

GASOLINE ALLEY

WILMER, I STILL HAVEN'T WORDS TO TELL YOU WHAT I THINK OF ALL THIS!

ON THE SQUARE, SKEEZIX, I DID IT FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMPANY.

YOU CONSPIRED WITH CHIGGER TO SHAKE DOWN THE GLORIANA HOTEL, WHICH WAS TO BE OUR CUSTOMER!

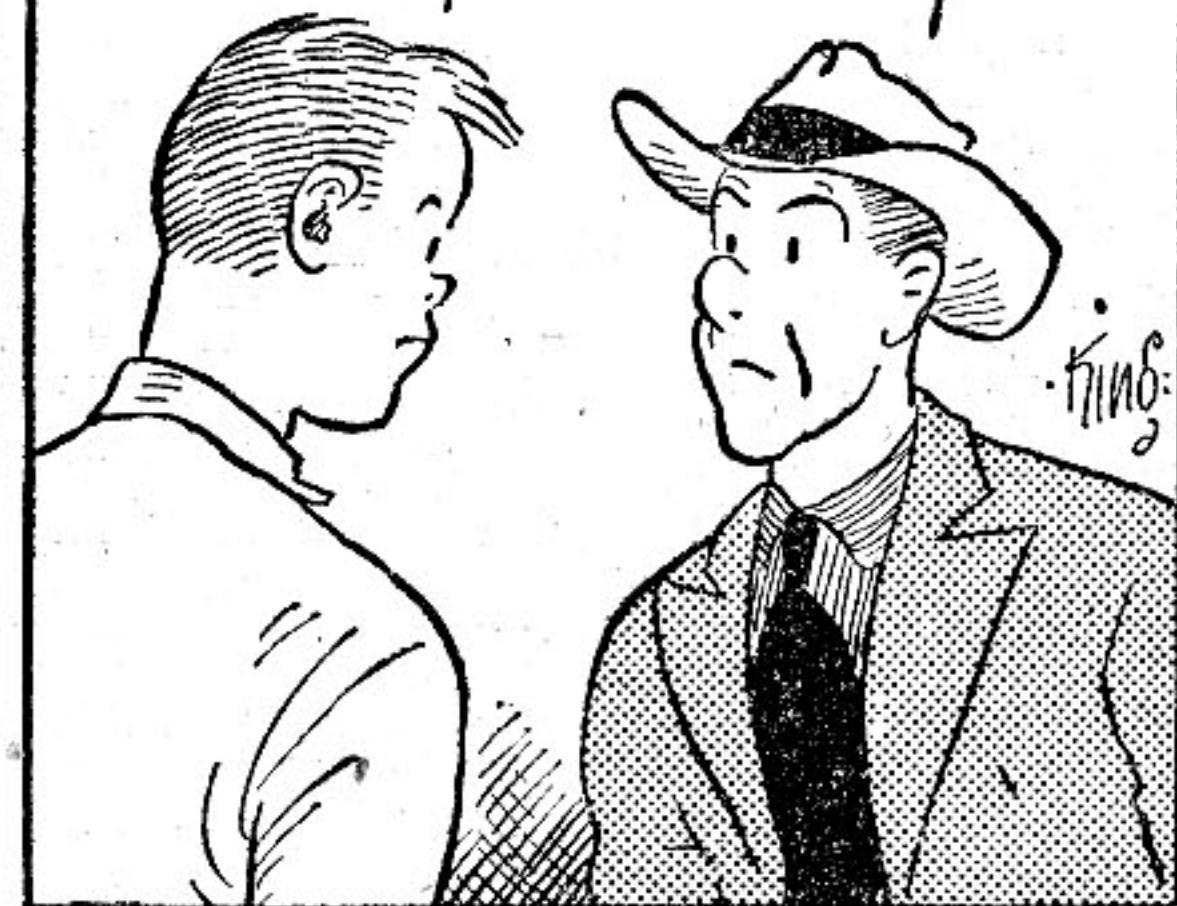
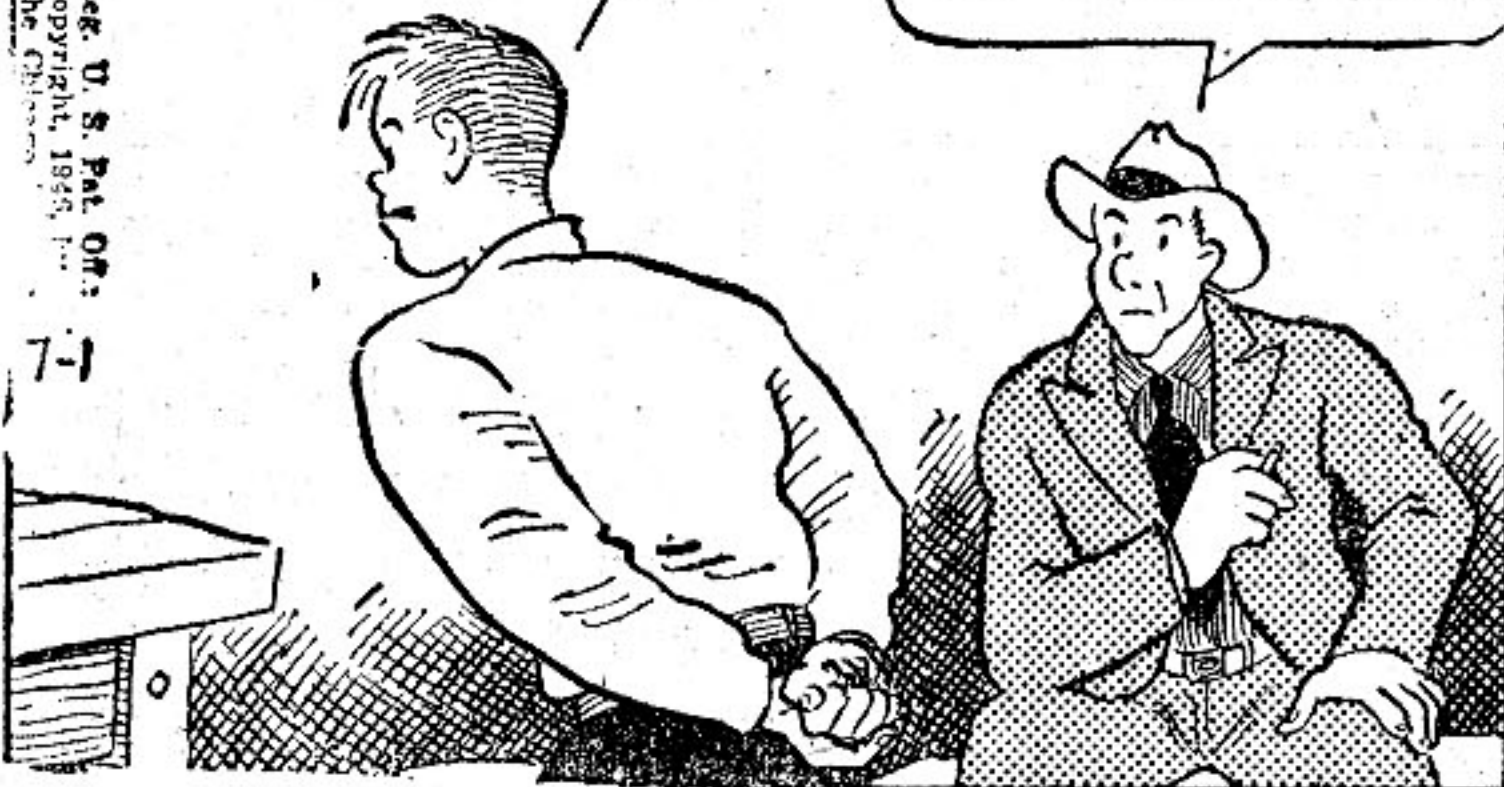
IT WAS CHIGGER'S SCHEME AND CHIGGER'S GRAFT.

I'M GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT ON THAT.

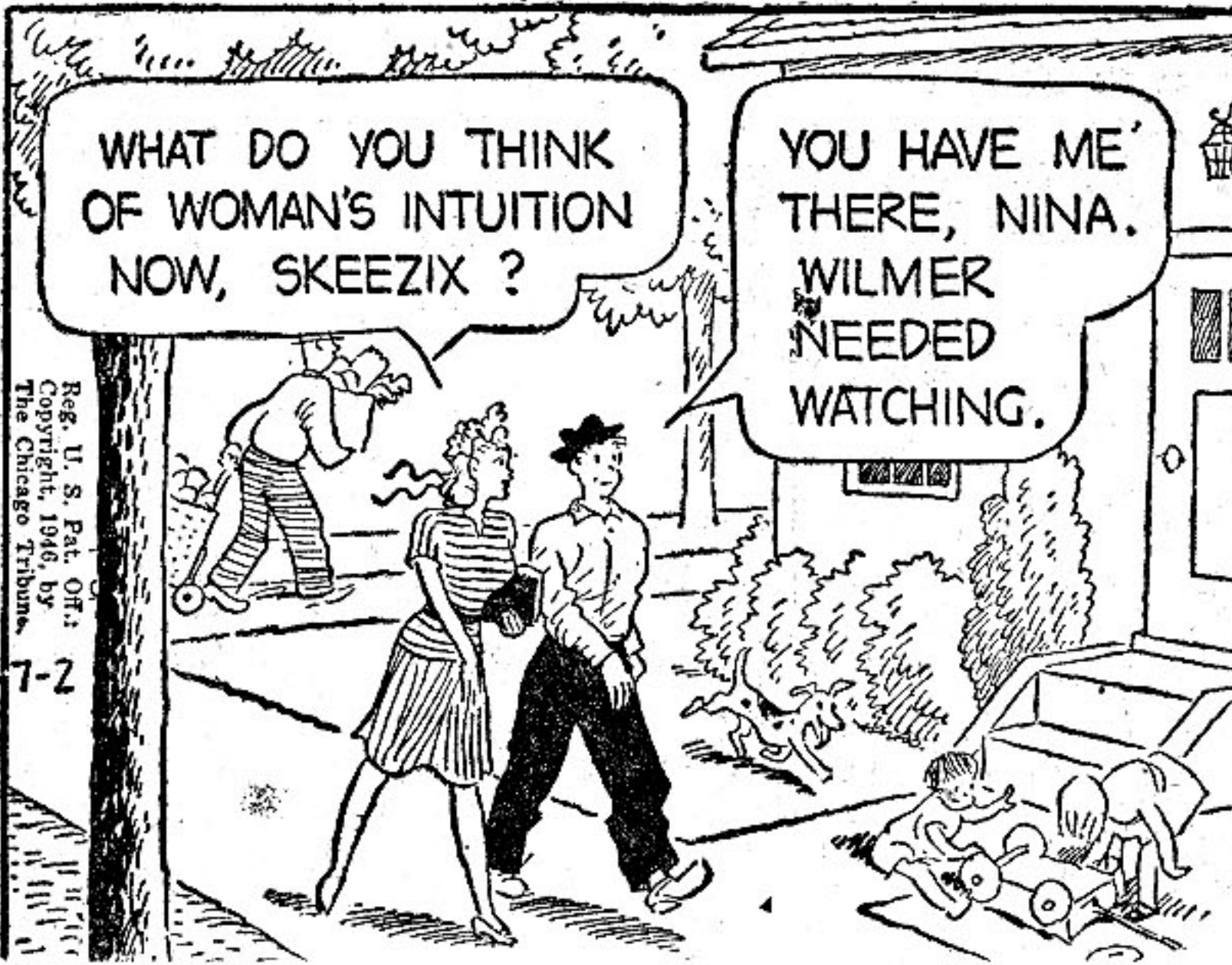
I DIDN'T GET A CENT OF IT.

IF I THOUGHT YOU DID, I'D KICK YOU OUT ON YOUR EAR, PARTNERSHIP OR NO PARTNERSHIP!

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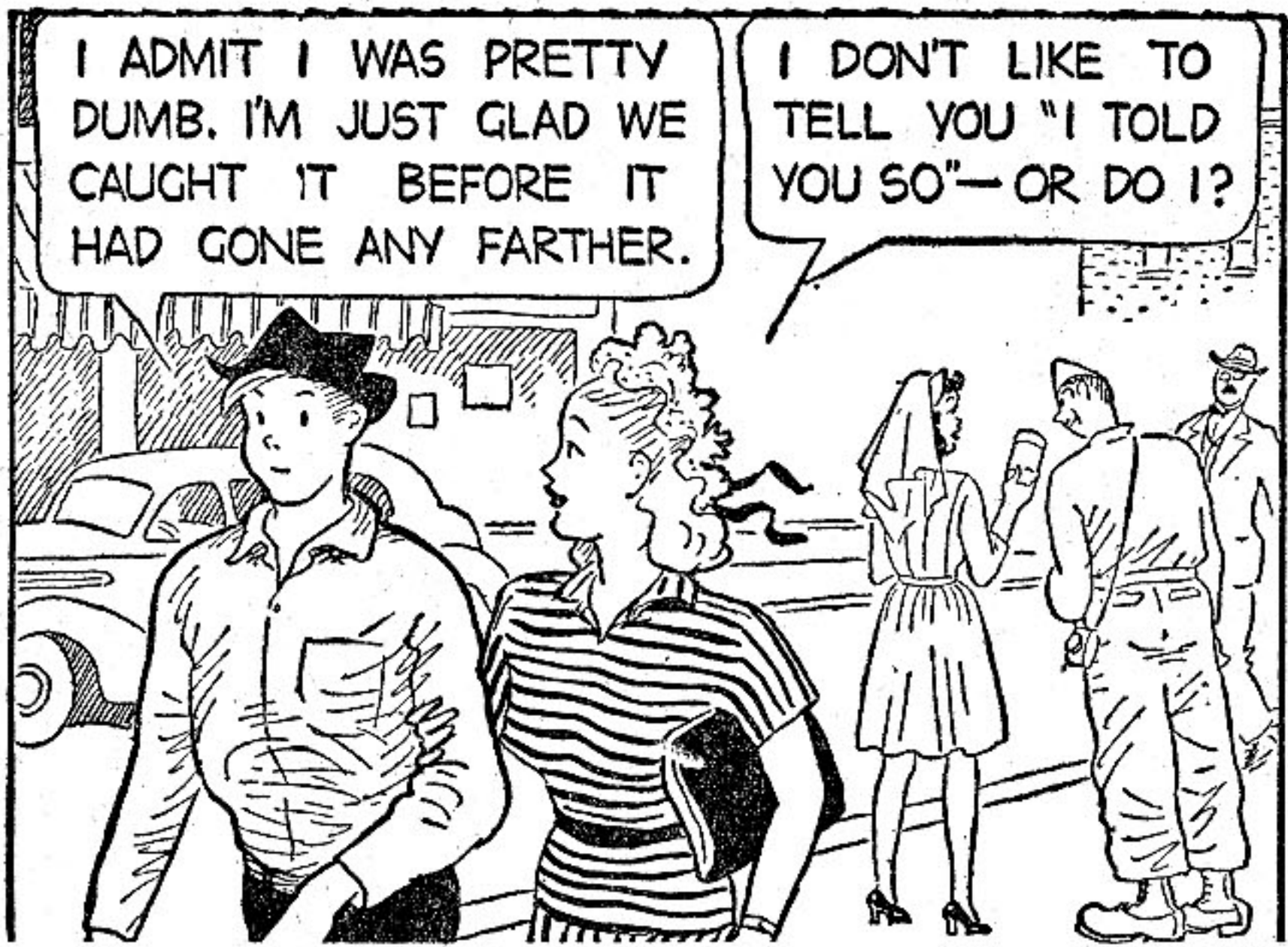
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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WOMAN'S INTUITION NOW, SKEEZIX ?

YOU HAVE ME THERE, NINA. WILMER NEEDED WATCHING.

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I ADMIT I WAS PRETTY DUMB. I'M JUST GLAD WE CAUGHT IT BEFORE IT HAD GONE ANY FARTHER.

I DON'T LIKE TO TELL YOU "I TOLD YOU SO"—OR DO I?



GO AHEAD AND RUB IT IN. I NEED IT. PERHAPS I WON'T BE SO TRUSTING NEXT TIME.

DON'T LET IT CHANGE YOU, DARLING. JUST DO AS UNCLE WALT TOLD YOU — KEEP YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN!

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SKEEZIX, I KNOW NOW THAT I WAS ABSOLUTELY IN THE WRONG. I'M SORRY I WENT INTO THAT CHIGGER DEAL.

WELL, I SHOULD HOPE SO, WILMER!

I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE WE WEREN'T MAKIN' ANY MONEY. I THOUGHT I COULD PULL US OUT OF THE HOLE.

AND GOT US INTO ANOTHER ONE. I HOPE YOU HAVE LEARNED A LESSON.

HERE'S SOMETHING I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU. BEFORE I TALKED TO YOU I TOLD CHIGGER OUR DEAL WAS ALL OFF—NO MORE GRAVY TO HIM.

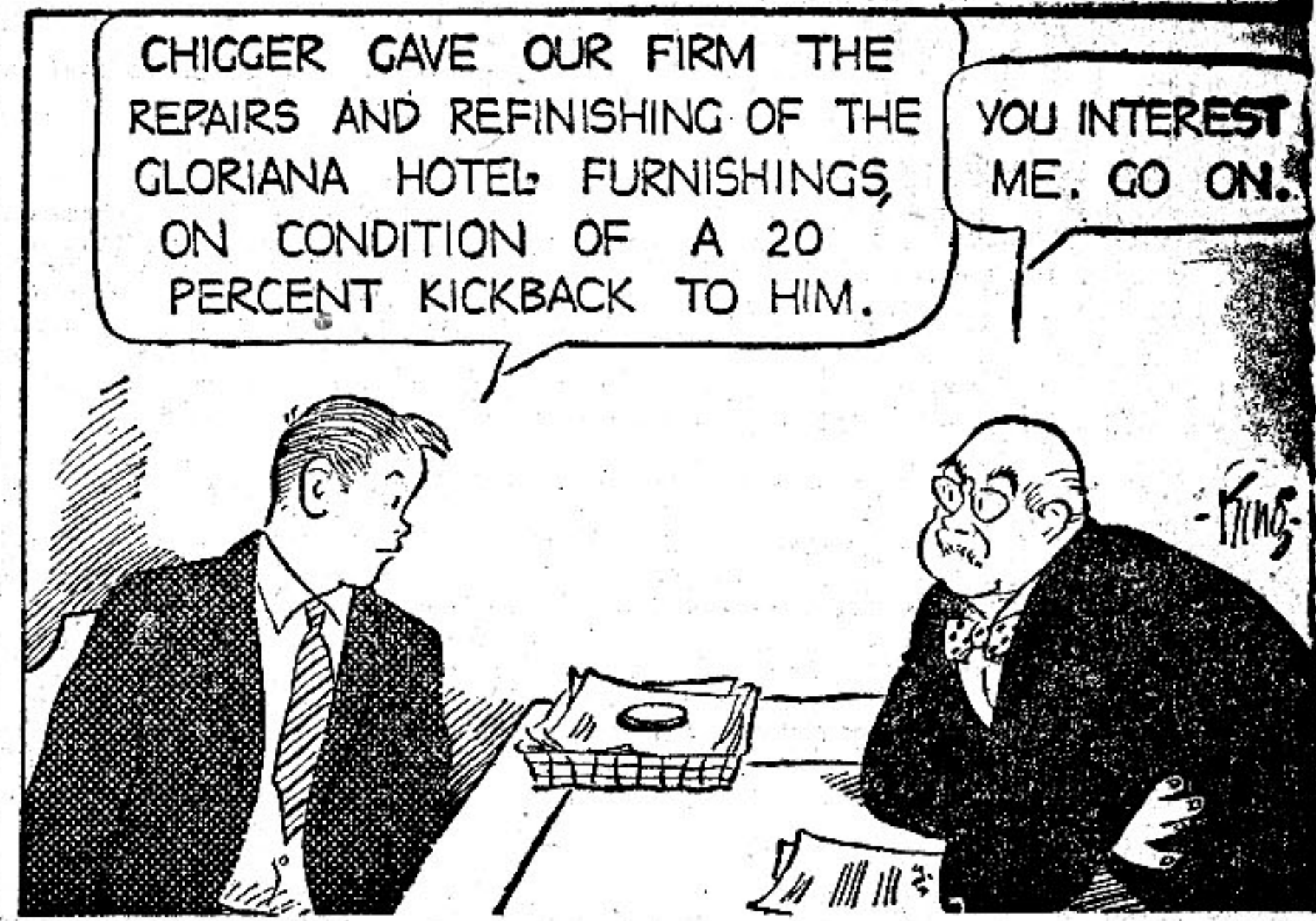
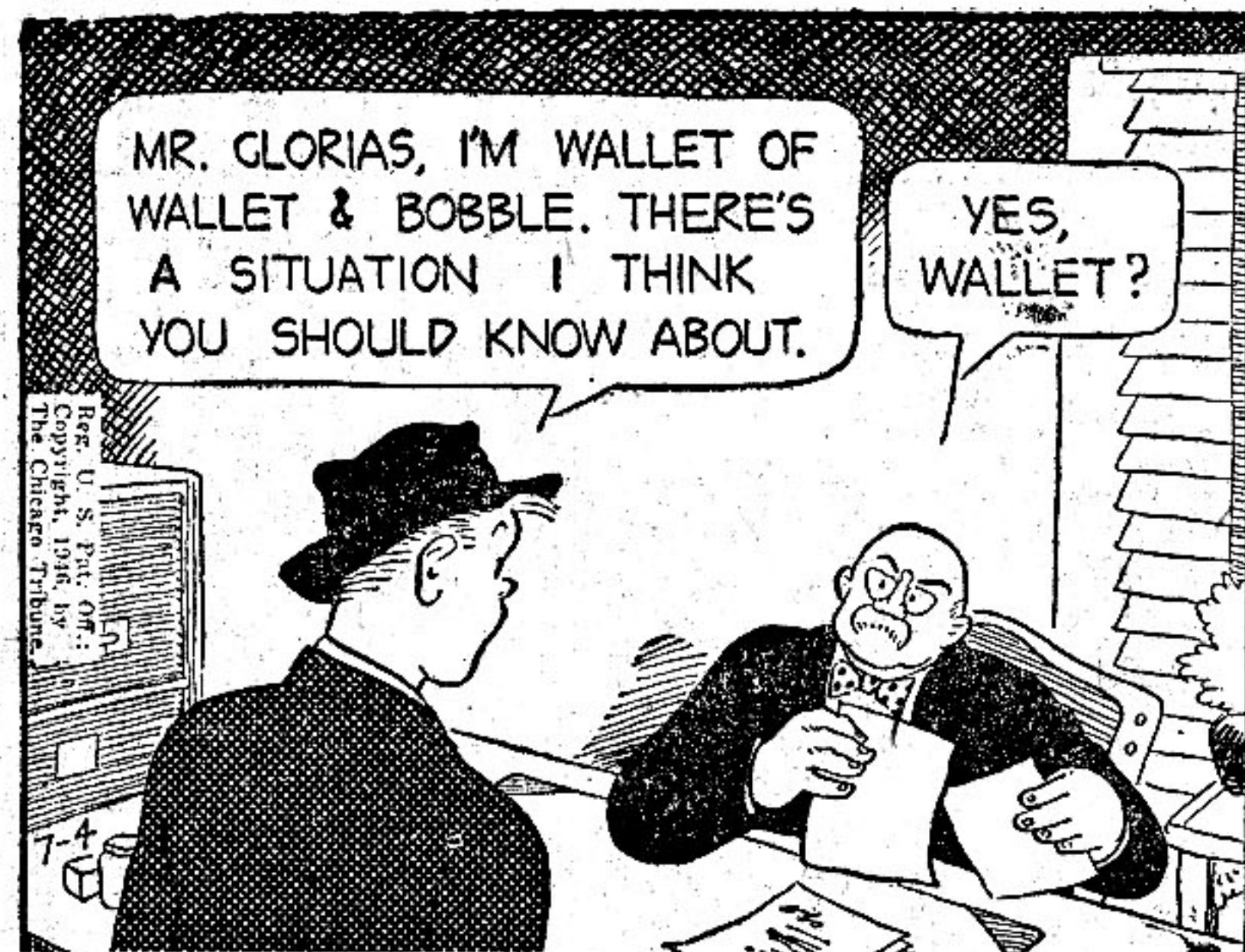
I'M GLAD YOU DID THAT MUCH. IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT GOING AHEAD STRICTLY ON THE UP-AND-UP, WE'LL START OVER.

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SO WALLET & BOBBLE HAVE BEEN GOUGING THE CLORIANA HOTEL AN EXTRA 20 PERCENT FOR CRAFT!

IT WAS YOUR OWN MR. CHIGGER WHO ENGINEERED THE DEAL, MR. GLORIAS.

WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE? HOW COULD THAT GO ON WITHOUT YOUR BEING AWARE OF IT?

HOW COULD CHIGGER PUT IT OVER WITHOUT YOUR KNOWING IT?

ANYWAY, THE CONTRACT IS ALL OFF. WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH THAT KIND OF PEOPLE. WE'LL DEDUCT THE AMOUNT OF CRAFT WHICH HAS BEEN PAID AND REMIT THE BALANCE TO YOU.

I CERTAINLY EXPECTED TO MAKE GOOD ANY LOSS YOU'VE SUFFERED, BUT I DID HOPE WE COULD GO ON WITH THE JOB.

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WALLET OF WALLET & BOBBLE? LISTEN! MAYBE I WAS A BIT HASTY.



YOUR WORK WAS SATISFACTORY. AND I REALIZE IT TOOK SOME CRIT TO ADMIT WHAT YOU DID VESTERDAY.



I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE WITH THE GLORIANA REPAIR JOB. I HAVE ANOTHER SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM.



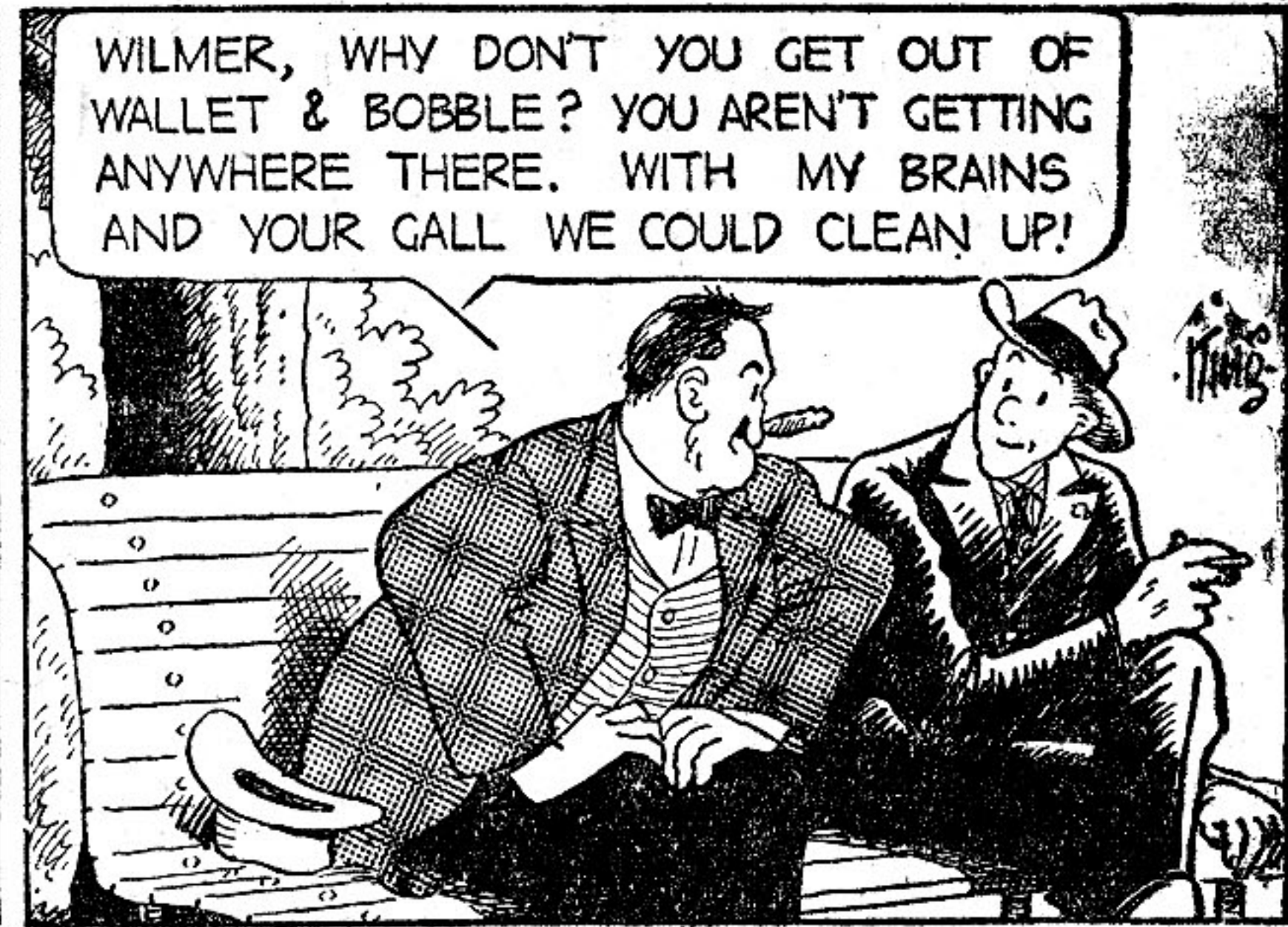
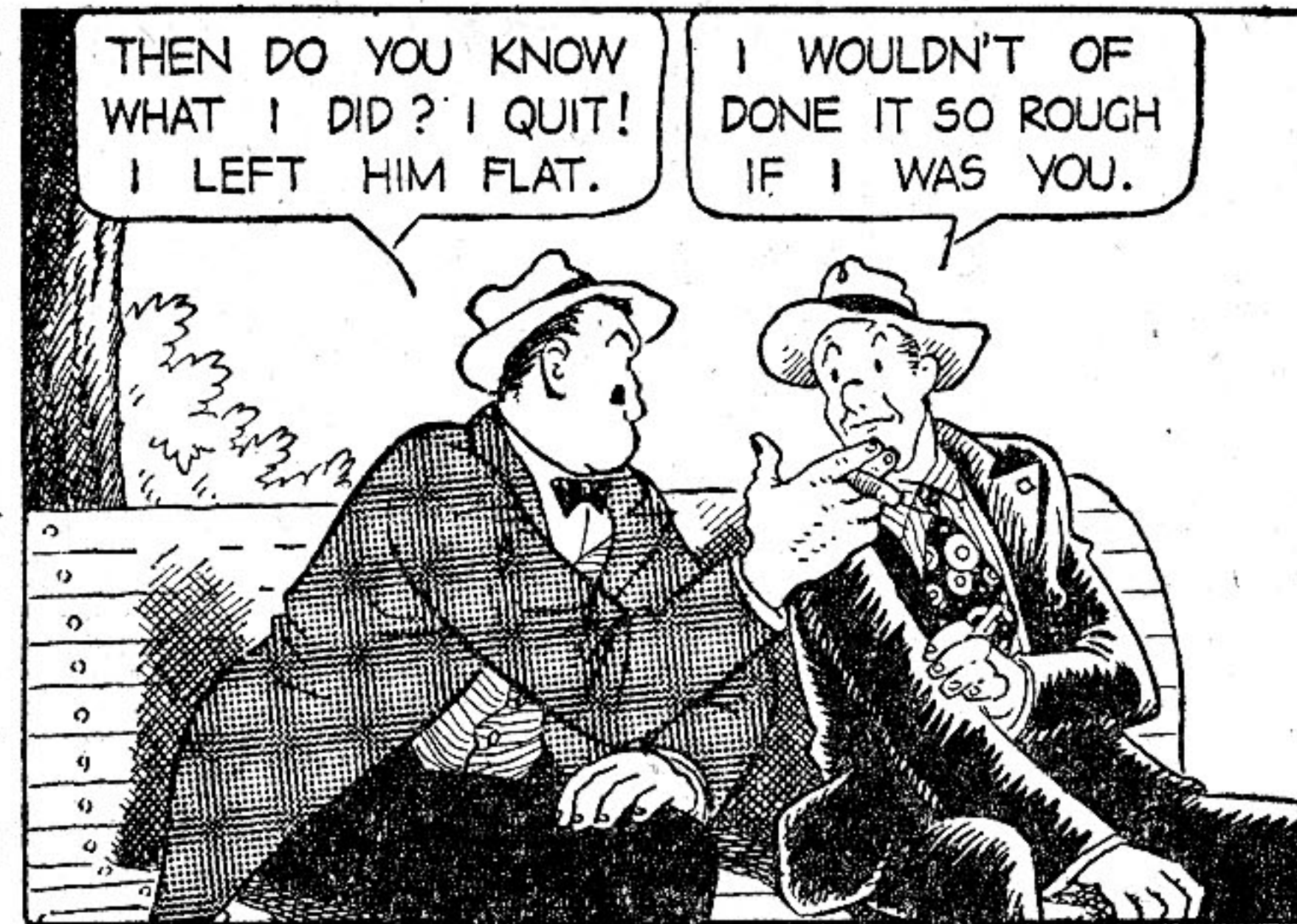
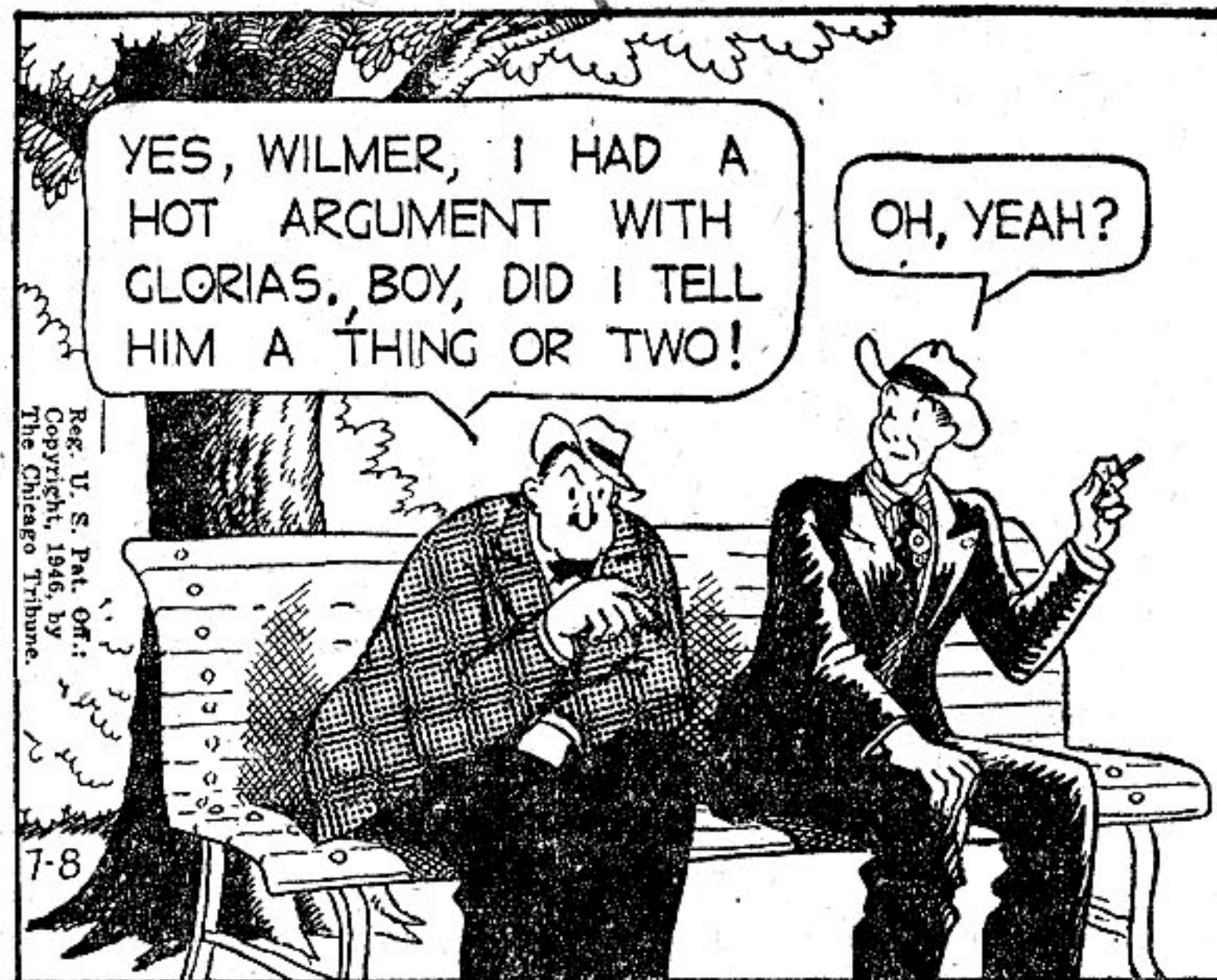
MISS GASKET, SEND MR. CHIGGER IN HERE.



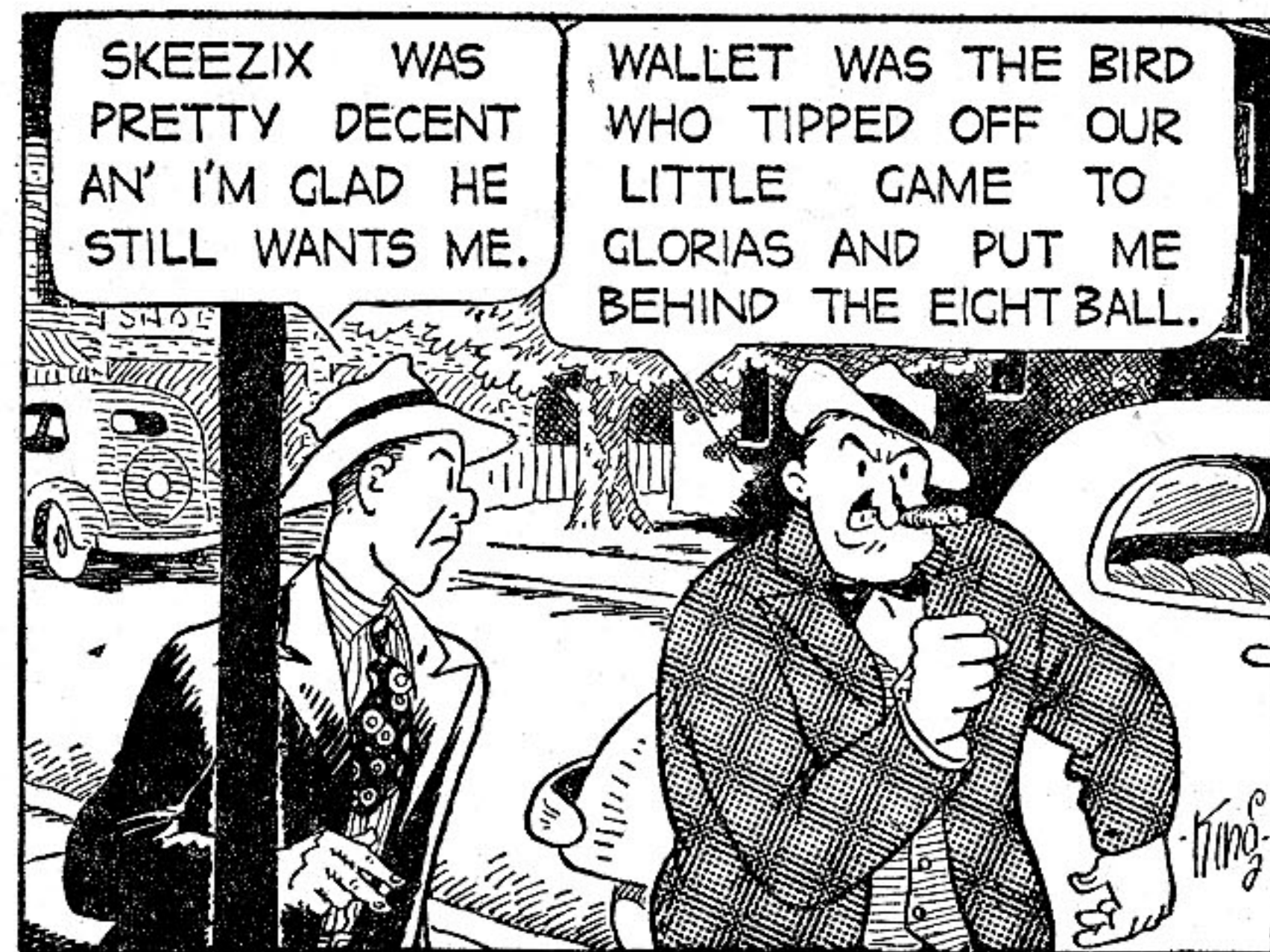
CHIGGER, YOU'RE FIRED!



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WILMER, I'VE ARRANGED MATTERS WITH MR. GLORIAS AND WE'RE GOING AHEAD AS WE DID BEFORE.

