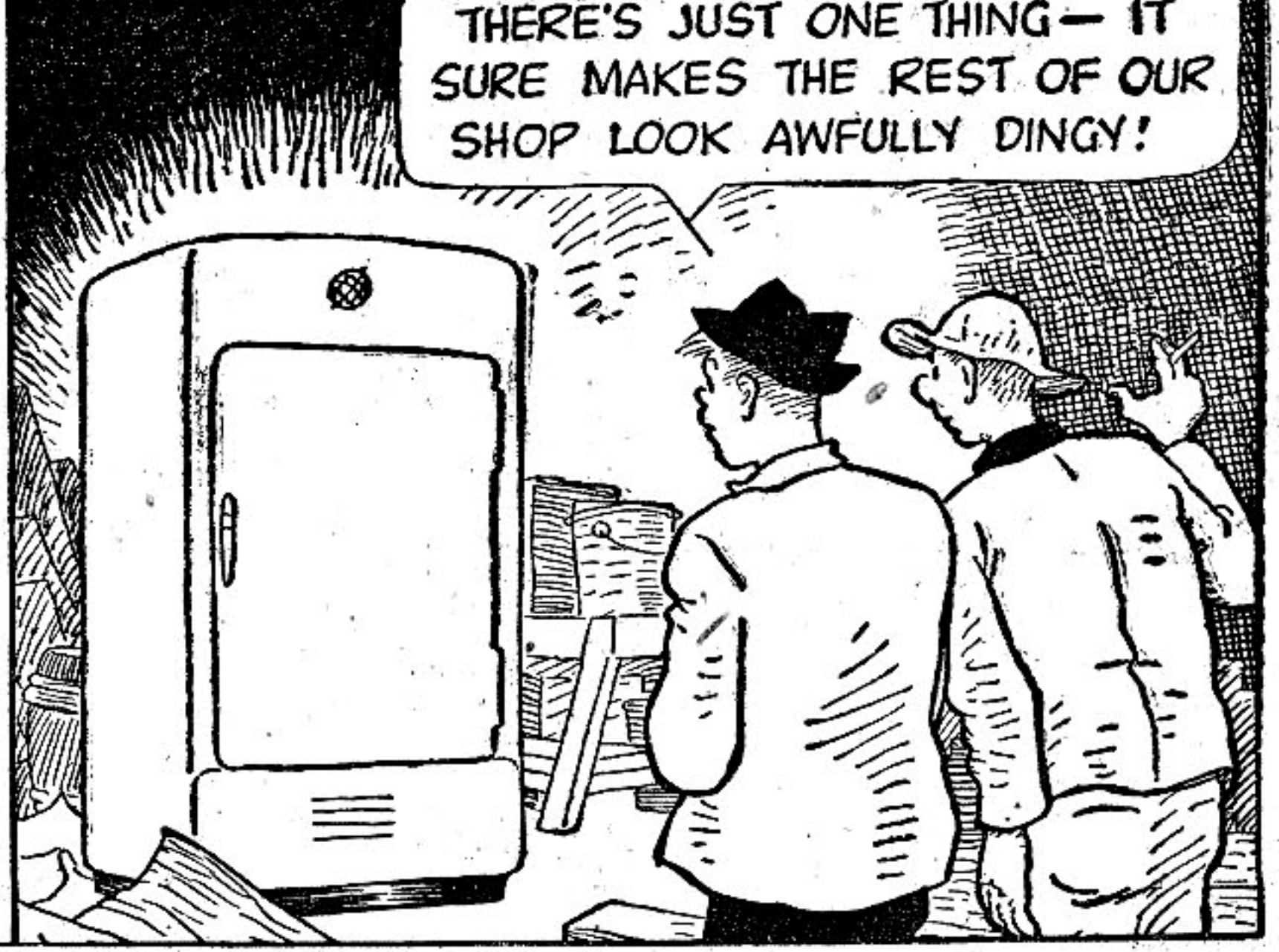
WALLET & BOBBLE
AGENTS! THAT
SOUNDS TOPS.

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BOY, WILL
THESE GO LIKE
HOT CAKES!

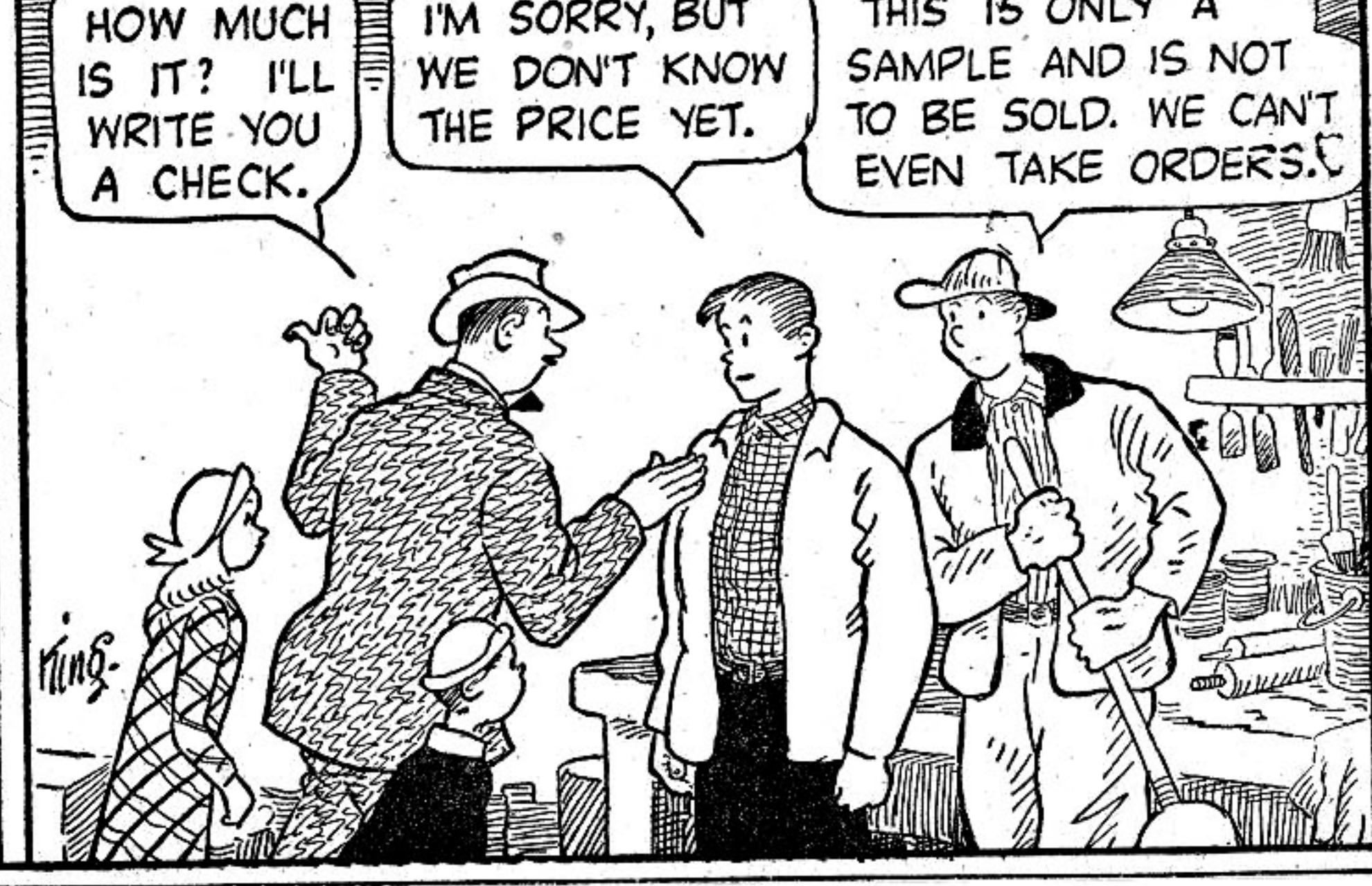
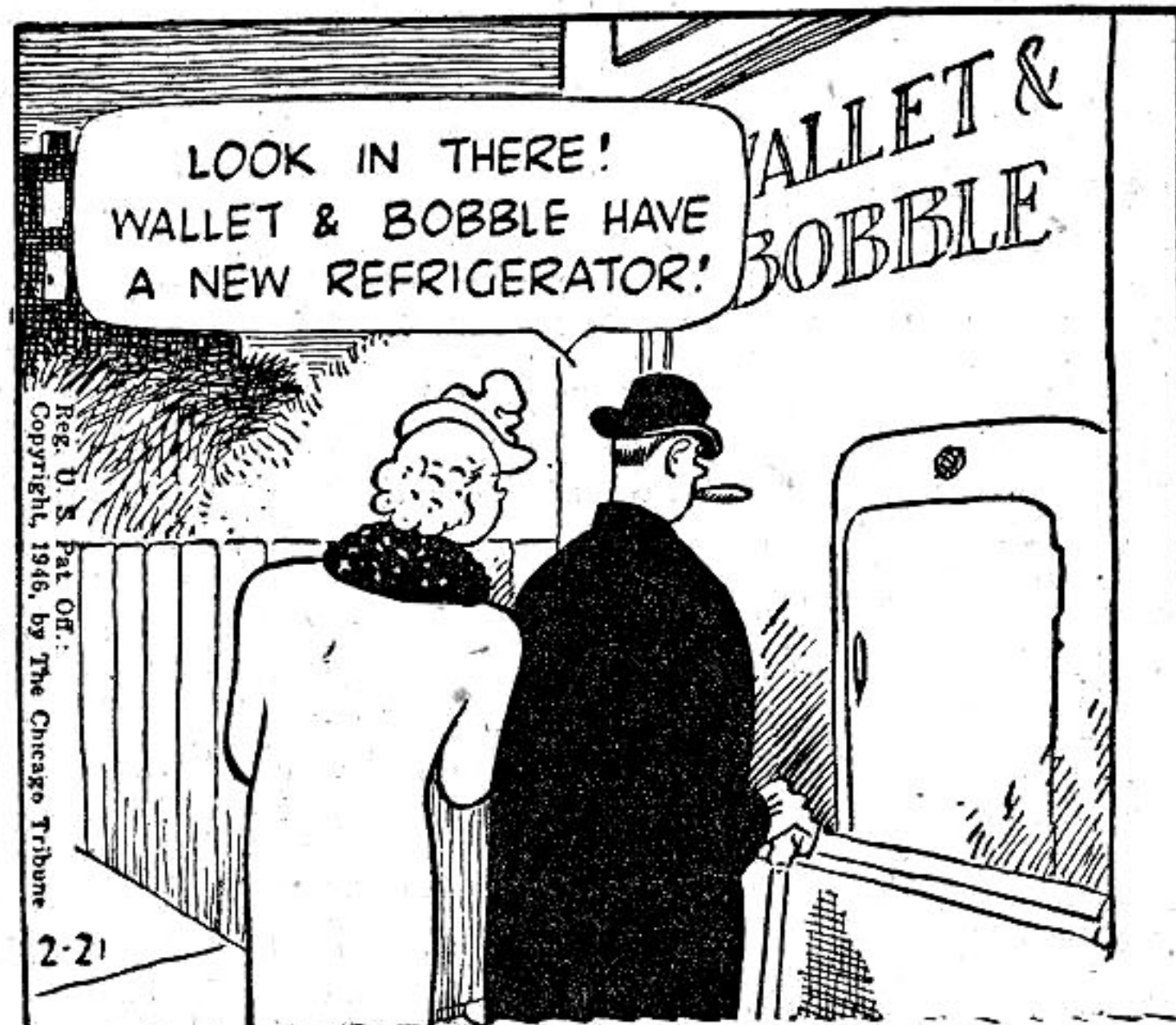
WE MUST FIGURE
OUT A CLASSY
DISPLAY FOR IT.



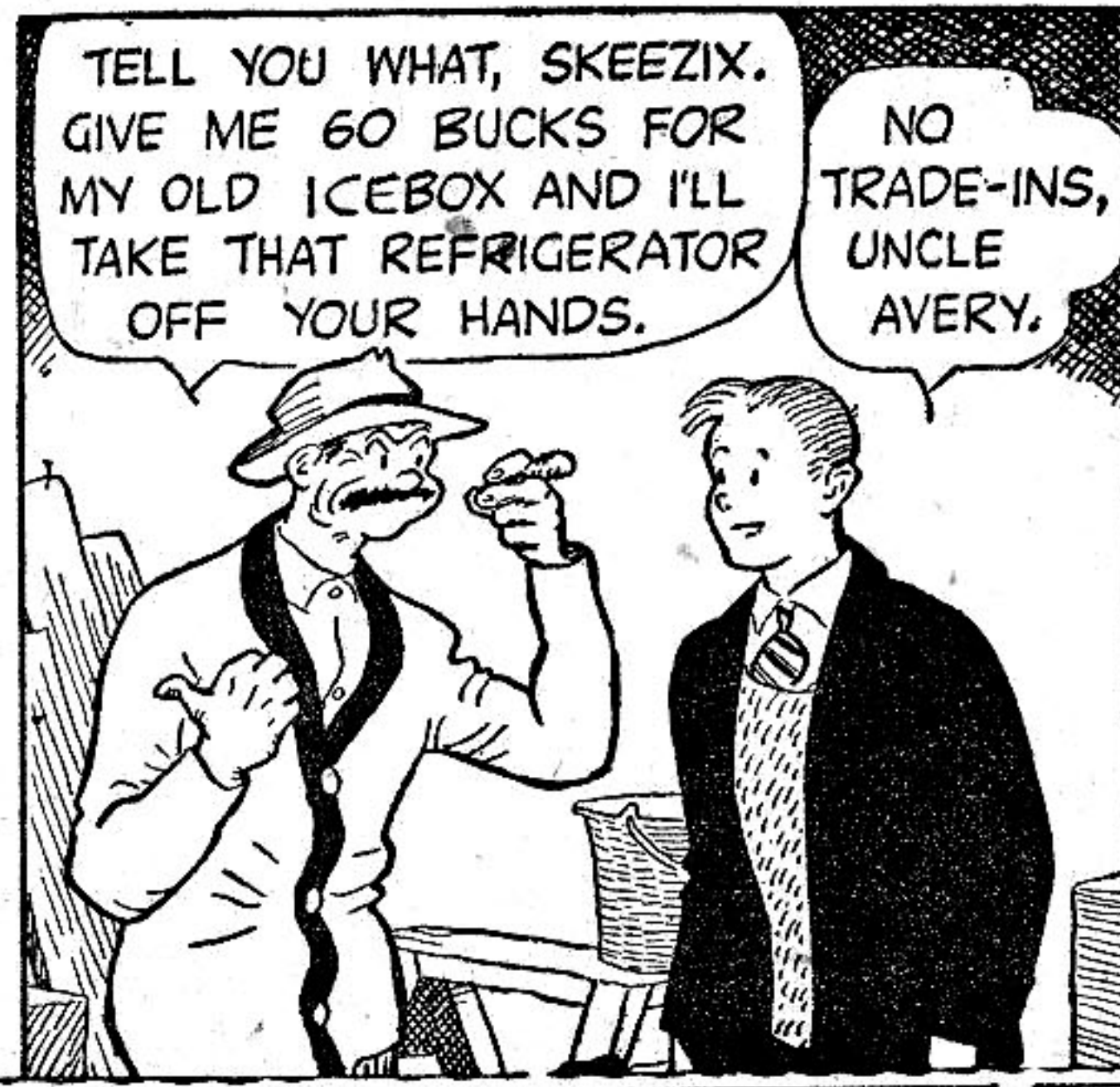
THERE'S JUST ONE THING— IT
SURE MAKES THE REST OF OUR
SHOP LOOK AWFULLY DINGY!

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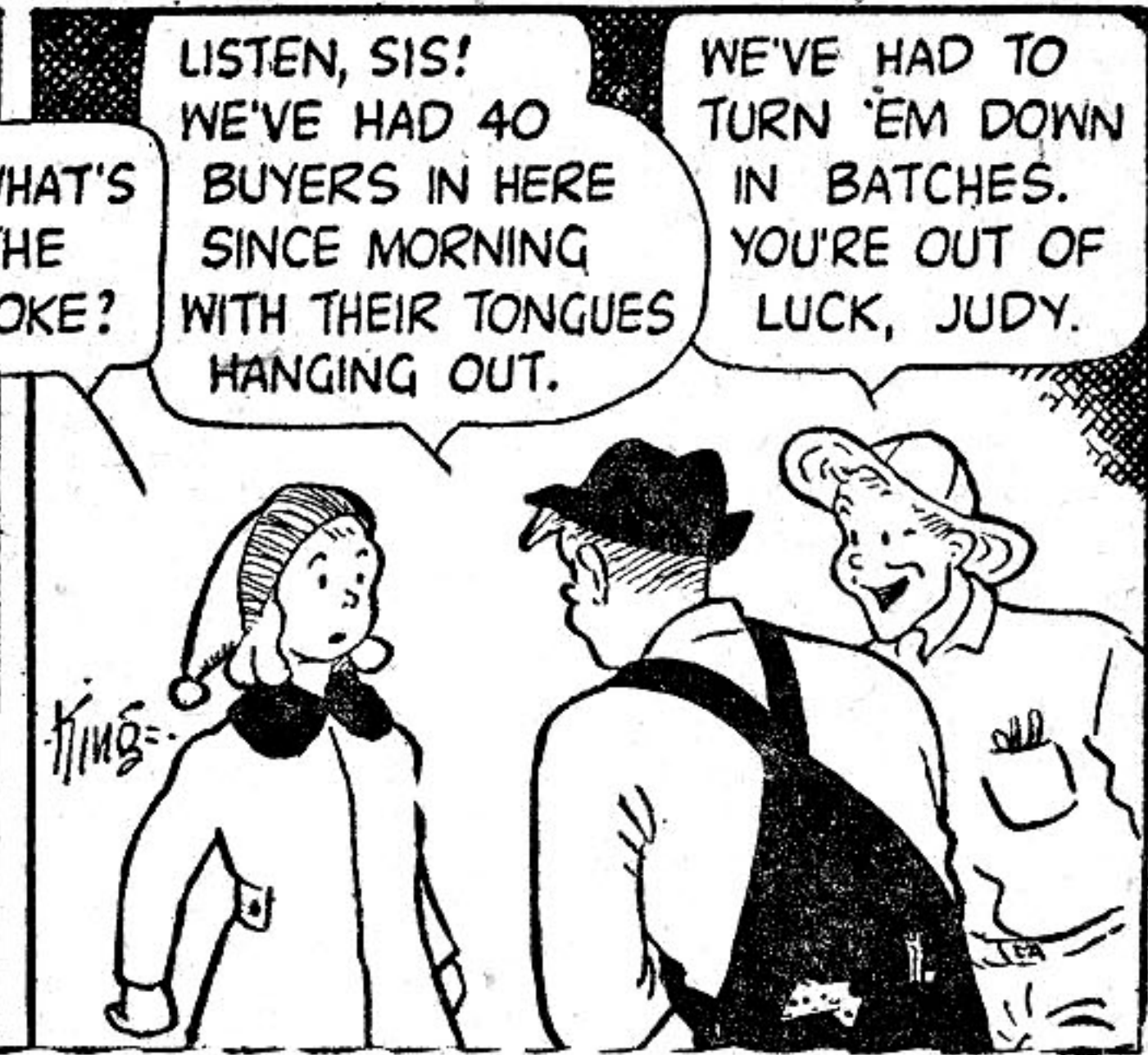
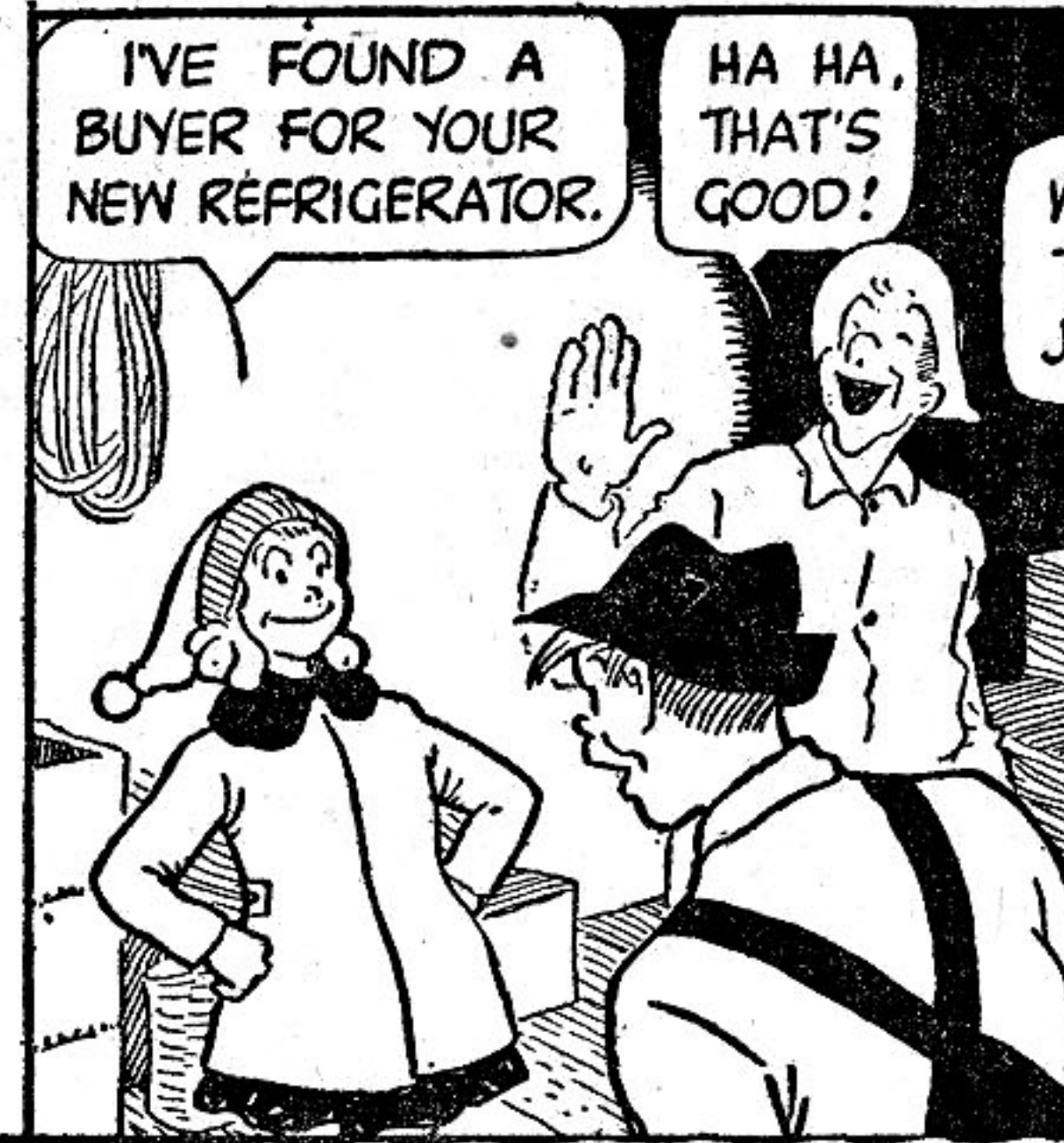
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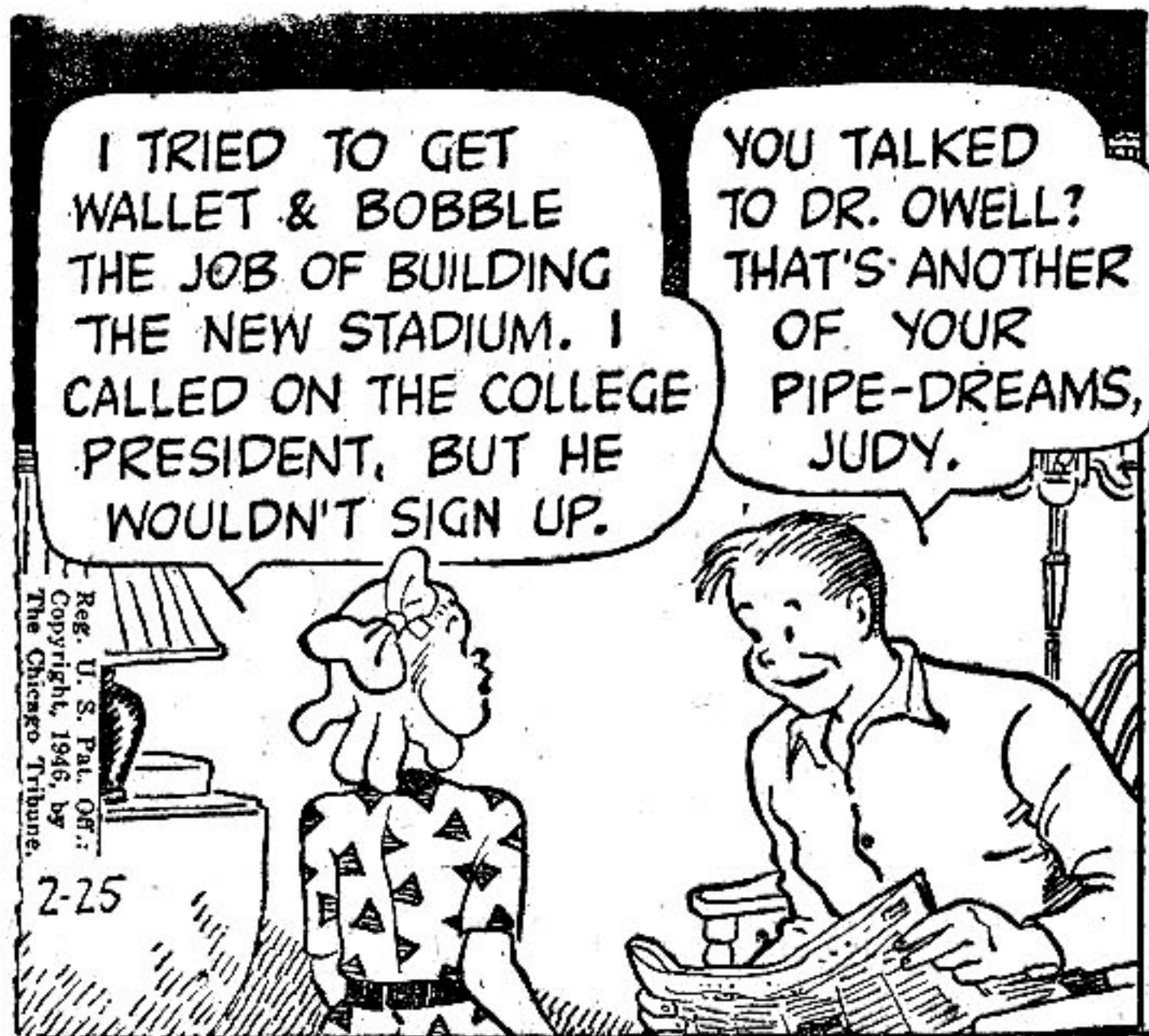
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Little Brother Hugo.



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I TRIED TO GET WALLET & BOBBLE THE JOB OF BUILDING THE NEW STADIUM. I CALLED ON THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT, BUT HE WOULDN'T SIGN UP.

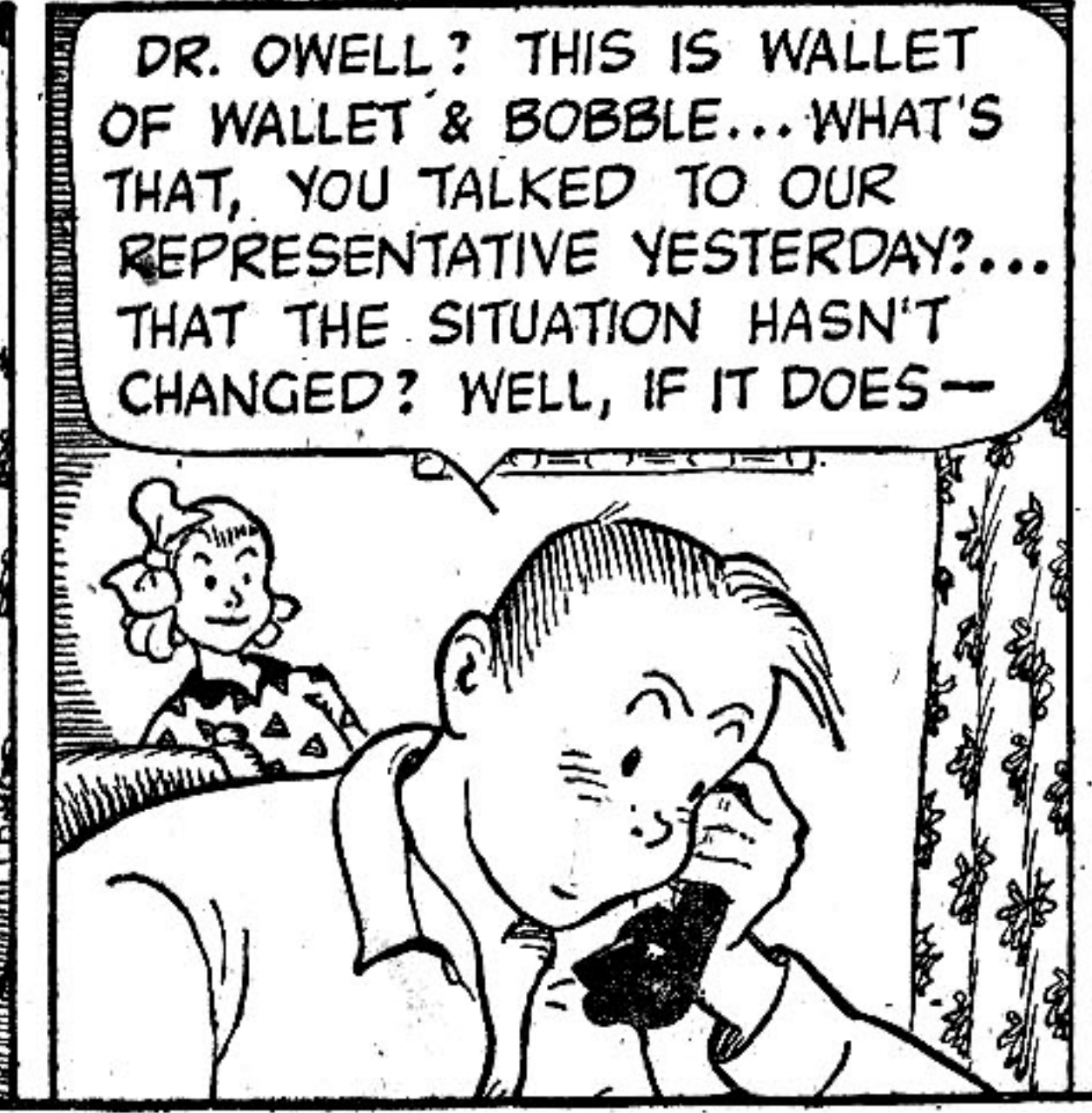
YOU TALKED TO DR. OWELL? THAT'S ANOTHER OF YOUR PIPE-DREAMS, JUDY.

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I REALLY DID, SKEEZIX. HE SAID WALLET & BOBBLE WEREN'T WELL ENOUGH KNOWN.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! BUT IT'S AN IDEA. HE MIGHT HAVE SOME WORK FOR US.



DR. OWELL? THIS IS WALLET OF WALLET & BOBBLE... WHAT'S THAT, YOU TALKED TO OUR REPRESENTATIVE YESTERDAY?... THAT THE SITUATION HASN'T CHANGED? WELL, IF IT DOES --



I TAKE IT ALL BACK, JUDY. HERE'S A BUCK FOR MAKING A GOOD TRY.

I ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY -- ALSO YOUR MOOLA!

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YOU KNOW, SKEEZIX, NOW THAT YOU HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE THE NEW REFRIGERATOR, YOU SHOULD WEAR BETTER CLOTHES.

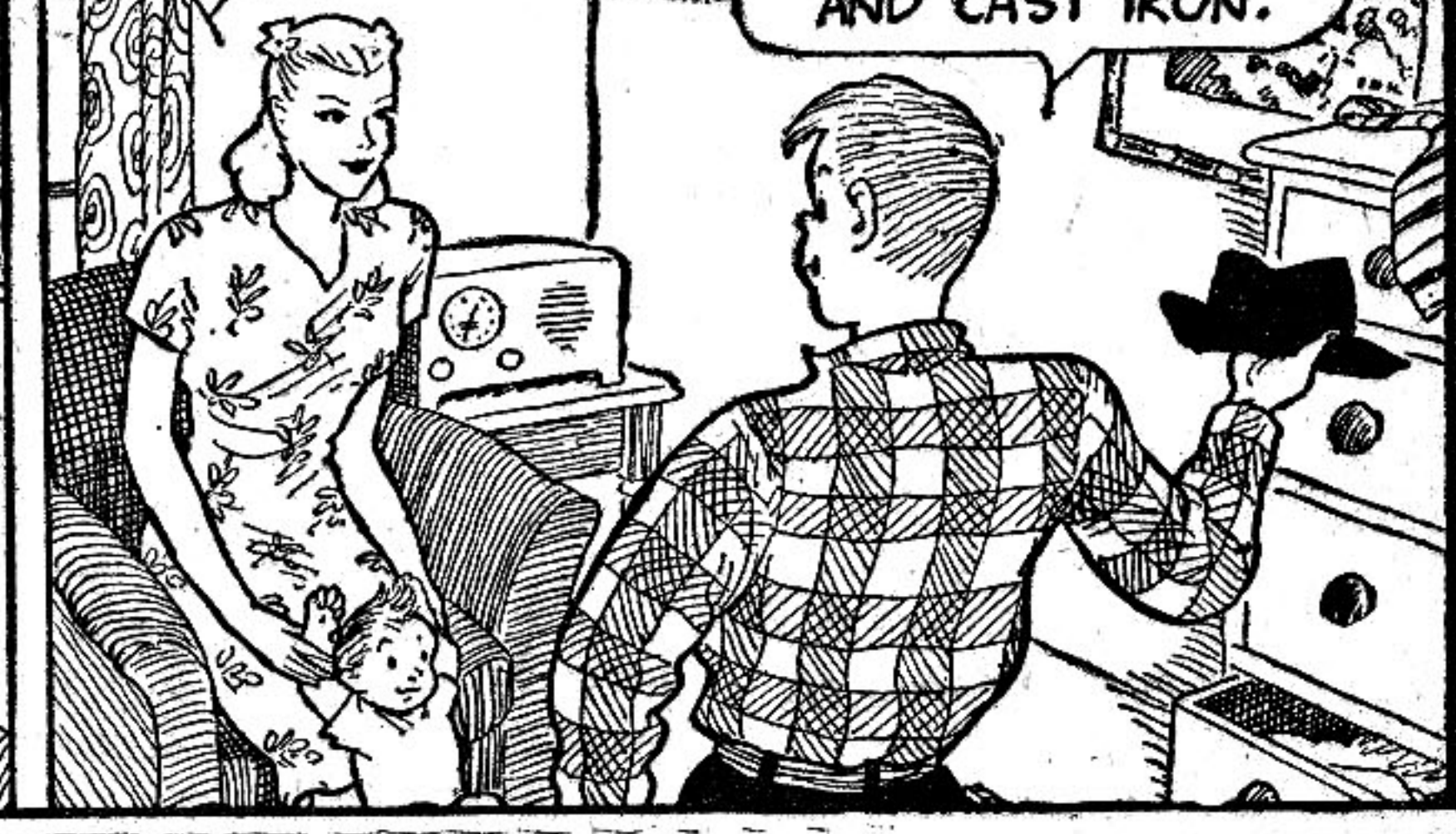
I KNOW, NINA, BUT I HAVE TO DO SHOP WORK, TOO.

IT'S HARD TO BE A WHITE COLLAR WORKER AND A MECHANIC WITHOUT CHANGE OF COSTUME.

CAN'T YOU COMPROMISE—WEAR A SPORT SHIRT AND A PAIR OF DARK PANTS, AND PUT ON OVERALLS IF YOU NEED THEM?

THAT'S WHAT I MEAN!

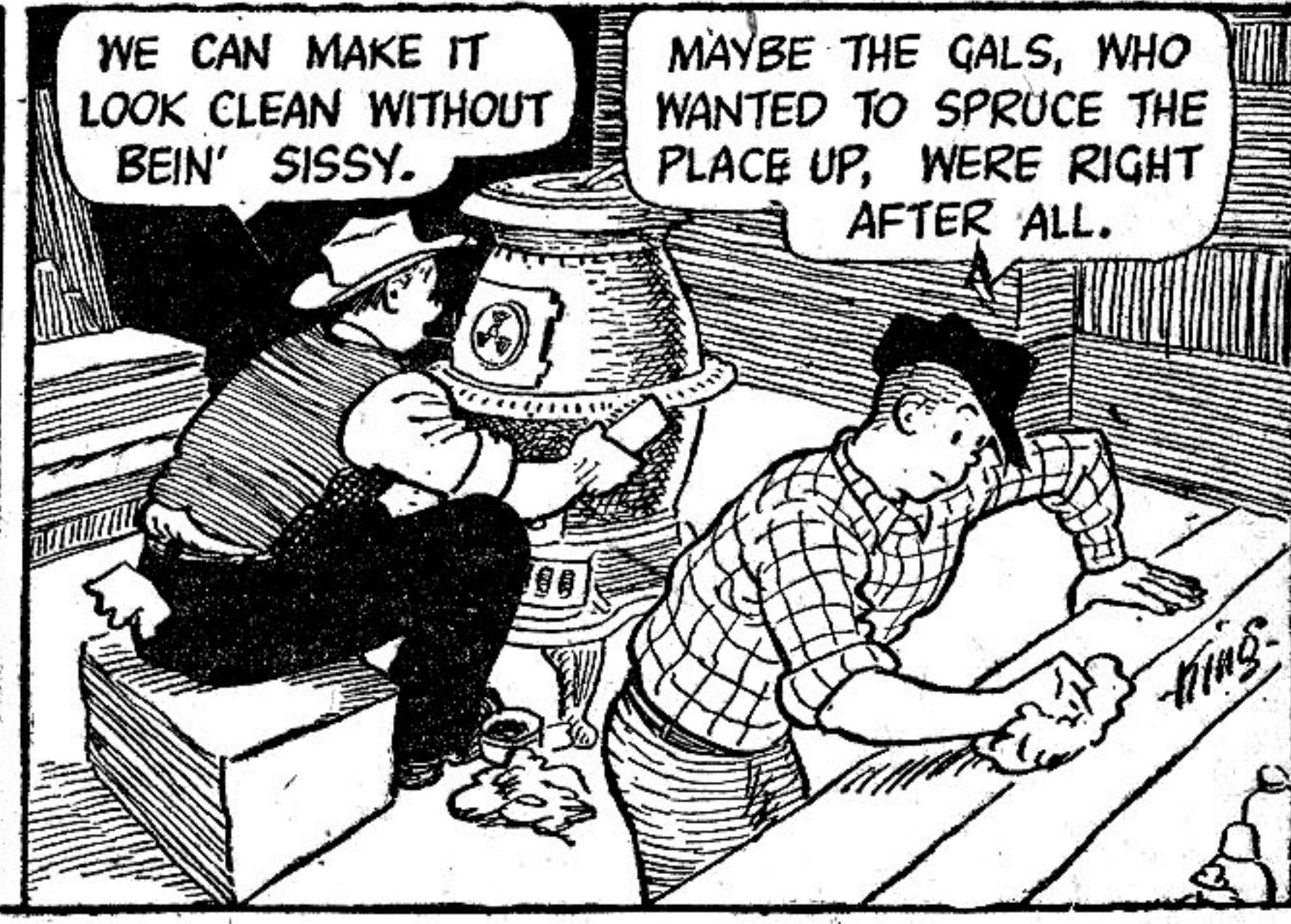
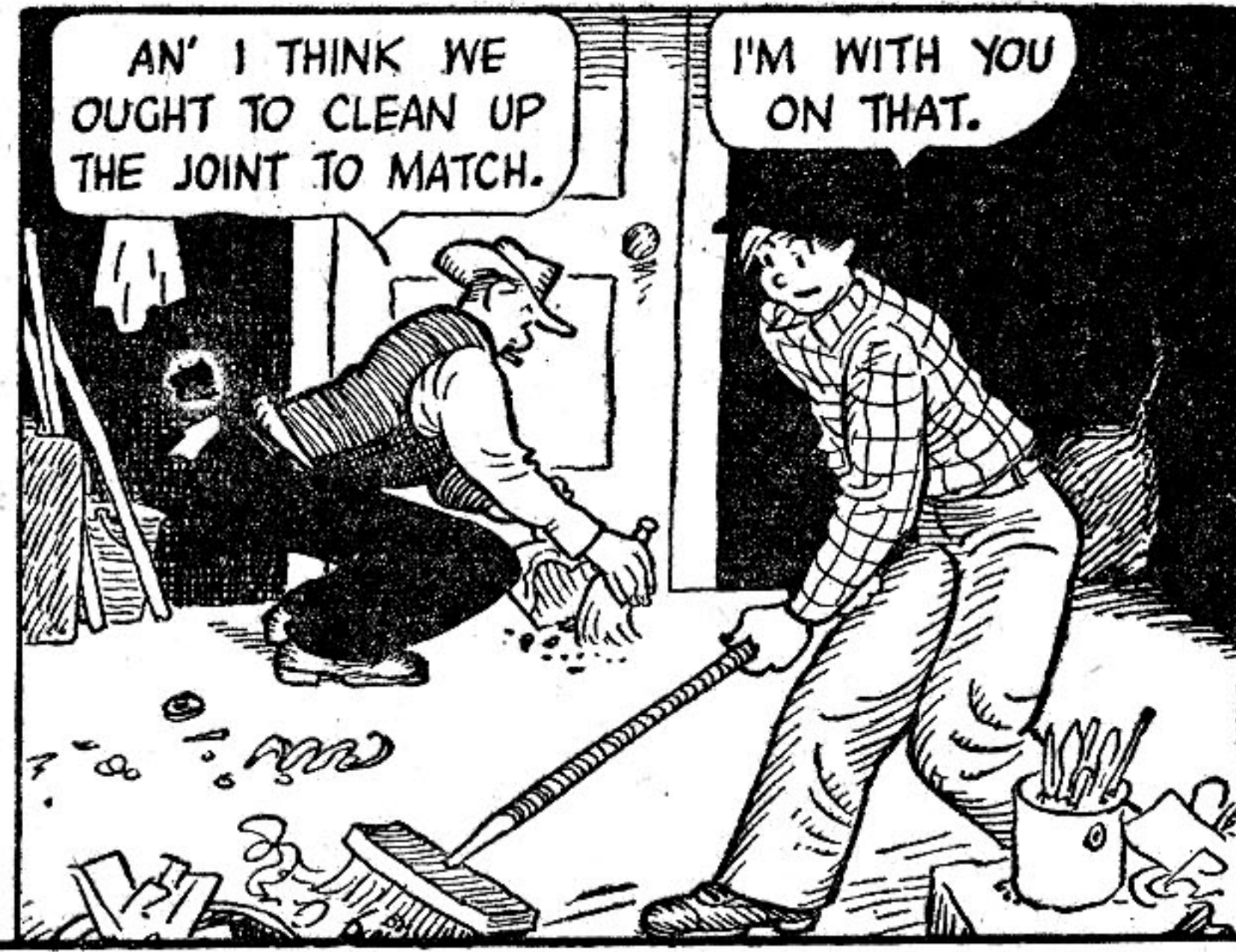
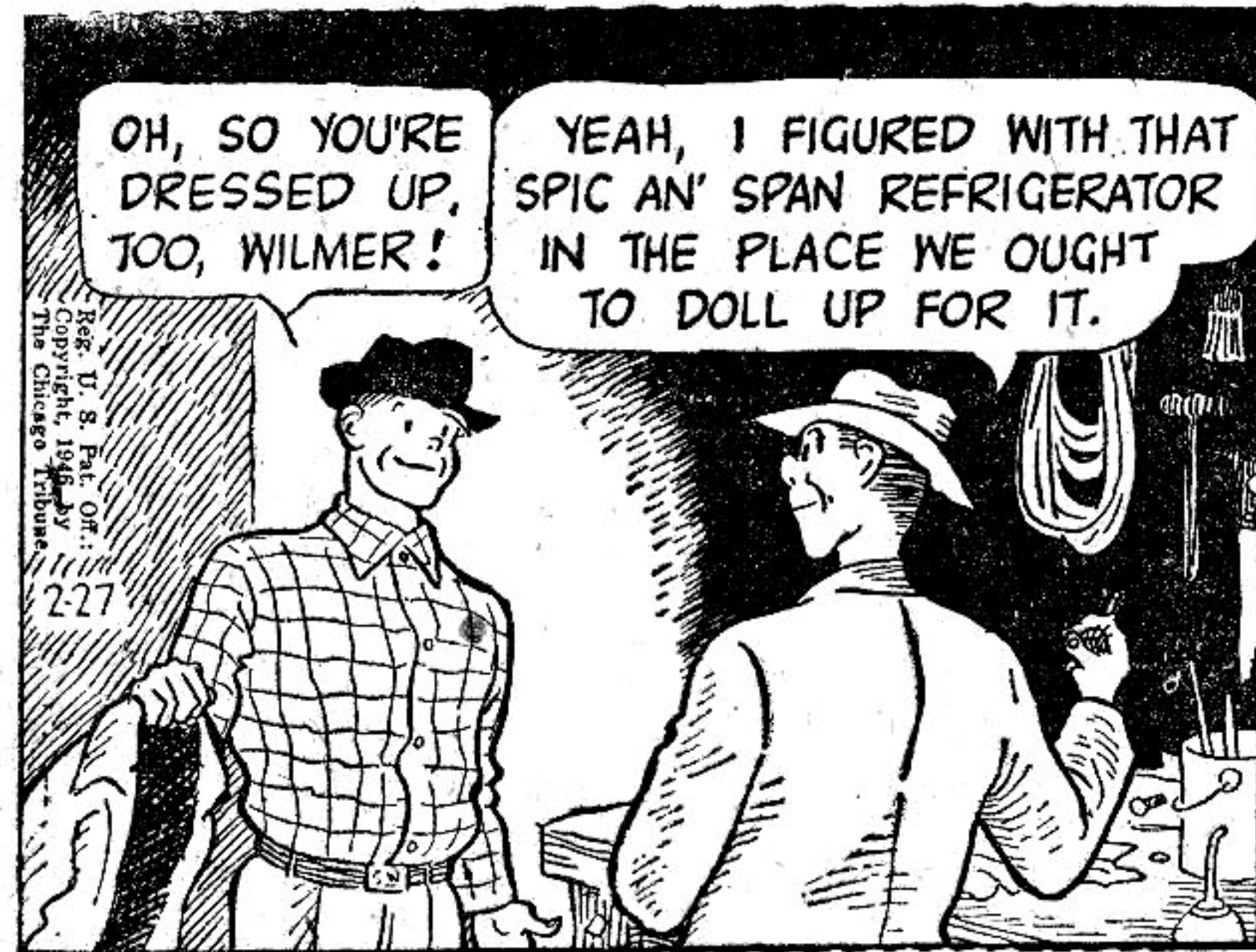
OKAY, HERE'S YOUR LOW-PRESSURE SALESMAN WHO DOUBLES IN BRASS, TIN AND CAST IRON.



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WILMER, WHEN WE GET REFRIGERATORS AND SELL THEM, WE'VE GOT TO HAVE A CAR AND TRAILER OR TRUCK TO DELIVER THEM.

I'VE BEEN THINKIN' OF THAT, SKEEZIX.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT LITTLE CAR YOU HAD WHEN WE MET IN DETROPOLIS?

I SAID IT WAS MINE, BUT IT WAS REALLY UNCLE PERT'S. HE'S GOT IT UP ON JACKS FOR THE WINTER.

MAYBE WE CAN FIND AN' OLD WRECK FOR ABOUT \$75 THAT WE CAN FIX UP AND KEEP RUNNING.

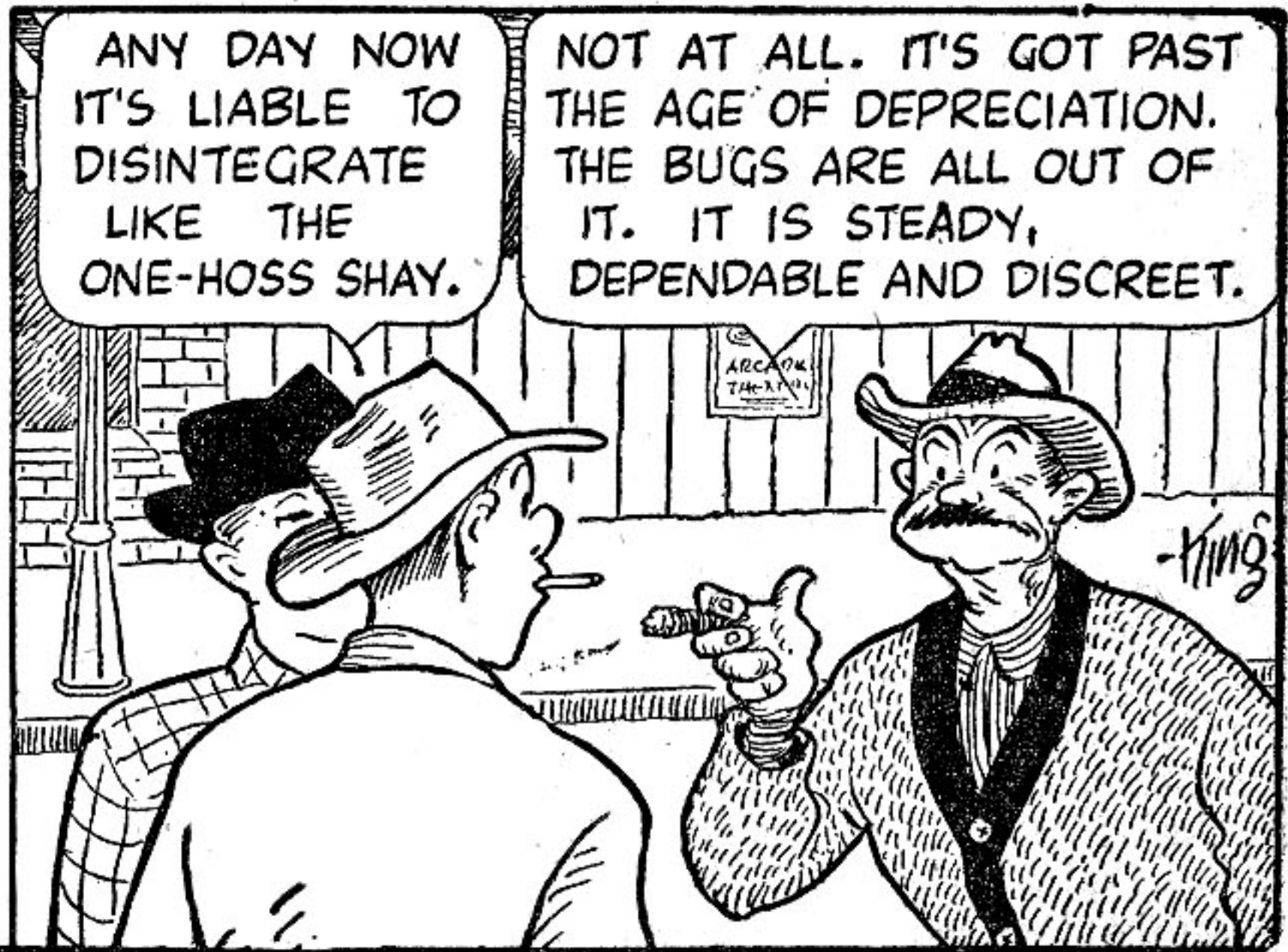
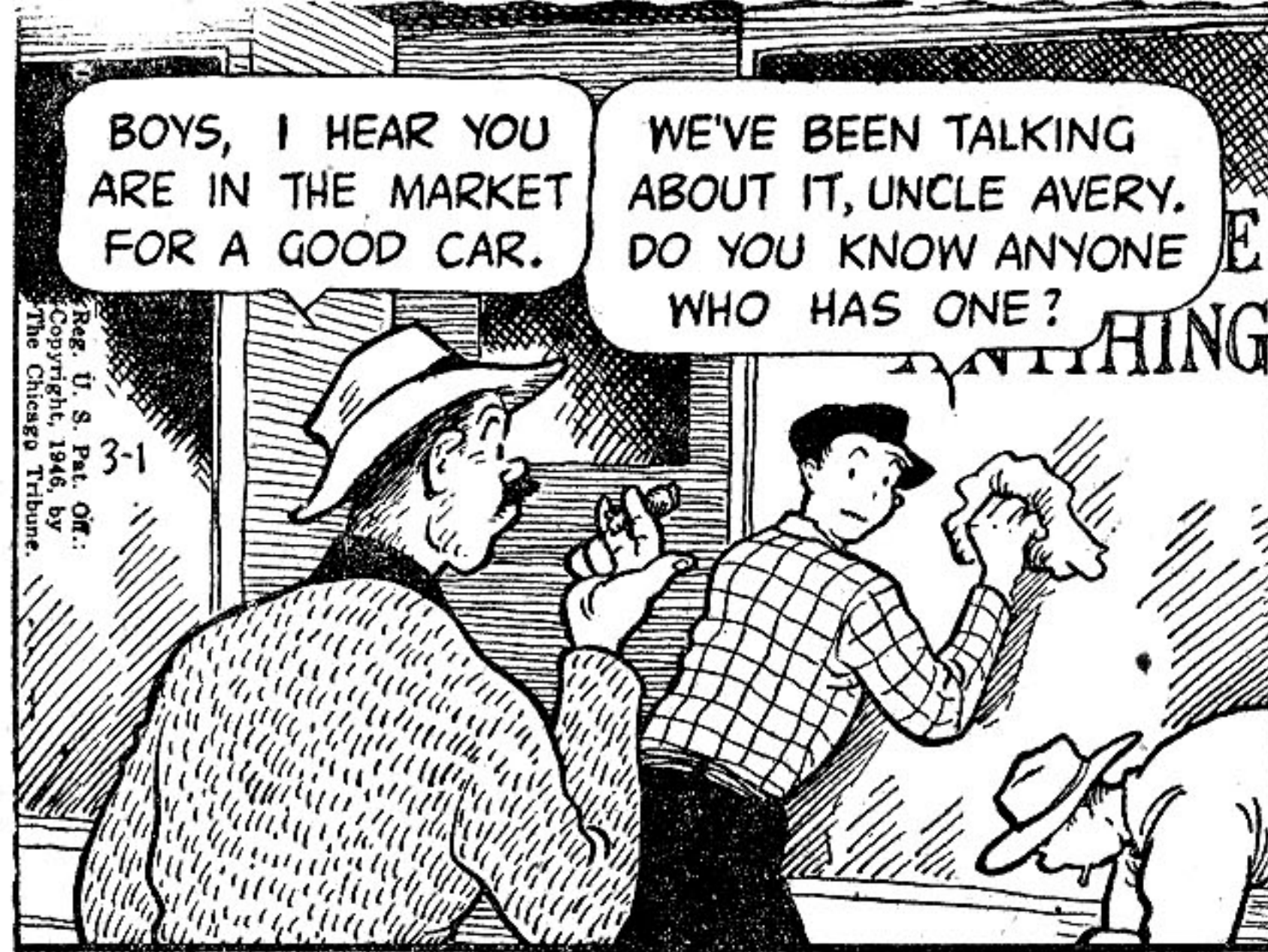
TROUBLE IS, ALL THE OL' BUNDLES OF JUNK ARE \$200 AN' UP BY NOW.

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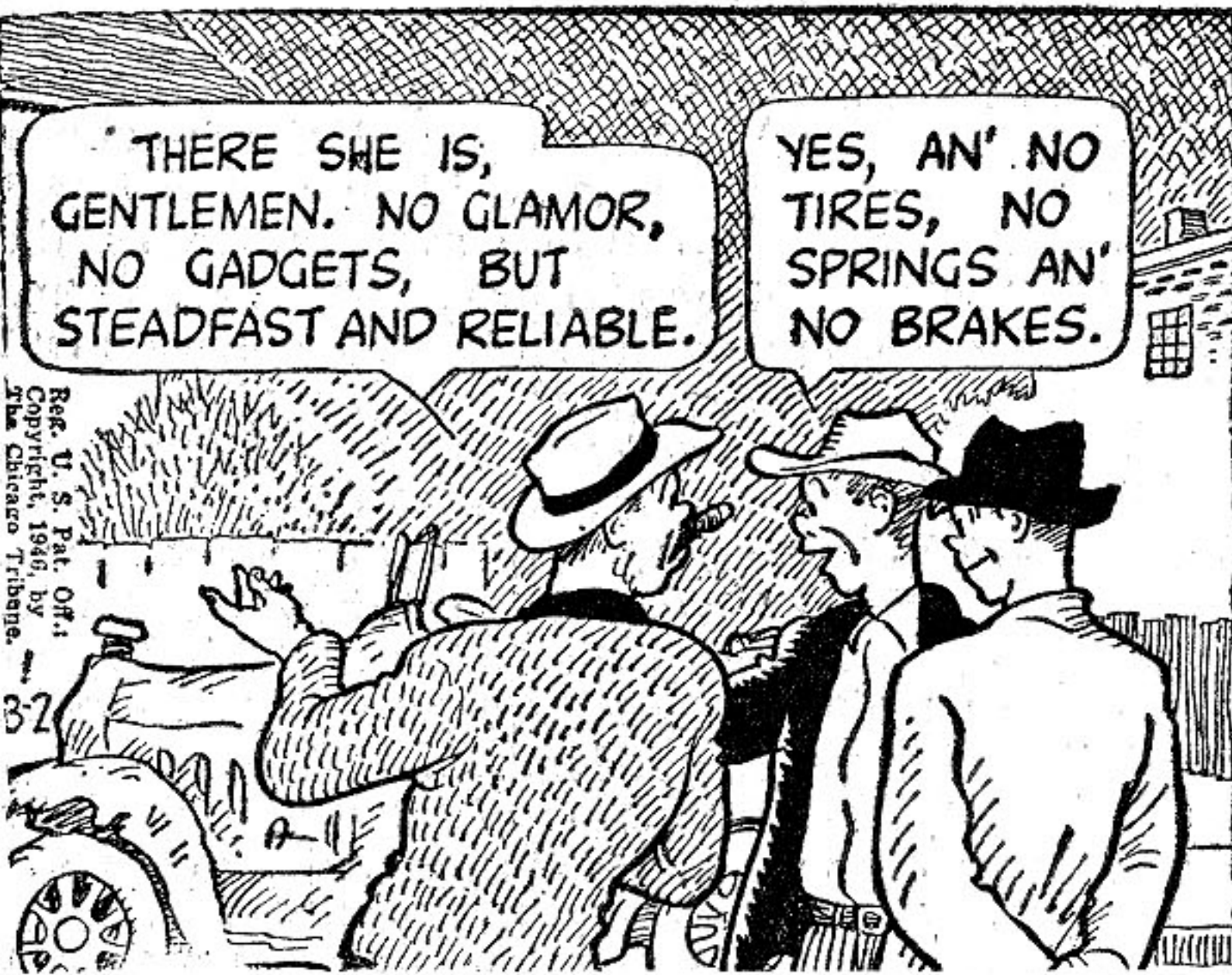
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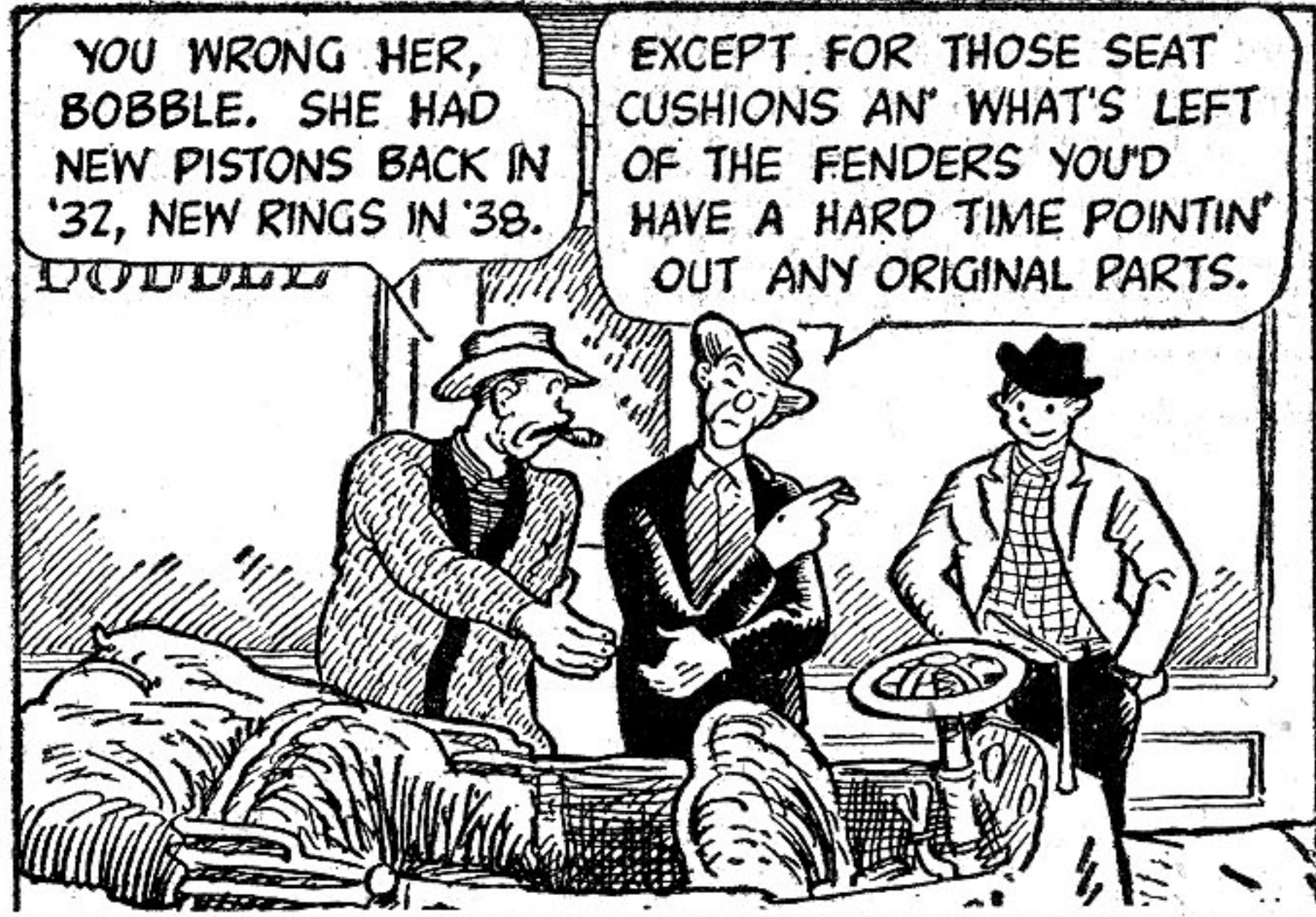
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THERE SHE IS, GENTLEMEN. NO GLAMOR, NO GADGETS, BUT STEADFAST AND RELIABLE.

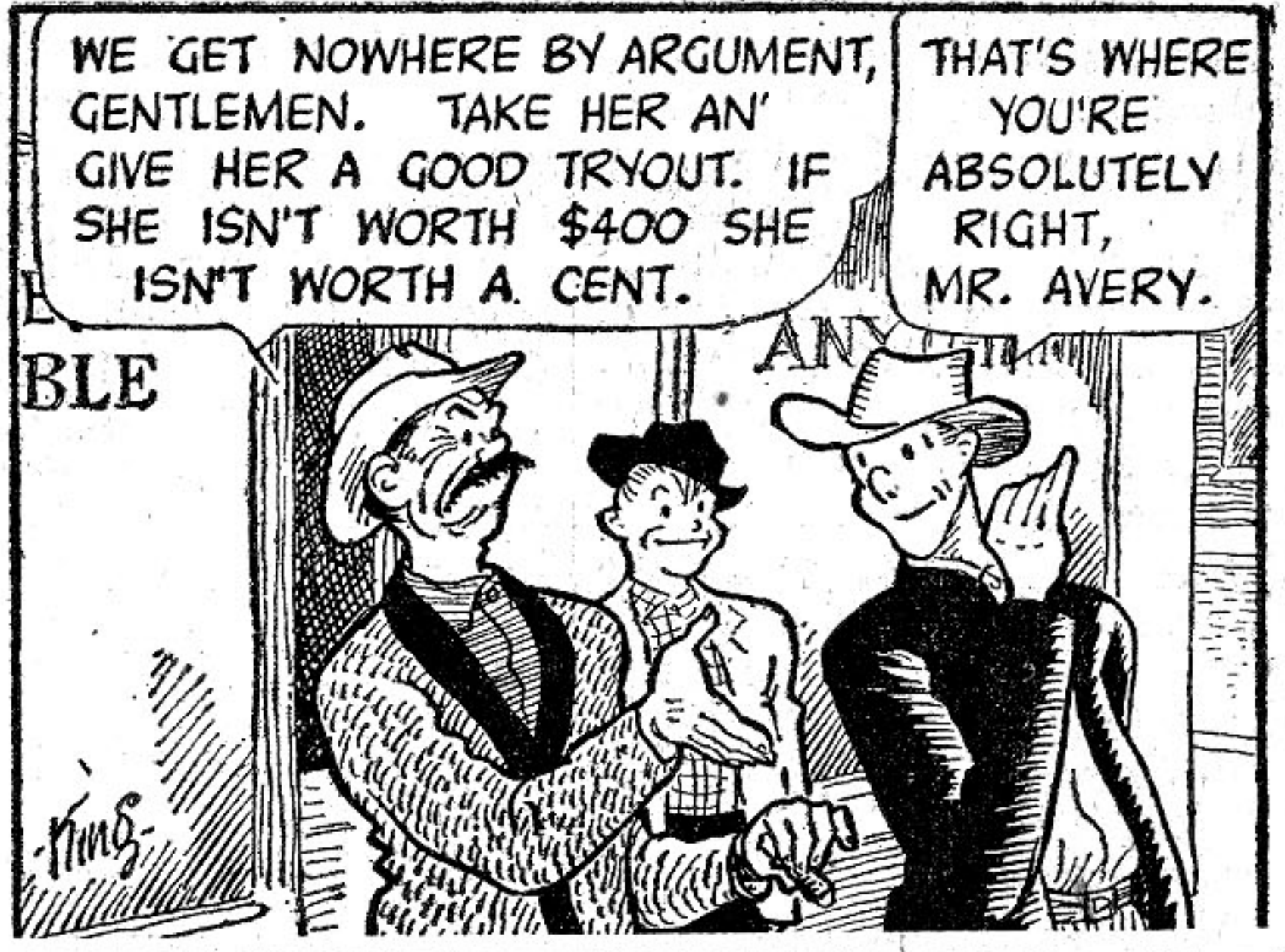
YES, AN' NO TIRES, NO SPRINGS AN' NO BRAKES.

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YOU WRONG HER, BOBBLE. SHE HAD NEW PISTONS BACK IN '32, NEW RINGS IN '38.

EXCEPT FOR THOSE SEAT CUSHIONS AN' WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FENDERS YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME POINTIN' OUT ANY ORIGINAL PARTS.



WE GET NOWHERE BY ARGUMENT, GENTLEMEN. TAKE HER AN' GIVE HER A GOOD TRYOUT. IF SHE ISN'T WORTH \$400 SHE ISN'T WORTH A CENT.

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, MR. AVERY.

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THAT'S THE CAR UNCLE WALT.

AND YOU MEAN TO SAY A STRANGER GAVE IT TO YOU?



YES. HE'D DRIVEN IT INTO A DITCH JUST BEFORE WILMER AND I CAME ALONG. HE WAS DISGUSTED WITH IT.



HE SAID, "YOU CAN HAVE IT. I'M HITCHIN' A RIDE TO THE NEXT TOWN."

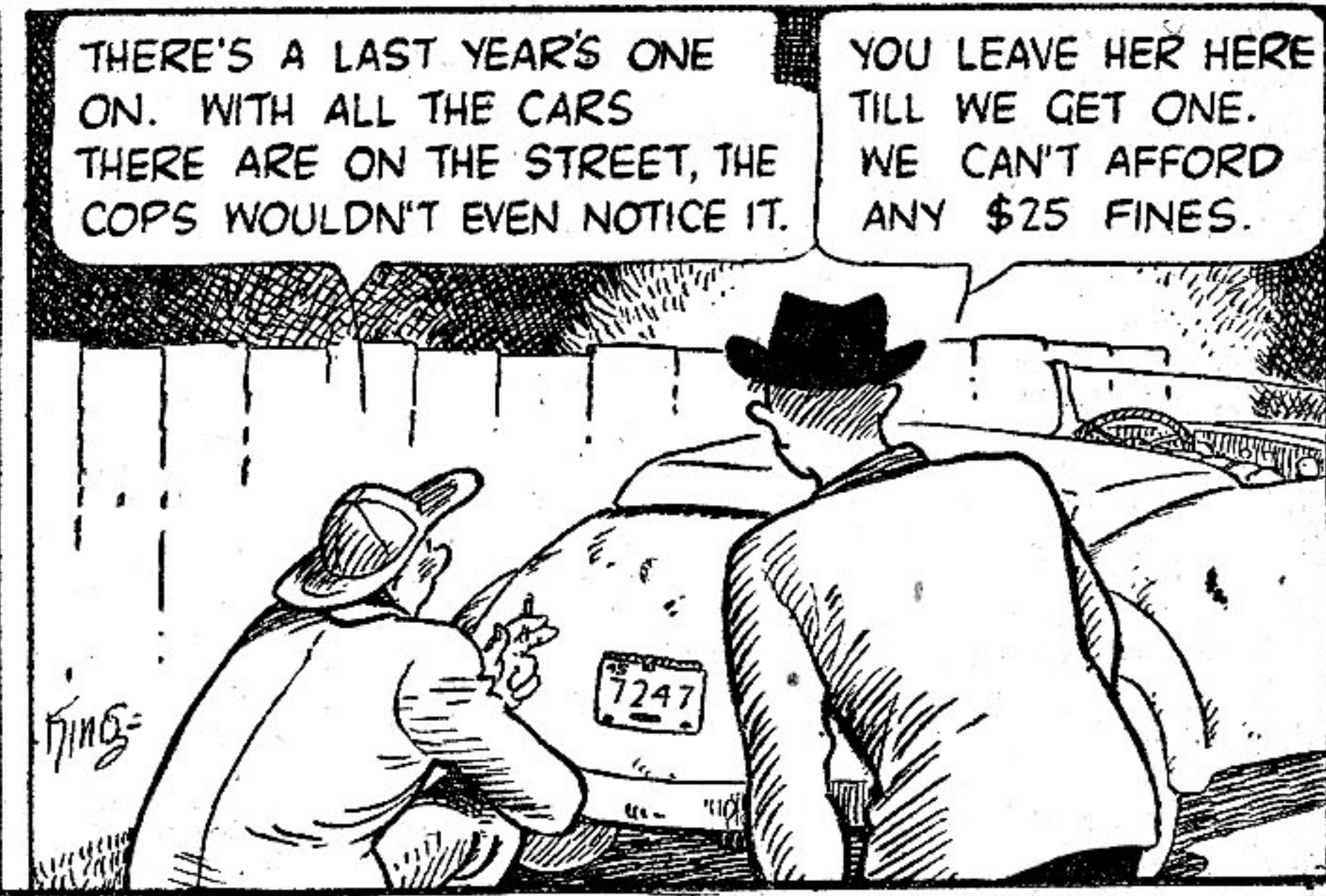
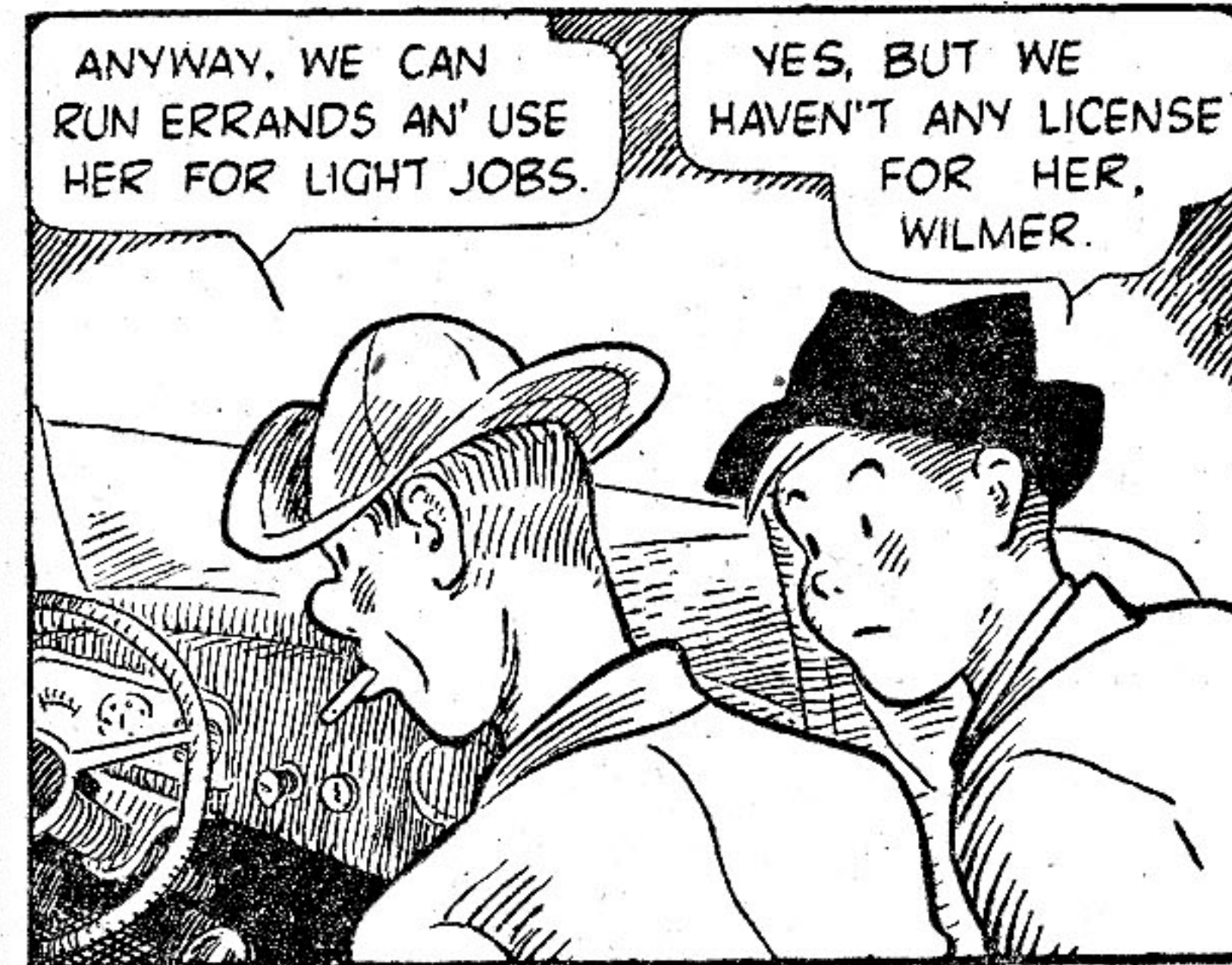
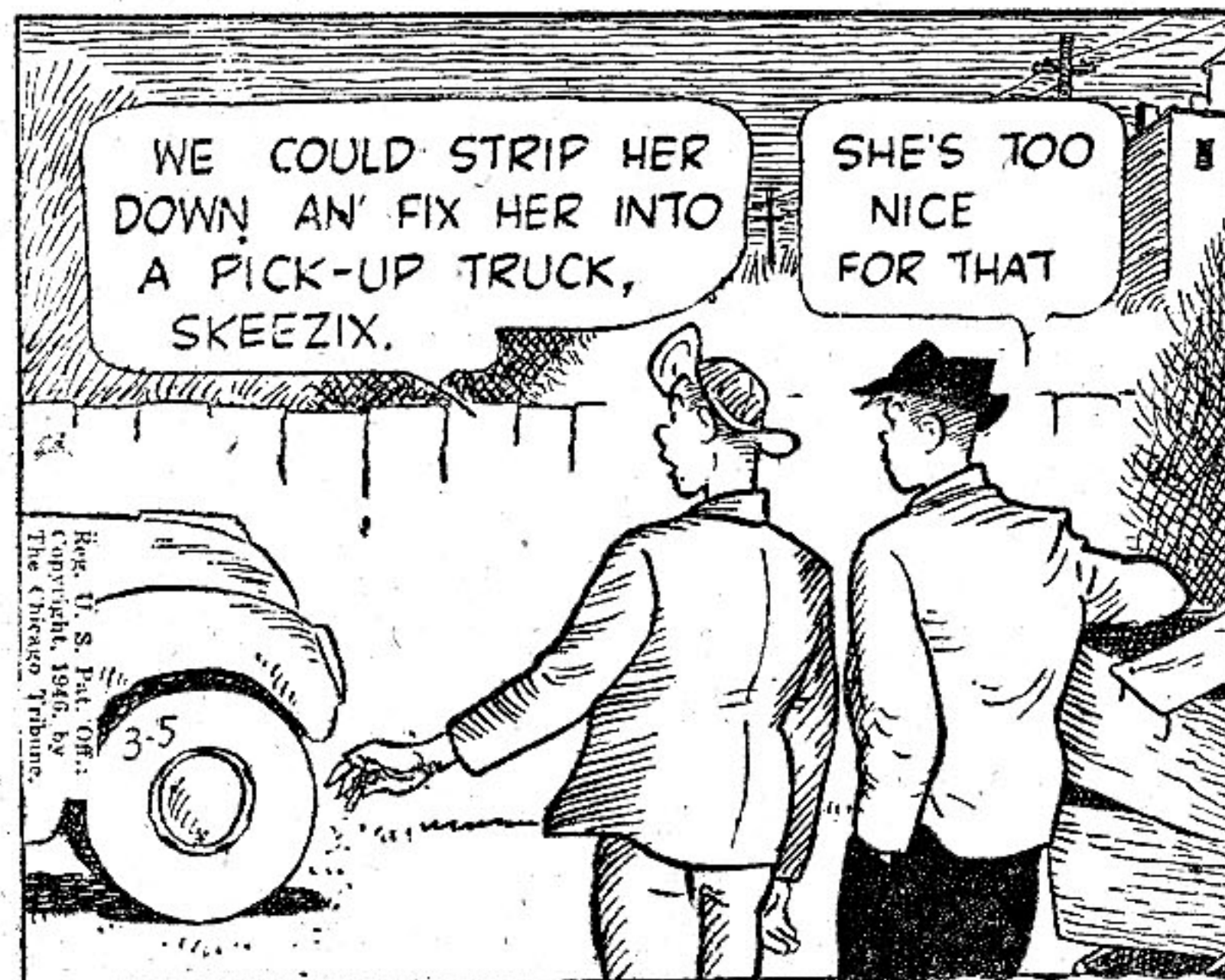


SO WE HAULED IT OUT AND INSTEAD OF BEING A WRECK, IT RAN UNDER IT'S OWN POWER!

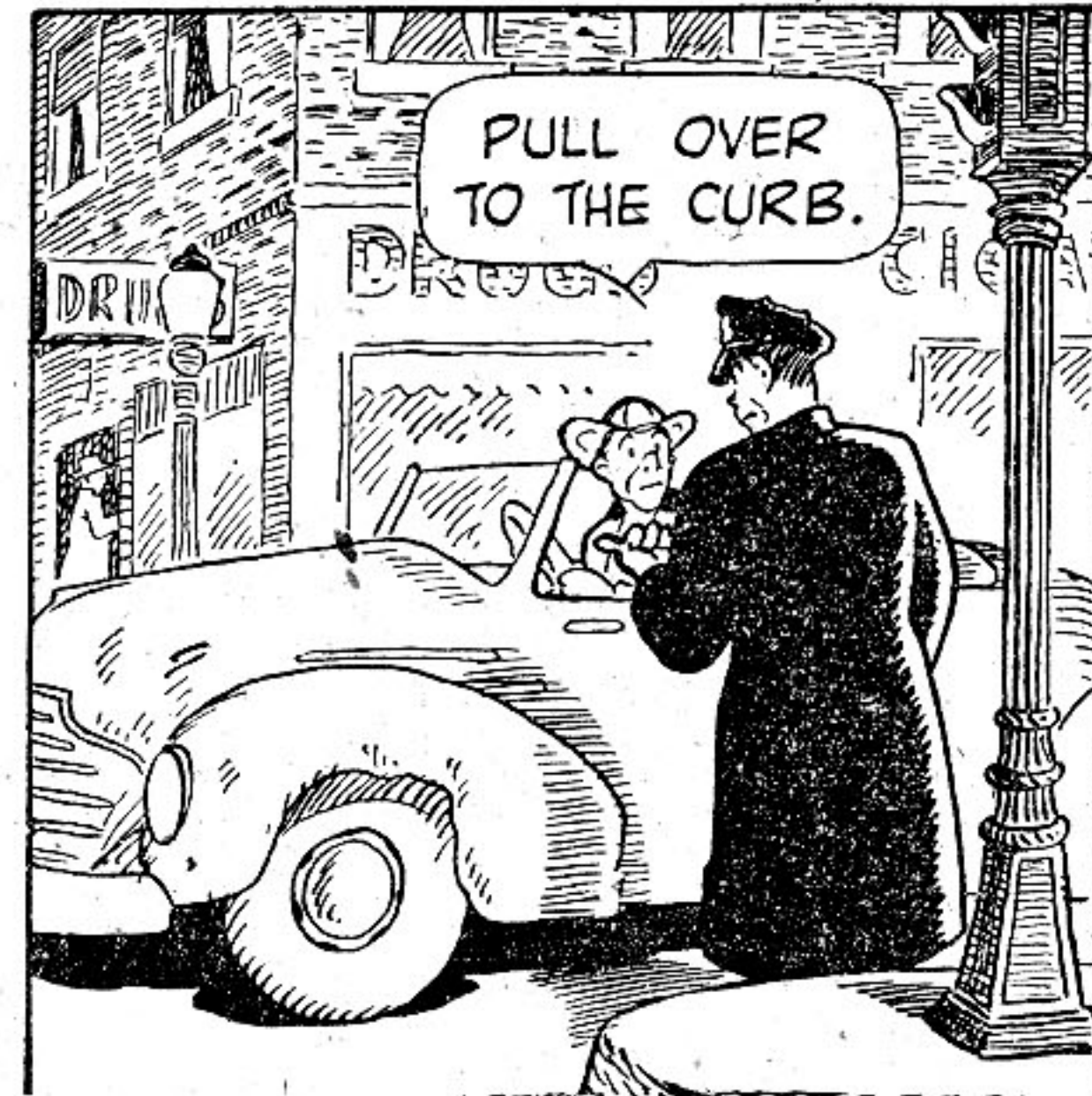
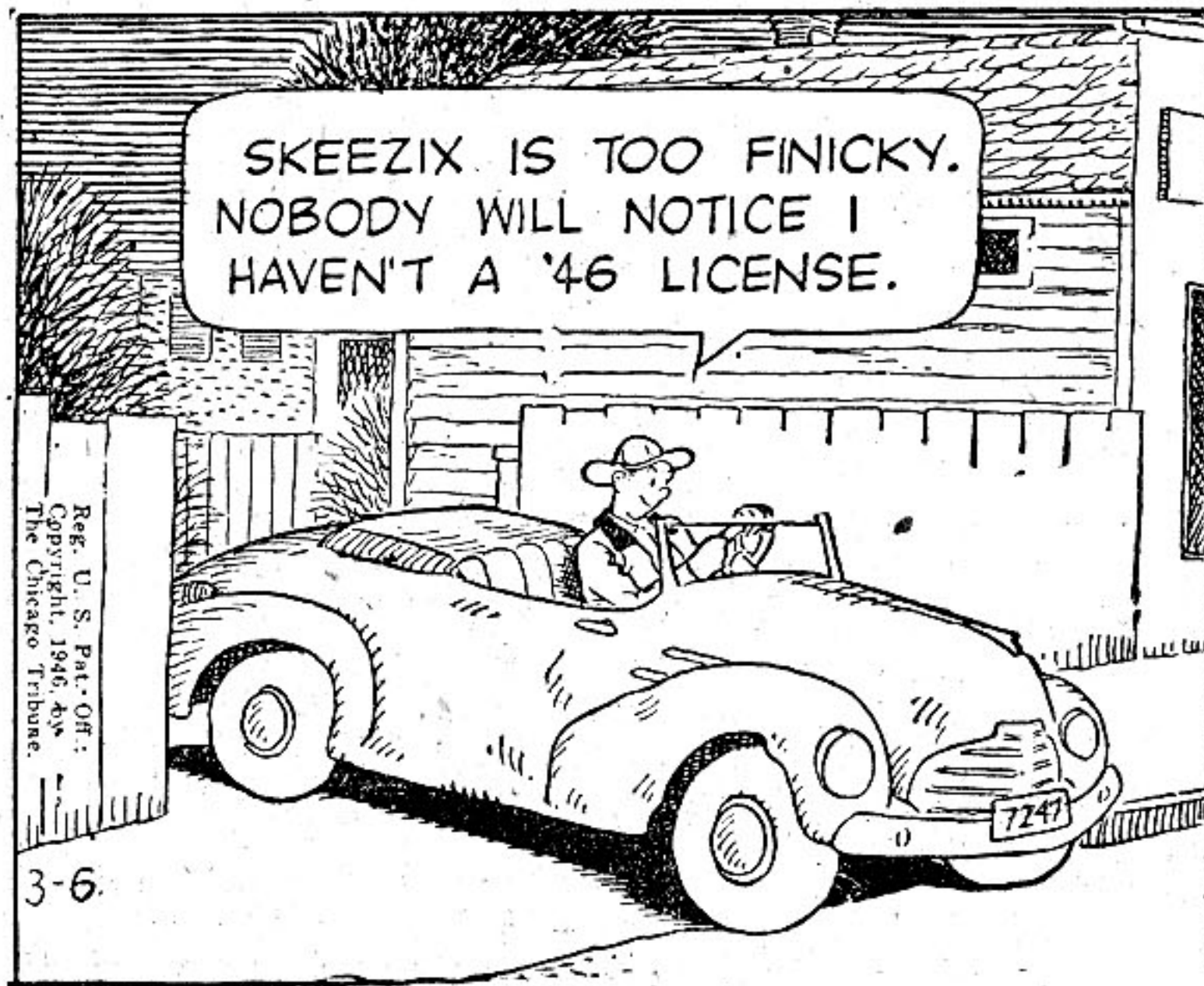


IT CERTAINLY ISN'T ANY JALOPY! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND ANYBODY BEING THAT GOOFY!

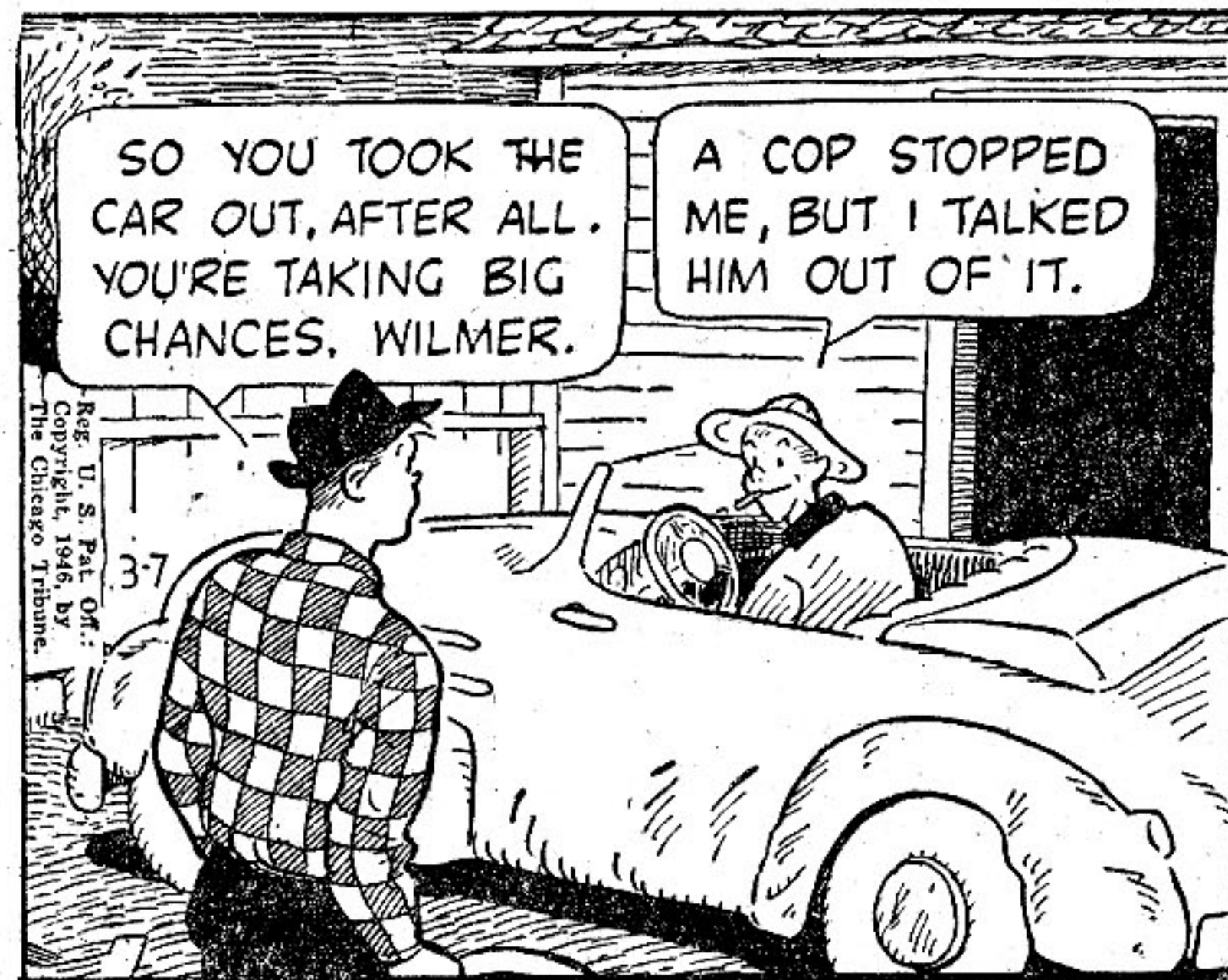
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SO YOU TOOK THE CAR OUT, AFTER ALL. YOU'RE TAKING BIG CHANCES, WILMER.

A COP STOPPED ME, BUT I TALKED HIM OUT OF IT.

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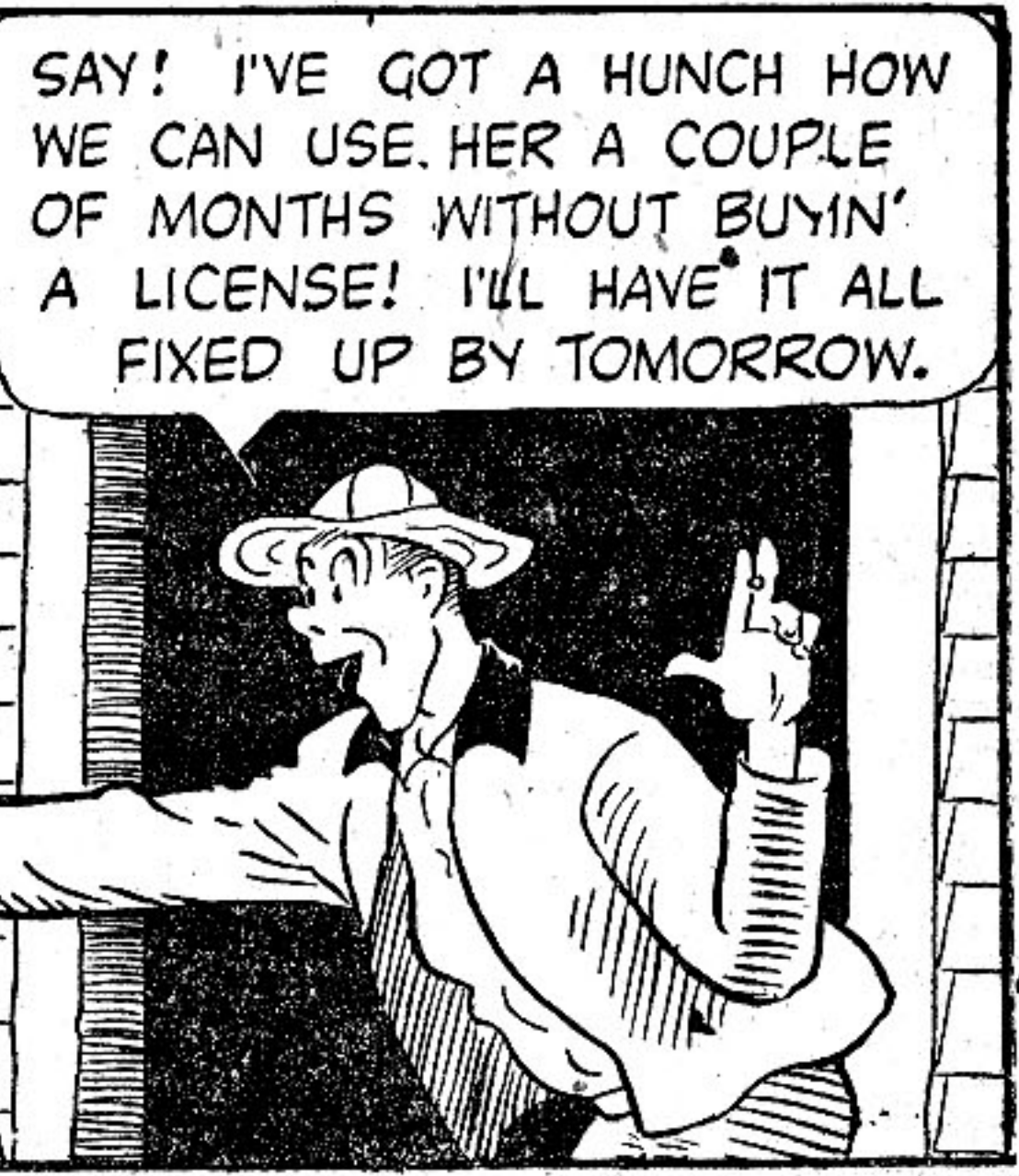
MAYBE YOU CAN GET BY ONCE, BUT YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY IT AGAIN.



I'LL LAY LOW A COUPLE O' DAYS. I CAN TALK TO THOSE BIRDS! I WON'T GET ANY TICKET.



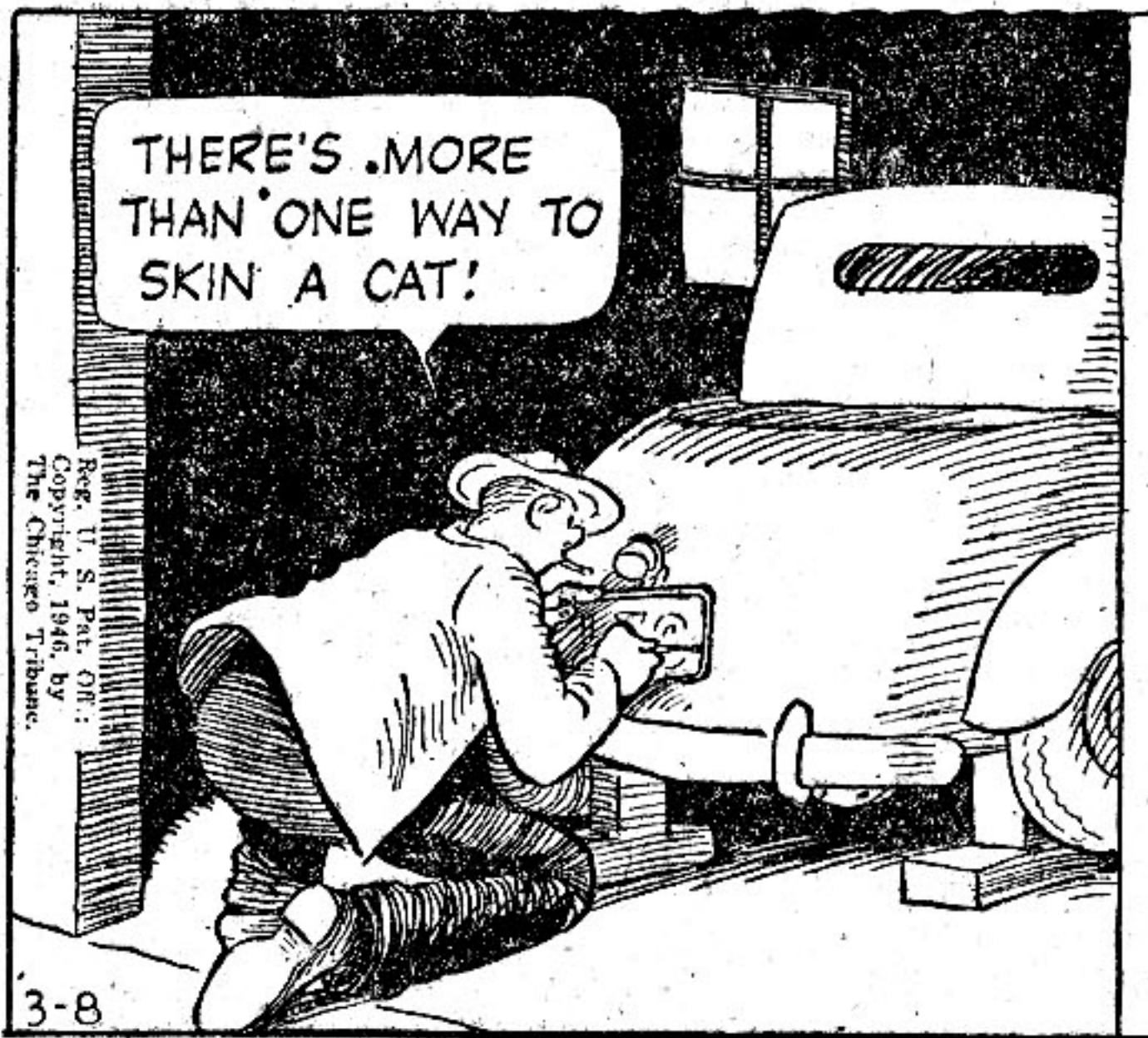
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DRIVE IT UNTIL WE HAVE A LICENSE FOR IT.



SAY! I'VE GOT A HUNCH HOW WE CAN USE HER A COUPLE OF MONTHS WITHOUT BUYIN' A LICENSE! I'LL HAVE IT ALL FIXED UP BY TOMORROW.

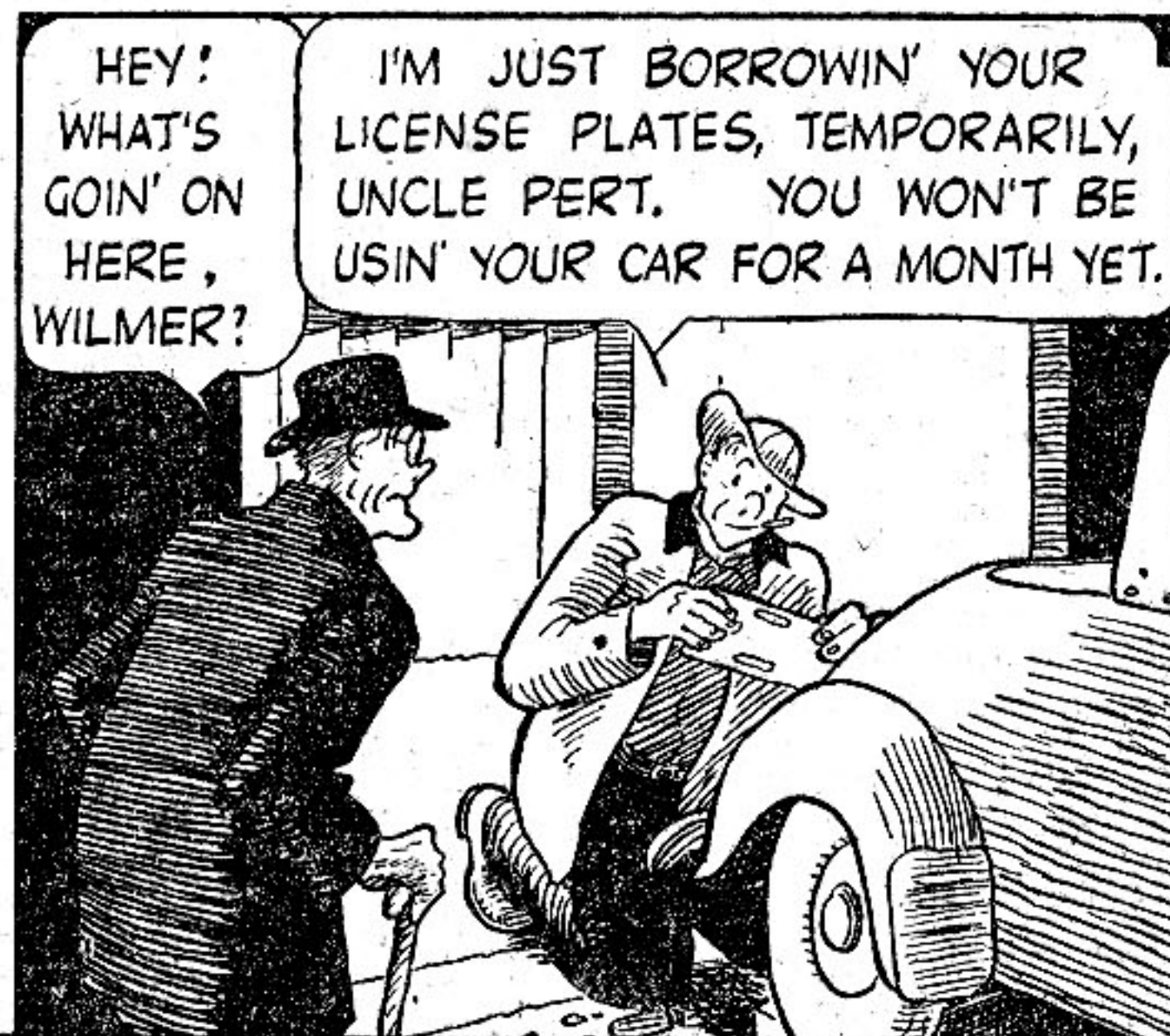
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WHADDA YA KNOW!
I TRIED TO BORROW
UNCLE PERT'S LICENSE
PLATES AN' THE OL'
SKINFLINT WOULDN'T
COME ACROSS.

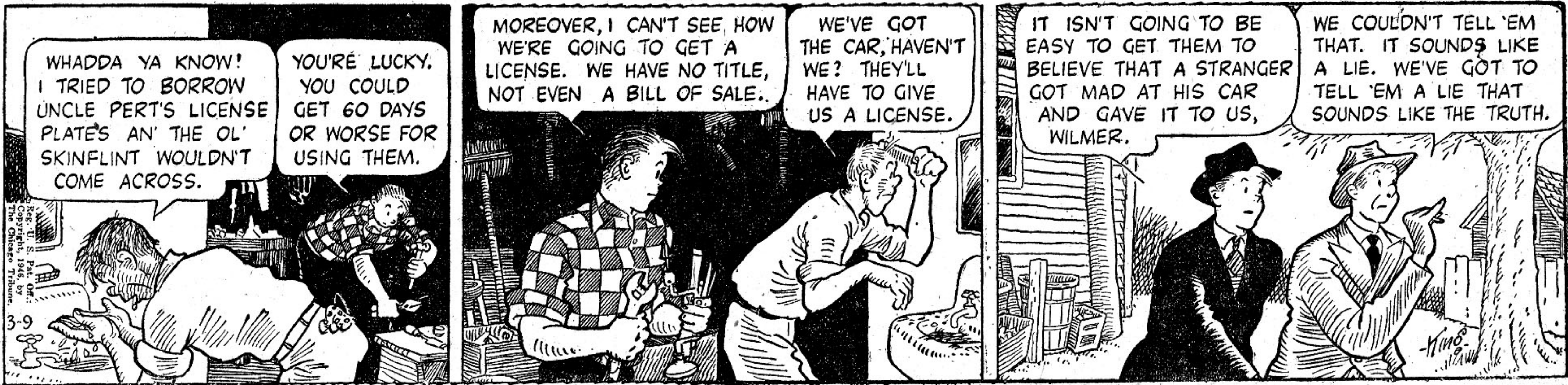
YOU'RE LUCKY.
YOU COULD
GET 60 DAYS
OR WORSE FOR
USING THEM.

MOREOVER, I CAN'T SEE HOW
WE'RE GOING TO GET A
LICENSE. WE HAVE NO TITLE,
NOT EVEN A BILL OF SALE.

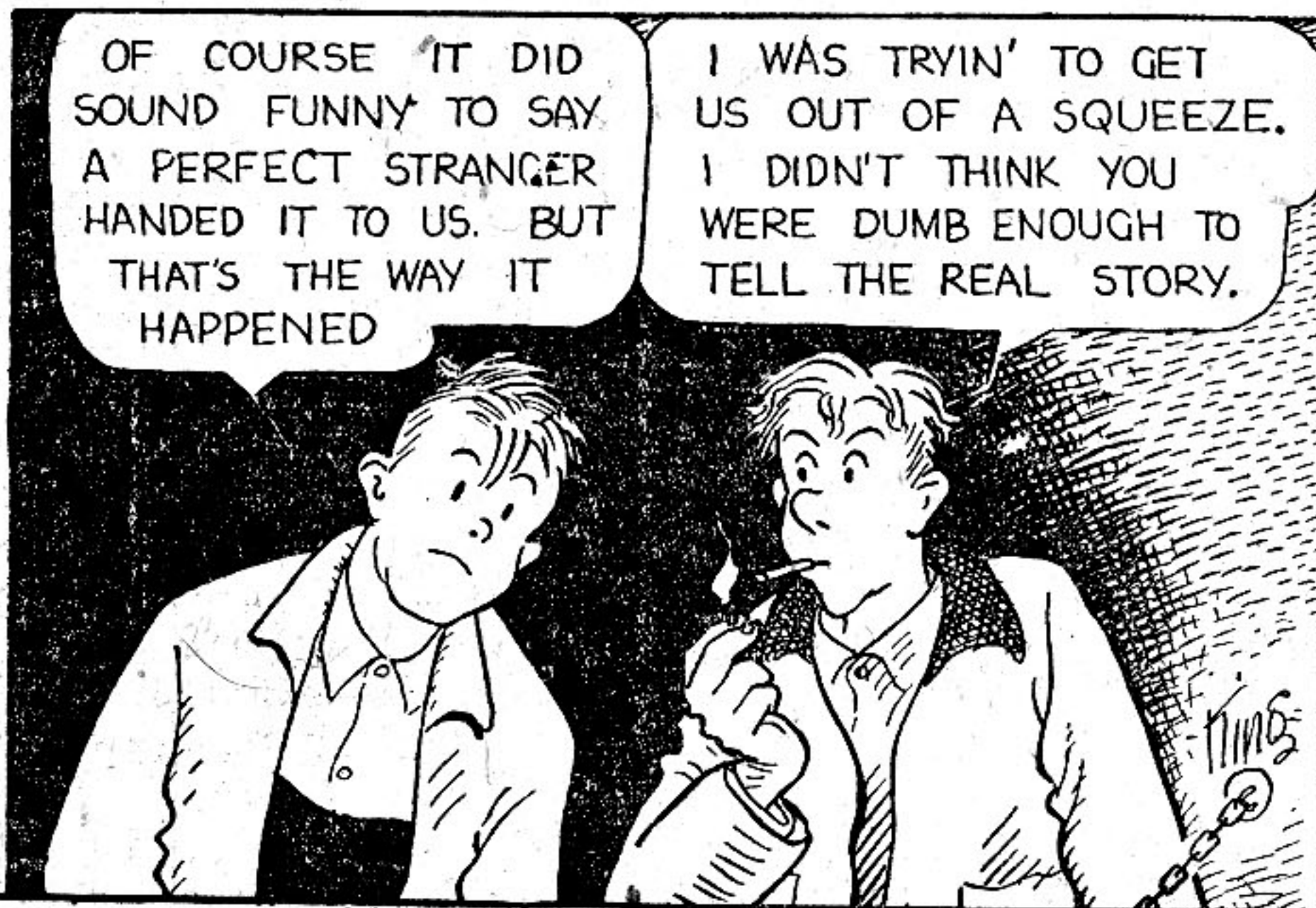
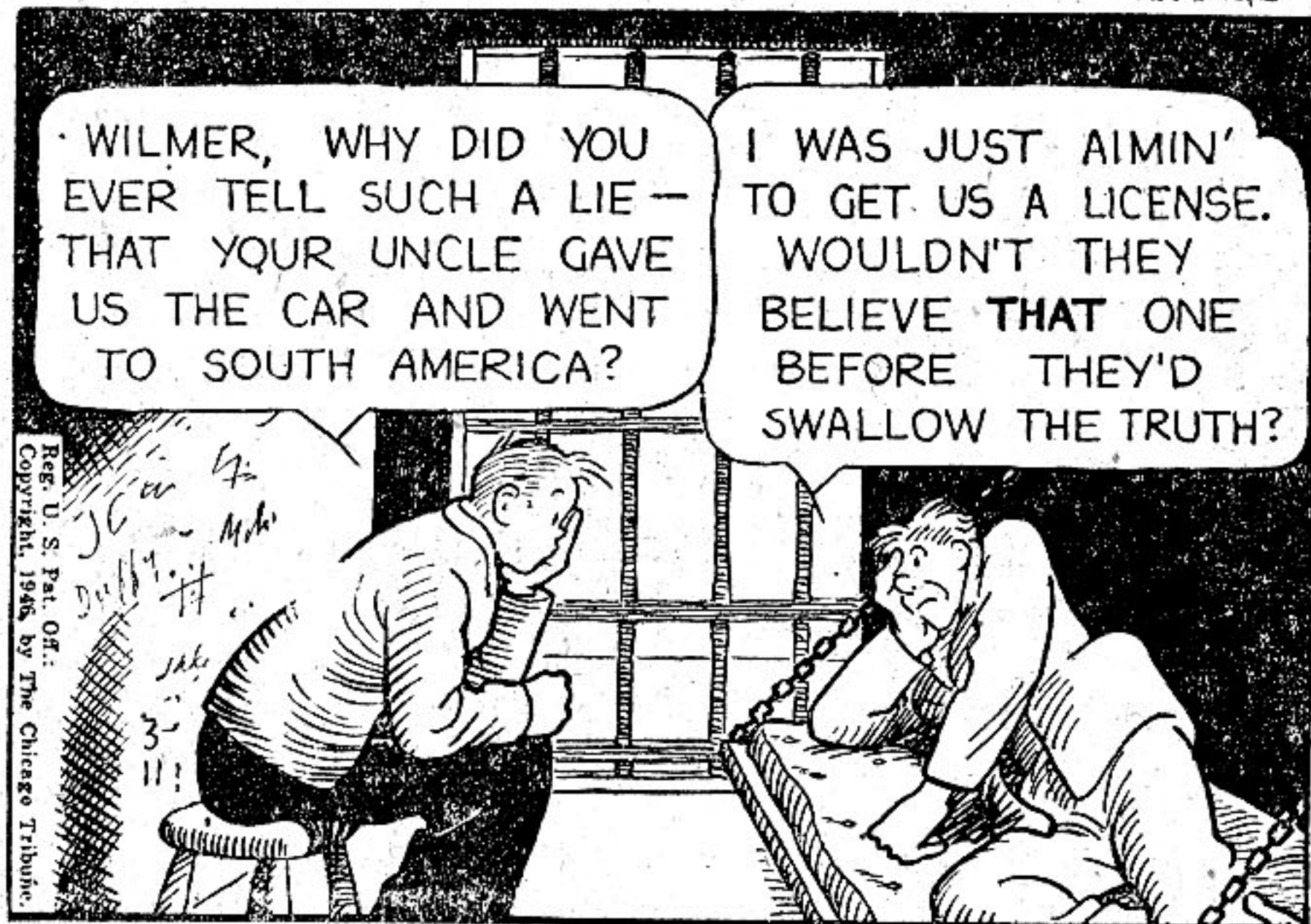
WE'VE GOT
THE CAR, HAVEN'T
WE? THEY'LL
HAVE TO GIVE
US A LICENSE.

IT ISN'T GOING TO BE
EASY TO GET THEM TO
BELIEVE THAT A STRANGER
GOT MAD AT HIS CAR
AND GAVE IT TO US,
WILMER.

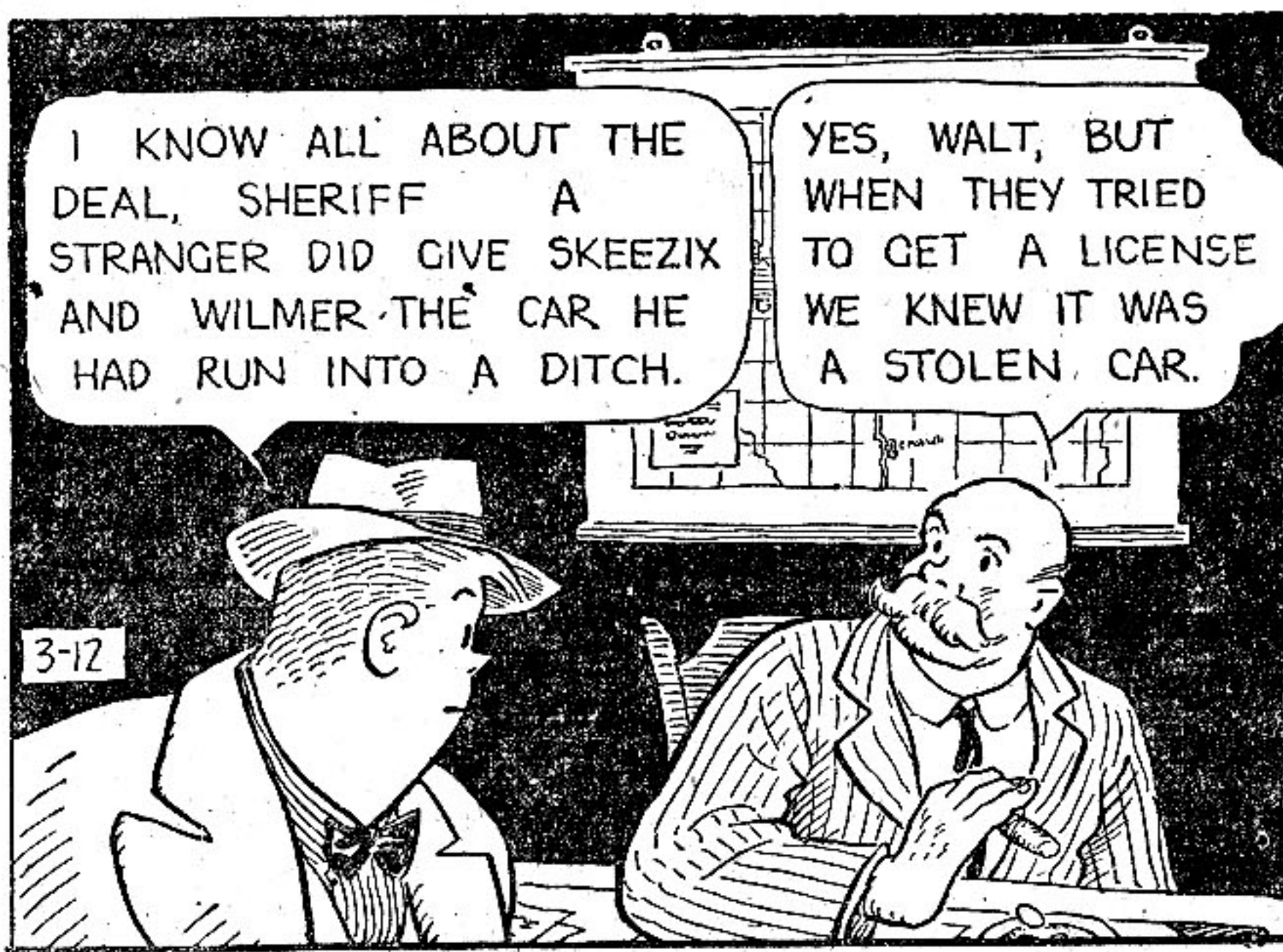
WE COULDN'T TELL 'EM
THAT. IT SOUNDS LIKE
A LIE. WE'VE GOT TO
TELL 'EM A LIE THAT
SOUNDS LIKE THE TRUTH.



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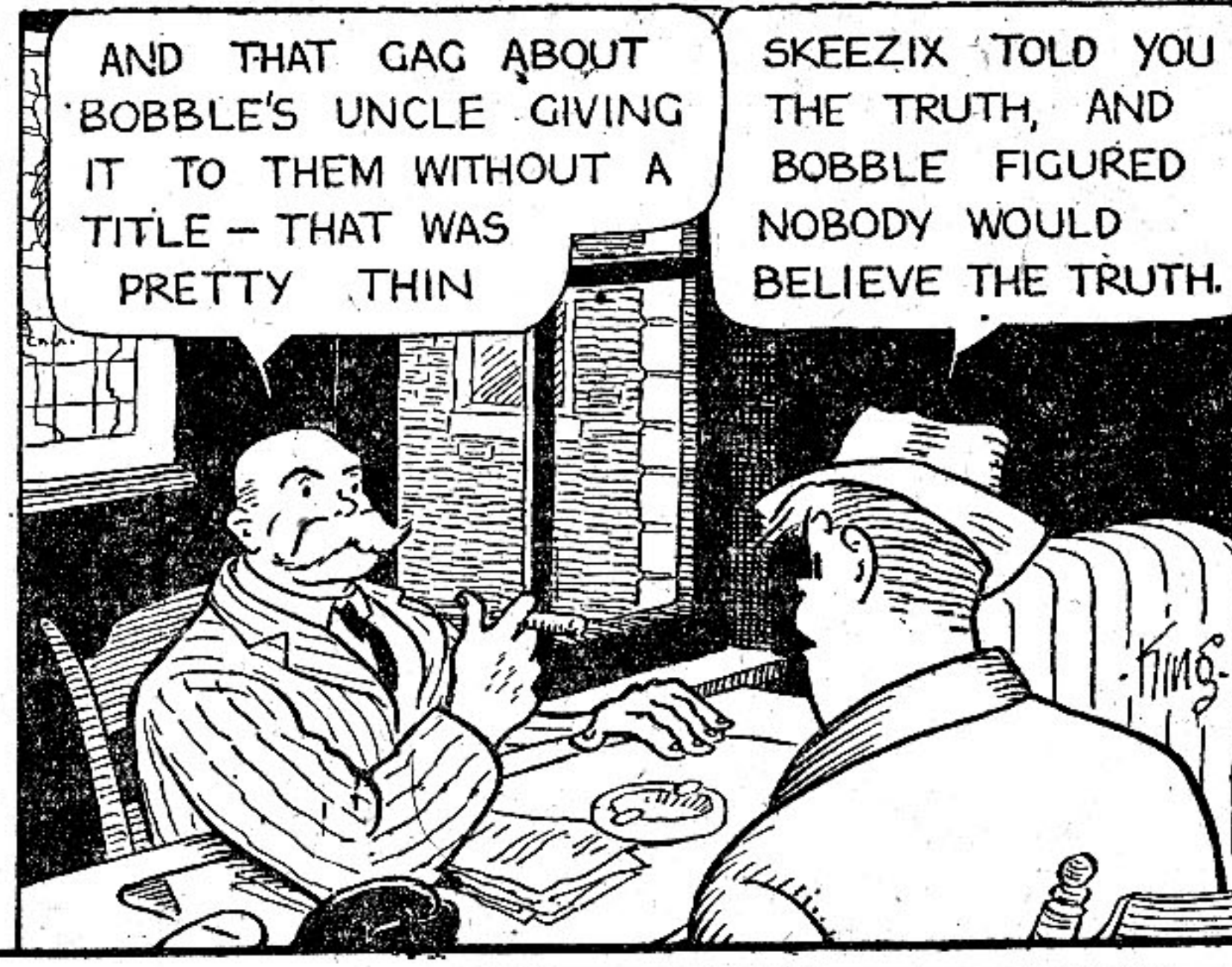


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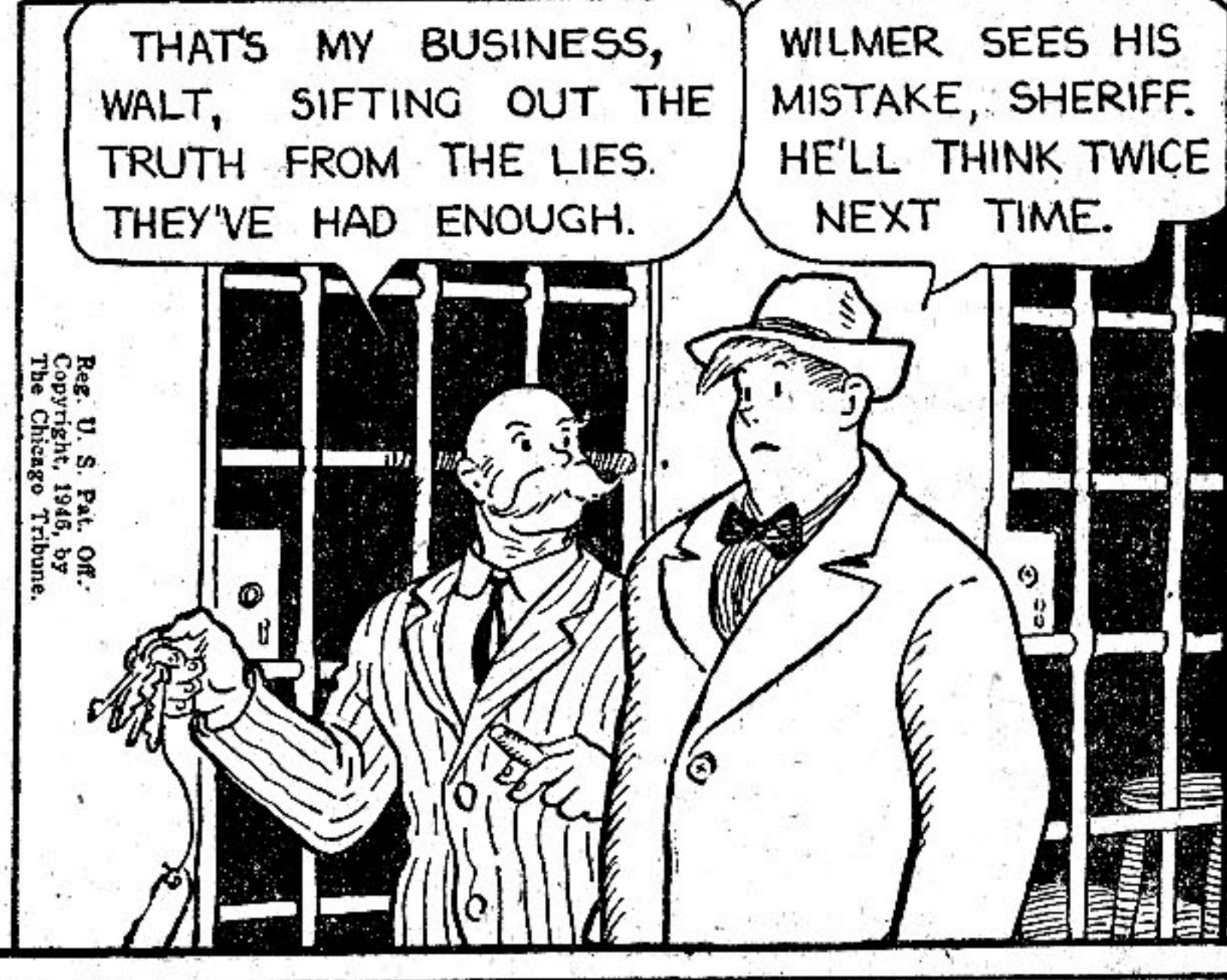
I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE DEAL, SHERIFF. A STRANGER DID GIVE SKEEZIX AND WILMER THE CAR HE HAD RUN INTO A DITCH.

YES, WALT, BUT WHEN THEY TRIED TO GET A LICENSE WE KNEW IT WAS A STOLEN CAR.



AND THAT GAG ABOUT BOBBLE'S UNCLE GIVING IT TO THEM WITHOUT A TITLE - THAT WAS PRETTY THIN

SKEEZIX TOLD YOU THE TRUTH, AND BOBBLE FIGURED NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE THE TRUTH.



THAT'S MY BUSINESS, WALT, SIFTING OUT THE TRUTH FROM THE LIES. THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH.

WILMER SEES HIS MISTAKE, SHERIFF. HE'LL THINK TWICE NEXT TIME.

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YOUR UNCLE WALT HAS SATISFIED ME THAT YOU TWO ARE INNOCENT, SKEEZIX. YOU ARE FREE MEN AGAIN.

THANKS A LOT, SHERIFF.

KIND OF KEEP THIS DARK, WILL YOU, SHERIFF?

REMEMBER ME? I'M SHUTTERBY FROM THE DAILY BLURT. YOU TOSSED ME OUT OF YOUR SHOP FOR PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR WIVES.

WHY, YOU.....

GEE, I HOPE WILMER DOESN'T HAVE TO GO BACK IN FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY!