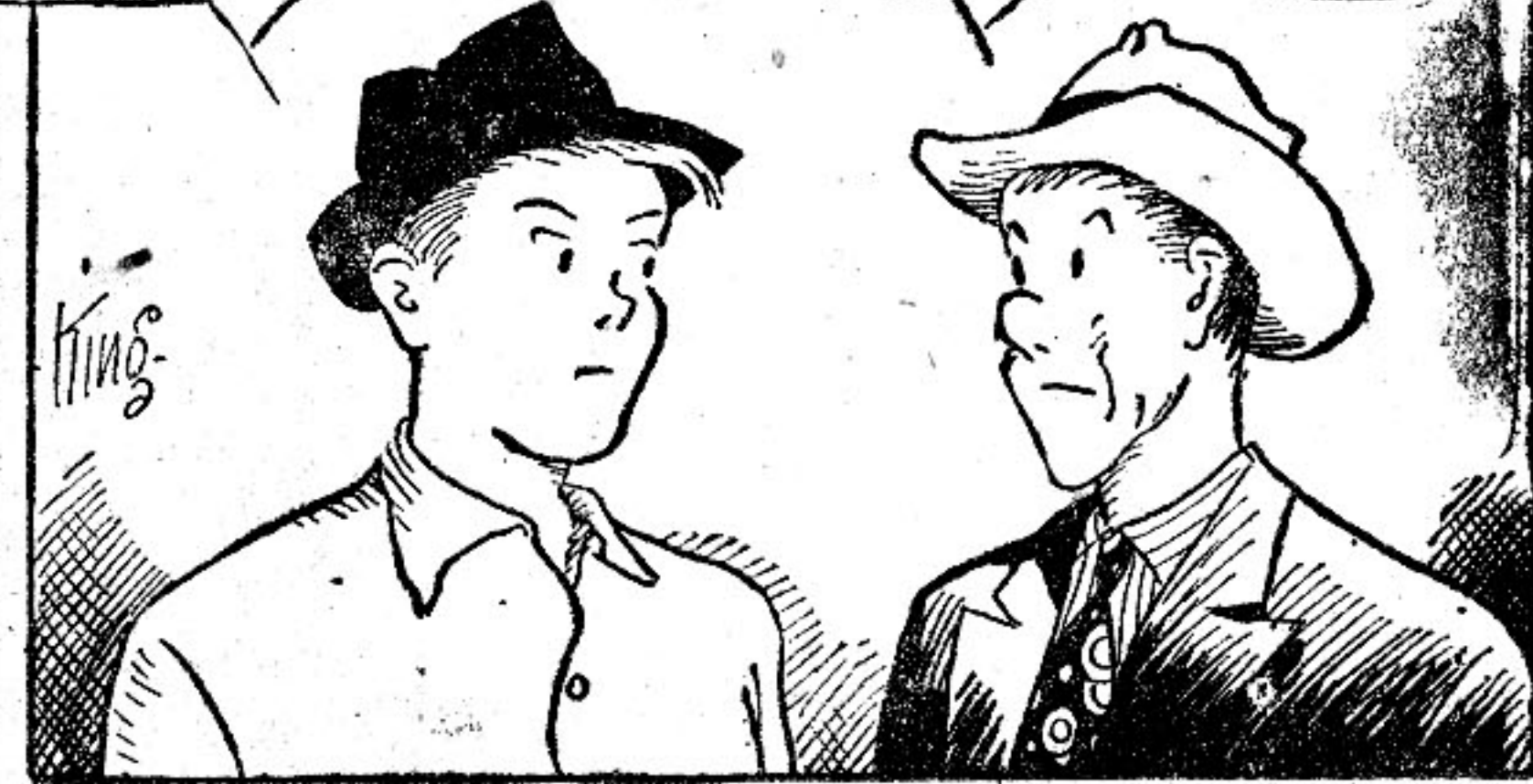
I'M GLAD OF THAT.

WE GET THE SAME PRICES AND THE GLORIANA HOTEL **DOESN'T** HAVE TO PAY THE 20% GRAFT.

I WAS WRONG, SKEEZIX. I ADMIT IT.

YOU SEE THERE ARE BETTER WAYS OF GETTING THINGS DONE THAN BY PLOTTING WITH CHISELERS.

I'M CURED! YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME FROM NOW ON.



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LOOK,
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WILMER HAS REALLY
TAKEN OFF HIS GLAD
RAGS AND GONE TO WORK!



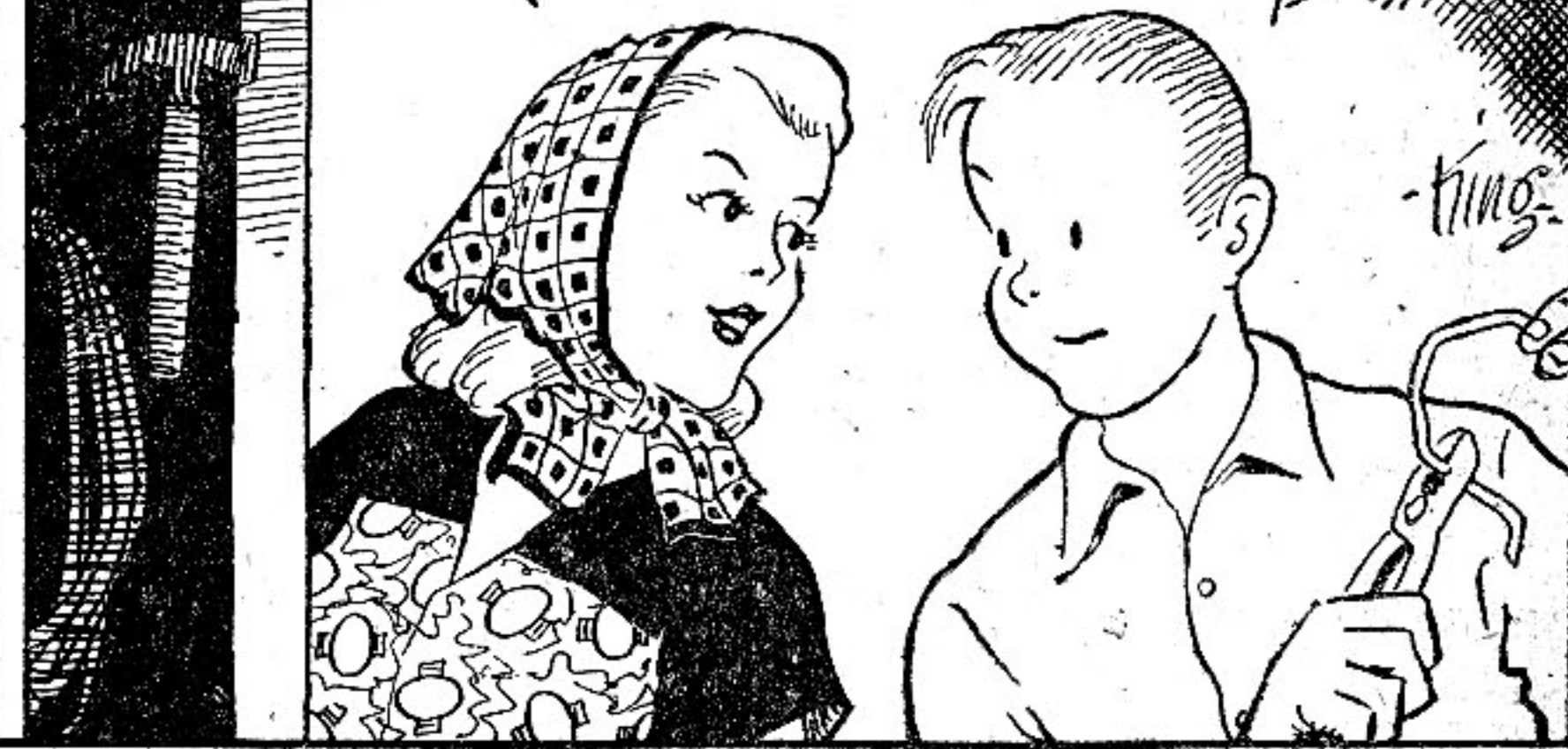
I REALLY THINK HE'S
CHASTENED. HE'S
EVEN WHISTLING!

HE'S HAPPIER THAN
HE'S BEEN FOR
WEEKS. THE STRAIN
IS RELAXED.

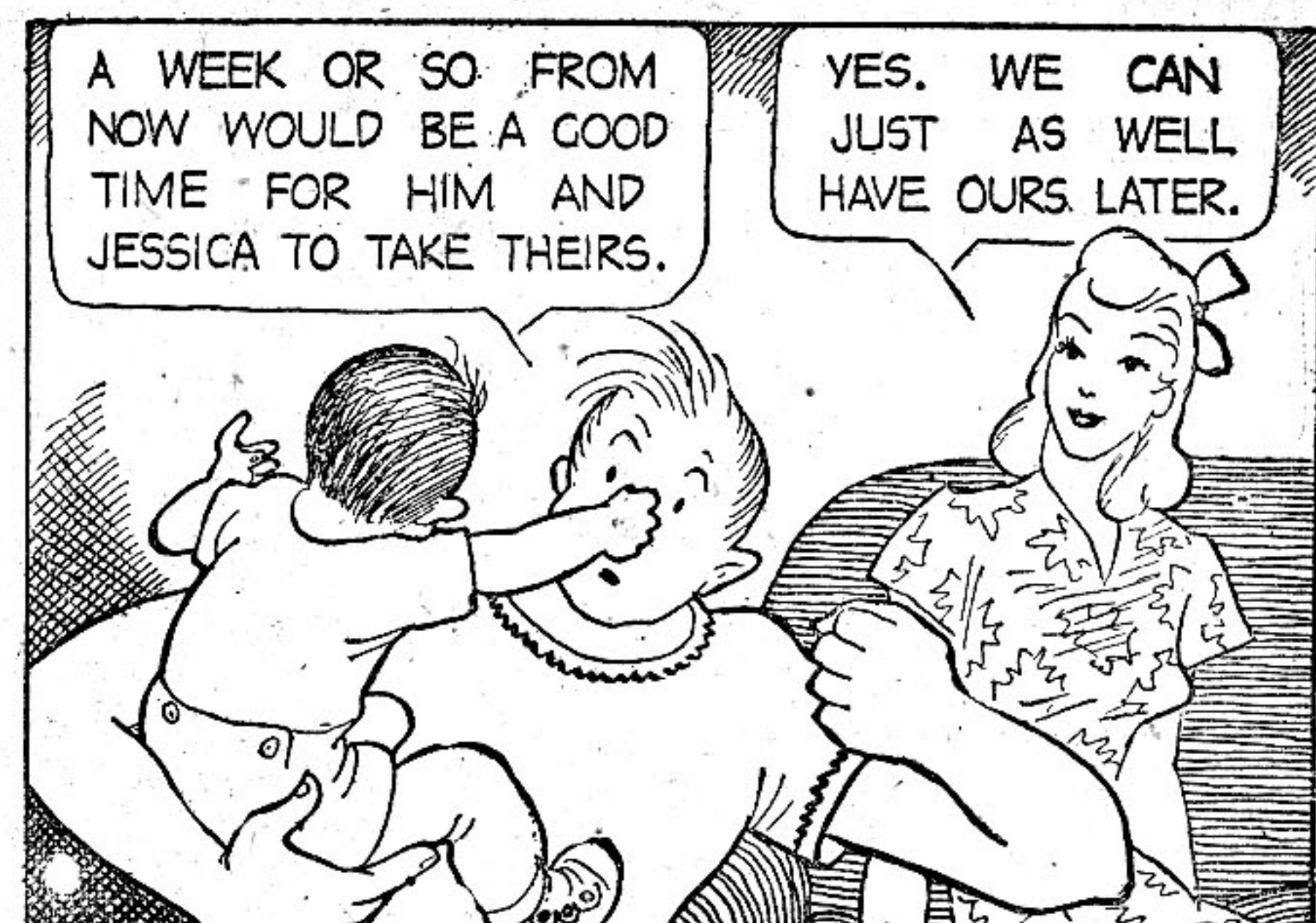
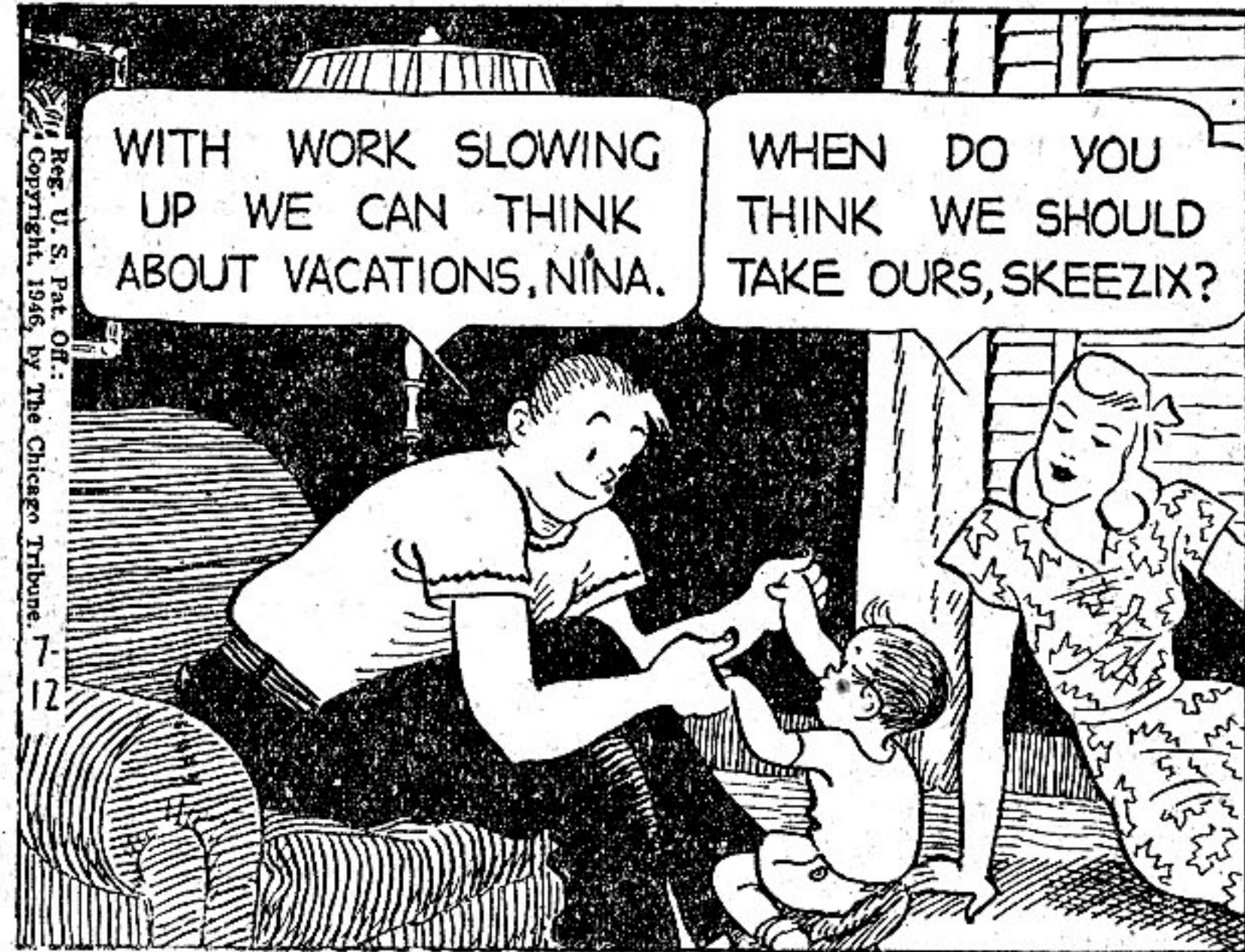


THERE'S A BETTER
SPIRIT IN THE
WHOLE PLACE.

THERE'S NOTHING TO
HOLD US BACK NOW—
EXCEPT THAT WORK
IS SLOWING UP SOME.



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WILMER, HOW WOULD YOU AND JESSICA LIKE TO START YOUR VACATION THE END OF NEXT WEEK?

WE'RE IN NO HURRY, SKEEZIX. BUT THAT WOULD BE OKAY.

GO AHEAD AND PLAN ON IT. WE'D JUST AS SOON HAVE OURS LATER.

I'LL TALK TO JESSICA. BUT SHE ALWAYS LEAVES THOSE THINGS UP TO ME.

IT WOULD BE SWELL, WILMER. BUT WE HAVEN'T A CAR. WE COULDN'T GO VERY FAR.

I'VE GOT A HUNCH, JESSICA. I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET UNCLE PERT TO LOOSEN UP.

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I SPENT SOME TIME
DICKERING WITH UNCLE
PERT ABOUT HIS CAR
YESTERDAY, JESSICA.

I'LL BET YOU
DIDN'T GET
ANYWHERE,
WILMER.

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THAT'S WHERE YOU
GUESSED WRONG. WE'RE
GOING TO RENT IT!

DID HE WANT
A POUND OF
FLESH FOR EVERY
HUNDRED MILES?



HE WASN'T SO BAD.
HE STARTED HIGH AN'
I STARTED LOW. WE
MET IN THE MIDDLE
AT 8 CENTS A MILE.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, BUT
WE'D BETTER NOT GET ANY
RAINDROPS ON THE CAR!

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WHERE DO YOU THINK WE'LL GO ON OUR VACATION, WILMER?

TO THE NORTH LAKES COUNTRY. I'VE GOT TO GET ME SOME GOOD FISHIN'.



AND YOU KNOW, JESSICA, WE'RE GOING TO DRIVE A PRETTY RITZY CAR. WE'VE GOT TO LIVE UP TO IT.

I'VE BEEN WORKING HARD AT THE PLANT AND AT HOME. WHAT I WANT TO DO IS REST.



WE CAN REST AN' STILL PUT ON SOME DOG. YOU CAN'T IMPRESS PEOPLE WITHOUT THE PROPER CLOTHES.

I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD DRESS THE PART.

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THIS IS THE LAST WORD IN
DISTINCTION. ARISTOCRATIC
WITHOUT BEING SNOBBISH.

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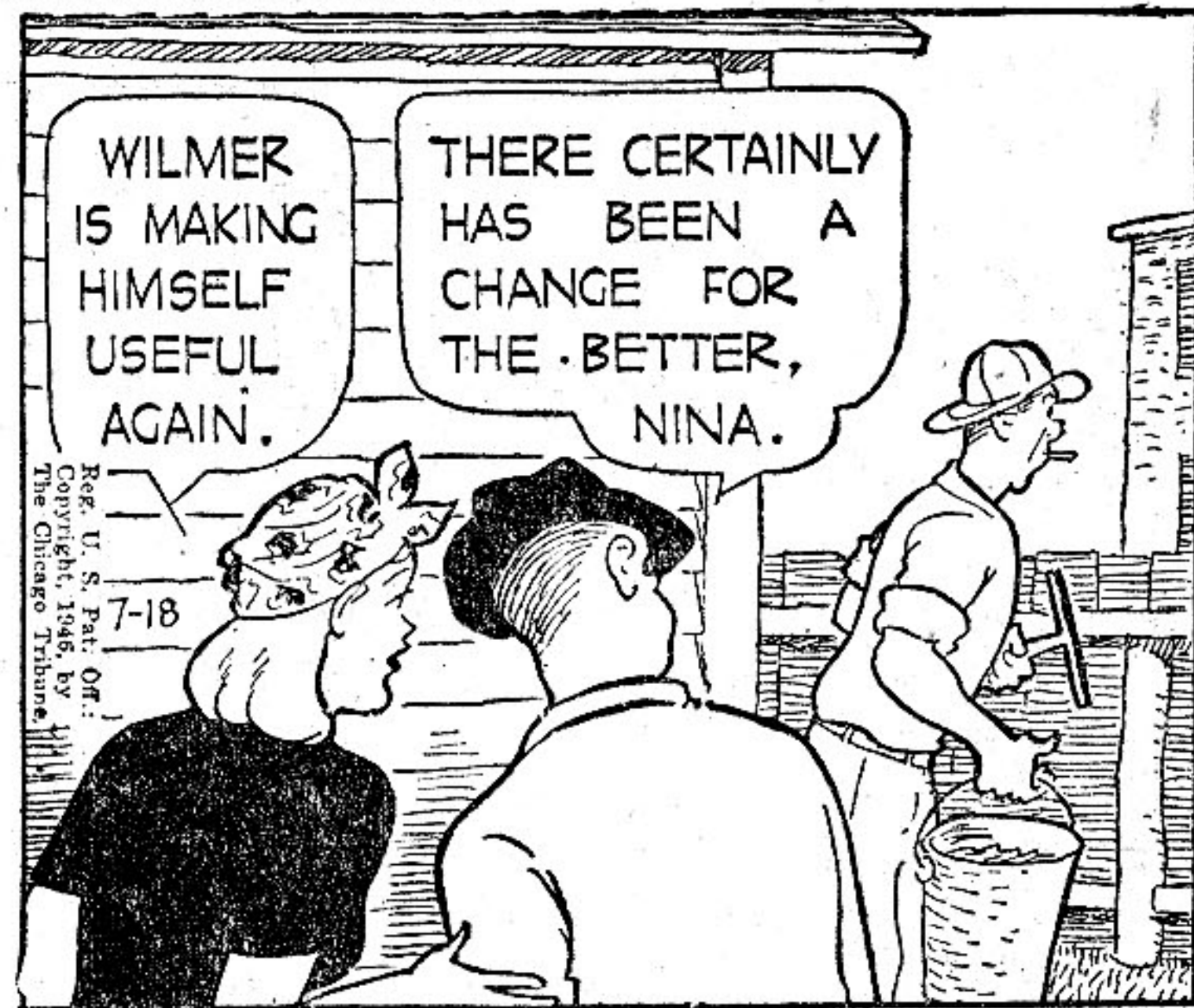
AND THIS HEADGEAR IS
DELIGHTFULLY RAKISH—
RISQUE, SHALL I SAY?

OF COURSE, NO GENTLEMAN
FISHES — OR CARRIES A
ROD — WITHOUT BOOTS.

IT'S CLASS ALL RIGHT!
THEY ALL GIVE ME
THE UP-AN'-DOWN!

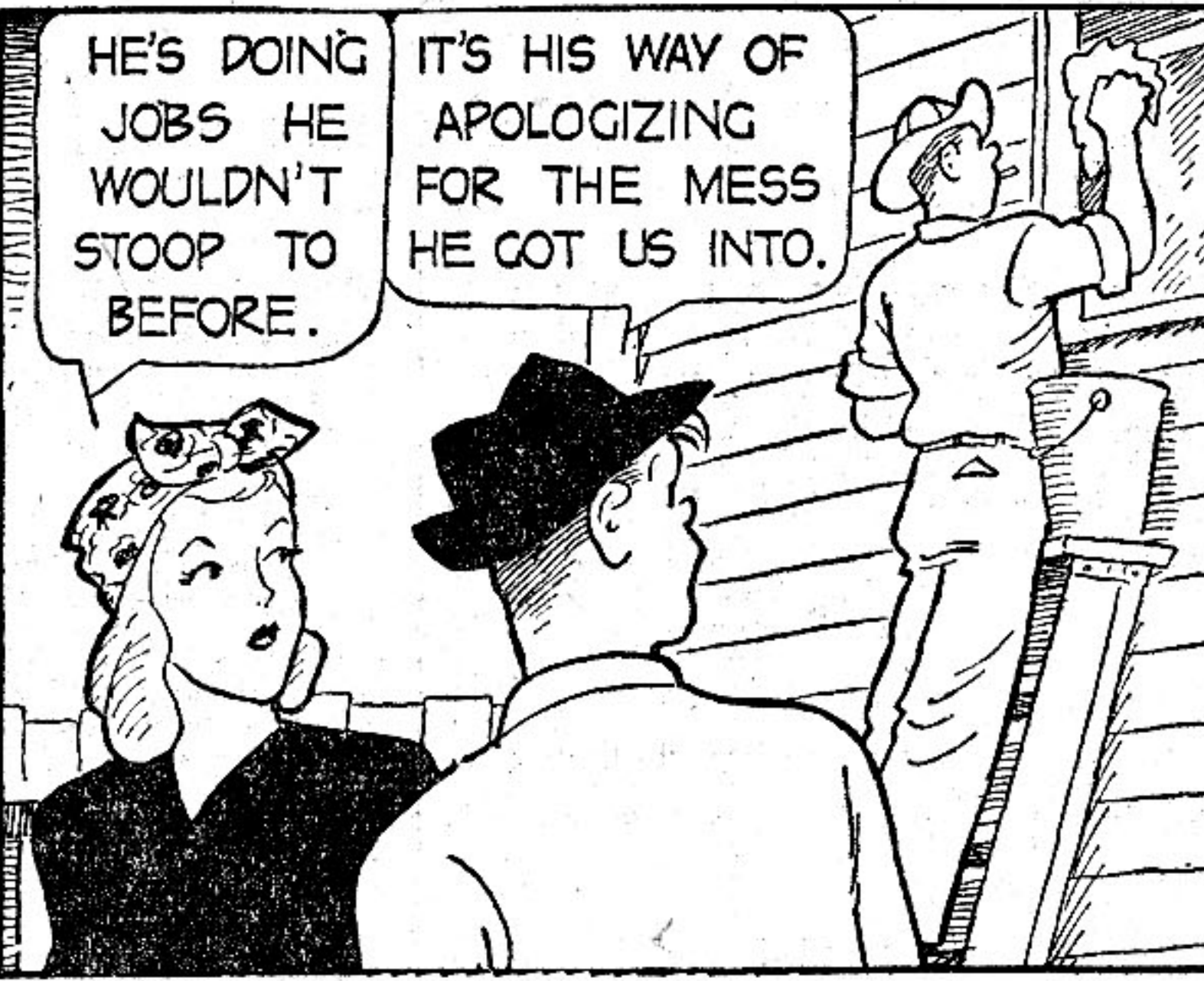
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WILMER IS MAKING HIMSELF USEFUL AGAIN.

THERE CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, NINA.



HE'S DOING JOBS HE WOULDN'T STOOP TO BEFORE.

IT'S HIS WAY OF APOLOGIZING FOR THE MESS HE GOT US INTO.



GETTIN' CAUGHT IN A CROOKED DEAL SURE TOOK SOME COCKINESS OUT OF BOBBLE. HE'S ALMOST HUMAN AGAIN.

THERE'S SUCH A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MR. WALLET AND MR. BOBBLE. I'VE WONDERED HOW THEY EVER CAME TO GO IN TOGETHER.

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ARE YOU GOING TO WORK HERE NOW, CORKY?

I'M LEARNIN' TO FILL IN DURIN' VACATIONS, BIX.

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YOU JUST GOT OUT OF SCHOOL. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE TAKING A VACATION YOURSELF.

THIS IS JUST AS GOOD. IT'S A CHANGE AN' I NEED SOME DOUGH.



YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HERE SO LONG. I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'LL GET ONE

I HAD PLENTY — IN THE HOSPITAL AND LOOKING FOR A JOB FOR ME WORKING IS BETTER THAN ANY VACATION

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WE'RE READY FOR THE CAR, UNCLE PERT. HERE'S MY \$20 DEPOSIT.

OKAY, WILMER. REMEMBER TO KEEP HER OUT OF THE RAIN AN' DON'T DRIVE HER OVER 40.

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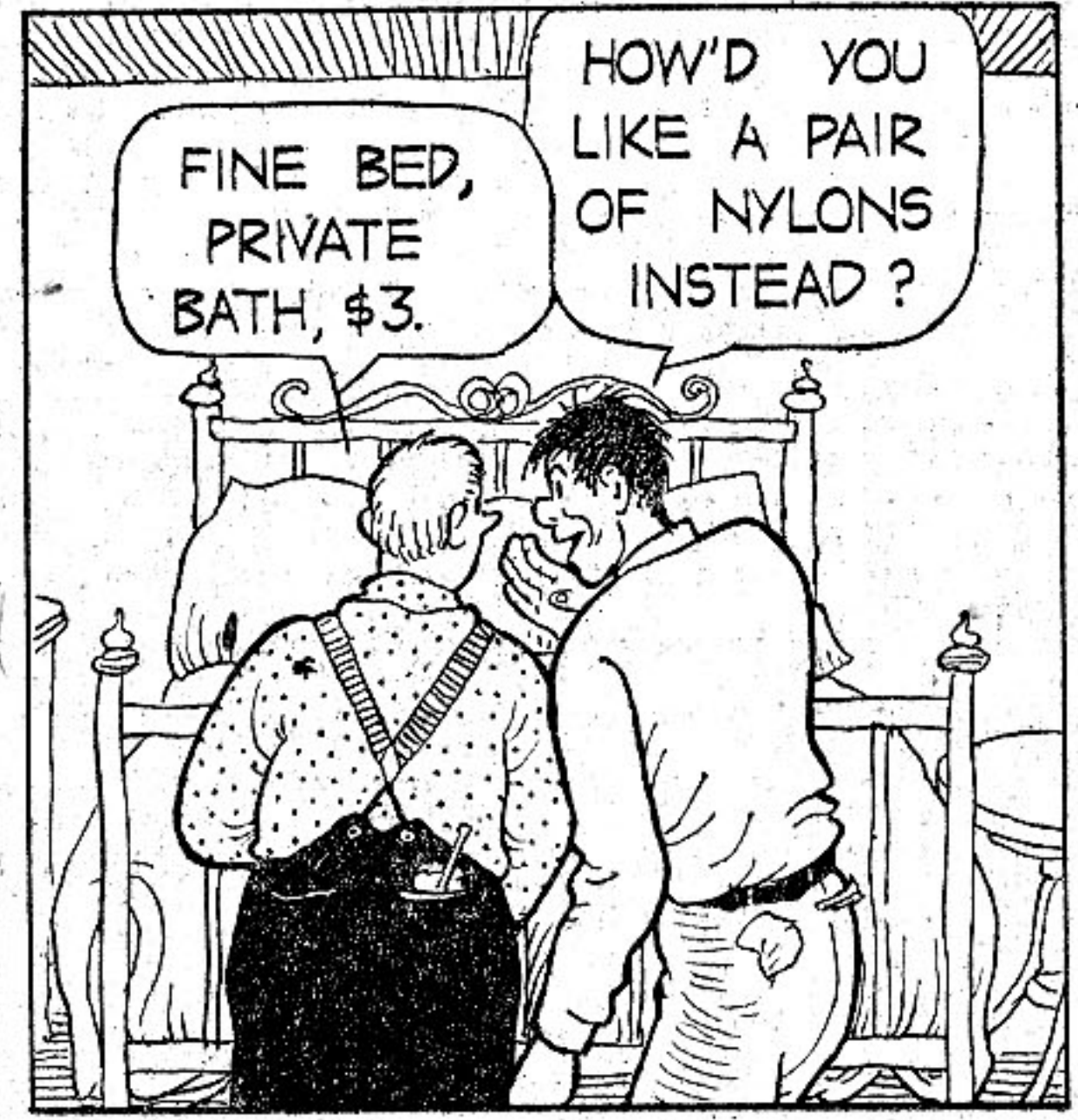
KEEP 31 POUNDS OF AIR IN THE TIRES AN' PUT IN A QUART OF OIL EVERY TUESDAY AN' FRIDAY.

GOSH, NOW IT REALLY SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GOIN' ON A VACATION!

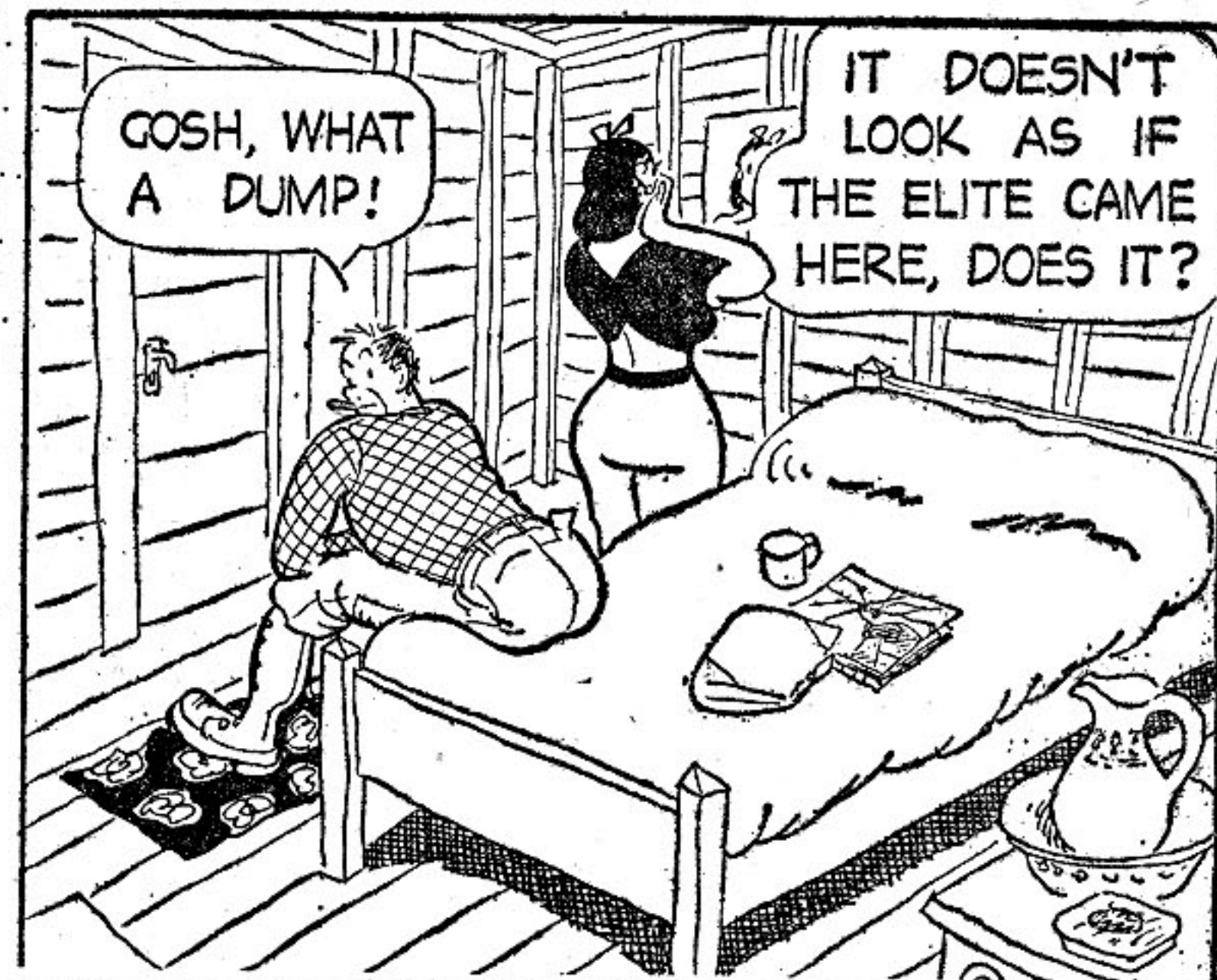
IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE SO MUCH FISHING TACKLE, WILMER, I COULD TAKE AN EXTRA PAIR OF SHOES.

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I LOOKED 'EM ALL OVER, JESSICA, AN' THERE'S ONLY ONE COUPLE WORTH BRACIN'.

YOU MEAN THE WIRPS? THEY MIGHT HIGH-HAT US.

MR. WIRP, I'M MR. BOBBLE, AN' THIS IS THE MISSUS. WE THOUGHT WE'D SPEAK TO YOU.

GLAD YOU DID, BOBBLE. MEET THE WIFE.

PLEASD TA MEET YA.

YOU LOOKED LIKE THE KIND OF FOLKS WE'D CARE TO KNOW. THAT'S WHY I BUTTED IN.

DON'T MENTION IT. IT'S FUNNY, BUT THAT'S WHAT WE SAID ABOUT YOU.

YEAH, WE SAID YOU WERE THE ONLY OTHER ONES AROUND THIS JOINT WITH ANY CLASS.