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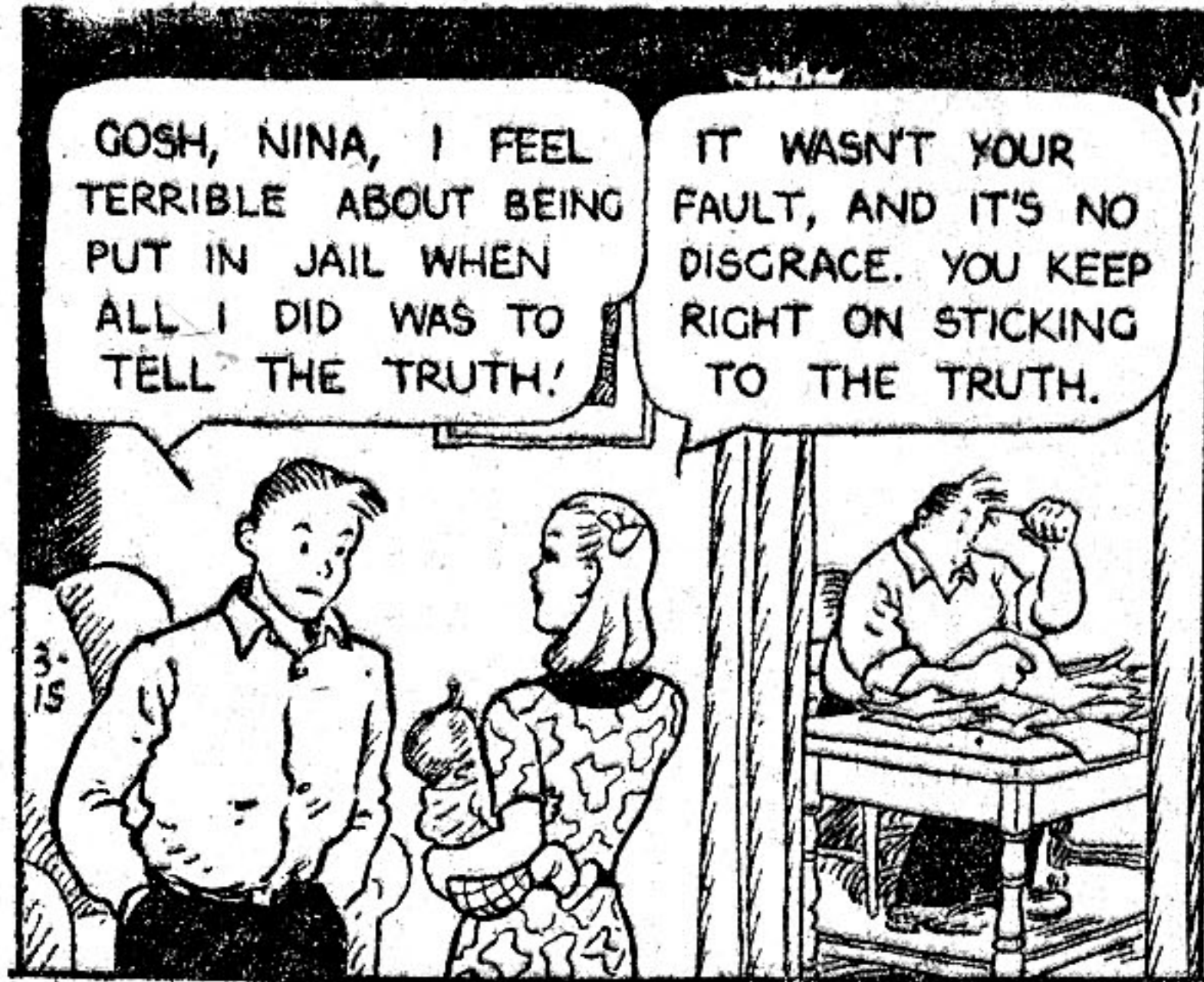
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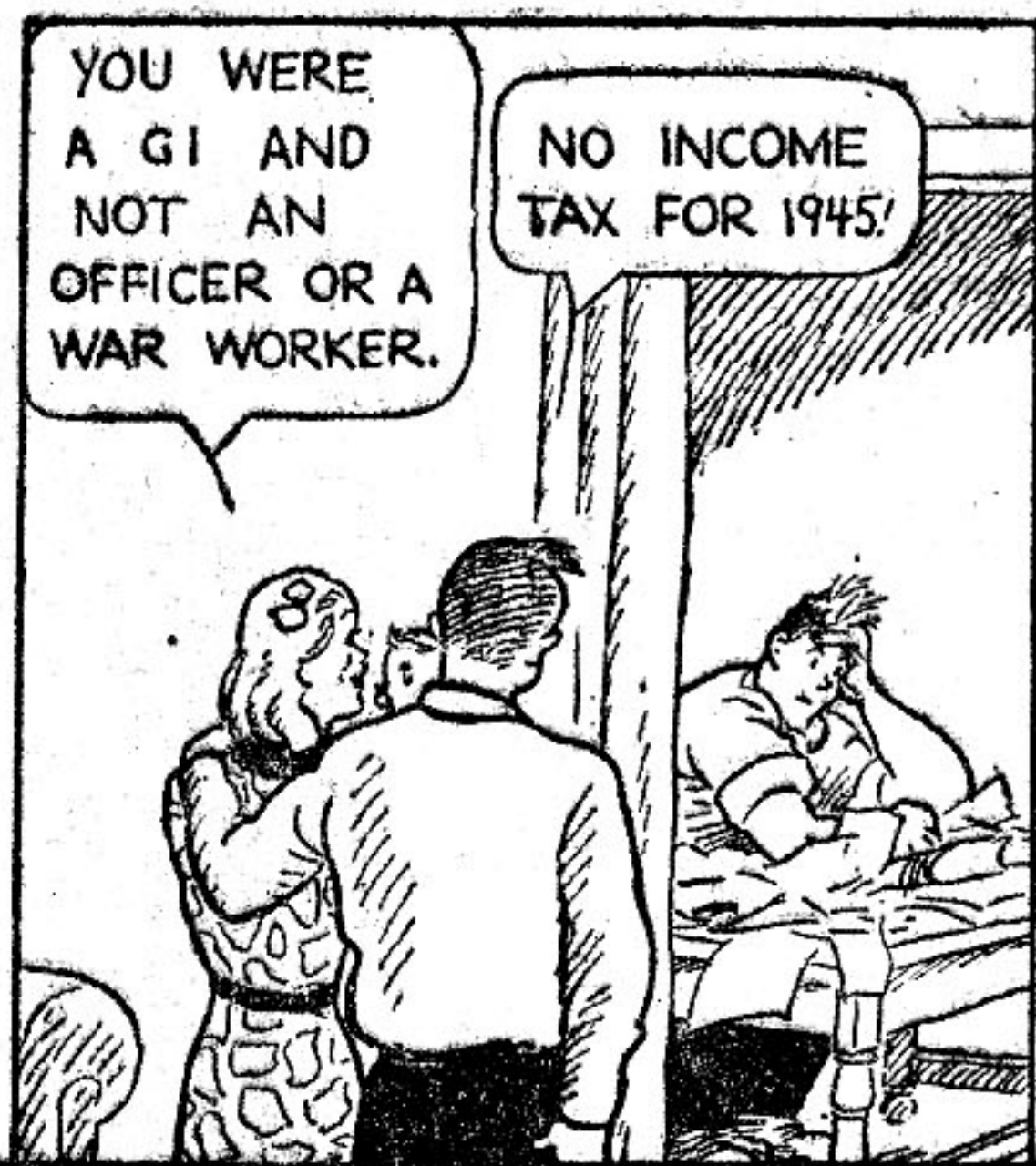
GOSH, NINA, I FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT BEING PUT IN JAIL WHEN ALL I DID WAS TO TELL THE TRUTH!

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, AND IT'S NO DISGRACE. YOU KEEP RIGHT ON STICKING TO THE TRUTH.



THAT WAS BAD LUCK, BUT YOU HAVE GOOD LUCK, TOO.

WHAT, FOR INSTANCE?



YOU WERE A GI AND NOT AN OFFICER OR A WAR WORKER.

NO INCOME TAX FOR 1945!

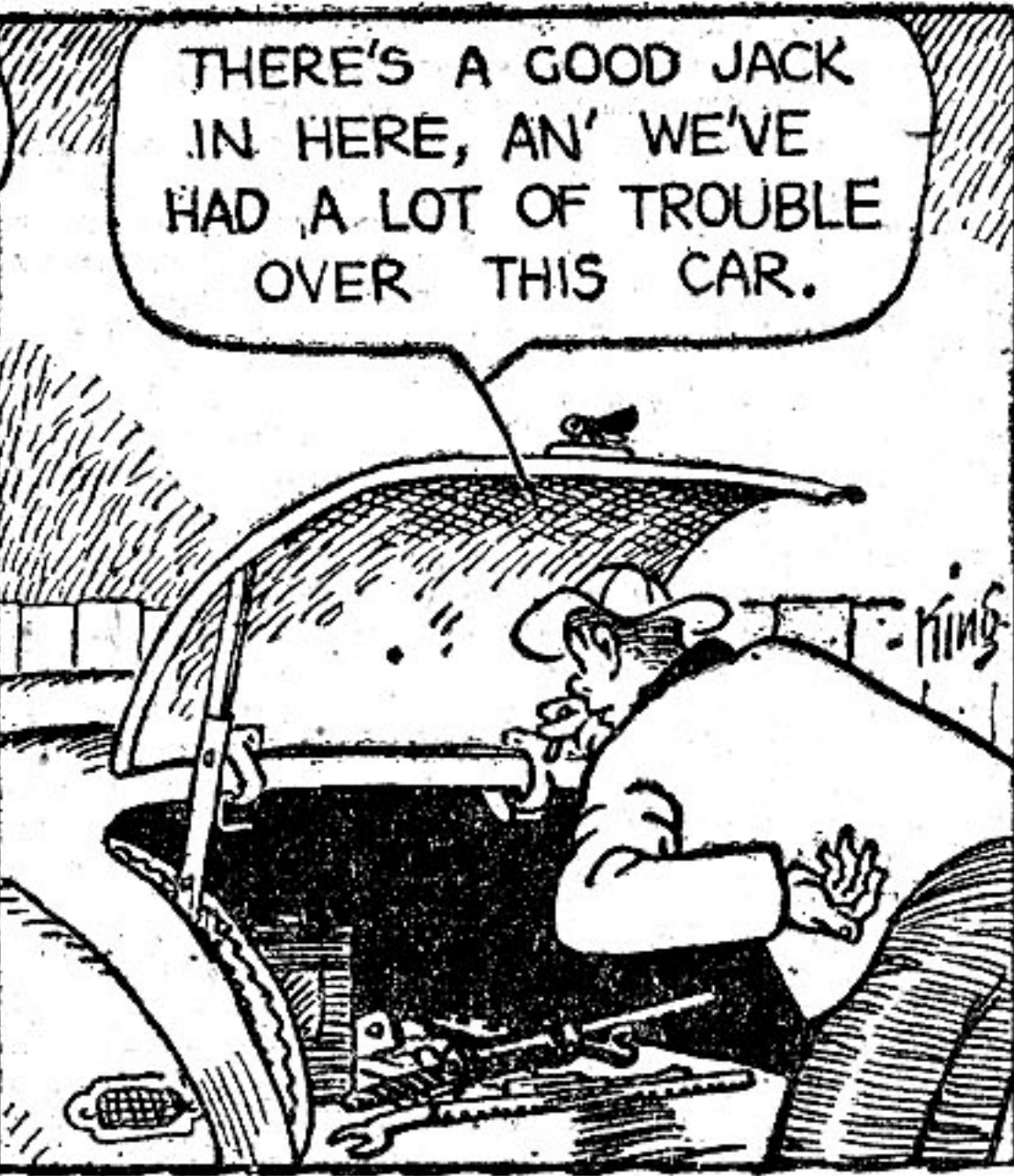
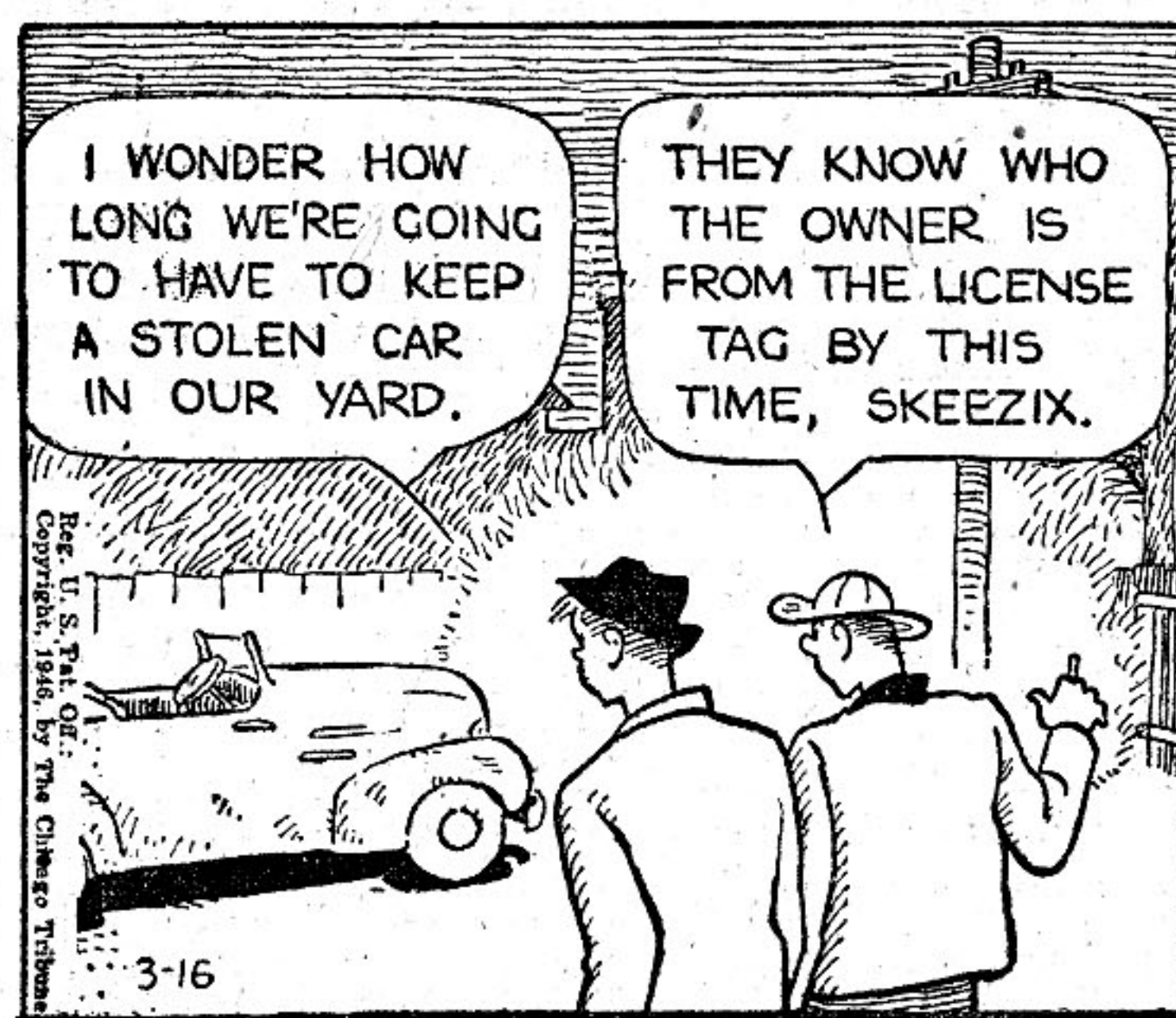


GOLLY, I CAN SEE WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE NEXT YEAR—I HOPE!

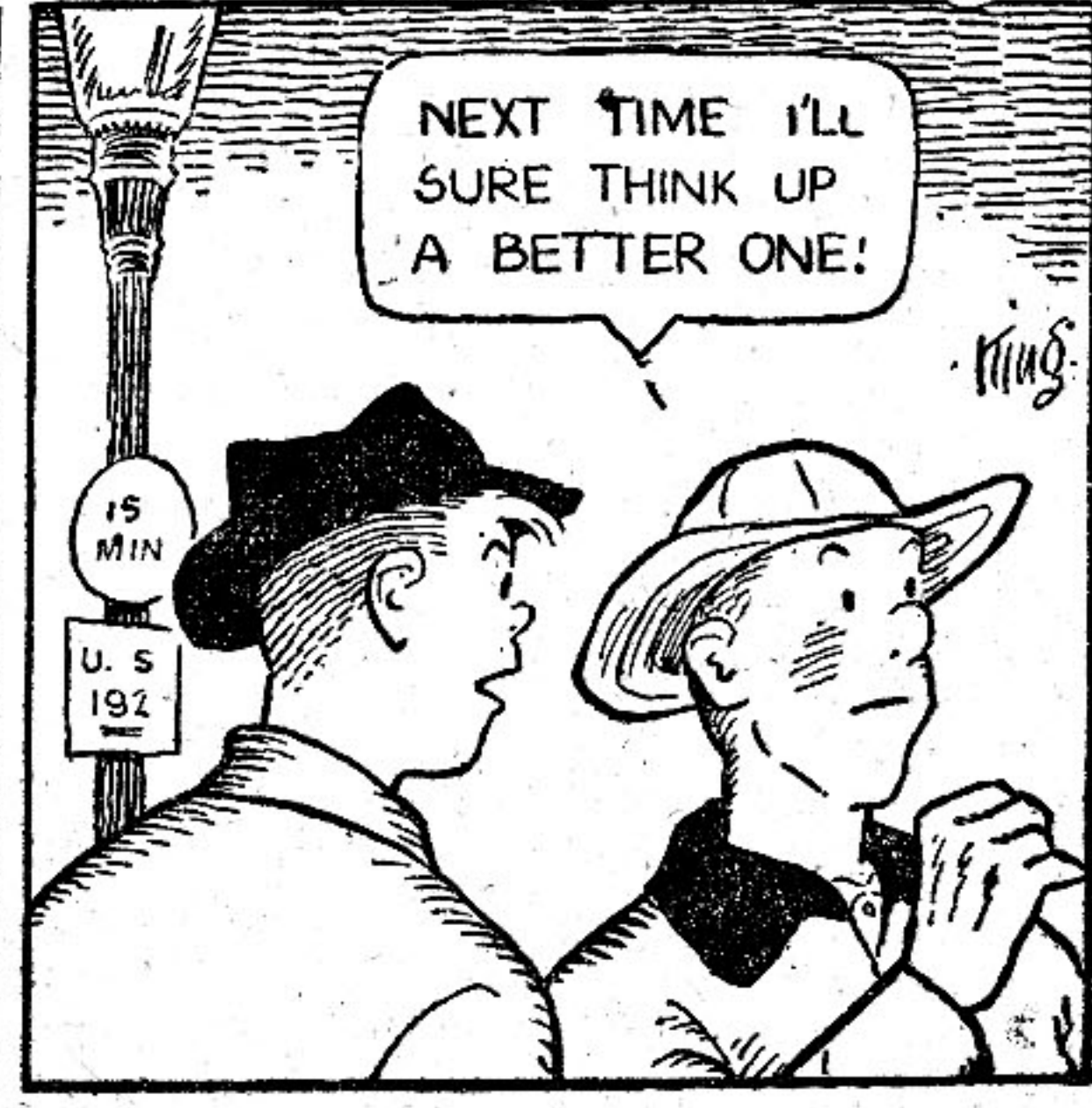
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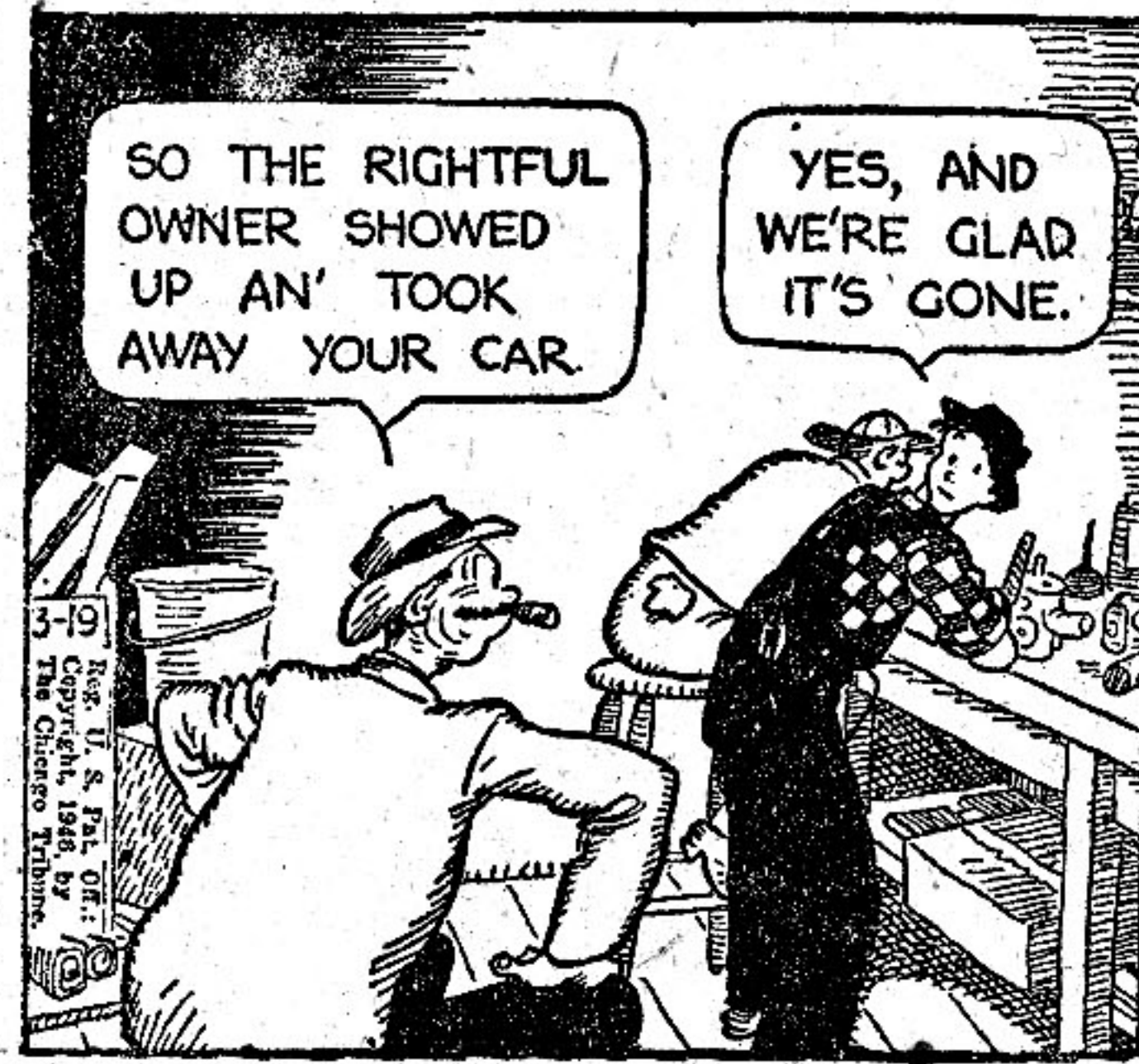
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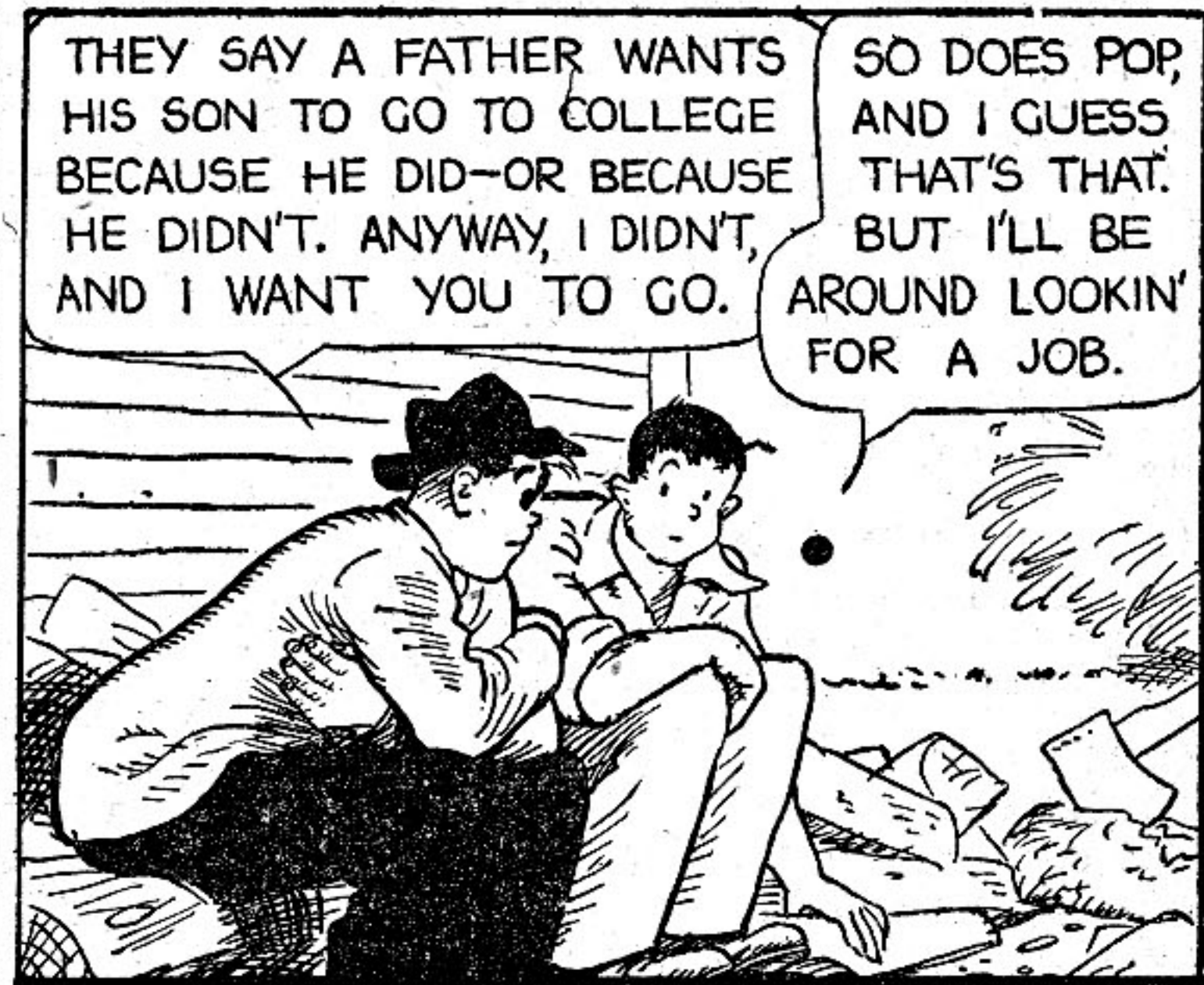
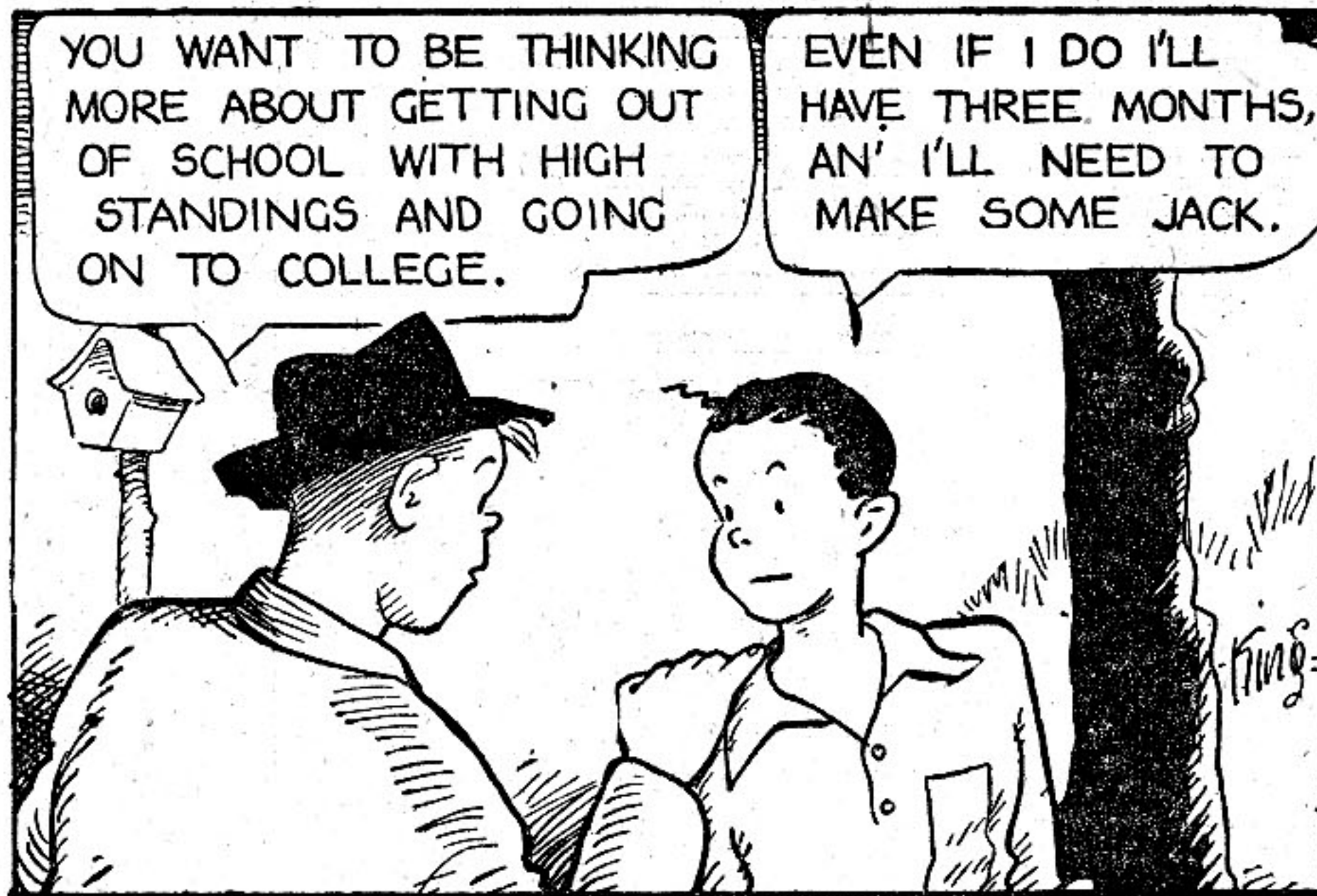
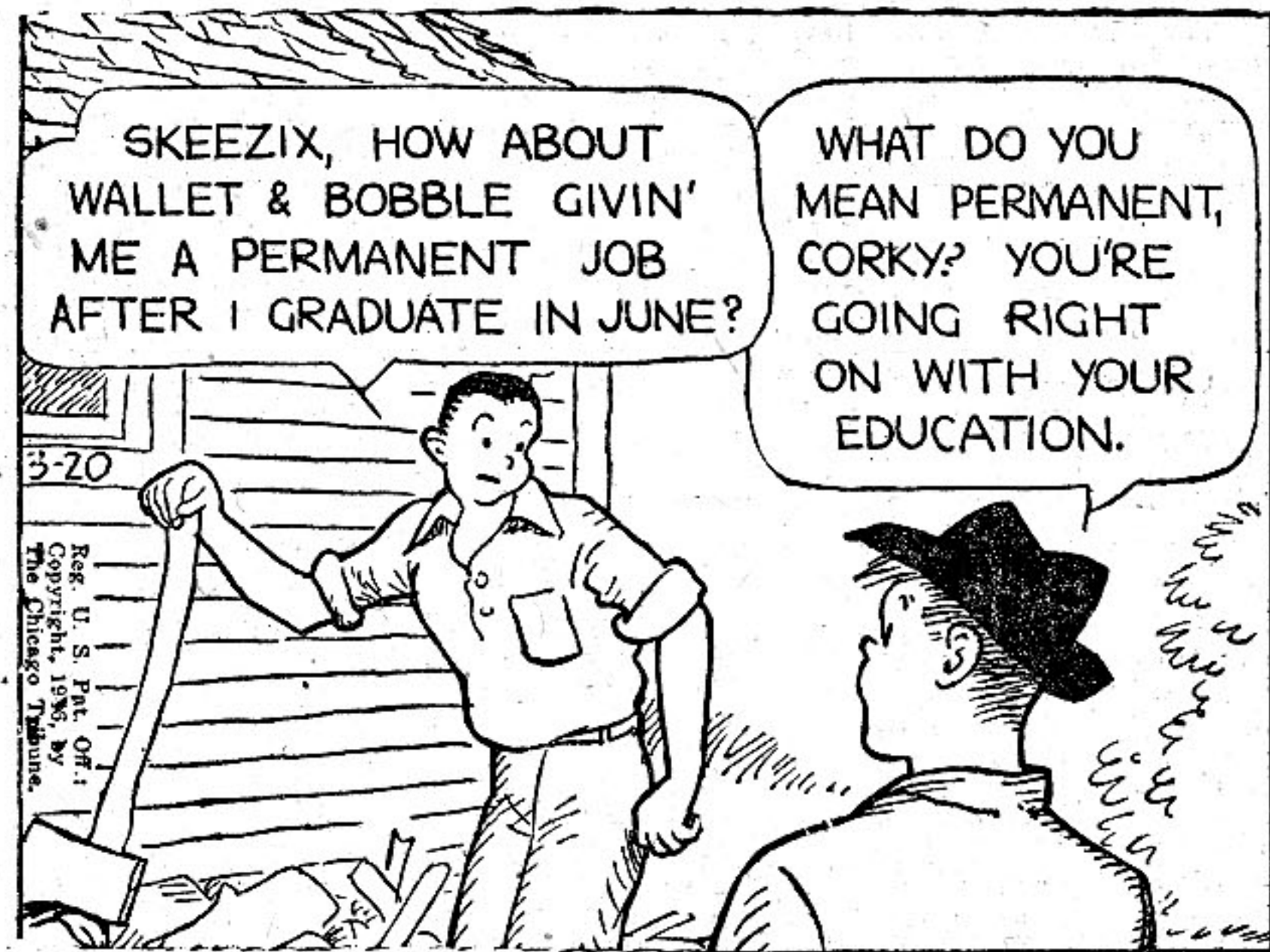
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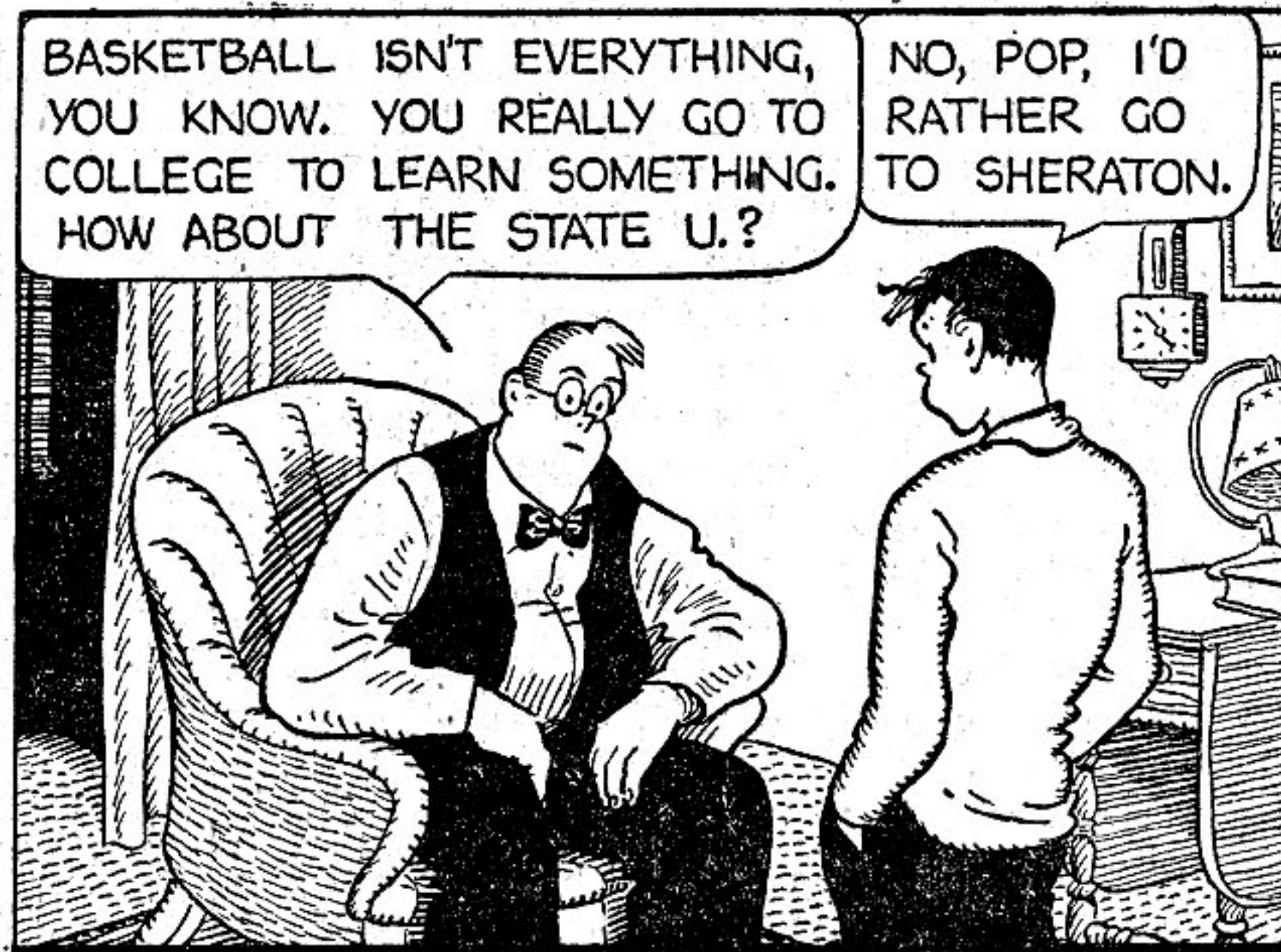
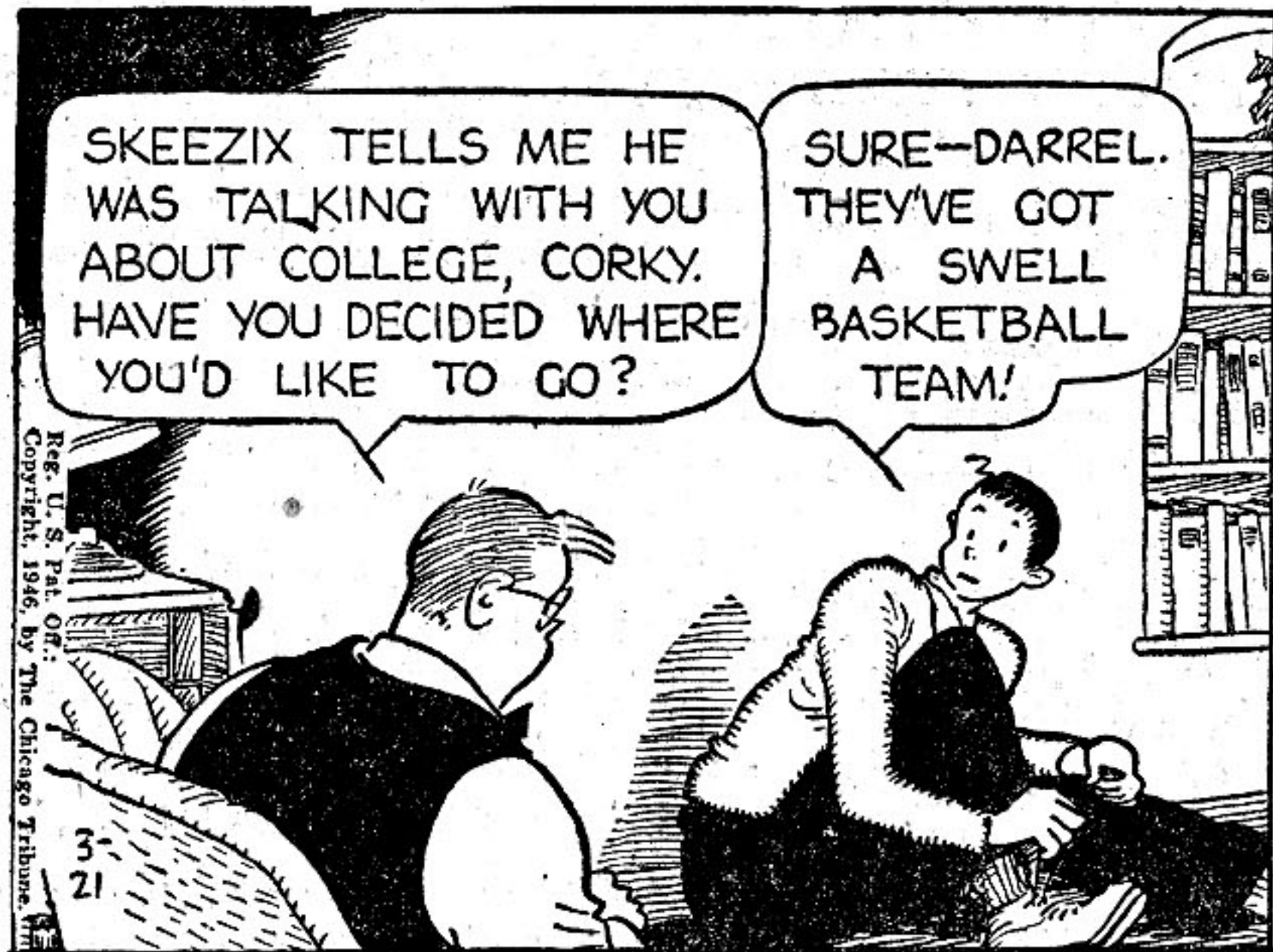
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YOU'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS A LITTLE OVER THREE MONTHS, SKEEZIX. HOW DO YOU STACK UP?

OUR EXPENSES TO JANUARY 15 WERE \$265, MOST OF WHICH CAME OUT OF OUR \$400 CAPITAL.

SINCE THEN WE'VE PAID \$75 RENT, AND \$76 FOR PHONE AND MATERIALS. WE'VE HAD \$290 APIECE FOR LIVING EXPENSES.

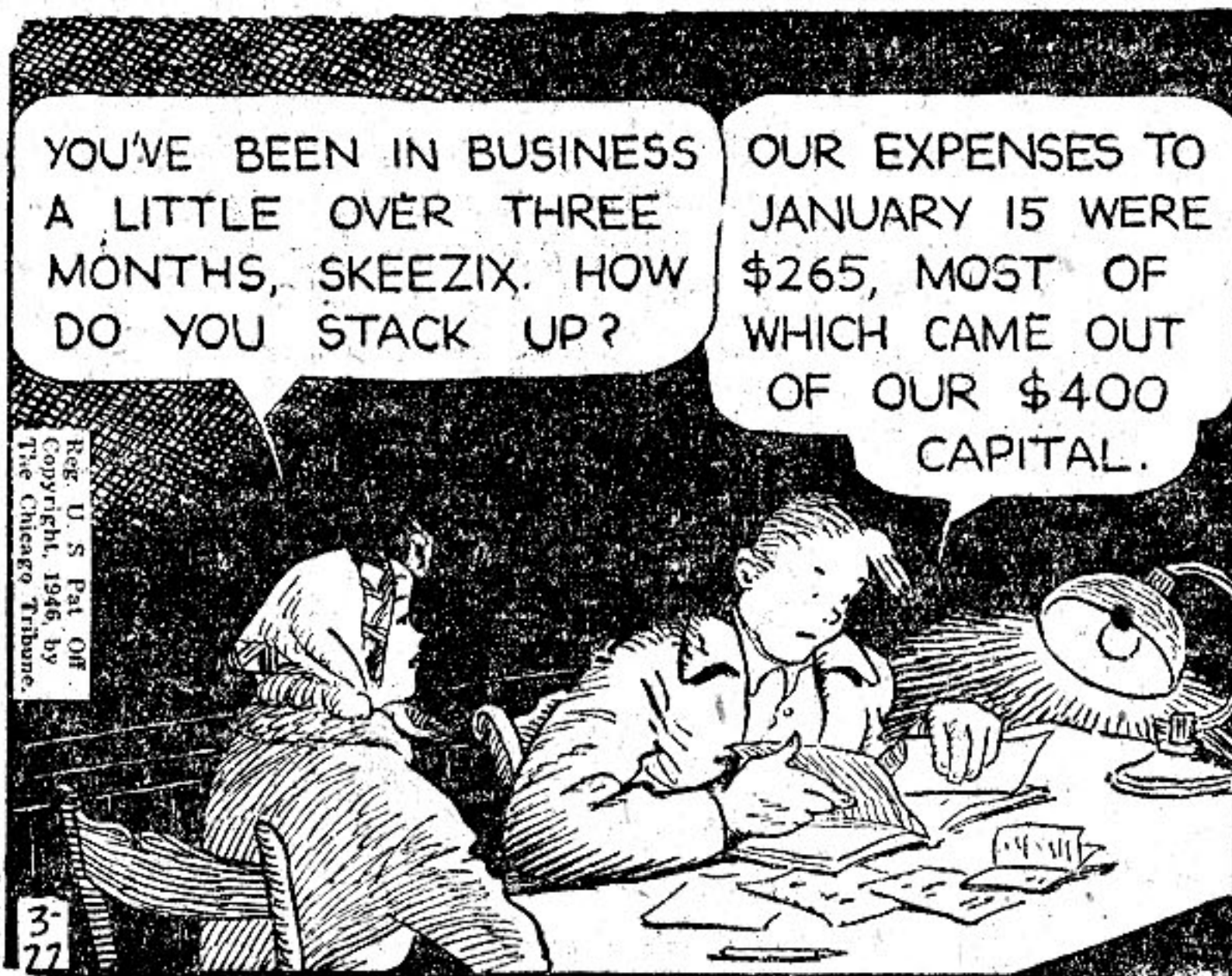
THAT MAKES \$996, AND WE'VE TAKEN IN \$737. SO WE HAVE \$141 OF OUR CAPITAL LEFT.

WE'VE BEEN OPERATING IN THE RED, BUT IN THE LAST MONTH WE'VE GONE OVER INTO THE BLACK! NOW WE REALLY NEED A HELPER.

YOU'VE DONE FINE FOR A START, DARLING! I'M PROUD OF YOU.

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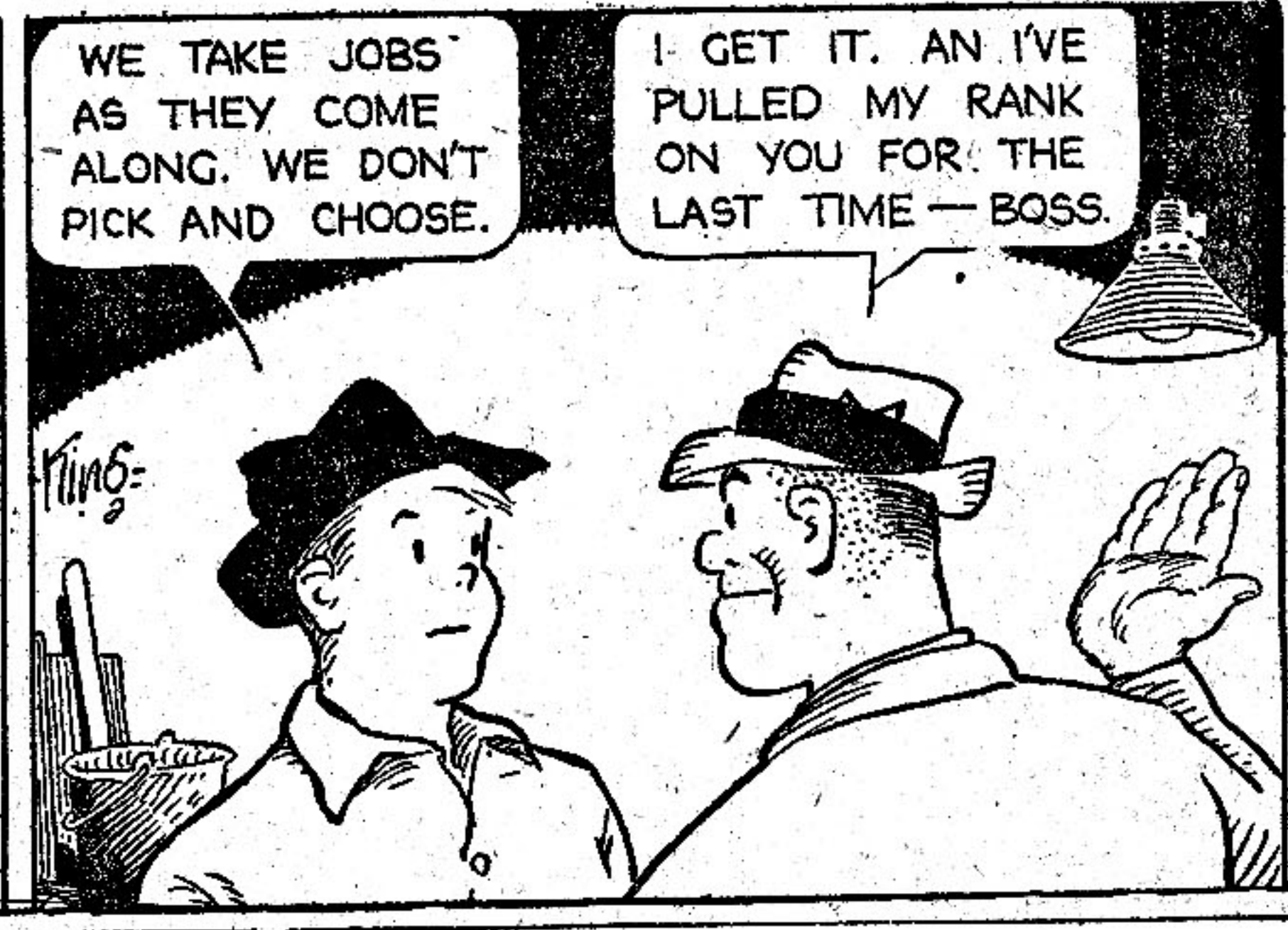
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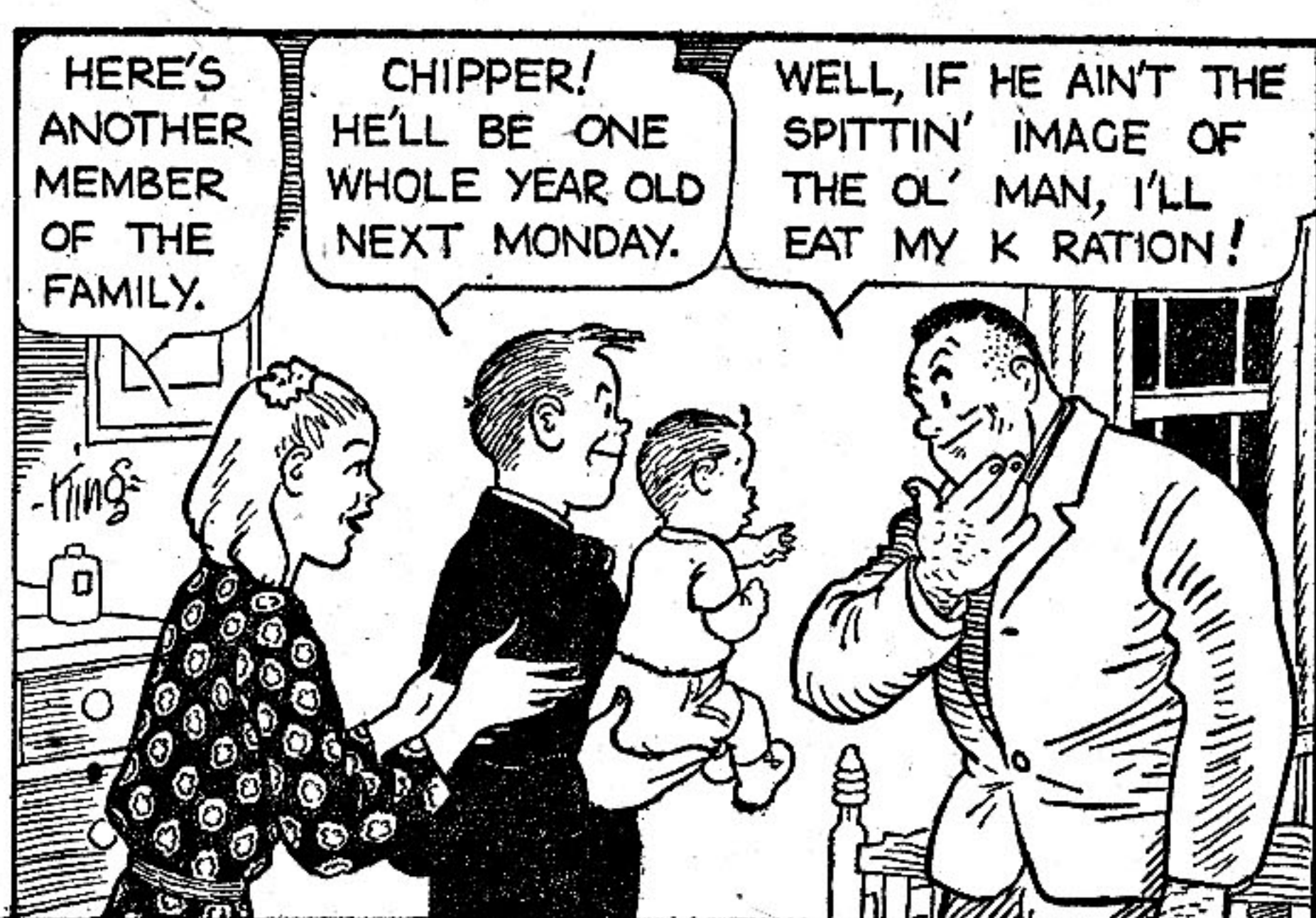
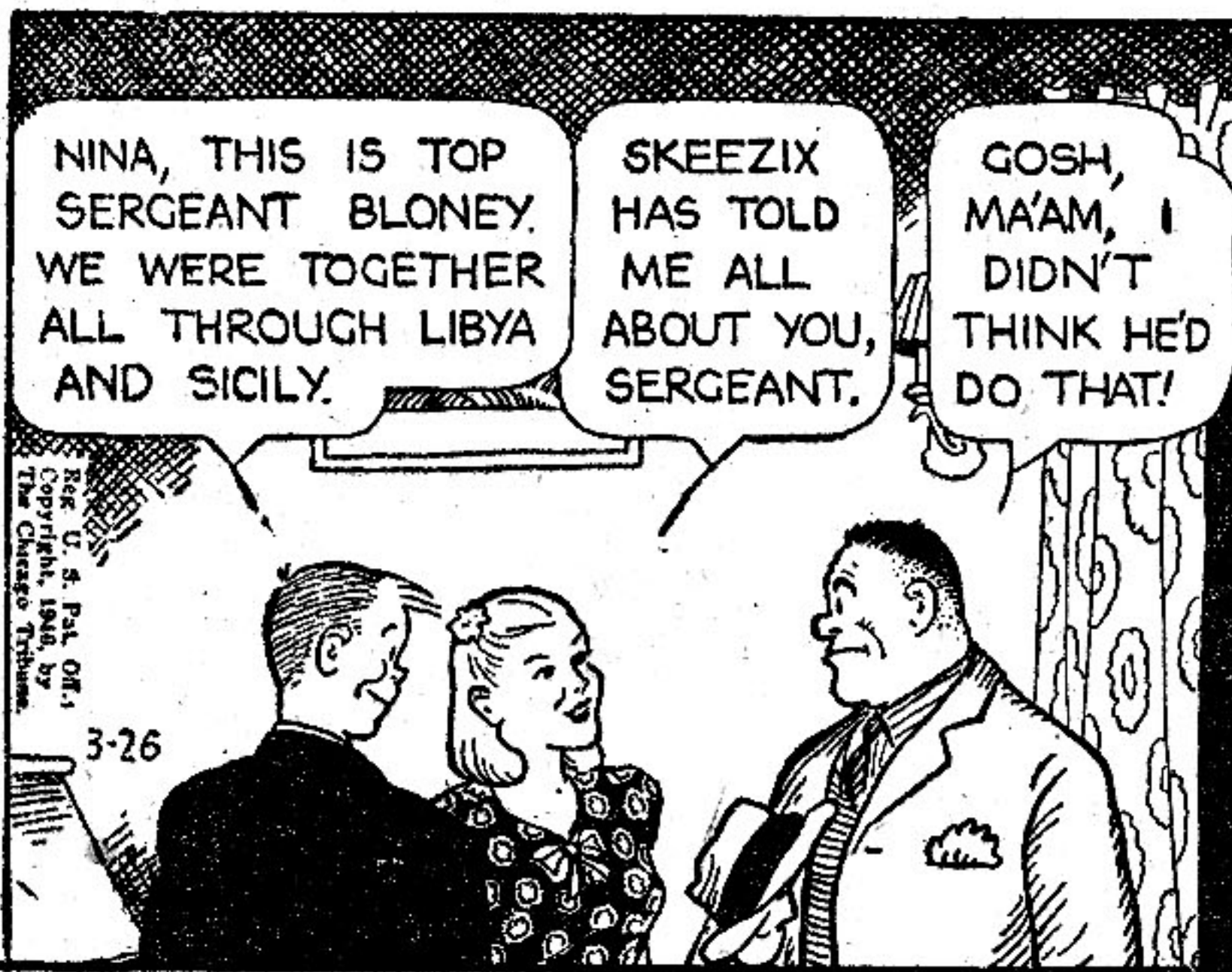
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THAT WAS AN INSPIRATION, SKEEZIX, YOU GETTIN' YOUR TOP KICK 'BLONEY TO WORK FOR US.

HE'S STRONG AND WILLING. I THINK HE'LL BE A BIG HELP, WILMER.

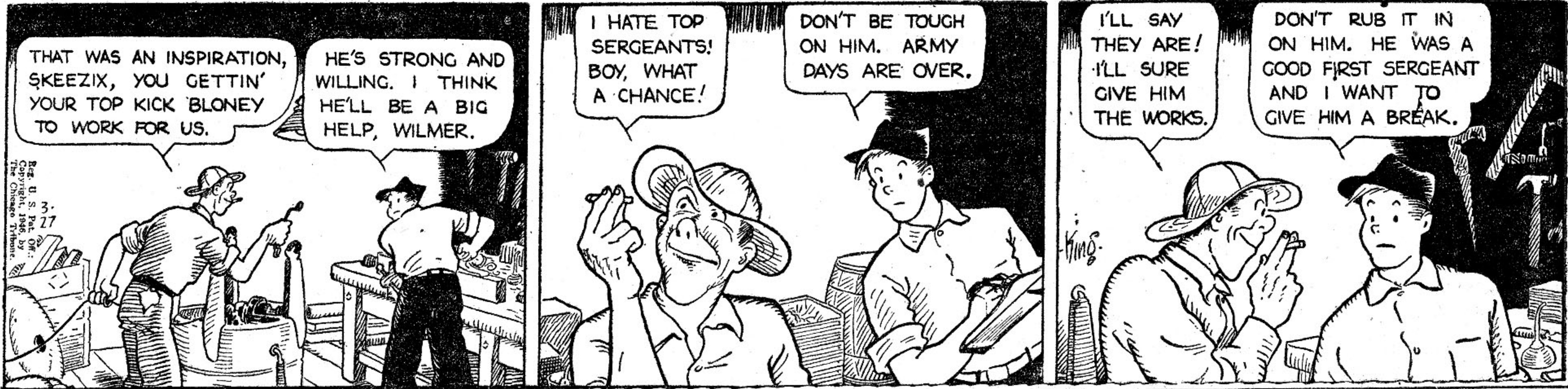
I HATE TOP SERGEANTS! BOY, WHAT A CHANCE!

DON'T BE TOUGH ON HIM. ARMY DAYS ARE OVER.

I'LL SAY THEY ARE! I'LL SURE GIVE HIM THE WORKS.

DON'T RUB IT IN ON HIM. HE WAS A GOOD FIRST SERGEANT AND I WANT TO GIVE HIM A BREAK.

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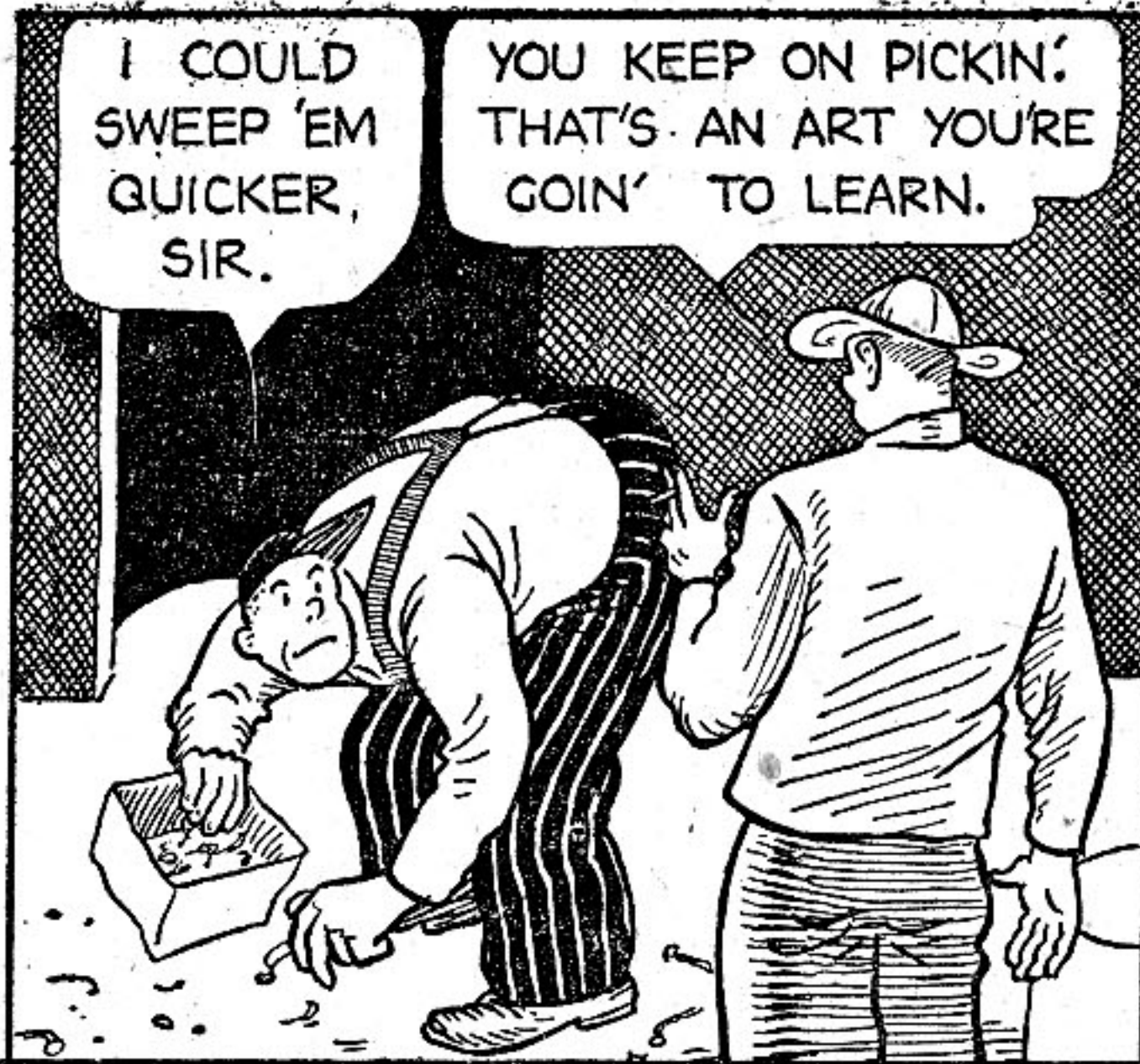
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YOU'LL FIND SHAVIN'S AN' BENT NAILS ON THE FLOOR, BLONEY. PICK EM UP.

YES, SIR.

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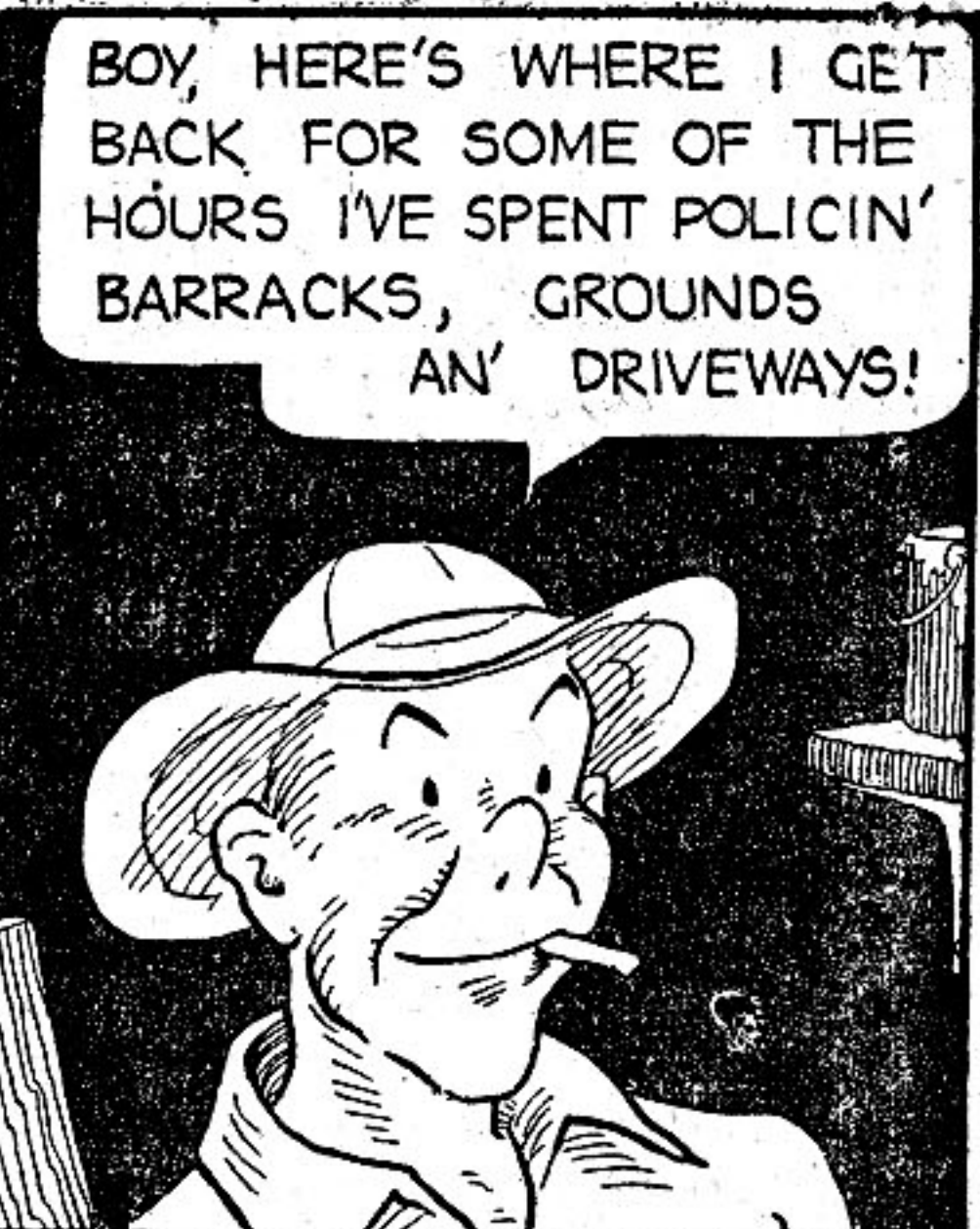


I COULD SWEEP 'EM QUICKER, SIR.

YOU KEEP ON PICKIN'. THAT'S AN ART YOU'RE GOIN' TO LEARN.

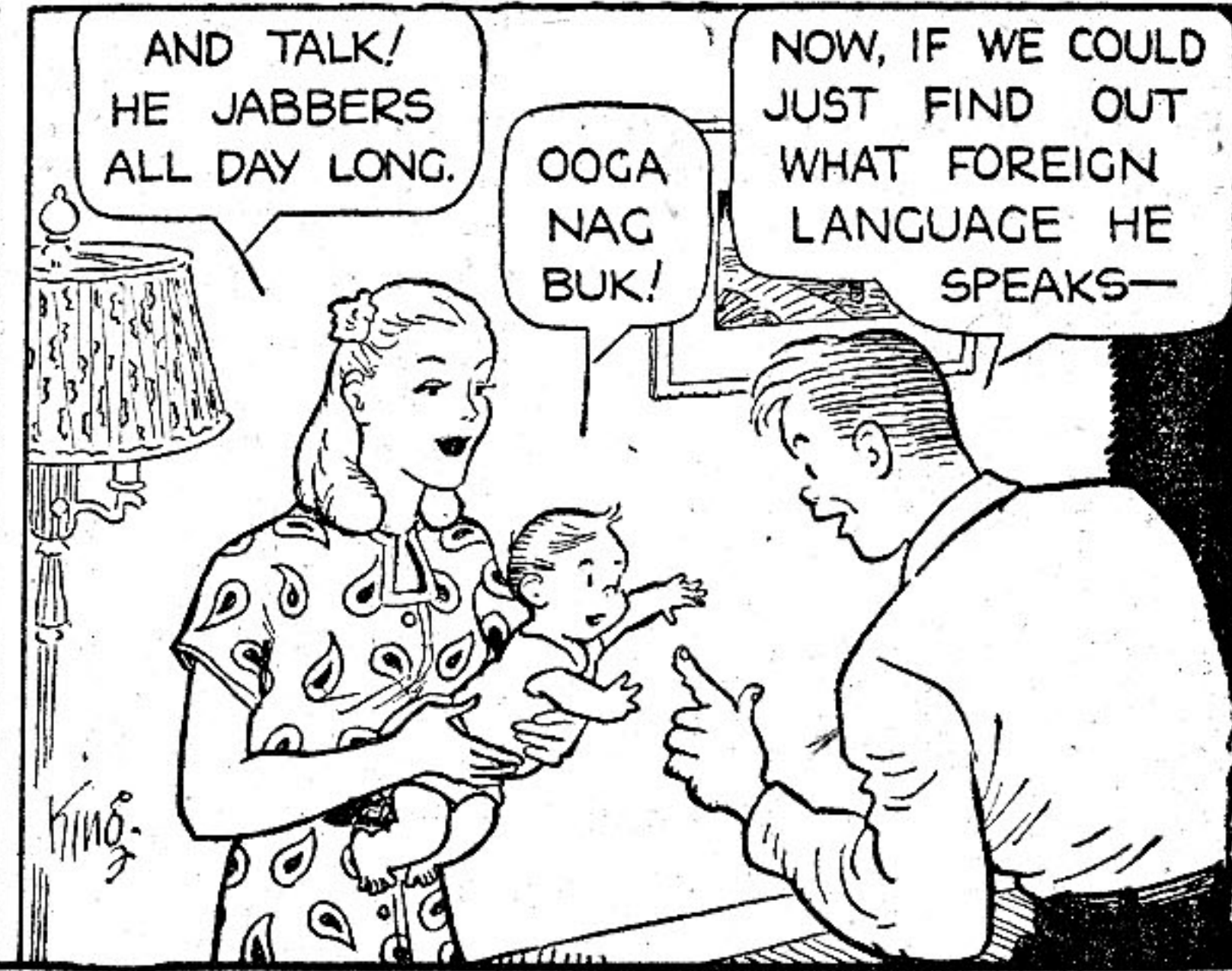
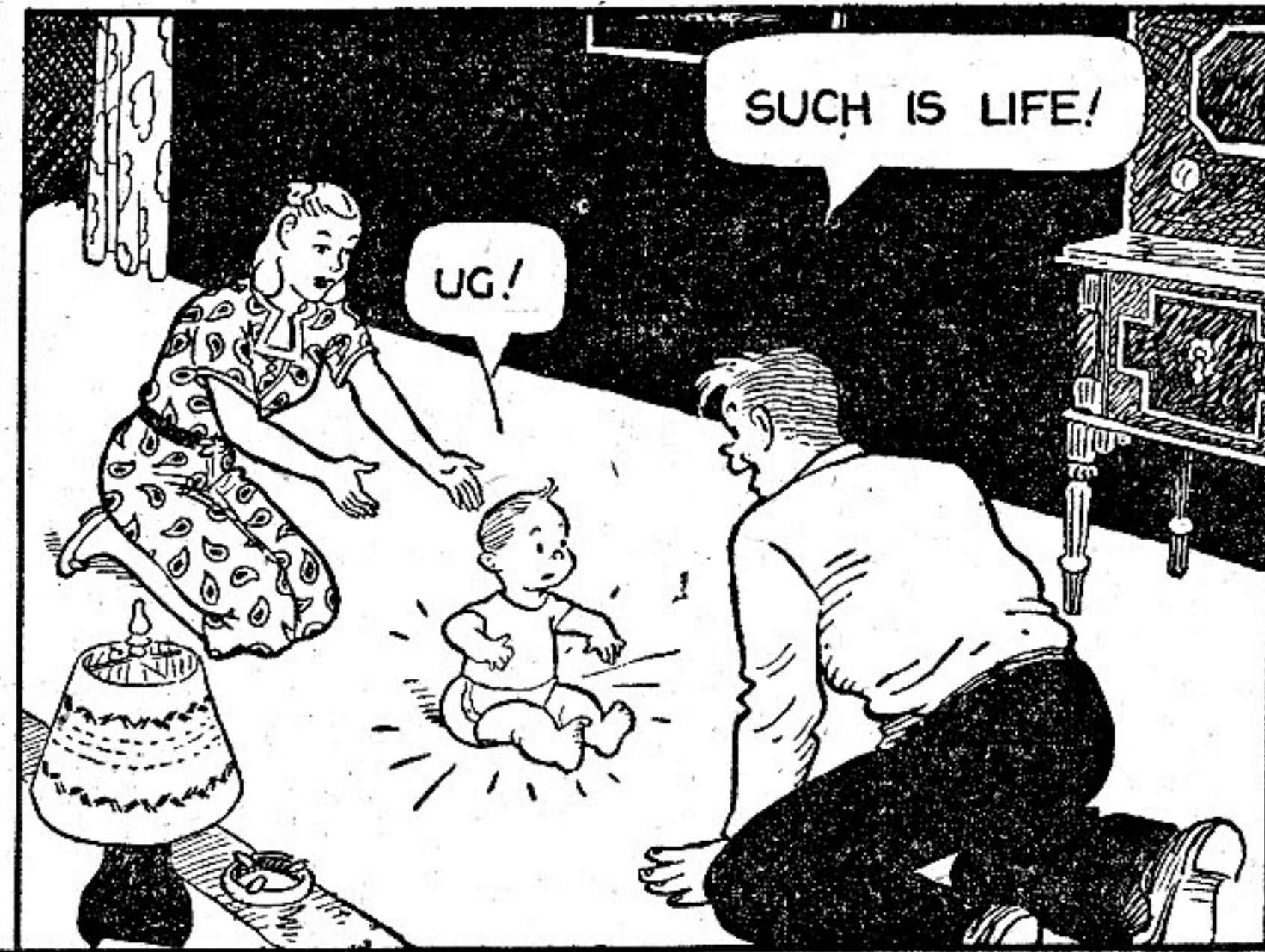
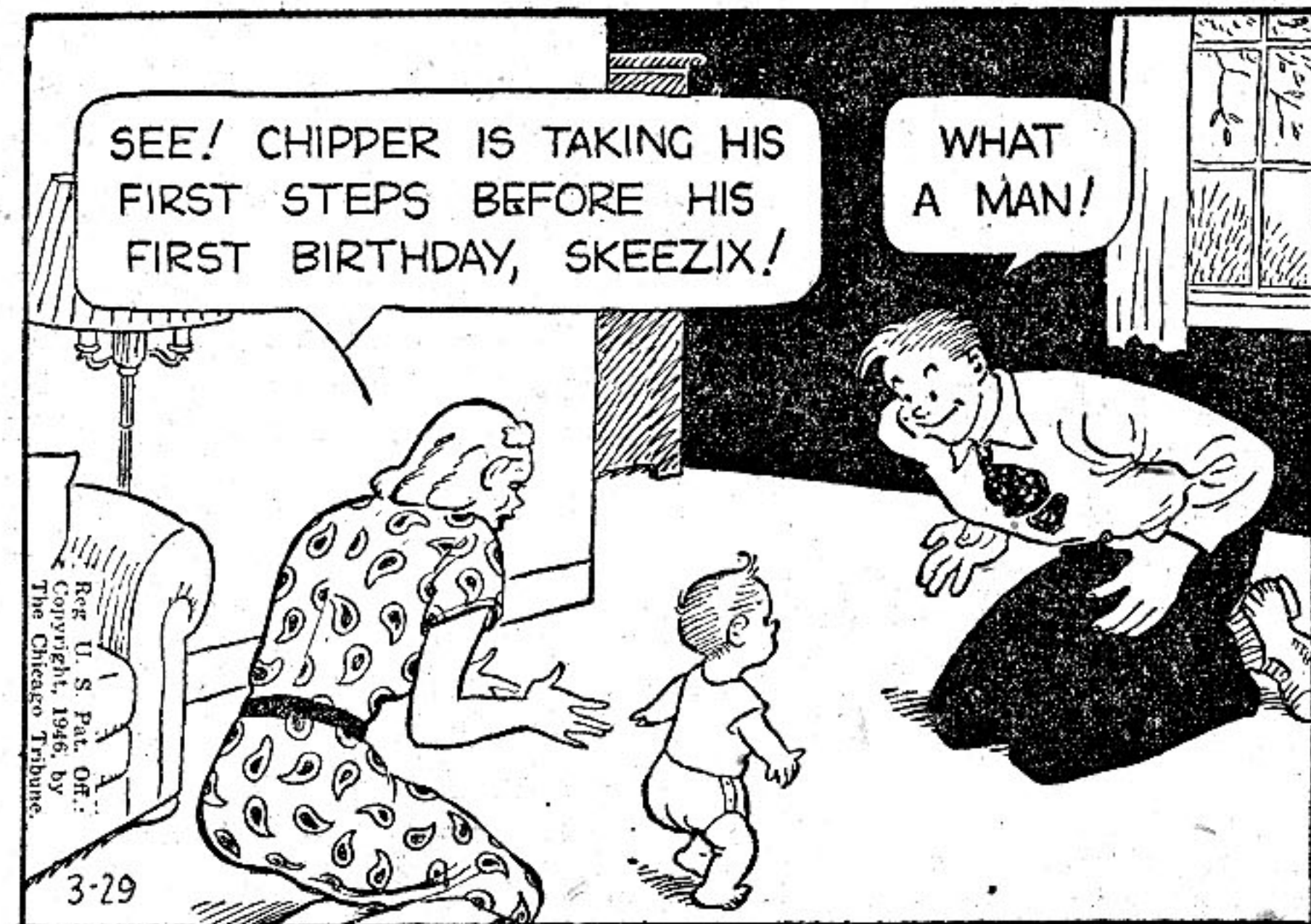


YOU OUGHT TO KNOW HOW—YOU'VE WATCHED GI'S PICK UP PLENTY CIGARET BUTTS.

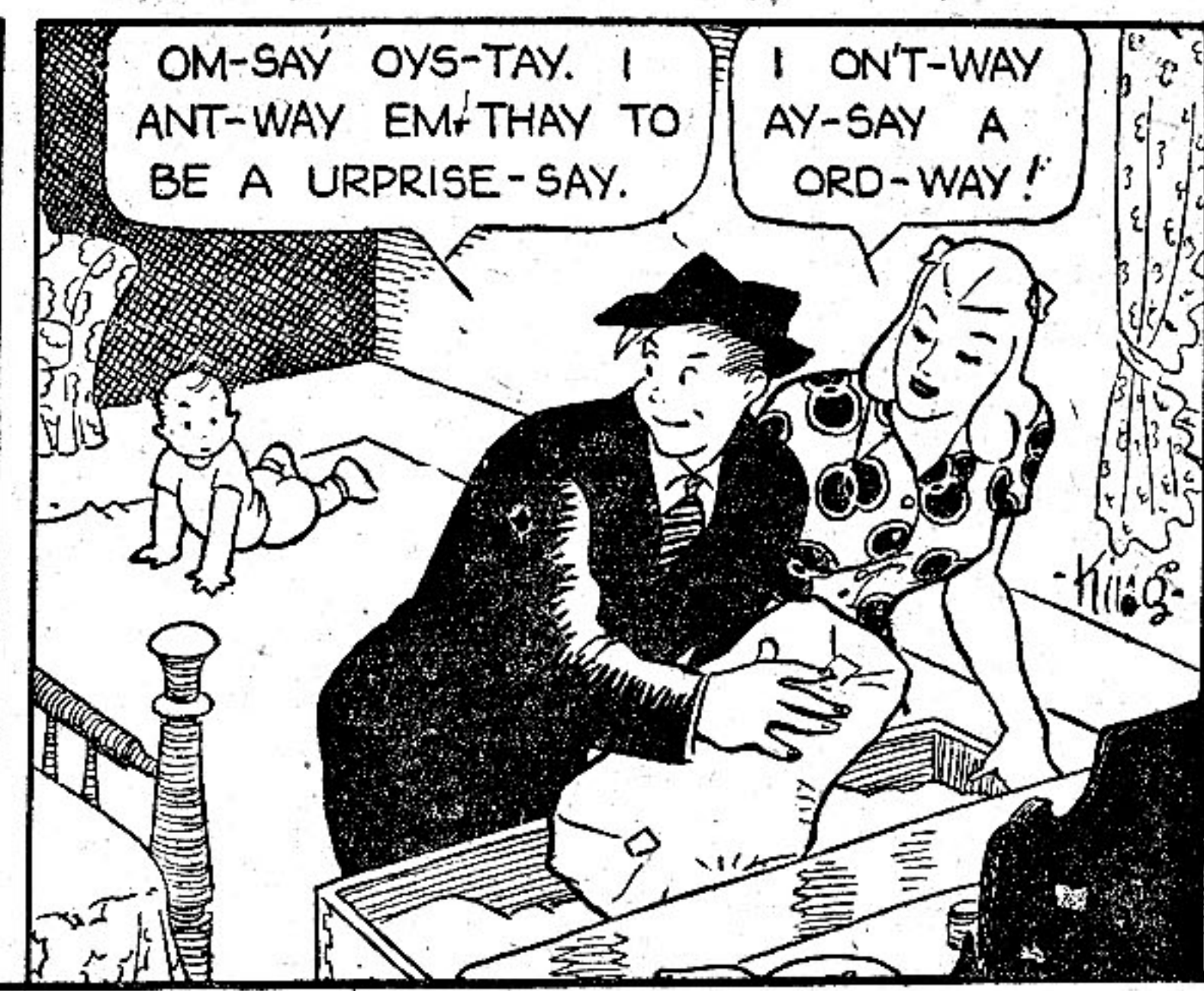
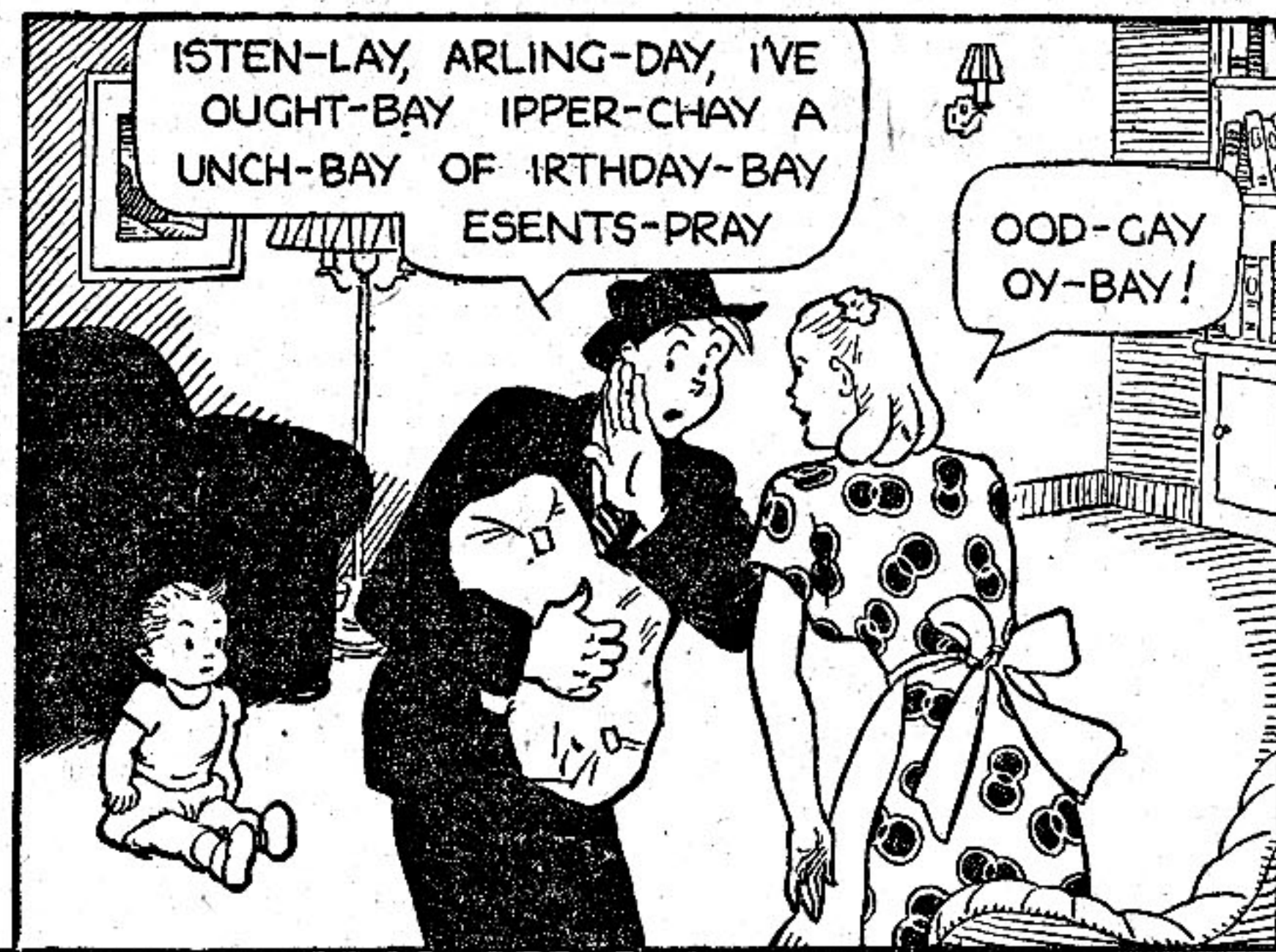


BOY, HERE'S WHERE I GET BACK FOR SOME OF THE HOURS I'VE SPENT POLICIN' BARRACKS, GROUNDS AN' DRIVEWAYS!

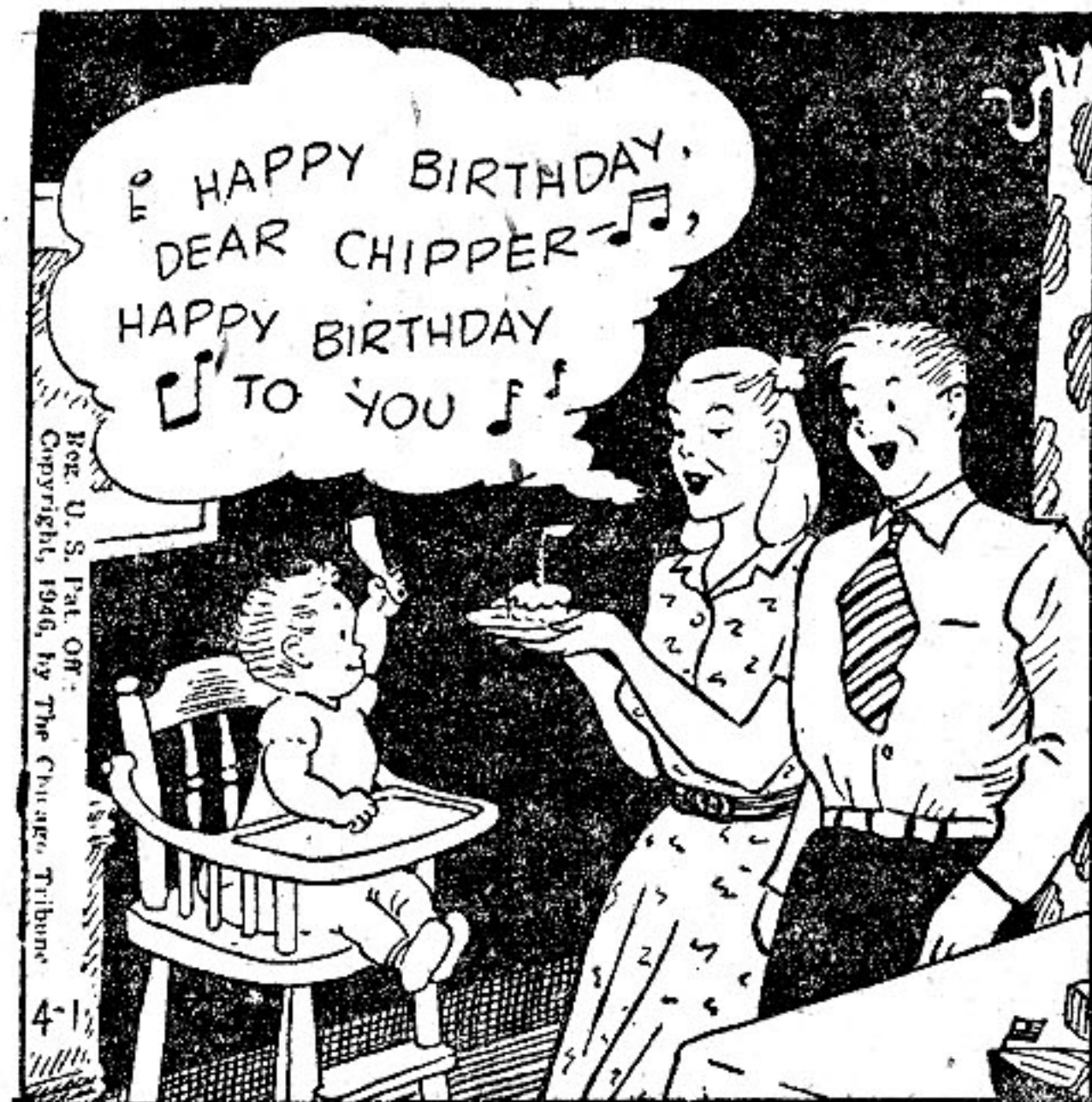
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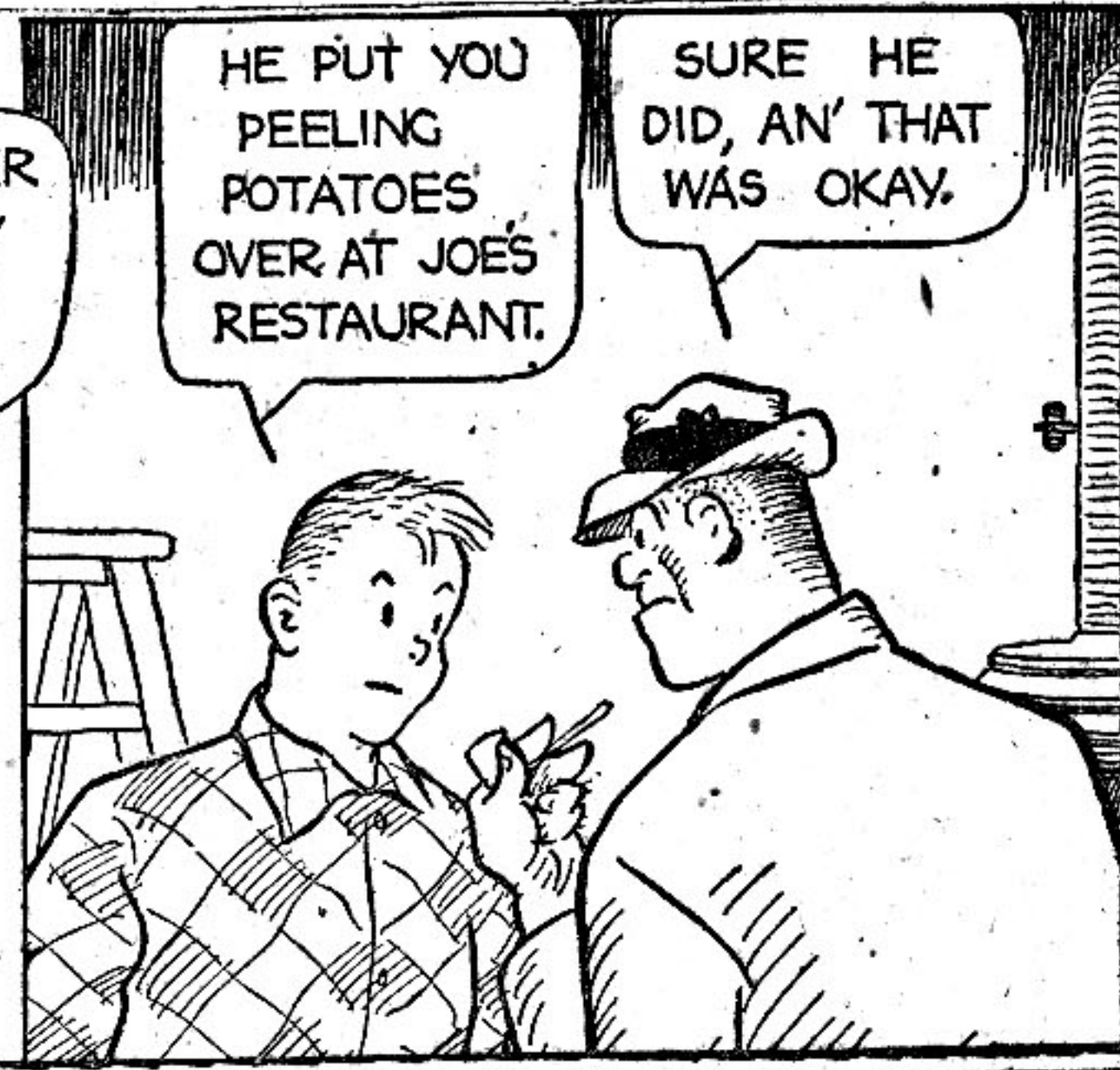
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DON'T WALK OUT ON US, SERGEANT BLONEY! WE NEED YOU!

I WON'T WORK ANOTHER MINUTE FOR THAT GUY BOBBLE. KNOW WHAT HE DID?

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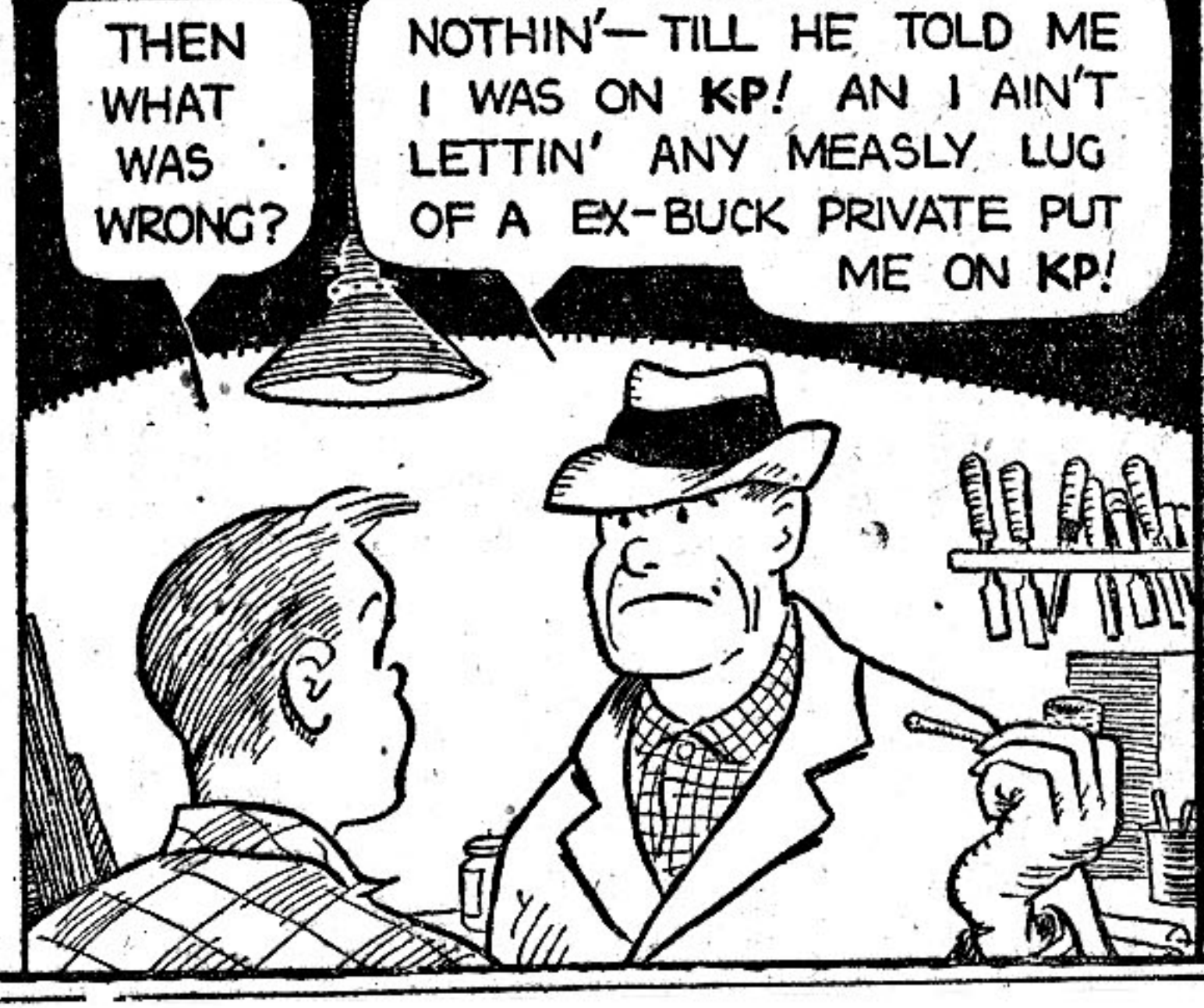


HE PUT YOU PEELING POTATOES OVER AT JOE'S RESTAURANT.

SURE HE DID, AN' THAT WAS OKAY.



AN' HE BROUGHT OUT BARRELS AN' BOXES OF 'EM! THAT WAS OKAY.



THEN WHAT WAS WRONG?

NOTHIN'—TILL HE TOLD ME I WAS ON KP! AN I AIN'T LETTIN' ANY MEASLY LUG OF A EX-BUCK PRIVATE PUT ME ON KP!

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PUTTIN' YOU PEELIN' SPUDS AN' TELLIN' YOU YOU WERE ON KP WAS ALL A GAG, SARGE.

SEZ YOU! I'M QUITTIN' LIKE I SAID.



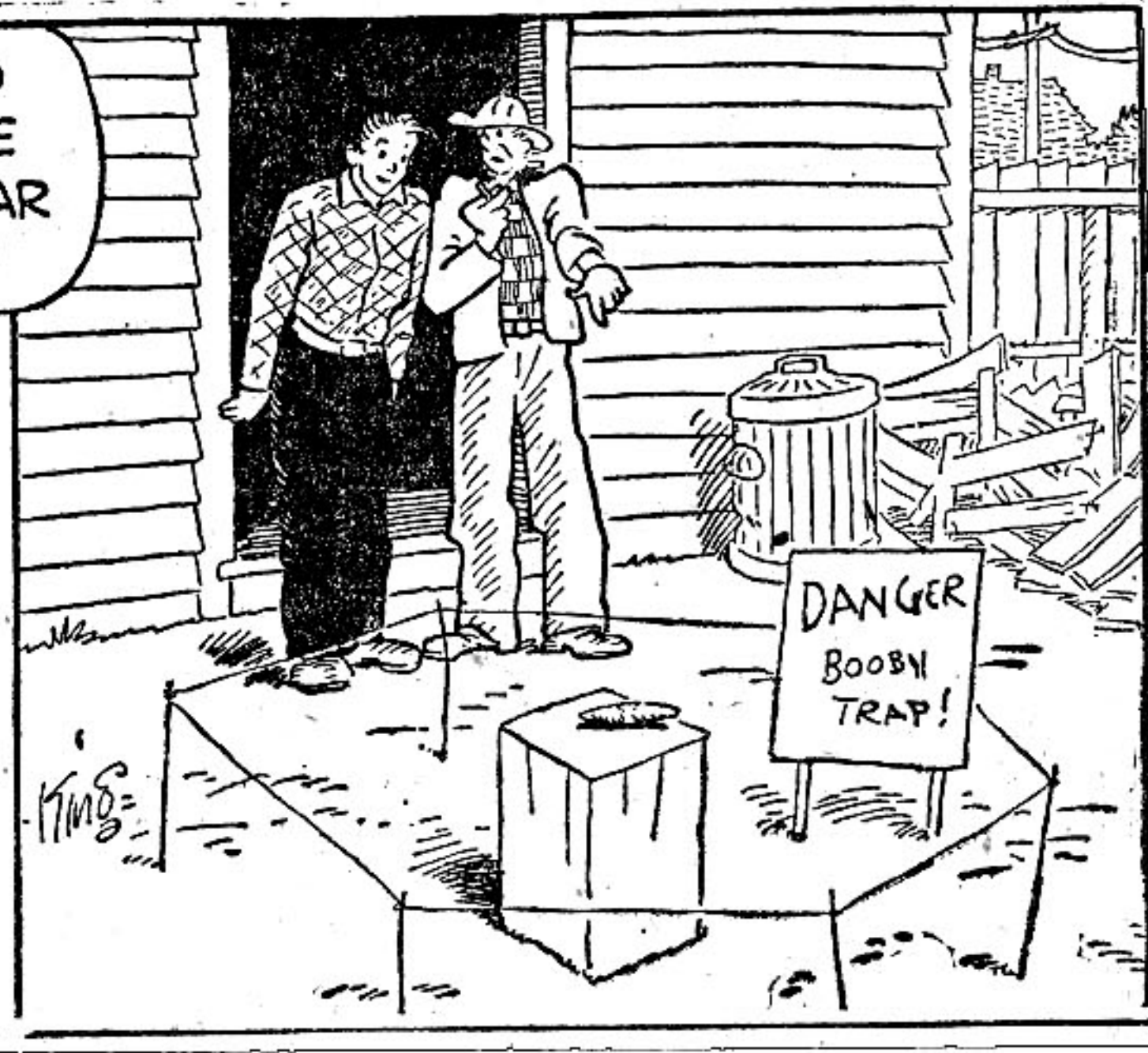
DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD. HERE— HAVE A CIGAR.



IF YOU QUIT HAZING THE SARGE, WILMER, I THINK HE'LL STAY.



I'LL TRY. BUT DID YOU SEE WHAT HE DID WITH THE CIGAR I HANDED HIM?



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SKEEZIX IS RIGHT. BLONEY IS A GOOD WORKER AN' WE OUGHT TO TRY TO KEEP HIM.



BUT IT SURE TAKES THE JOY OUT OF LIFE TO LEAVE HIM ALONE.



I STILL HATE TOP KICKS - EVEN IF THEY'VE GOT A DISCHARGE BUTTON.



BUT I S'POSE I'VE GOT TO QUIT RAZZIN' HIM. BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE.

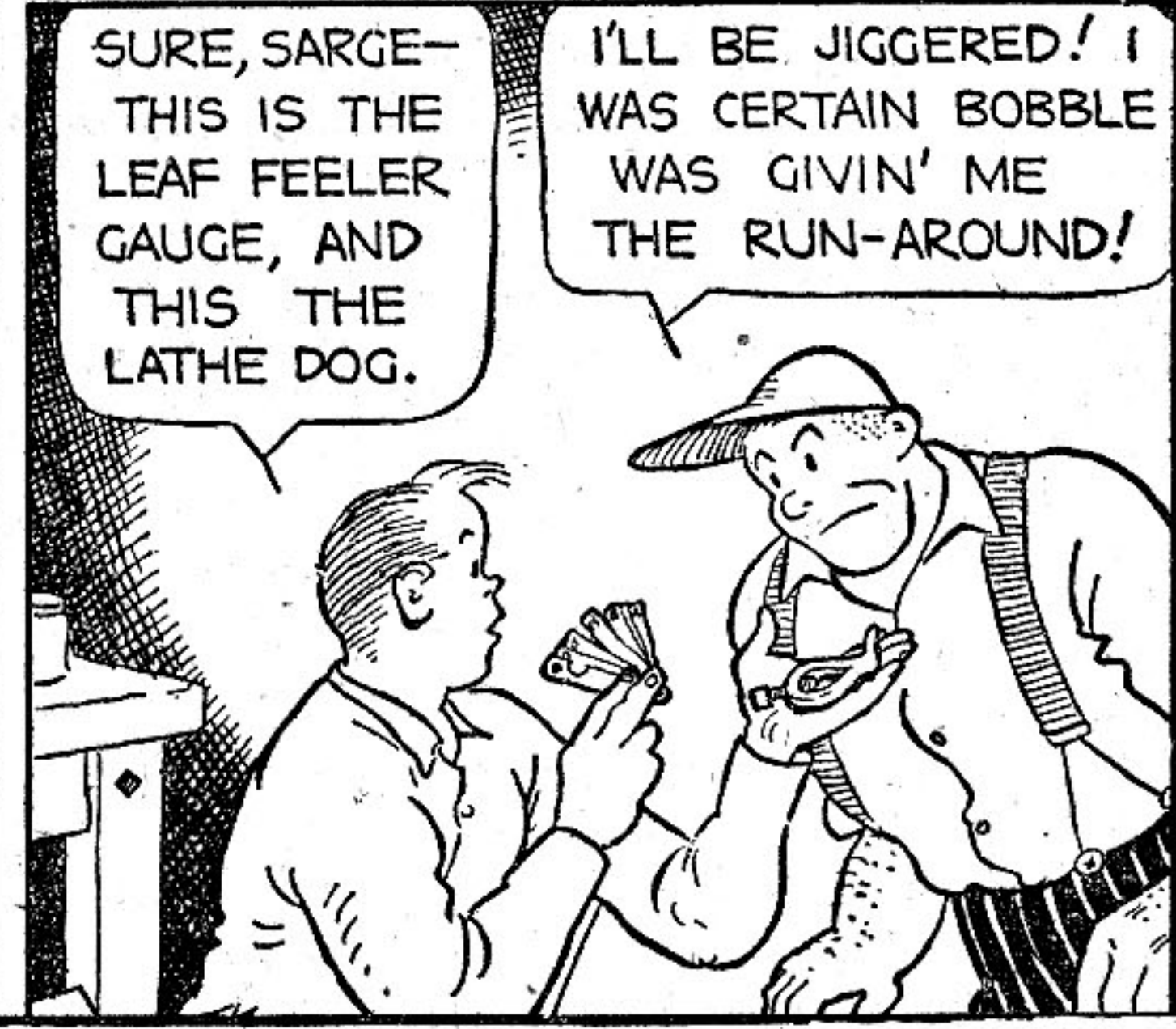
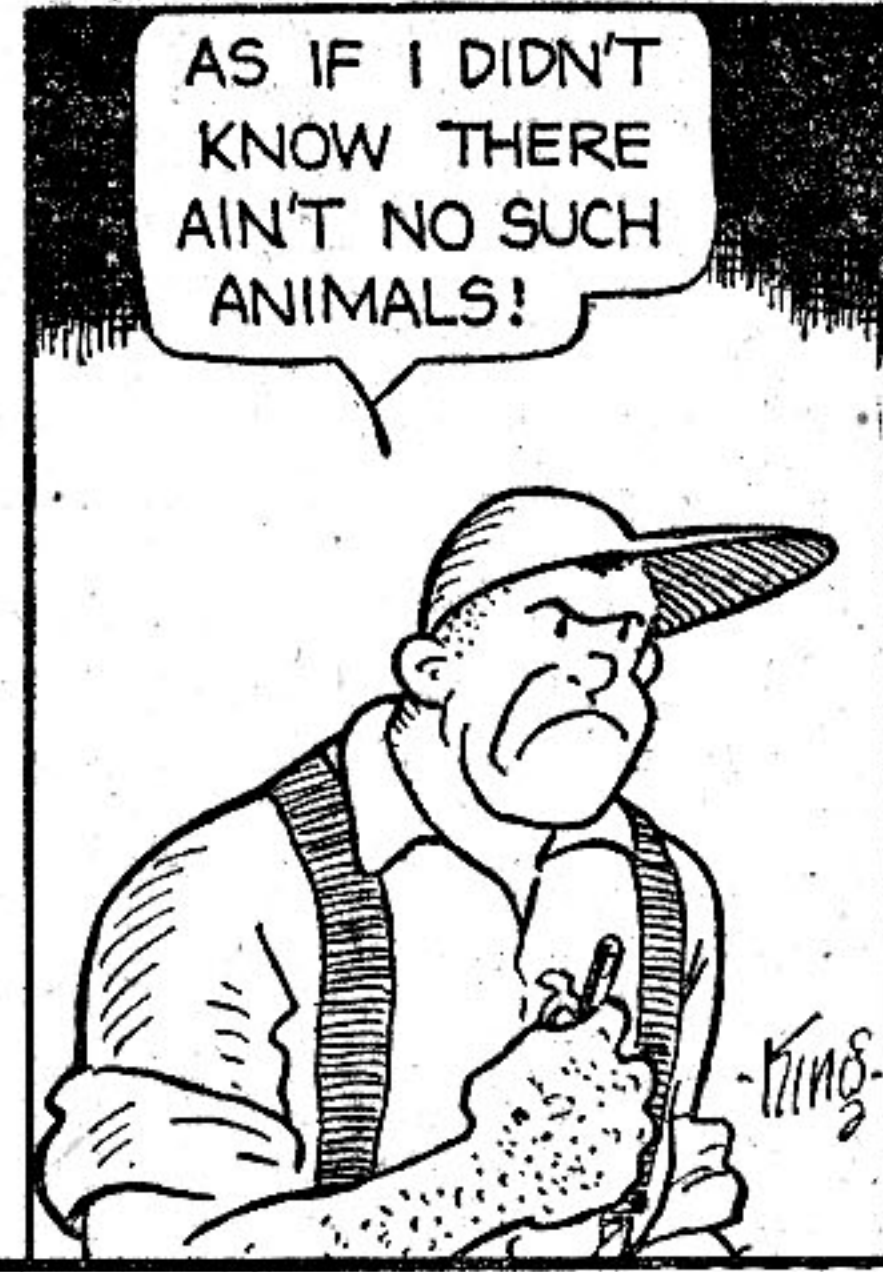
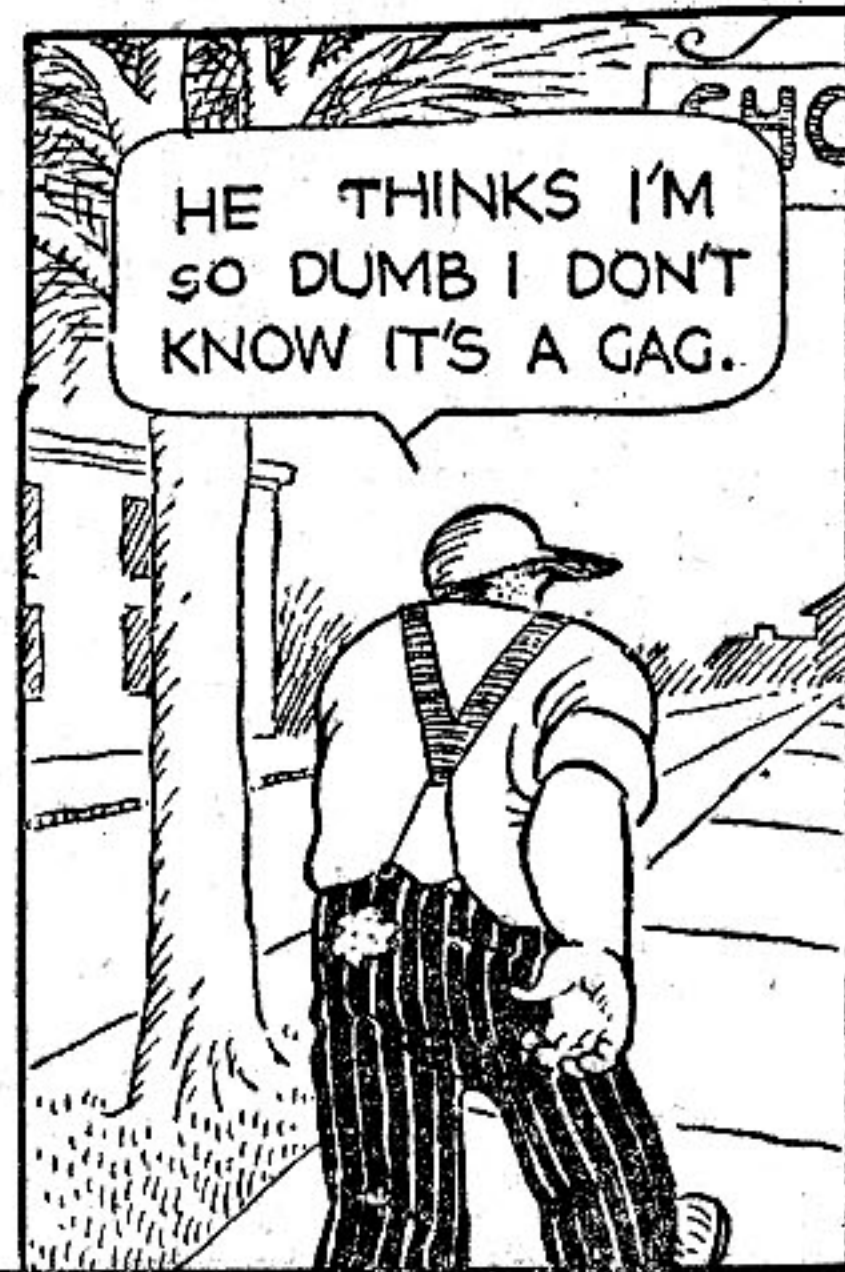


BLONEY, I WANT YOU TO GO OVER TO NICH SWONGER'S AN' BORROW HIS LEAF FEELER GAUGE AN' LATHE DOG.

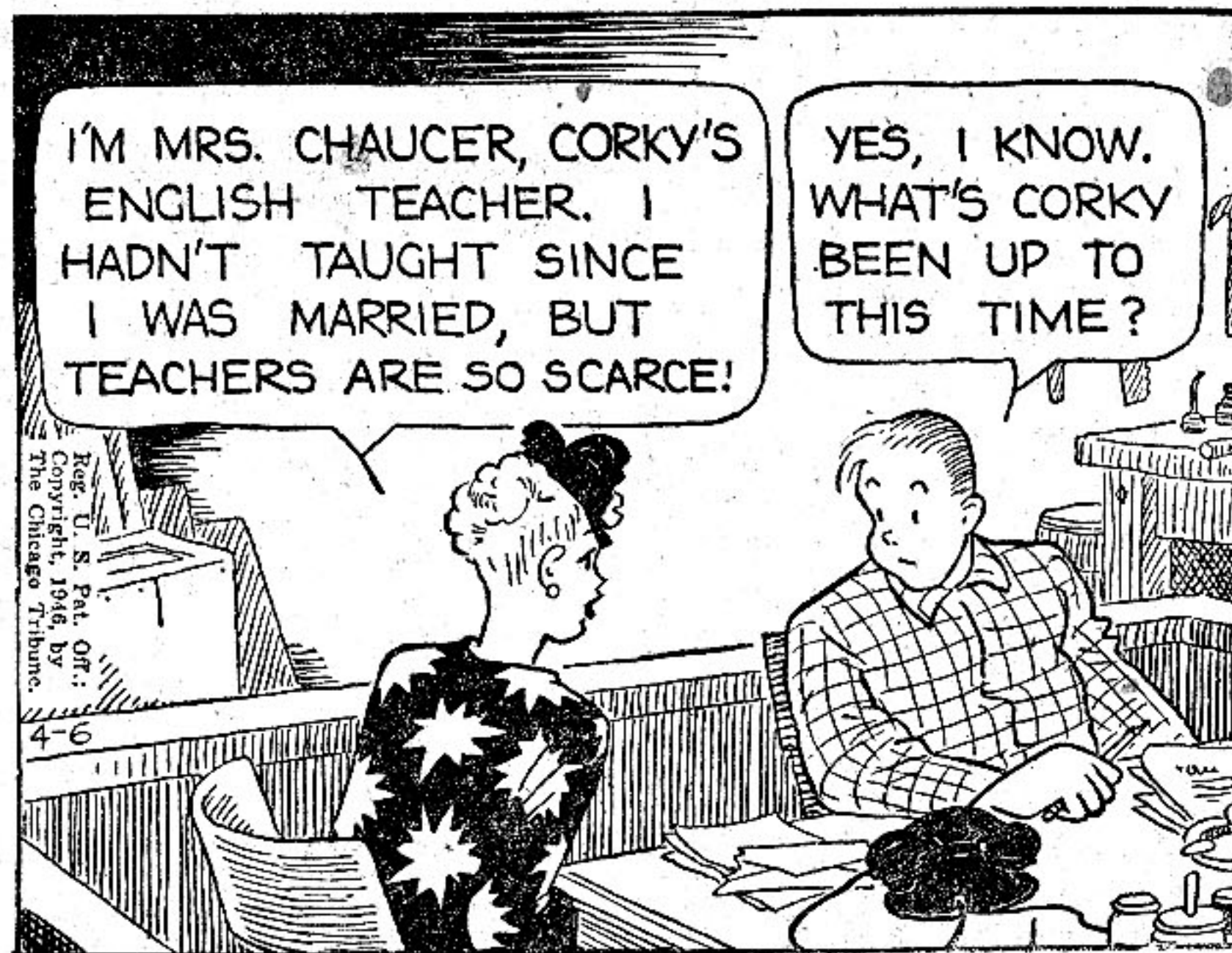
OH, YEAH?



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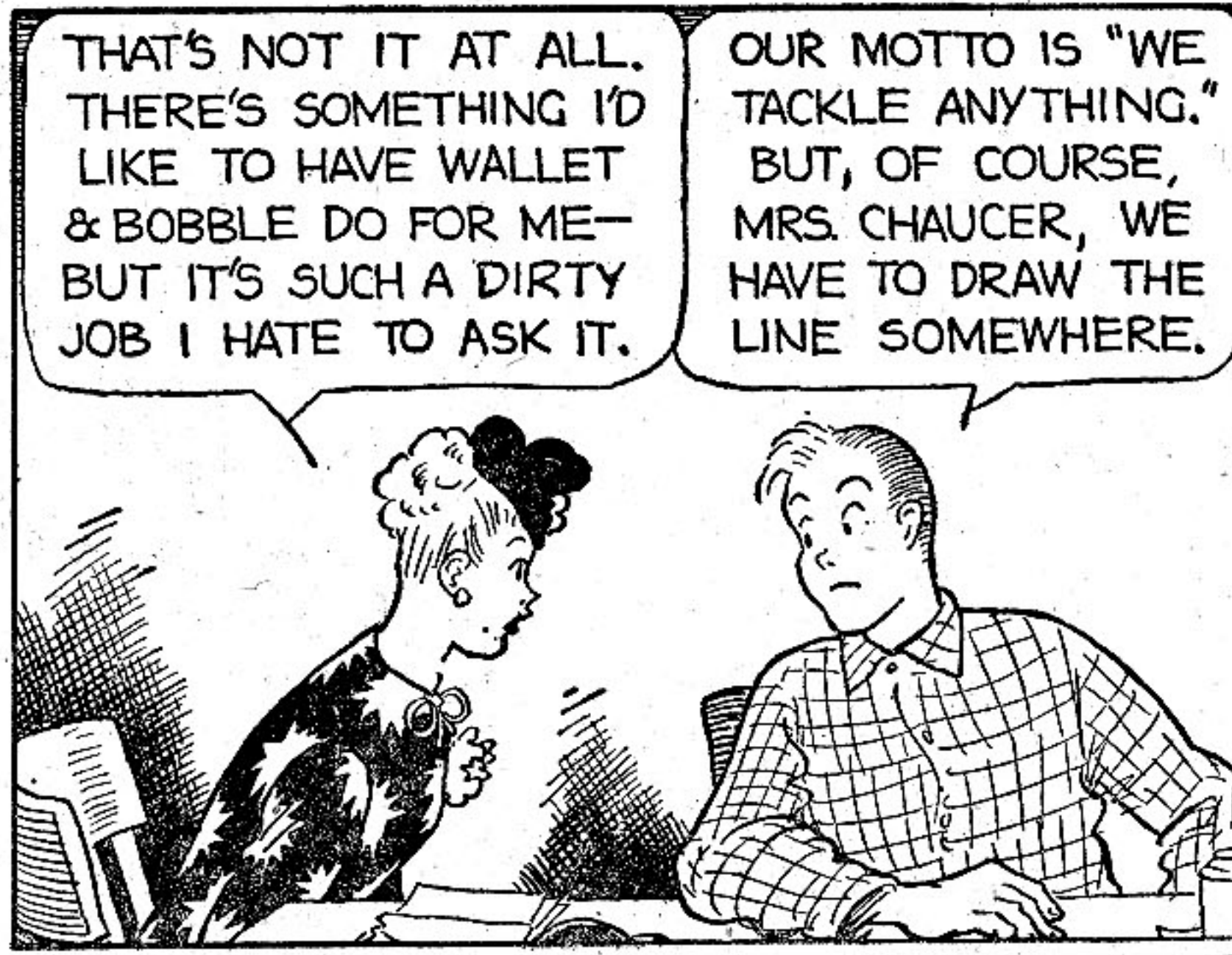


I'M MRS. CHAUCER, CORKY'S ENGLISH TEACHER. I HADN'T TAUGHT SINCE I WAS MARRIED, BUT TEACHERS ARE SO SCARCE!

YES, I KNOW. WHAT'S CORKY BEEN UP TO THIS TIME?

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THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL. THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO HAVE WALLET & BOBBLE DO FOR ME— BUT IT'S SUCH A DIRTY JOB I HATE TO ASK IT.

OUR MOTTO IS "WE TACKLE ANYTHING." BUT, OF COURSE, MRS. CHAUCER, WE HAVE TO DRAW THE LINE SOMEWHERE.



I WAS AFRAID OF IT. BUT OUR FURNACE AND CHIMNEY — THEY NEED ATTENTION BADLY.

WE HAVE A NEW MAN — SERGEANT BLONEY, WHO DELIGHTS IN DIFFICULT JOBS AND IS NOT AFRAID OF GETTING HIS HANDS DIRTY. IT'S AS GOOD AS DONE RIGHT NOW.

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YEAH, I HEARD HOW BLONEY HOOKED UP, THROUGH MRS. CHAUCER'S CHIMNEY, MOST OF THE THINGS SHE HAD IN THE BASEMENT.

HE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE REASON THE CHIMNEY WOULDN'T DRAW.

THAT'S BLONEY FOR YOU—DUMB!

WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, WILMER

HE'S MADE HIS QUOTA. I HOPE HE LETS UP.

HE JUST DOESN'T REALIZE HIS STRENGTH.

I SHOULDN'T KICK. WE HIRED HIM FOR HIS BRAWN, NOT HIS BRAIN.

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THAT'S THE PROJECT, MEN. I WANT THE BUILDING LOWERED 18 INCHES TO MATCH THE OTHER FLOOR.

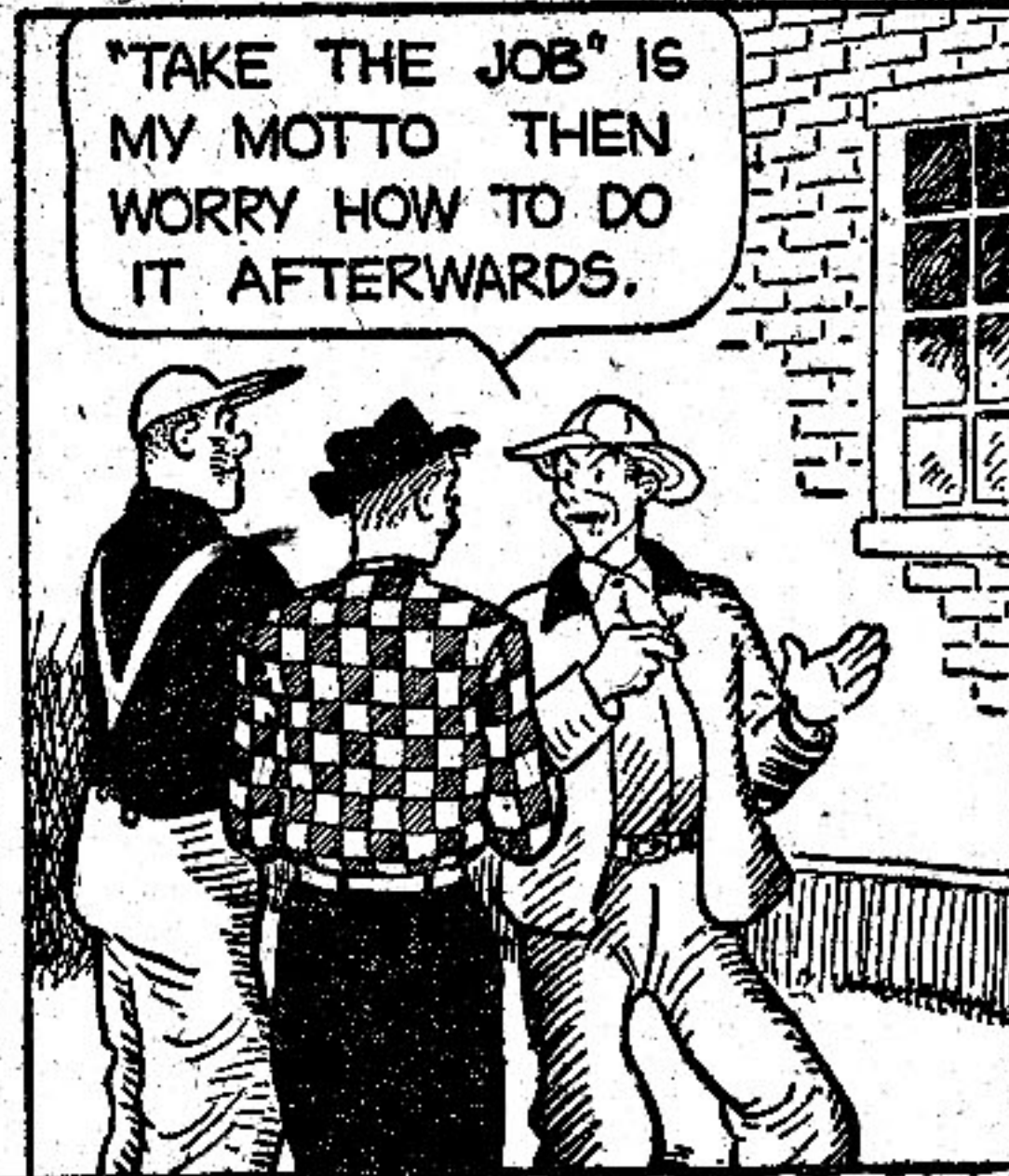
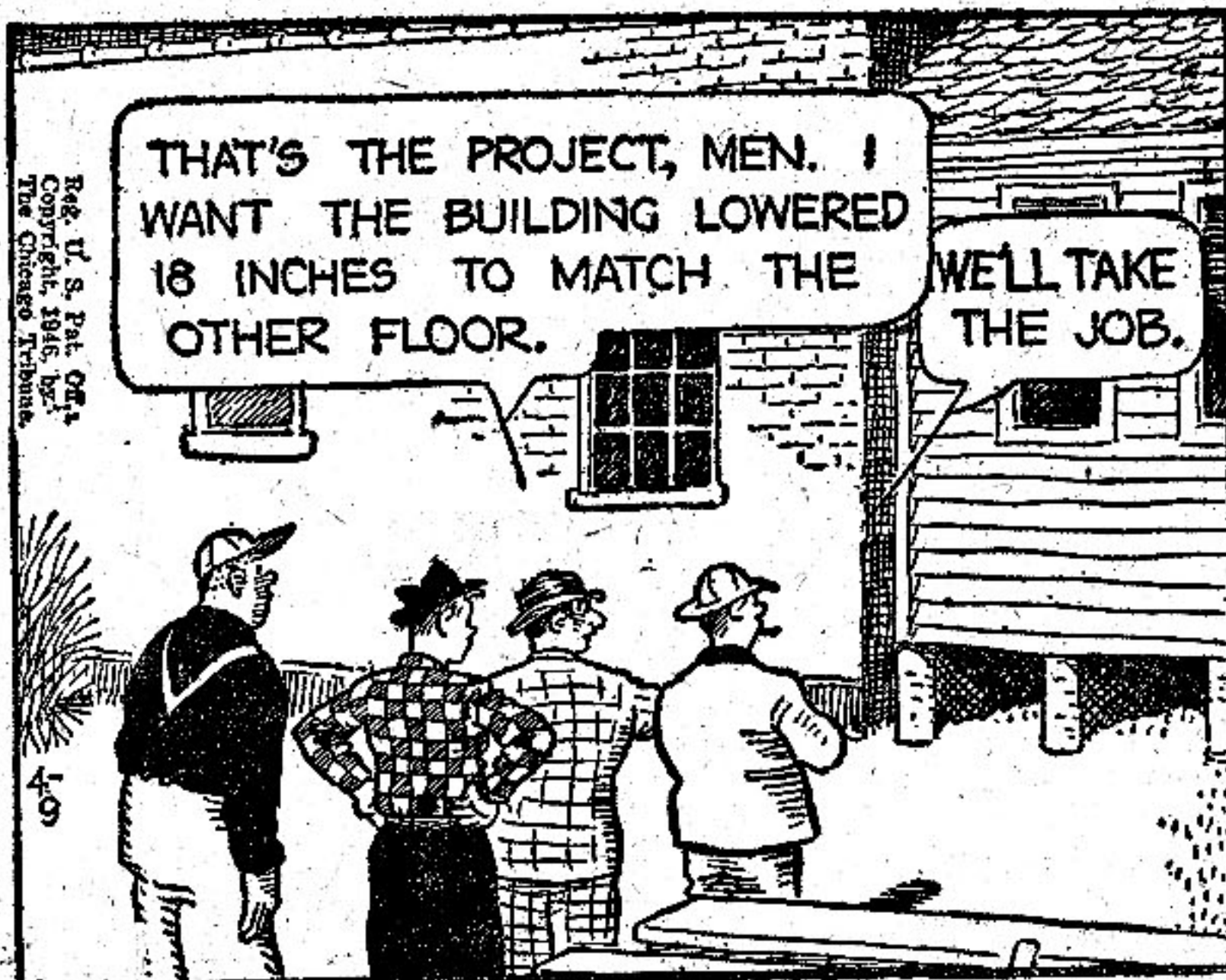
WE'LL TAKE THE JOB.