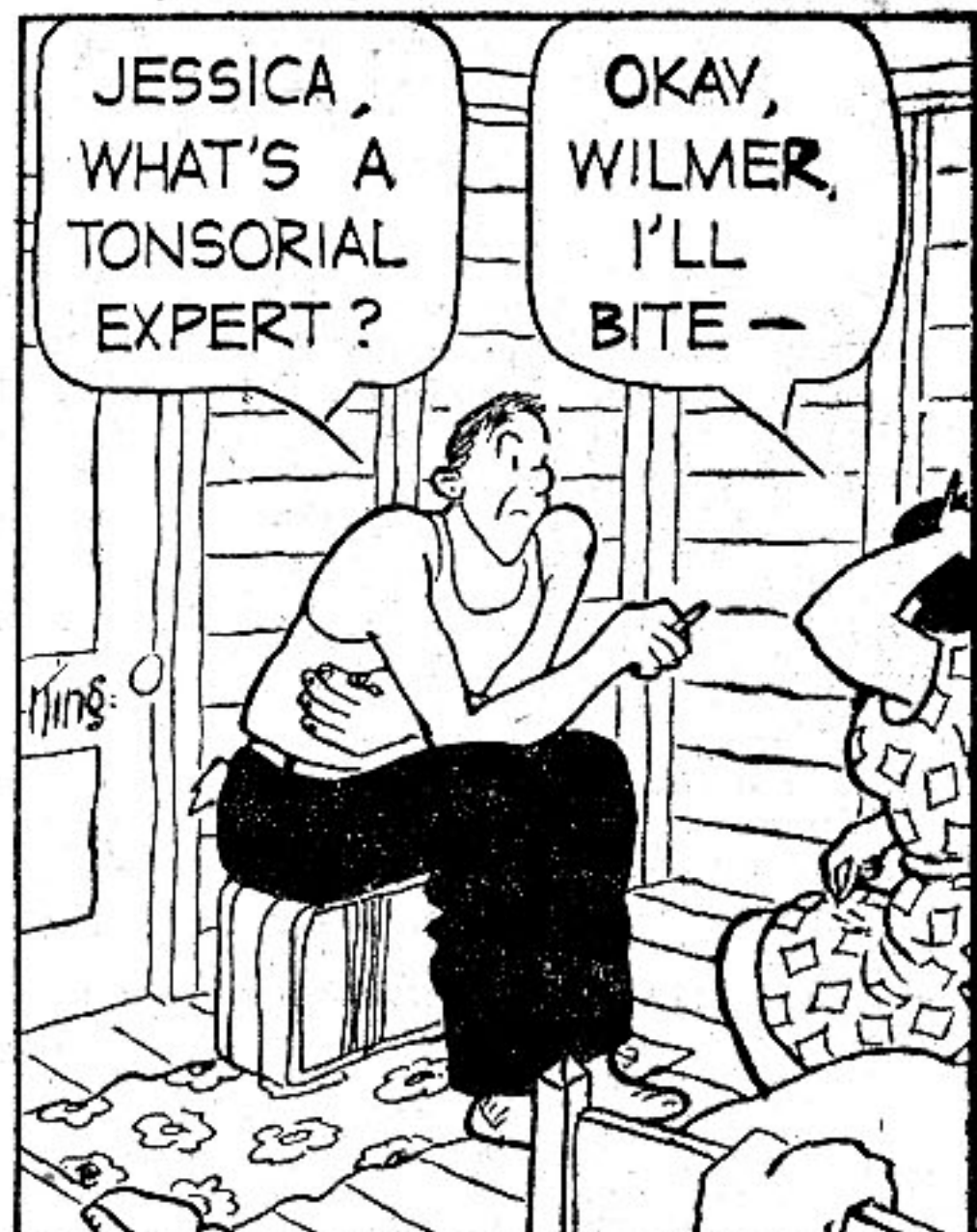
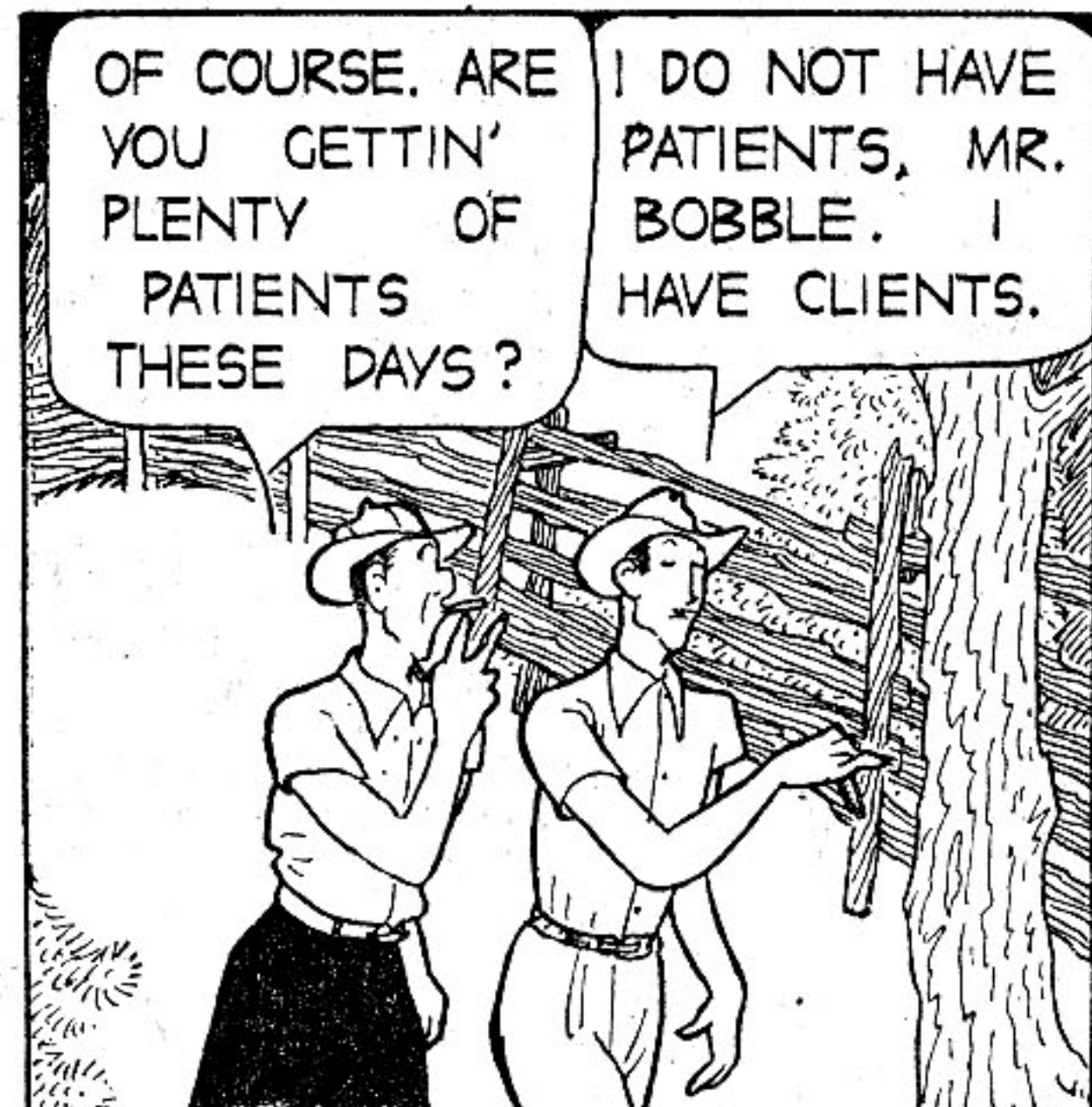
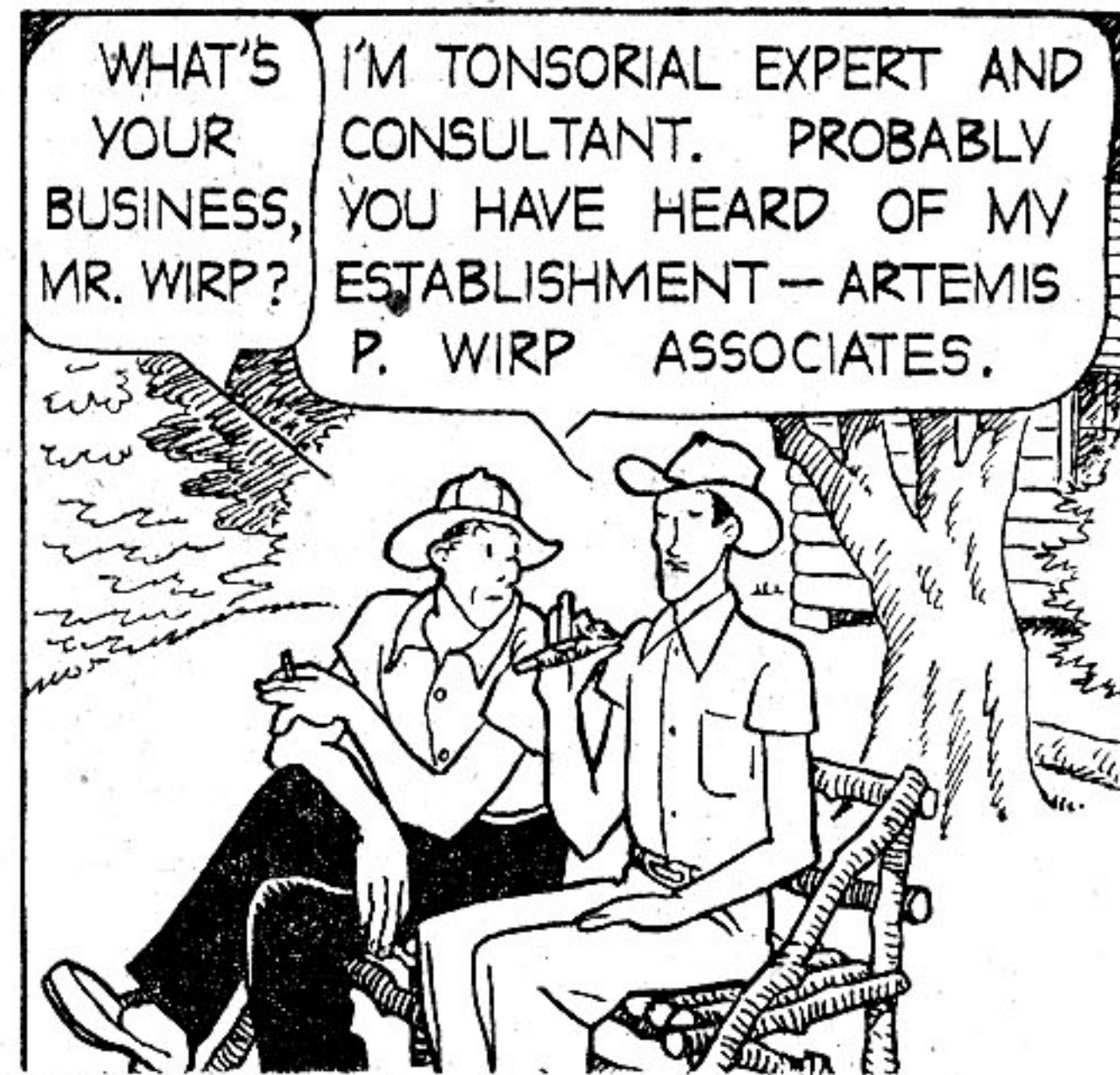
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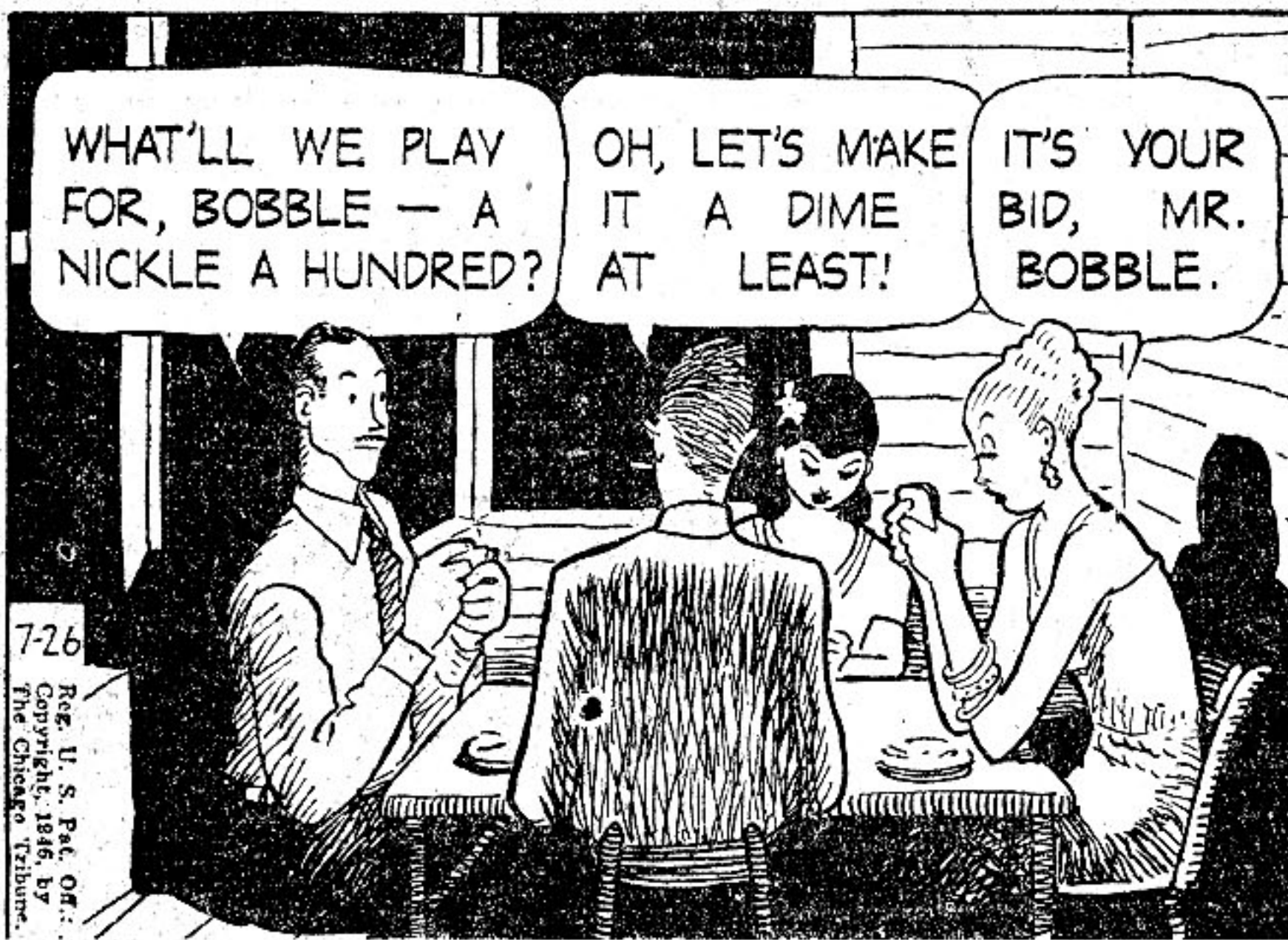
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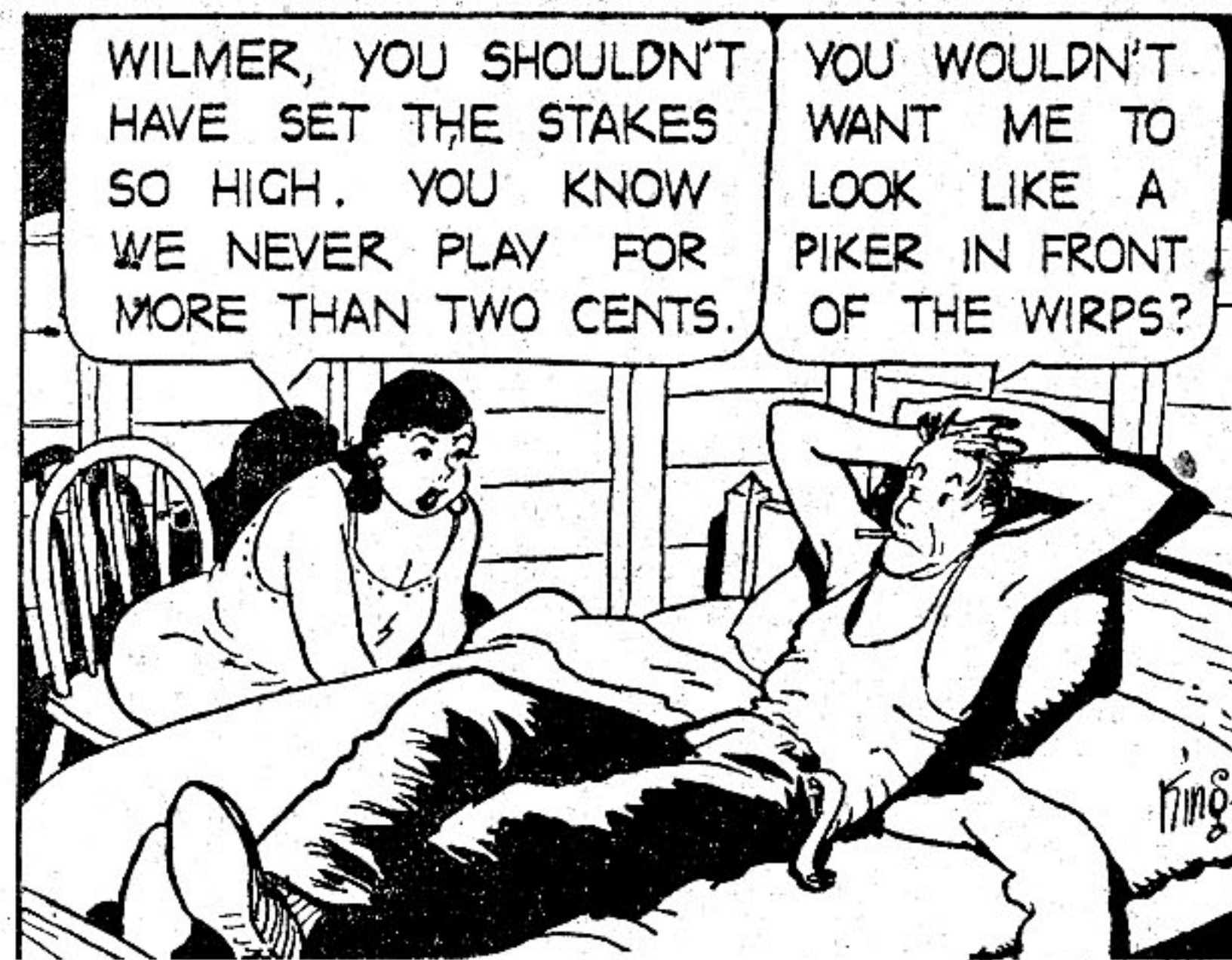


WHAT'LL WE PLAY FOR, BOBBLE — A NICKLE A HUNDRED?

OH, LET'S MAKE IT A DIME AT LEAST!

IT'S YOUR BID, MR. BOBBLE.

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WILMER, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SET THE STAKES SO HIGH. YOU KNOW WE NEVER PLAY FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTS.

YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO LOOK LIKE A PIKER IN FRONT OF THE WIRPS?



WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE \$6.65. BUT WE DID.

AN' WHY, JESSICA? BECAUSE YOU STILL INSIST ON PLAYIN' A HIGH STAKE GAME THE SAME AS IF IT WAS FOR FUN. I GIVE UP!

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I'VE BEEN HERE
A WEEK, WIRP,
AND HAVEN'T
WET A LINE.

I HAVE SOME EXCELLENT
EQUIPMENT WHICH
HASN'T BEEN USED,
EITHER, BOBBLE.

SAY WE GET A BOAT
TOMORROW. AN' OF
COURSE, WE'LL HAVE
TO HAVE A GUIDE.

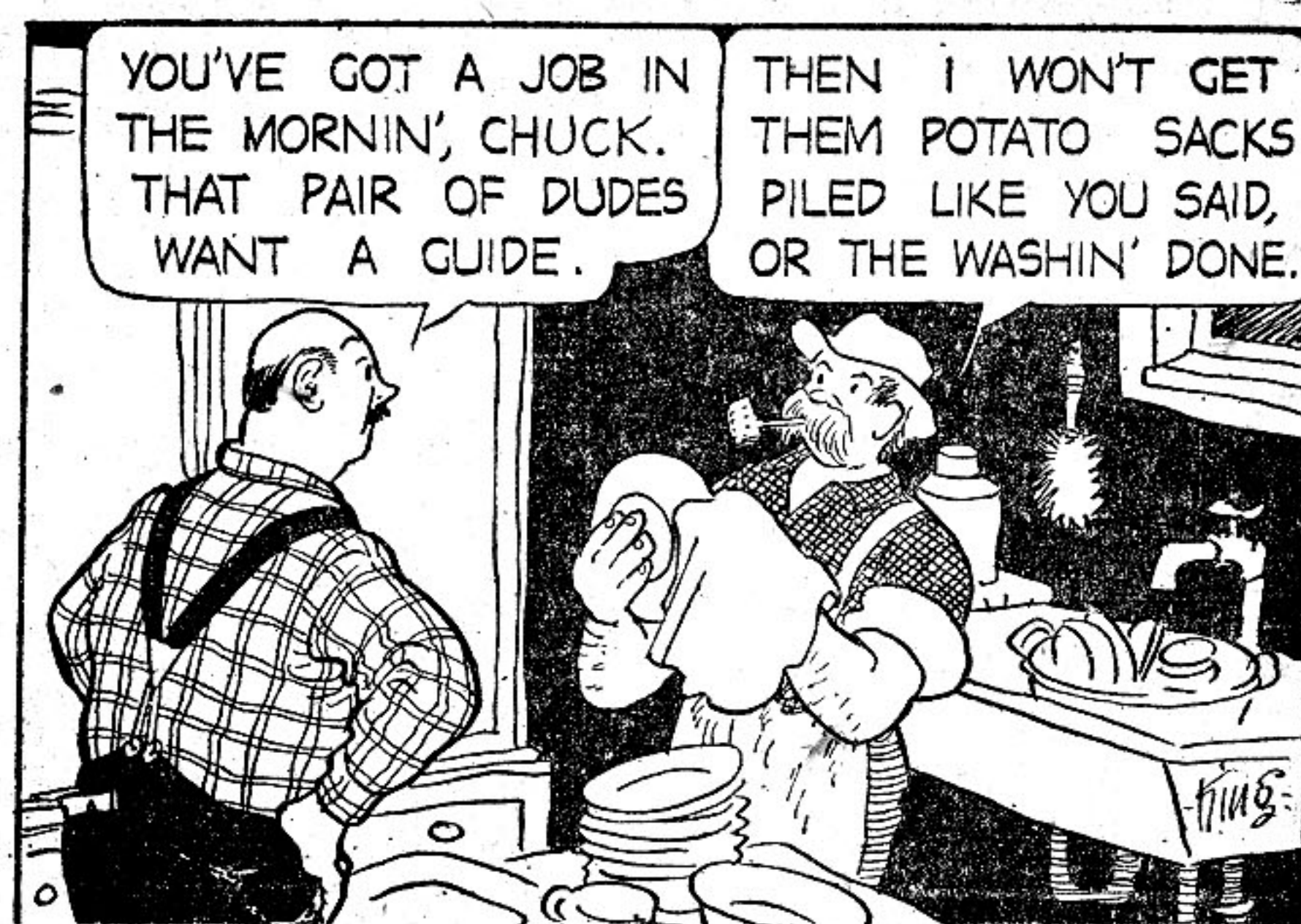
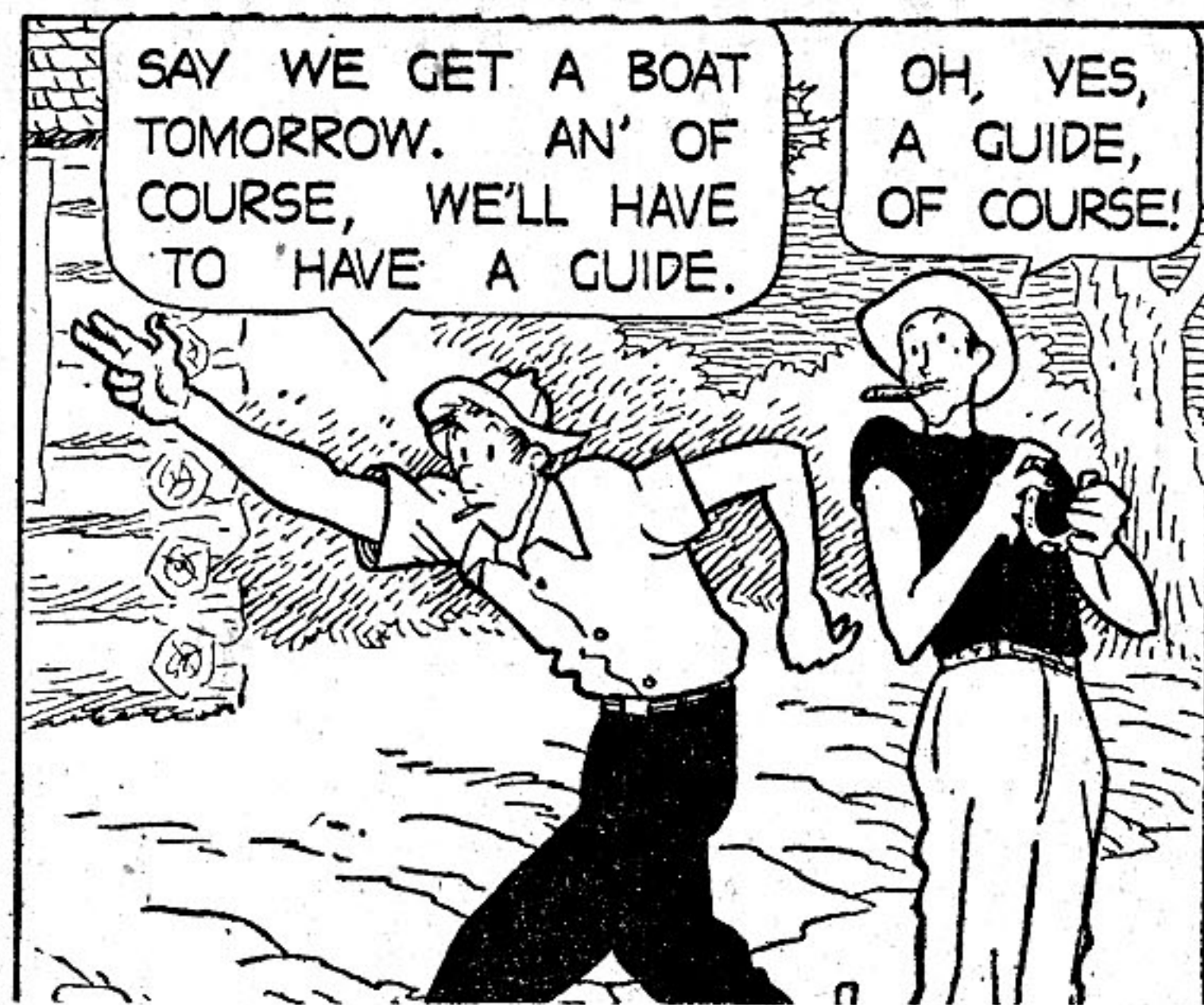
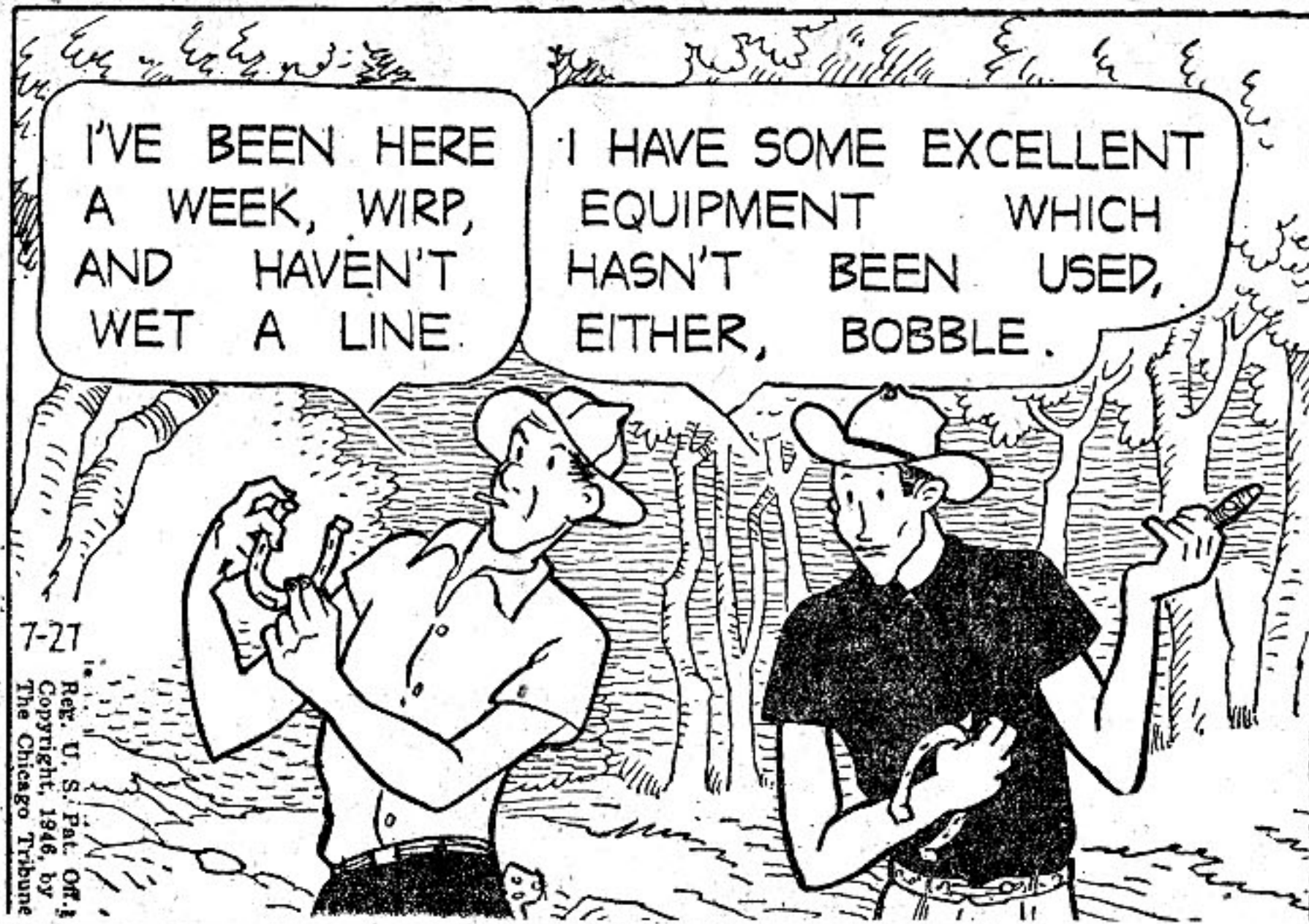
OH, YES,
A GUIDE,
OF COURSE!

YOU'VE GOT A JOB IN
THE MORNIN', CHUCK.
THAT PAIR OF DUDES
WANT A GUIDE.

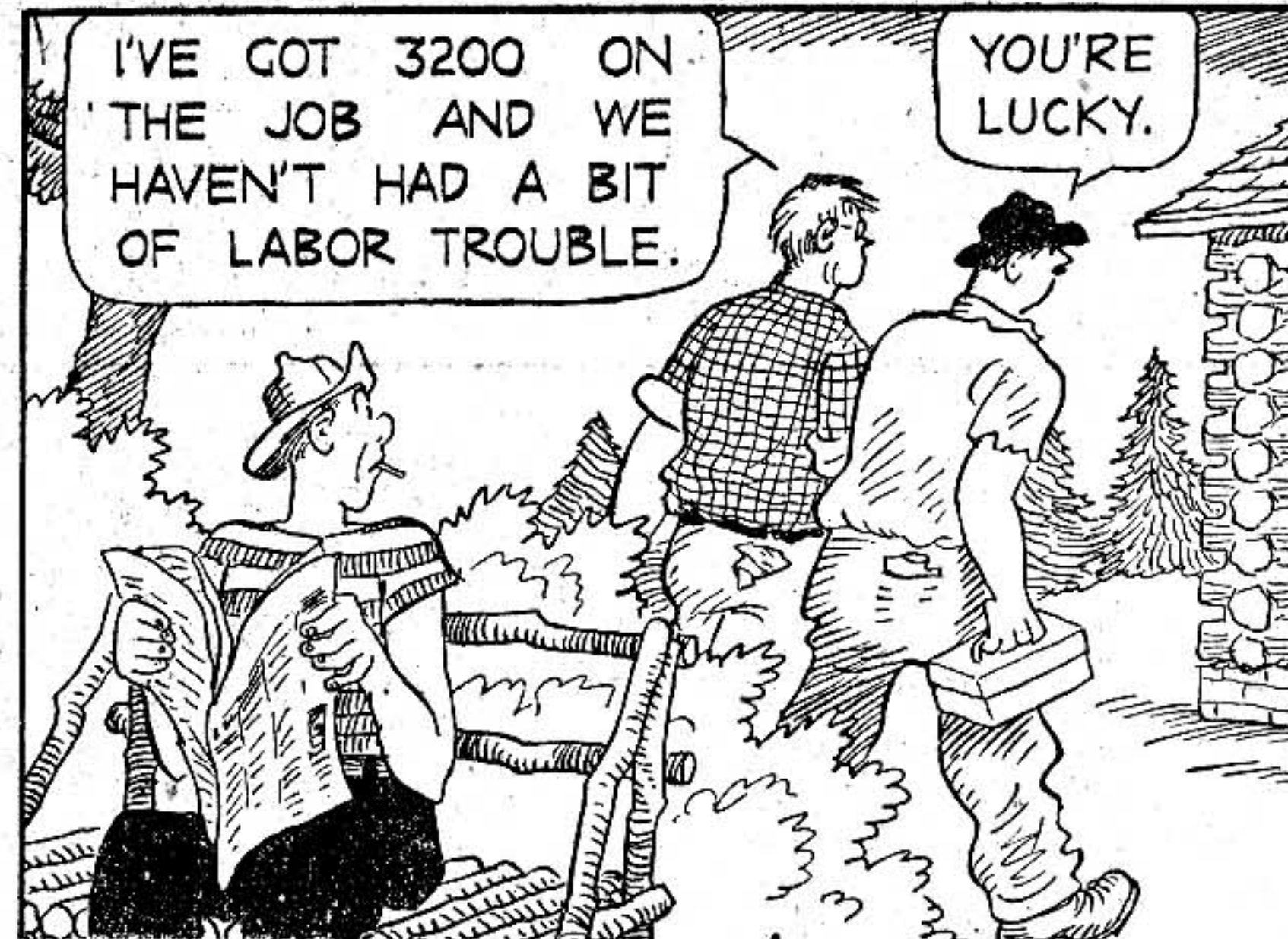
THEN I WON'T GET
THEM POTATO SACKS
PILED LIKE YOU SAID,
OR THE WASHIN' DONE.

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I OVERHEARD OL JONES AN' OL' BICKER TALKIN', JESSICA. THEY'RE BOTH BIG INDUSTRIALISTS!

THAT PAIR? THEY CERTAINLY DON'T LOOK IT, WILMER.

THEY FOOLED ME. BUT I TALKED TO CHUCK AN' HE SAYS THEY'RE IMPORTANT MANUFACTURERS.

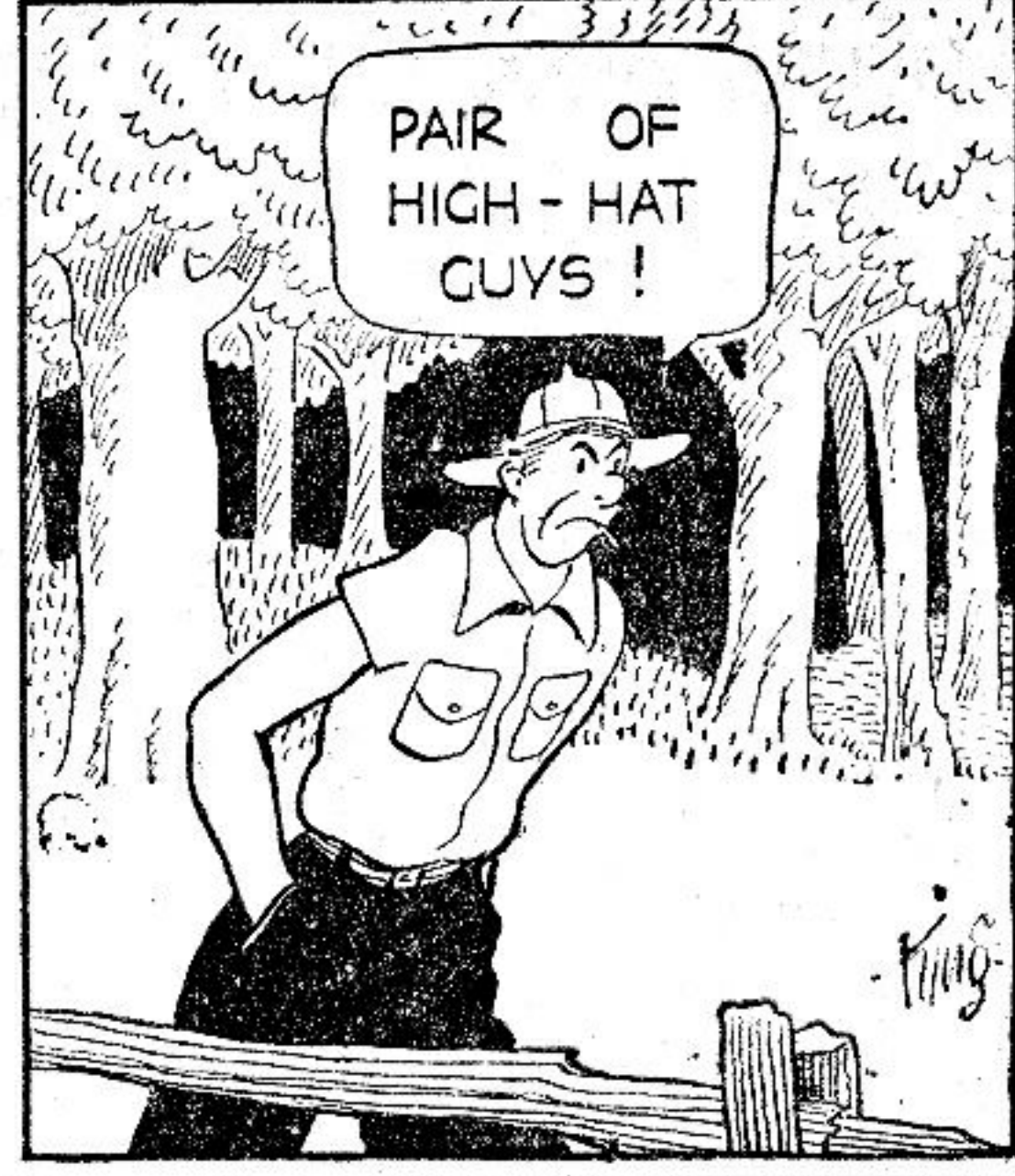
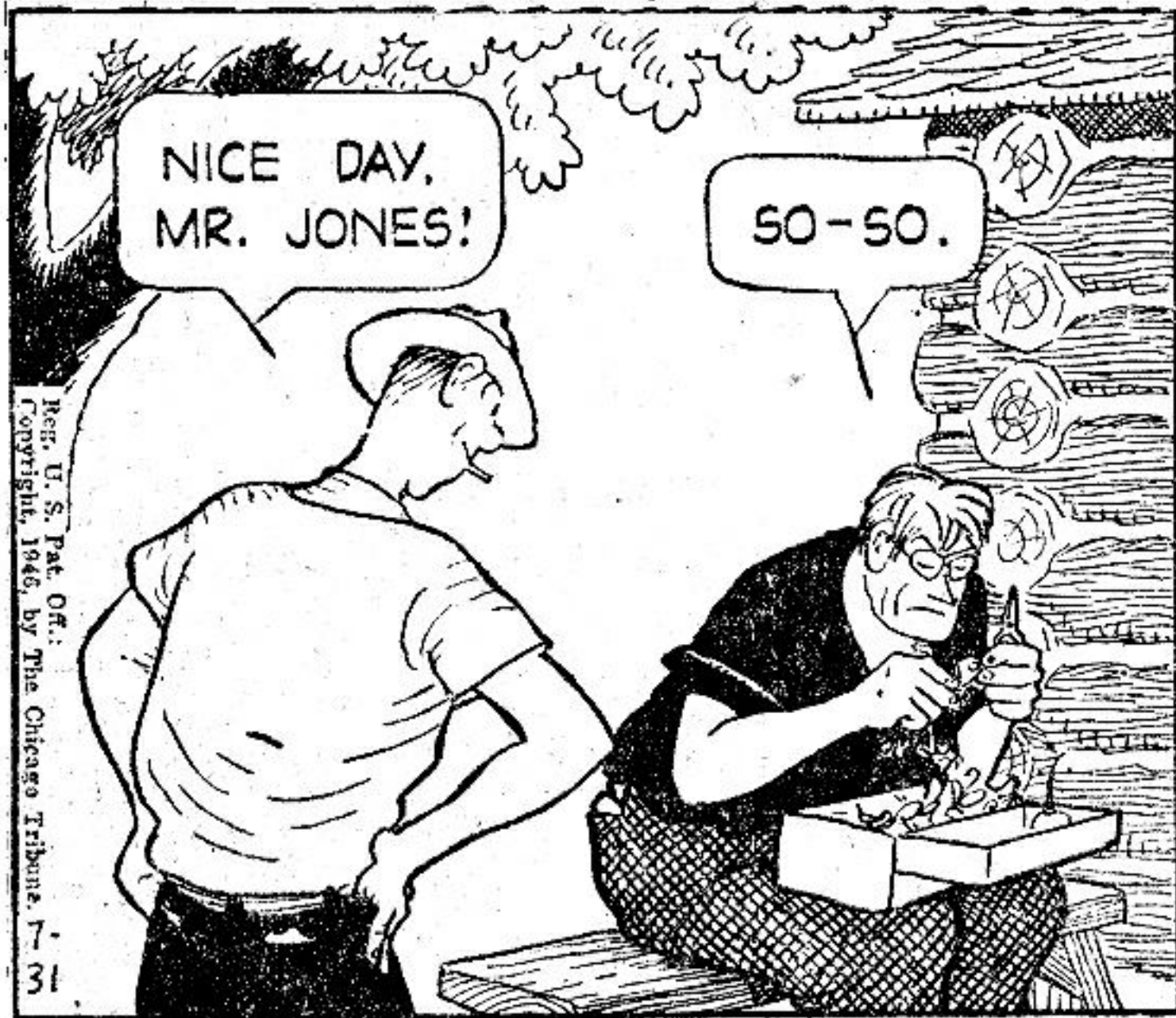
THEY SURE DON'T DRESS THE PART.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE BEEN OVERLOOKIN' A BET IN NOT CULTIVATIN' 'EM.

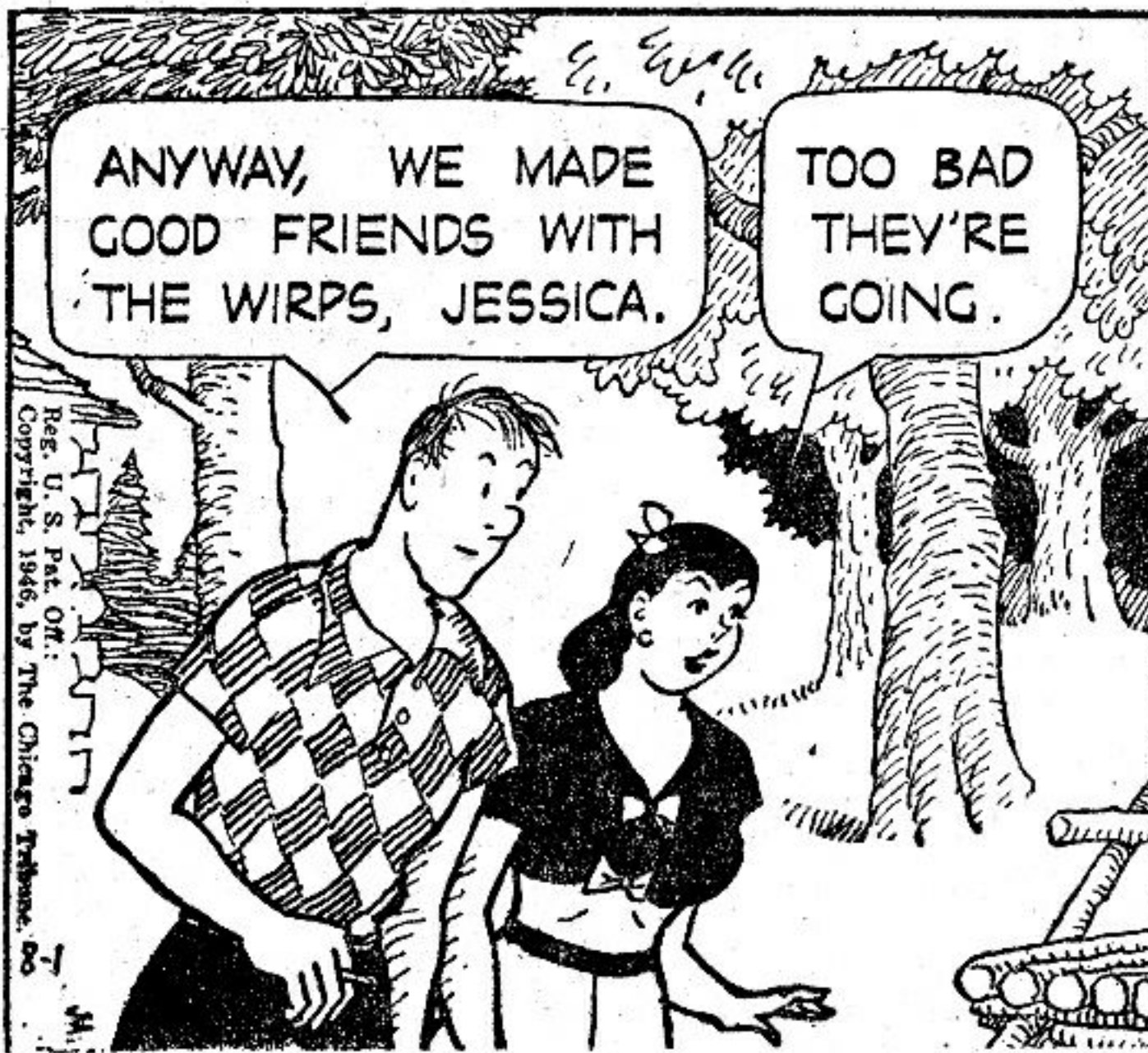
I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST A COUPLE OF HORSESHOE-TOSSIN' OLD FOGIES!



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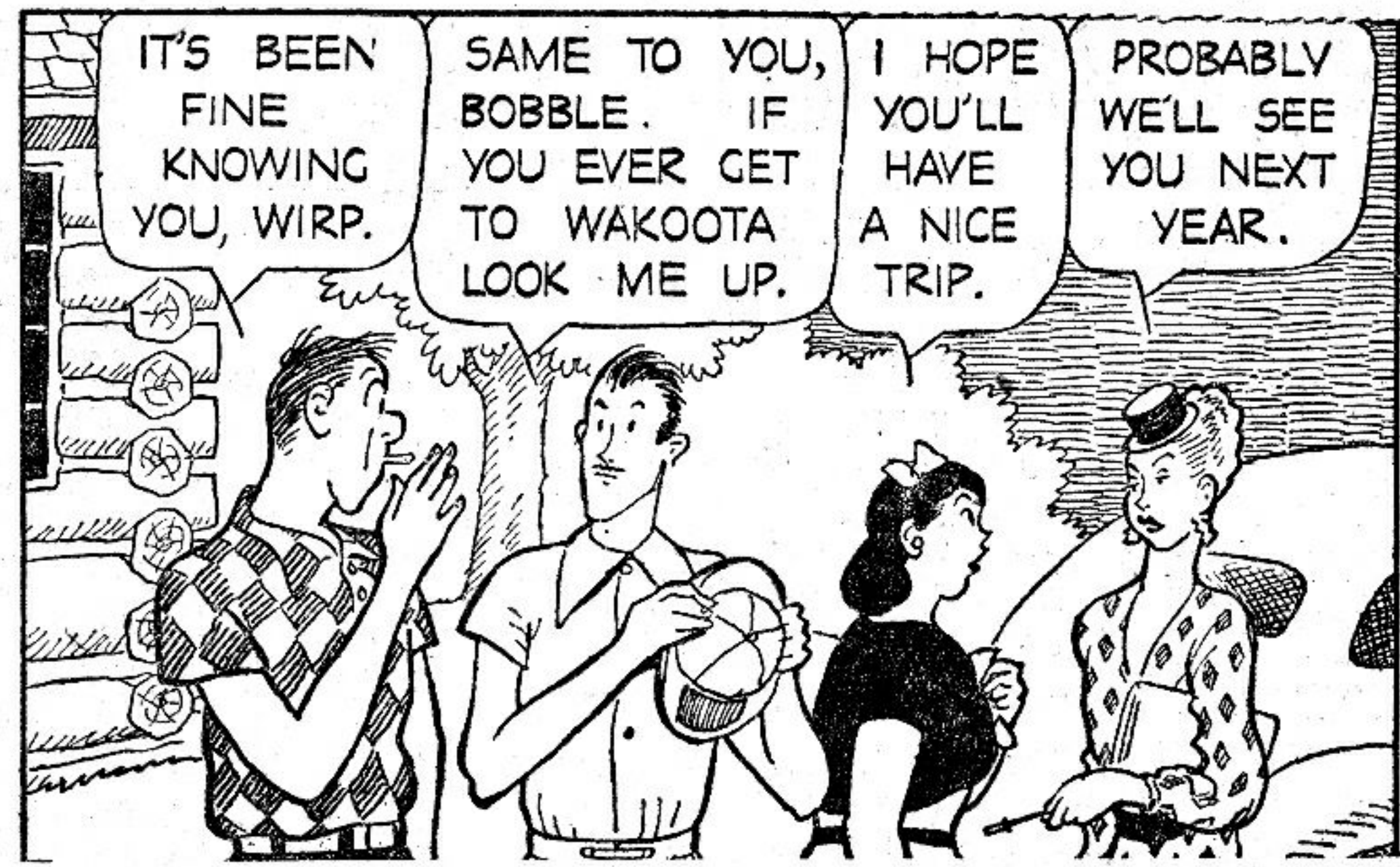
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ANYWAY, WE MADE GOOD FRIENDS WITH THE WIRPS, JESSICA.

TOO BAD THEY'RE GOING.

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IT'S BEEN FINE KNOWING YOU, WIRP.

SAME TO YOU, BOBBLE. IF YOU EVER GET TO WAKOOTA LOOK ME UP.

I HOPE YOU'LL HAVE A NICE TRIP.

PROBABLY WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.



WE'RE GOING TO BE LONESOME WITHOUT THEM, WILMER.

NOT FOR LONG. I'M ABOUT READY TO CLEAR OUT OF THIS JOINT!

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THE WIRPS
ARE GONE,
CHUCK,
NICE FOLKS!

NOT BAD. THEY CRAB
ON THE MEALS AN'
THE BEDS SOME, BUT
DON'T RAISE MUCH FUSS.

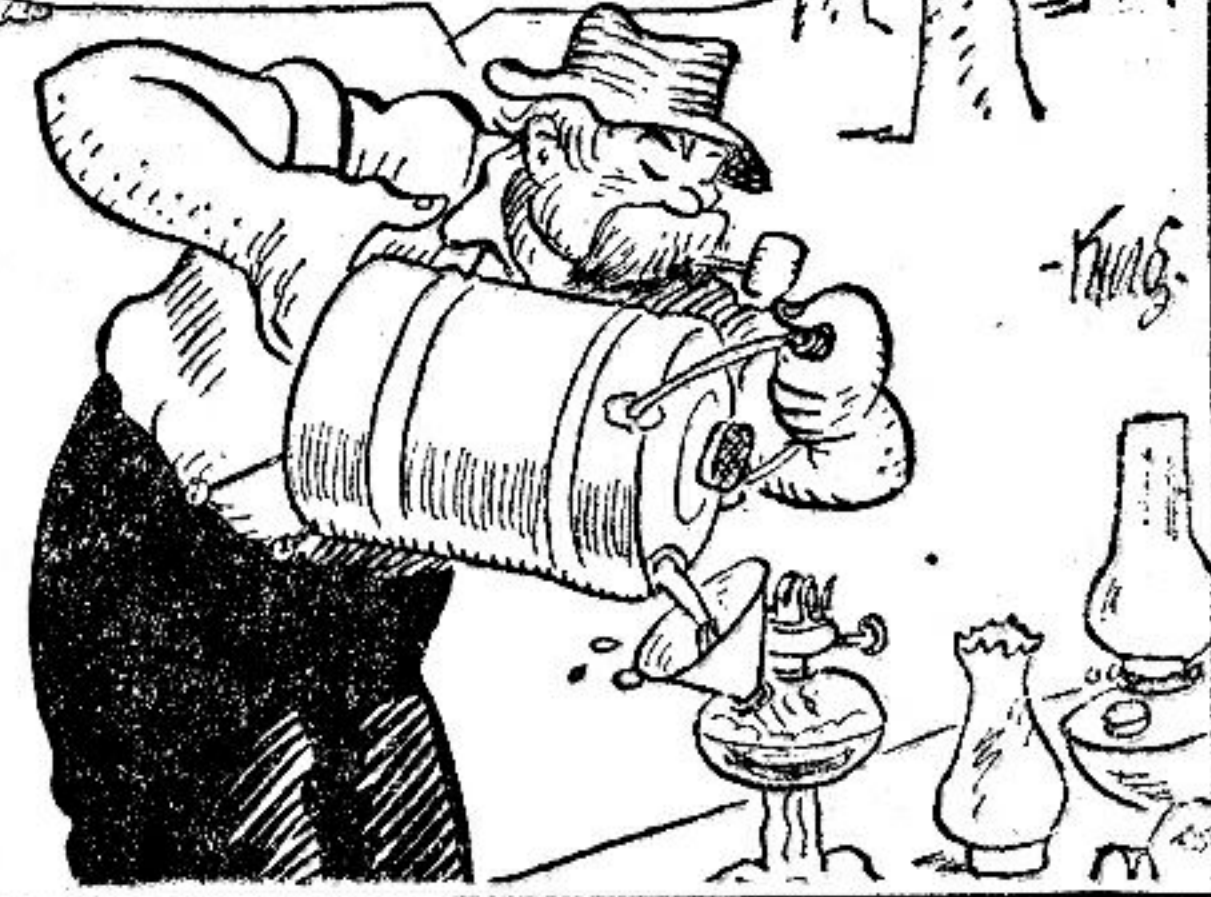
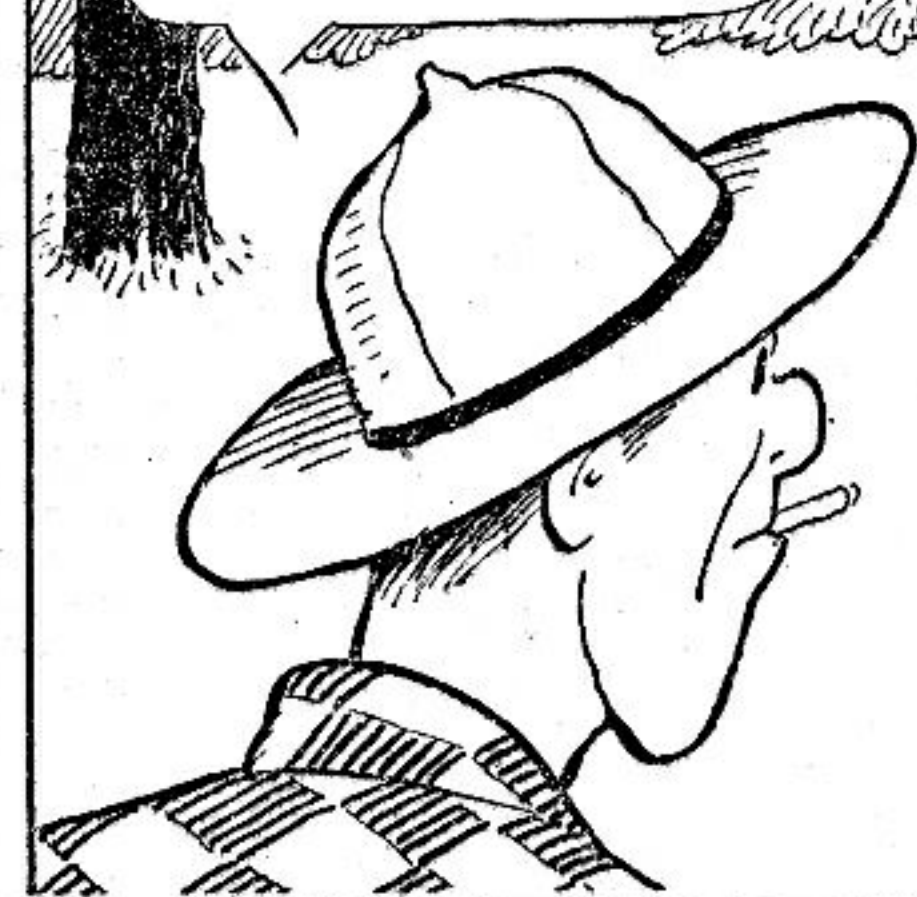
THEY WERE
HERE LAST
JULY, TOO?

YEP. HE SAVES UP
ALL YEAR FOR A
SPLURGE HERE IN
THE SUMMER.

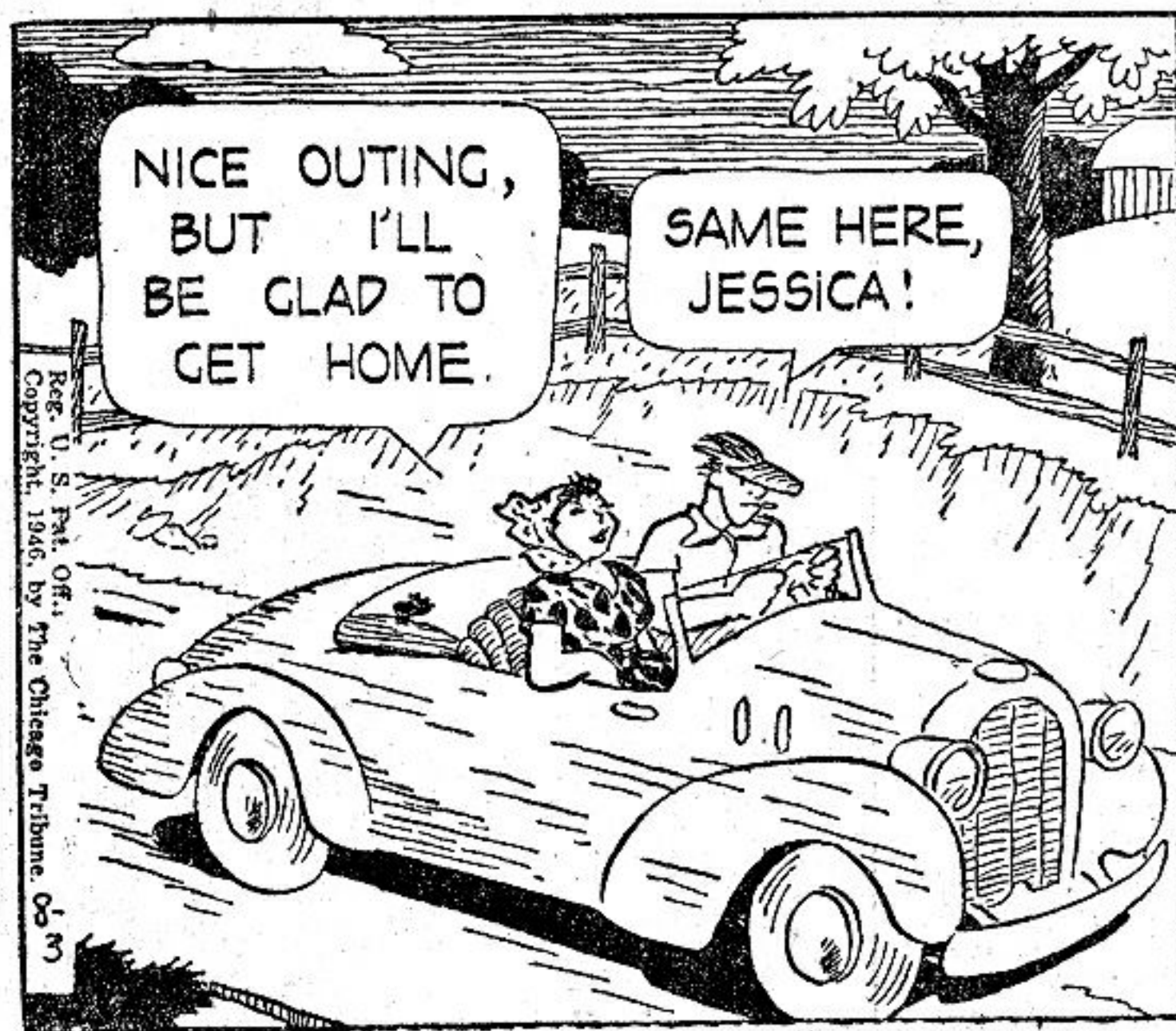
HE'S A TONSORIAL
EXPERT AN'
CONSULTANT, I
UNDERSTAND.

MEBBE SO. HE'S GOT
THE FIRST CHAIR IN
THE BARBERSHOP
OVER IN WAKOOTA.

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NICE OUTING,
BUT I'LL
BE GLAD TO
GET HOME.

SAME HERE,
JESSICA!

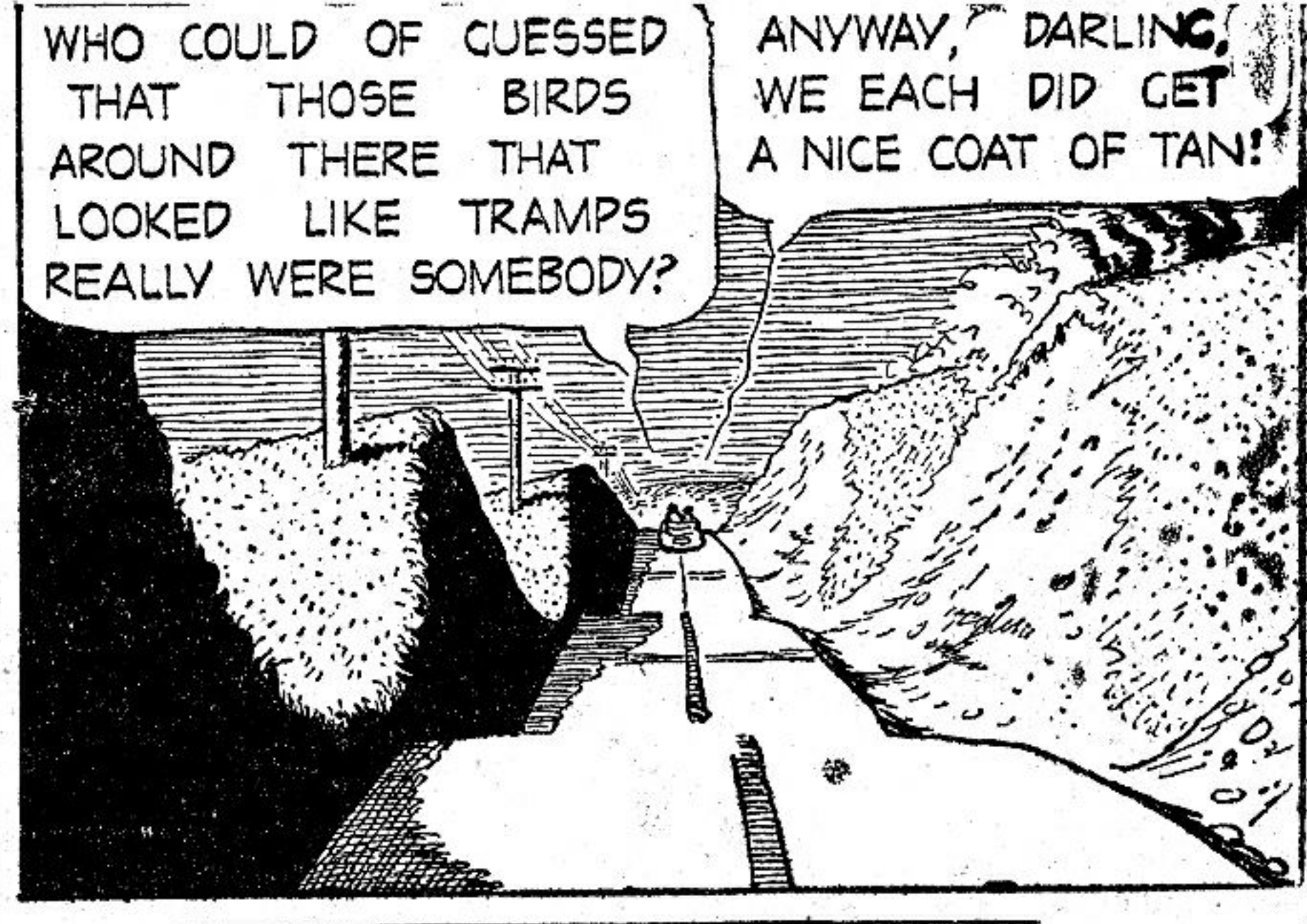
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WHAT GRIPES ME IS THAT
WE DIDN'T FIND OUT
UNTIL TOO LATE WHO THE
REAL HOI POLLOI WERE.

WE PLAYED UP
TO THE WRONG
PEOPLE, WILMER.

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WHO COULD OF GUESSED
THAT THOSE BIRDS
AROUND THERE THAT
LOOKED LIKE TRAMPS
REALLY WERE SOMEBODY?

ANYWAY, DARLING,
WE EACH DID GET
A NICE COAT OF TAN!

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YES, WE
HAD A
WONDERFUL
TIME.

BUT ARE
BACK
RARIN'
TO, CO.

WE MISSED YOU
FOLKS, BUT WE
WORRIED THROUGH
SOMEHOW.

YOU SEEM TO
HAVE GOTTEN
THE FURNITURE
PRETTY WELL
OUT OF HERE.

YES, OUR
GLORIANA
JOB IS
ABOUT DONE.

DON'T TELL
ME YOU GOT
ALONG BETTER
WITHOUT US!

LISTEN, BIX. DON'T SAY
ANYTHING, BUT COULD YOU
LET ME TAKE \$7 TILL
THE END OF THE WEEK?

OF COURSE,
MR. BOBBLE.
I'LL BE
GLAD TO.



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YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF, UNCLE PERT. THE SPEEDOMETER SAYS WE OWE YOU FOR 462 MILES.

SPEEDOMETER, FIDDLESTICKS!

YOU SENT ME A POSTCARD. I'VE COUNTED IT UP ON THE MAP. YOU COULDN'T GET THERE. AN' BACK UNDER 640 MILES!

YOU WROTE DOWN THE MILEAGE WHEN WE STARTED - 27,664. NOW IT'S 28,126.

DO YOU THINK I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE IT TURNED BACK? OF COURSE YOU WOULD!

UNCLE PERT, YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T THINK OF SUCH A THING!

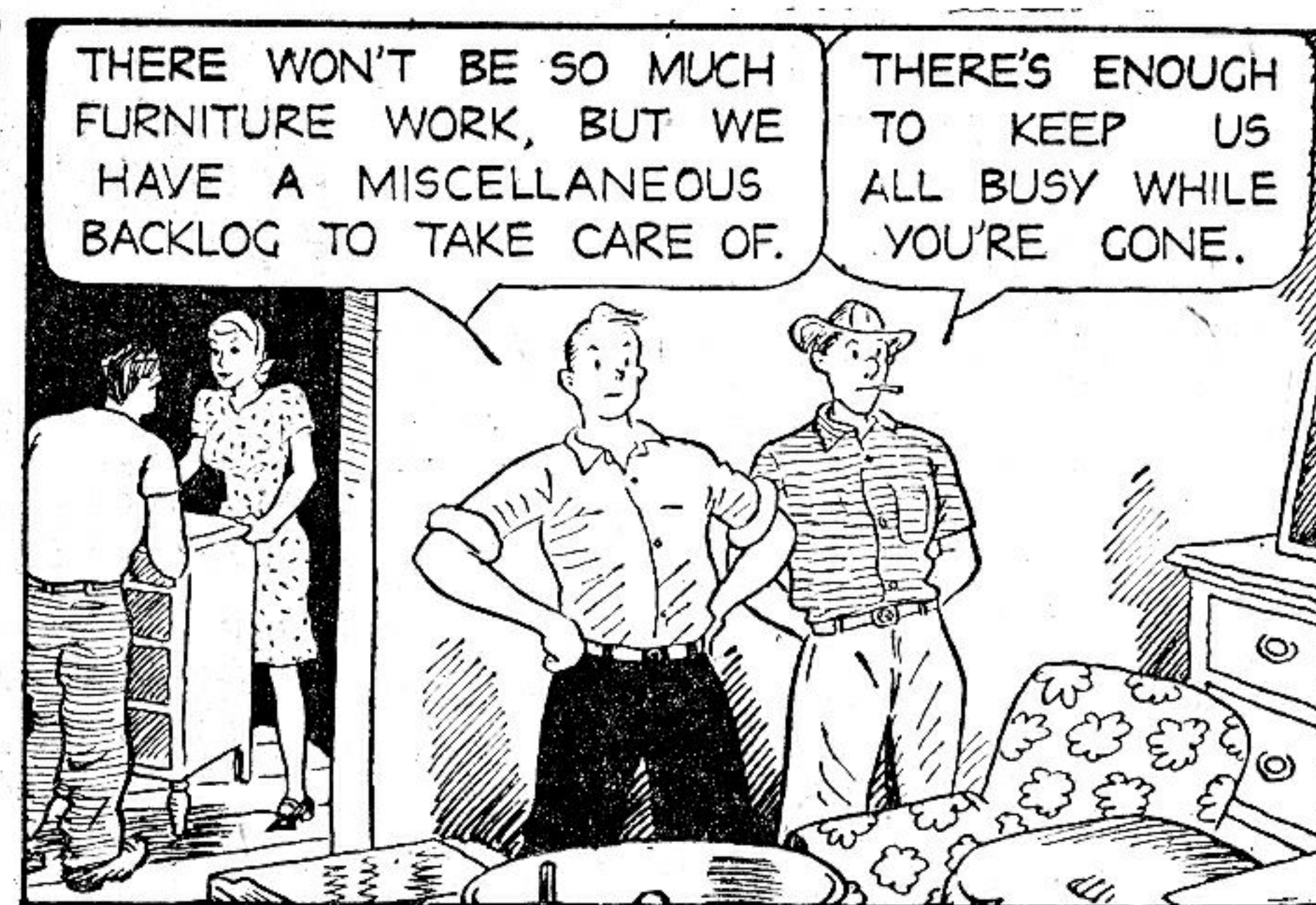
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FOLKS, I'M NOT GIVEN TO MAKING SPEECHES, AND THIS ONE WILL BE SHORT. NINA AND I ARE ABOUT TO TAKE OUR VACATION.

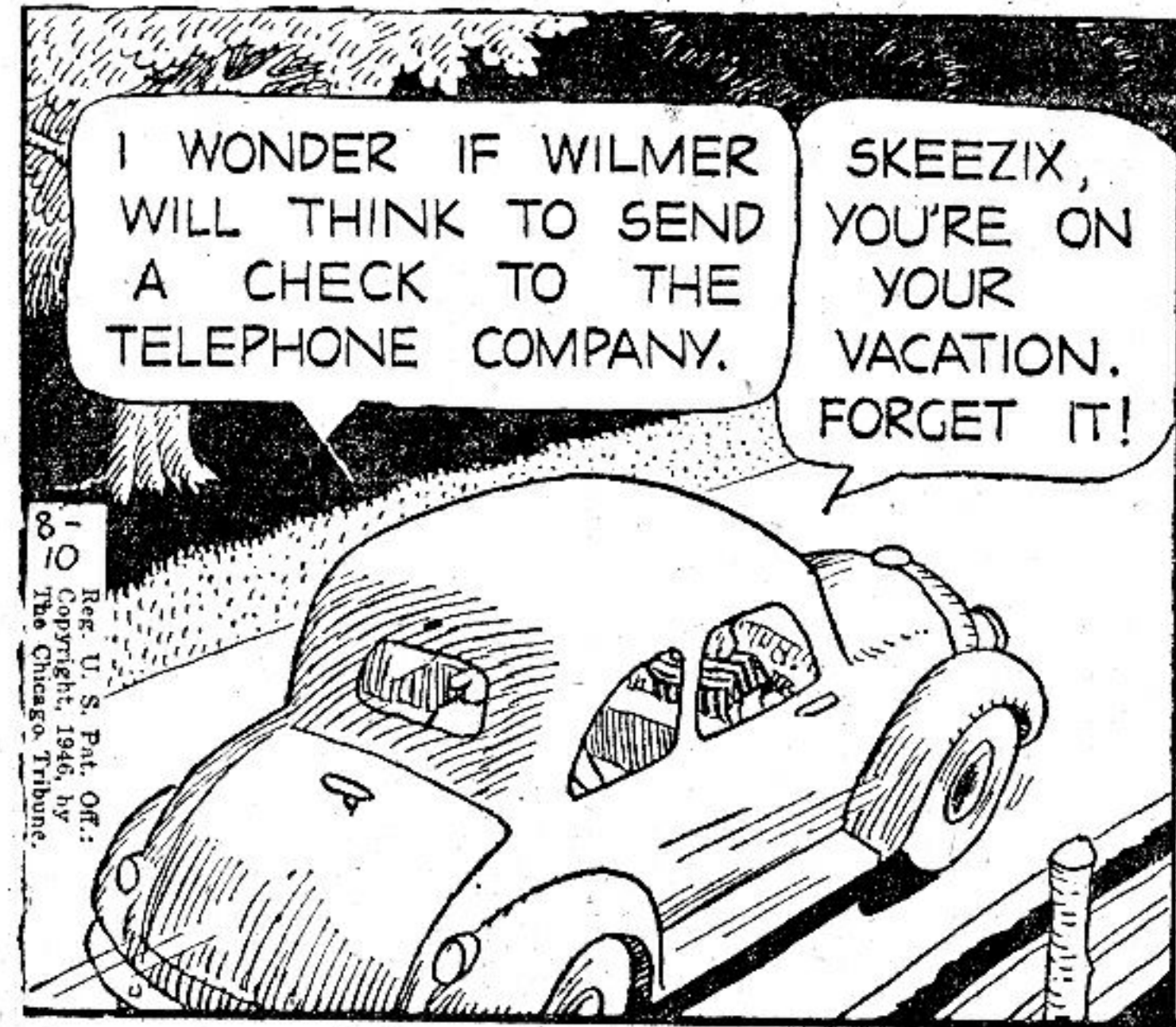
THE BOBBLES HAVE HAD THEIRS. SERGEANT BLONEY AND BIX, YOU WILL BE GIVEN TIME OFF LATER, IN PROPORTION TO LENGTH OF SERVICE.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THINGS WILL GO FORWARD WHILE WE ARE GONE, THE SAME AS WHEN WE ARE HERE.

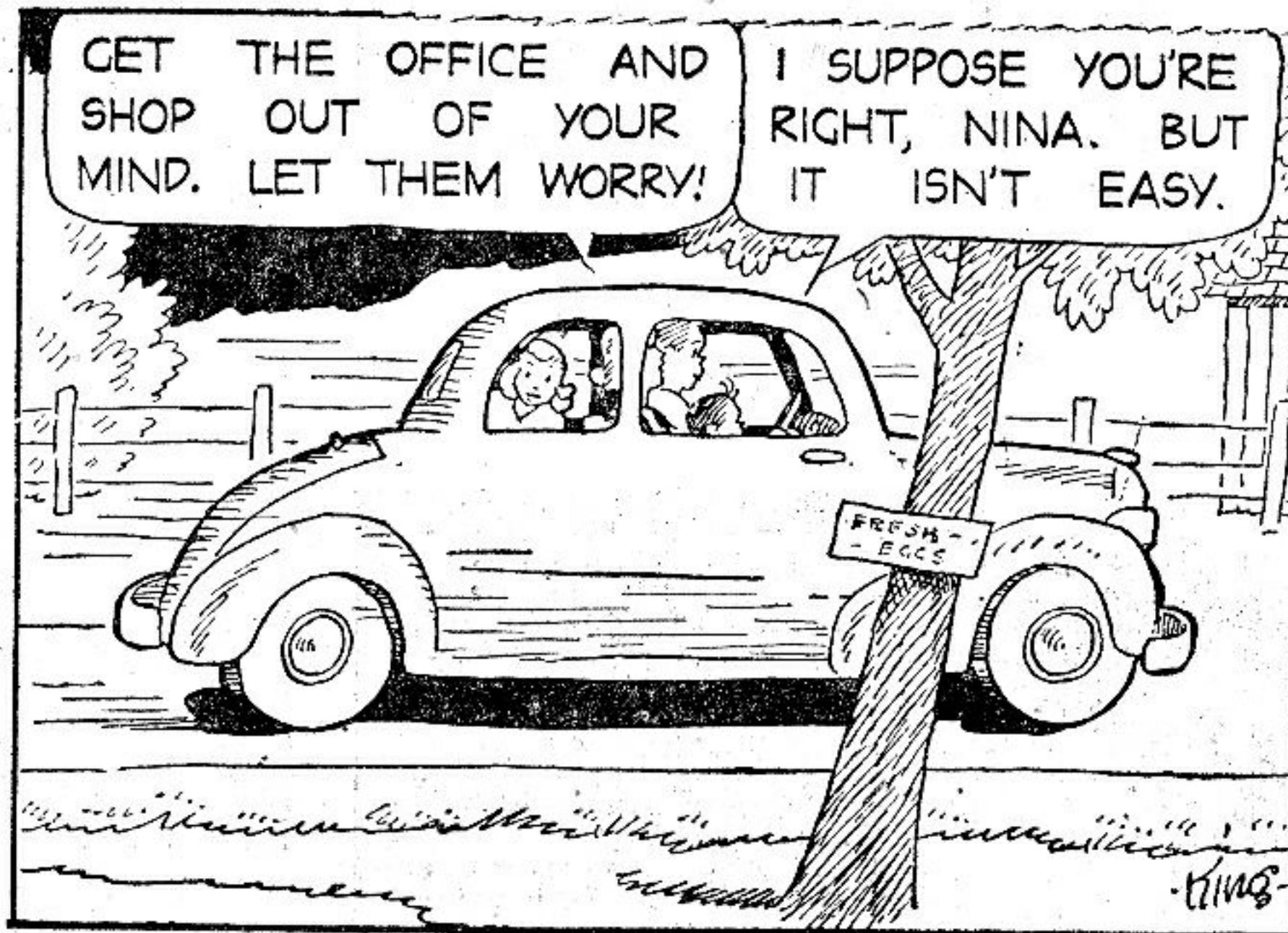
I WANT YOU TO KNOW I APPRECIATE YOUR GOOD-NATURED DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND FAITHFULNESS. I HOPE OUR PLEASANT RELATIONSHIP WILL CONTINUE ON INDEFINITELY. I THANK YOU.



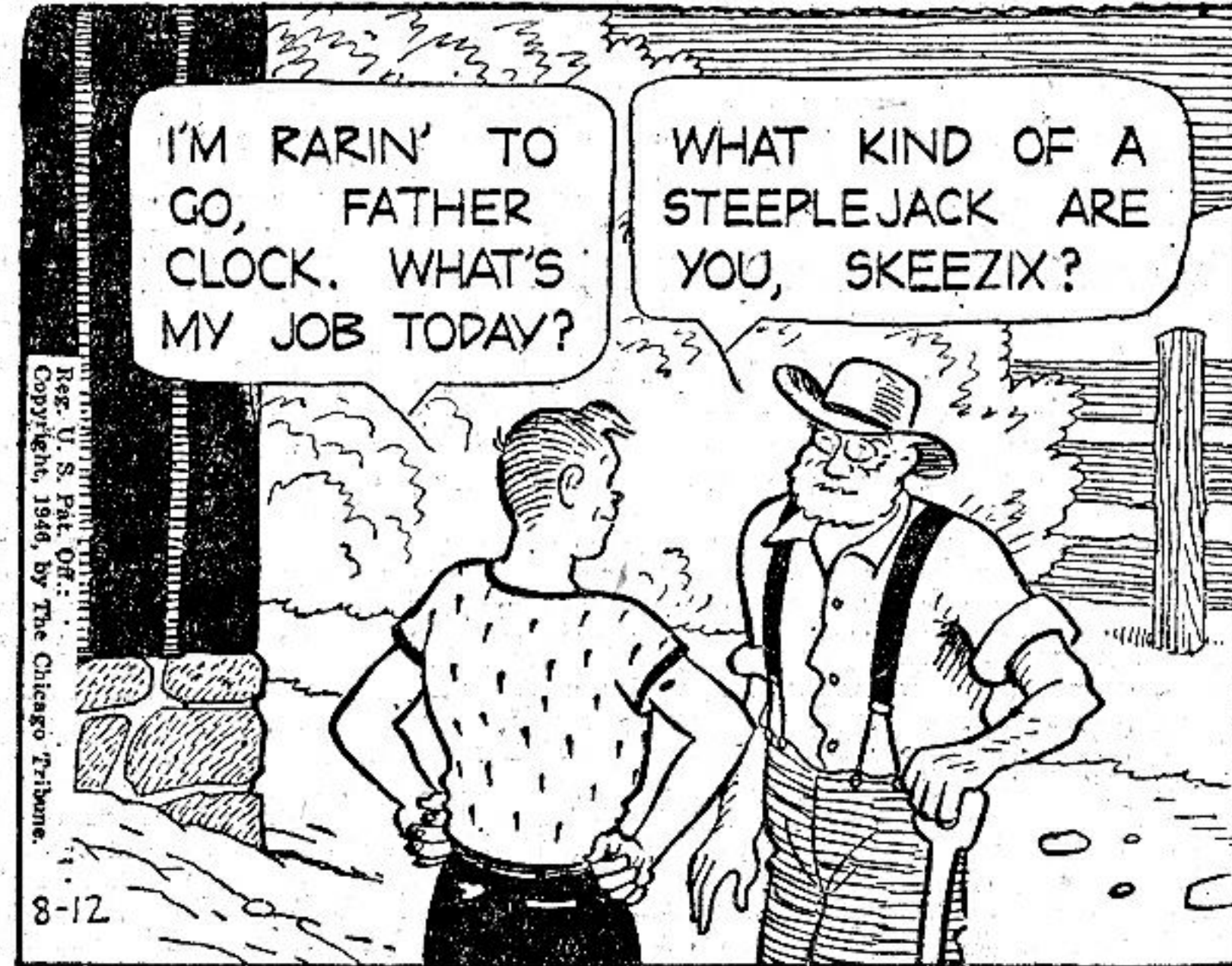
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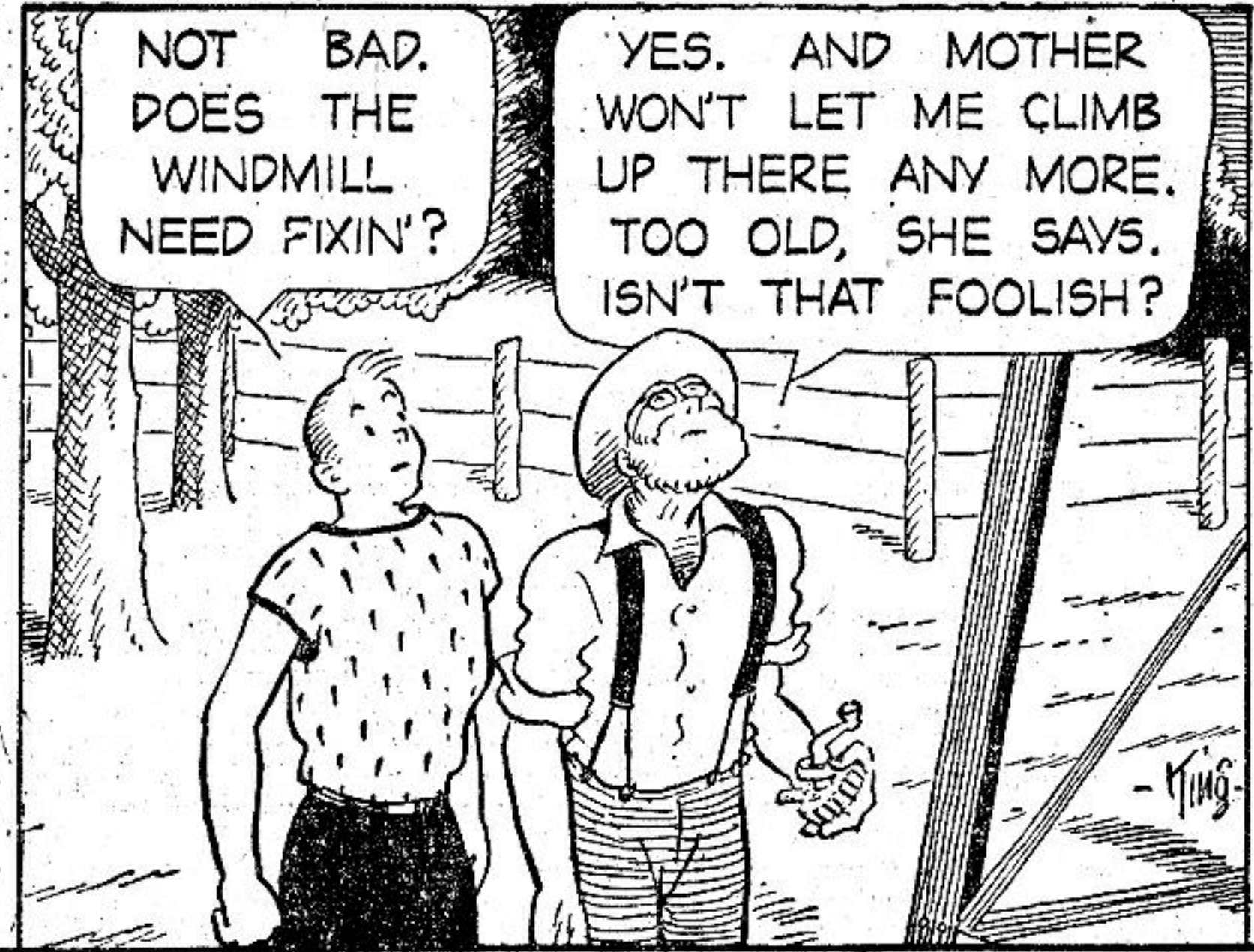


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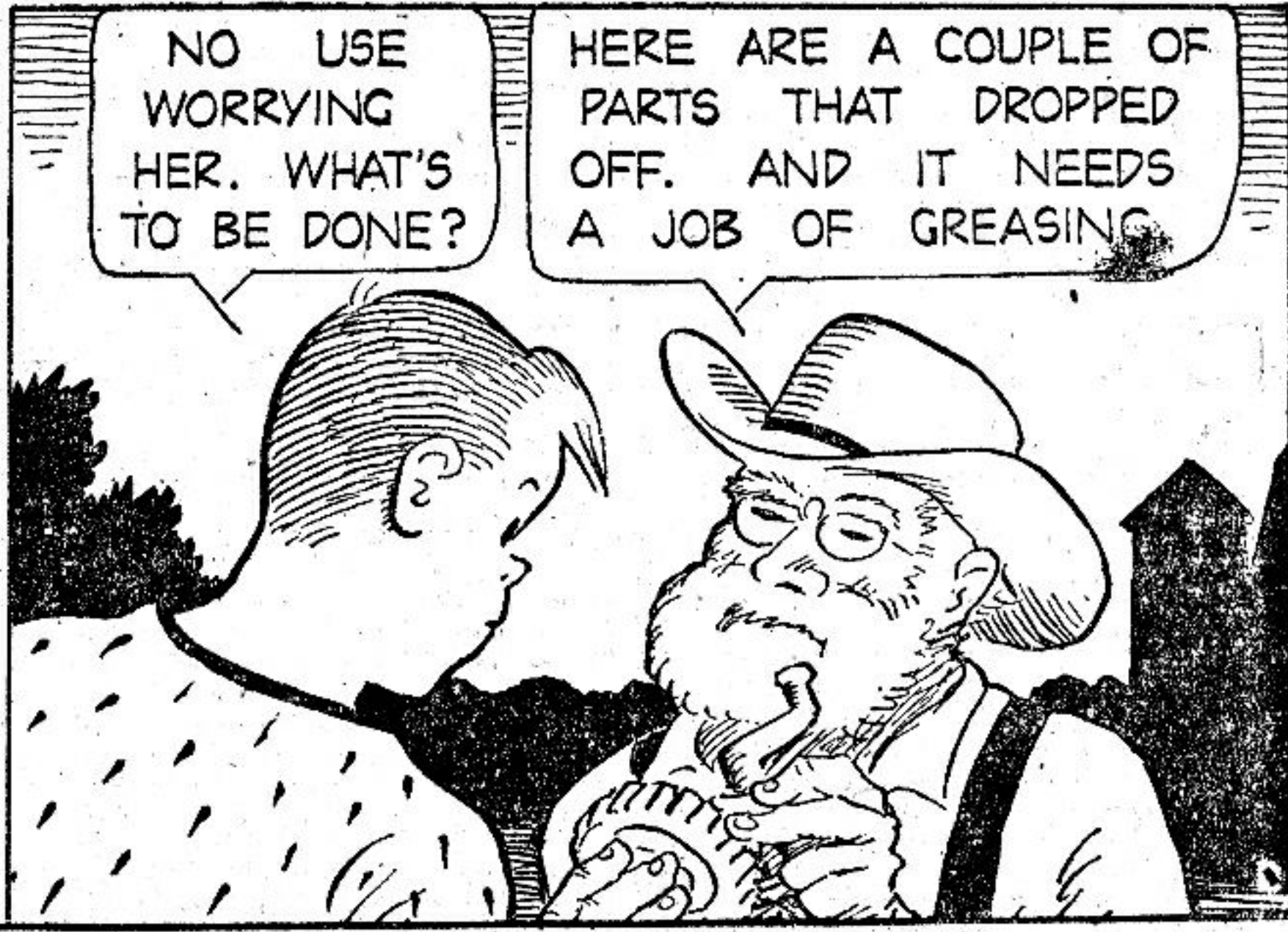
I'M RARIN' TO GO, FATHER CLOCK. WHAT'S MY JOB TODAY?

WHAT KIND OF A STEEPLEJACK ARE YOU, SKEEZIX?



NOT BAD. DOES THE WINDMILL NEED FIXIN'?

YES. AND MOTHER WON'T LET ME CLIMB UP THERE ANY MORE. TOO OLD, SHE SAYS. ISN'T THAT FOOLISH?



NO USE WORRYING HER. WHAT'S TO BE DONE?

HERE ARE A COUPLE OF PARTS THAT DROPPED OFF. AND IT NEEDS A JOB OF GREASING.