"TAKE THE JOB" IS MY MOTTO THEN WORRY HOW TO DO IT AFTERWARDS.

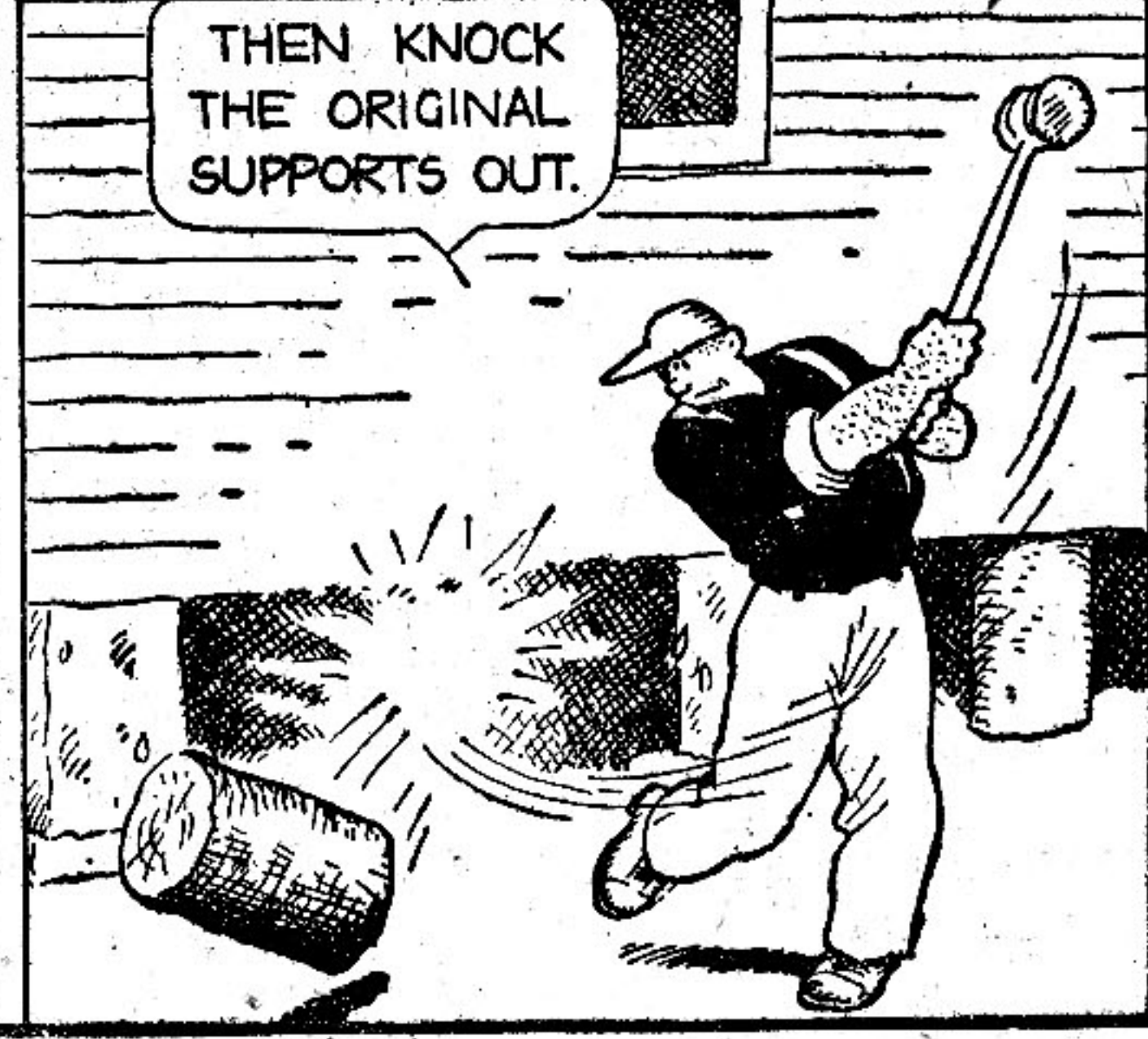
WE'LL HAVE TO SCARE UP ENOUGH JACKS AN' THEN GO 'ROUND AN' 'ROUND, LETTIN' 'EM DOWN A TURN.

YOU DON'T NEED JACKS. LEAVE IT TO ME, I'LL LET IT DOWN.

WHAT YOU GOIN' TO DO, BLONEY—LIFT IT AN' KICK OUT THE SUPPORTS?



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THERE SHE IS—
DOWN 18 INCHES
TO HER NEW
FOUNDATION.

AND IT WAS A
ONE-MAN JOB!

I HAVE TO HAND IT
TO YOU, BLONEY HOW
DID YOU DO IT?

OH, IT'S JUST A
LITTLE TRICK I
HAD UP MY SLEEVE!

BLONEY PUT 18-INCH
BLOCKS OF ICE UNDER
IT AND WHEN THEY
MELTED, THERE IT WAS.

WELL, MAYBE WE
HIRED HIM FOR
BRAIN AS WELL
AS MUSCLE,
AFTER ALL.

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THE BIRD I RENTED MY ROOM FROM, SKEEZIX, IS BACK, AN' I'M OUT.

THAT'S BAD NEWS, SARGE. HAVE YOU TRIED TO FIND A PLACE?

NO VACANCIES! HOW WOULD IT BE IF I'D BUNK IN THE SHOP UNTIL I FIND ONE?

THERE'S NO OBJECTION, BUT WHERE WOULD YOU SLEEP? YOU COULDN'T BE COMFORTABLE.

I'D BRING A COUPLE ARMY BLANKETS, AN' CLEAN THE TOOLS OFF THIS BENCH.

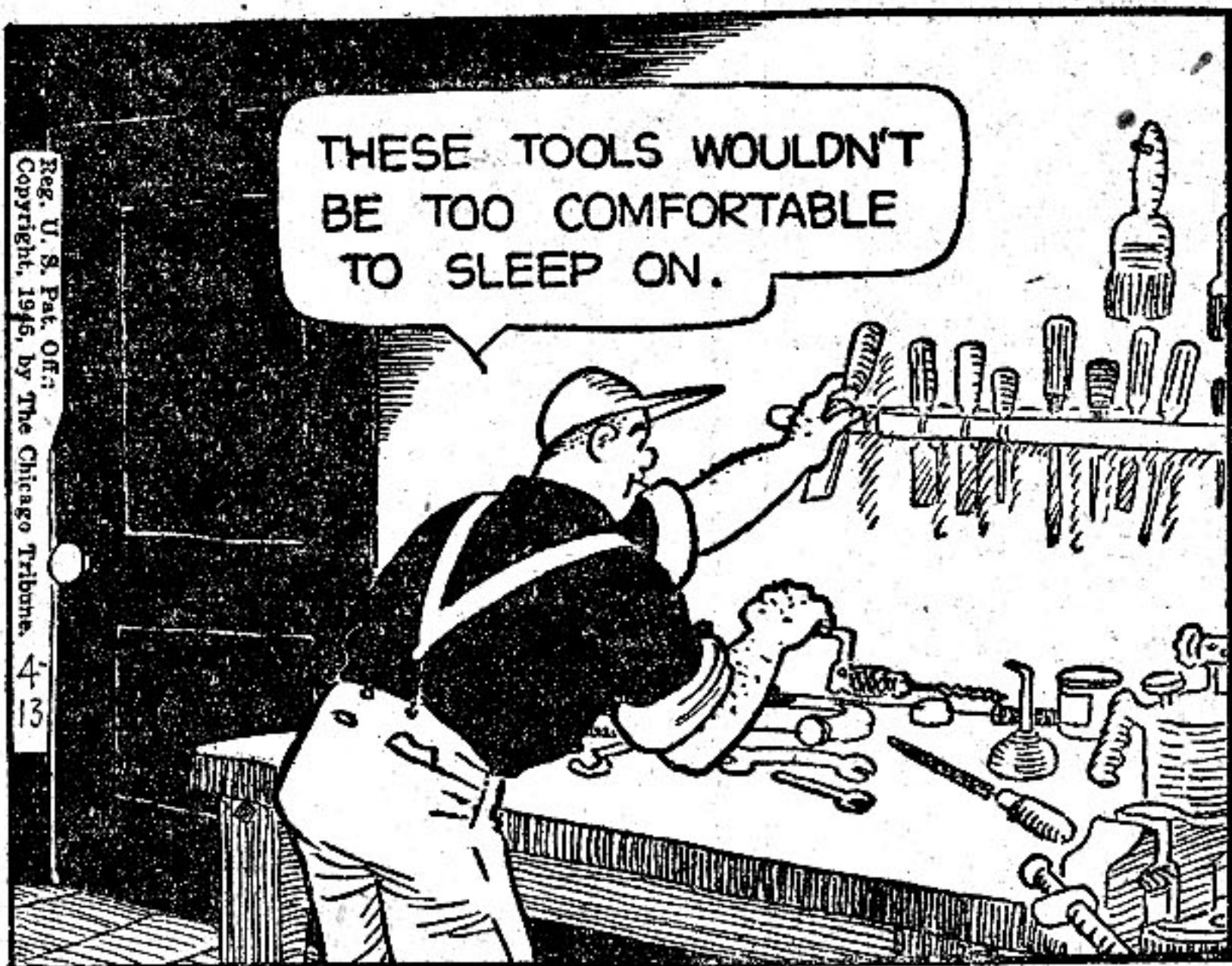
YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT, BUT IT'S NO INNERSPRING.



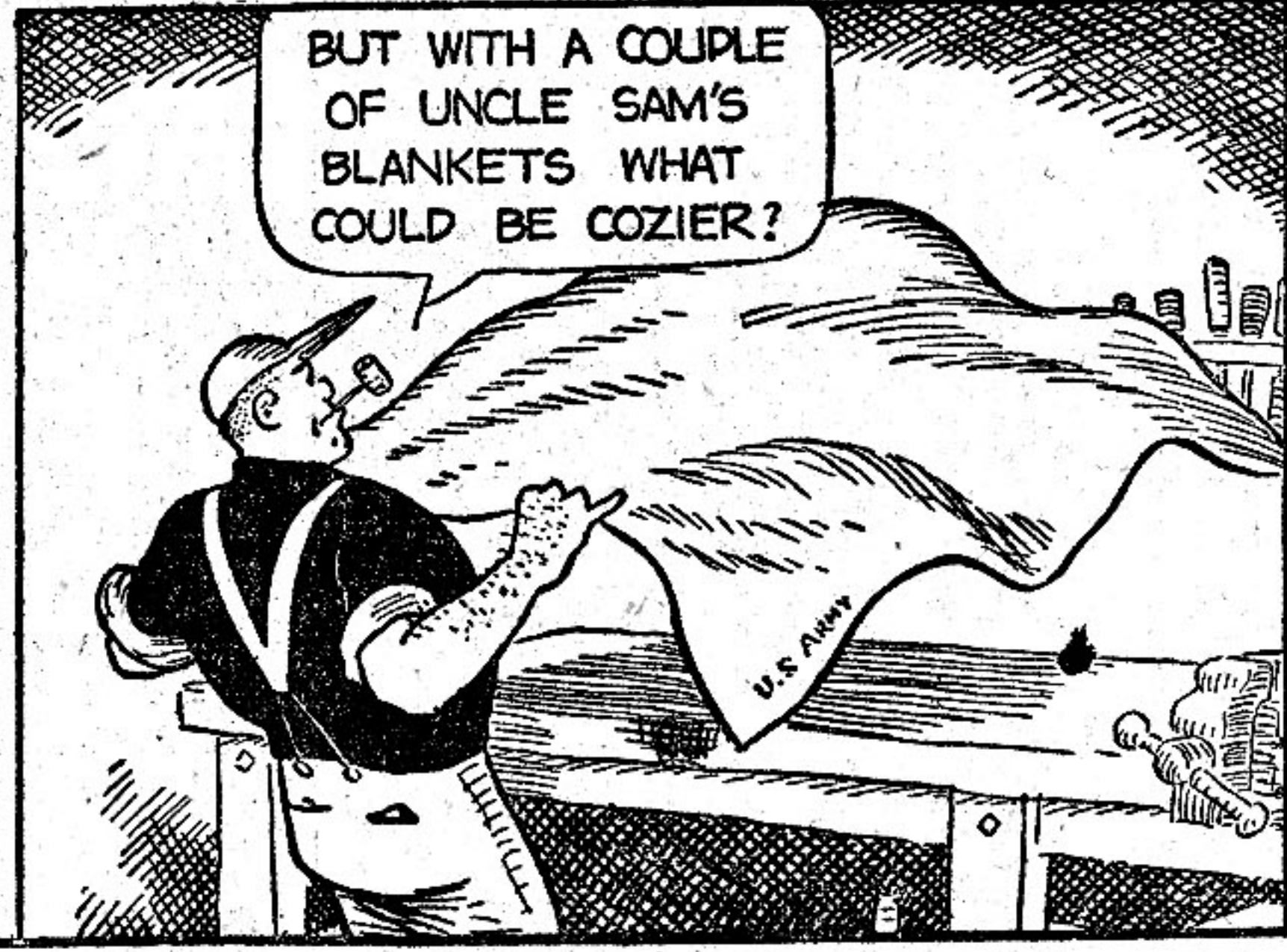
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THESE TOOLS WOULDN'T
BE TOO COMFORTABLE
TO SLEEP ON.



BUT WITH A COUPLE
OF UNCLE SAM'S
BLANKETS WHAT
COULD BE COZIER?



AN' WITH PLENTY TO
FEED OL' HOTCHA
HERE, I'LL BE LAYIN'
ON TOP OF THE WORLD!



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YOU CAN'T GET BY,
PROWLIN' AROUND
THIS SHOP IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

BUT I TOLD YOU,
I'M AVERY. I OWN
THIS BUILDING.

SEZ YOU!
YOU SNEAKED IN.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW
ANYBODY WAS HERE.

AND WHO ARE
YOU—HERE IN THE
DARK? YOU'RE A
THUG YOURSELF!

NEVER MIND WHO I
AM. YOU SET RIGHT
THERE. WALLET AN'
BOBBLE WILL COME
IN THE MORNIN'.

IT'S AN OUTRAGE!
I'LL HAVE THE LAW
ON YOU FOR THIS!



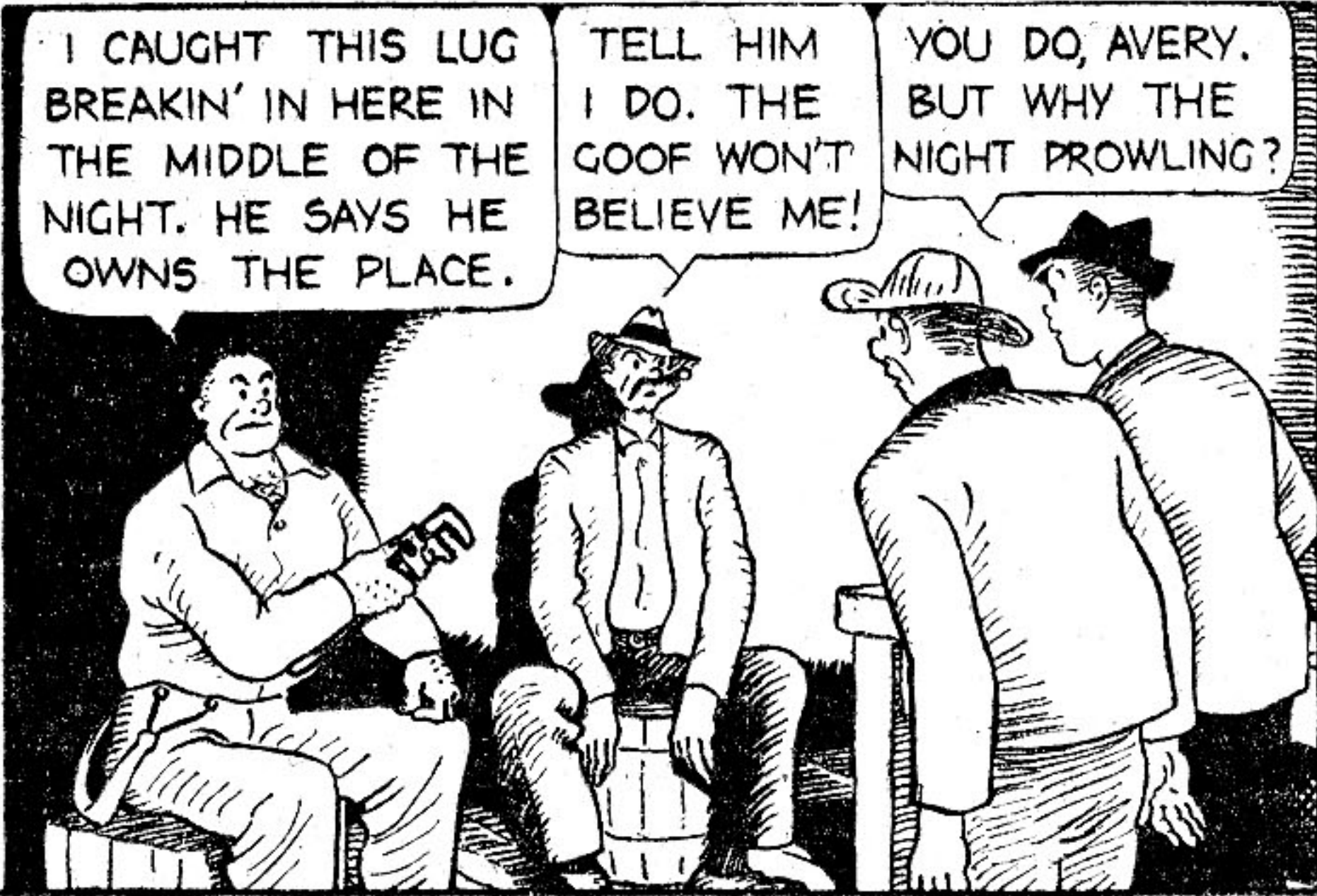
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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CAME! CALL THIS RUFFIAN OFF!



I CAUGHT THIS LUG BREAKIN' IN HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. HE SAYS HE OWNS THE PLACE.

TELL HIM I DO. THE GOOF WON'T BELIEVE ME!

YOU DO, AVERY. BUT WHY THE NIGHT PROWLING?

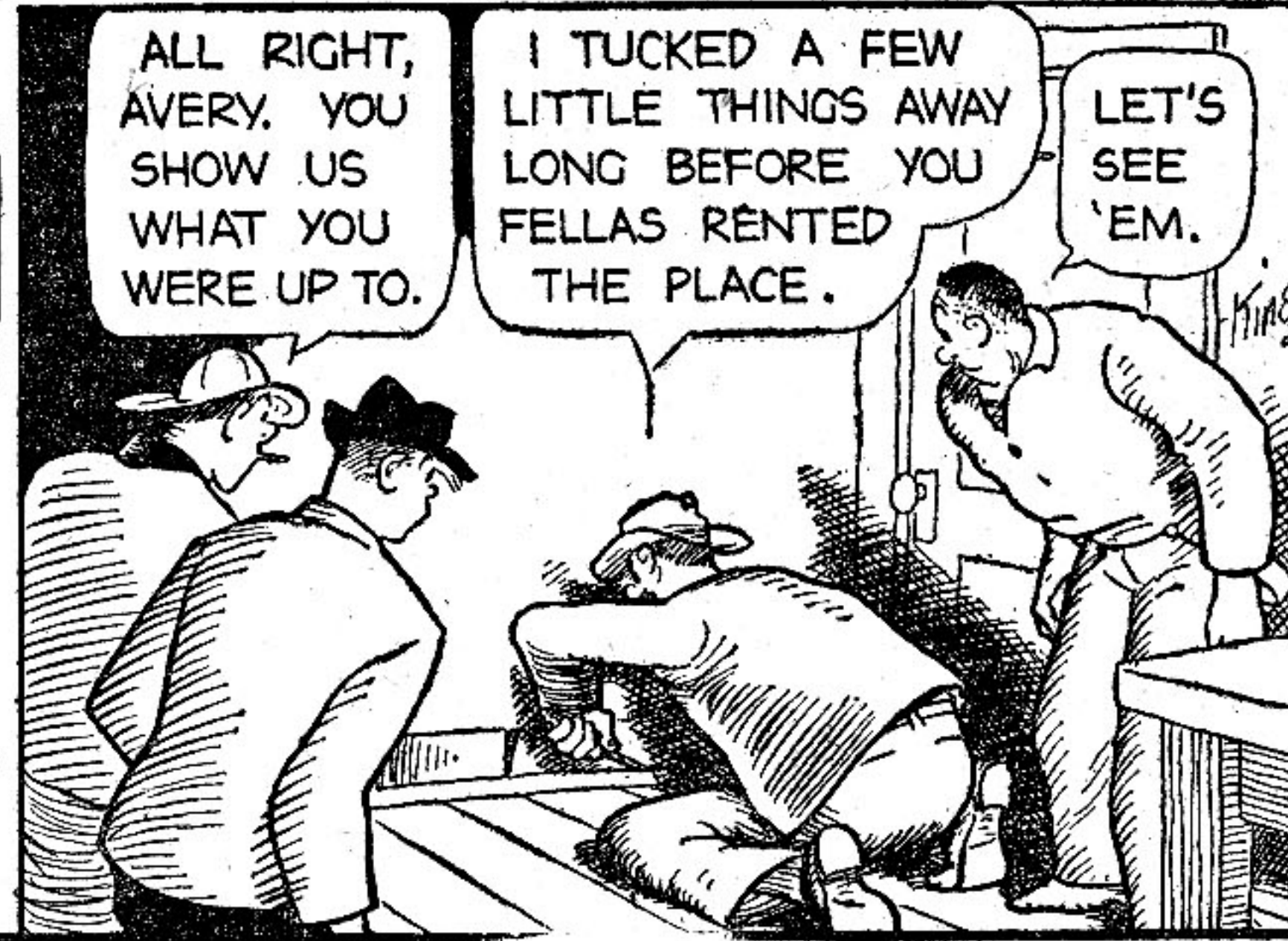
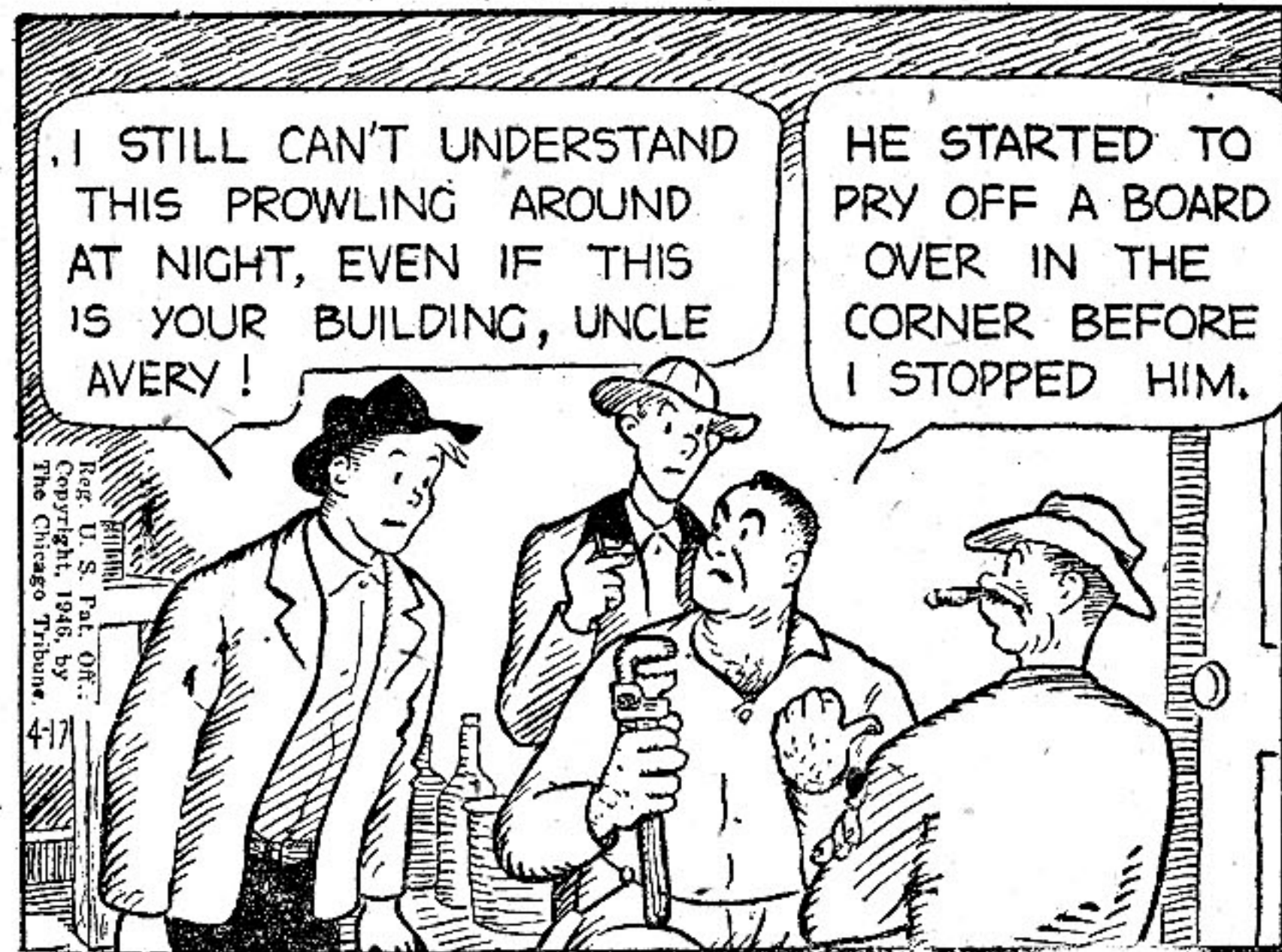


IF IT'S MY PLACE I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO INSPECT IT, HAVEN'T I?

YOU CAN LET HIM GO, SARGE. BUT I DON'T GET THIS MIDNIGHT STUFF.

WE NEVER TRIED TO KEEP YOU OUT OF HERE. WHAT'S THE RACKET?

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SO YOU HOARDED GOLF BALLS INSIDE THE WALL, AVERY!

YES, AND A FEW OTHER SCARCE ITEMS.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO PLAY GOLF!

YOUR PREWAR BALL OUGHT TO GIVE YOU AN EDGE OF A STROKE A HOLE.

IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. WORRYING OVER LOSING A FOUR-BUCK BALL WOULD SPOIL MY GAME.

BUT YOU PAID ONLY 75 CENTS A PIECE FOR THEM.

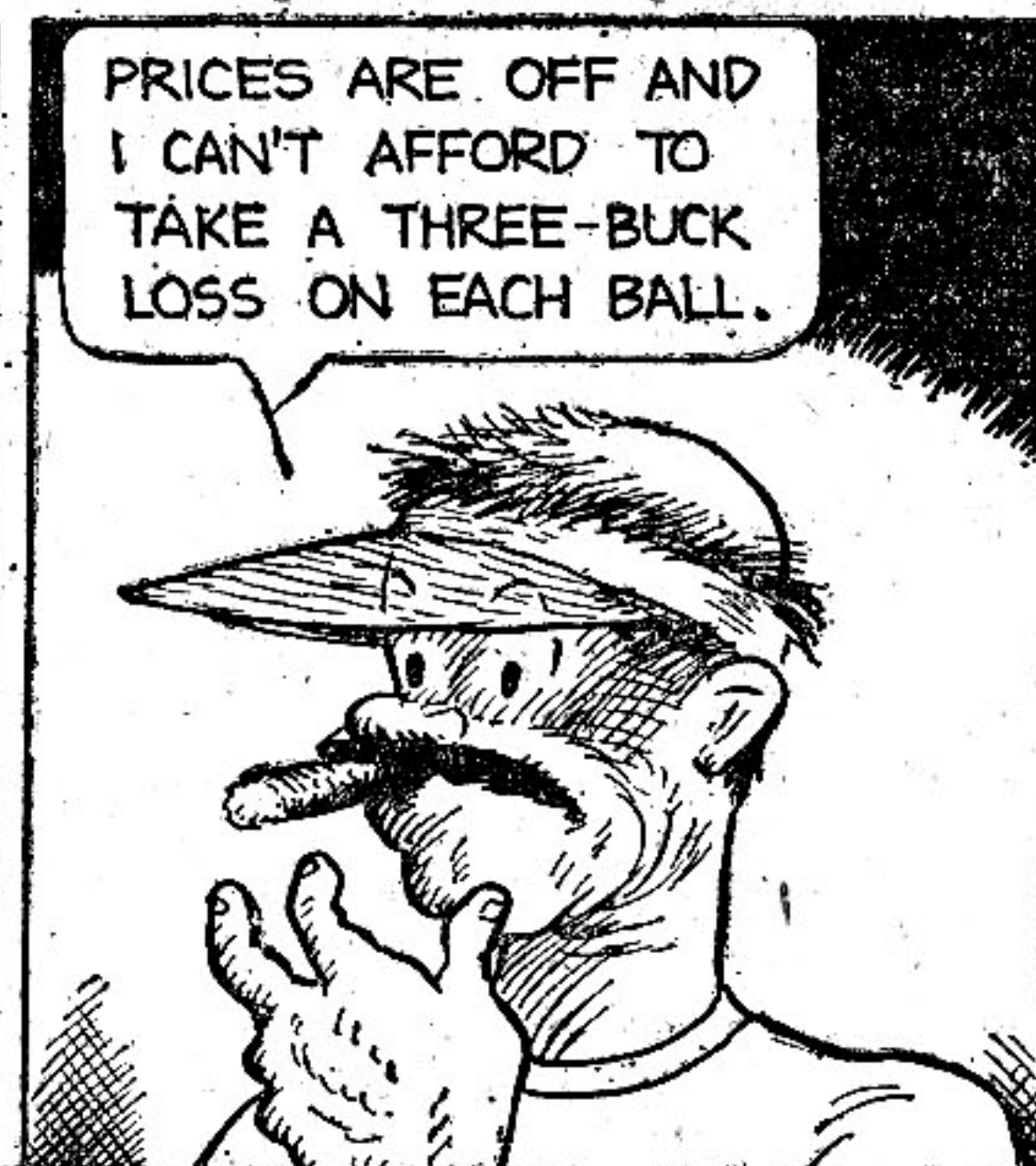
YEAH! I WOULDN'T ONLY BE LOSING THE ORIGINAL COST. I'D BE LOSING ALL MY PROFIT!

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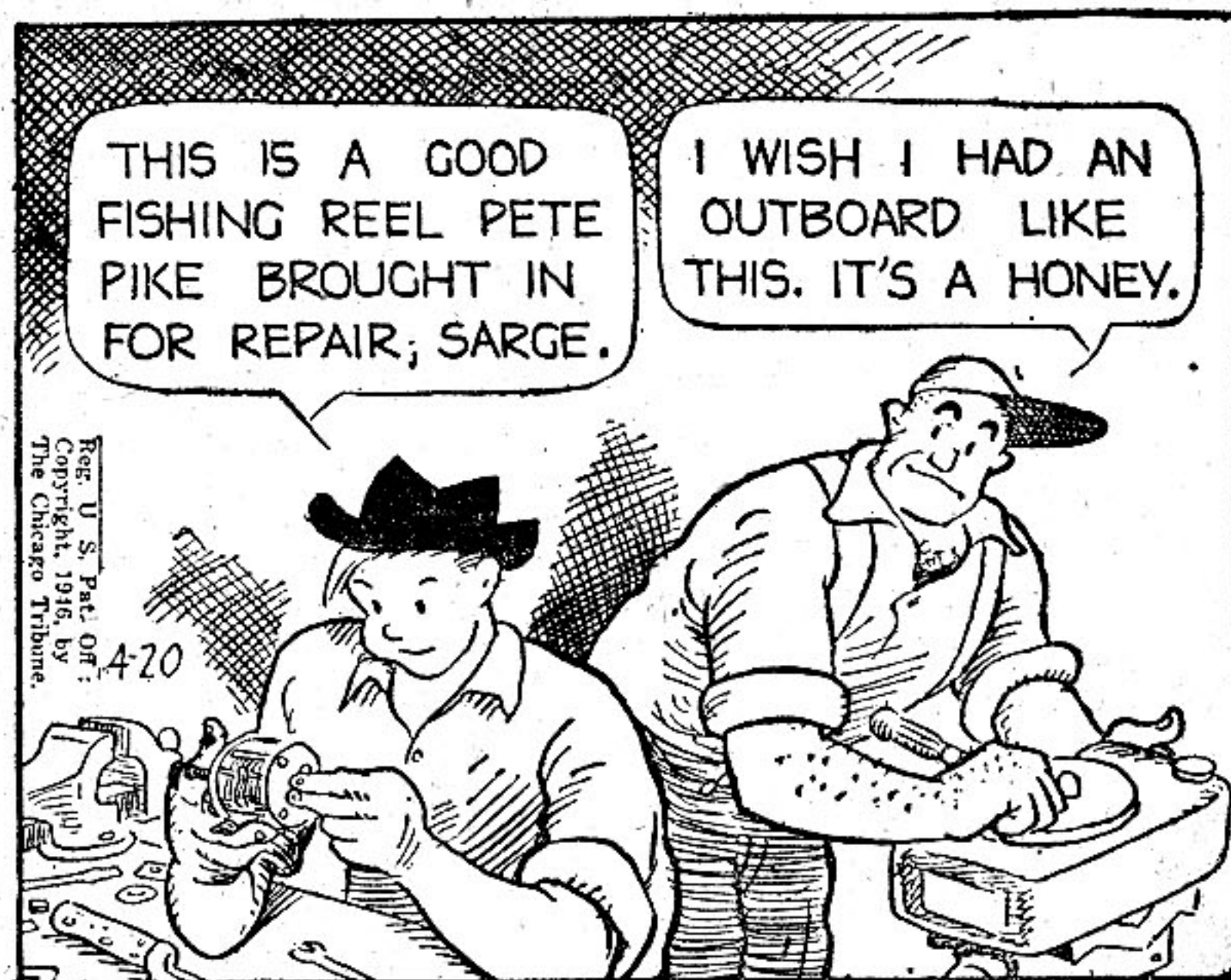
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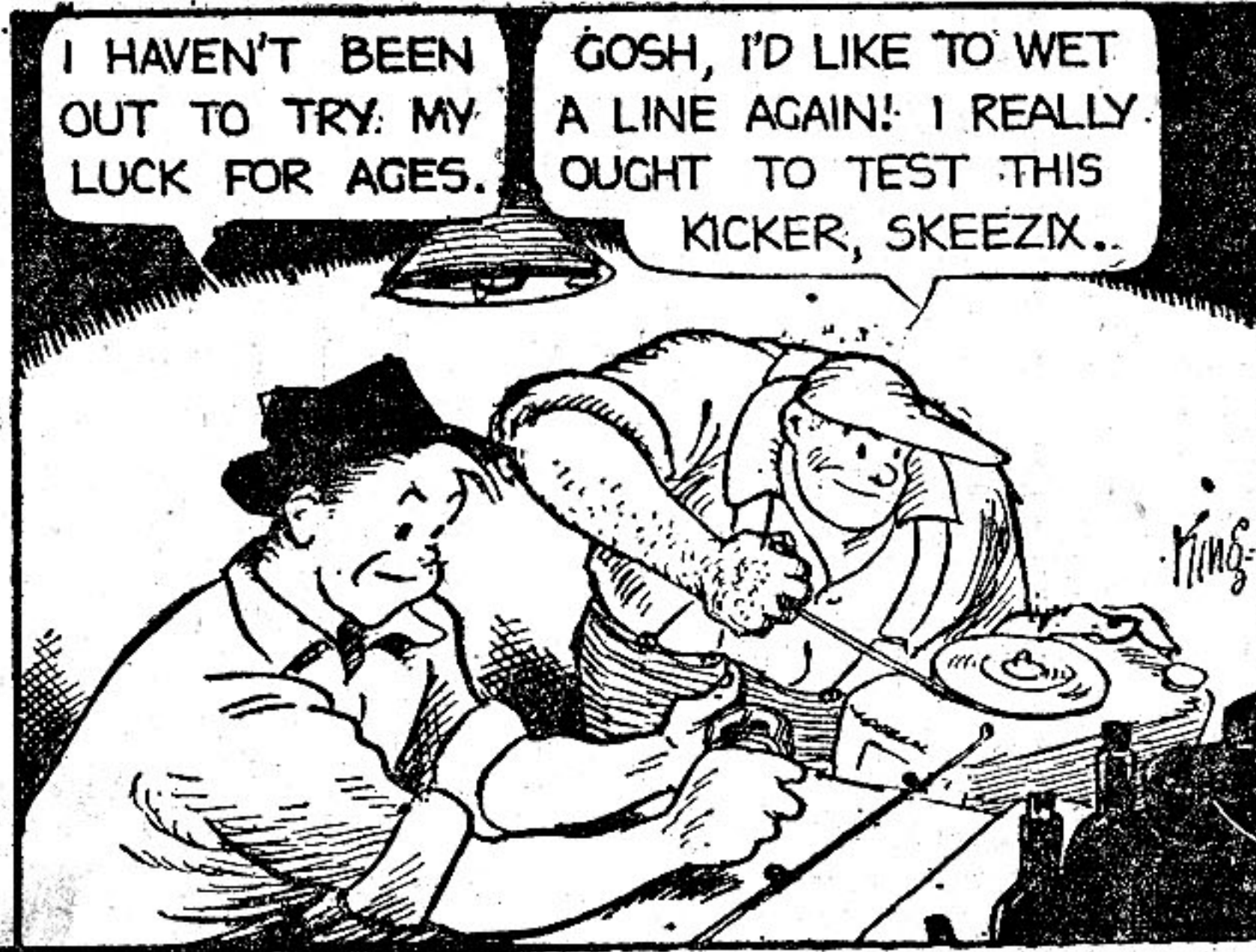


THIS IS A GOOD FISHING REEL PETE PIKE BROUGHT IN FOR REPAIR, SARGE.

I WISH I HAD AN OUTBOARD LIKE THIS. IT'S A HONEY.

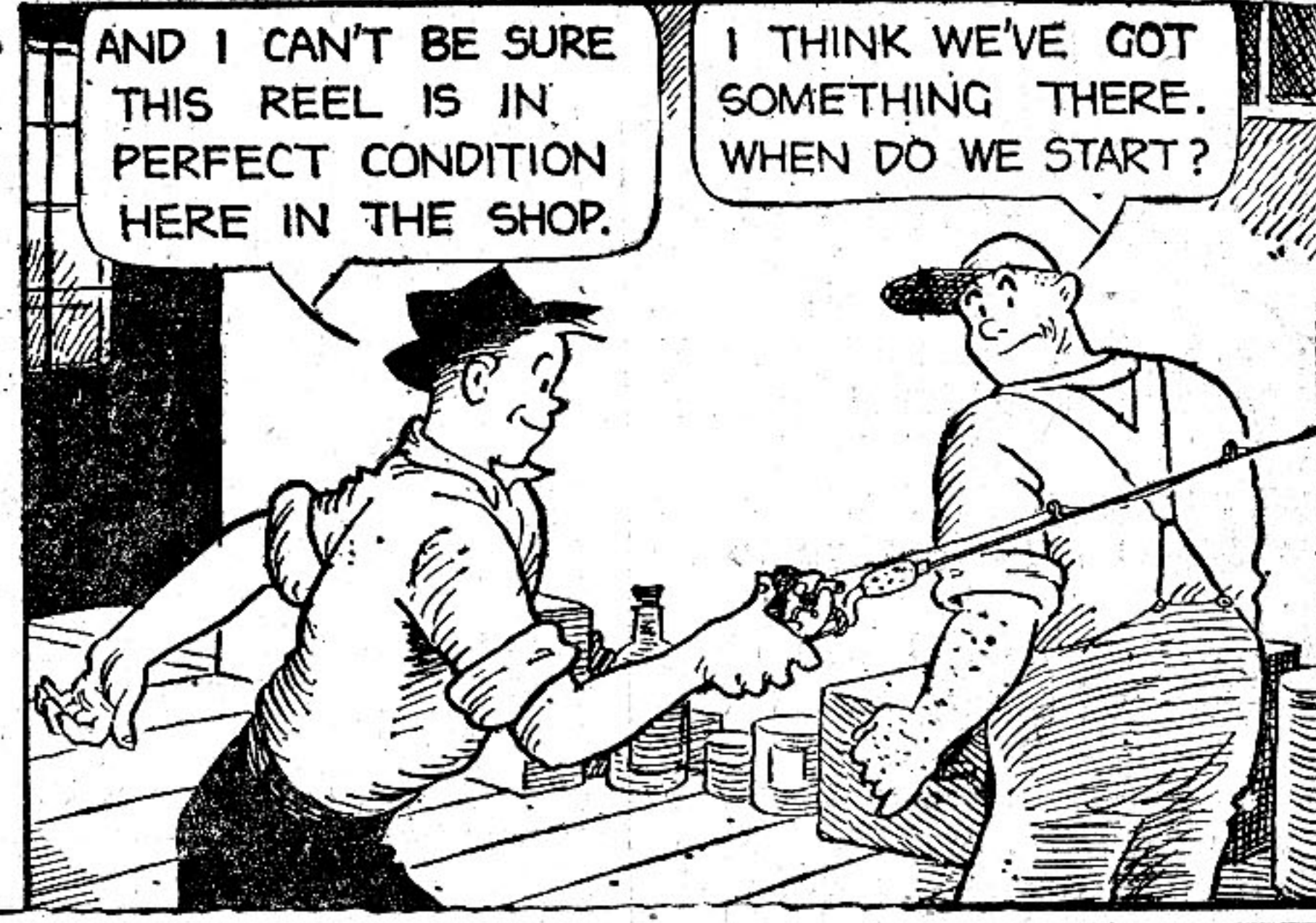
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I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT TO TRY. MY LUCK FOR AGES.

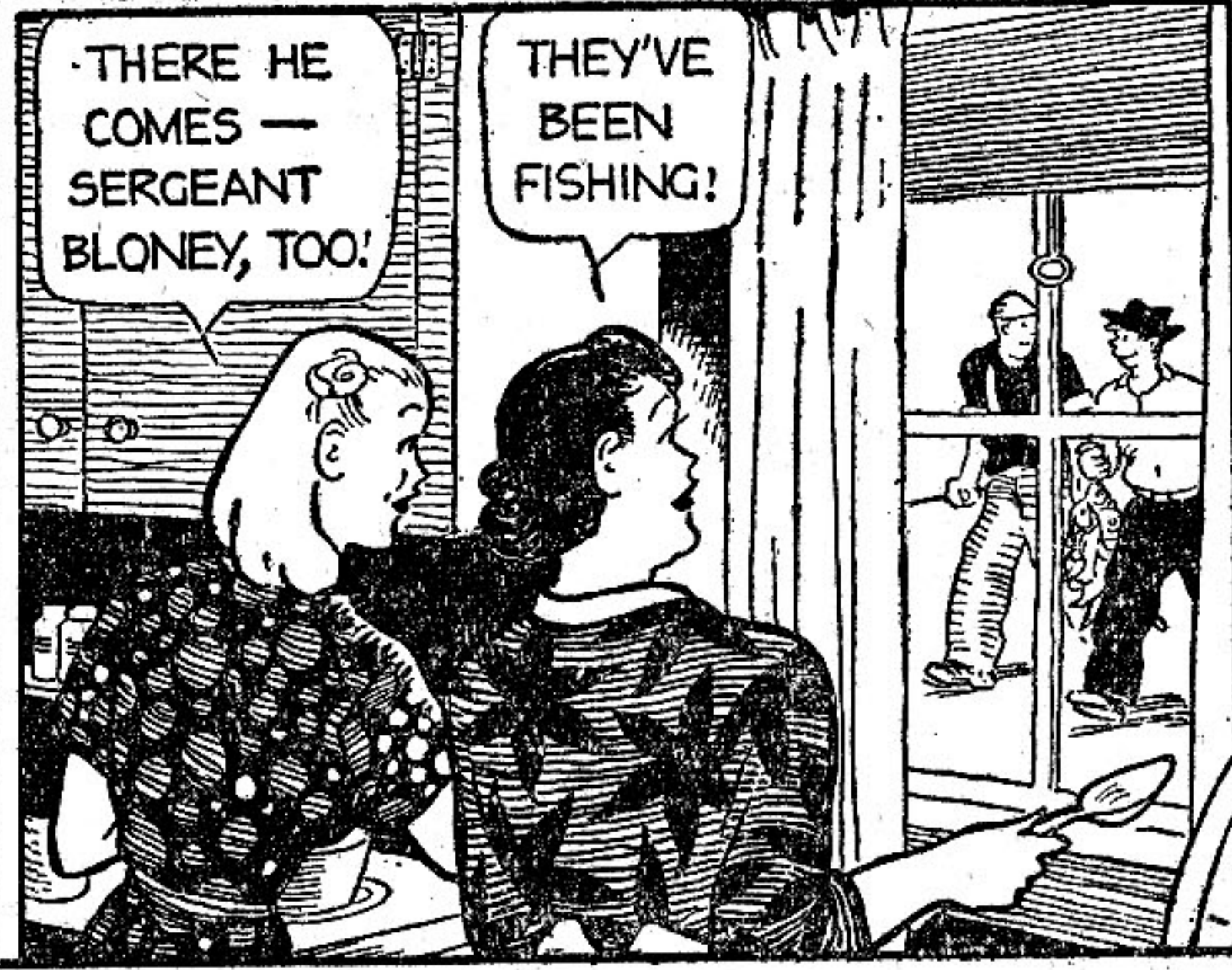
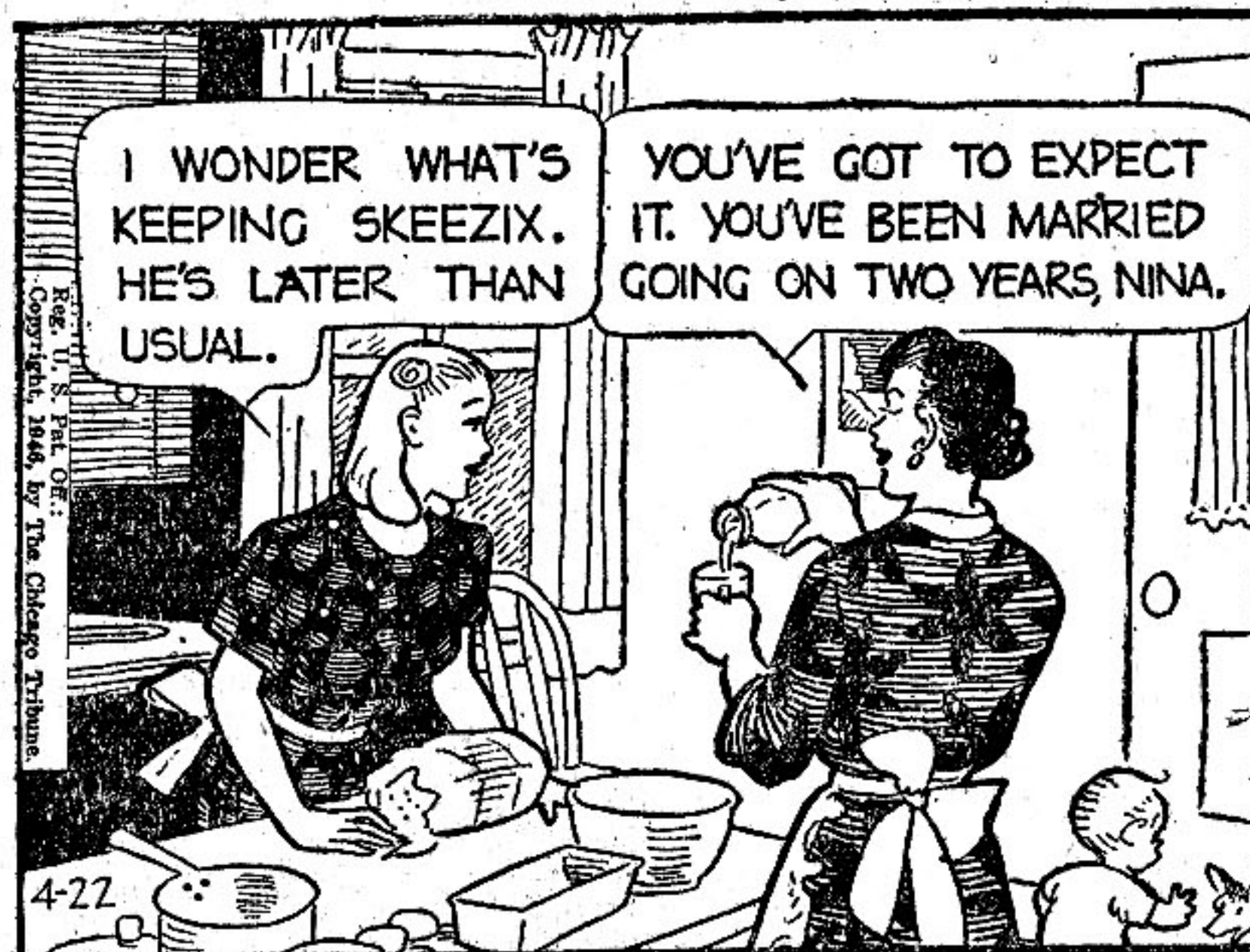
GOSH, I'D LIKE TO WET A LINE AGAIN! I REALLY OUGHT TO TEST THIS KICKER, SKEEZIX..



AND I CAN'T BE SURE THIS REEL IS IN PERFECT CONDITION HERE IN THE SHOP.

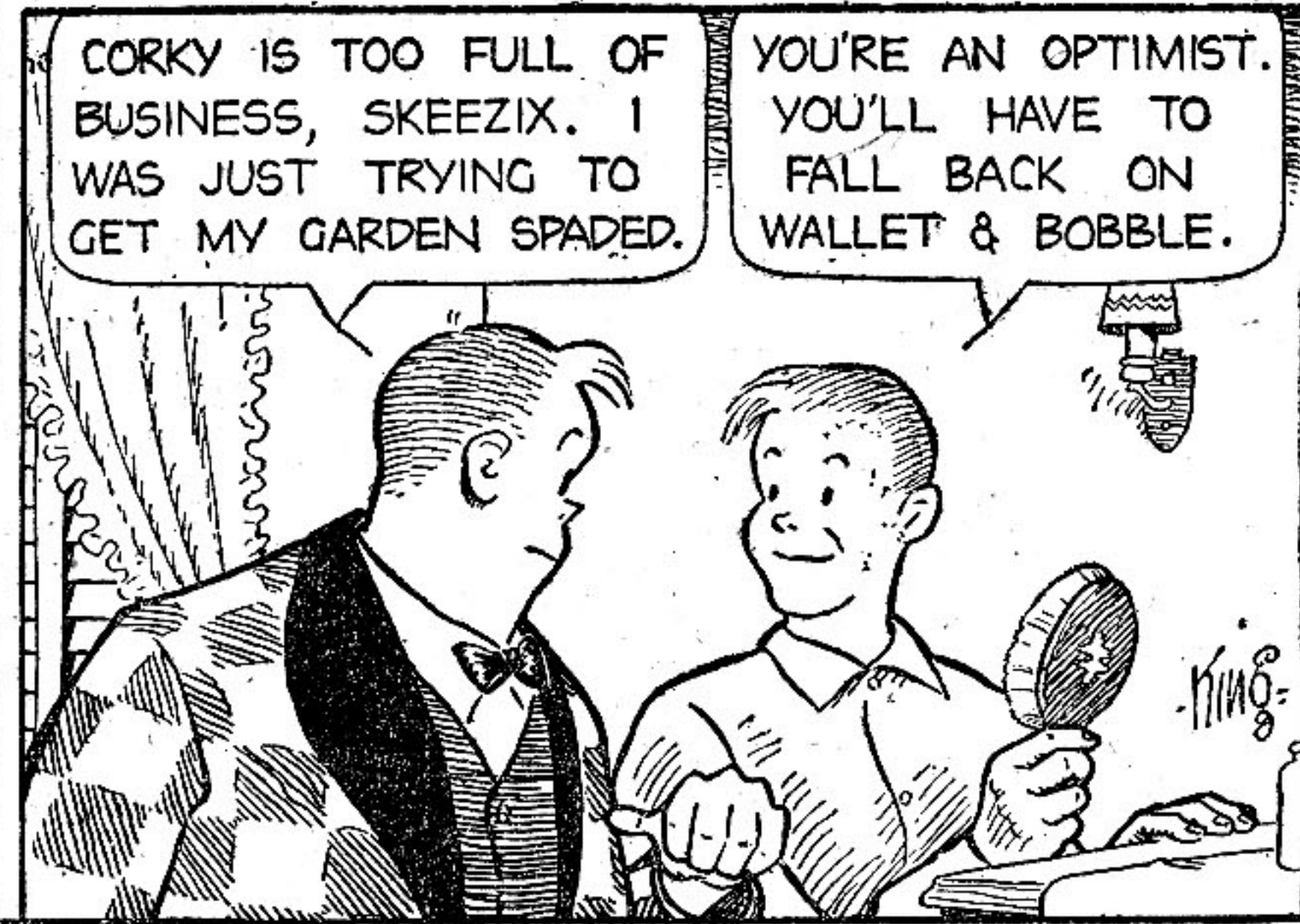
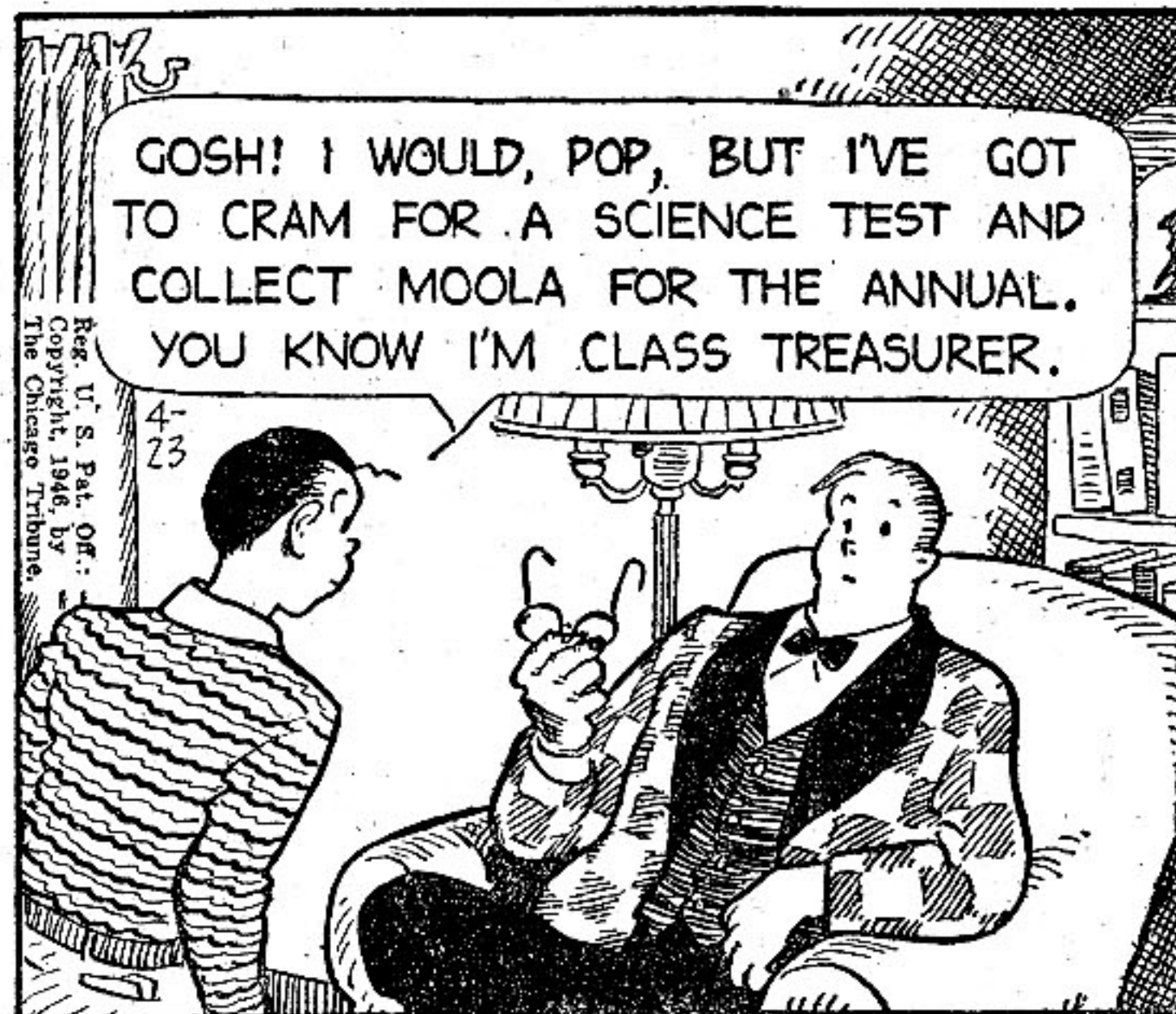
I THINK WE'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE. WHEN DO WE START?

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YESSIR, MR. WALLET. SKEEZIX IS TOO RETIRIN' TO TELL ABOUT HIMSELF. I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES CAPTURE 18 HEINIES SINGLEHANDED.

REALLY, SERGEANT BLONEY?

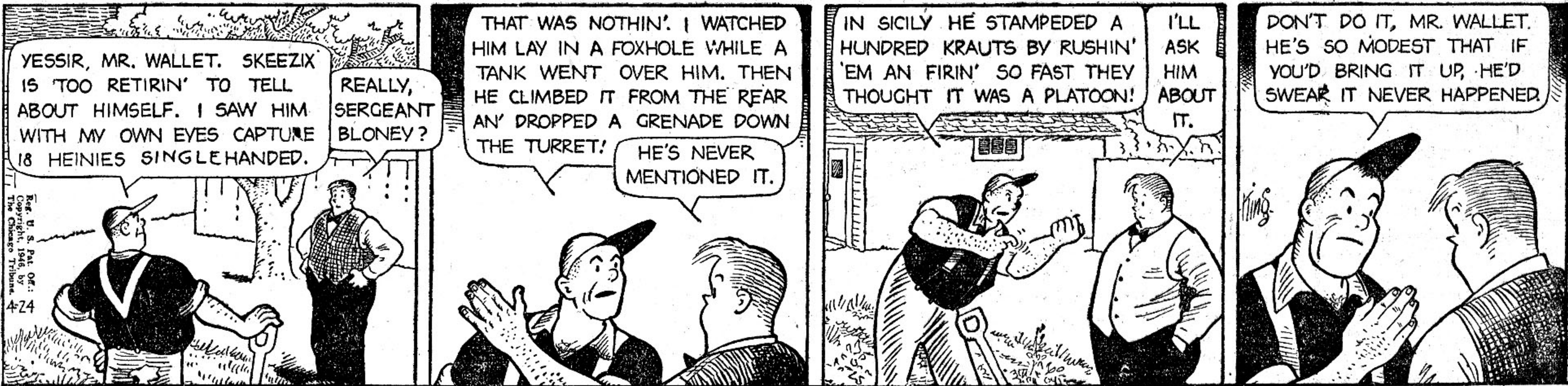
THAT WAS NOTHIN'. I WATCHED HIM LAY IN A FOXHOLE WHILE A TANK WENT OVER HIM. THEN HE CLIMBED IT FROM THE REAR AN' DROPPED A GRENADE DOWN THE TURRET!

HE'S NEVER MENTIONED IT.

IN SICILY HE STAMPEDED A HUNDRED KRAUTS BY RUSHIN' 'EM AN FIRIN' SO FAST THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A PLATOON!

I'LL ASK HIM ABOUT IT.

DON'T DO IT, MR. WALLET. HE'S SO MODEST THAT IF YOU'D BRING IT UP, HE'D SWEAR IT NEVER HAPPENED.



YESSIR, MR. WALLET, SKEEZIX WOULD
GOT THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL IF
ANYBODY BESIDES ME HAD SEEN HIM
DO THEM BRAVE ACTS.



HERE I GO, SHOOTIN' OFF
MY BIG MOUTH WHEN I
OUGHT TO BE SPADIN'.



I'LL SHUT UP AN'
MAKE UP TIME.

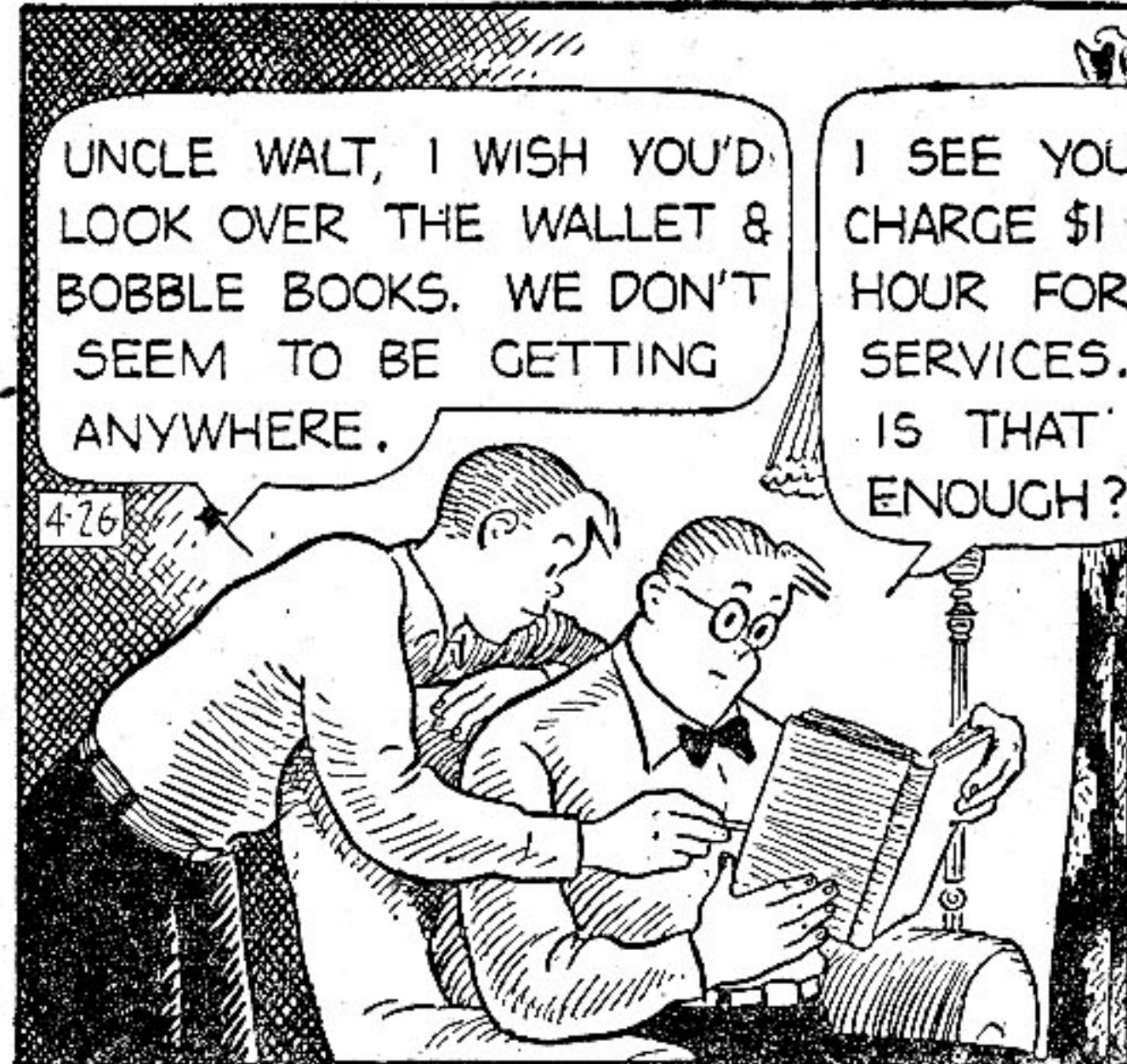


ON THE SQUARE, THOUGH,
MR. WALLET, SKEEZIX
WAS A GOOD KID.