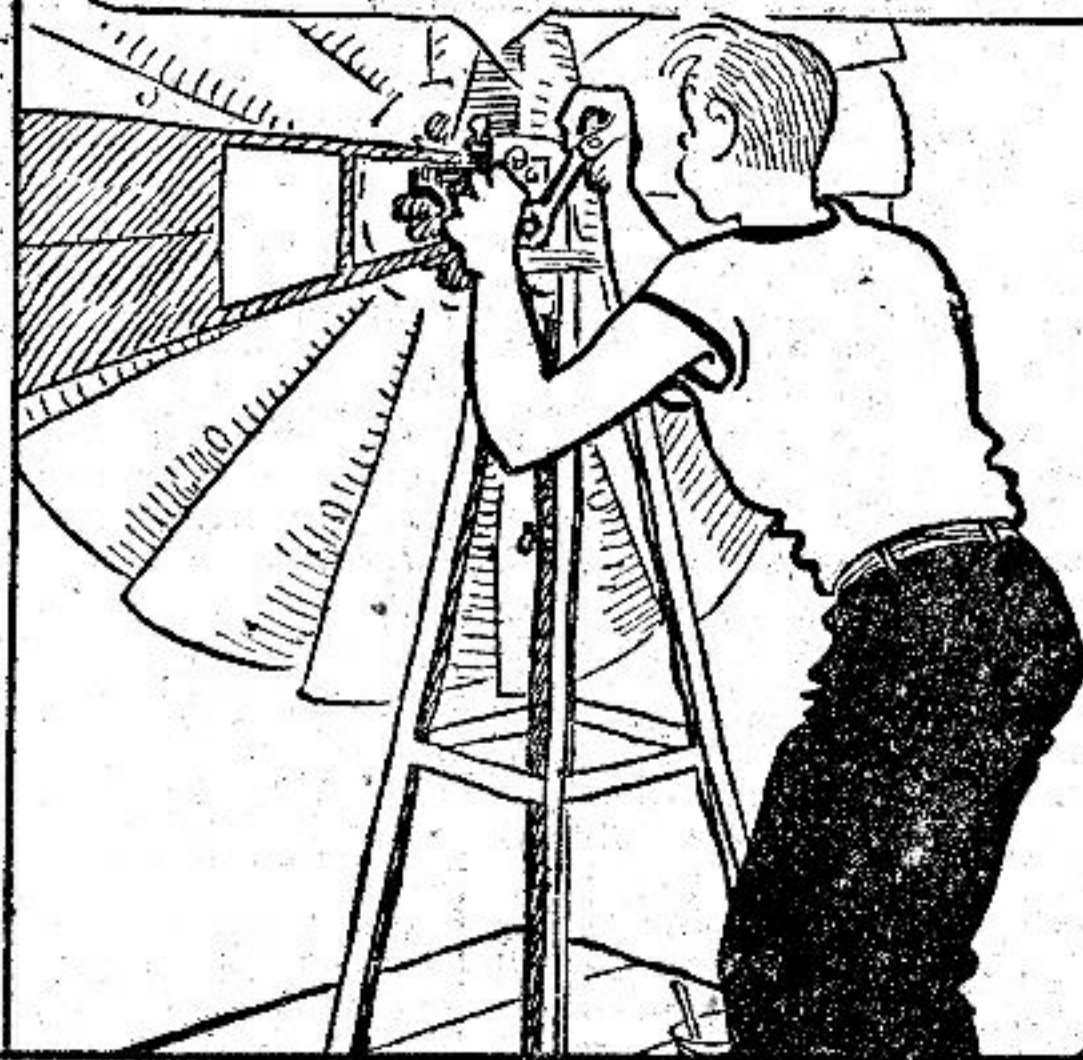
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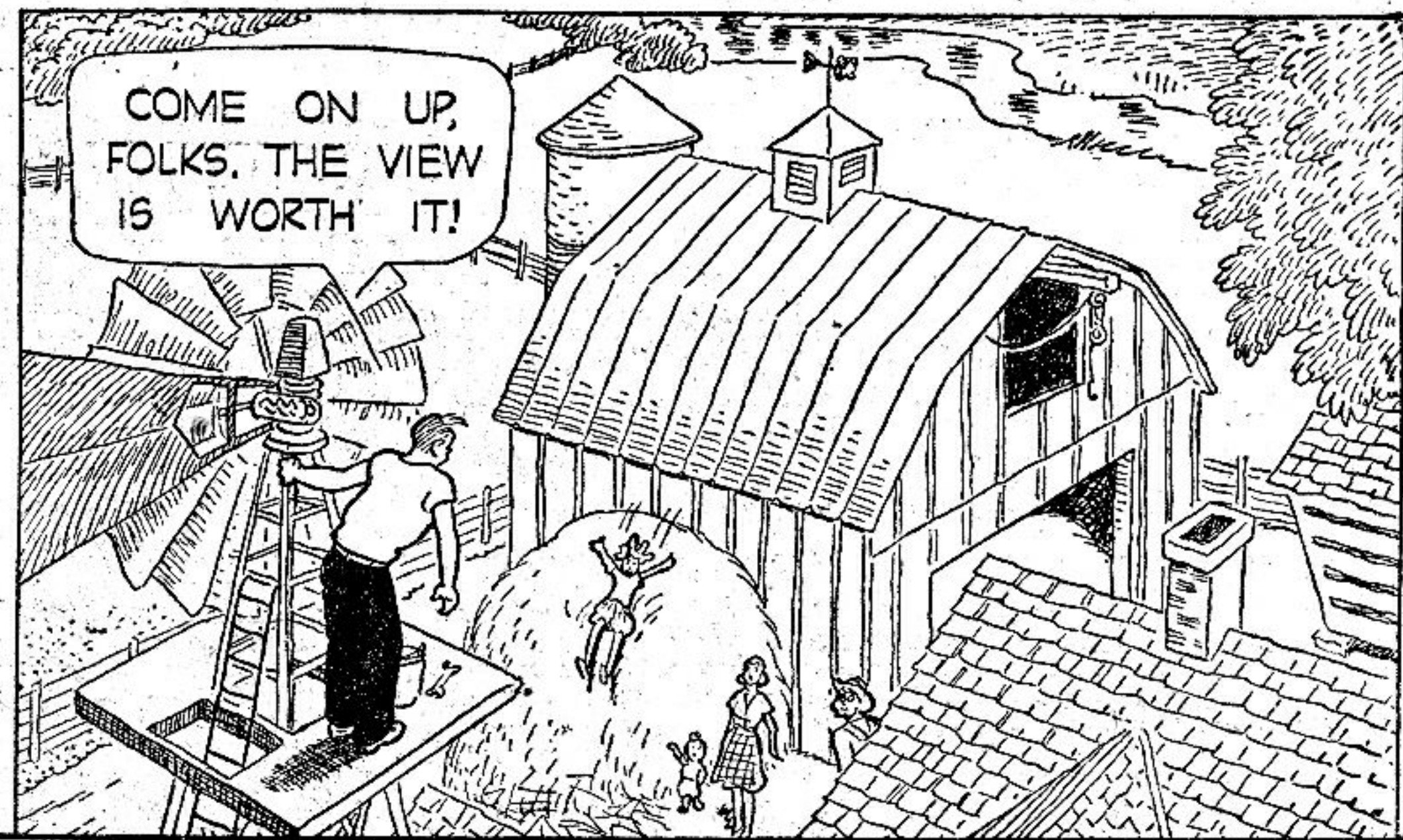
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I NEVER THOUGHT
OF FOR WALLET
& BOBBLE.



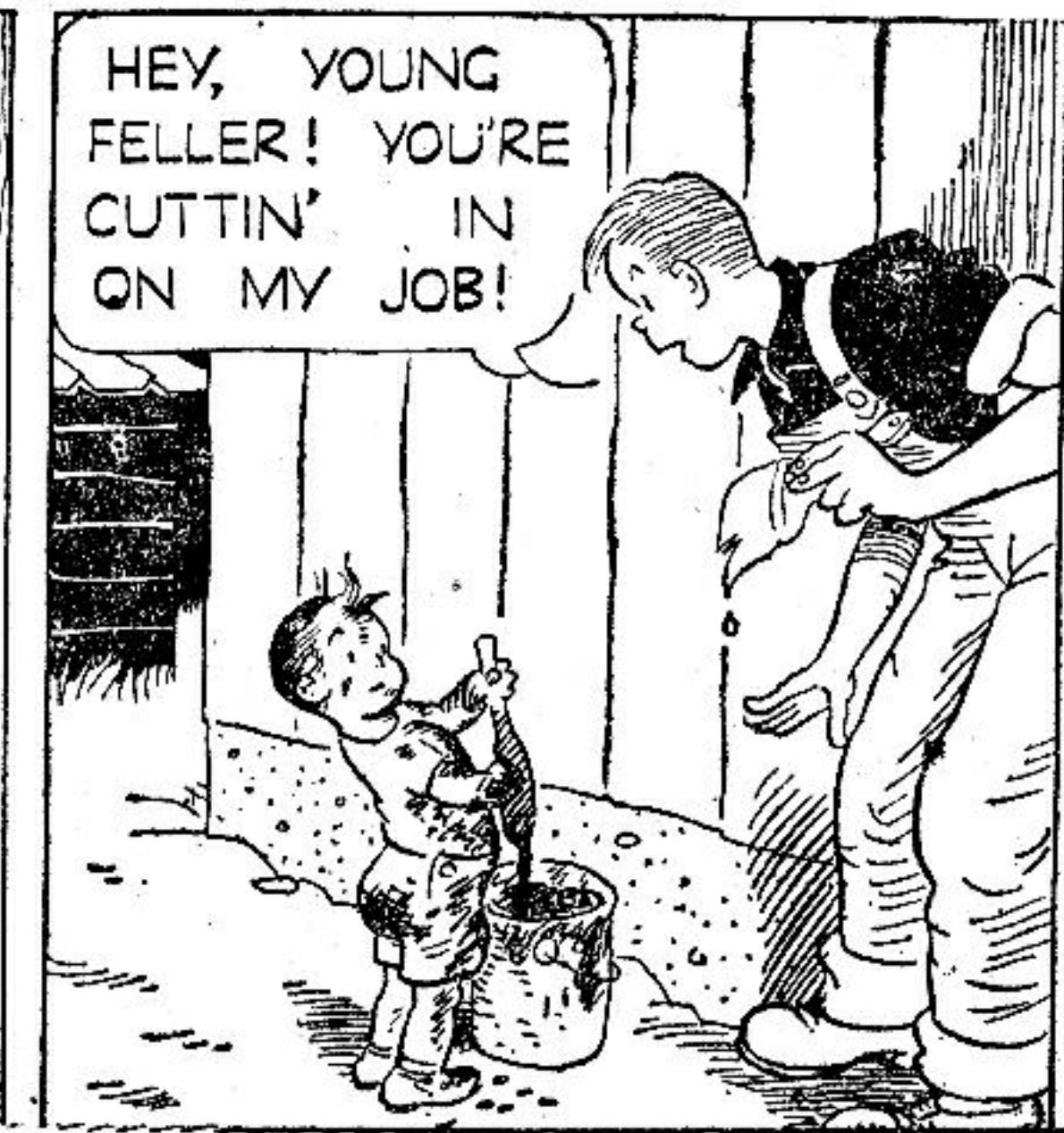
IN THE AIR OR ON THE GROUND,
MACHINERY IS MACHINERY.



COME ON UP,
FOLKS. THE VIEW
IS WORTH IT!



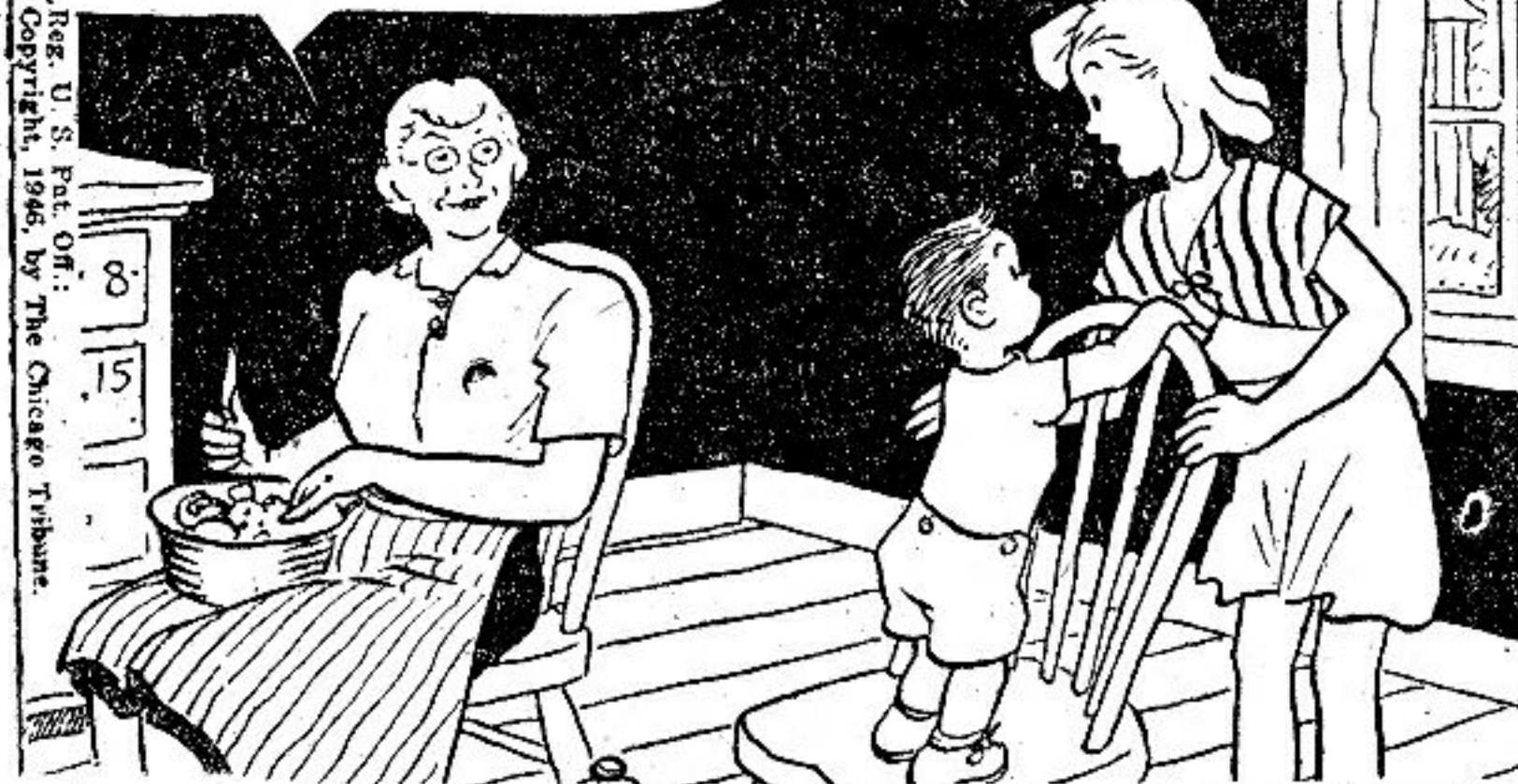
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YES, JUDY, YOU AND CHIPPER MAY GO INTO THE PARLOR.

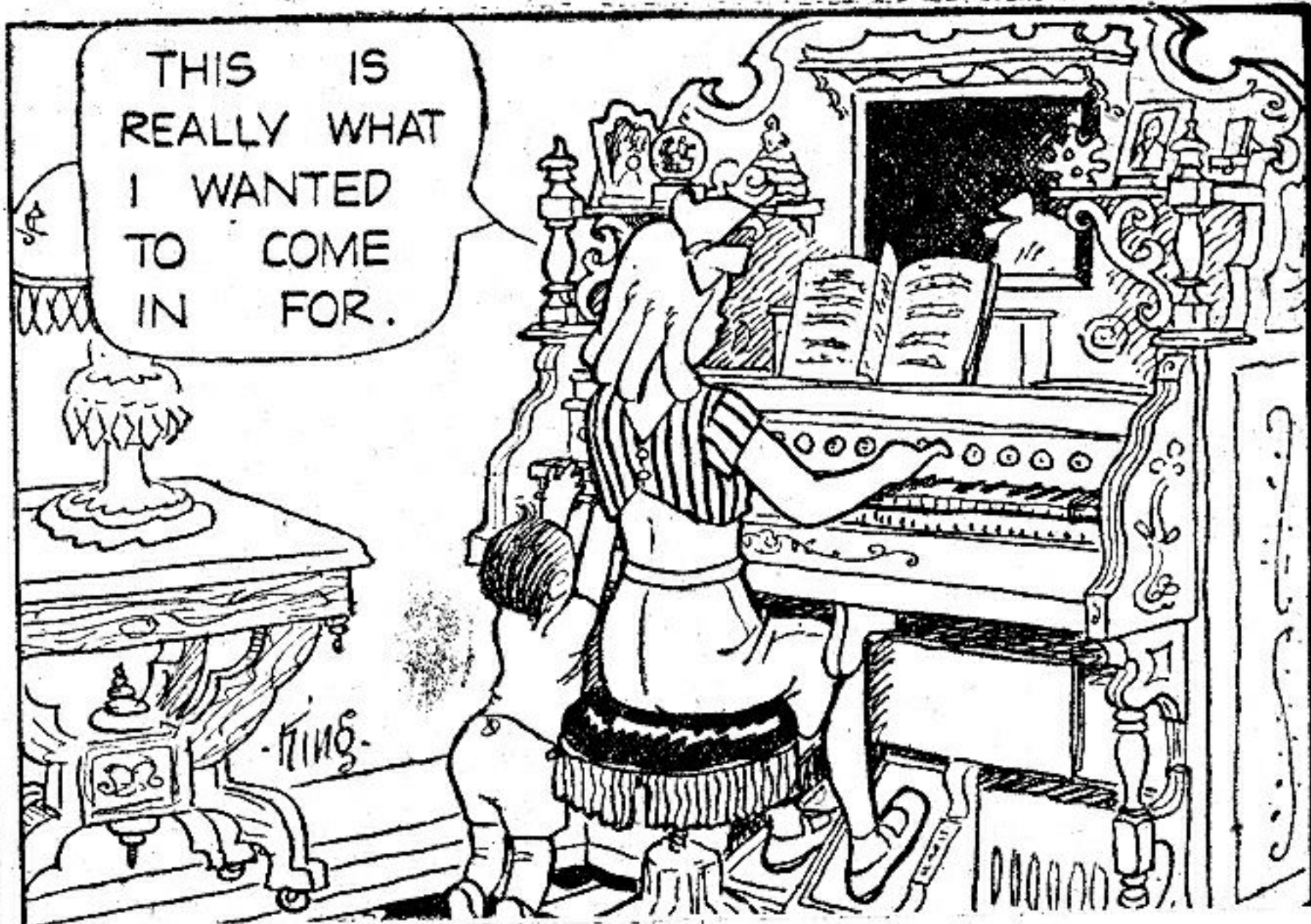
WE'LL BE CAREFUL, GRANDMA CLOCK!



NO, CHIPPER, YOU MUSTN'T TOUCH ANY OF THE NICE THINGS!



THIS IS REALLY WHAT I WANTED TO COME IN FOR.



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CHIPPER, YOU AND MOTHER
ARE GOING TO SLIP
AWAY FOR HALF AN HOUR.

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THE BOYS TALK A LOT
ABOUT "THE OL' SWIMMIN'
HOLE". I HAD ONE, TOO.



YES SIR, I HAD THIS
ONE ALL TO MYSELF
WHEN I WAS
A LITTLE GIRL.



IT'S JUST AS MUCH FUN
AS IT USED TO BE TO PLAY
HOOKY AND GO SWIMMING.

P'MON
PANNIES!

KING

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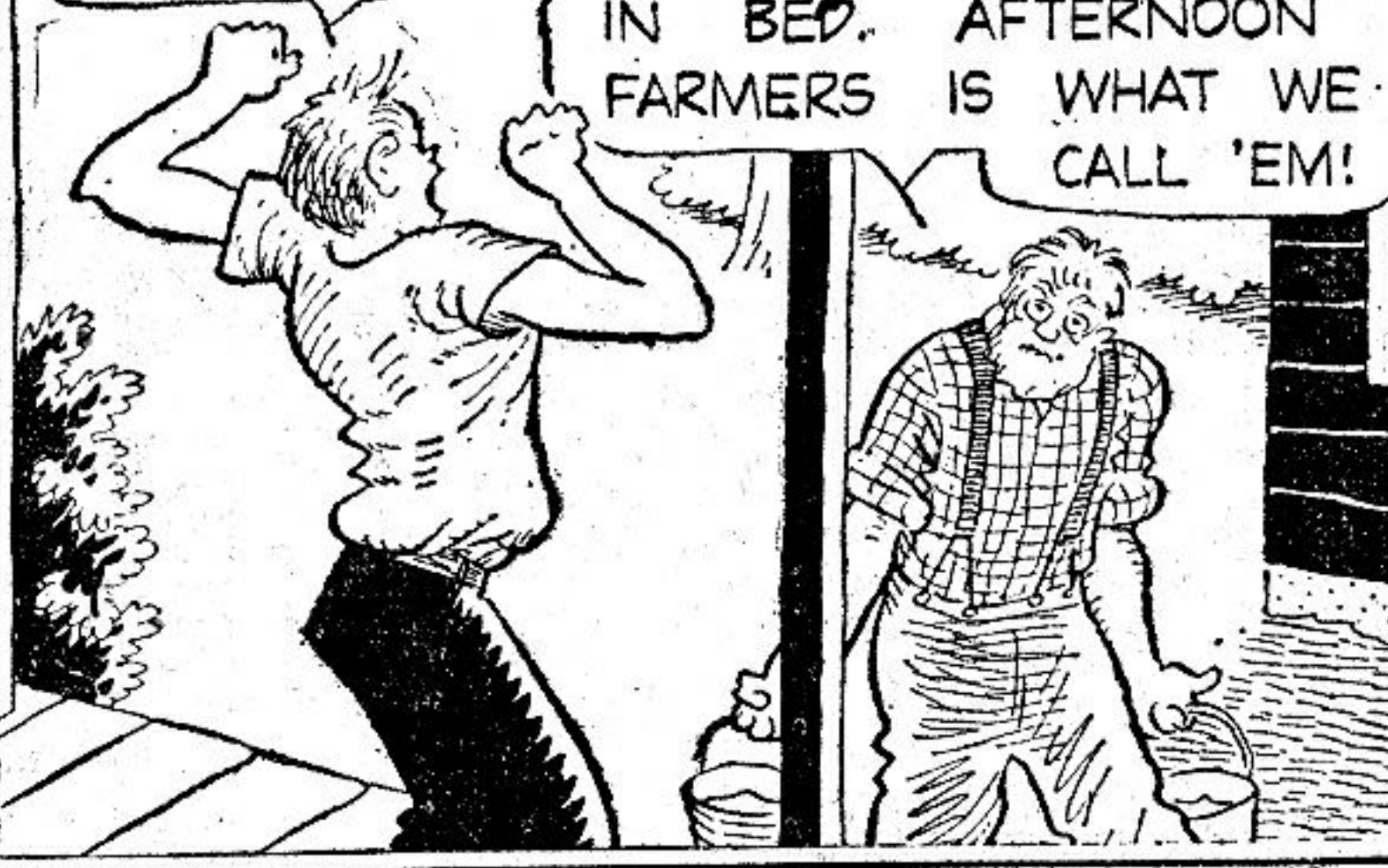
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET UP SO EARLY, SKEEZIX. IT'S ONLY FIVE O'CLOCK!

MAYBE I CAN GET A FEW CHORES DONE BEFORE FATHER CLOCK GETS AROUND.



BOY! ARE YOU UP ALREADY?

ALREADY? I'LL BET YOU'VE BEEN LYING AROUND WAITING FOR BREAKFAST IN BED. AFTERNOON FARMERS IS WHAT WE CALL 'EM!



GEE, FATHER CLOCK, I'LL BET YOU STAYED UP ALL NIGHT!

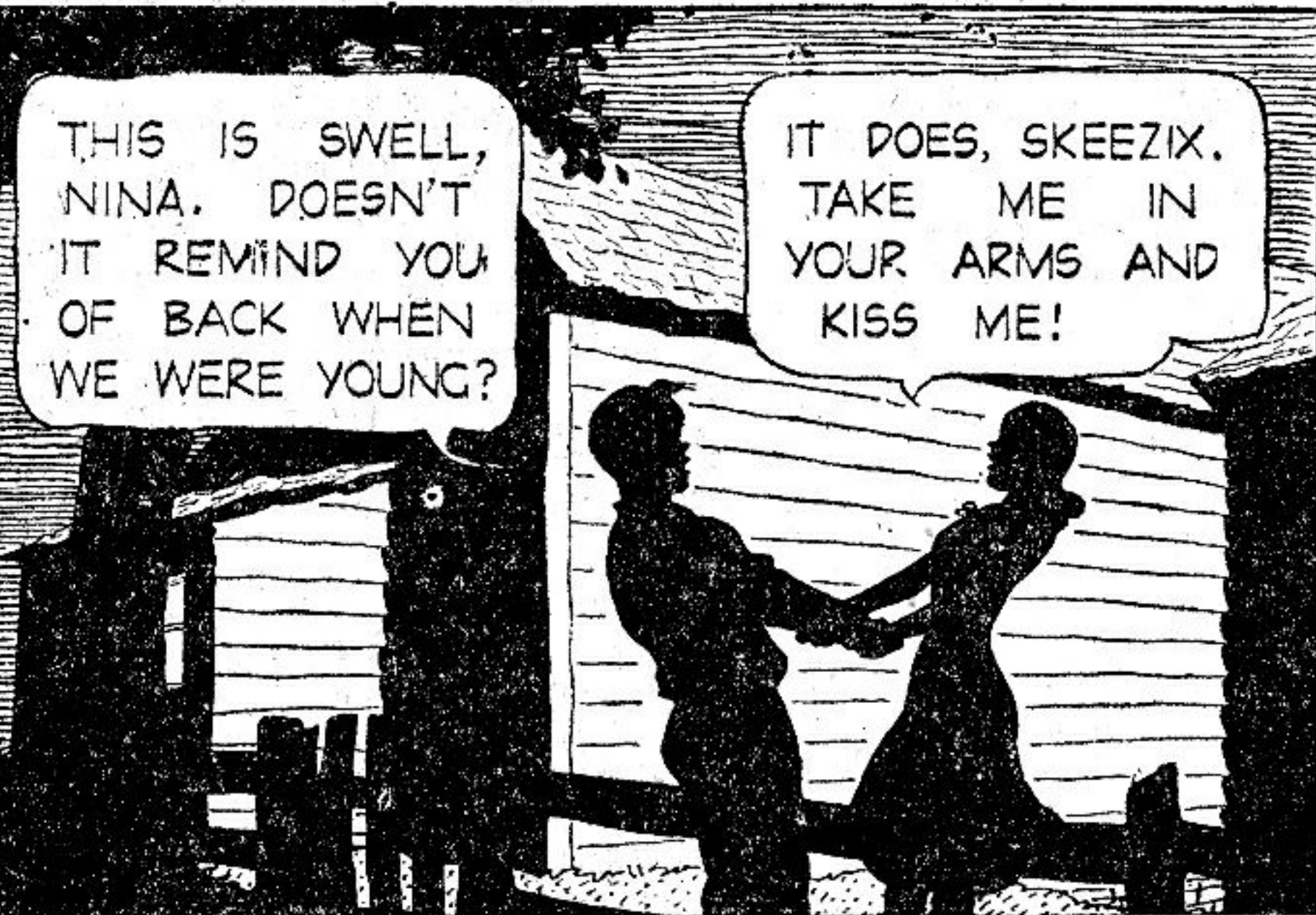
DON'T BE A SLUMBERCOOT. GO TO BED WITH THE CHICKENS AND GET UP WITH THE ROOSTERS — THAT'S MY MOTTO!



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THIS IS SWELL, NINA. DOESN'T IT REMIND YOU OF BACK WHEN WE WERE YOUNG?

IT DOES, SKEEZIX. TAKE ME IN YOUR ARMS AND KISS ME!



WAS THAT LIKE OLD TIMES, TOO?

YES, ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE TO ASK FOR IT THEN.

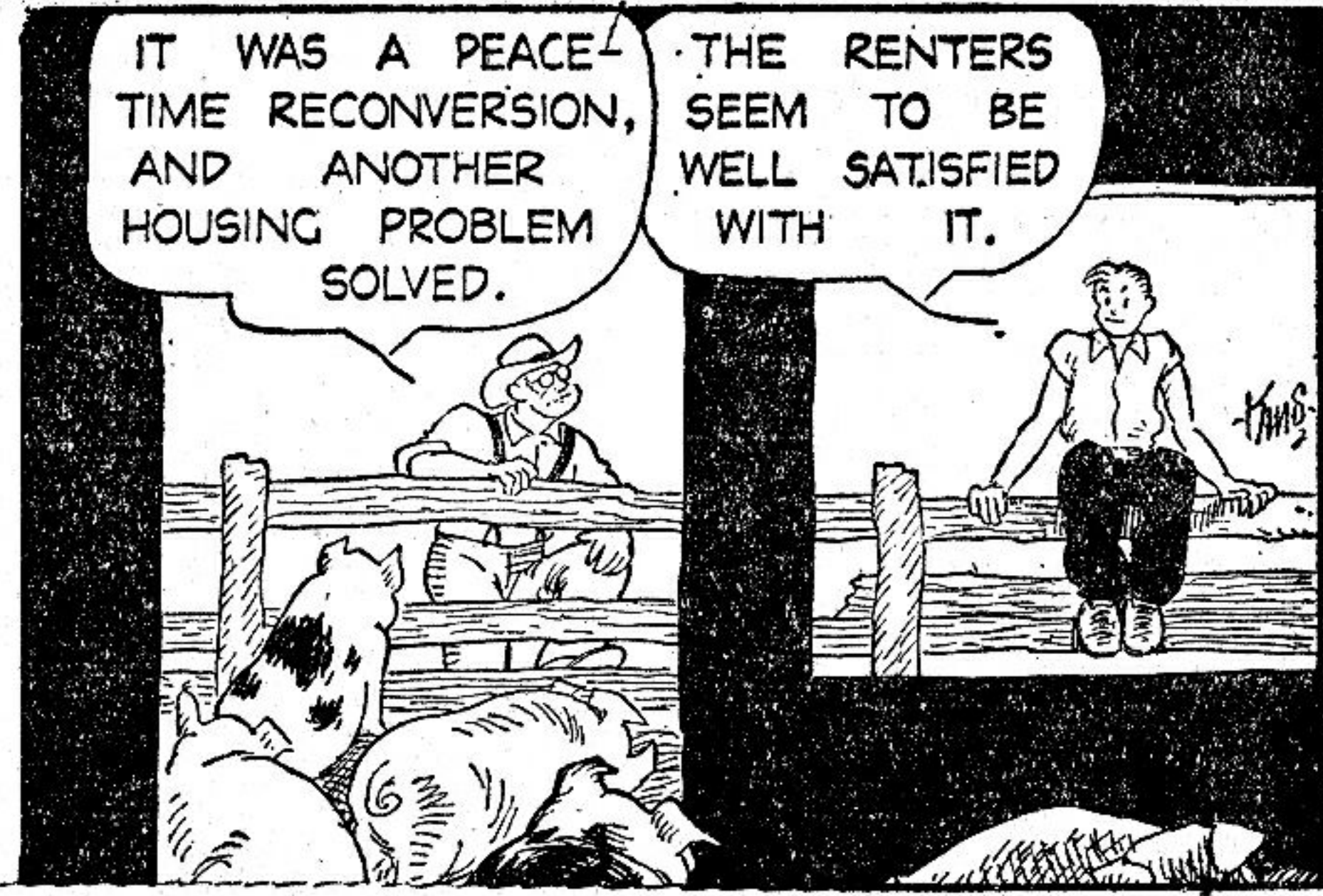
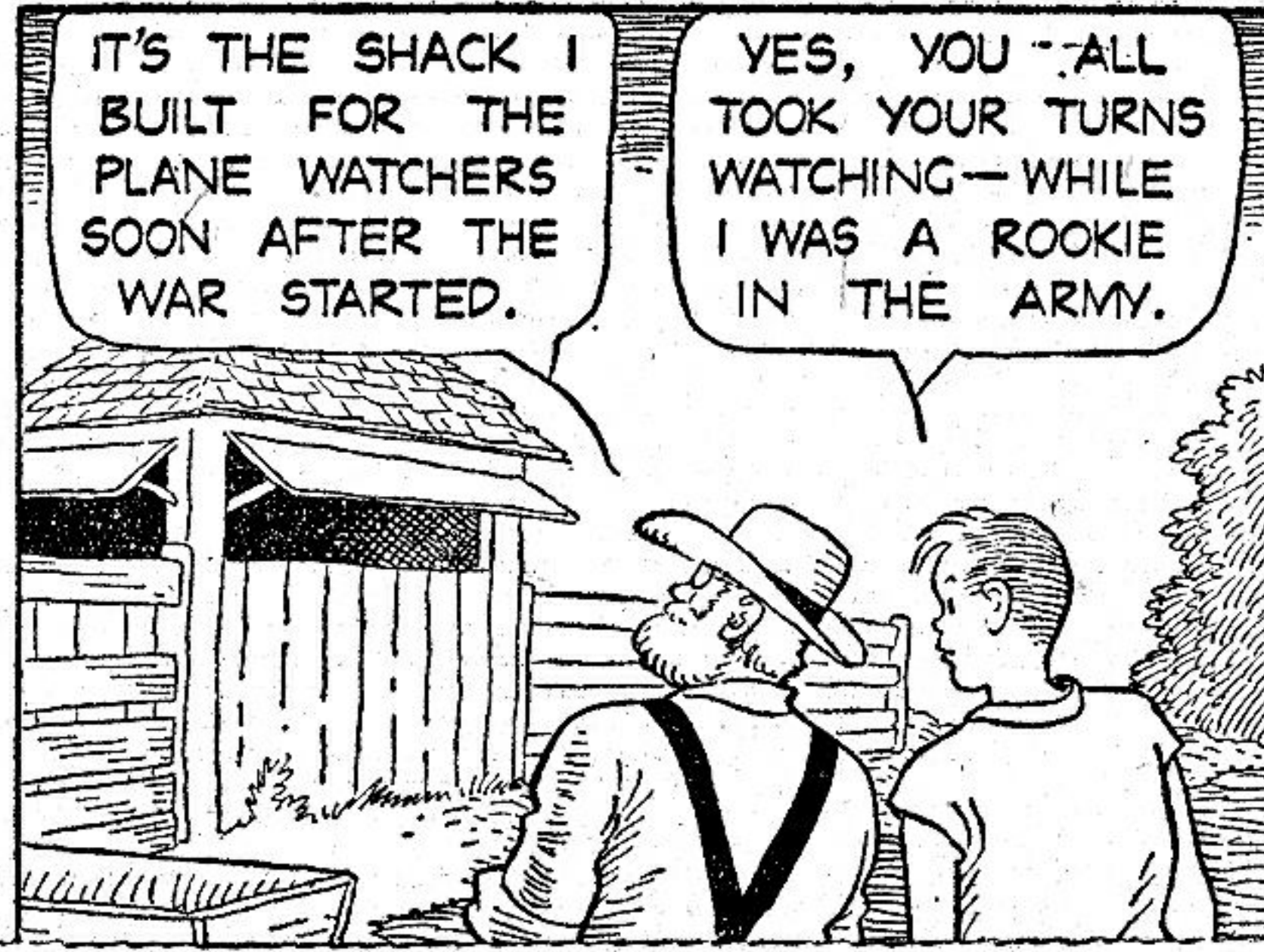


I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I DID THEN. I GUESS I WAS TOO HAPPY HERE IN THE MOONLIGHT!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I WAS JUST CHECKING TO BE SURE YOU WEREN'T SLIPPING.

King

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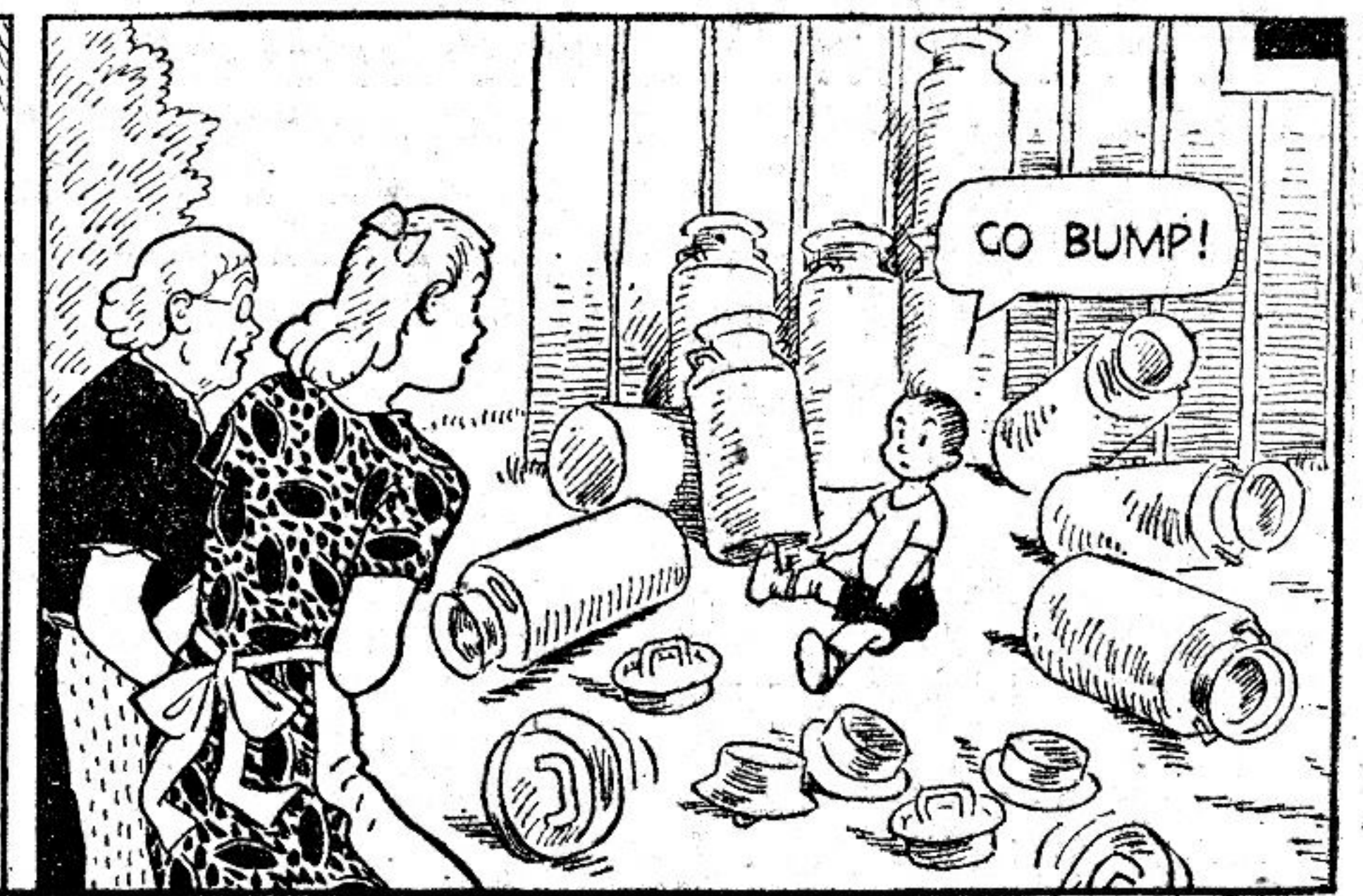
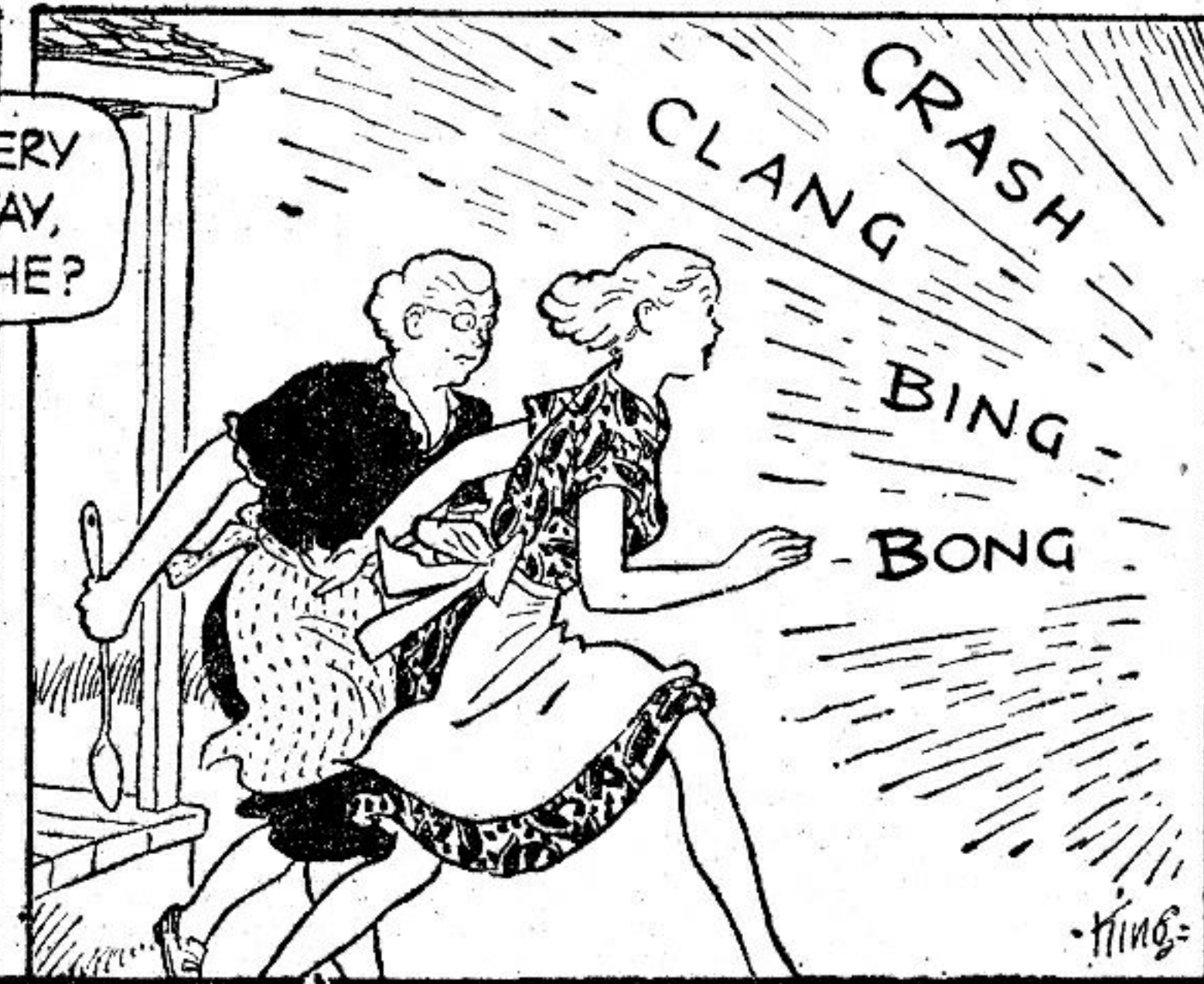


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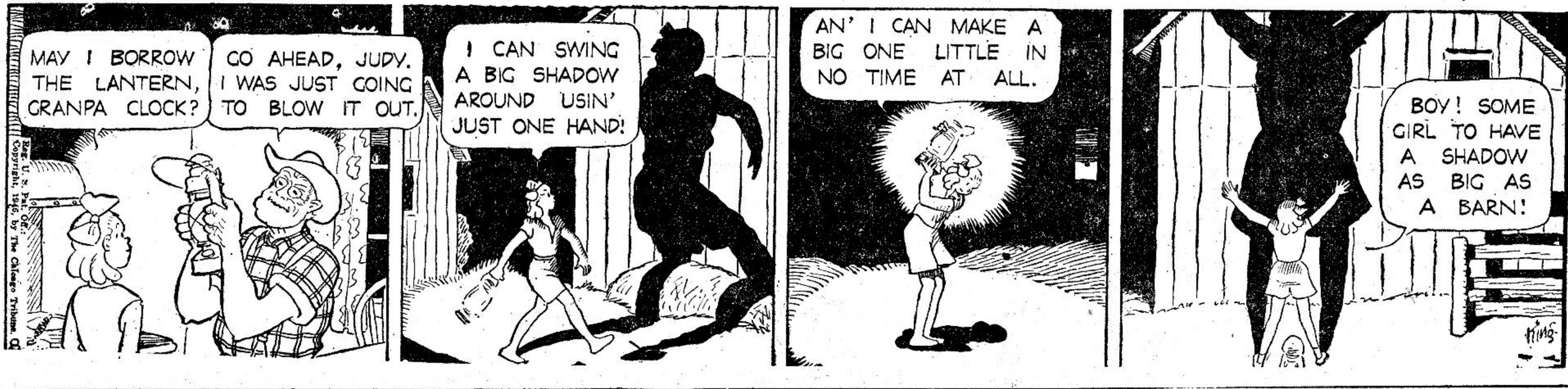
WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST NOT TO SPOIL CHIPPER, MOTHER. BUT SKEEZIX RELAXES SOMETIMES.