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UNCLE WALT, I WISH YOU'D LOOK OVER THE WALLET & BOBBLE BOOKS. WE DON'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ANYWHERE.

I SEE YOU CHARGE \$1 AN HOUR FOR SERVICES. IS THAT ENOUGH?

IT OUGHT TO BE. WITH THREE OF US WORKING, THAT'S \$24 A DAY.

YES, AND YOU PAY BLONEY \$25 A WEEK. YOU MAKE \$19 THERE ON A 48-HOUR WEEK—IF HE ISN'T IDLE A MINUTE. WITH YOUR FIXED CHARGES, YOU AND WILMER ARE EACH MAKING 72 CENTS AN HOUR. YOU CAN GET 75 CENTS ANYWHERE WITHOUT A SHOP.

GOSH! IS IT AS BAD AS THAT? WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO?

RAISE YOUR PRICES AND KEEP BUSY, OR GET MORE PEOPLE TO WORK FOR YOU AND KEEP THEM BUSY.

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO DO BOTH.

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WILMER, UNCLE WALT SAYS OUR EXPENSES AND FIXED CHARGES ARE TOO HIGH AND OUR INCOME TOO LOW TO GET ANYWHERE.

WE'RE PAYING BLONEY .25 BUCKS A WEEK. LET'S FIRE HIM.

NO, WE'RE MAKING A PROFIT ON HIM. ON OUR OWN TIME AND EFFORT WE ARE JUST BREAKING EVEN, OR LOSING MONEY.

THEN WE'LL HAVE TO HUSTLE UP MORE BUSINESS AN' WORK OVERTIME, SKEEZIX.

UNCLE WALT TOLD ME ABOUT THE FELLOW WHO WAS SELLING EACH ITEM AT A LOSS. HE SAID HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO DO IT EXCEPT HE SOLD SO MANY OF 'EM!

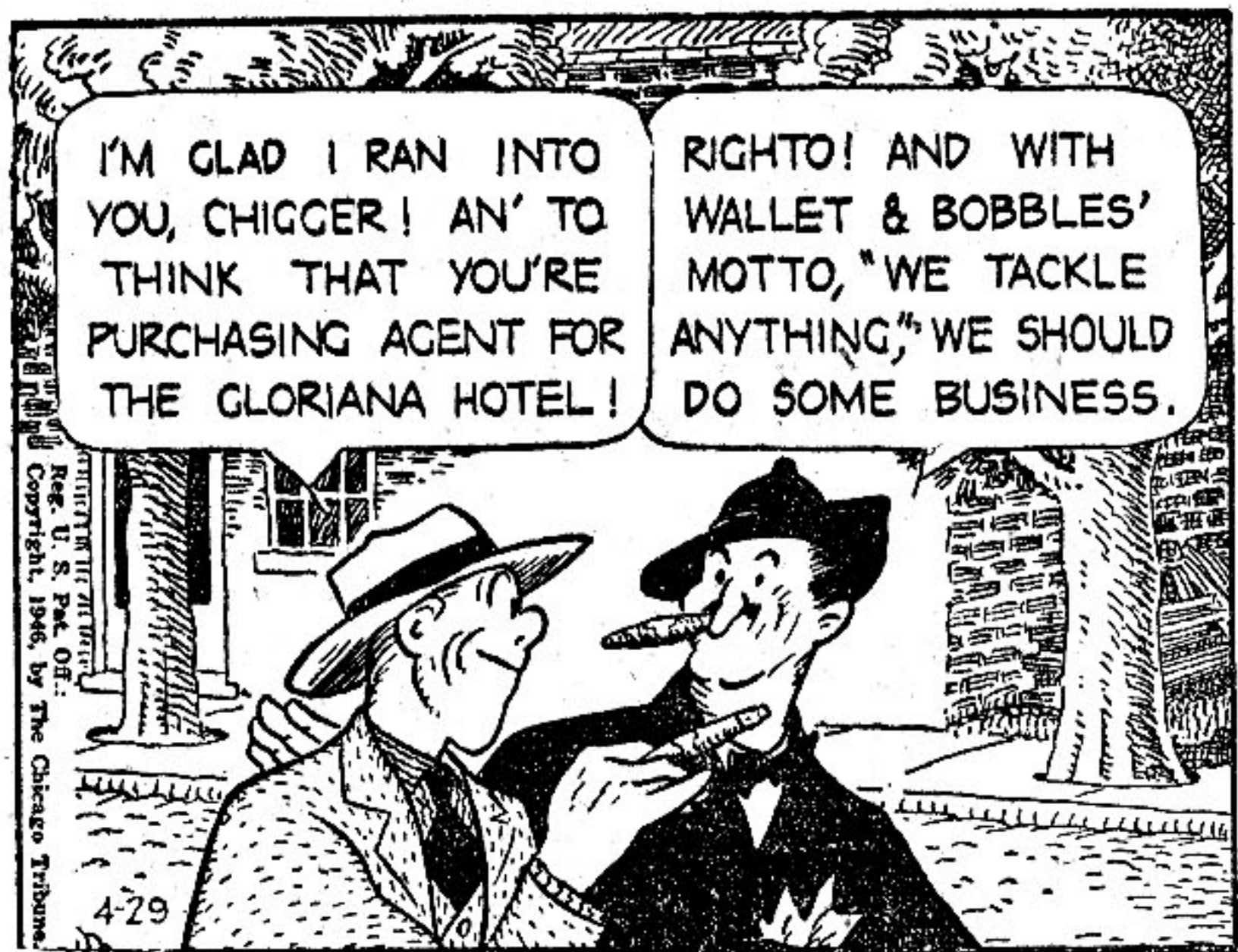
YOU AN' I HAVE GOT TO SIT DOWN AN' FIGGER OUT SOMETHING. NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE SOME DOUGH IF WE'RE EVER GOIN' TO.

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WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS
ARE WE GOING TO GET
FROM THE GLORIANA HOTEL,
WILMER?

THERE'S FURNITURE IN
EVERY ROOM TO BE
REFINISHED AND REPAIRED,
SPRINGS AND MATTRESSES
RENOVATED, RUGS CLEANED.



FIXIN' VENETIAN BLINDS,
LOCKS, CASTERS, FLOOR LAMPS.
THERE'S PLENTY TO DO,
SKEEZIX.

HOW ABOUT THE
CHARGES FOR
OUR SERVICES?

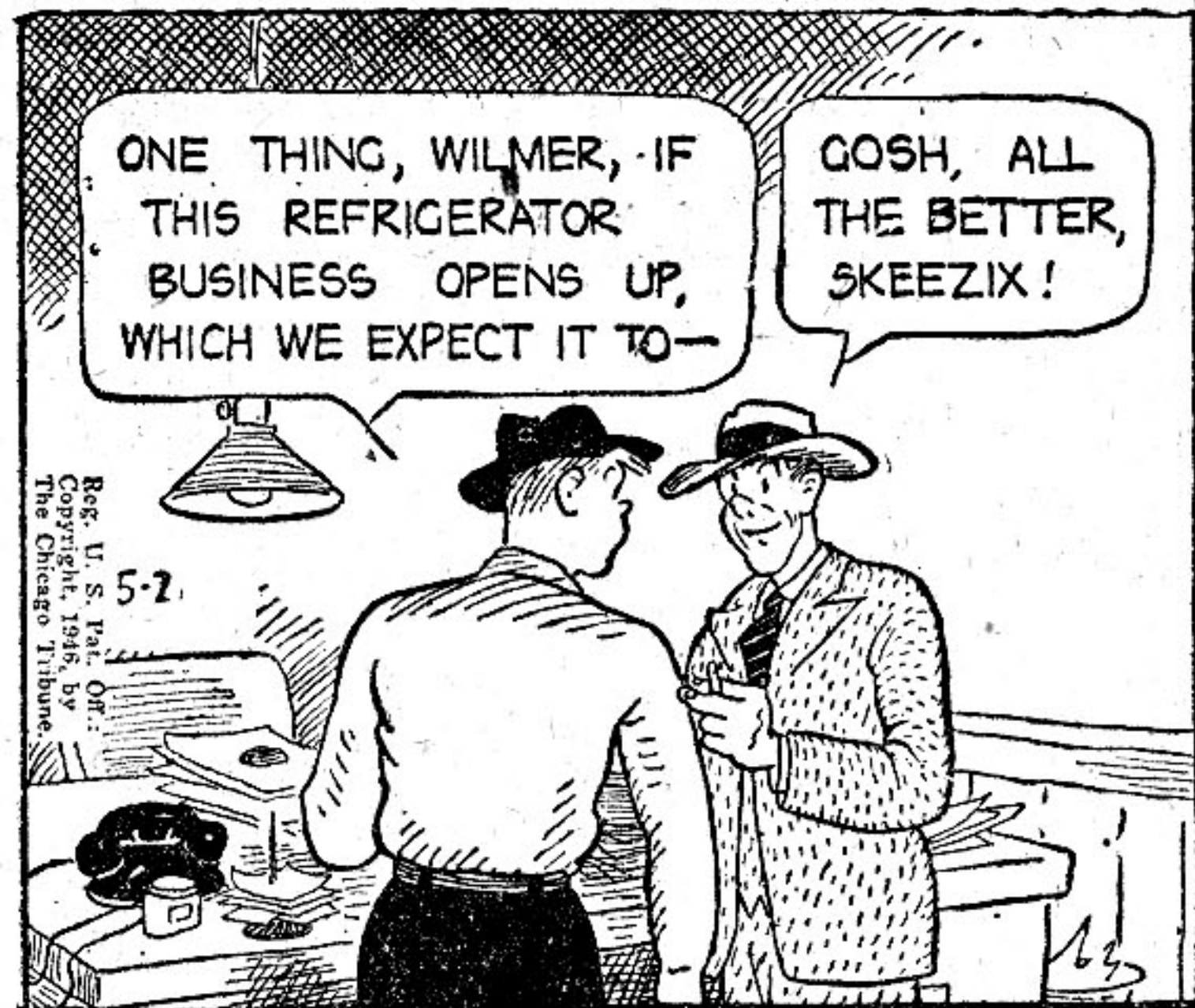


THAT'S THE BEST OF IT.
I TALKED TURKEY TO 'EM
AN' WE'LL GET GOOD PRICES.

WILMER, YOU'RE A BOY
WONDER. I HAVE TO
HAND IT TO YOU!



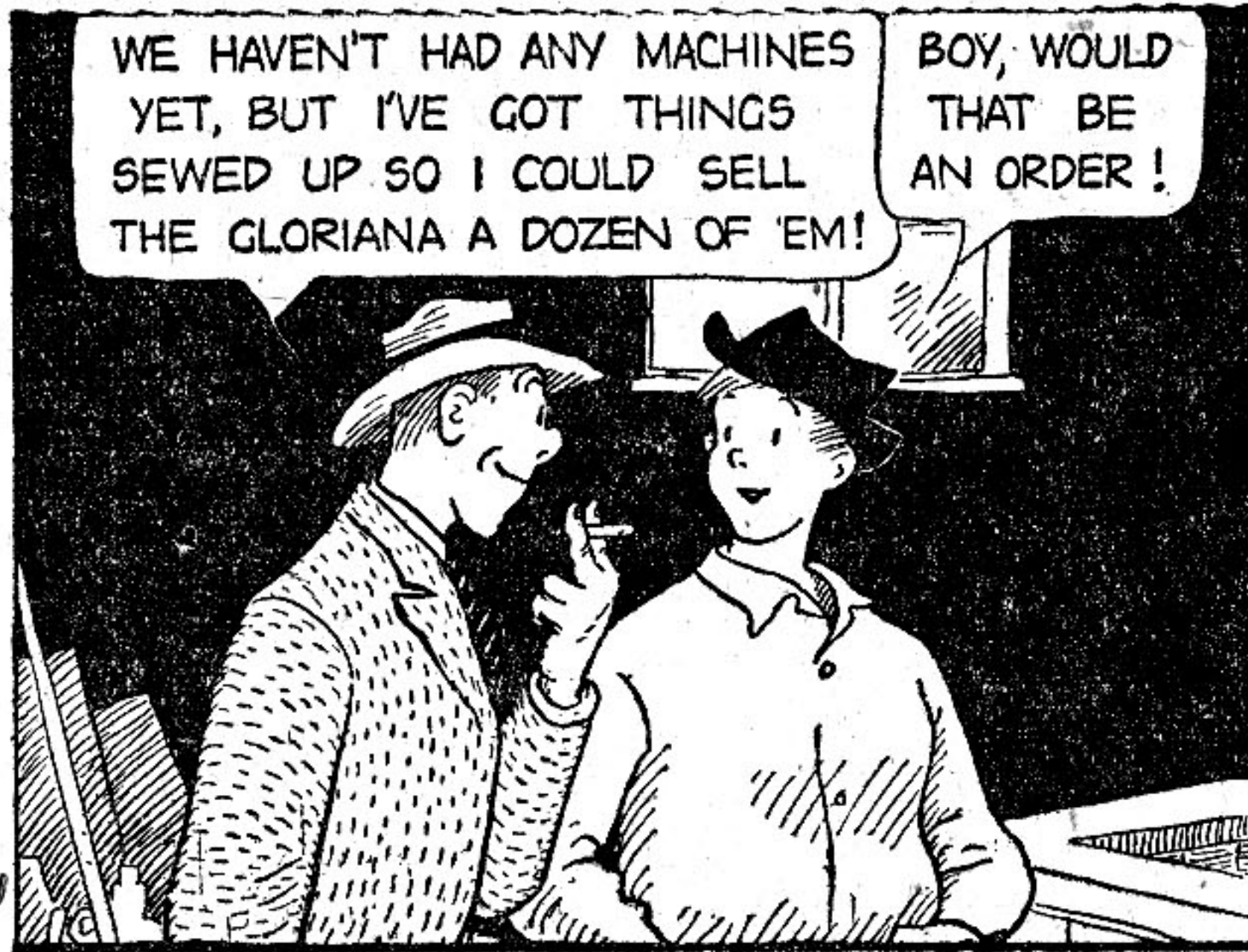
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ONE THING, WILMER, IF THIS REFRIGERATOR BUSINESS OPENS UP, WHICH WE EXPECT IT TO—

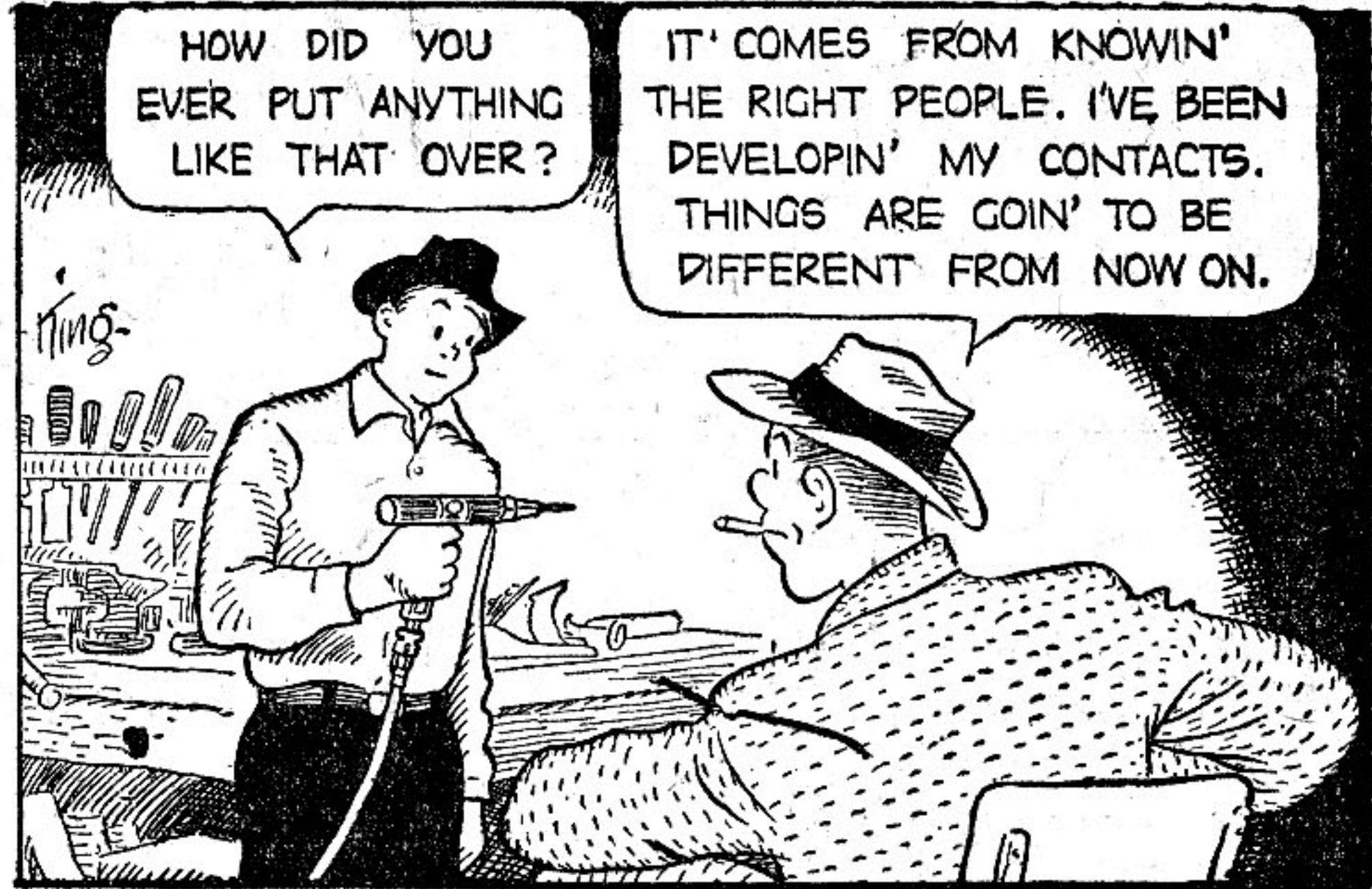
GOSH, ALL THE BETTER, SKEEZIX!

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WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY MACHINES YET, BUT I'VE GOT THINGS SEWED UP SO I COULD SELL THE GLORIANA A DOZEN OF 'EM!

BOY, WOULD THAT BE AN ORDER!



HOW DID YOU EVER PUT ANYTHING LIKE THAT OVER?

IT COMES FROM KNOWIN' THE RIGHT PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN DEVELOPIN' MY CONTACTS. THINGS ARE GOIN' TO BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON.

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AVERY, YOU'RE NOT USIN' THAT ROOM BACK OF OUR SHOP. WOULD YOU LET US HAVE IT?

LET YOU? THAT ROOM'S WORTH MONEY. I'LL RENT IT TO YOU.

WE DON'T NEED IT. I THOUGHT WE MIGHT PUT A LITTLE JUNK BACK THERE.

OKAY. \$20 A MONTH.

IMPOSSIBLE! THAT'S NEARLY AS MUCH AS WE PAY FOR THE FRONT. GIVE YOU \$4.

WOULDN'T CONSIDER IT, BUT I'LL LET IT GO FOR \$18.

WE'LL NEED MORE SPACE, SKEEZIX, AN' I JUST DICKERED AVERY DOWN TO \$11 FOR THE BACK ROOM.

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YOU'RE A GOOD TRADER, SERGEANT BLONEY. WE CAN SURE USE THAT TRUCK!

IT WASN'T SO MUCH.

WHADDA YA MEAN, TRADER? WHAT DID HE TRADE FOR IT?

OUR GASOLINE LAWN MOWER. HE SWAPPED IT FOR A MOTORCYCLE. TRADED THAT FOR A SODA FOUNTAIN AND AGAIN FOR BUILDING MATERIAL. HE ENDED UP WITH THIS TRUCK.

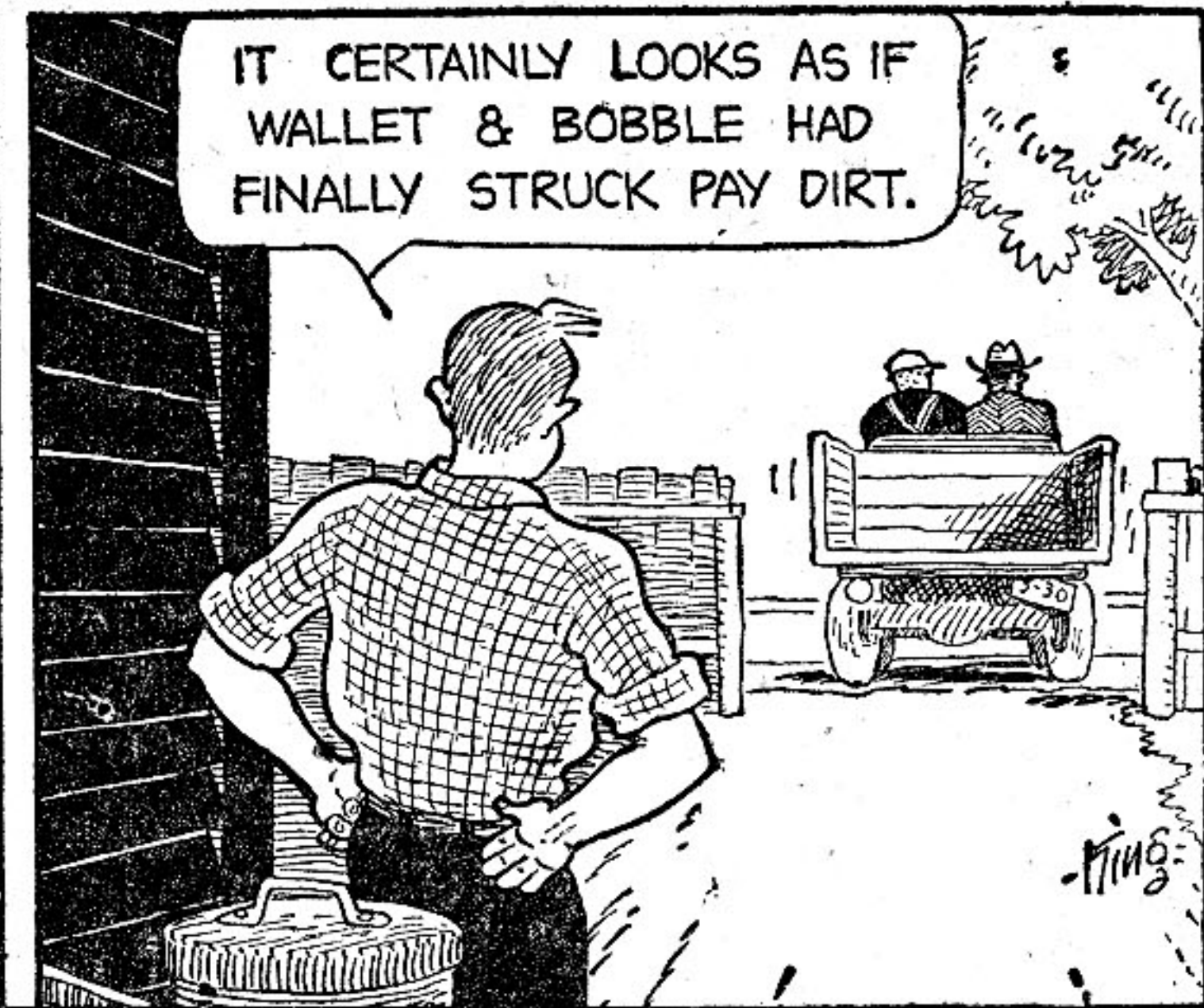
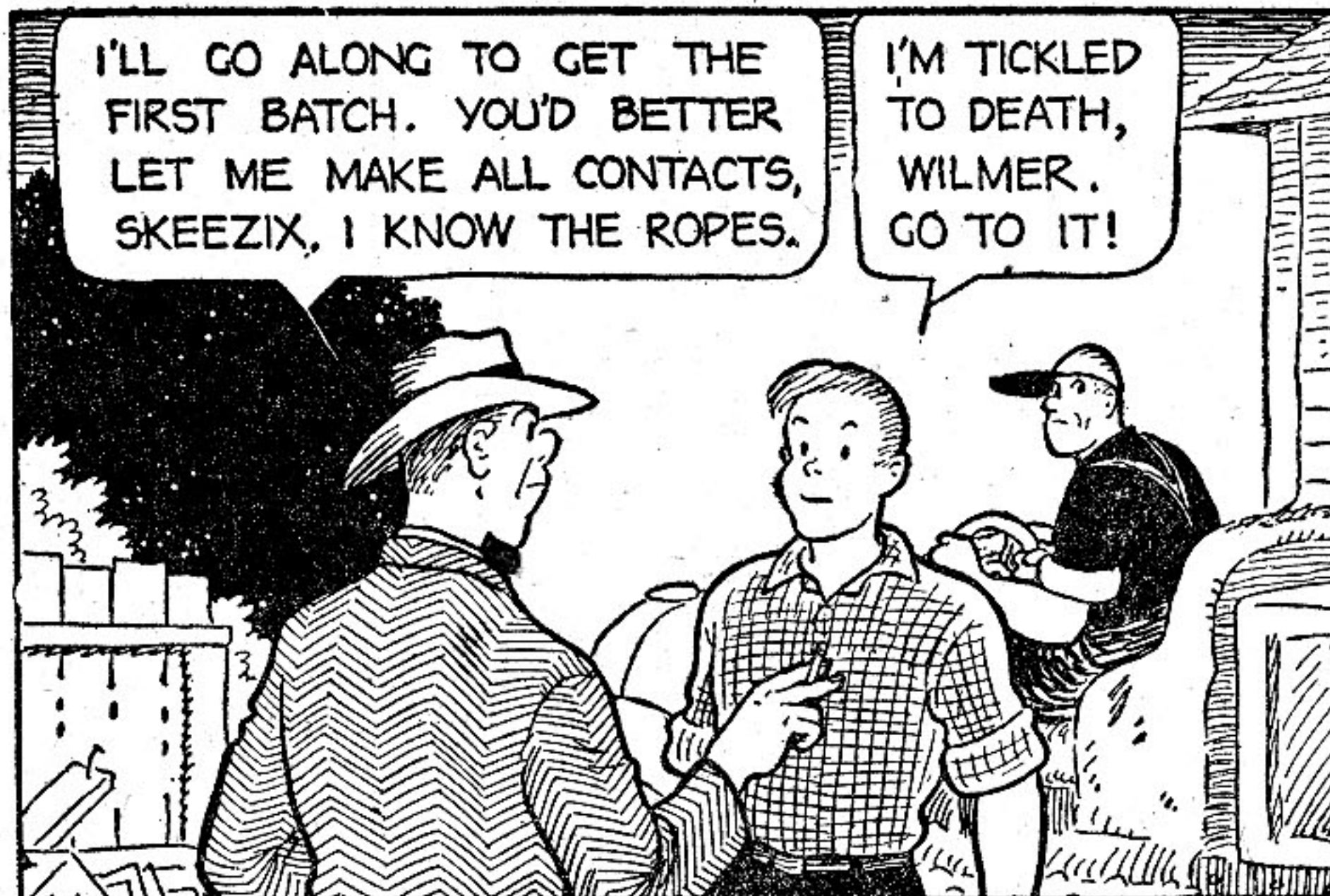
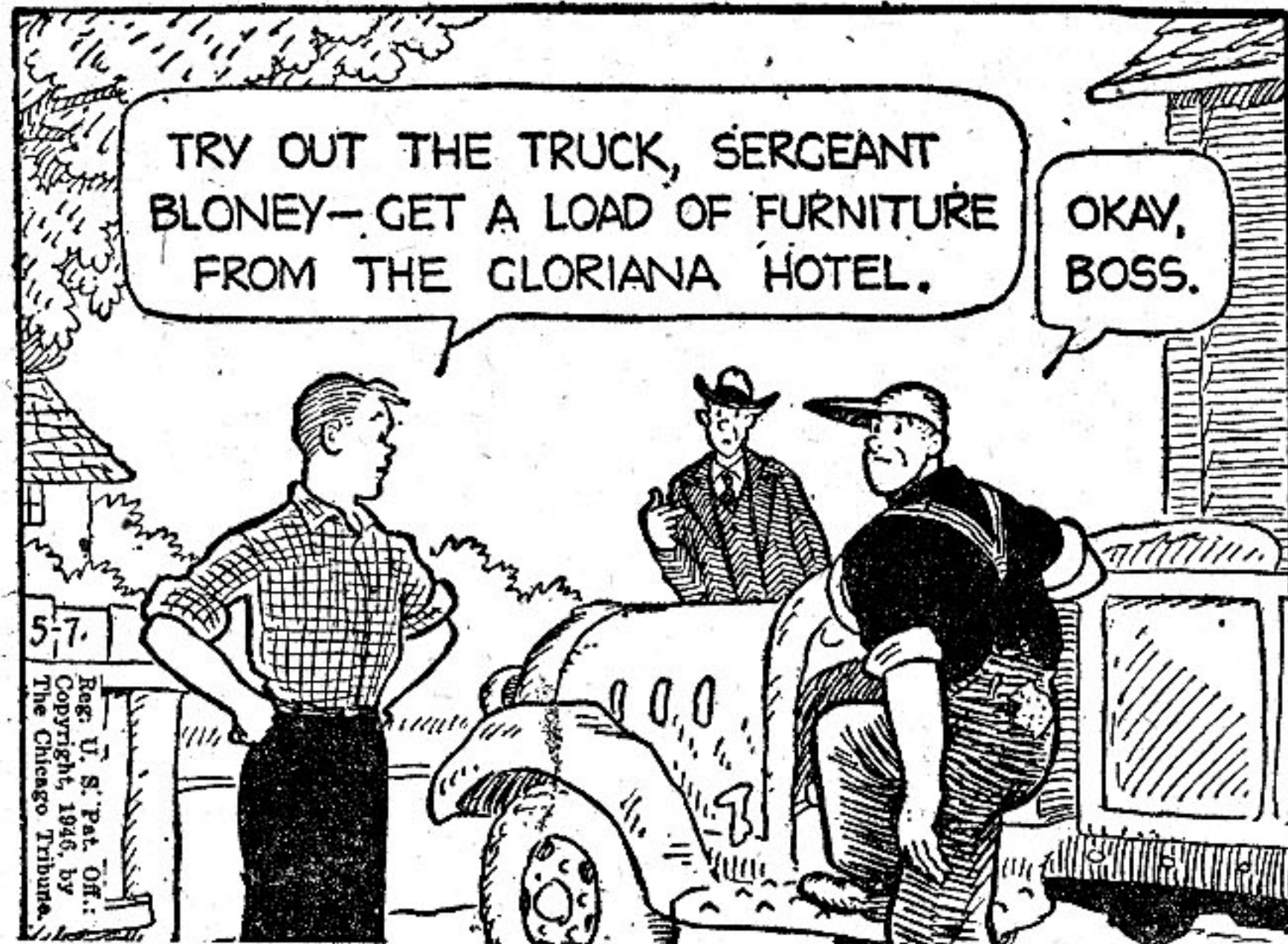
NOT BAD! I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU.

NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO HAUL FURNITURE BACK AND FORTH FROM THE GLORIANA HOTEL, WILMER.

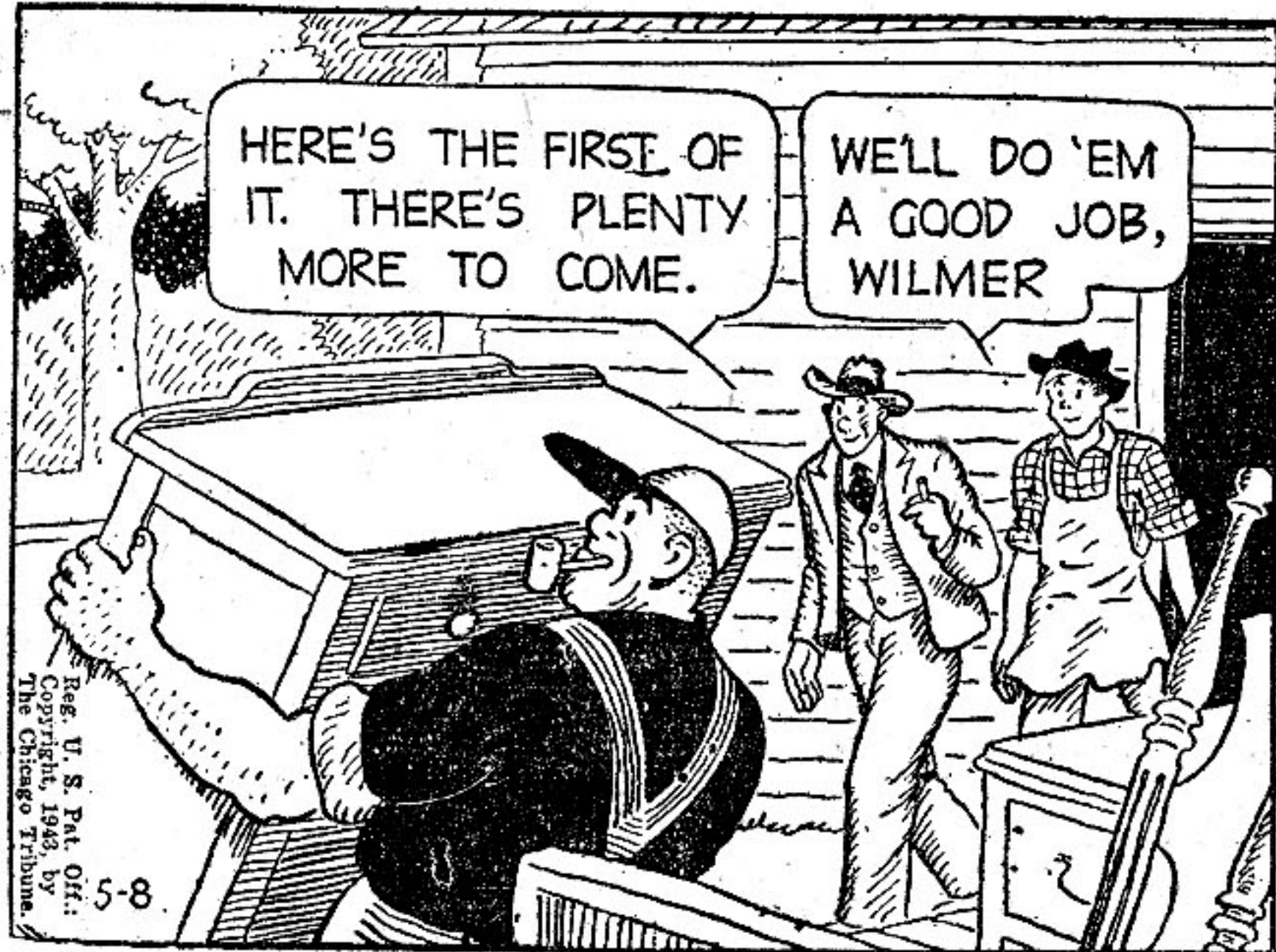
HERE'S MY HAT, BLONEY. TRADE IT UP INTO A CONVERTIBLE COUPE, WILL YOU?

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YES, MR. TURPS, OUR JOB OF RENOVATING A HOTEL IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF PAINT.

WE'D BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR BUSINESS, MR. BOBBLE.

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THAT'S THE POINT. JUST HOW MUCH WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE IT?

OUR PRODUCT IS EXCELLENT AND OUR PRICES ARE AS LOW AS ANYBODY'S.



BUT THERE IS ONE LITTLE MATTER BESIDES PRICES—

YOU REFER, PERHAPS, TO AN UNITEMIZED REBATE?



THAT IS AGAINST OUR POLICY, MR. BOBBLE. I'M SORRY.

GASOLINE ALLEY

I'M SORRY, MR. TURPS.
I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T
DO BUSINESS.

AS I SAY, MR. BOBBLE,
WE DON'T MAKE
PERSONAL REBATES.
AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY.

WE DON'T HAVE TO. WE
CAN SELL ALL THE PAINT
WE CAN MAKE. WE HAVE
FIRMS BEGGING FOR IT!

IN FACT, I'M NOT SURE
WE COULD SUPPLY THE
AMOUNT YOU WANT. GOOD
PAINT IS MIGHTY SCARCE.

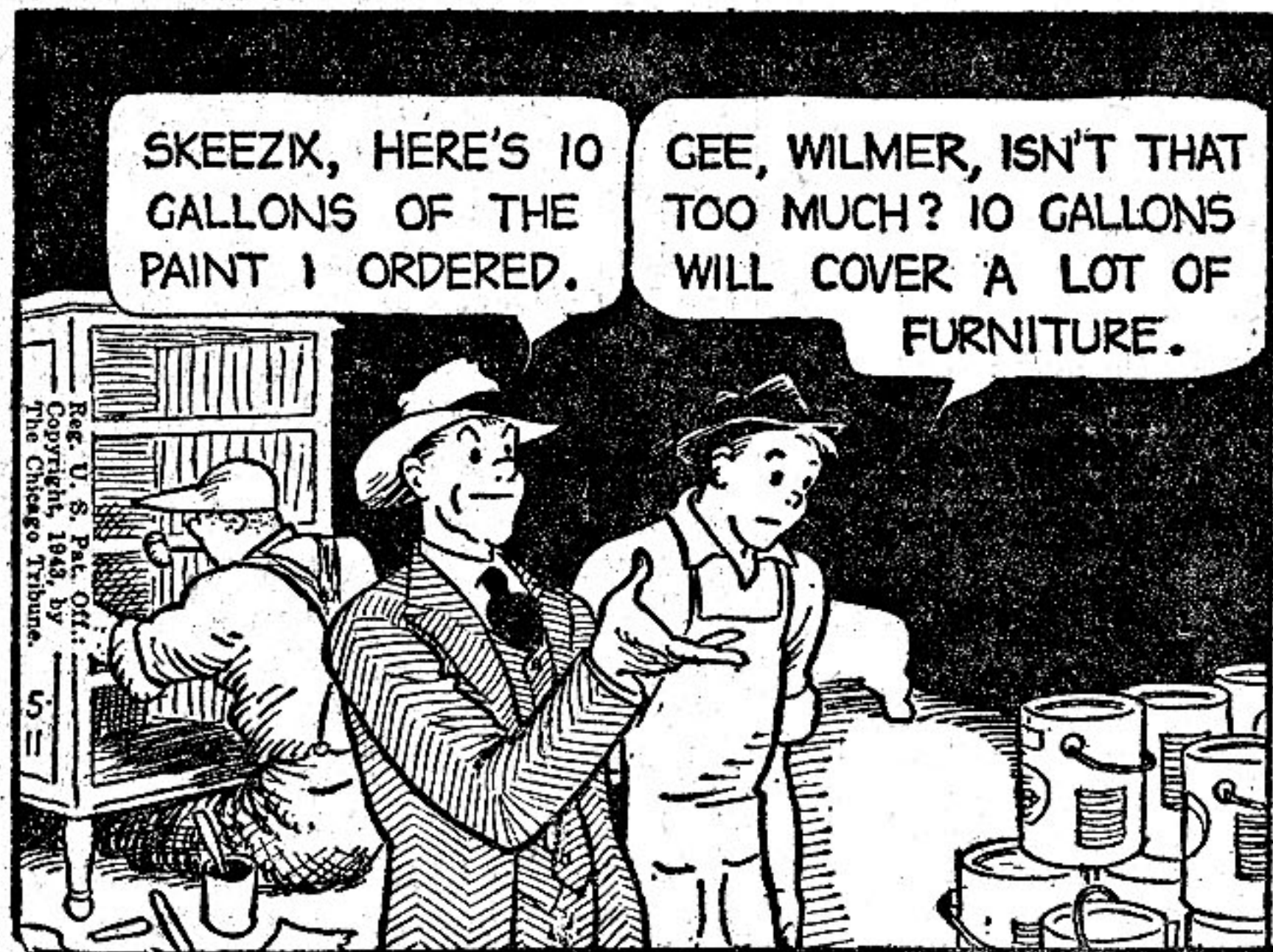
AND JUST AS A TIP. I'D
ADVISE YOU TO GET YOUR
ORDER WITH SOMEBODY AS
SOON AS YOU CAN, OR YOU
MAY BE OUT ON A LIMB.

IS THAT RIGHT?
THEN MAYBE I'D
BETTER DO IT
RIGHT NOW. HERE'S
WHAT WE'LL NEED.

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SKEEZIX, HERE'S 10 GALLONS OF THE PAINT I ORDERED.

GEE, WILMER, ISN'T THAT TOO MUCH? 10 GALLONS WILL COVER A LOT OF FURNITURE.



YES, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO GET IT. IT'S MIGHTY SCARCE STUFF.

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT.



YOU DID A GOOD JOB.

I CERTAINLY PULLED STRINGS, AND I'VE GOT IT FIXED SO WE CAN GET PLENTY MORE. THAT'S WHAT COMES OF HAVIN' CONTACTS.

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I DON'T CLAIM IT'S MY DOIN'S THAT THINGS HAVE PICKED UP SINCE I CAME. BUT MAYBE I DID BRING 'EM LUCK.

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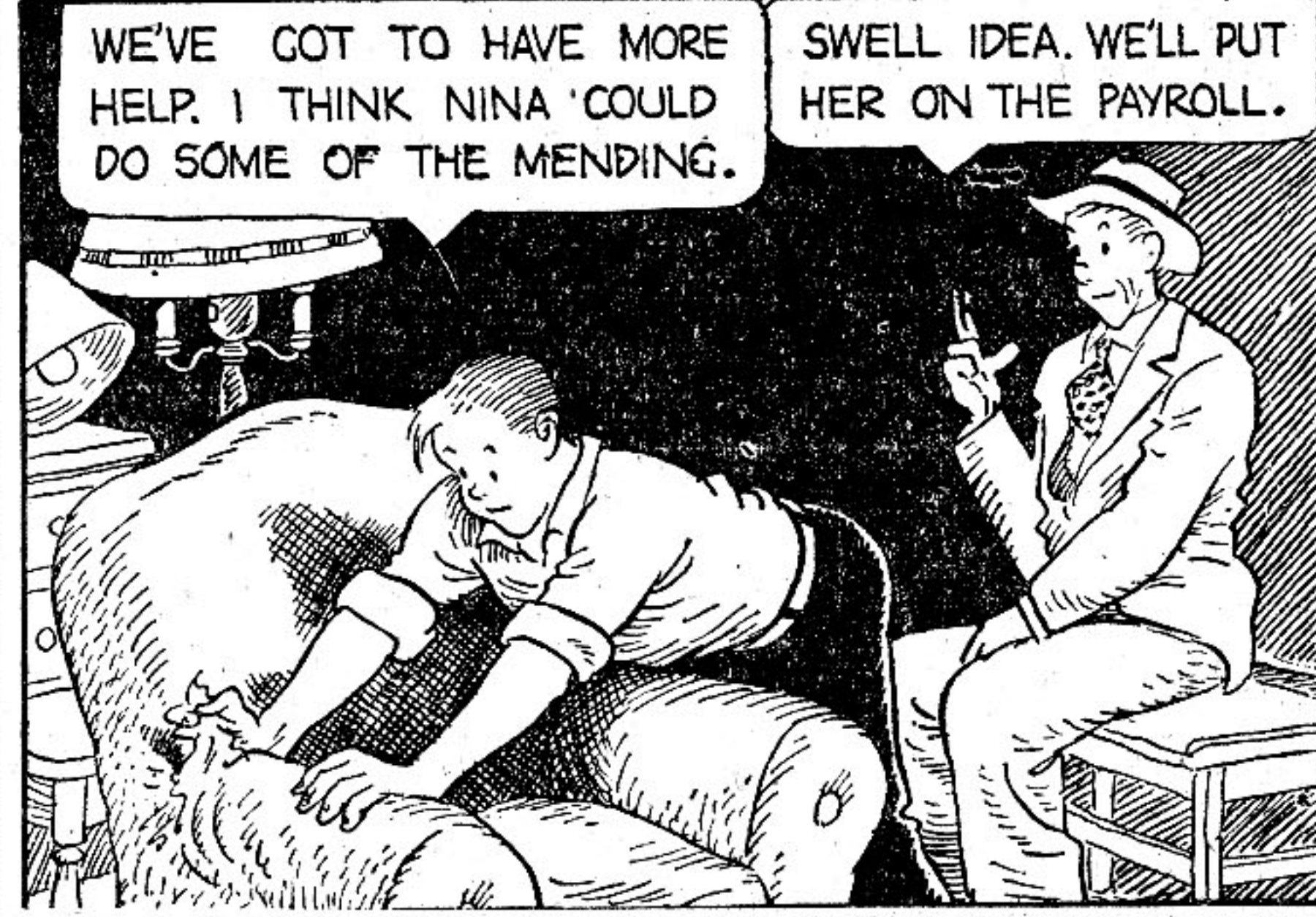
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IT SURE SEEMS GOOD TO SEE PLENTY OF WORK AT GOOD PAY COMING IN.

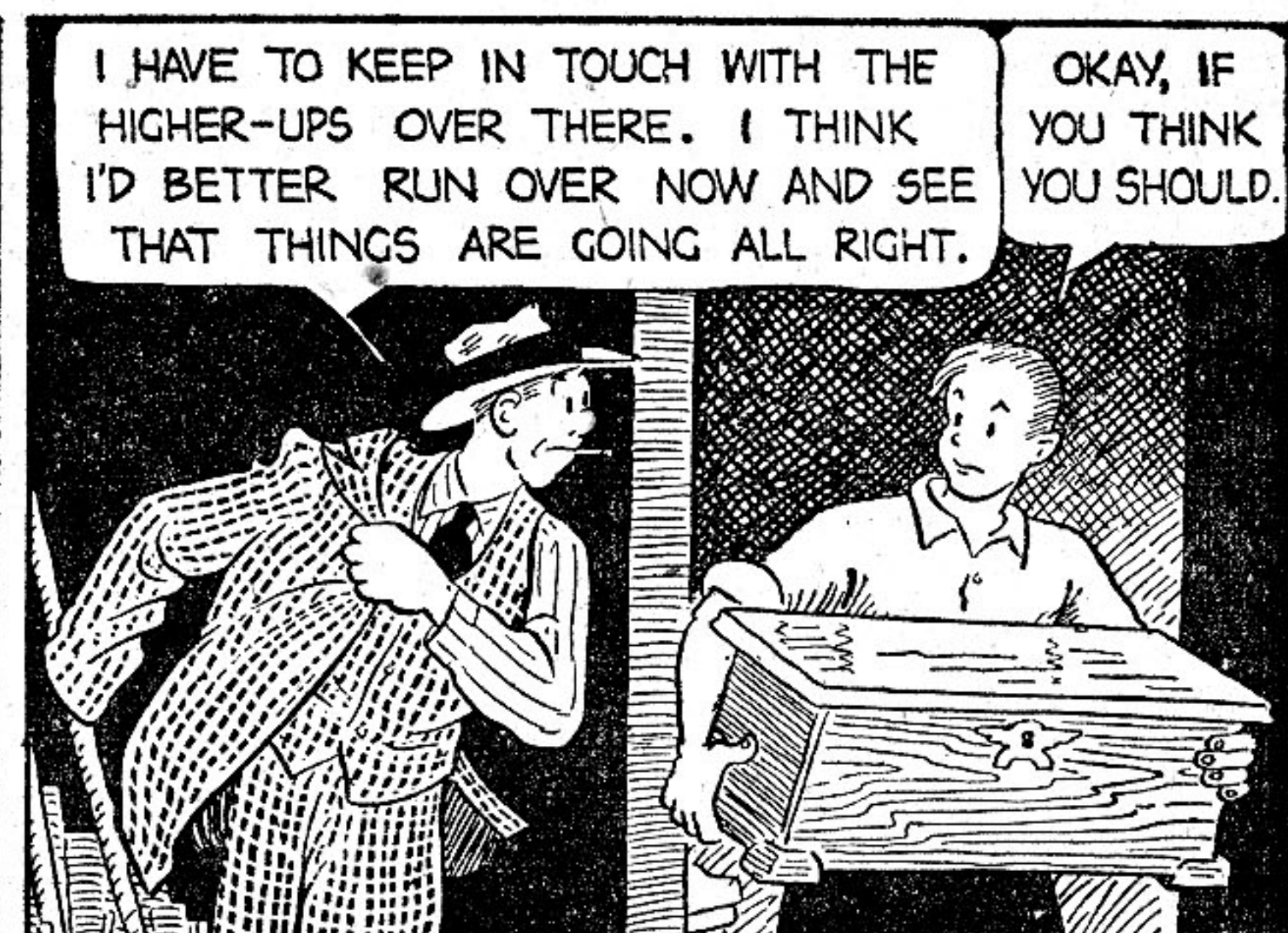
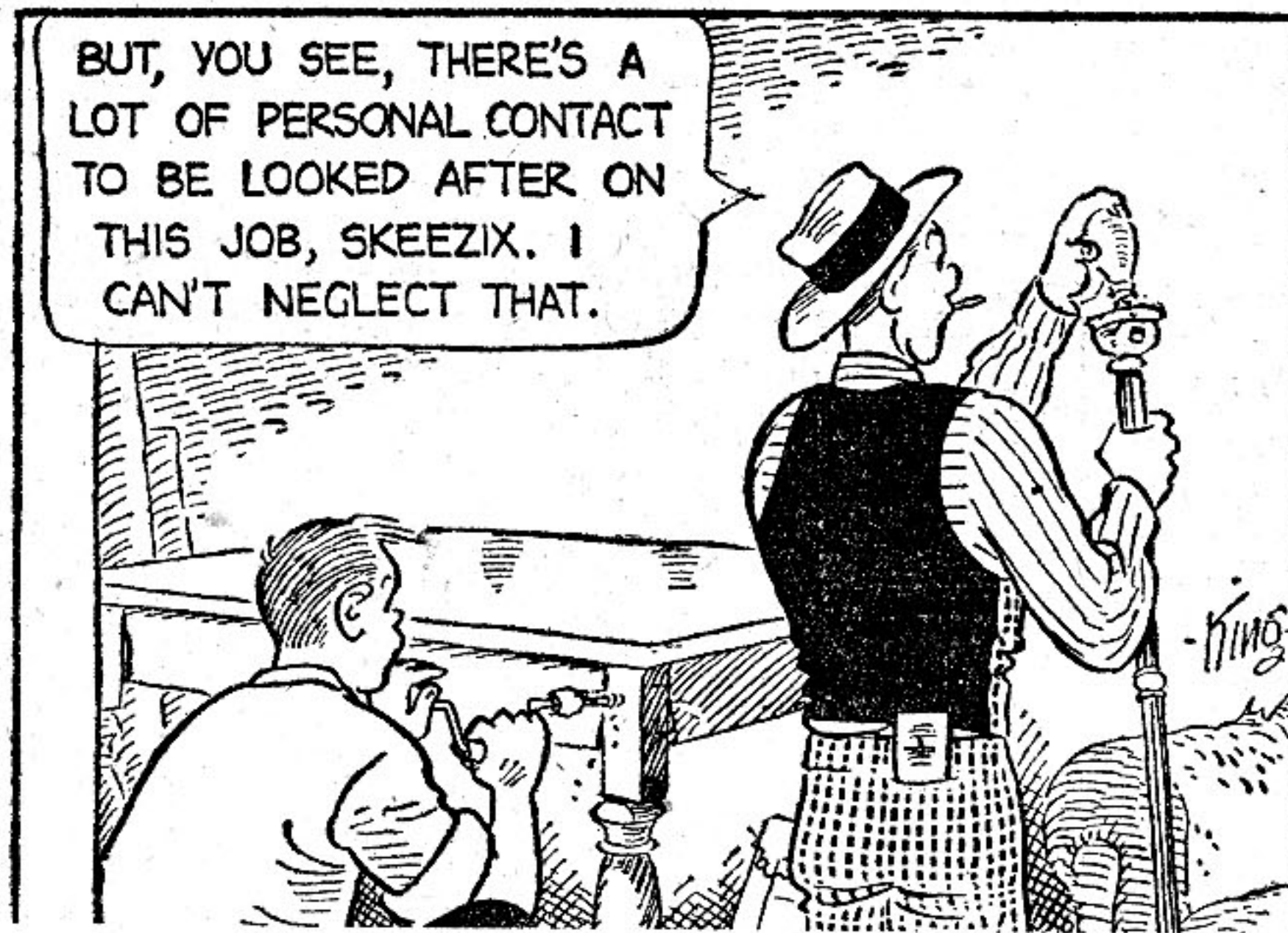
YES, I PUT OVER A REAL DEAL. THE GLORIANA HOTEL IS OUR JACKPOT.

WE'VE GOT TO HAVE MORE HELP. I THINK NINA 'COULD DO SOME OF THE MENDING.

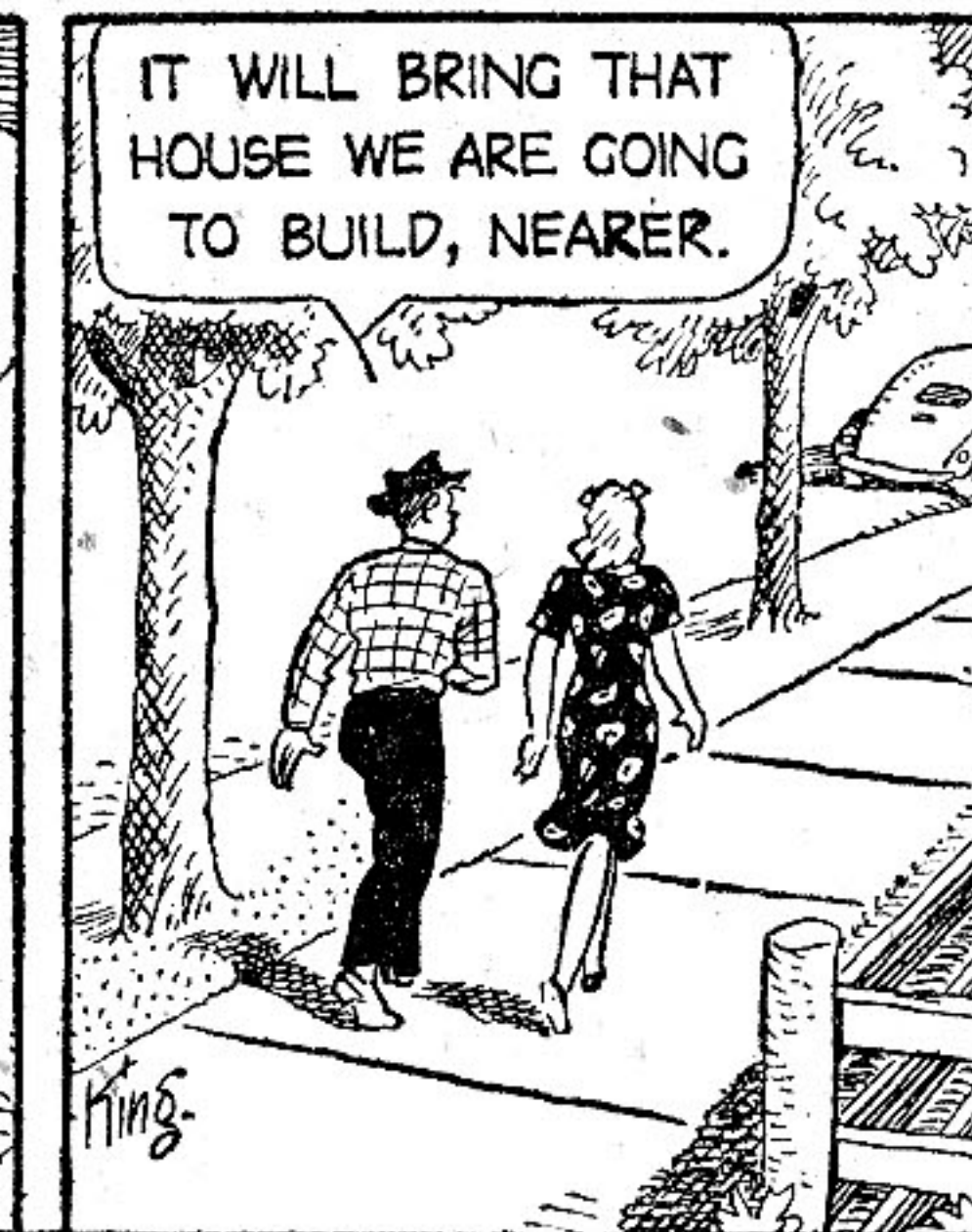
SWELL IDEA. WE'LL PUT HER ON THE PAYROLL.



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WILMER TOLD ME
YOU HAD A JOB
HERE WITH WALLET
& BOBBLE, NINA.

YES, JESSICA,
THERE SEEMS TO
BE PLENTY TO DO.

HE SAID I'D BETTER
COME DOWN AND GET
ON THE PAYROLL TOO..

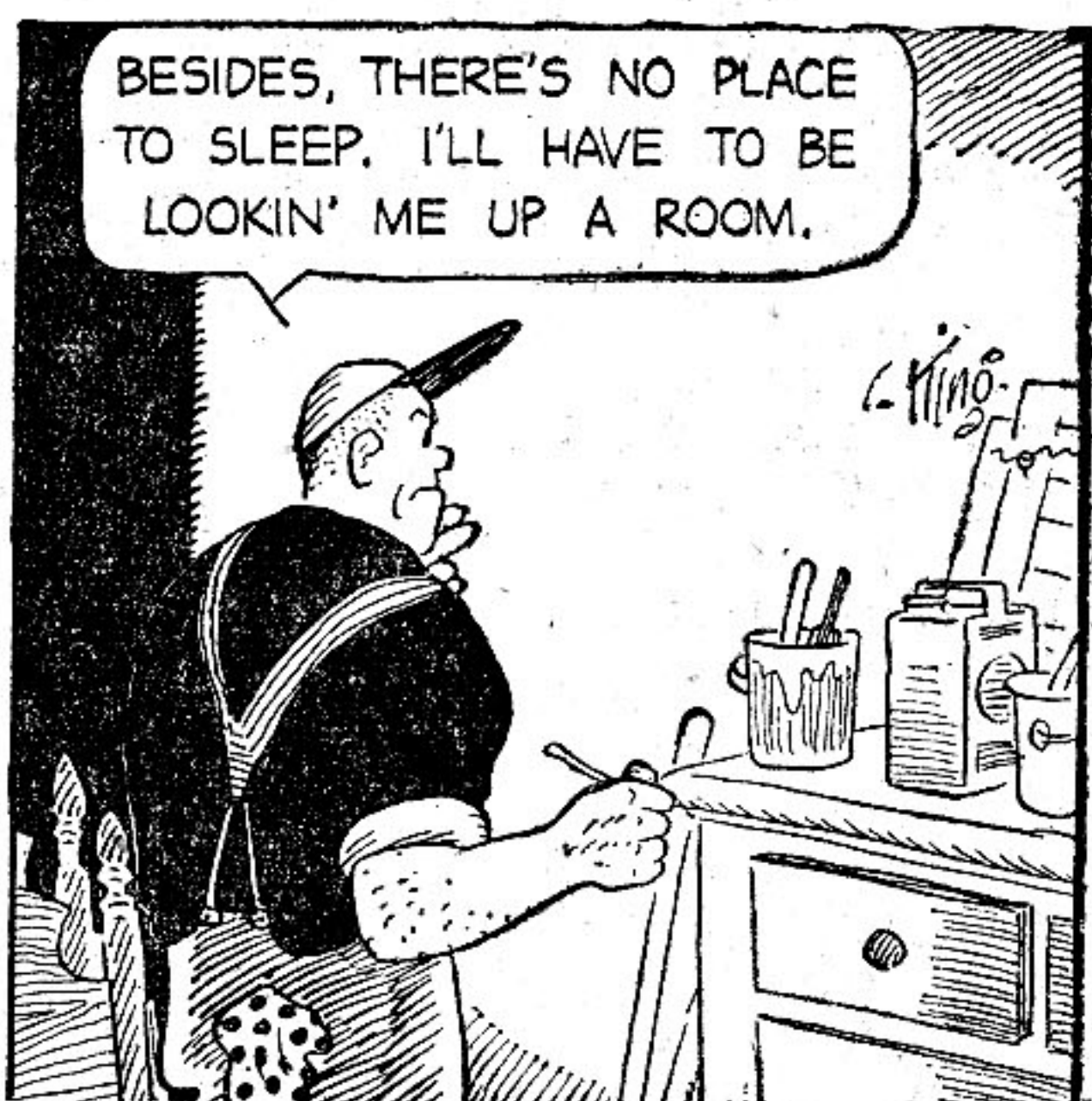
FINE. THEY NEED
SOME SUPERVISION
ON THIS JOB..

WELL! THIS LOOKS LIKE
NEPOTISM TO ME.

UPHOLSTERY,
I CALLS IT.



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DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THIS CONSTRUCTION JOB ALONE, SERGEANT BLONEY?

NOTHIN' TO IT. I BUILT BOULDER DAM BEFORE I WENT INTO THE ARMY.

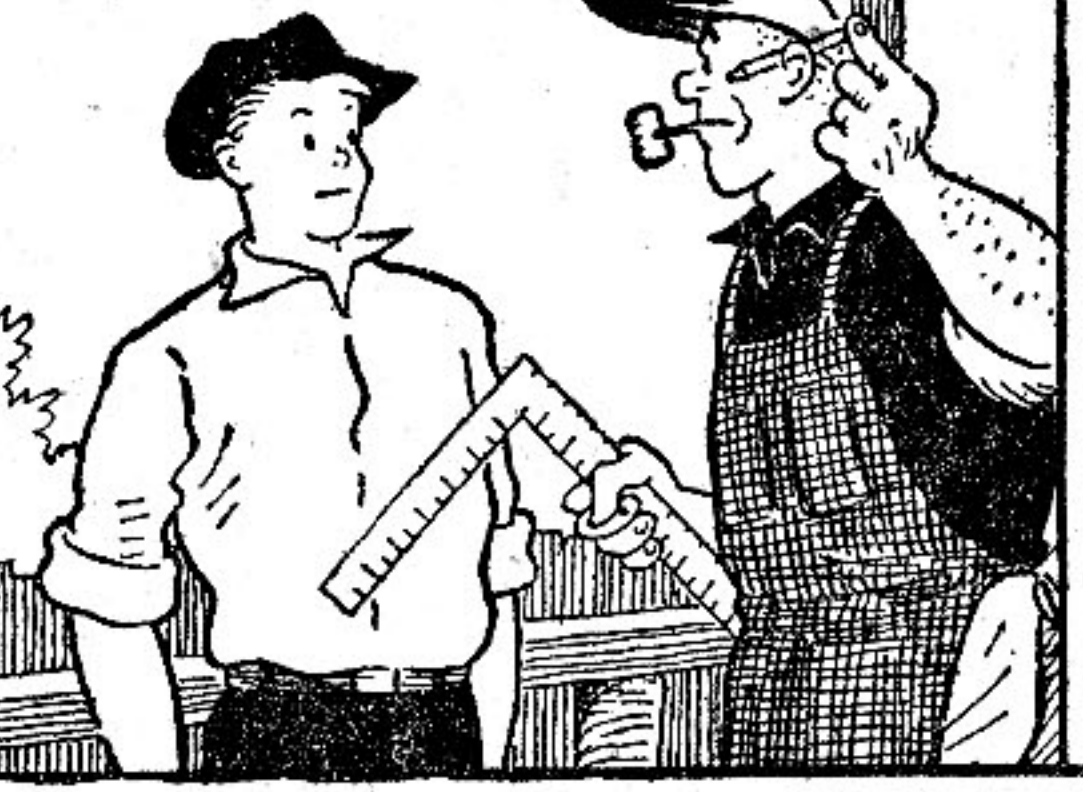
I S'POSE OF COURSE THIS ANNEX IS A ROOM FOR ME.