CHIPPER MINDS VERY WELL. BY THE WAY, WHERE IS HE?

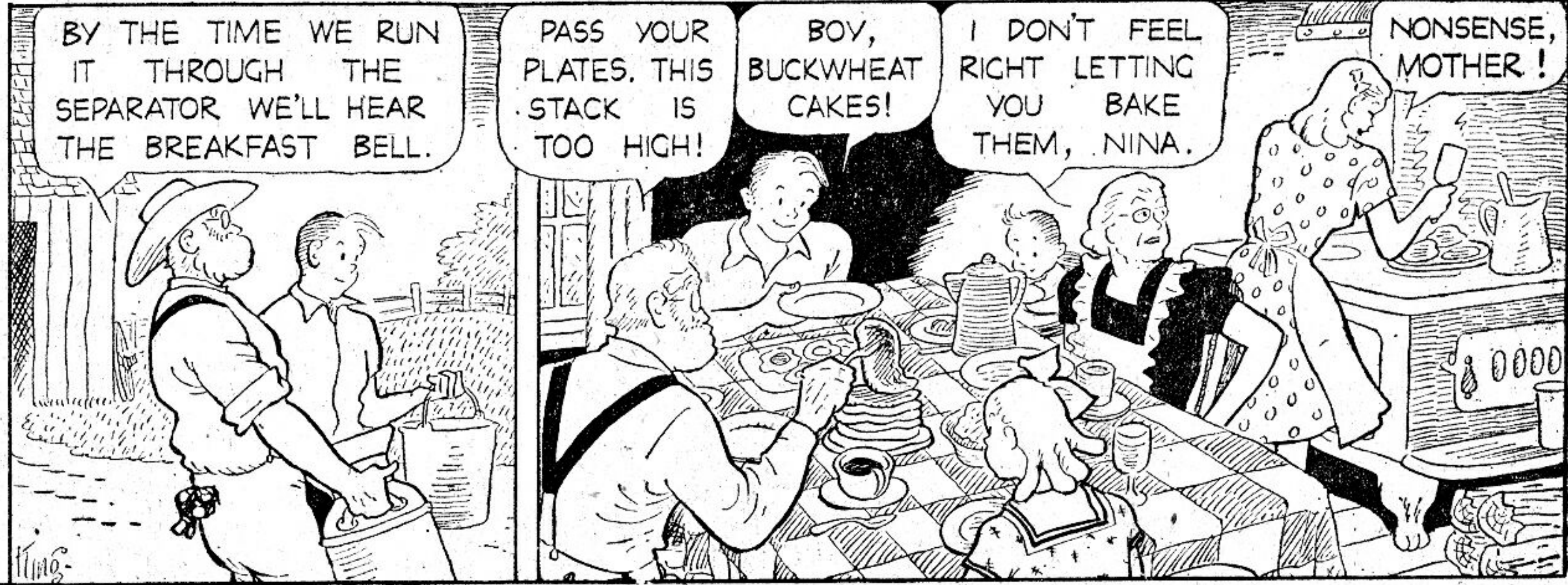
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CHIPPER IS SUCH A DEAR! I CAN'T BEAR TO HAVE YOU TAKE HIM AWAY.

I THINK YOU'LL BE GLAD TO SEE US ALL GO, MOTHER CLOCK.

SKEEZIX! IF I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE TEASING ME I'D SPANK YOU!

WE DON'T WANT TO GO, I CAN TELL YOU THAT. YOU'VE BEEN SWELL!

WHY CAN'T JUDY AND CHIPPER STAY ON WITH US A FEW DAYS? WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM.

HEY, NINA! WE'VE HAD A PROPOSITION.

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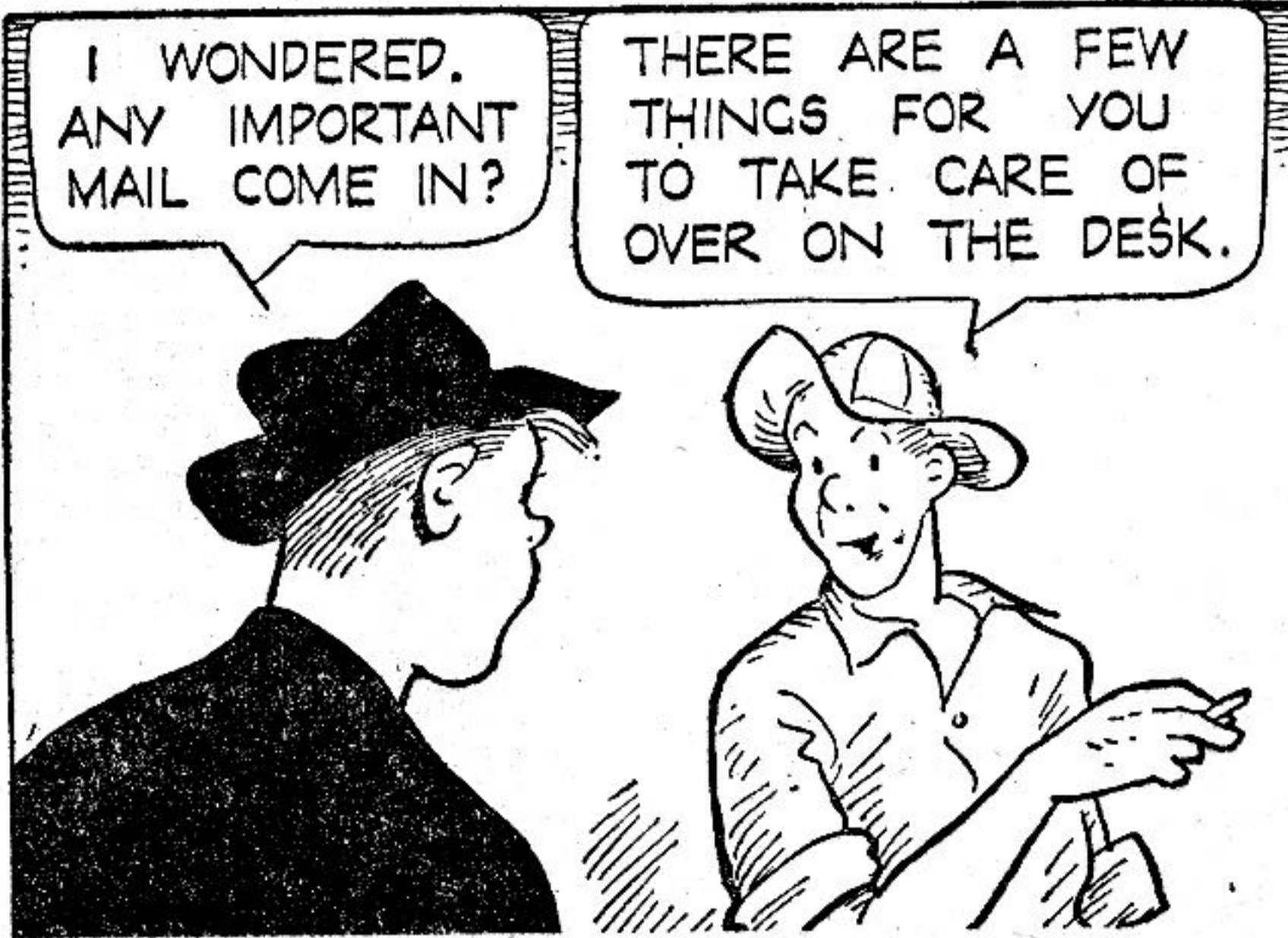
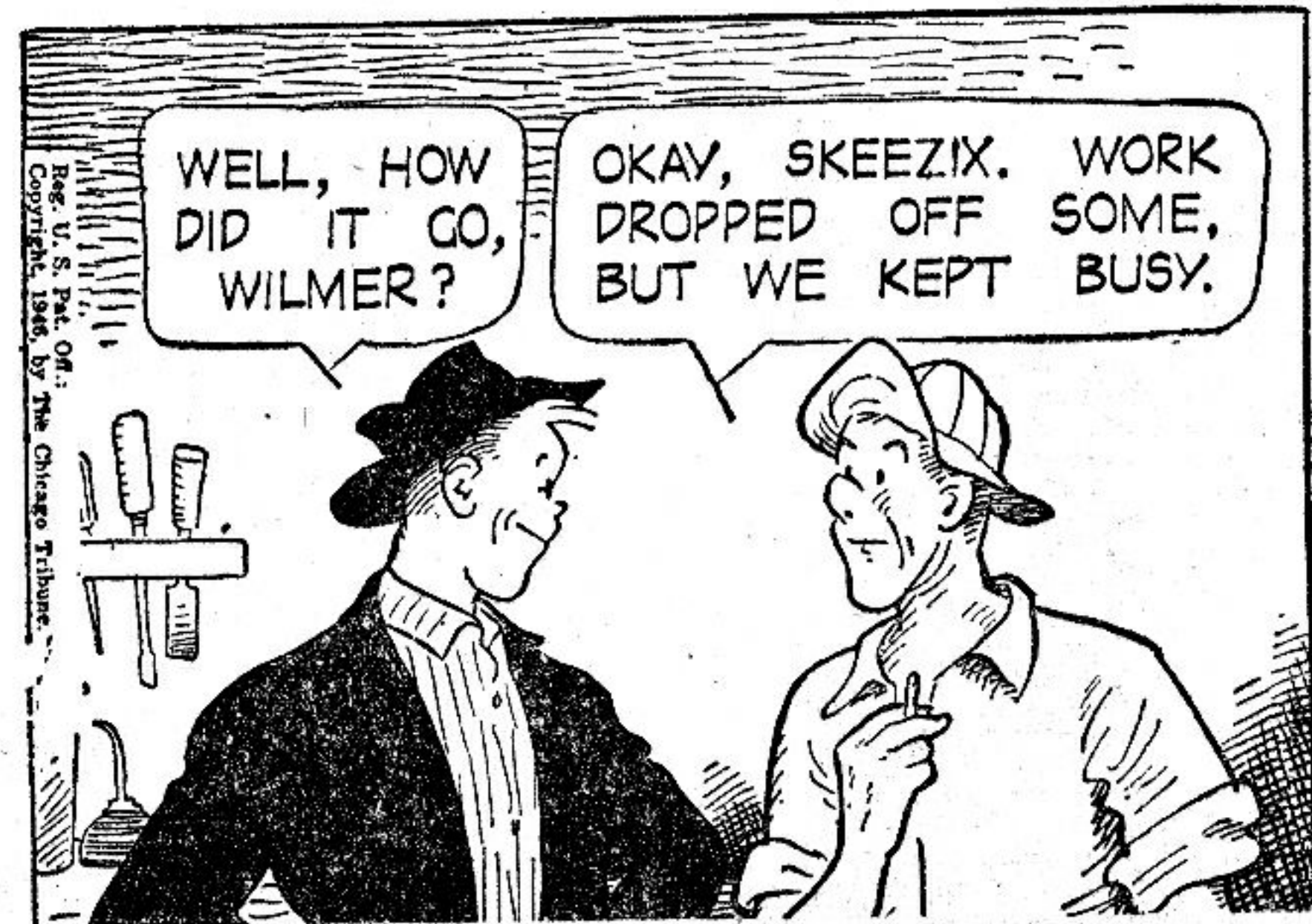
WELL, HOW DID IT GO, WILMER?

OKAY, SKEEZIX. WORK DROPPED OFF SOME, BUT WE KEPT BUSY.

I WONDERED. ANY IMPORTANT MAIL COME IN?

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS FOR YOU TO TAKE CARE OF OVER ON THE DESK.

IT'LL ALWAYS BE THE SAME. YOU DO TWO WEEKS EXTRA WORK TO GET AWAY, THEN FIND TWO WEEKS WORK WHEN YOU GET BACK.



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I'VE KEPT JESSICA
AT HOME, SKEEZIX,
SINCE WORK HERE
DROPPED OFF.

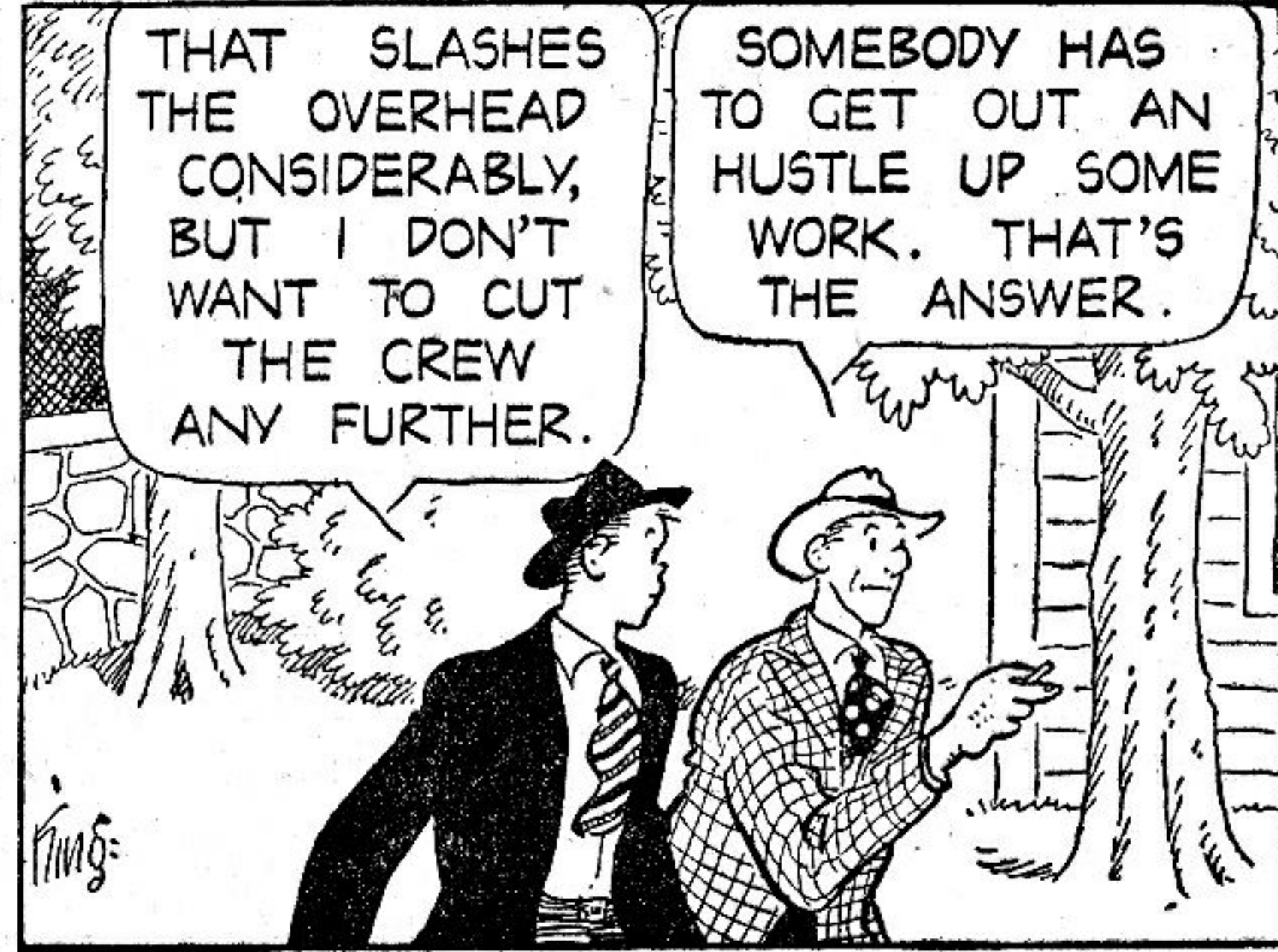
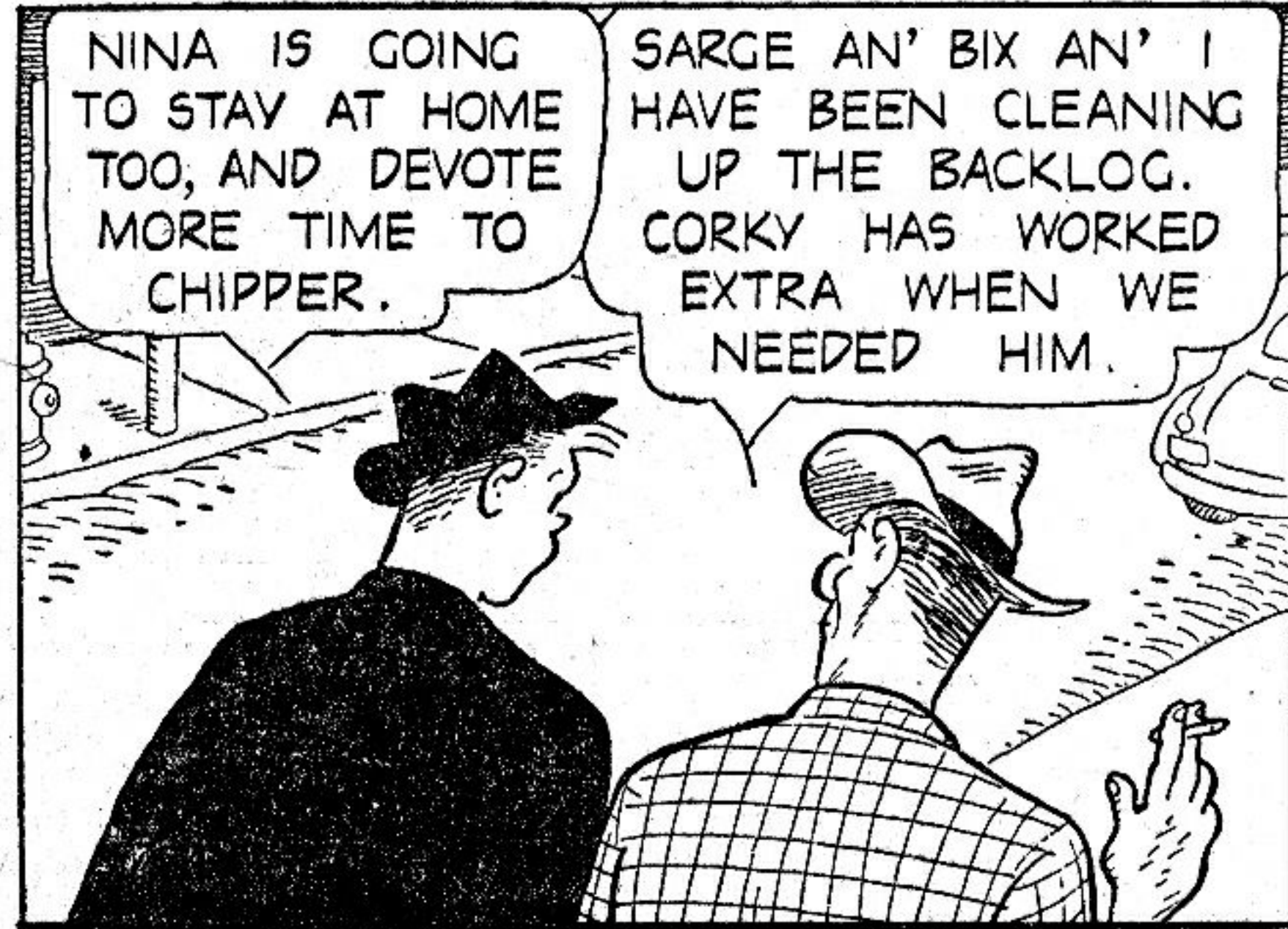
THAT'S
ADVISABLE,
WILMER.

NINA IS GOING
TO STAY AT HOME
TOO, AND DEVOTE
MORE TIME TO
CHIPPER.

SARGE AN' BIX AN' I
HAVE BEEN CLEANING
UP THE BACKLOG.
CORKY HAS WORKED
EXTRA WHEN WE
NEEDED HIM.

THAT SLASHES
THE OVERHEAD
CONSIDERABLY,
BUT I DON'T
WANT TO CUT
THE CREW
ANY FURTHER.

SOMEBODY HAS
TO GET OUT AN
HUSTLE UP SOME
WORK. THAT'S
THE ANSWER.



THINGS WENT WELL AT THE SHOP DURING OUR VACATION, NINA.

FINE! AND WITH CHIPPER AT MOTHER'S IT STILL IS A VACATION FOR ME, SKEEZIX.

IT SEEMS GOOD. BUT I WONDER HOW HE IS. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE MOTHER CARED FOR A BABY.

DON'T WORRY. SHE'LL GET ALONG.

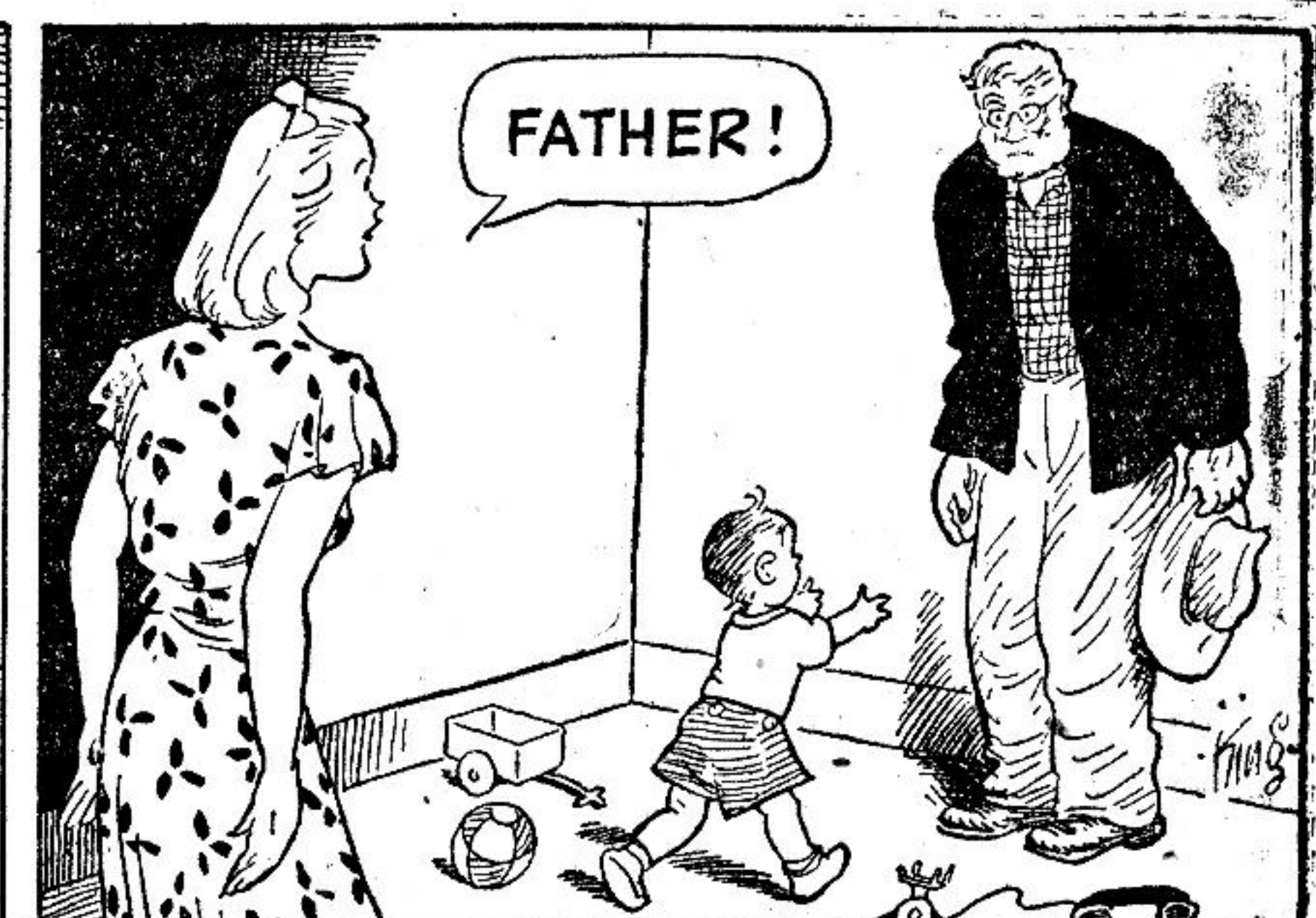
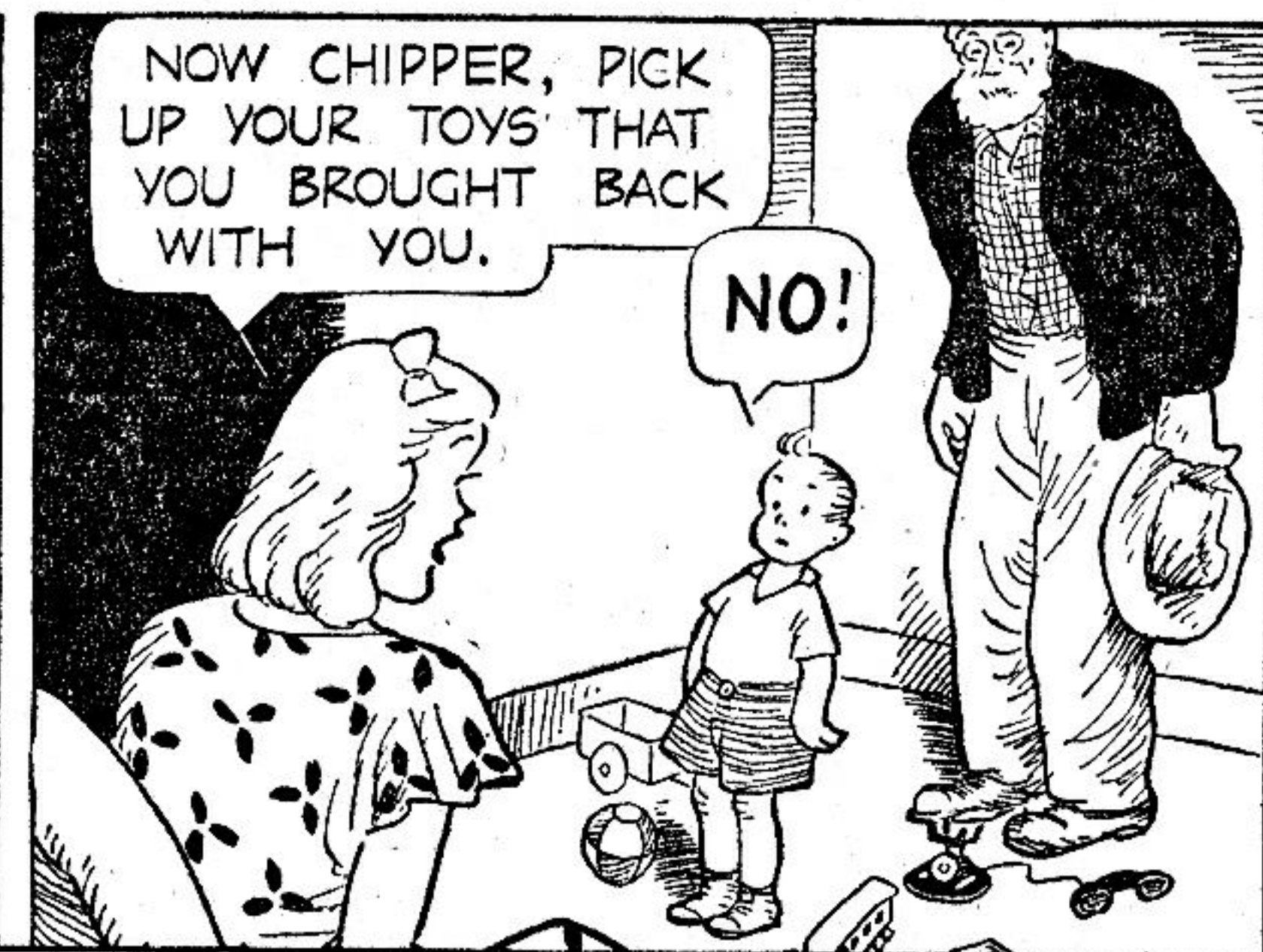
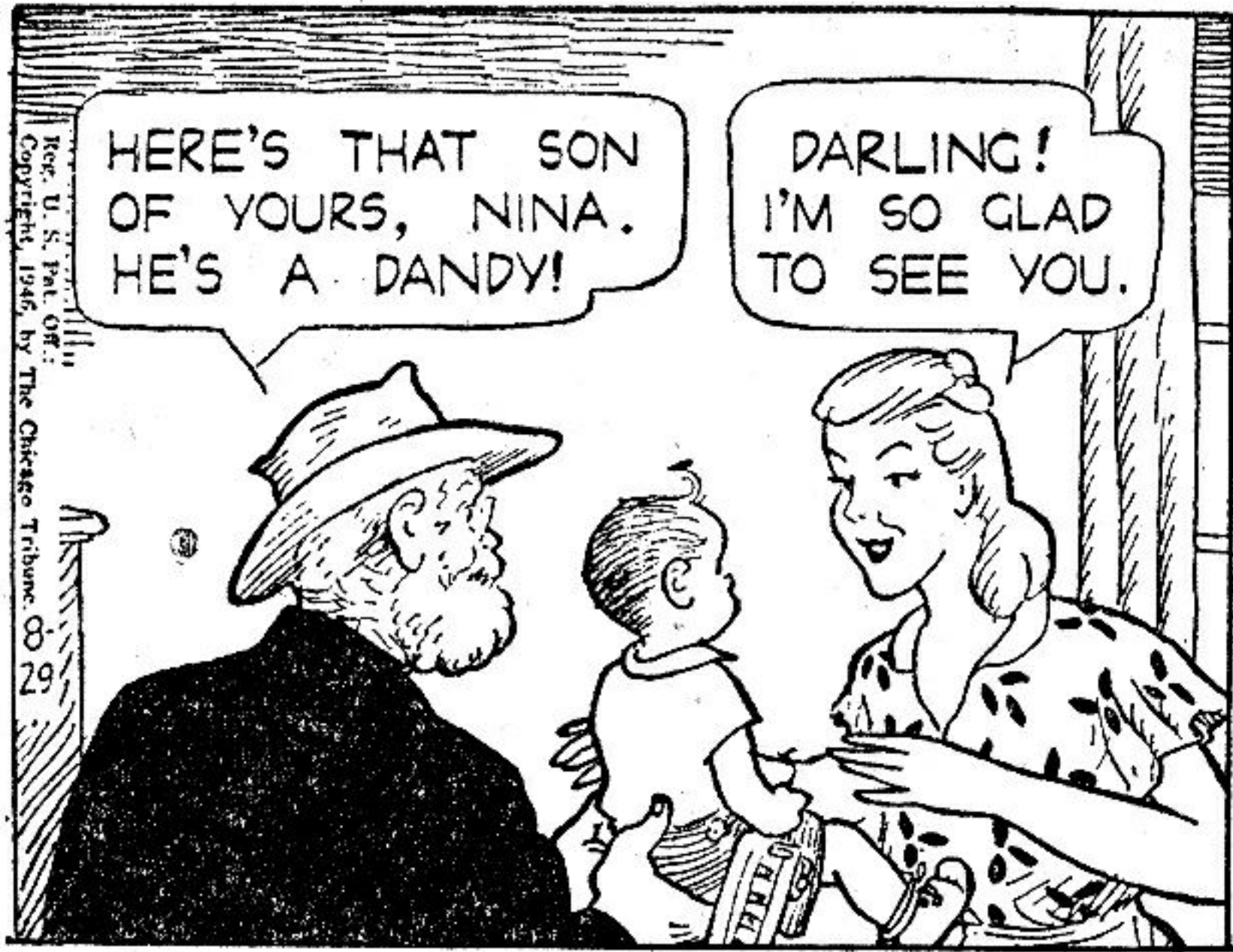
I'M MISSING HIM, AND I'M SURE FATHER IS SPOILING HIM! I THINK WE'D BETTER GET HIM BACK RIGHT AWAY!

AND SO ENDETH ONE MORE VACATION.

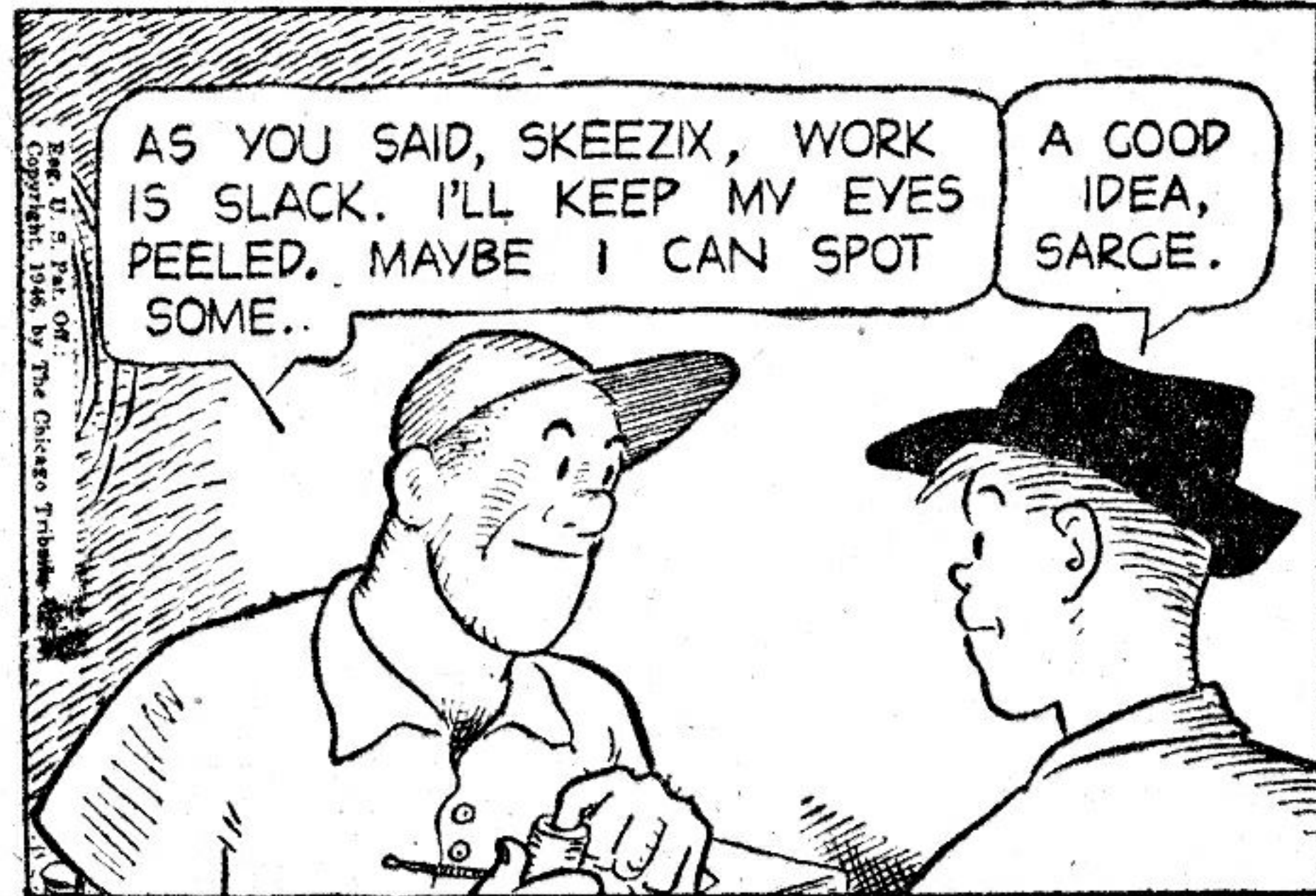
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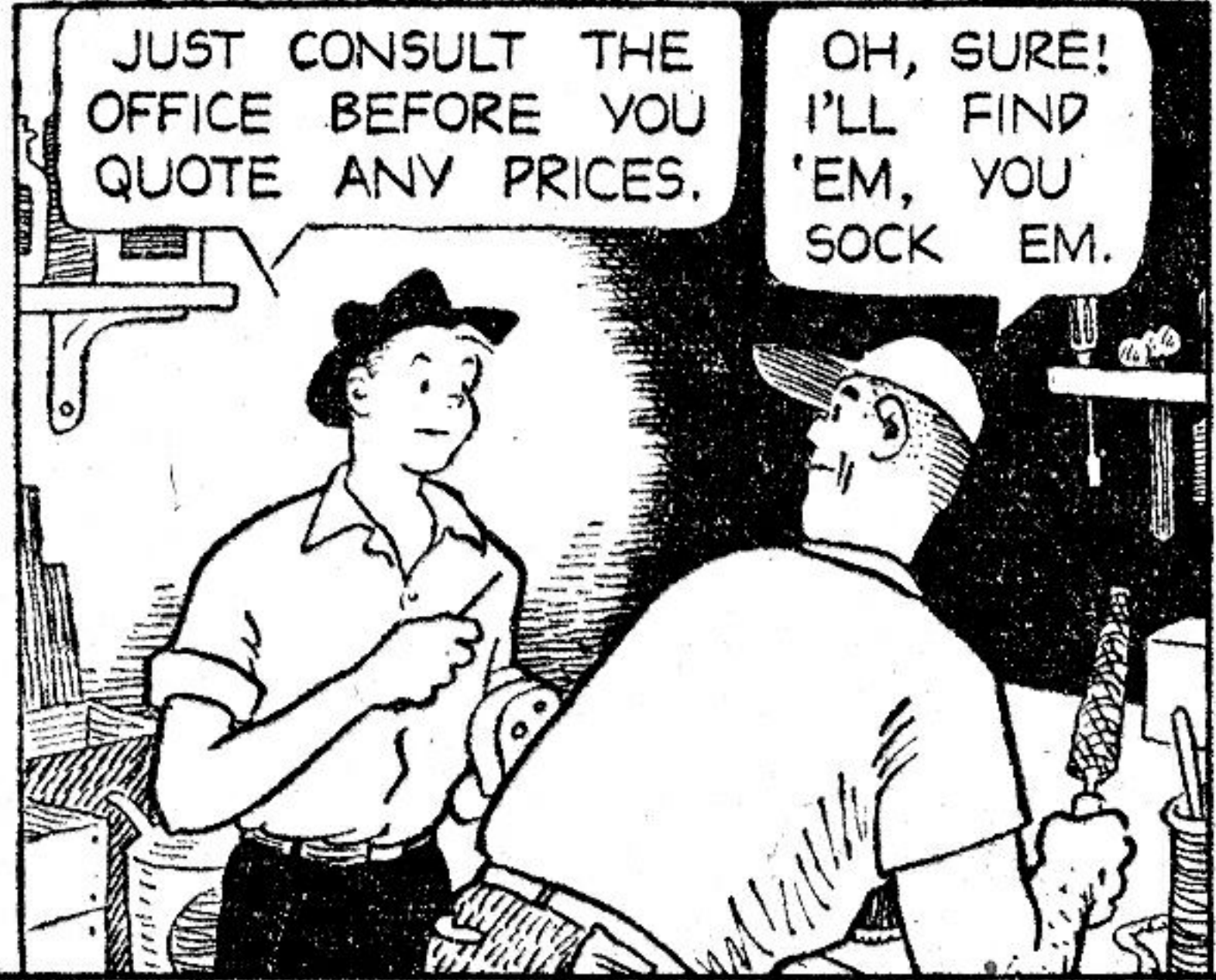
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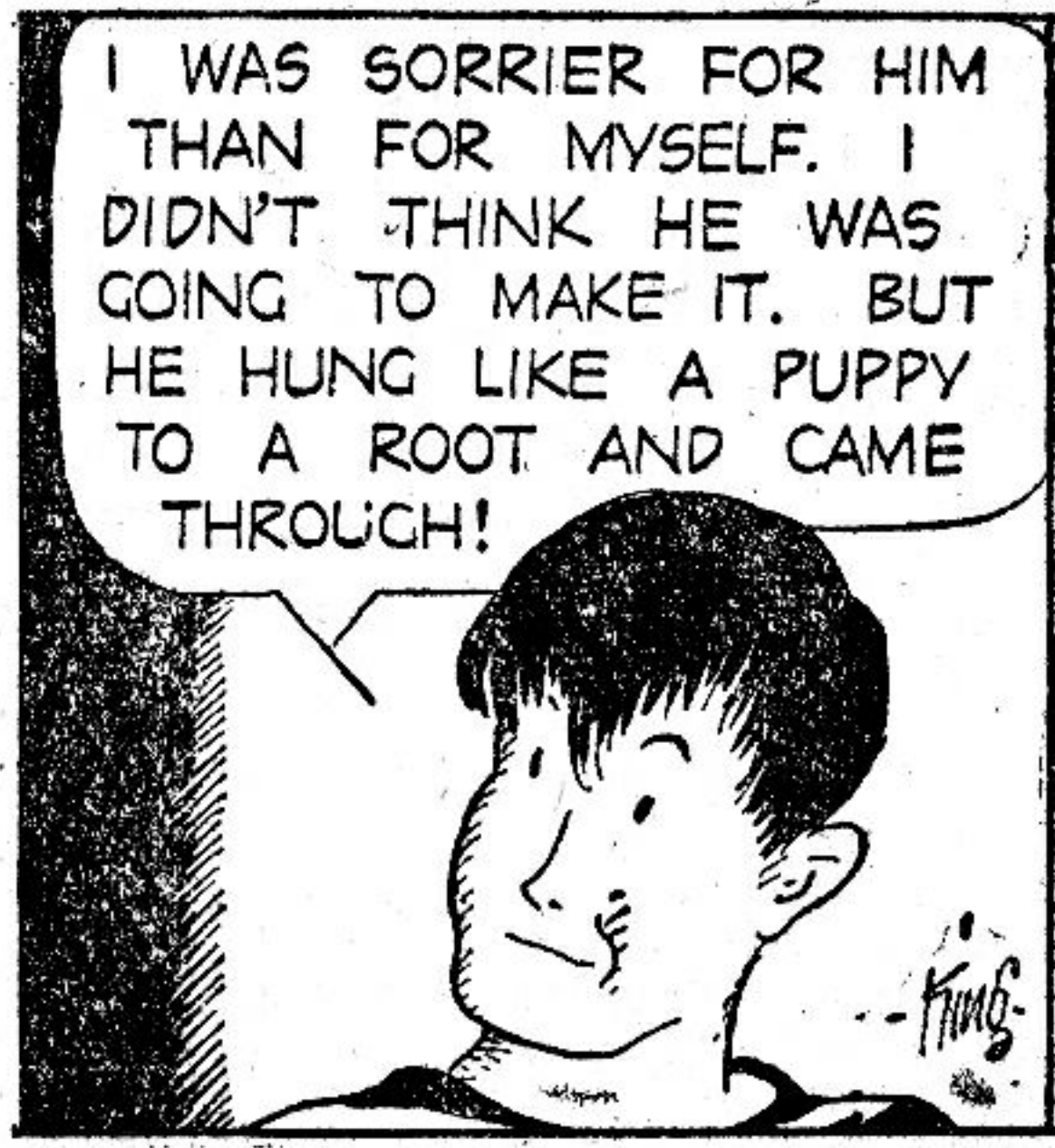
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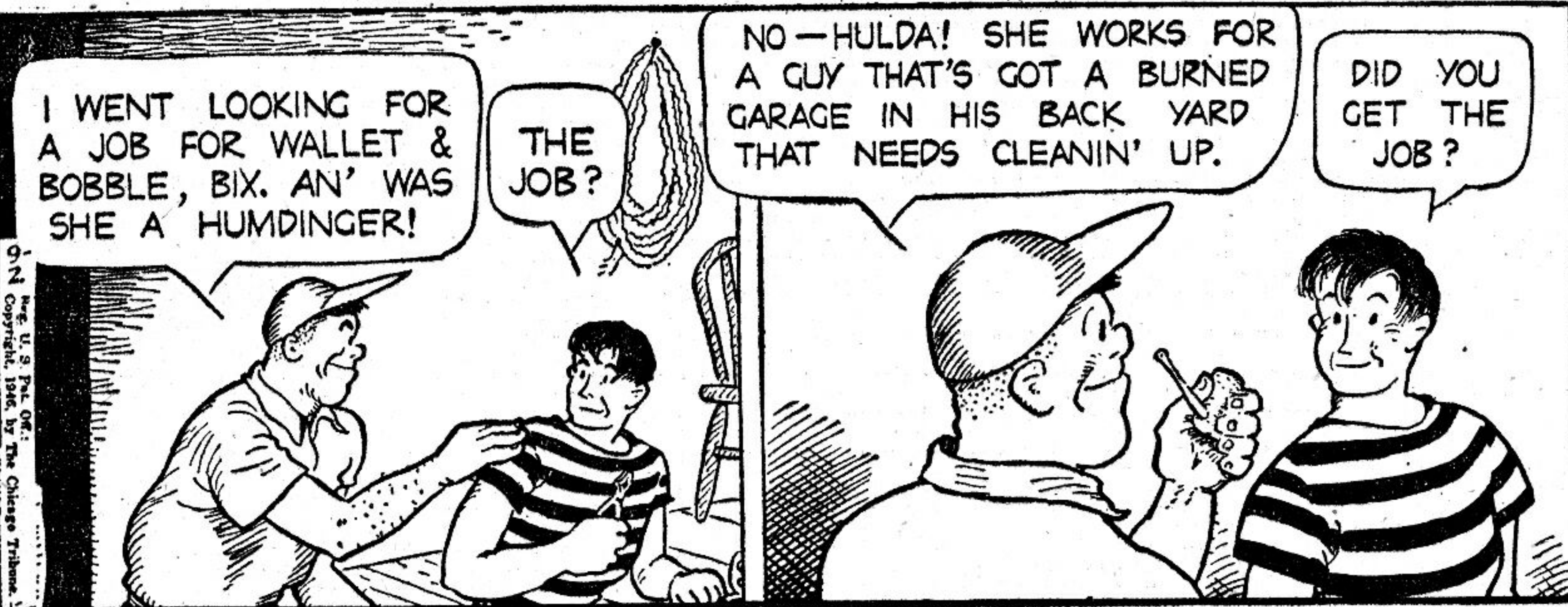
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SKEEZIX, SINCE WE'VE BEEN HOME I'VE MINDED MORE THAN EVER NOT HAVING OUR OWN HOME.