SORRY, SARGE.

THE BUSINESS IS GROWING SO FAST WE'VE GOT TO HAVE MORE ROOM.

WELL, MAYBE THERE'LL BE ENOUGH SCRAP LEFT OVER SO I CAN BUILD ME A DOCHOUSE TO SLEEP IN.

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SURE, CHIGGER, YOU GET YOUR CUT. BUT I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT YET JUST HOW.

THAT'S EASY, WILMER. WALLET & BOBBLE SEND ME AN INVOICE FOR, SAY, \$100.

YES, BUT—

THEN YOU MAKE OUT A DUPLICATE INVOICE, BUT FOR \$120. I GIVE YOU A GLORIANA HOTEL CHECK FOR \$120. MY RECORDS ARE OKAY.

THEN YOU RECEIPT THE FIRST INVOICE AND DEPOSIT \$100 TO THE CREDIT OF WALLET & BOBBLE. JUST SEE THAT THE EXTRA \$20 REACHES ME PROMPTLY. IT'S A REGULAR BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

NOT BAD, CHIGGER, NOT BAD!

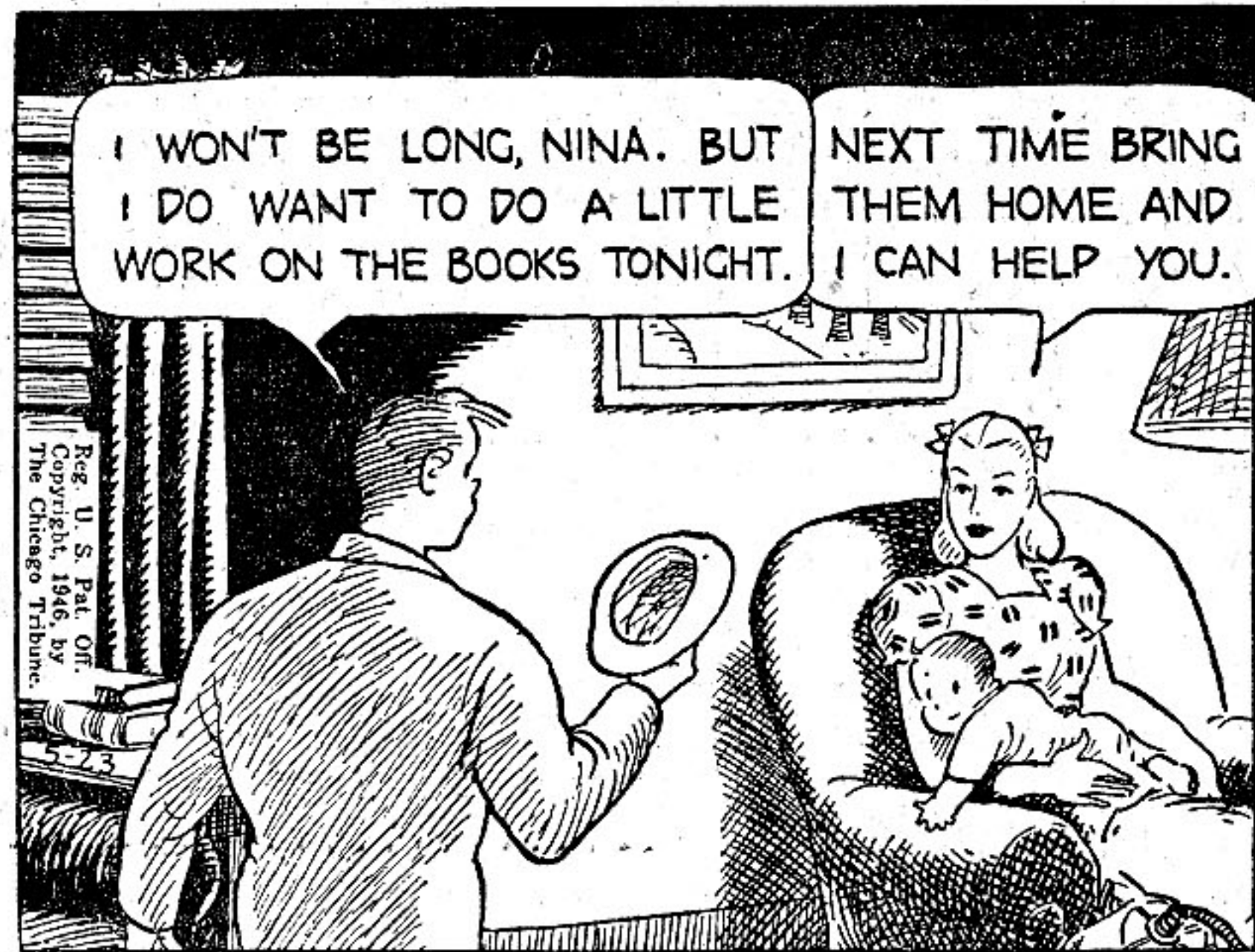
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I WON'T BE LONG, NINA. BUT I DO WANT TO DO A LITTLE WORK ON THE BOOKS TONIGHT.

NEXT TIME BRING THEM HOME AND I CAN HELP YOU.

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AFTER-HOURS WORK IS A PLEASURE NOWADAYS.



IT'S A THRILL!



THERE'S A LIGHT IN THE PLACE. THAT'S FUNNY—THIS TIME OF NIGHT!

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GASOLINE ALLEY

WILMER! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE THIS TIME OF NIGHT.

I JUST THOUGHT I'D LOOK OVER THE BOOKS A LITTLE, SKEEZIX.

THAT'S FINE! YOU HADN'T SHOWN MUCH INTEREST IN THAT PART OF IT.

I FIGGERED YOU WORKED HARD IN THE SHOP ALL DAY AN' MAYBE I COULD HELP OUT HERE.

THAT'S NICE OF YOU. BUT IT HASN'T BEEN ANY BURDEN.

JUST THE SAME, YOU DO ENOUGH. I CAN JUST AS WELL AS NOT TAKE OVER SOME OF THE DETAIL WORK.

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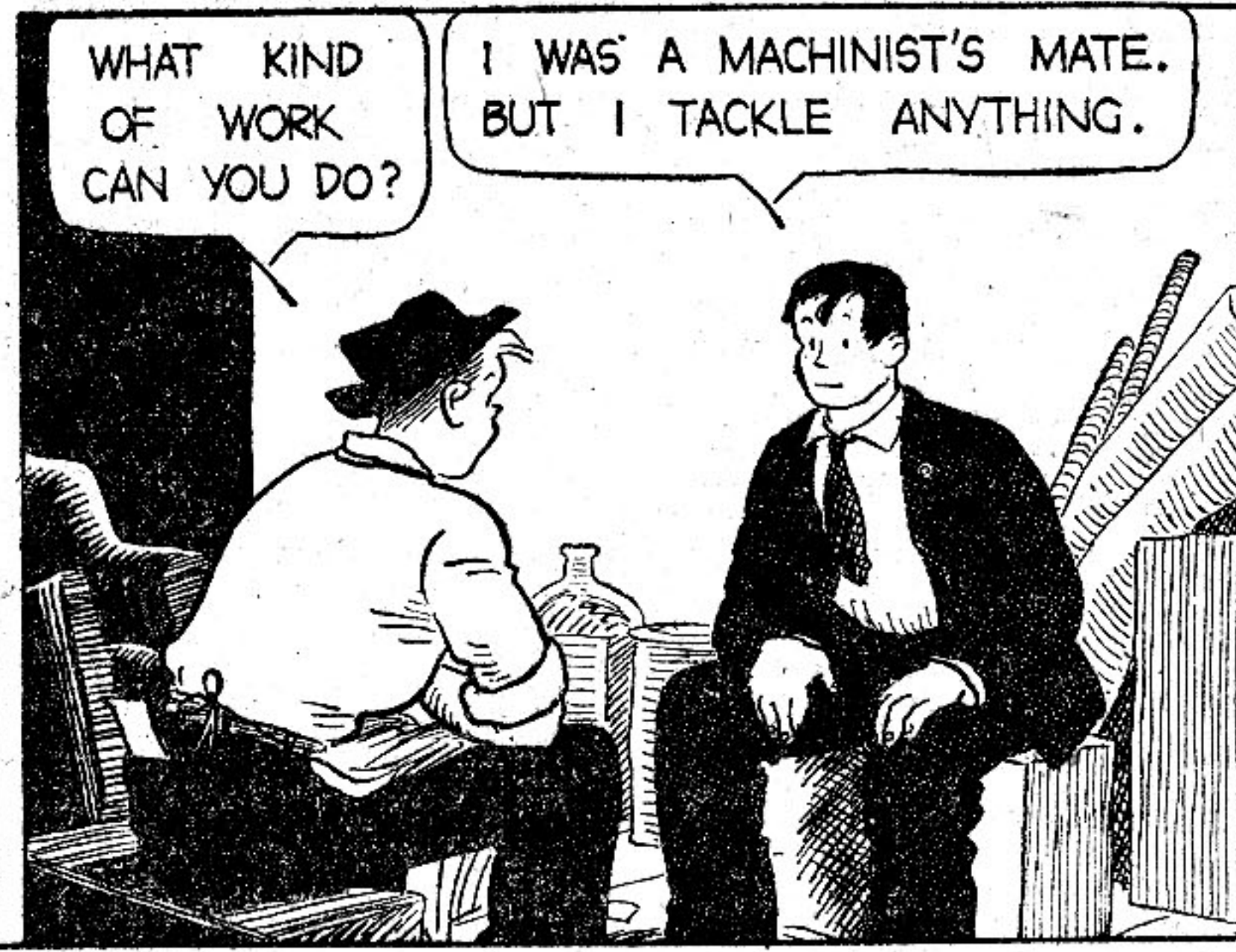


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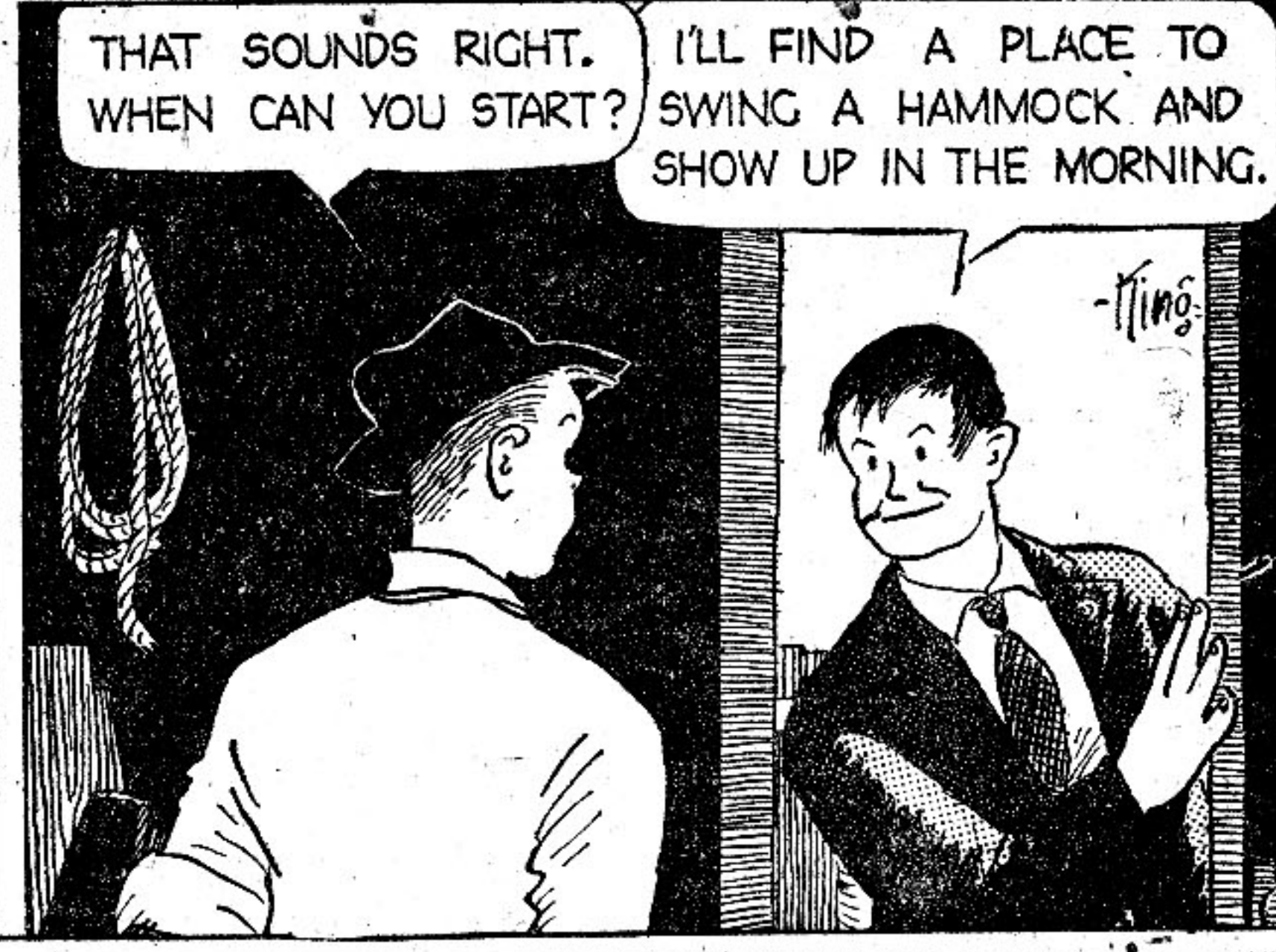
YES, WE CAN USE ANOTHER MAN. I SEE YOU WEAR AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE BUTTON.

YES, SIR. I HAD THREE YEARS IN THE NAVY.



WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN YOU DO?

I WAS A MACHINIST'S MATE. BUT I TACKLE ANYTHING.



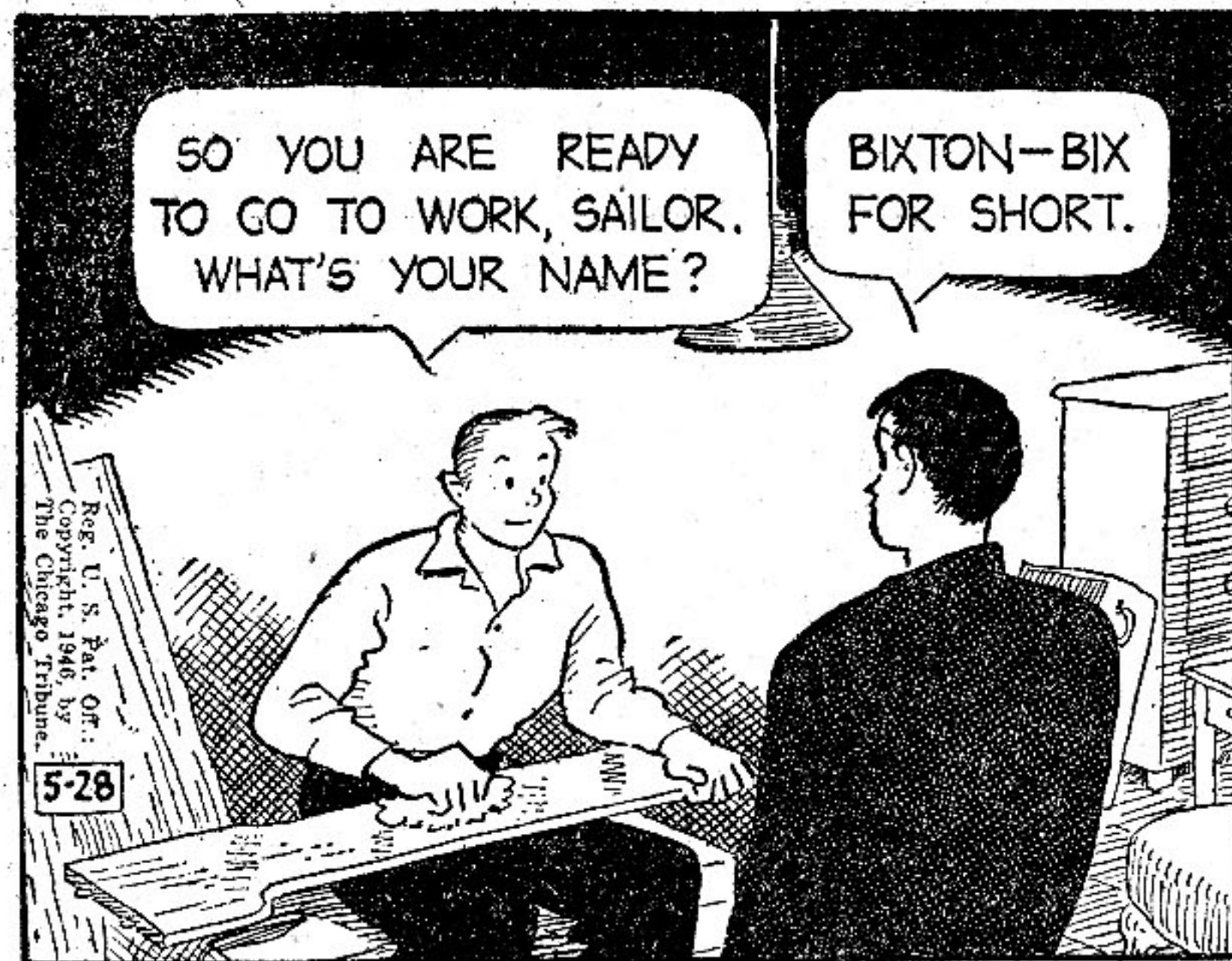
THAT SOUNDS RIGHT. WHEN CAN YOU START?

I'LL FIND A PLACE TO SWING A HAMMOCK AND SHOW UP IN THE MORNING.

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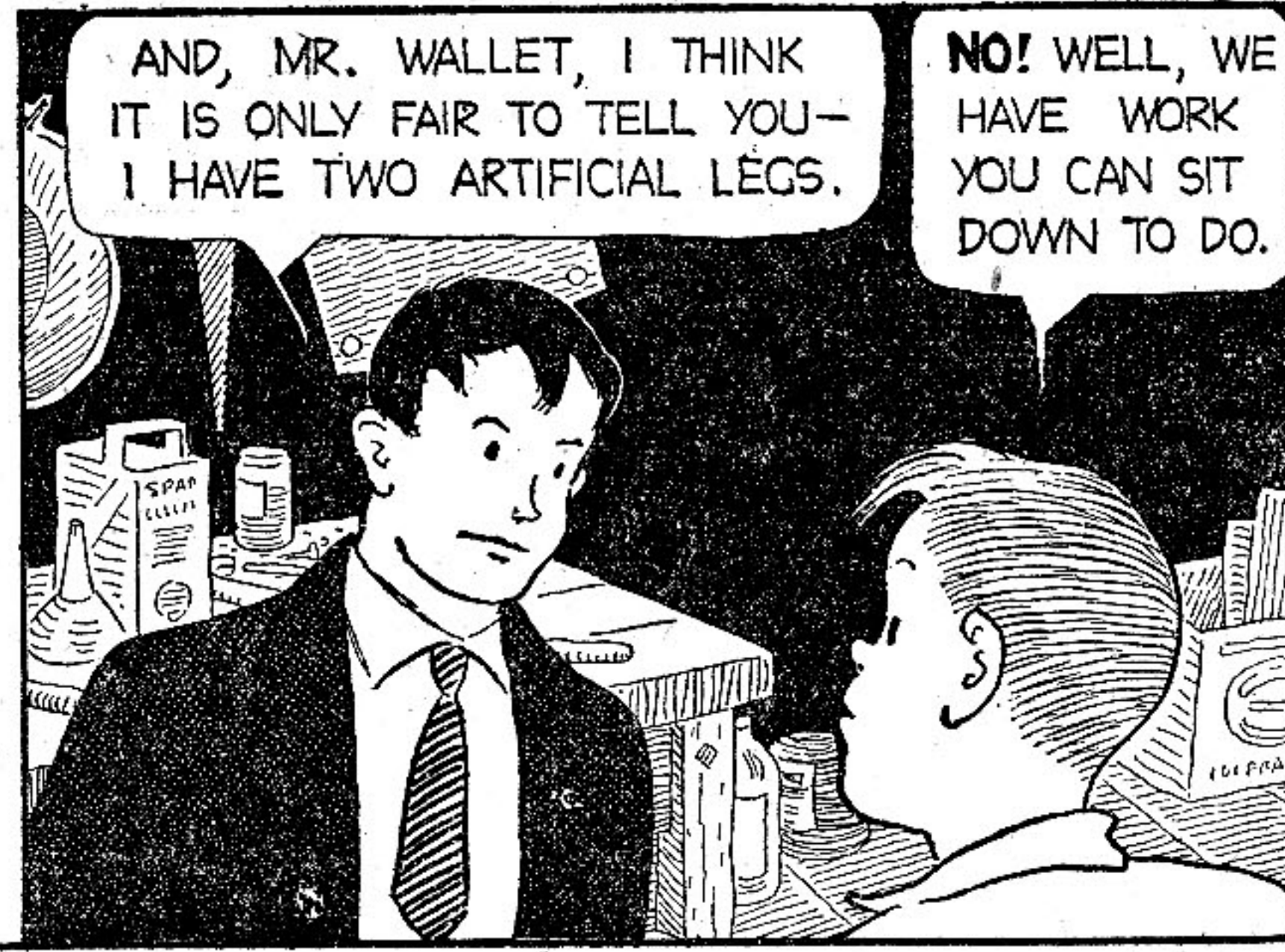
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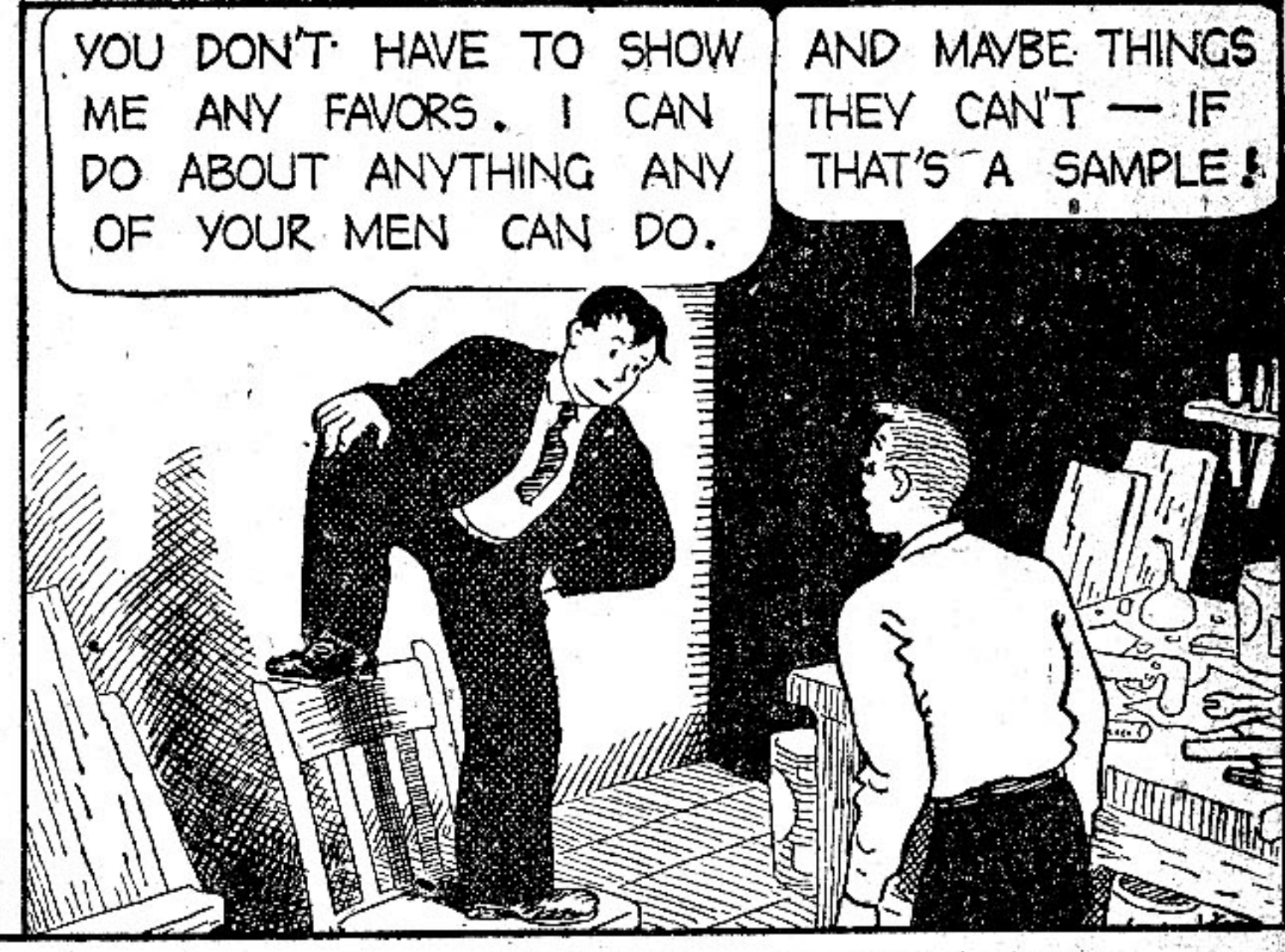
SO YOU ARE READY TO GO TO WORK, SAILOR. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

BIXTON—BIX FOR SHORT.



AND, MR. WALLET, I THINK IT IS ONLY FAIR TO TELL YOU—I HAVE TWO ARTIFICIAL LEGS.

NO! WELL, WE HAVE WORK YOU CAN SIT DOWN TO DO.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW ME ANY FAVORS. I CAN DO ABOUT ANYTHING ANY OF YOUR MEN CAN DO.

AND MAYBE THINGS THEY CAN'T — IF THAT'S A SAMPLE!

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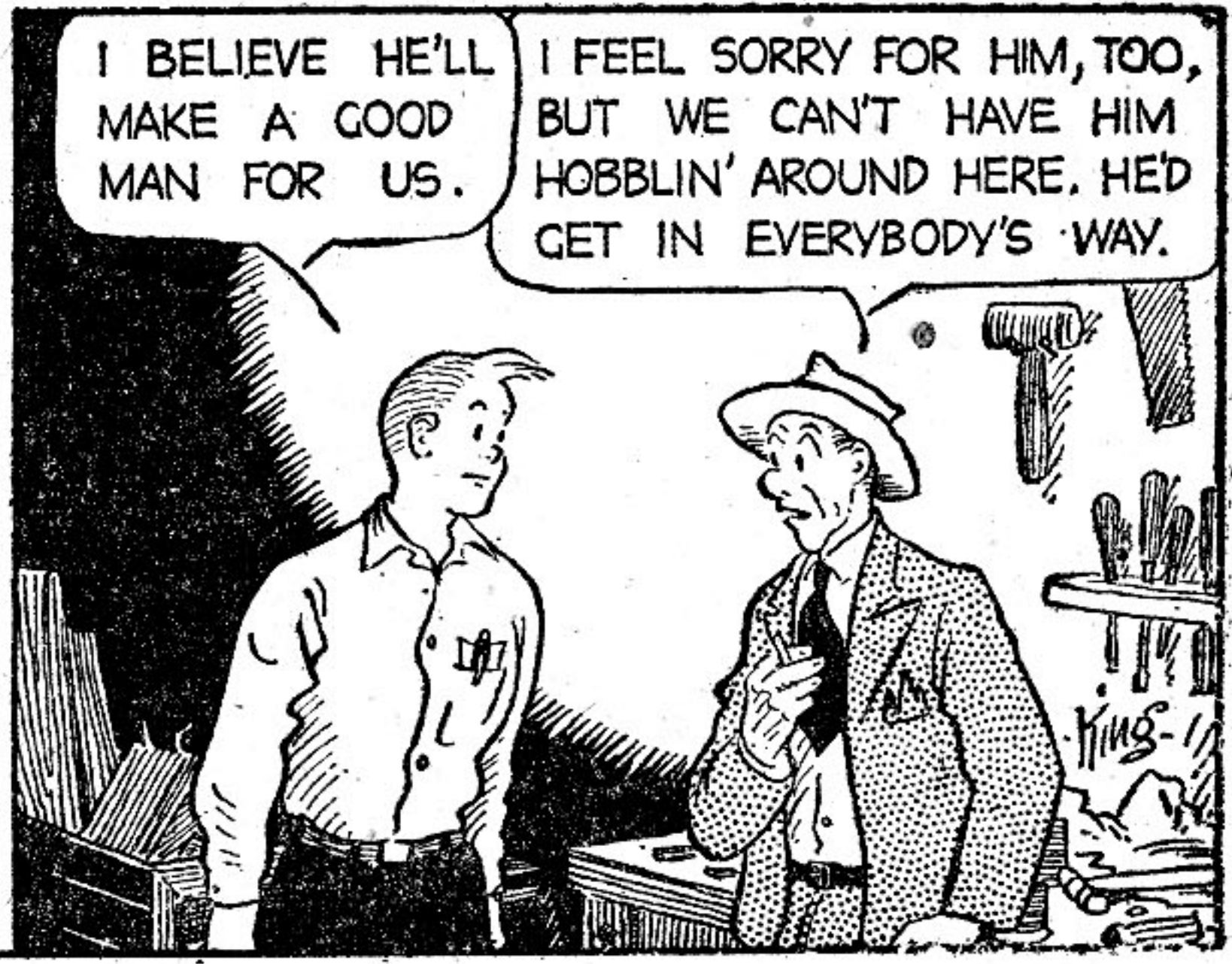
I'VE ARRANGED TO PUT ANOTHER MAN ON, WILMER. AN EX-SAILOR.

THAT'S OKAY, IF HE'S A GOOD WORKER.



I THINK HE IS, THOUGH HE LOST BOTH LEGS IN THE WAR AND HAS TWO ARTIFICIAL ONES.

OF COURSE, IT'S NICE TO HELP THOSE FELLOWS, SKEEZIX, BUT WE'VE GOT WORK TO TURN OUT — LOTS OF IT!

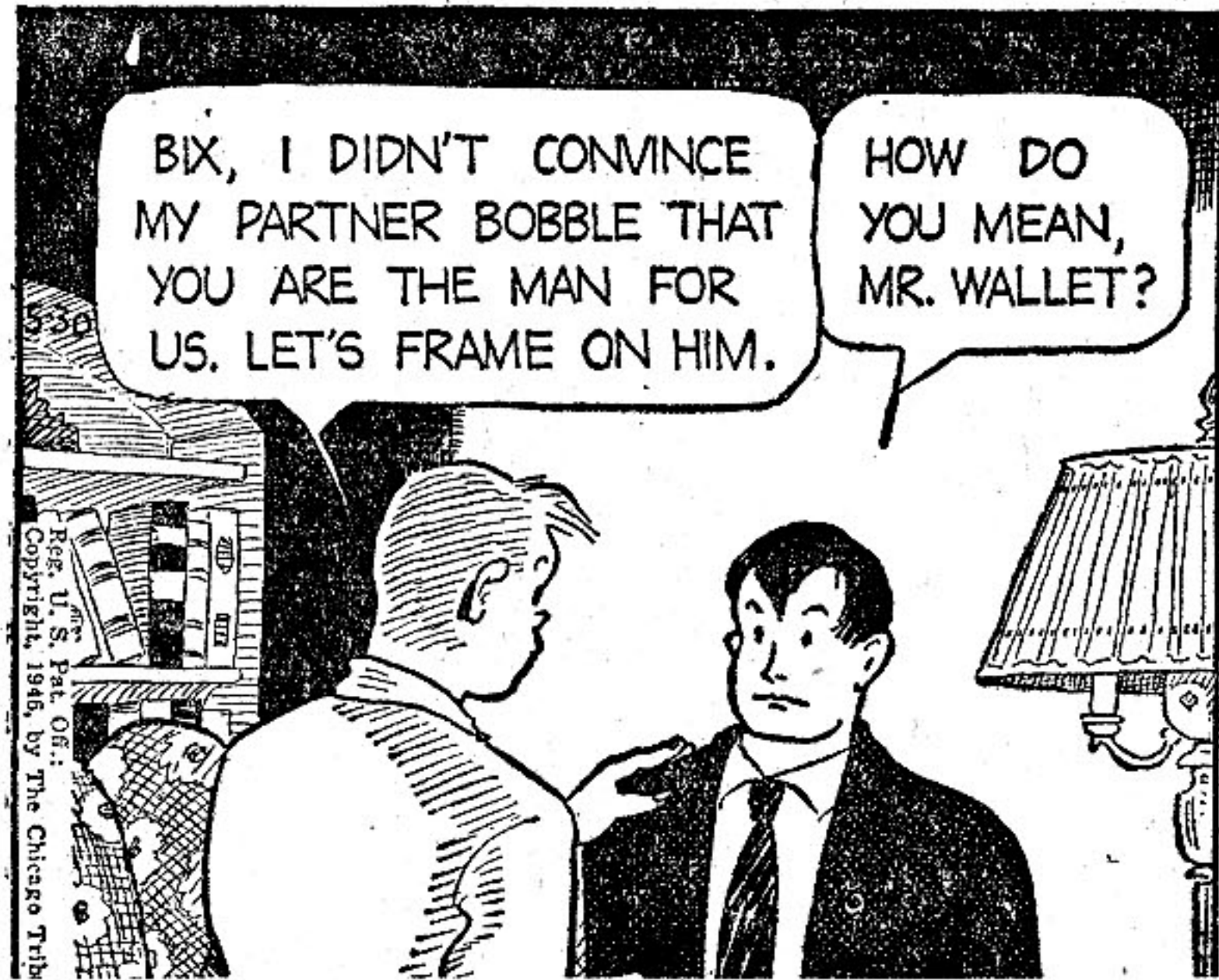


I BELIEVE HE'LL MAKE A GOOD MAN FOR US.

I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, TOO, BUT WE CAN'T HAVE HIM HOBBLIN' AROUND HERE. HE'D GET IN EVERYBODY'S WAY.

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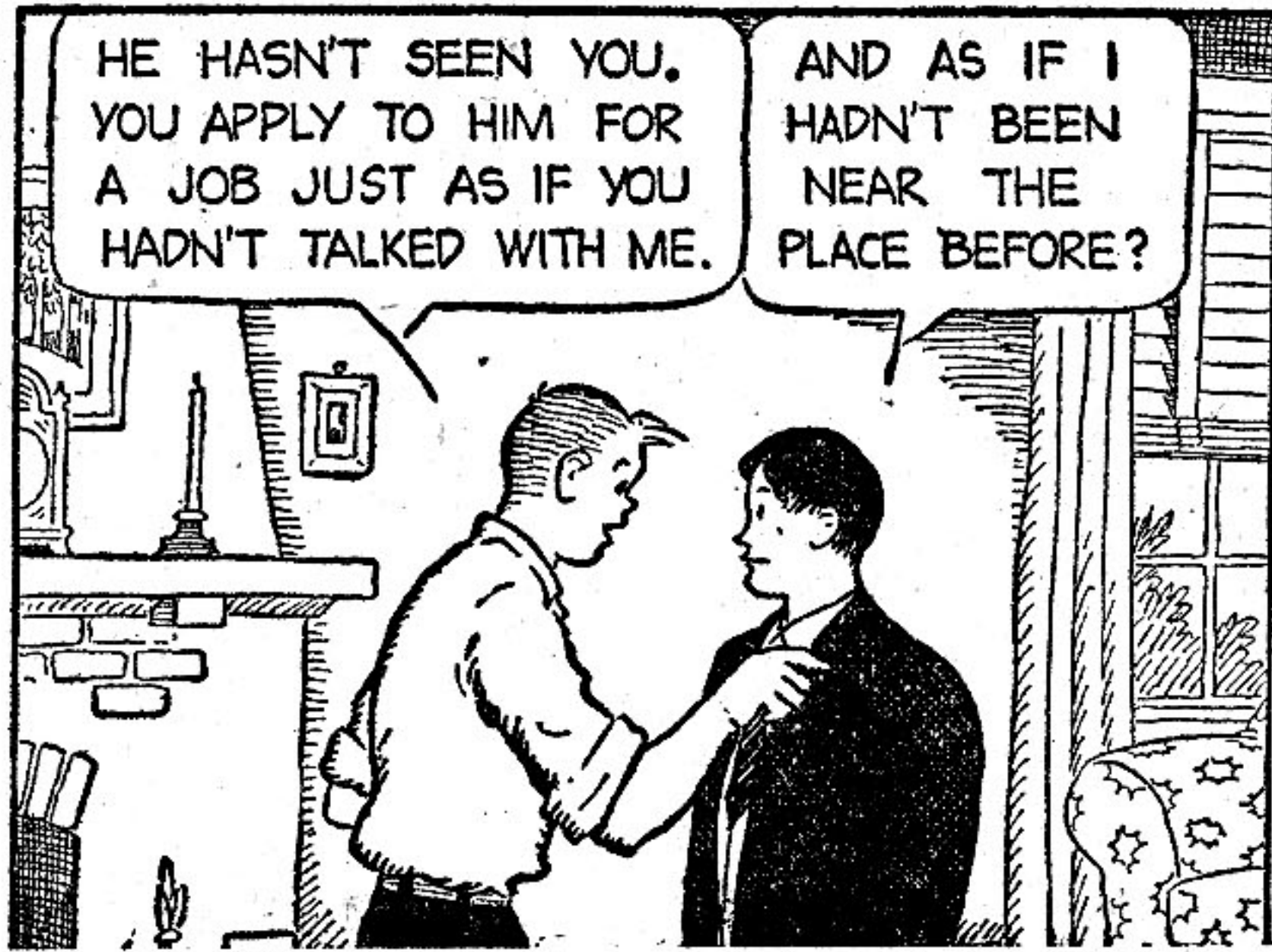
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BIX, I DIDN'T CONVINC
MY PARTNER BOBBLE THAT
YOU ARE THE MAN FOR
US. LET'S FRAME ON HIM.

HOW DO
YOU MEAN,
MR. WALLET?

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HE HASN'T SEEN YOU.
YOU APPLY TO HIM FOR
A JOB JUST AS IF YOU
HADN'T TALKED WITH ME.

AND AS IF I
HADN'T BEEN
NEAR THE
PLACE BEFORE?



DON'T MENTION THE FACT THAT
YOU HAVE TWO ARTIFICIAL
LEGS. I'LL TELL HIM LATER.

I GET IT. I'LL
DO IT, IF YOU
SAY IT'S ALL RIGHT.

GASOLINE ALLEY

SKEEZIX, I'VE JUST HIRED BIXTON. HE'S AN EX-SAILOR, TOO, AN' I THINK HE'LL MAKE GOOD.

GOOD MORNING, BIX. SO EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT?

YOU'LL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW, WILMER, THAT THIS IS THE MAN I TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY.

BUT THAT ONE HAD AMPUTATED LEGS!

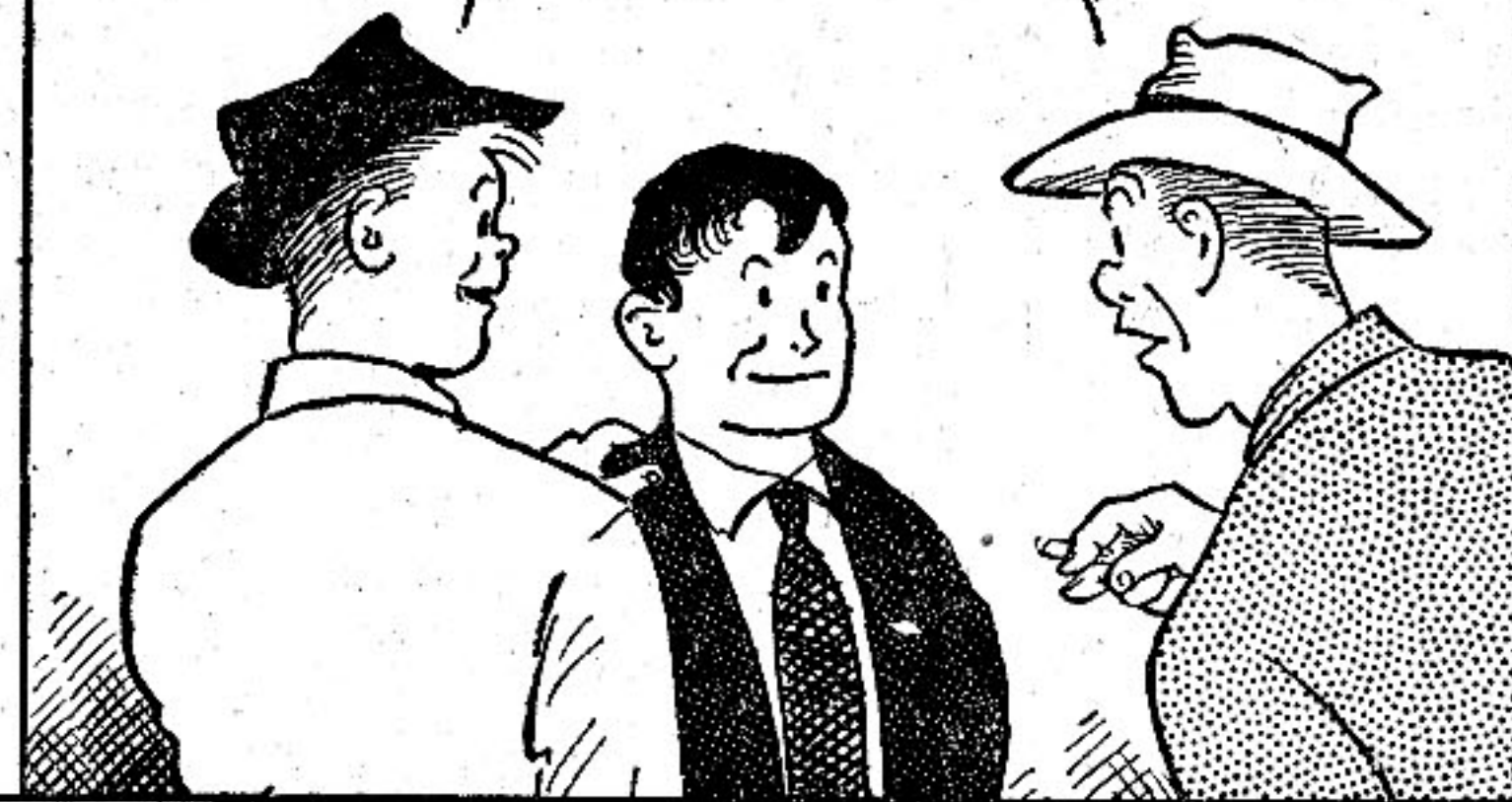
AT THAT, HE'S THE SAME ONE. AREN'T YOU, BIX?

YES, MR. BOBBLE. I HAVE TWO ARTIFICIAL LEGS.

YOU SURE PUT ONE OVER ON ME THAT TIME! BUT YOU'RE HIRED JUST THE SAME.

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LET ME PUT YOU RIGHT ABOUT THE FOLKS HERE, BIX. WALLET IS A PRINCE!

I LIKED HIM FROM THE START, MR. BLONEY.

MRS. WALLET HAS JUST COME ON. SHE'S FINE! MRS. BOBBLE IS OKAY BUT HASN'T GOT MUCH UNDER THE COIF.

I SEE.

THEN THERE'S BOBBLE. HE'S A FOUR-FLUSHER, AN' YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU STAND WITH HIM. DON'T TRUST HIM TOO FAR.

HE LANDED THIS HOTEL JOB, BUT HE'S DONE HARDLY A TAP SINCE. HE'S GETTIN' TOO BIG FOR HIS BRITCHES.

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I CAN'T GET OVER IT, THAT THAT FELLA HAS ARTIFICIAL LEGS!

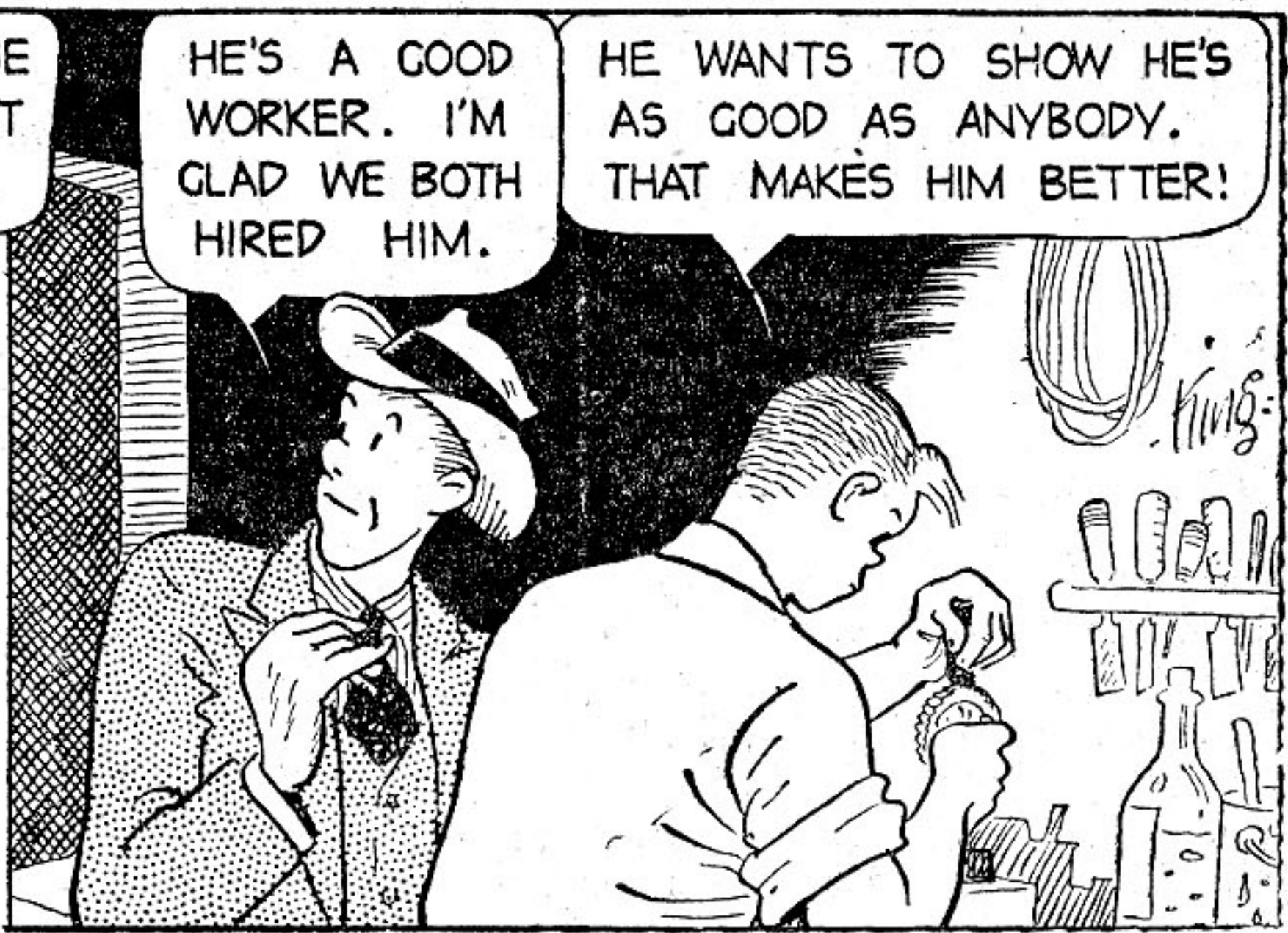
MODERN MEDICINE AND SURGERY HAVE BEEN DOING WONDERS FOR WAR CASUALTIES.

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YOU SURE PUT ONE OVER ON ME. I DIDN'T SUSPECT HE WASN'T PERFECTLY NORMAL.

PRACTICALLY, HE IS. HE TELLS ME HE WAS OUT DANCING LAST NIGHT, WILMER!



HE'S A GOOD WORKER. I'M GLAD WE BOTH HIRED HIM.

HE WANTS TO SHOW HE'S AS GOOD AS ANYBODY. THAT MAKES HIM BETTER!



I'M GLAD YOU Hired BIX, SKEEZIX. HE'S SWELL AND DESERVES A FINE JOB.

I'M SURE HE'LL MAKE GOOD, CORKY.



JUST DON'T HIRE TOO MANY FELLAS. YOU KNOW I GRADUATE NEXT WEEK.

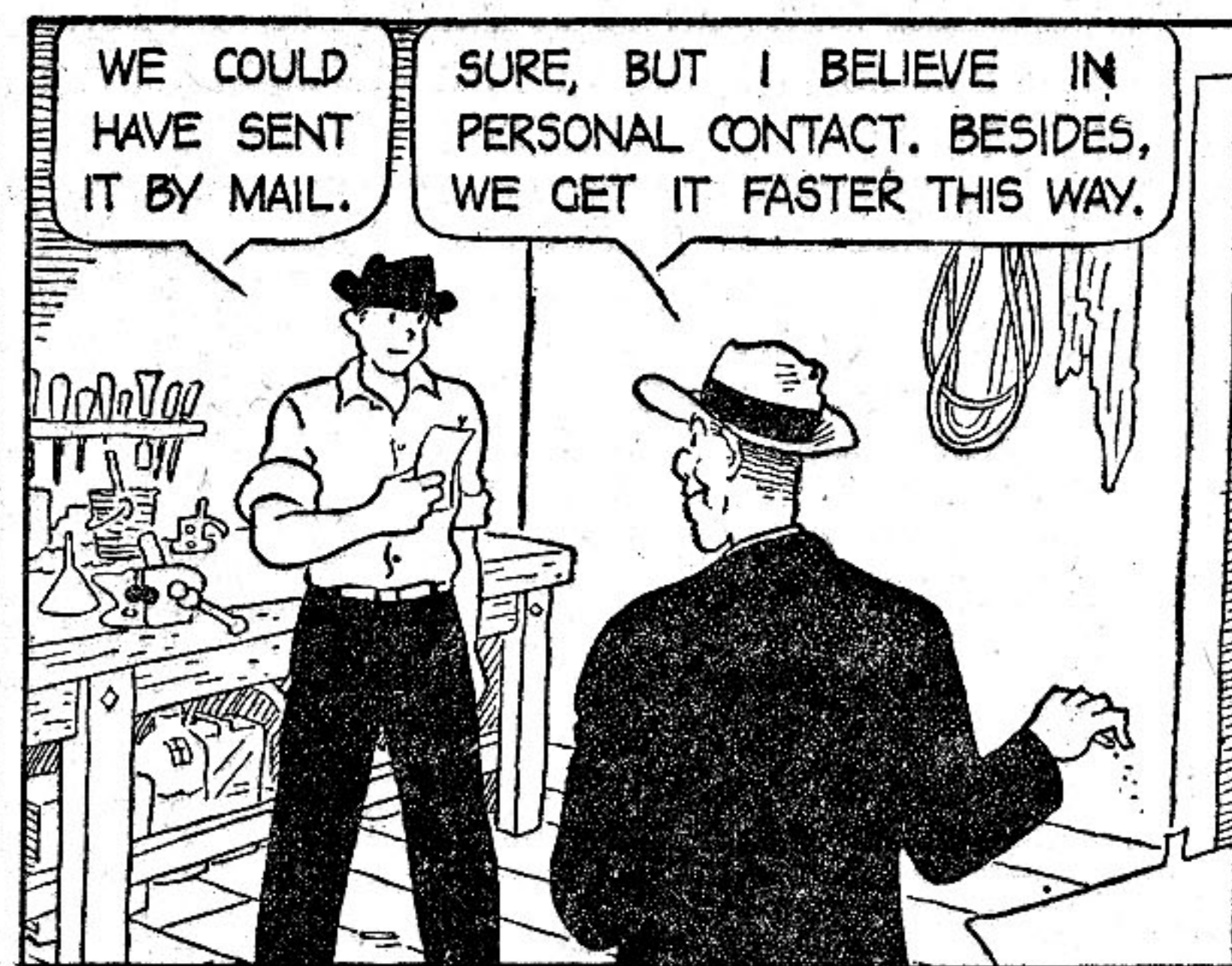
YOU'D BE TEMPORARY HELP. THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE YOU'LL BE BY FALL.



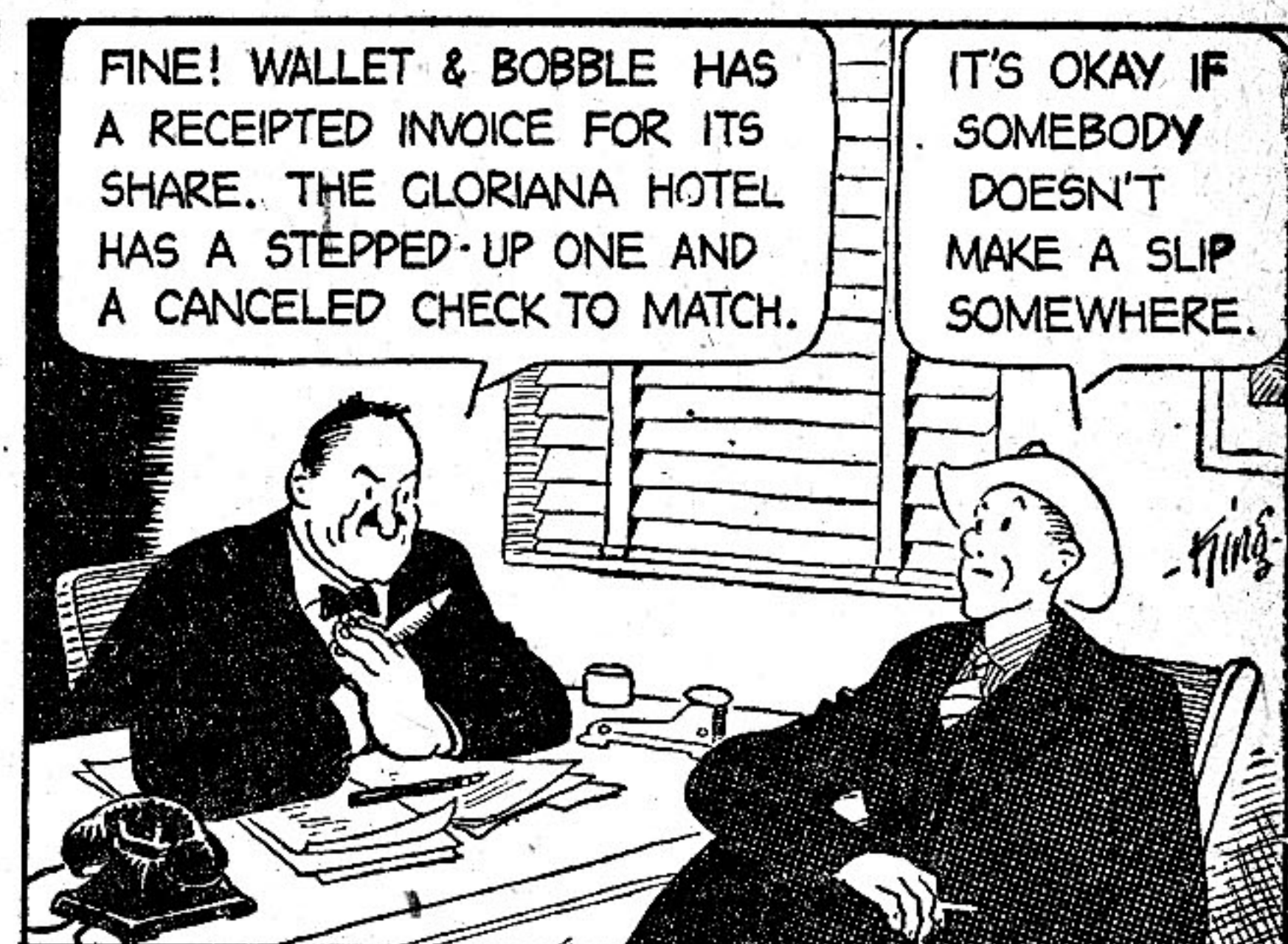
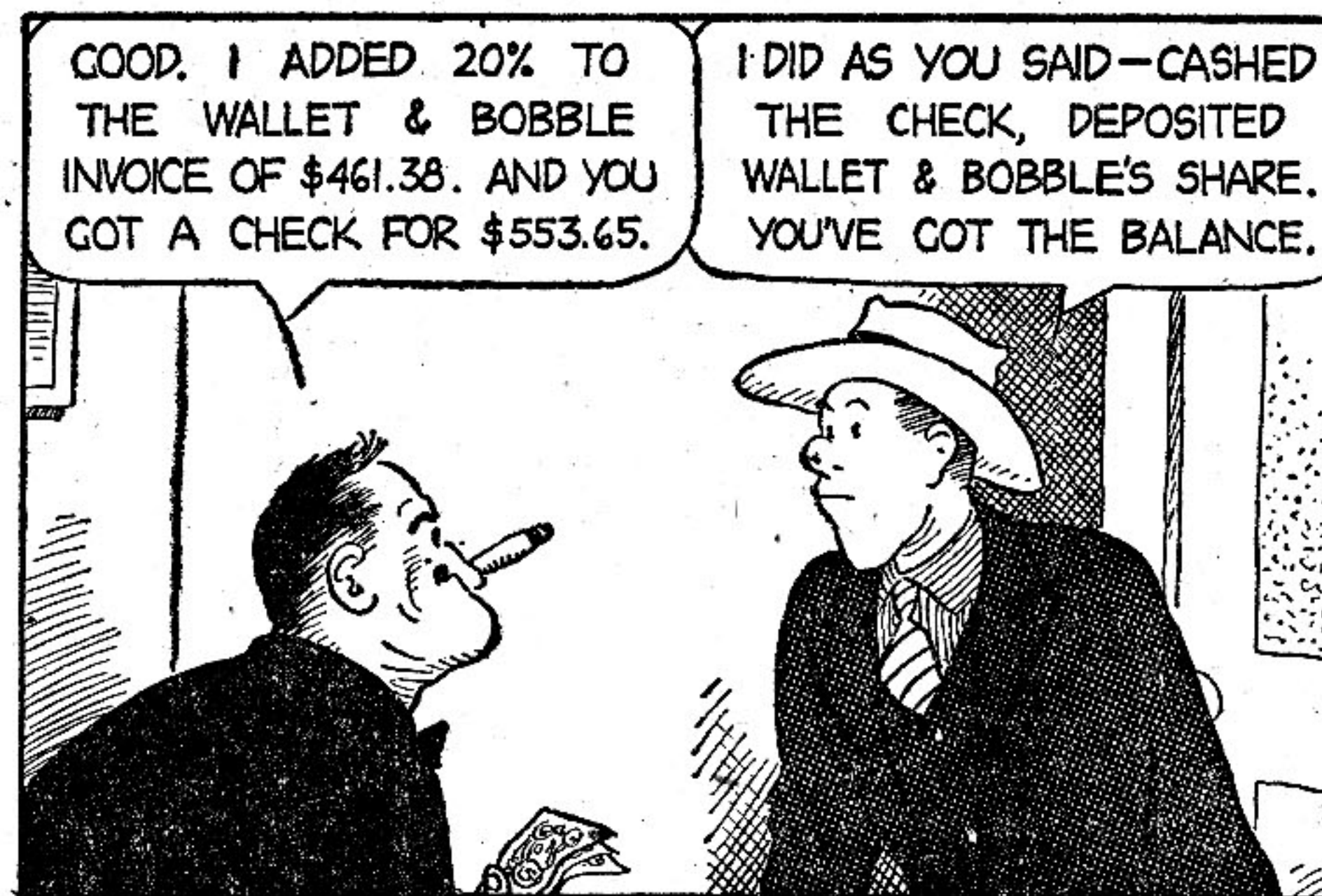
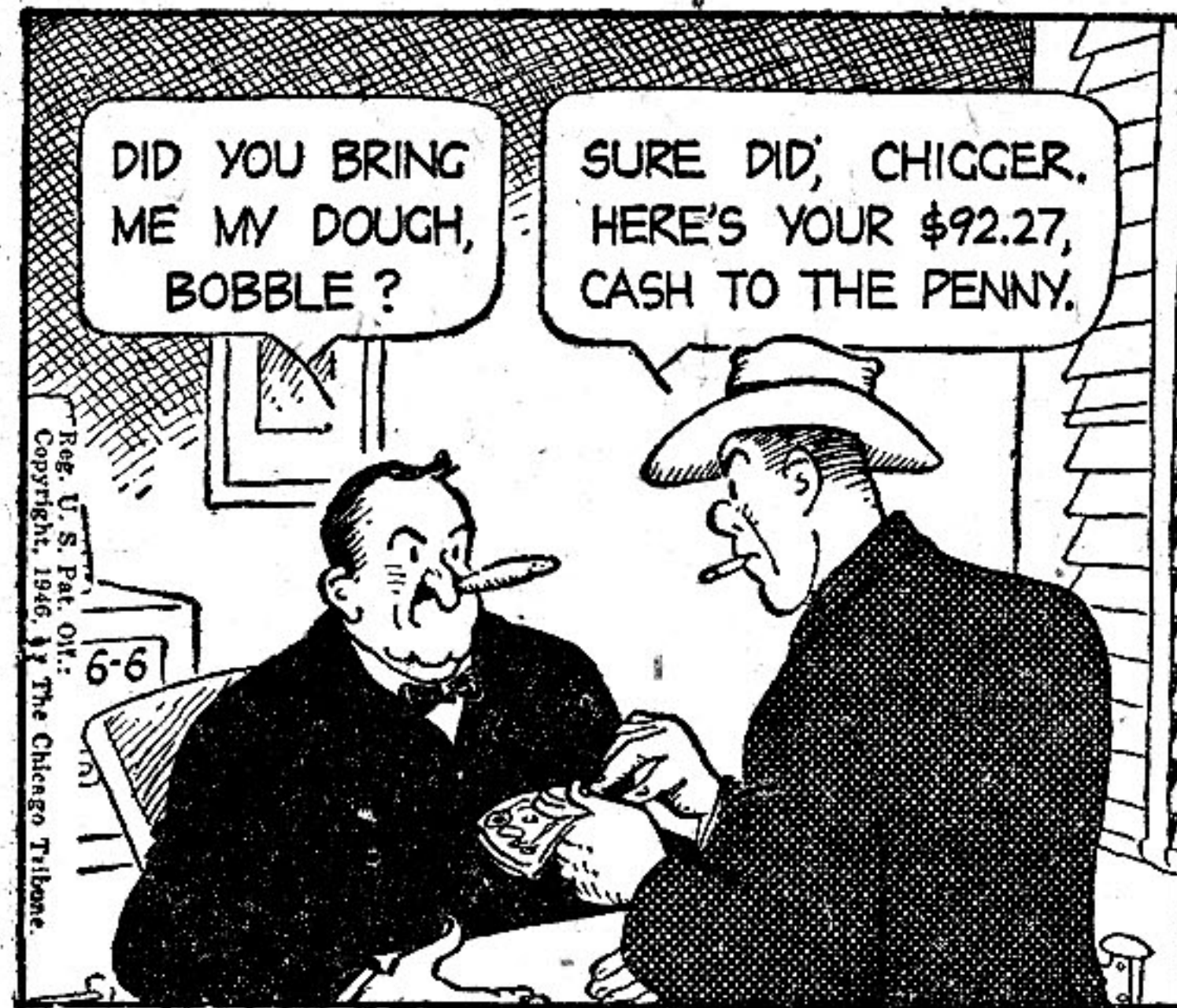
I KNOW—MAYBE COLLEGE, MAYBE NOT. BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE SOME POUCH ANYWAY.