IT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO, HONEY, BUT IMPOSSIBLE NOW.

I KNOW. WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT IN DREAMS.

WHEN THERE'S THE RIGHT KIND OF A PLACE THAT WE CAN RENT, WE'LL GRAB IT!



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UNCLE WALT AND AUNTIE BLOSSOM ARE AWFULLY GOOD TO US, JESSICA, BUT WE SHOULD BE OUT ON OUR OWN.

WHY DON'T YOU LOOK FOR A PLACE, NINA?

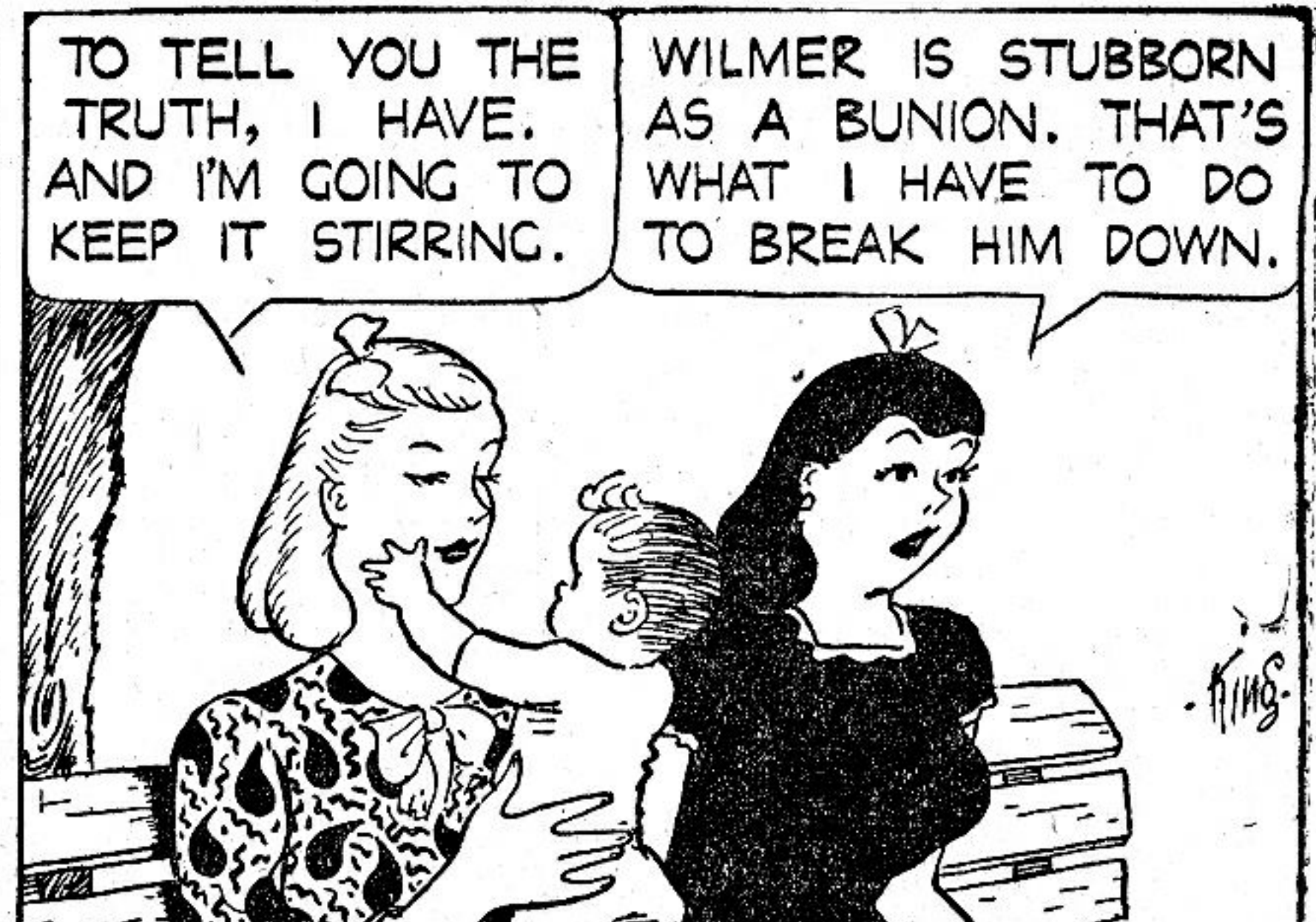
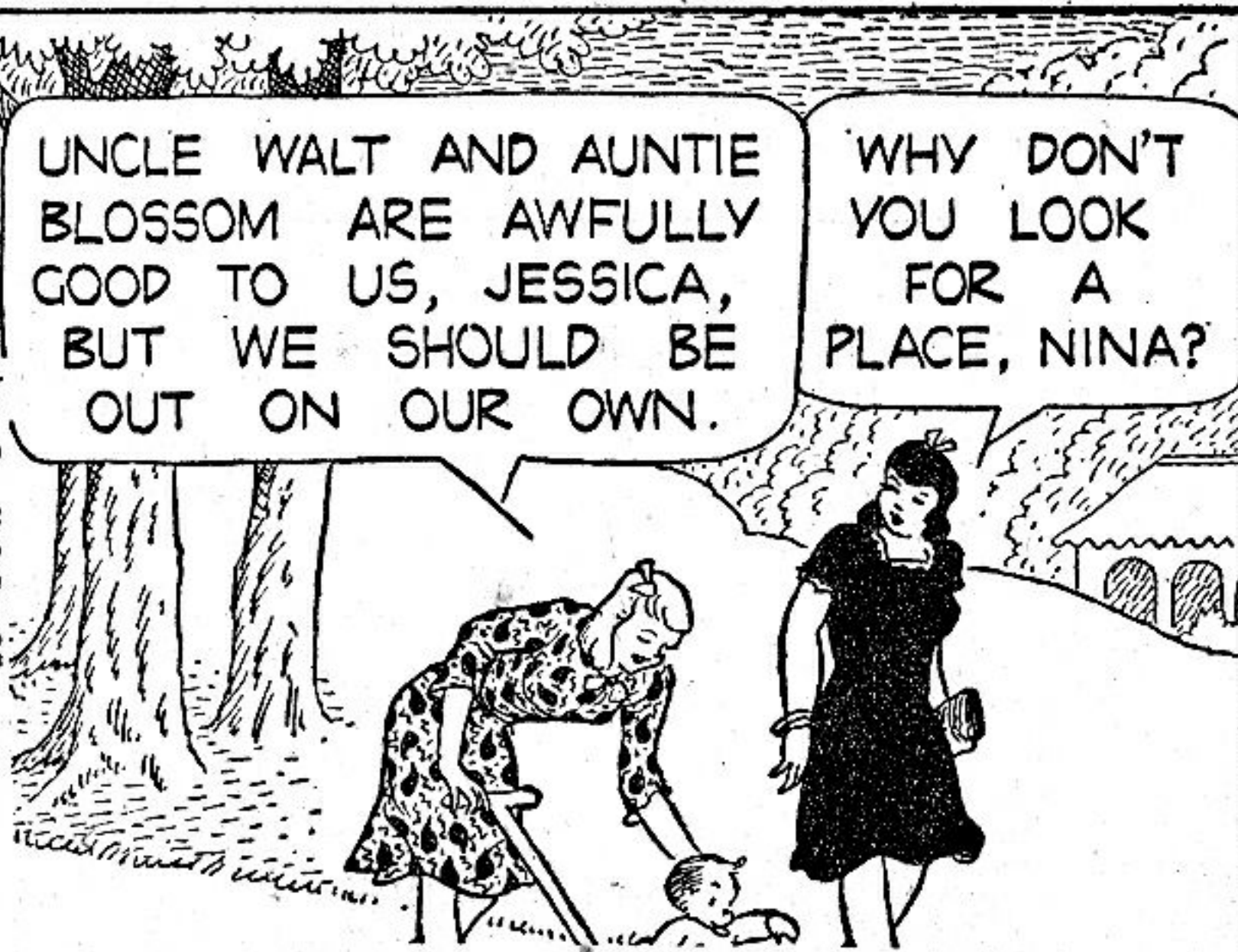
I HAVE. BUT THERE'S NOTHING REALLY LIVABLE, AND RENTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE

MAYBE SKEEZIX IS TOO WELL SATISFIED. WHY DON'T YOU START AN AGITATION?

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE. AND I'M GOING TO KEEP IT STIRRING.

WILMER IS STUBBORN AS A BUNION. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO DO TO BREAK HIM DOWN.

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BIX, ABOUT THAT TEN I BORROWED FROM YOU — I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN IT.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD, MR. BOBBLE.

I'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPENSES LATELY. WOULD IT BE OKAY TO LET IT RIDE JUST A LITTLE WHILE?

SURE, THAT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.

I'LL BE SURE TO HAVE IT FOR YOU A WEEK FROM TOMORROW. YOU'RE SWELL TO WAIT.

I DIDN'T MIND. I'VE GOT A LITTLE NEST-EGG LAID BY. I DON'T NEED IT RIGHT NOW.

I WISH EVERYBODY WAS AS EASY TO STALL OFF AS BIX.

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I'VE TALKED TO HULDA, BIX, AN' SHE'S GOT A FRIEND!

I'VE TOLD YOU, SARGE, IT WON'T WORK.

LISTEN! YOU CAN'T GET ANYWHERE DODGIN' FOLKS. STAND UP AN' BE YOURSELF.

IF SHE DIDN'T SNUB ME OR IGNORE ME, SHE'D SYMPATHIZE. THAT'S THE WORST OF ALL!

IF SHE DID, I'D CHASTISE, SPANK AN' OSTRACIZE HER!

THANKS FOR YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS, SARGE. BUT NO SOAP.

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I HOPE YOU'LL CALL ME, BIX.

IT WAS A GRAND EVENING, JANICE, AND I APPRECIATE IT.



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JANICE IS SWELL! SARGE DID ME A REAL FAVOR BY DRAGGING ME OUT.



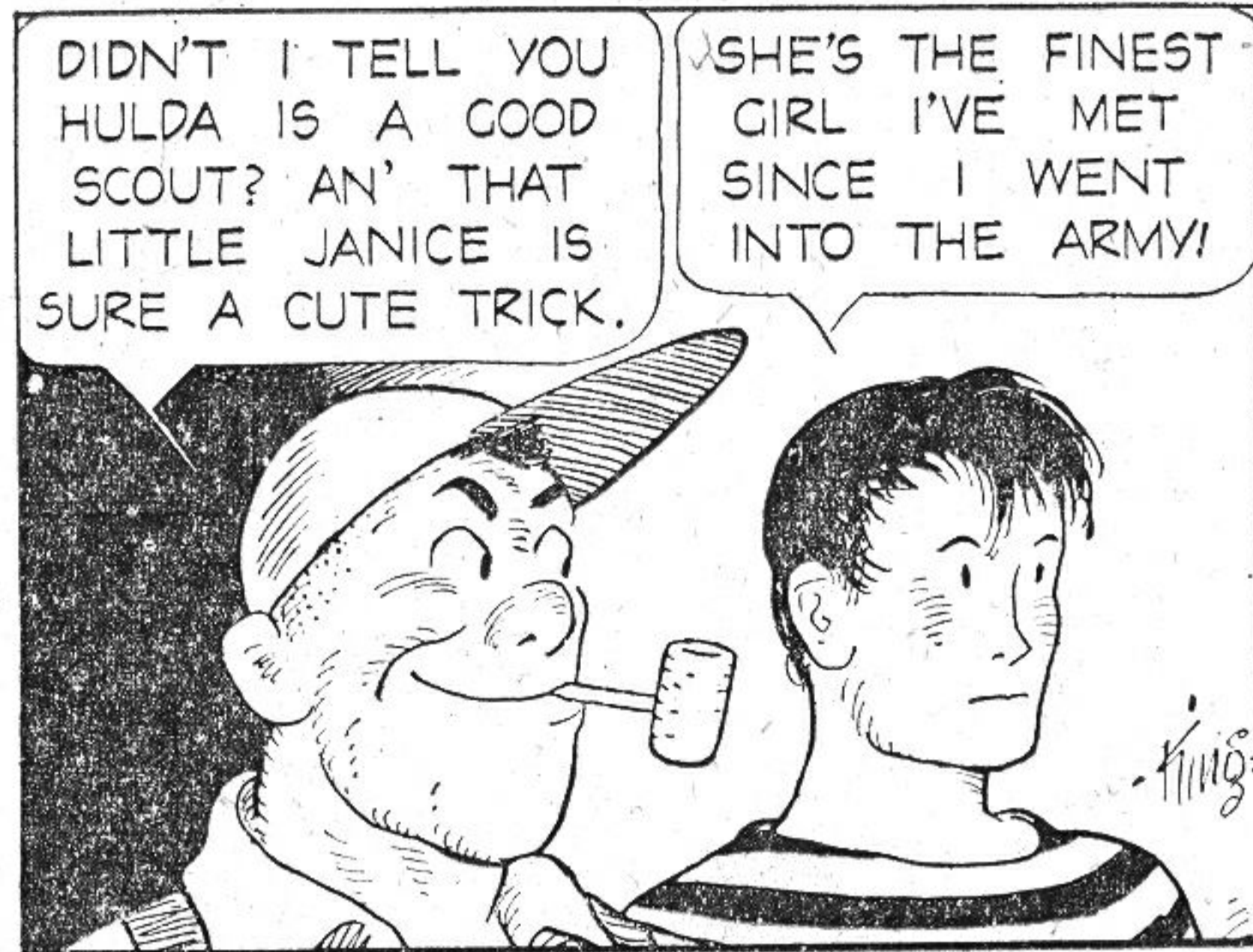
I WAS CLUMSY DANCING WITH HER, BUT SHE NEVER SAID A WORD.



I NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND ANYONE WHO'D BE THAT NICE TO ME!



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YOU HAD ME SCARED FOR A MINUTE, BIX. I THOUGHT YOU WERE FALLIN' HARD FOR THAT JANICE DAME.

THAT SORT OF THING ISN'T FOR ME, SARGE.

I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT. YOU AN' ME ARE GOIN' TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN TOGETHER.

I DO LIKE HER AN AWFUL LOT, BUT FOR HER SAKE I'M DROPPING OUT OF THE PICTURE.

FOR HER SAKE? WHADDA YA MEAN— YOU AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER? YOU'RE GOOFY!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I MEAN. SHE MIGHT EVEN GET TO LIKING ME. THEN IT WOULD BE TOO LATE.

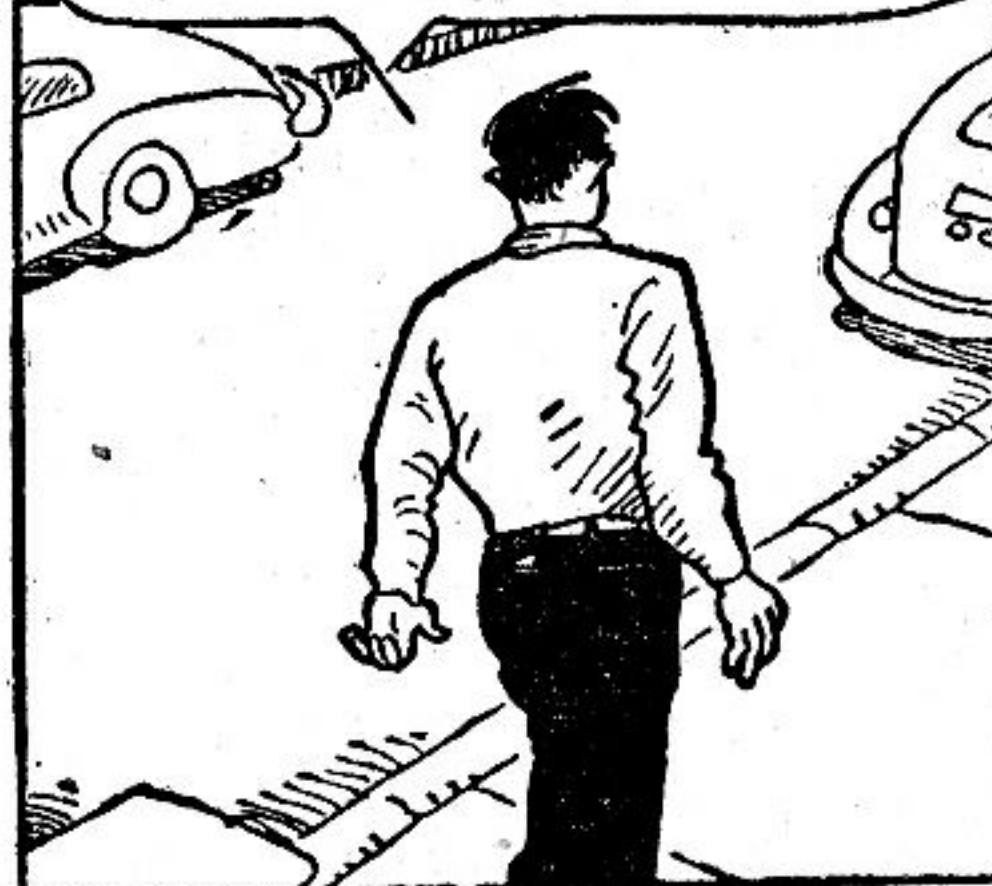


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NO, I WOULDN'T WISH
A BIRD LIKE ME WITH
A HANDICAP LIKE
MINE ONTO ANY GIRL!



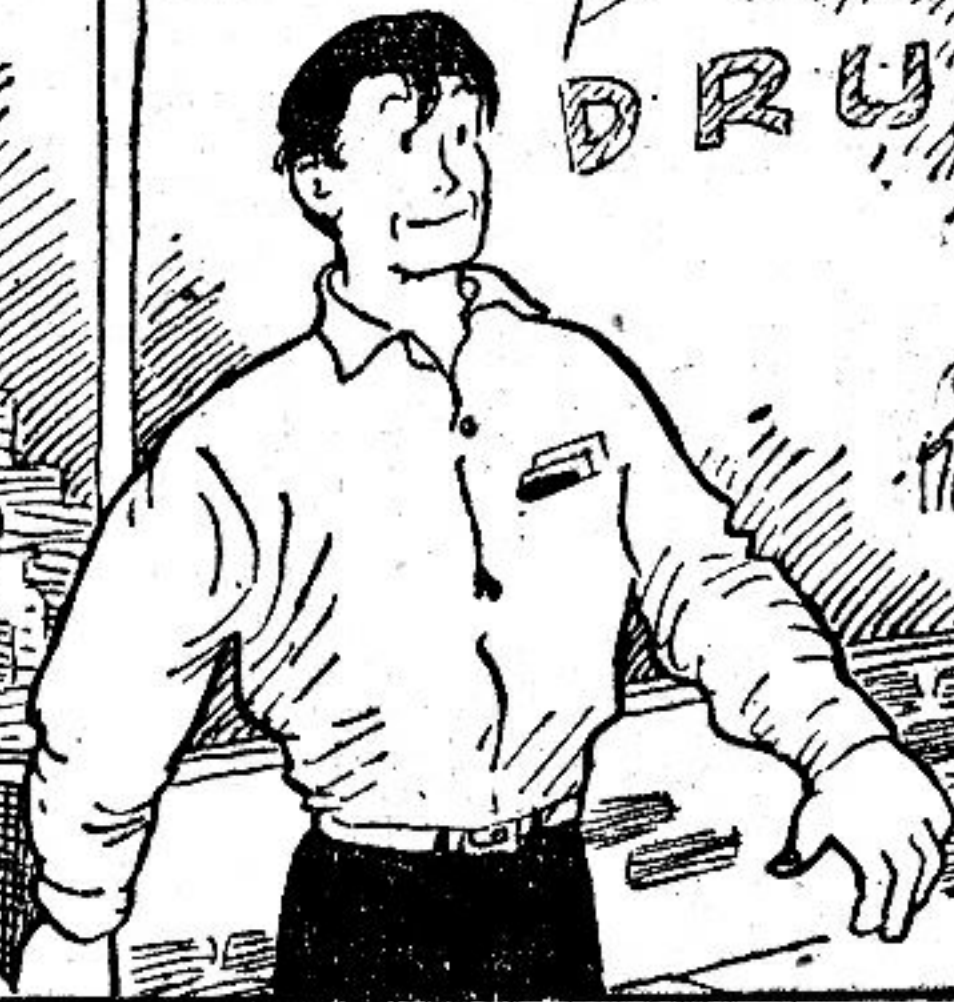
ESPECIALLY A
BEAUTIFUL, WONDERFUL,
MODEST, UNDERSTANDING
ONE LIKE JANICE!



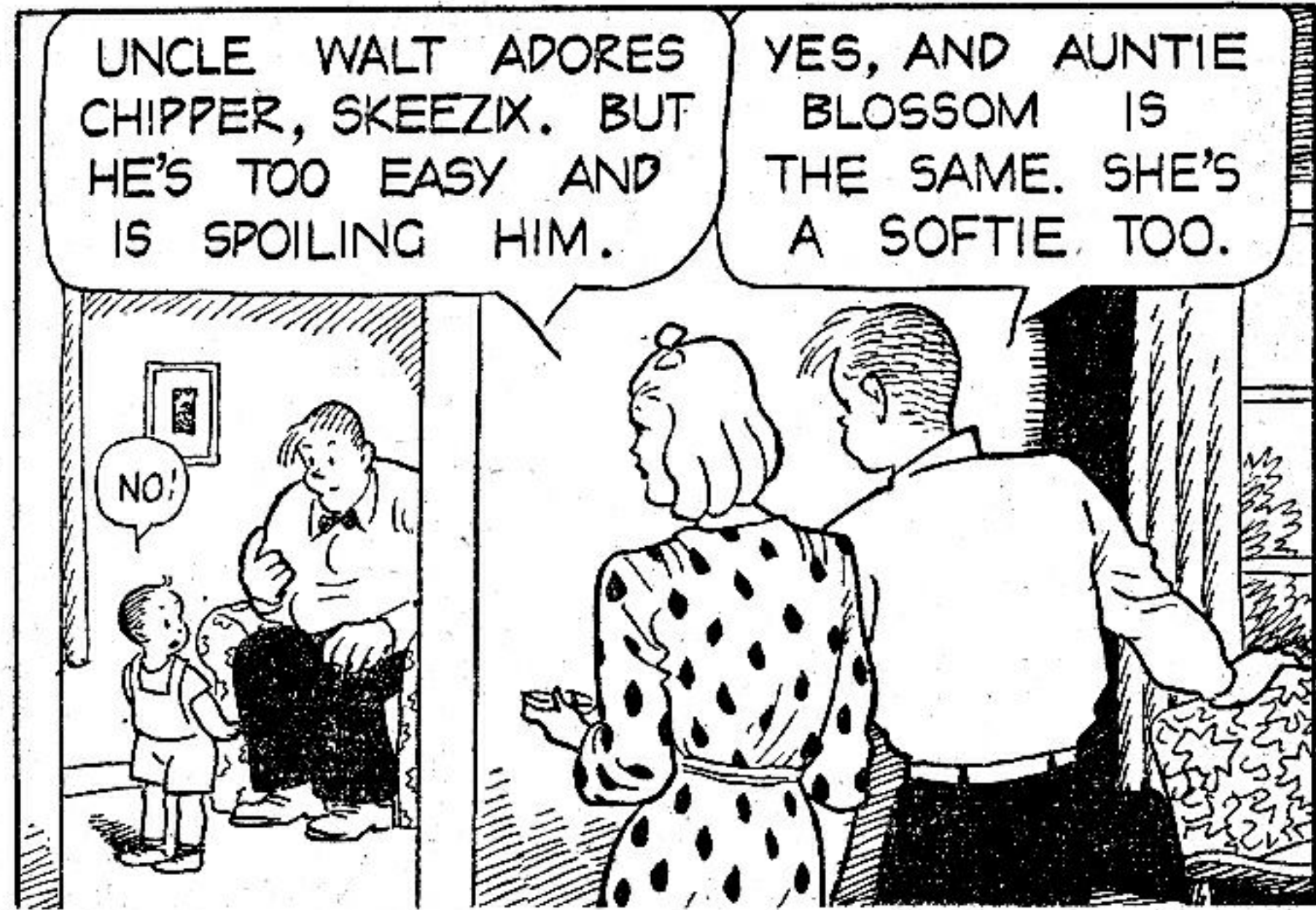
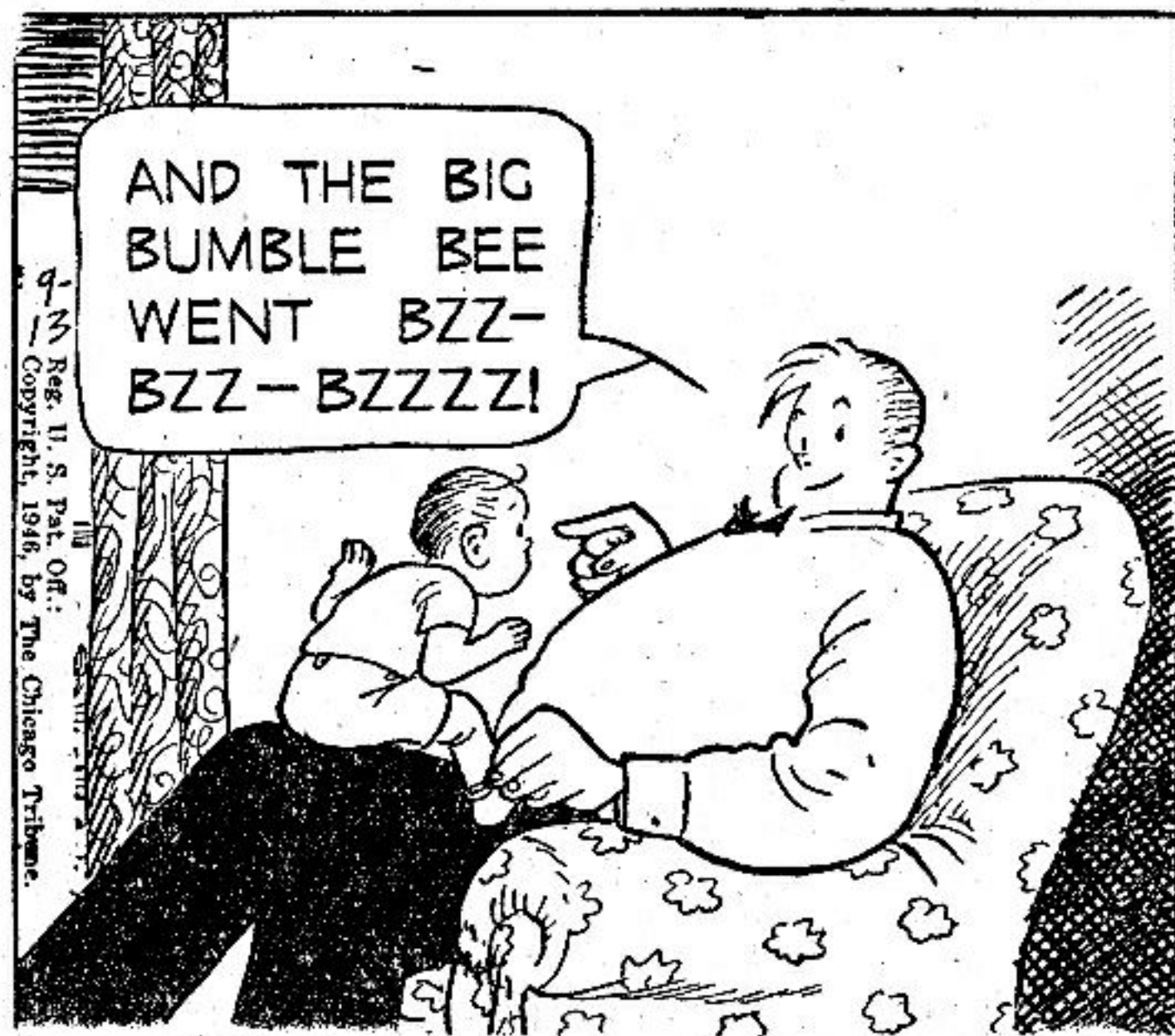
SHE DID GIVE
ME HER PHONE
NUMBER. I'LL
CALL AND TELL
HER GOODBY.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
I'VE GOT A DATE!



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I MIGHT AS WELL CHECK UP ON THAT BURNED GARAGE CLEANUP JOB.

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HELLO, HULDA. HOW'S THINGS?

OKAY, BIG BOY. COME IN AN' HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE.

DID YOU EVER SPEAK TO YOUR BOSS ABOUT THAT SALVAGE JOB IN THE BACK YARD?

NOT YET. HE'S BEEN IN A BAD MOOD. BESIDES HE'S OUT OF TOWN FOR A WEEK.

OUT OF TOWN? I FEEL MORE AT HOME ALREADY.

I'VE BEEN THINKIN'— MAYBE WE AN' BIX AN' JANICE COULD PULL A PARTY. EH, WHAT?

GASOLINE ALLEY

BOY, WAS MY FACE RED WHEN HULDA'S BOSS BROKE UP OUR PARTY AT HIS HOUSE!

HE SHOULD OF LET HULDA KNOW HE WAS COMIN' HOME AHEAD OF TIME, BIX.

JANICE WAS EMBARRASSED, TOO. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE THERE, SARGE.

FORGET IT. THE ONLY THING IS, I'LL HAVE A HARD TIME TALKIN' BUSINESS TO THE OL' MAN AFTER HIM KICKIN' US OUT.

SARGE, YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT SOMEBODY HAVIN' A JOB OF CLEANIN' RUBBISH OUT OF A BACK YARD. WE COULD USE ONE RIGHT NOW.

WELL — THAT IS — I HOPED YOU'D FORGET ABOUT THAT!

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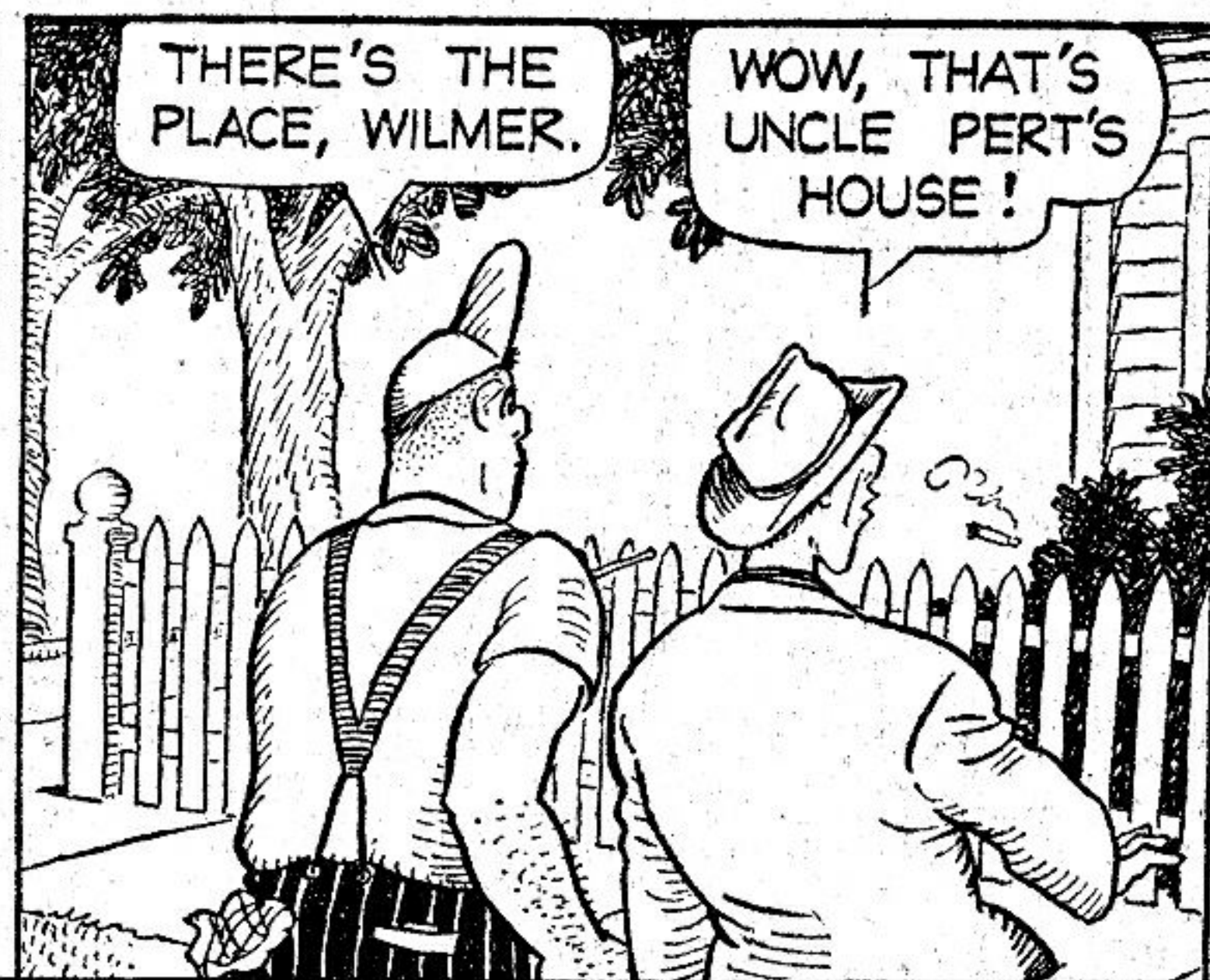




THE JOB IS A YARDFUL OF WRECKAGE THAT NEEDS CLEANIN' UP. BUT THE OWNER IS A TOUGH OL' GUY!

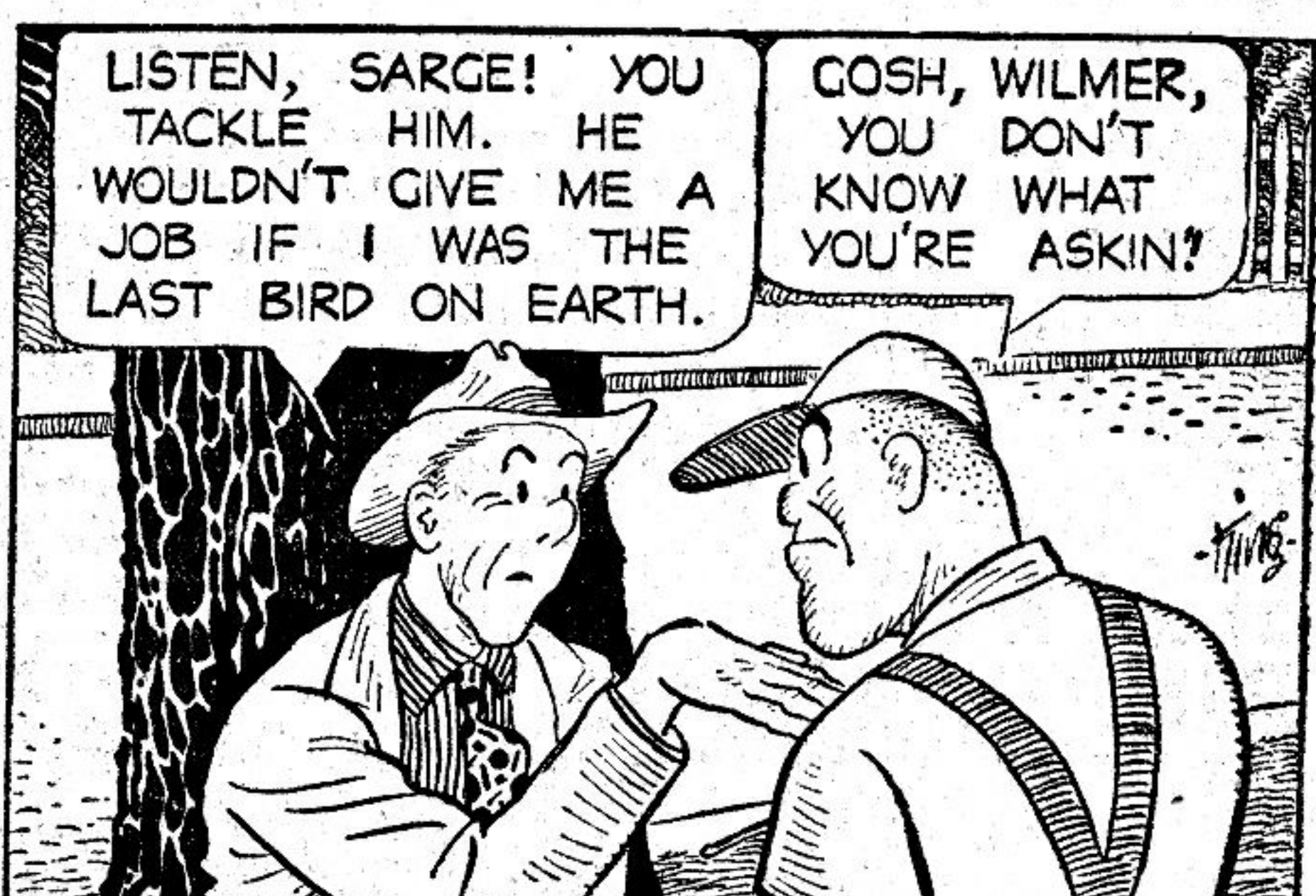
NEVER MIND, SARGE. WE'LL GIVE HIM THE OL' ONE-TWO-THREE SALES TALK.