YOU COME AROUND, I'LL GIVE YOU A BLANK—PAGE? EXPERIENCE? MARRIED OR SINGLE? WALLET & BOBBLE WILL HAVE TO HAVE ALL THE DOPE.

GASOLINE ALLEY



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HOW DO YOU LIKE WORKING FOR WALLEY & BOBBLE, BIX?

IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT'S SWELL JUST TO BE WORKING, AFTER BEING OUT OF CIRCULATION FOR SO LONG.

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AND THEY'RE FINE FOLKS TO WORK FOR. NOBODY COMES AROUND SYMPATHIZING BECAUSE I'VE LOST TWO LEGS.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.



WHAT WE WANT IS A CHANCE TO SHOW PEOPLE—AND OURSELVES—THAT WE CAN BE USEFUL AND EFFICIENT.

I'M FOR YOU, BIX. I KNOW YOU ARE DOING IT ALREADY.



GASOLINE ALLEY

I WANT TO BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN I DELIVER MY CLASS PROPHECY, SKEEZIX. I'LL RECITE IT TO YOU IN THE PARK AT 50 PACES.

OKAY, CORKY. I'LL TELL YOU HOW YOU'RE DOING.

WA-RA-GOO
RIN-IG-LA
SHIG.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND
A WORD YOU SAY.

OG-ISH-WILGA
OSS-BRIG-VASH

NO
SAVVY!

THEN I BETTER TAKE THE
PEBBLES OUT OF MY MOUTH.
THAT'S WHAT DEMOSTHENES USED
WHEN HE LEARNED TO ORATE.

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YOU KNOW, SKEEZIX, I DON'T LIKE THE WAY WILMER STRUTS AROUND IN GOOD CLOTHES AND DOESN'T DO ANY WORK.

WELL, HE DID GET US THIS CONTRACT. THAT'S A LOT, NINA.

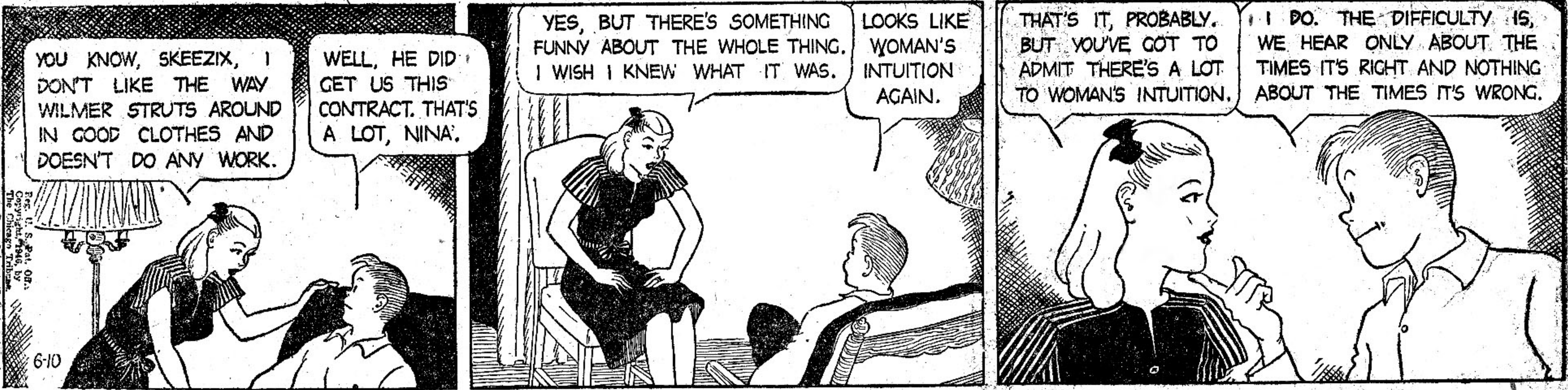
YES, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. I WISH I KNEW WHAT IT WAS.

LOOKS LIKE WOMAN'S INTUITION AGAIN.

THAT'S IT, PROBABLY. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT THERE'S A LOT TO WOMAN'S INTUITION.

I DO. THE DIFFICULTY IS, WE HEAR ONLY ABOUT THE TIMES IT'S RIGHT AND NOTHING ABOUT THE TIMES IT'S WRONG.

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BIX, I DON'T MIND
TELLIN' YOU YOU'RE
GETTIN' ALONG FINE
HERE AT THE SHOP.

THEY GAVE ME A BREAK
AT FIRST. NOW THEY
HAND JOBS TO ME
JUST AS THEY COME.



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IT'S A COMPLIMENT.
IT SHOWS THEY'VE
FORGOTTEN ALREADY
THAT YOU HAVE
A HANDICAP.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT
MEANS, CORKY! IT IS ONLY AFTER
MONTHS OF DISCOURAGEMENT
YOU GET A HOPE THAT YOU
MAY NOT BE A TOTAL LOSS.



BUT TO GET A JOB AND
FIND THAT YOU REALLY
CAN BE A MAN AGAIN—
THAT'S WONDERFUL!

IT'S BEEN A HARD
PULL, BIX. BUT YOU'RE
OVER THE TOP NOW!



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I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU, CORKY, ON BEING ONE OF THE GRADUATING CLASS THIS YEAR.

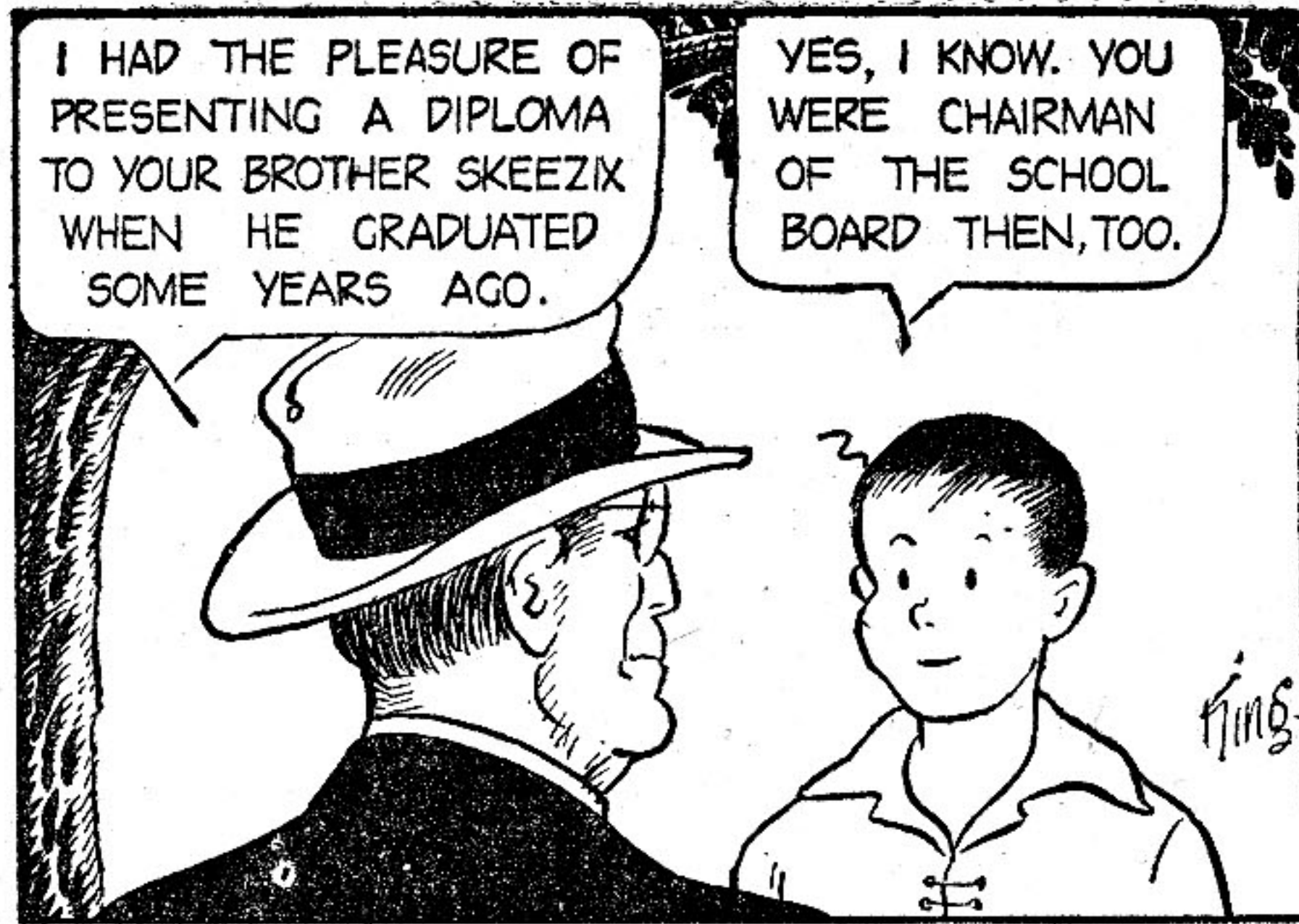
THANKS, MR. POMP.

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING A DIPLOMA TO YOUR BROTHER SKEEZIX WHEN HE GRADUATED SOME YEARS AGO.

YES, I KNOW. YOU WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD THEN, TOO.

I'LL BE ON HAND TOMORROW NIGHT TO PRESENT YOURS. IT IS A SYMBOL OF OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO COME.

I'LL BE TICKLED PINK TO GET IT, MR. POMP.

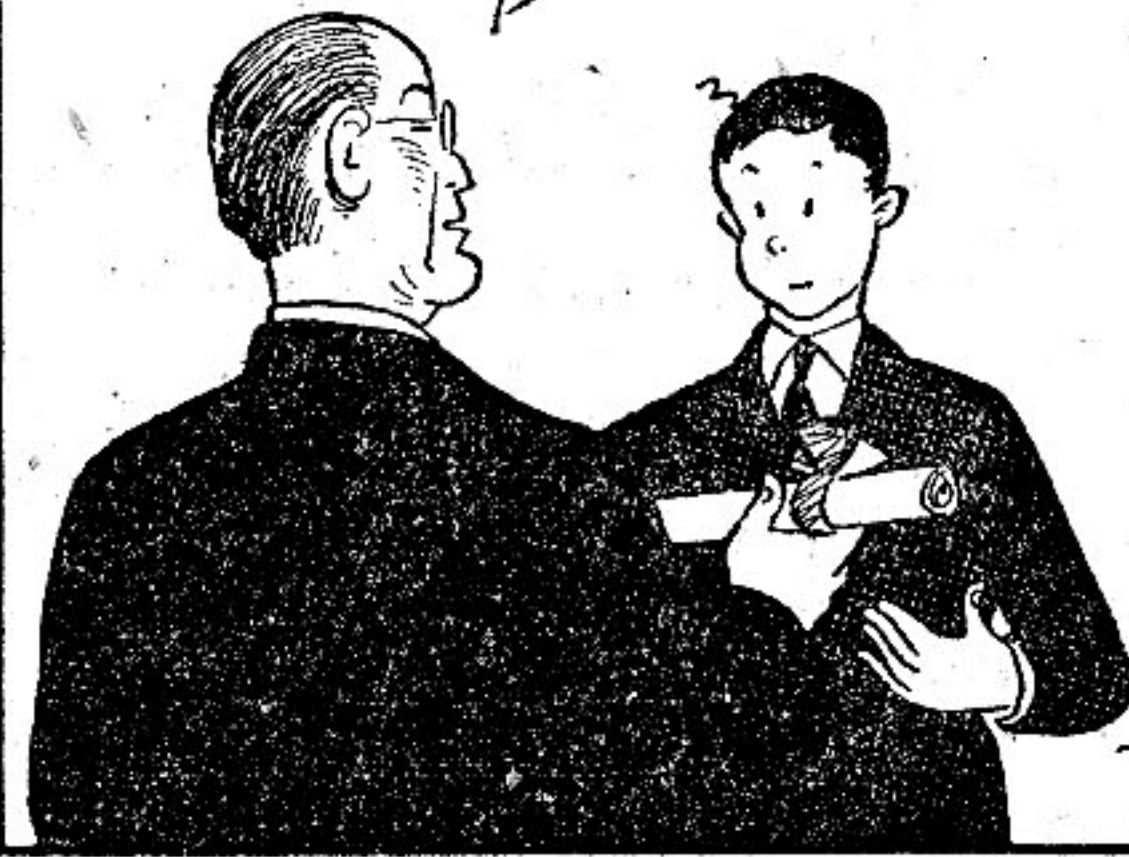


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AND AT THIS MOMENT, EACH MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1946 IS PASSING ANOTHER MILESTONE ON THE PATHWAY OF LIFE. IT IS NOT THE END OF THE RACE. IT IS BUT THE BEGINNING. THE COMMENCEMENT OF A LONG, UPWARD CLIMB WHICH HAS AT ITS PINNACLE, HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT.

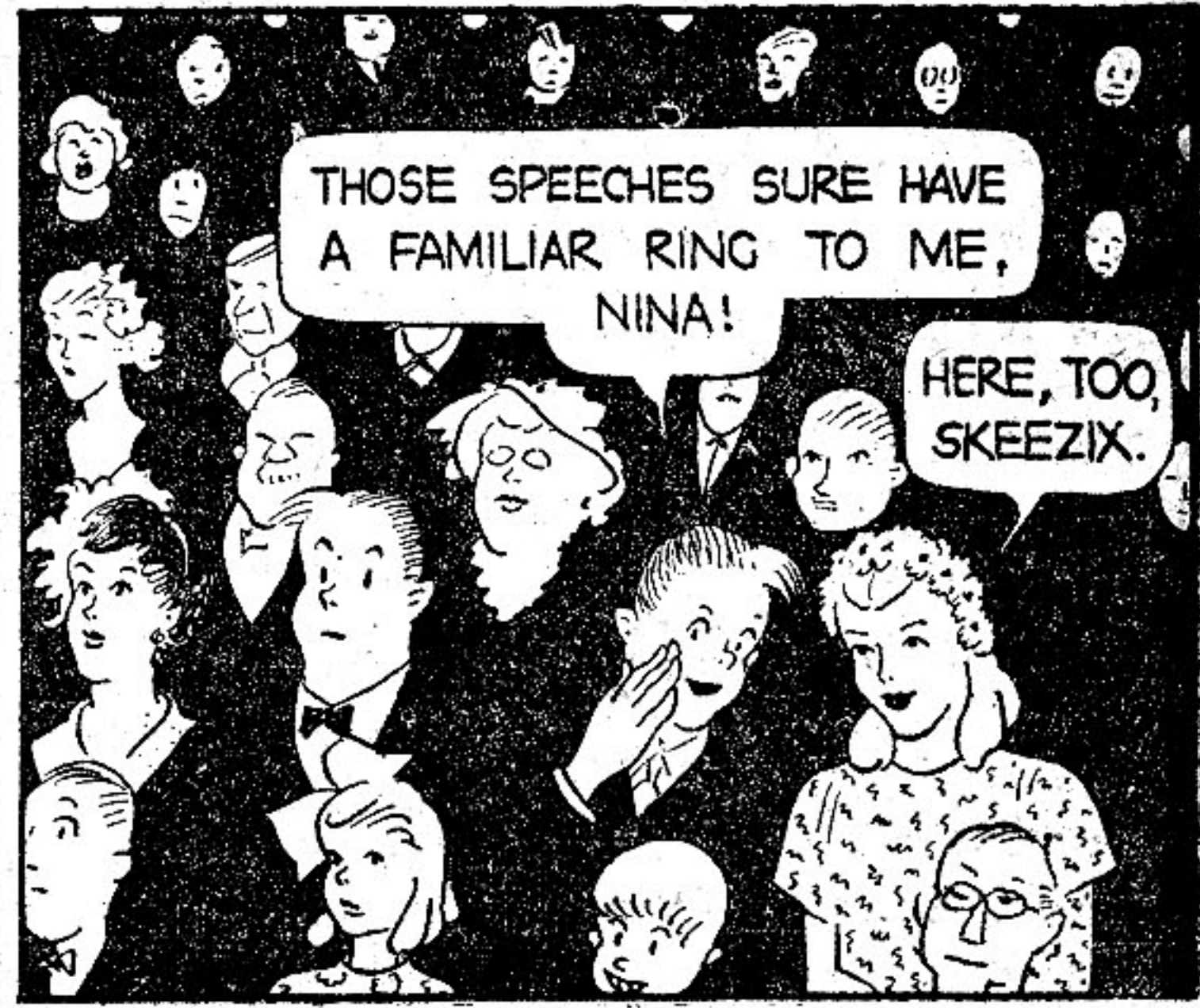


CORKY WALLET, MAY YOU LONG REMEMBER THIS OCCASION AS THE STARTING POINT OF A NEW LIFE.



THOSE SPEECHES SURE HAVE A FAMILIAR RING TO ME, NINA!

HERE, TOO, SKEEZIX.



GASOLINE ALLEY

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT FOR YOU THAN WHEN I FINISHED SCHOOL, CORKY. I COULD START OUT ON MY OWN IN A SORT OF CAREFREE EXISTENCE.

I REMEMBER.

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY PLANS FOR COLLEGE. THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE DRAFT HAS QUEERED THAT.

ESPECIALLY AS I WASN'T ANY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SKEEZIX.

WE HOPE AND PRAY YOU WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT IN ANOTHER WAR. YOU ARE GRADUATING INTO AN UNEASY WORLD — ONE THE YOUNGSTERS OF YOUR AGE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BIG PART IN SHAPING.

I CAN SEE THAT ALREADY.

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OUR BANKER CONGRATULATES YOU, SKEEZIX, ON THE GOOD SHOWING WALLET & BOBBLE IS MAKING.

THAT'S FINE, UNCLE WALT.

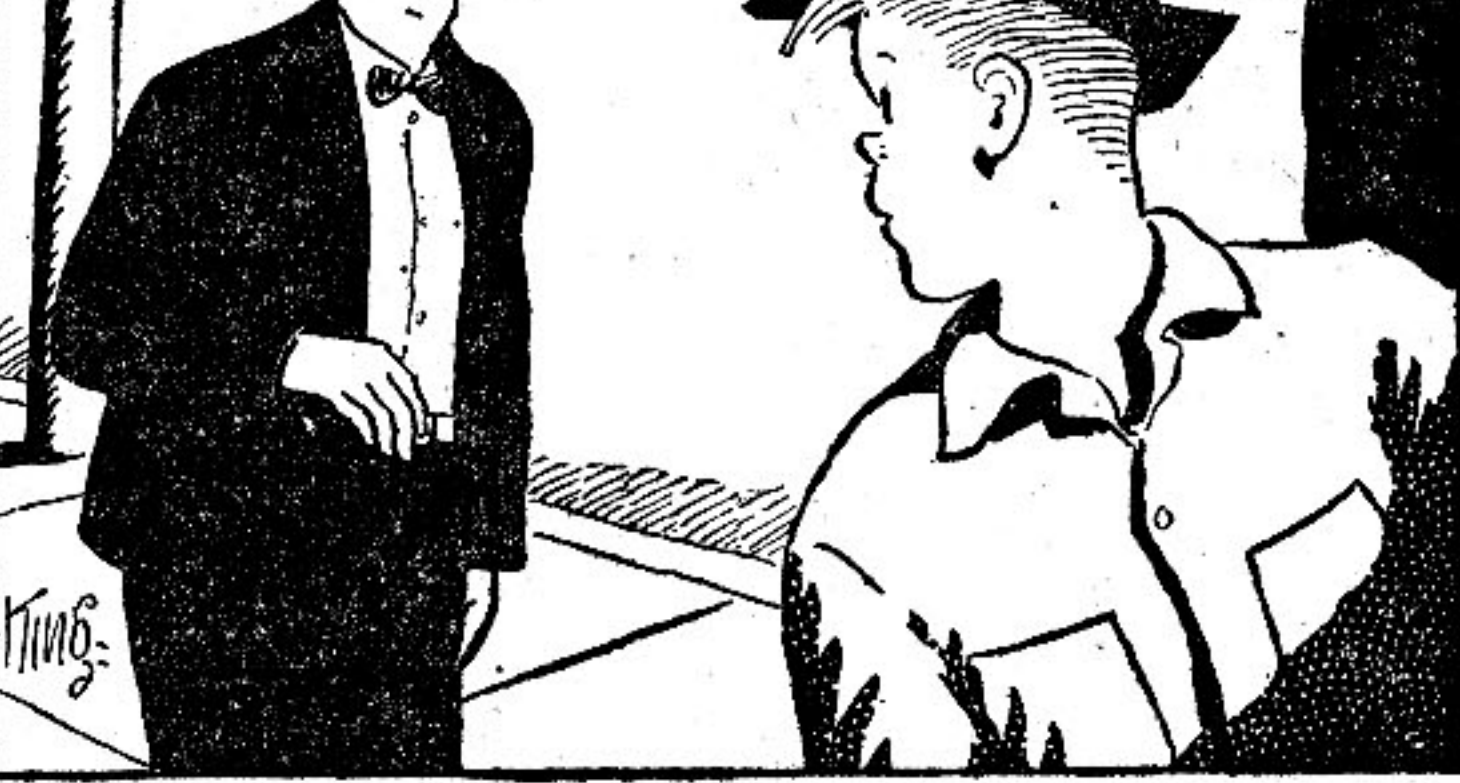
HOW ABOUT WILMER? IS HE BEHAVING WELL?

YES, HE IS. HE'S THE ONE WHO GOT US ALL THIS WORK.

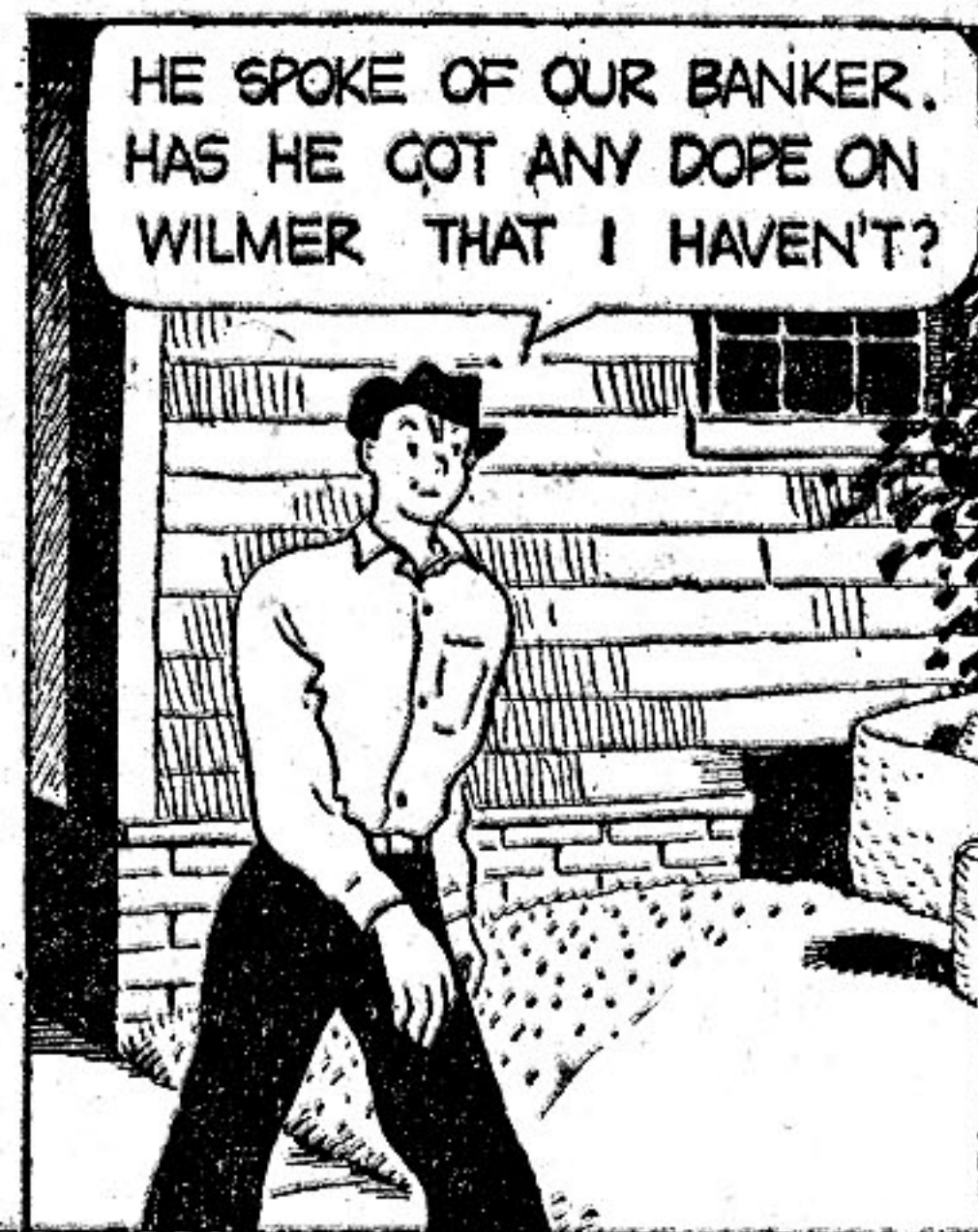
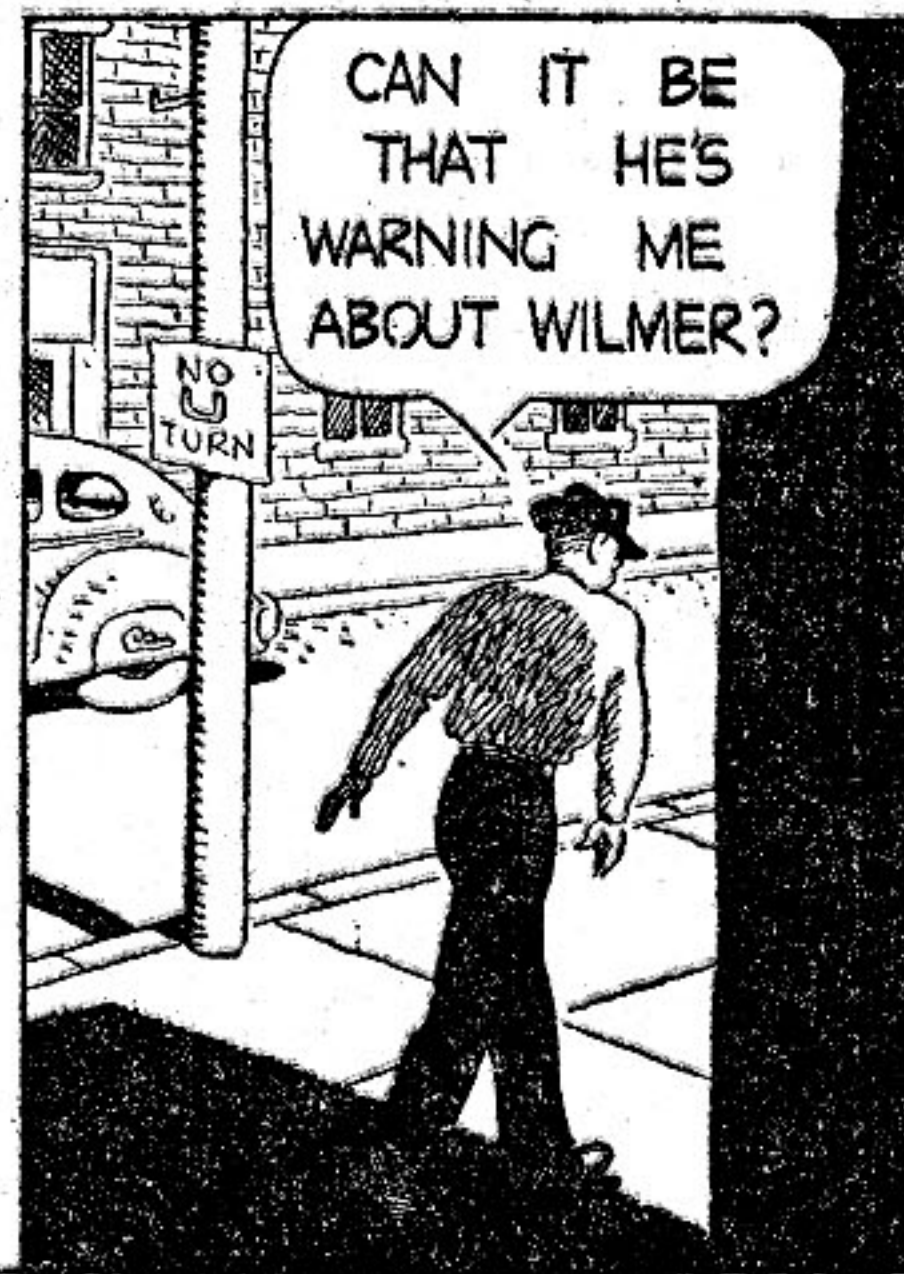
DO YOU THINK HE'S OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD IN ALL HIS DEALINGS?

I THINK SO. I HAVEN'T FOUND A THING WRONG.

WELL, KEEP YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN. DON'T GIVE HIM ANY OPPORTUNITY.



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EVERYTHING CHECKS.
I CAN'T FIND ANY
DISCREPANCIES.



I SAW A LIGHT,
SKEEZIX. LOOKIN'
OVER THE BOOKS?

I JUST WANTED TO
SEE HOW WELL
WE'RE DOING, WILMER.

AND TO SEE THAT
WE HAVEN'T MADE
ANY MISTAKES.

I KNOW THE BOOKS ARE
OKAY. I CHECKED 'EM
MYSELF LAST NIGHT.

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NINA, I KNOW YOU FEEL THAT WILMER IS DOING SOMETHING CROOKED.

I DIDN'T SAY ANY SUCH THING, SKEEZIX.

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A HARD TIME THINKING WRONG OF ANYBODY.

I DO—UNTIL I HAVE SOME PROOF.

SO FAR, I HAVEN'T FOUND A THING OUT OF THE WAY ABOUT HIS RECORDS OR HIS DEALINGS.

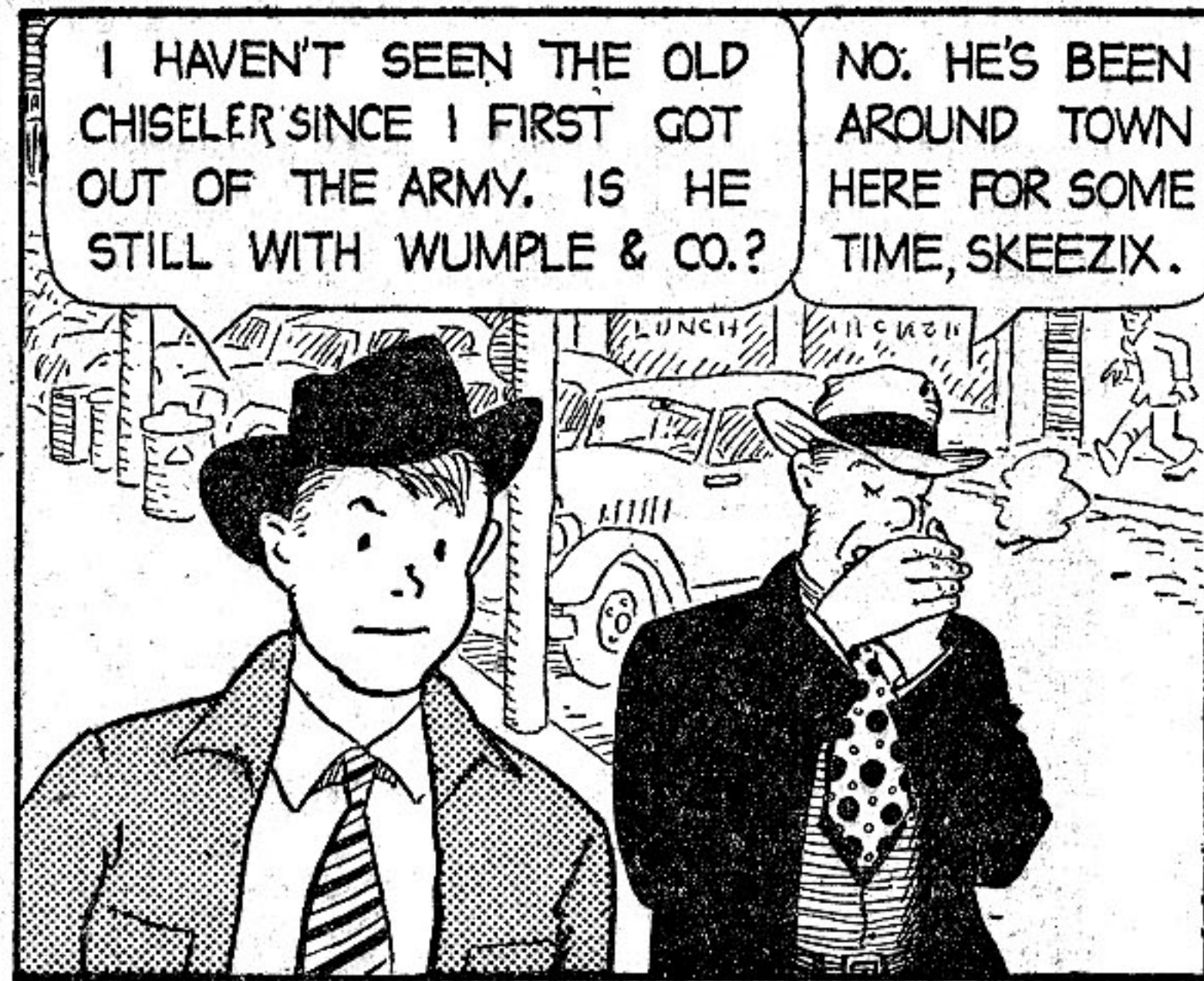
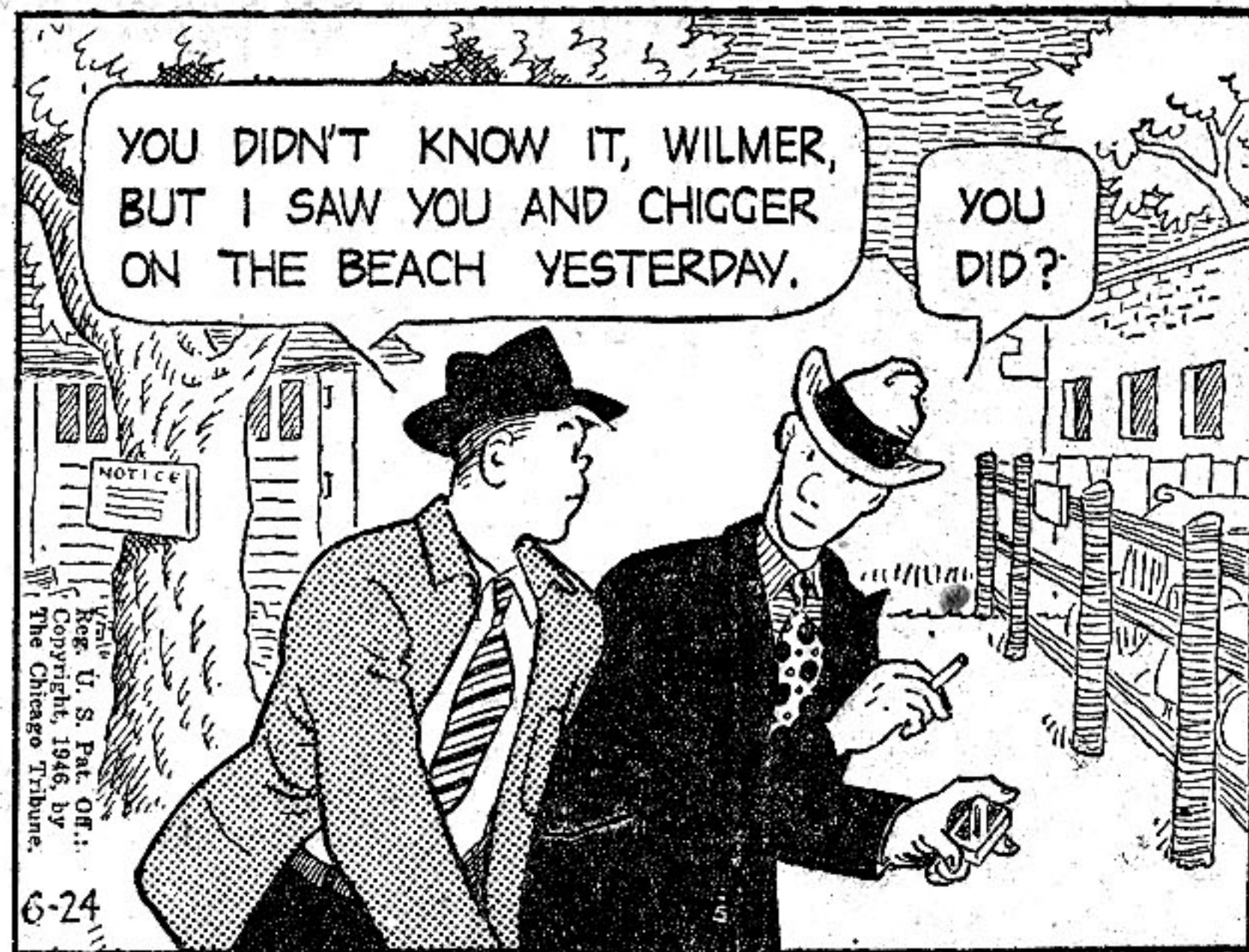
MAYBE YOU'RE NAIVE AND TRUSTING ENOUGH TO NEED A GUARDIAN, AND MAYBE YOU'VE GOT ONE.

I HOPE YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT WILMER.

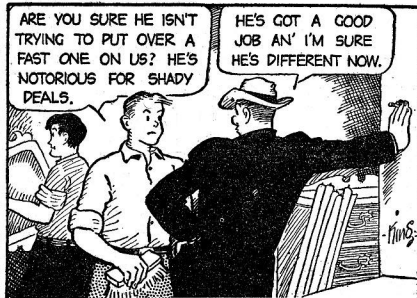
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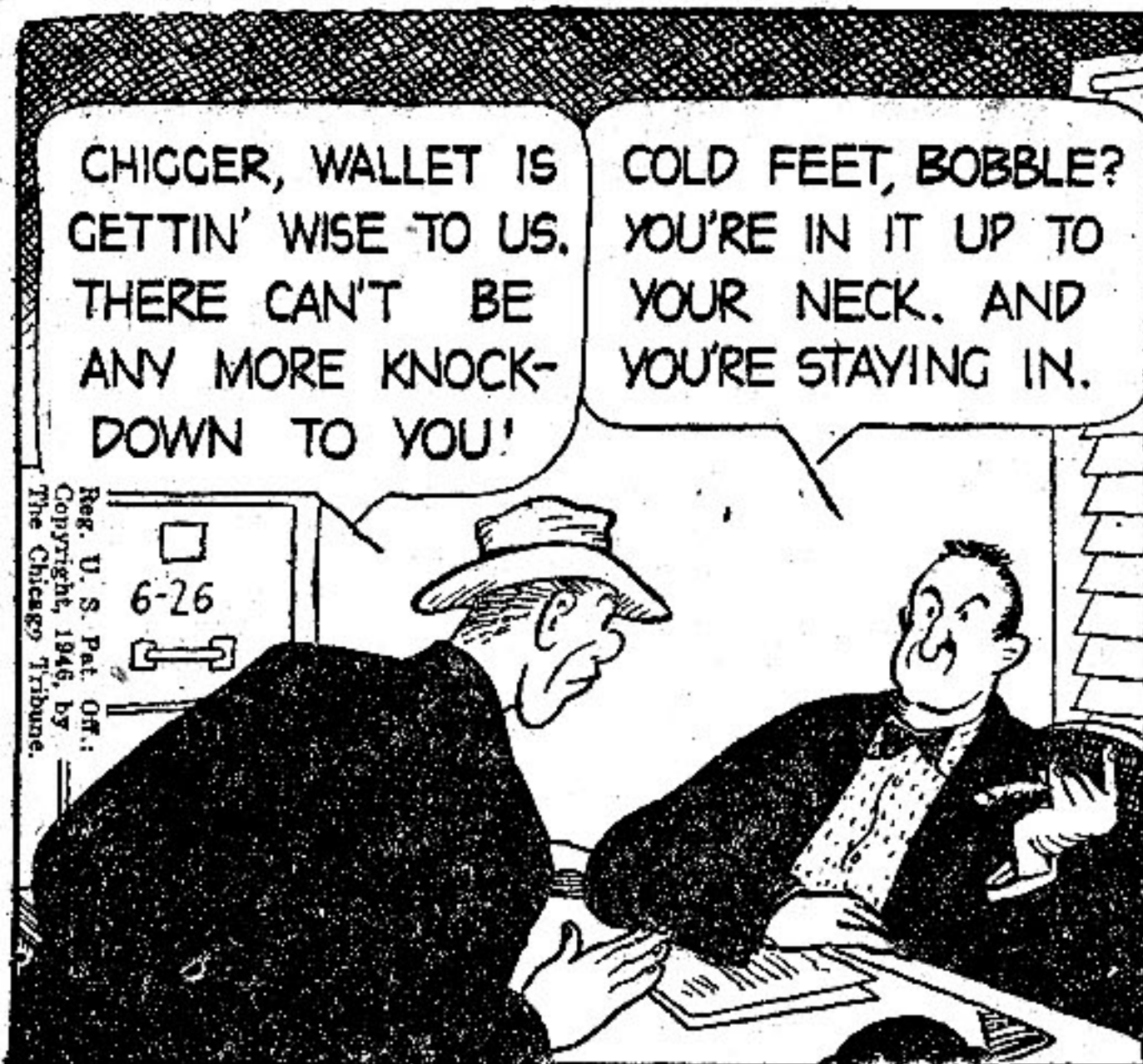
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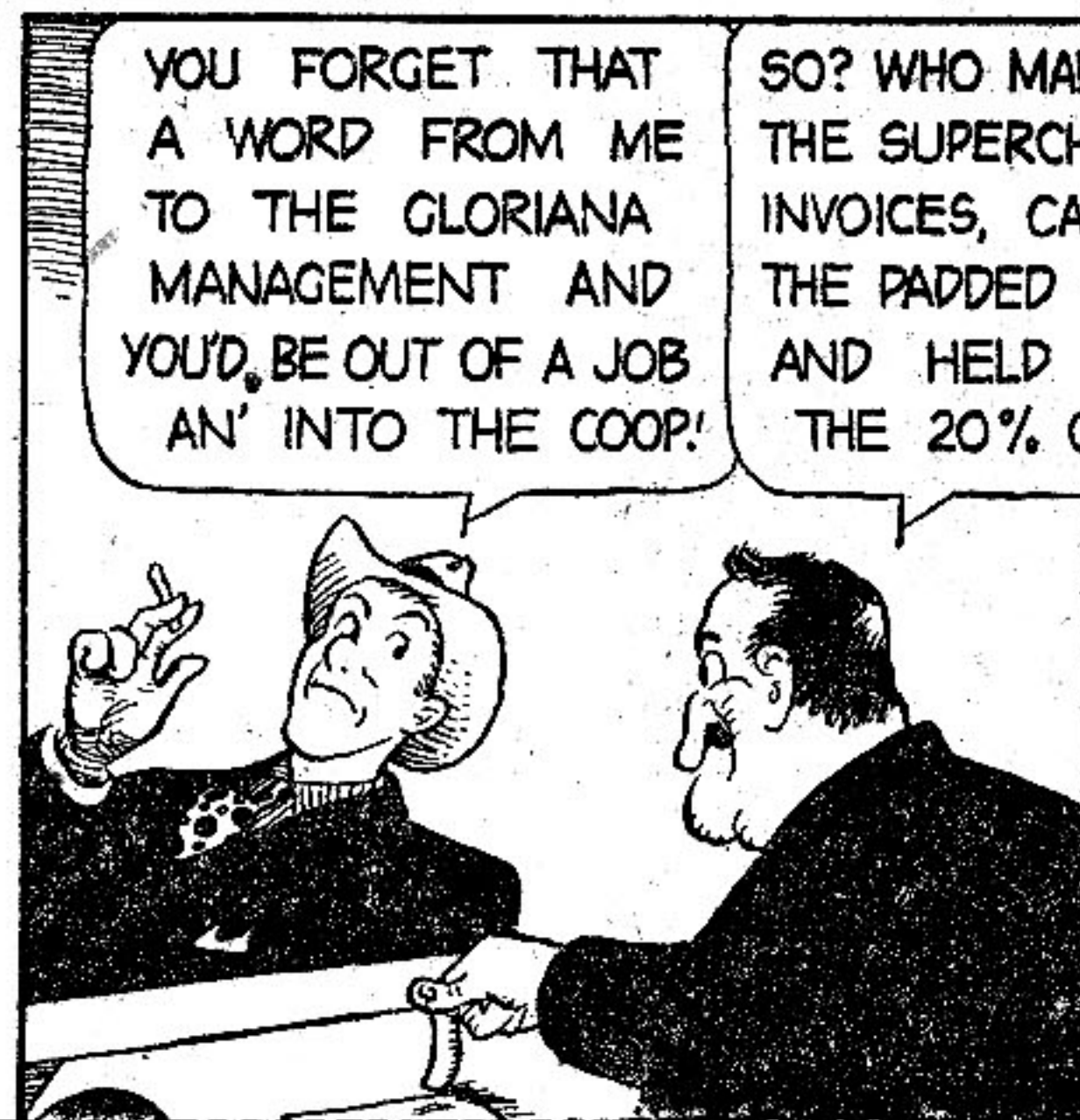


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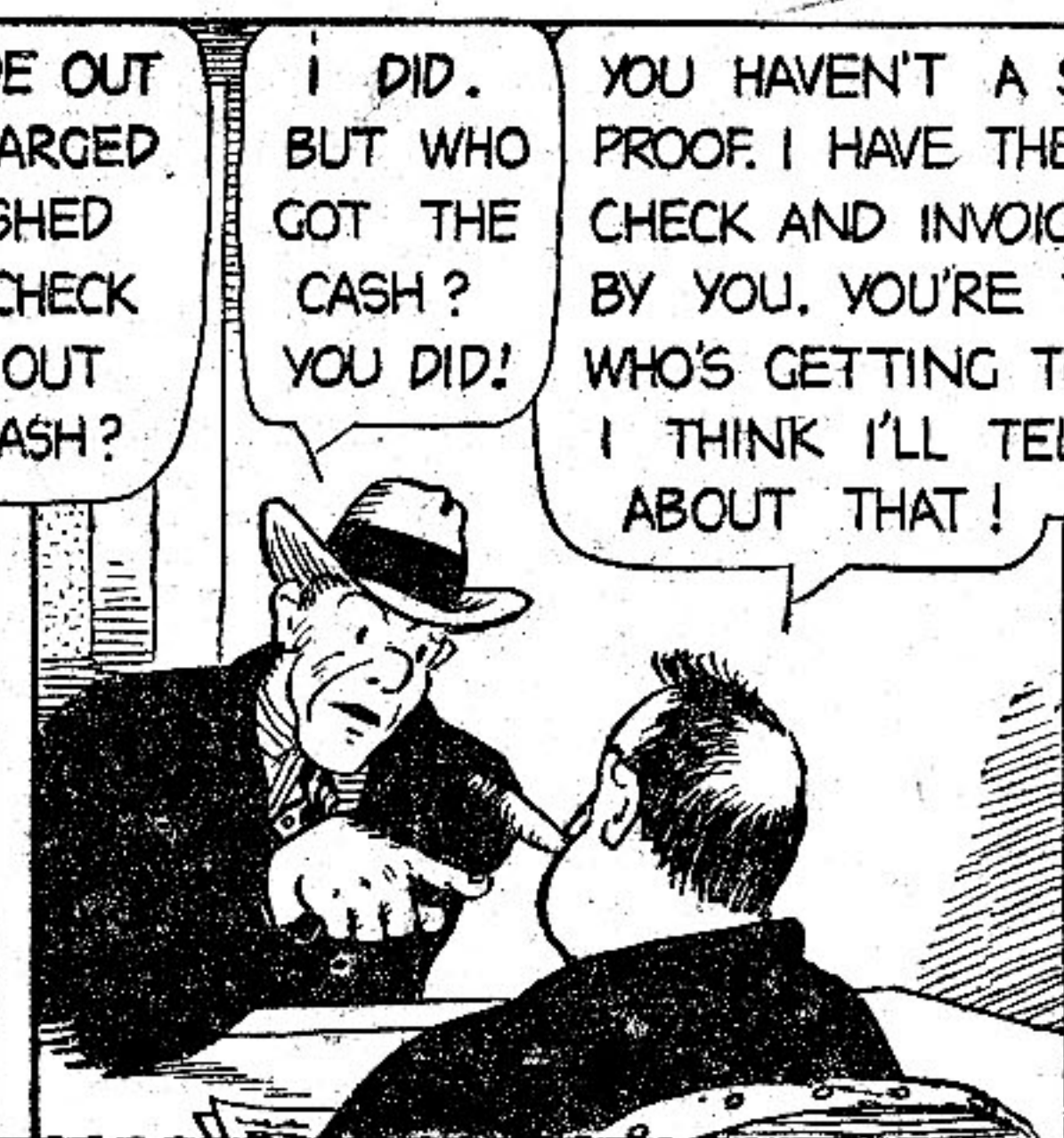
CHIGGER, WALLET IS GETTIN' WISE TO US. THERE CAN'T BE ANY MORE KNOCK-DOWN TO YOU!

COLD FEET, BOBBLE? YOU'RE IN IT UP TO YOUR NECK, AND YOU'RE STAYING IN.



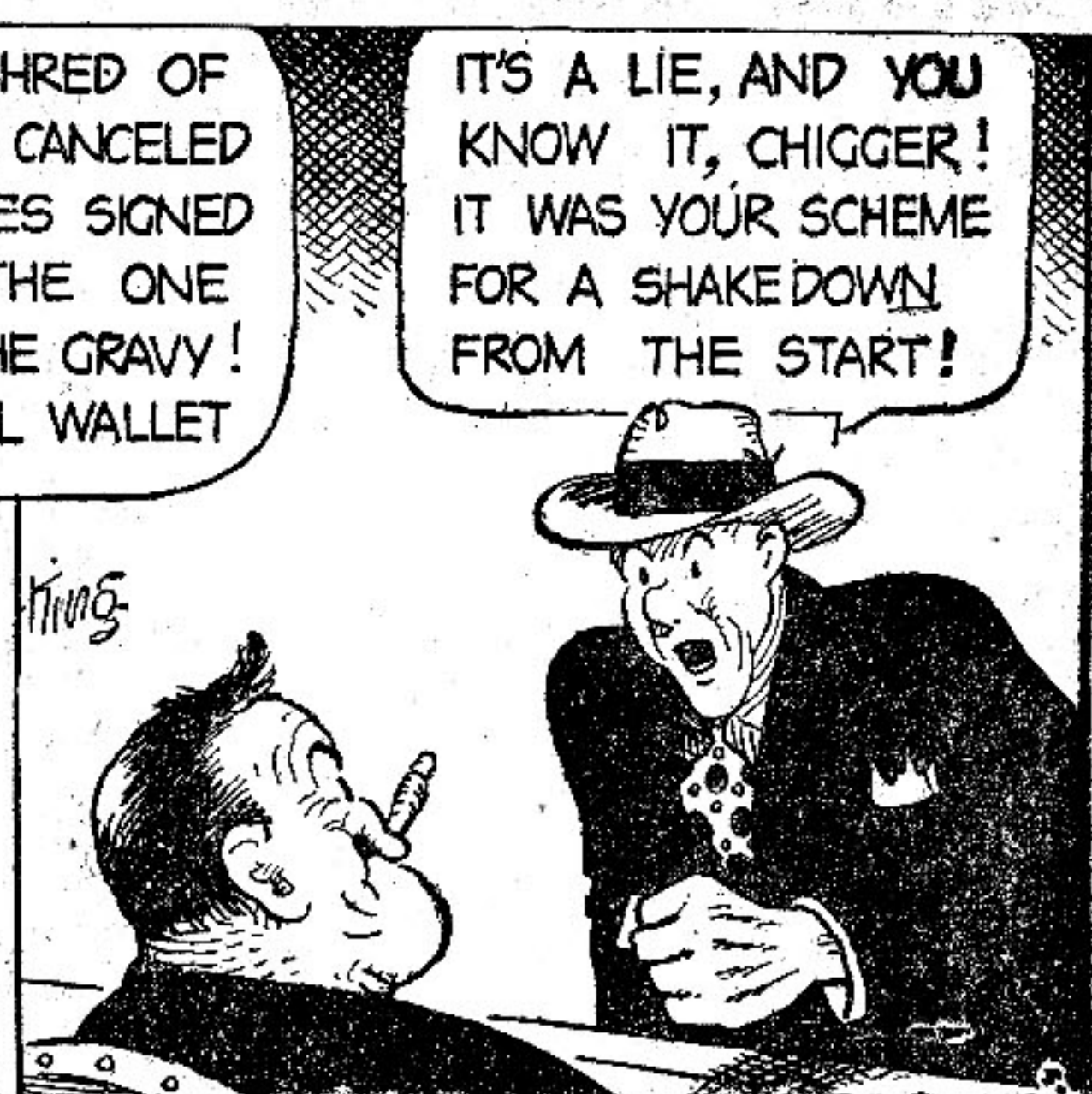
YOU FORGET THAT A WORD FROM ME TO THE GLORIANA MANAGEMENT AND YOU'D BE OUT OF A JOB AN' INTO THE COOP!

SO? WHO MADE OUT THE SUPERCHARGED INVOICES, CASHED THE PADDED CHECK AND HELD OUT THE 20% CASH?



I DID. BUT WHO GOT THE CASH? YOU DID!

YOU HAVEN'T A SHRED OF PROOF. I HAVE THE CANCELED CHECK AND INVOICES SIGNED BY YOU. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GETTING THE GRAVY! I THINK I'LL TELL WALLET ABOUT THAT!

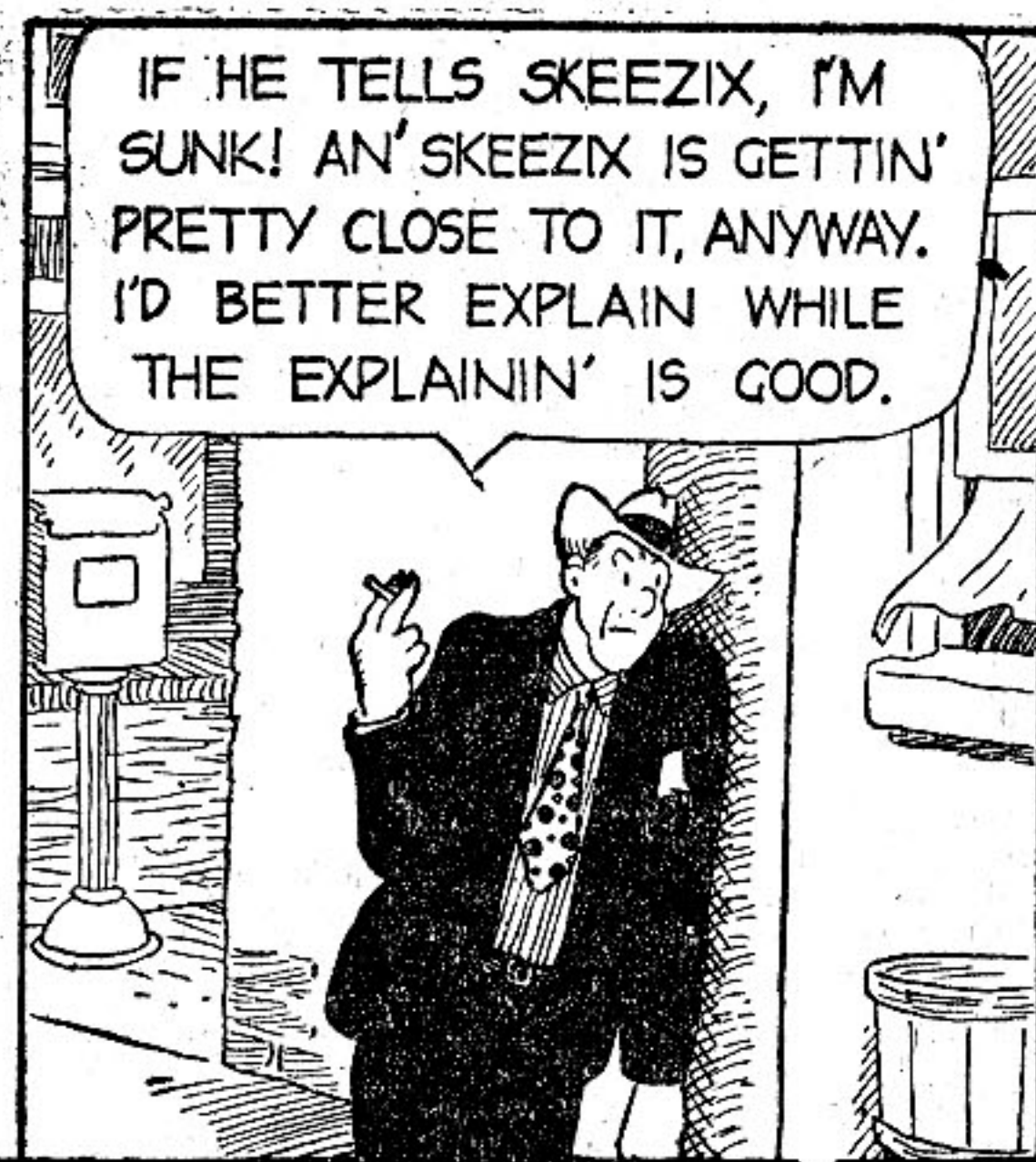


IT'S A LIE, AND YOU KNOW IT, CHIGGER! IT WAS YOUR SCHEME FOR A SHAKE DOWN FROM THE START!

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GOSH, WHAT AM I GOIN' TO DO? CHIGGER'S RIGHT. HE'S GOT ME OUT ON A LIMB.

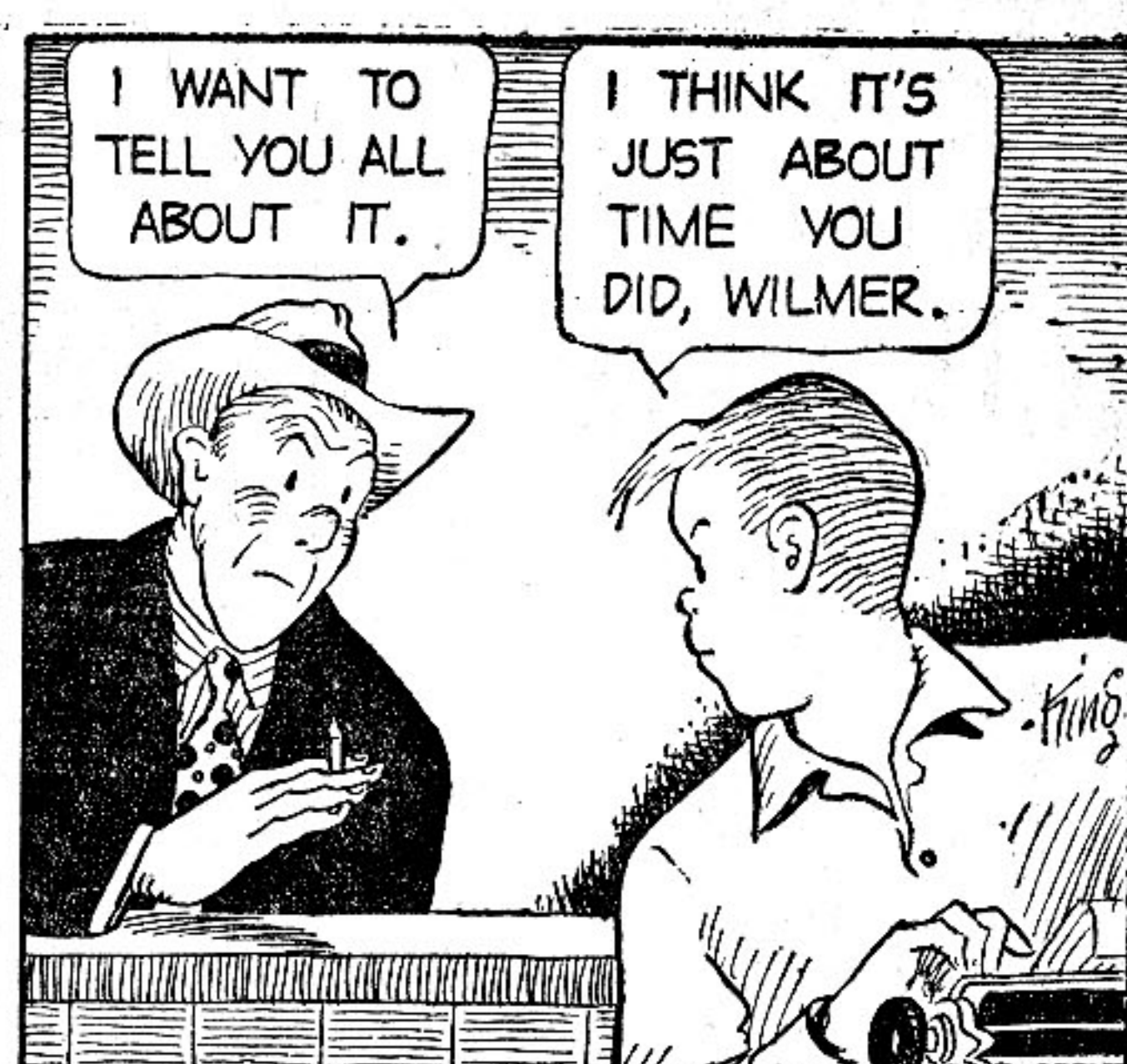


IF HE TELLS SKEEZIX, I'M SUNK! AN' SKEEZIX IS GETTIN' PRETTY CLOSE TO IT, ANYWAY. I'D BETTER EXPLAIN WHILE THE EXPLAININ' IS GOOD.



SKEEZIX, I GOT WALLET & BOBBLE A SWELL LOT OF WORK FROM THE GLORIANA HOTEL. BUT JUST NOW IT ISN'T GOING SO WELL.

I'VE HAD AN IDEA IT WASN'T.



I WANT TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.

I THINK IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME YOU DID, WILMER.

GASOLINE ALLEY

AS YOU KNOW NOW, SKEEZIX, CHIGGER HAS BEEN PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE GLORIANA HOTEL. I JUST HAPPENED ONTO HIM ONE DAY.

GO ON.

HE FOUND OUT THAT WALLET & BOBBLE TACKLED ALL SORTS OF REPAIR WORK. THE GLORIANA WAS TO BE COMPLETELY RENOVATED. I TALKED HIM INTO GIVING US THE JOB.

SO FAR, SO GOOD.

WE NEEDED THE WORK TO KEEP GOING. BUT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A 20 PERCENT REBATE TO HIM. I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T STAND FOR IT, SO I TOLD HIM, NOTHING DOING!

YOU WERE DECIDEDLY RIGHT. BUT THAT ISN'T ALL THE STORY. THEN, WHAT?

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GASOLINE ALLEY

KNOWING THAT YOU WOULDN'T STAND FOR A KICKBACK TO CHIGGER FOR GIVING US THE GLORIANA WORK, SKEEZIX, I DECIDED TO GO AHEAD ON MY OWN.

THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE AT LEAST A CHUMP, WILMER.

CHIGGER HAD IT ALL FIGURED OUT. I'D MAKE OUT ONE INVOICE FOR OUR RECORDS, AND ONE 20 PERCENT HIGHER FOR HIS. HE'D GIVE ME A CHECK FOR THE LARGER SUM.

I BEGIN TO SEE WHY OUR BOOKS LOOKED ALL RIGHT.

WELL, I CASHED THE CHECK, DEPOSITED OUR SHARE TO OUR ACCOUNT, AND GAVE HIM HIS 20 PERCENT GRAFT IN CASH. AND WE HAVE THE WORK.

WILMER, ARE YOU AN OUTRIGHT CROOK OR JUST PLAIN GOOFY?

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