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THERE'S THE PLACE, WILMER.

WOW, THAT'S UNCLE PERT'S HOUSE!

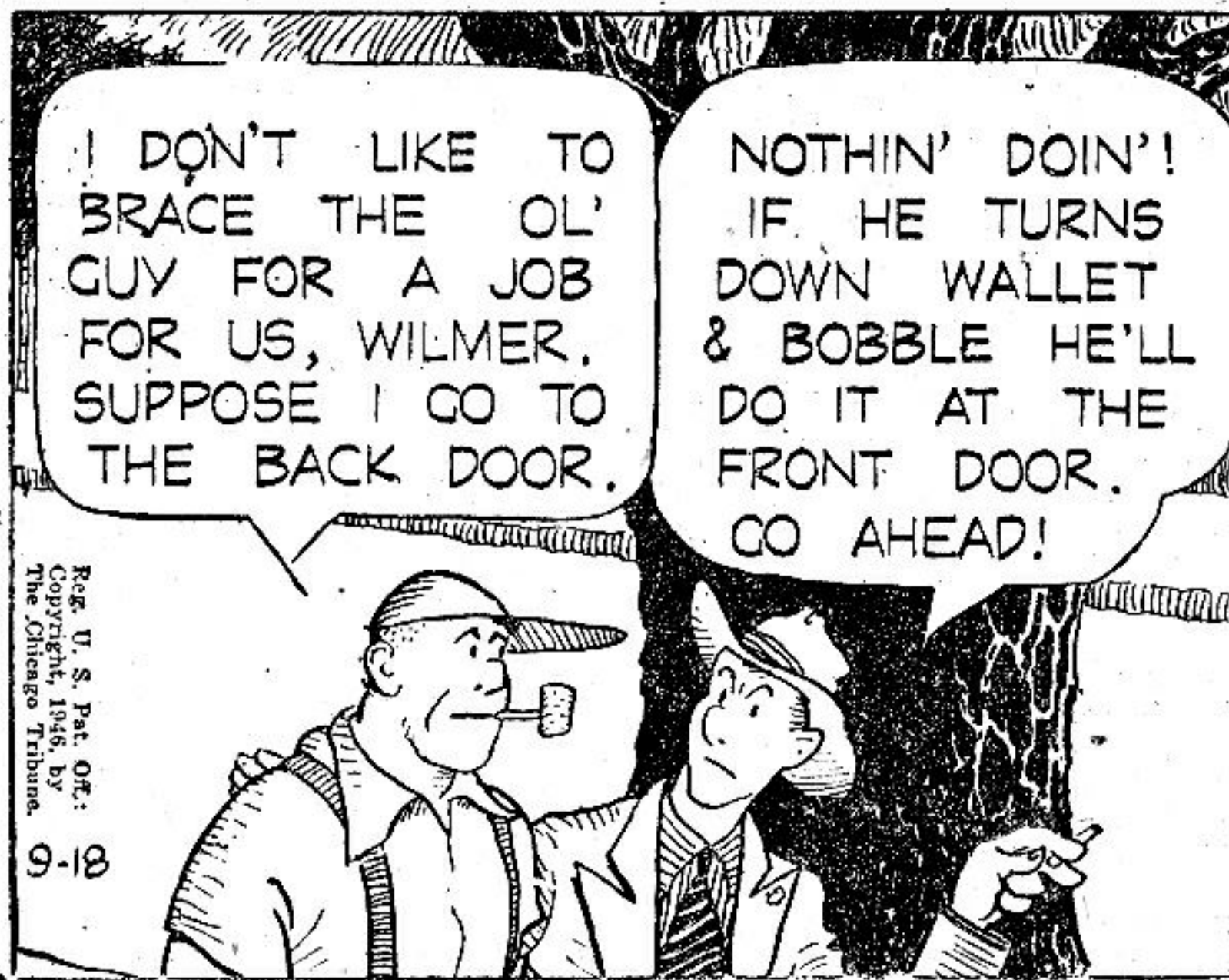


LISTEN, SARGE! YOU TACKLE HIM. HE WOULDN'T GIVE ME A JOB IF I WAS THE LAST BIRD ON EARTH.

GOSH, WILMER, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ASKIN'!

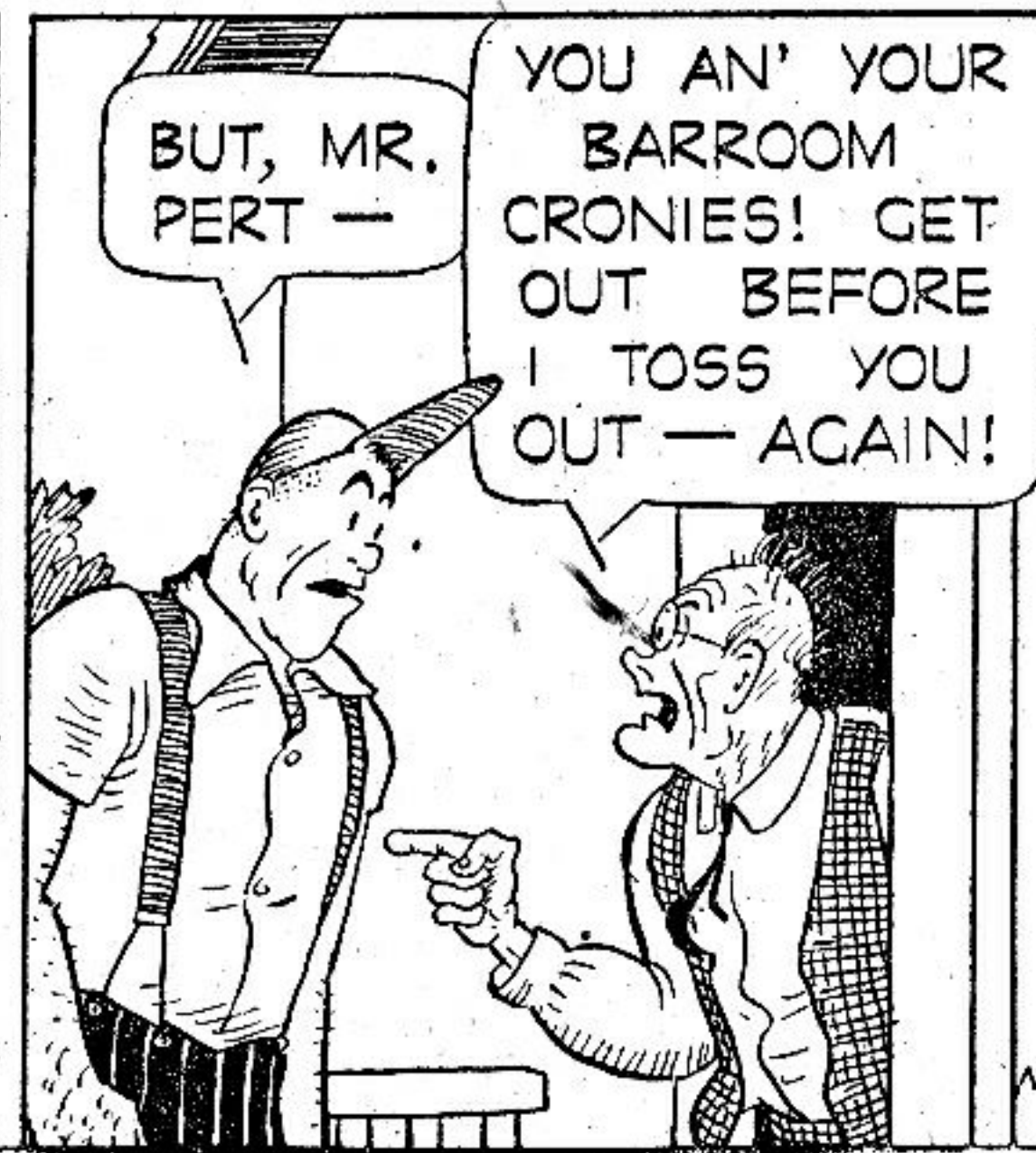
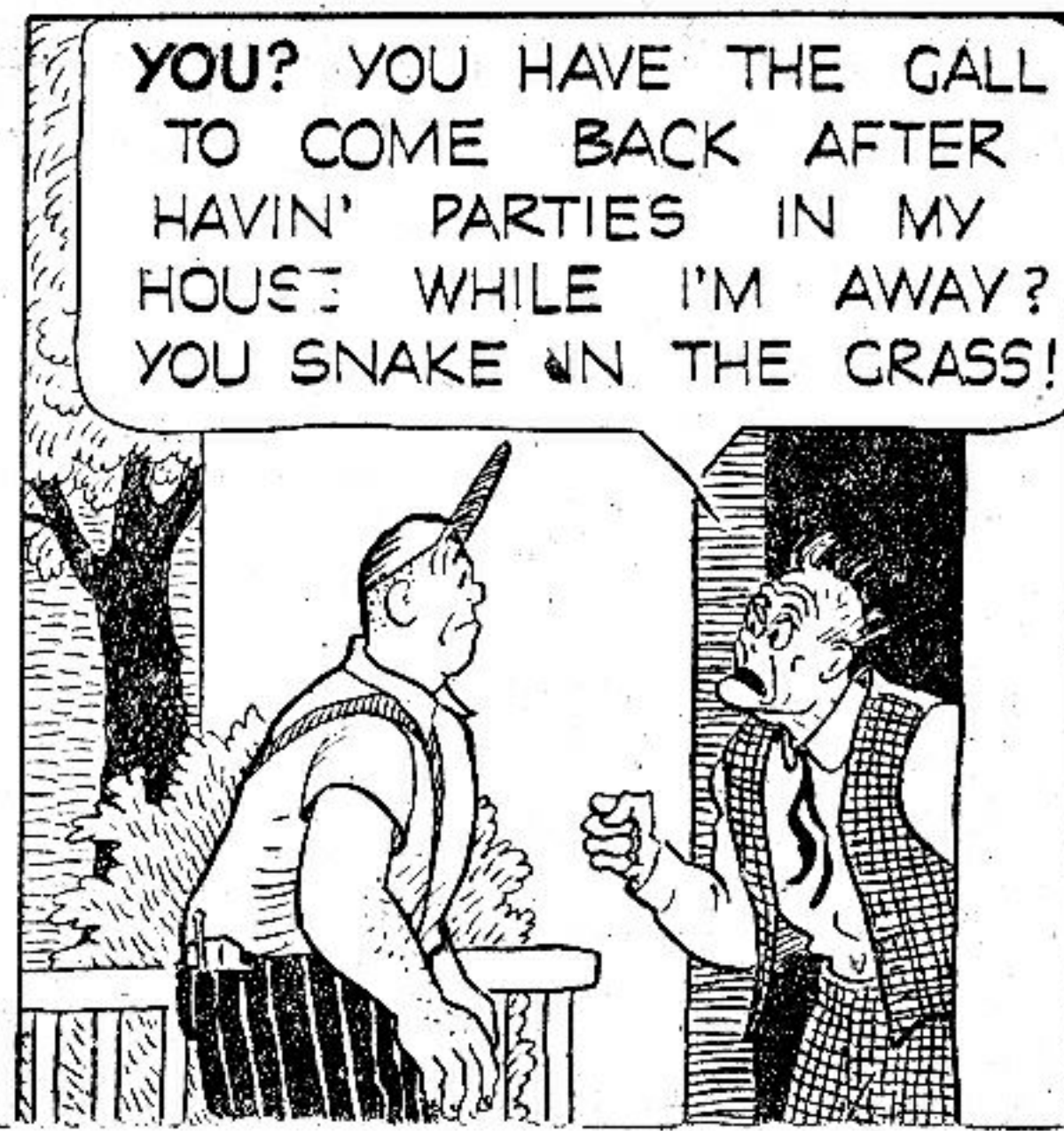
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SKEEZIX AND I APPRECIATE MORE THAN WE CAN SAY YOUR LETTING US LIVE HERE WITH YOU, AUNTIE BLOSSOM.

WE'VE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT—UNCLE WALT AND I. WE'RE GLAD WE COULD ALL BE TOGETHER, NINA.

BUT I BELIEVE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A HOME OF THEIR OWN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE A YOUNGSTER.

WE'D MISS YOU A LOT. BUT I CAN SEE YOUR SIDE. OF IT, TOO. IT IS HUMAN NATURE FOR YOU TO WANT TO BE BY YOURSELVES.

ANYWAY, WE AGREE ON THAT.

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THERE ISN'T A THING
UNCLE WALT AND
AUNTIE BLOSSOM
HAVEN'T DONE TO MAKE
US COMFORTABLE.

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I'M SORRY,
UNCLE WALT!



JUST GIVE ME
FIVE MINUTES,
NINA. I'LL HURRY.



IT ISN'T THAT
I HAVE TO
WAIT TO WASH
MY HAIR.



BUT WE MAKE IT
INCONVENIENT
FOR THEM AT
EVERY TURN.

King



I MUST SELL
SKEEZIX ON
THE IDEA OF
GETTING AWAY.

GASOLINE ALLEY

YOU KNOW, SKEEZIX, IT IS REALLY UNFAIR TO CHIPPER NOT TO HAVE OUR OWN HOME.

HE DOESN'T LOOK VERY MUCH ABUSED TO ME.

IT'S UNFAIR TO THE FOLKS, TOO. WE CROWD THEM.

NONSENSE, NINA. WE PAY OUR SHARE AND THEY LIKE TO HAVE US.

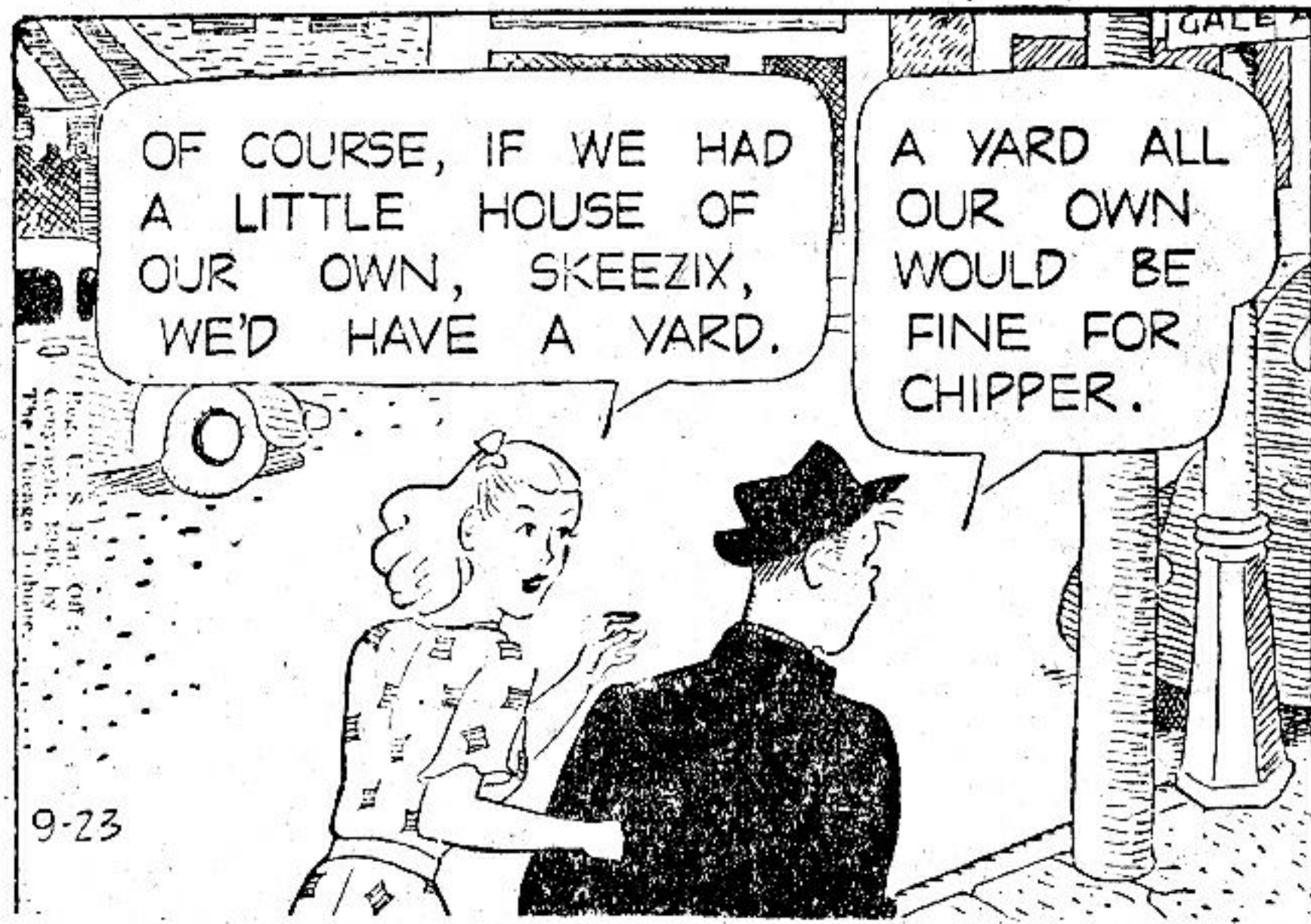
IT WAS FINE AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE, BUT THINGS ARE CHANGING.

FORGET IT, DARLING. THEY WANT US AS LONG AS WE'LL STAY.

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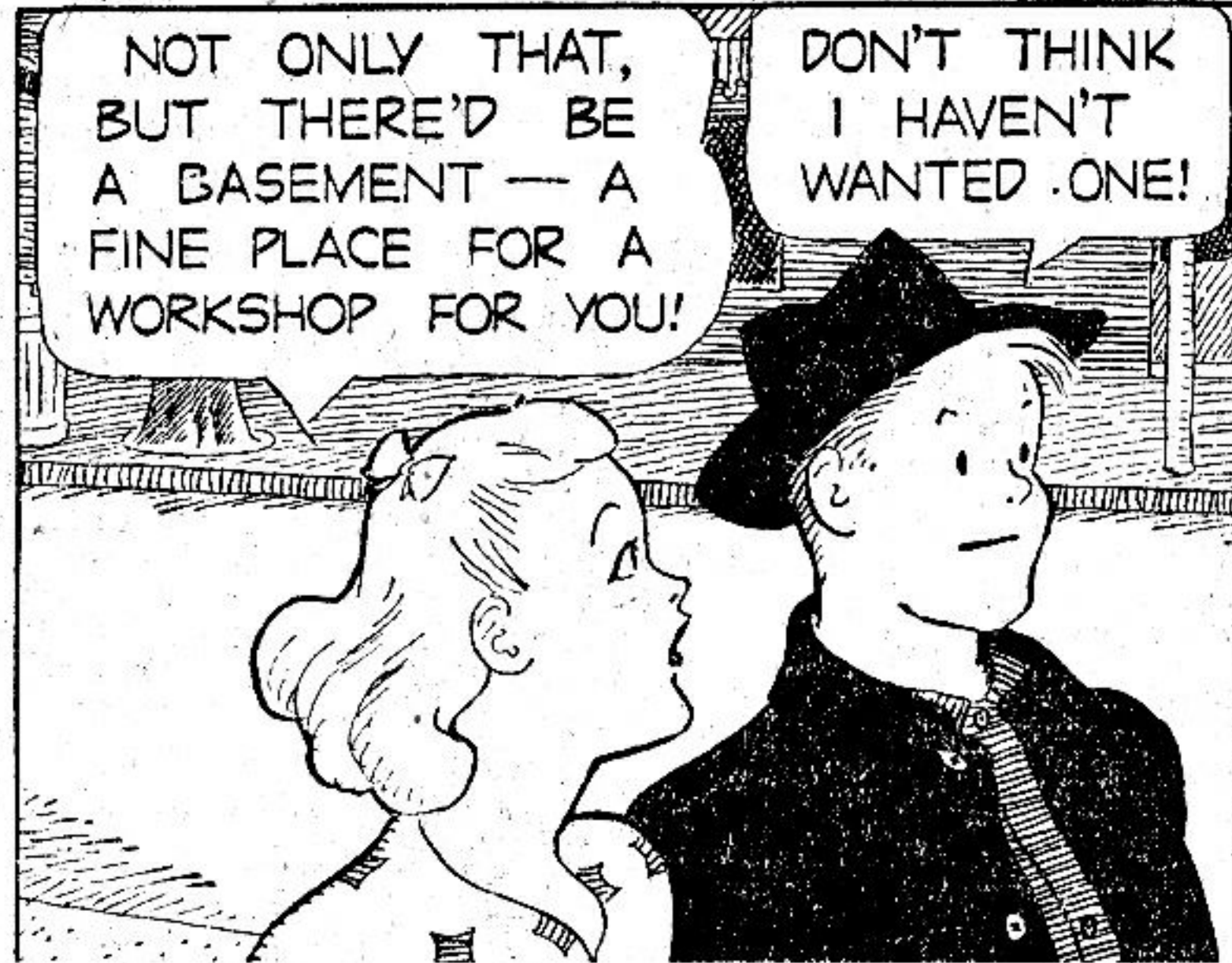


OF COURSE, IF WE HAD A LITTLE HOUSE OF OUR OWN, SKEEZIX, WE'D HAVE A YARD.

A YARD ALL OUR OWN WOULD BE FINE FOR CHIPPER.

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NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THERE'D BE A BASEMENT — A FINE PLACE FOR A WORKSHOP FOR YOU!

DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T WANTED ONE!



AND THERE'D BE AN ATTIC WHERE YOU COULD KEEP THINGS THAT YOU'VE GOT STORED IN UNCLE WALT'S GARAGE.

YOU MAKE IT SOUND AWFULLY ATTRACTIVE, NINA!

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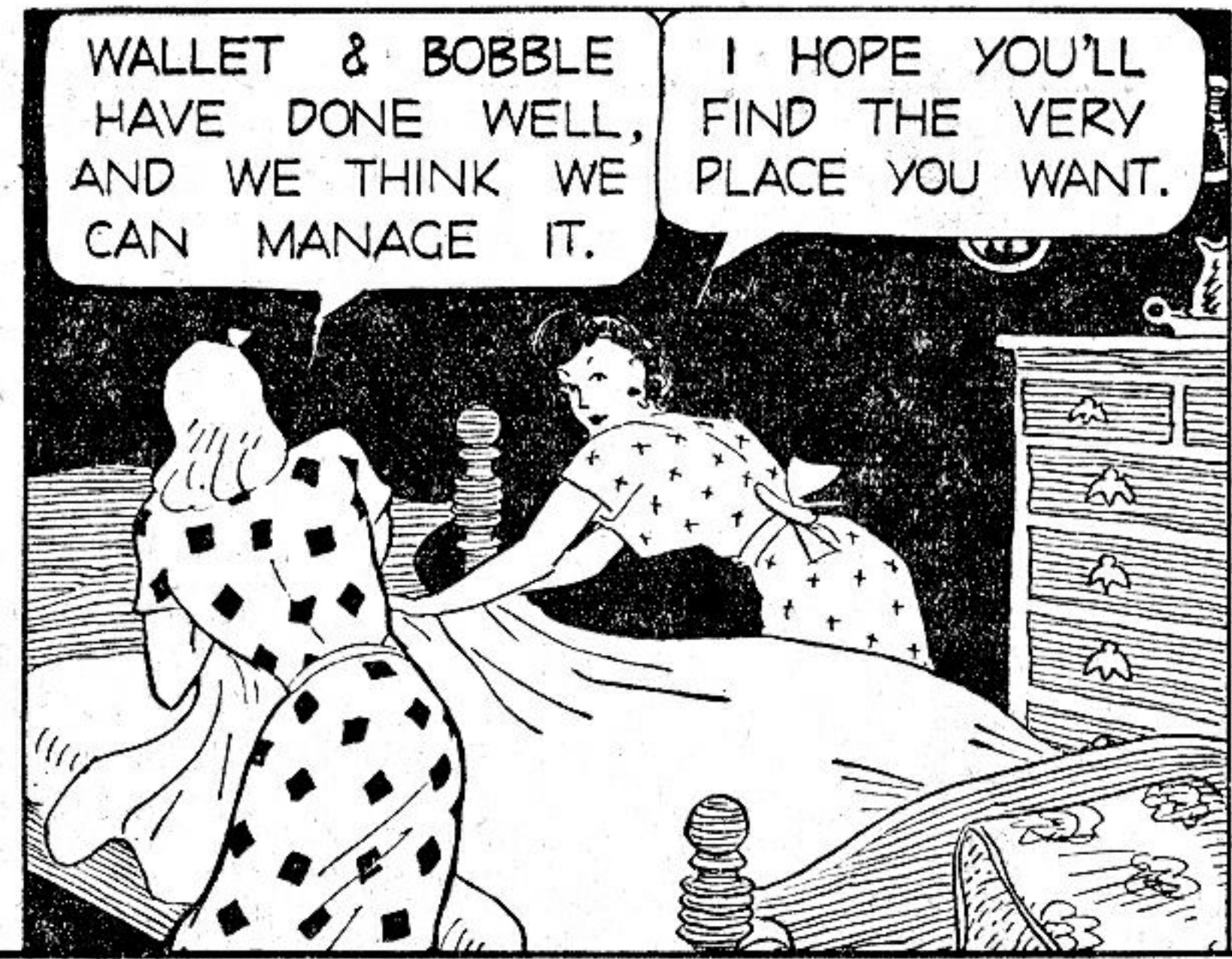


SKEEZIX AND I ARE THRILLED, AUNTIE BLOSSOM. WE'RE STARTING TO LOOK FOR A HOME OF OUR OWN!

SO SOON? WE'LL MISS YOU A LOT.

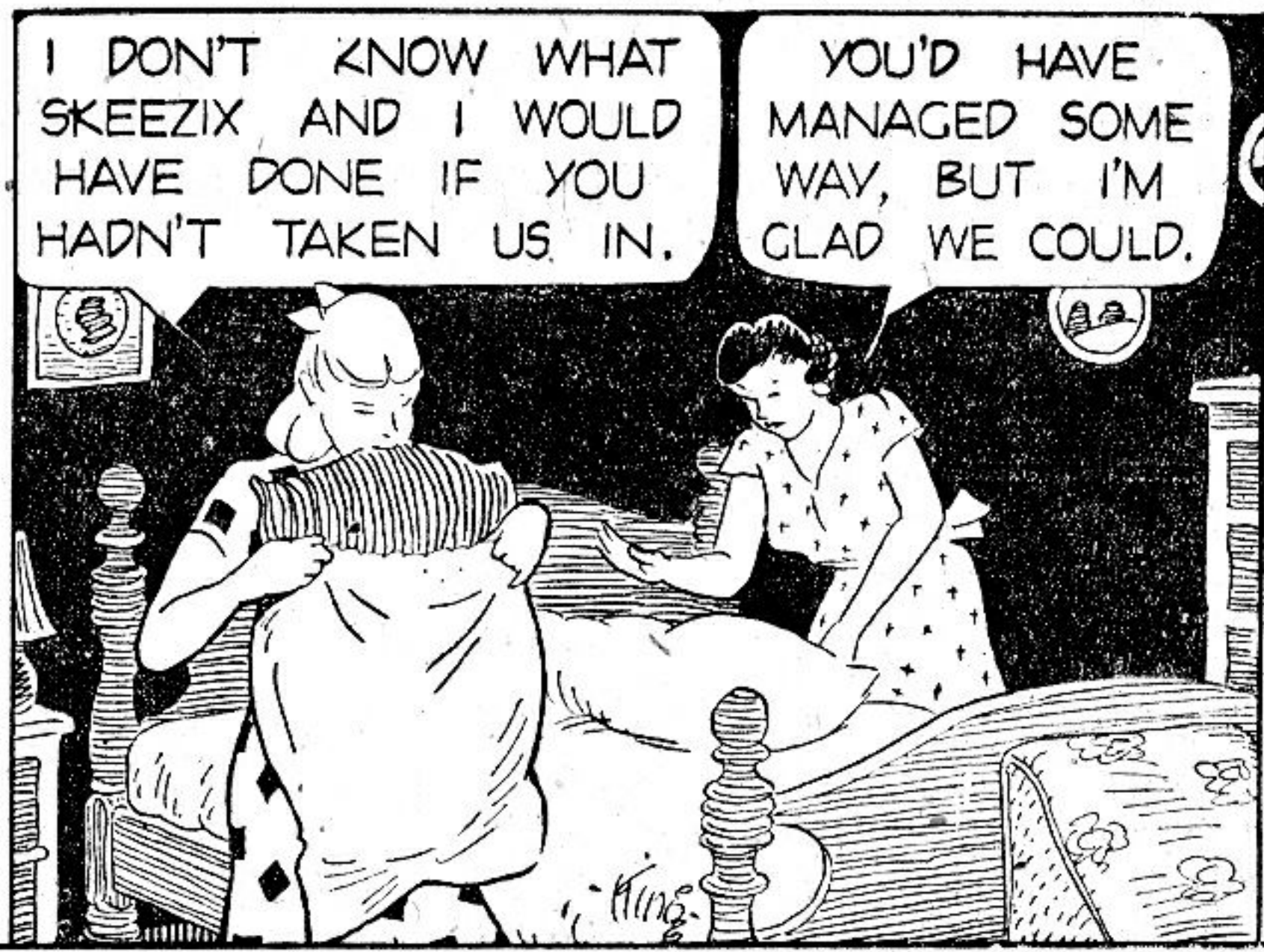
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WALLET & BOBBLE HAVE DONE WELL, AND WE THINK WE CAN MANAGE IT.

I HOPE YOU'LL FIND THE VERY PLACE YOU WANT.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT SKEEZIX AND I WOULD HAVE DONE IF YOU HADN'T TAKEN US IN.

YOU'D HAVE MANAGED SOME WAY, BUT I'M GLAD WE COULD.

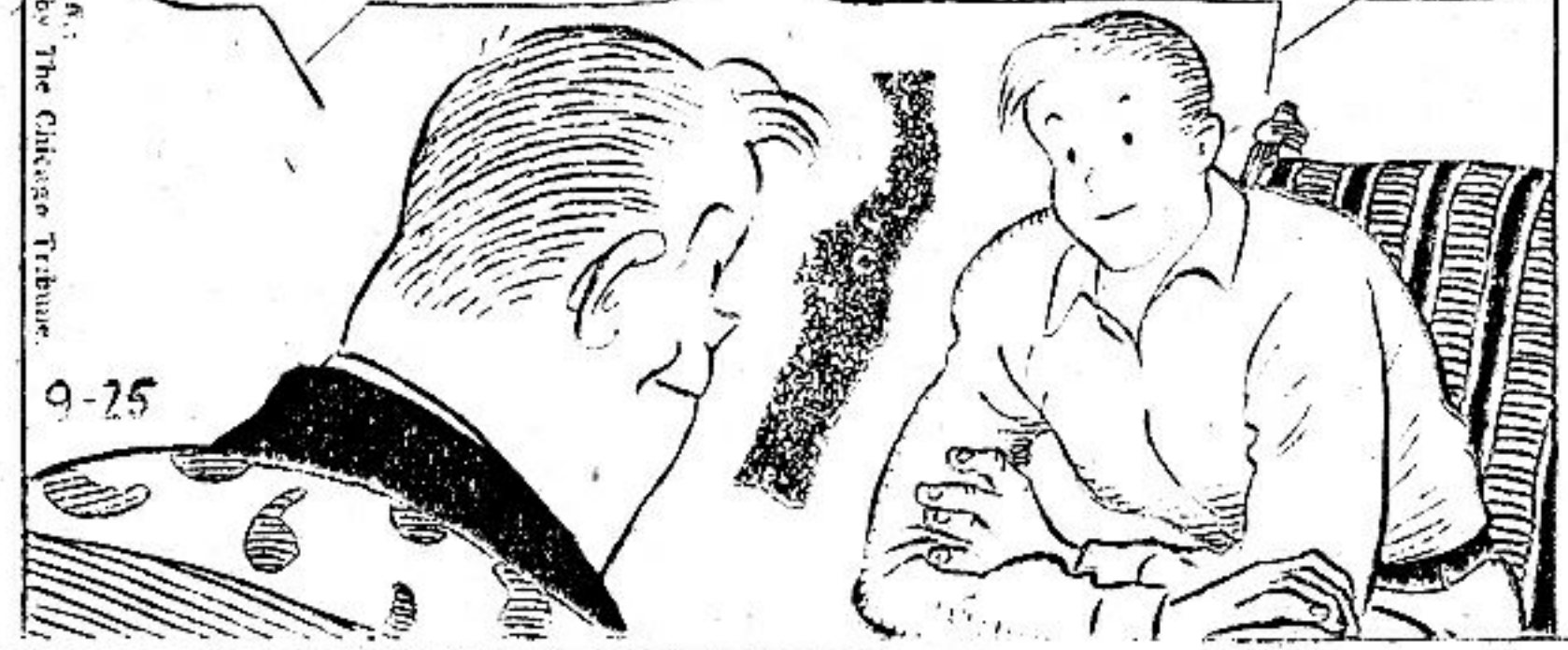
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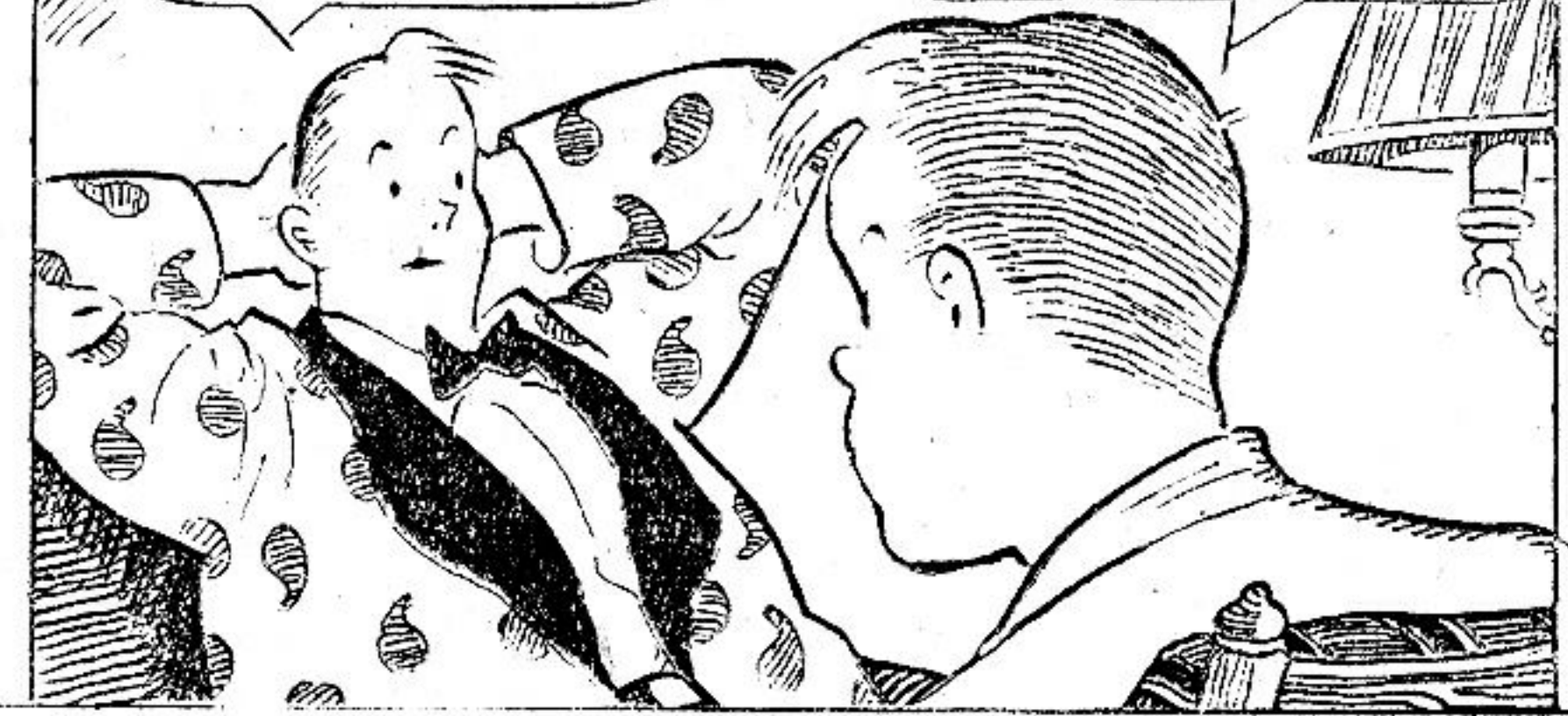
YES, SKEEZIX, I'M IN FAVOR OF YOU AND NINA HAVING YOUR OWN HOME.

I THINK WE OWE IT TO CHIPPER AS WELL AS TO OURSELVES — AND TO YOU, UNCLE WALT.



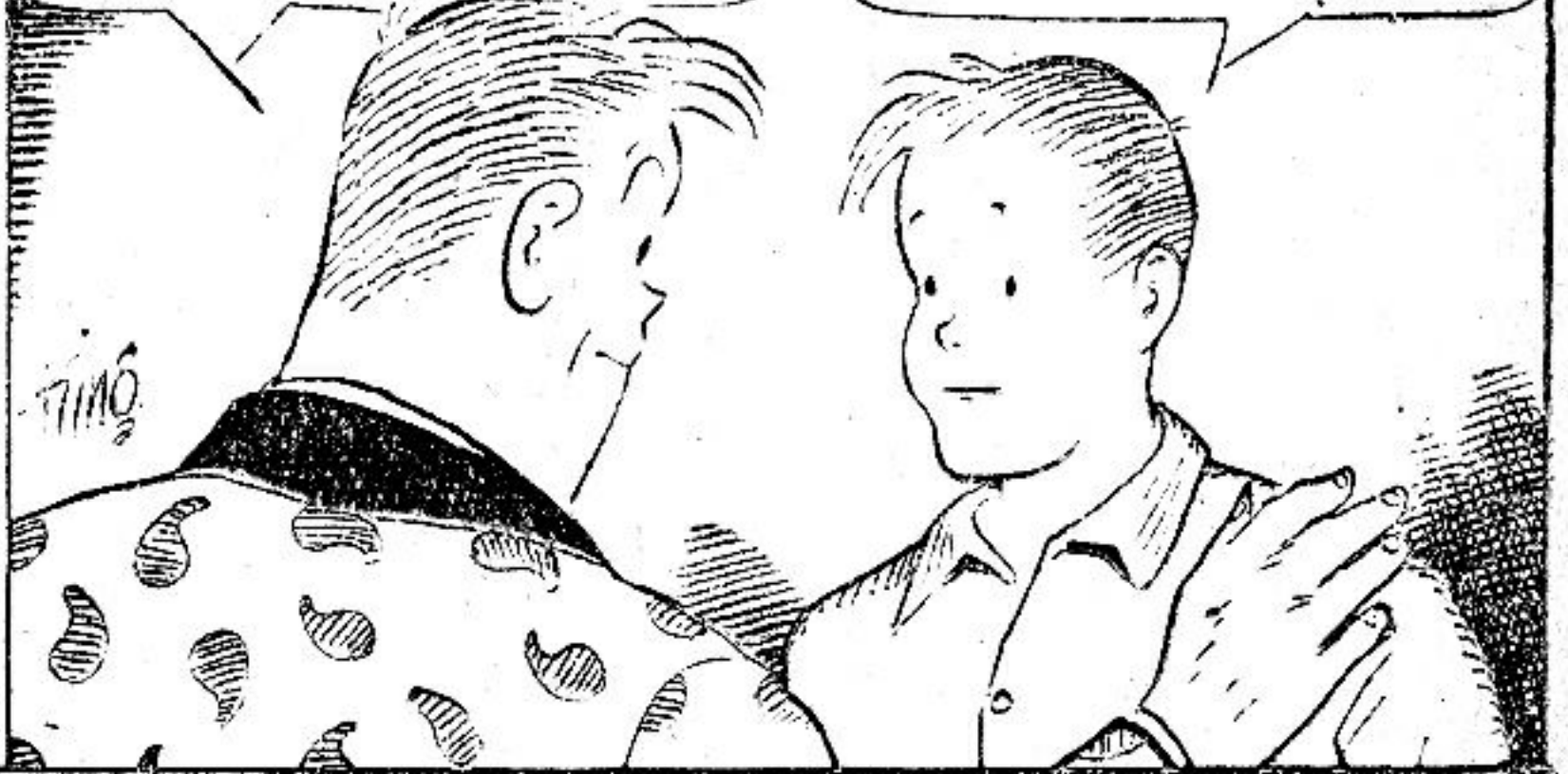
YOU CAN'T RENT — YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY. BUILDING IS STILL A PRECARIOUS UNDERTAKING.

IF WE CAN FIND WHAT WE WANT AND I'M A GOOD RISK, I CAN GET A GI LOAN.



YOU'RE IN AN ACTIVE BUSINESS AND YOUR PROSPECTS ARE GOOD. YOU WON'T HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY.

IT'S BEEN SWELL LIVING WITH YOU AND THE FAMILY. BUT TIMES DO CHANGE!



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ISN'T IT MIRACULOUS, SKEEZIX, HOW JUST THINKING OF HAVING A HOME CHANGES YOUR OUTLOOK!

I'VE BEEN NOTICING HOUSES WITH A NEW EYE, NINA. THEY'RE NOT JUST PILES OF BRICK AND WOOD NOW.

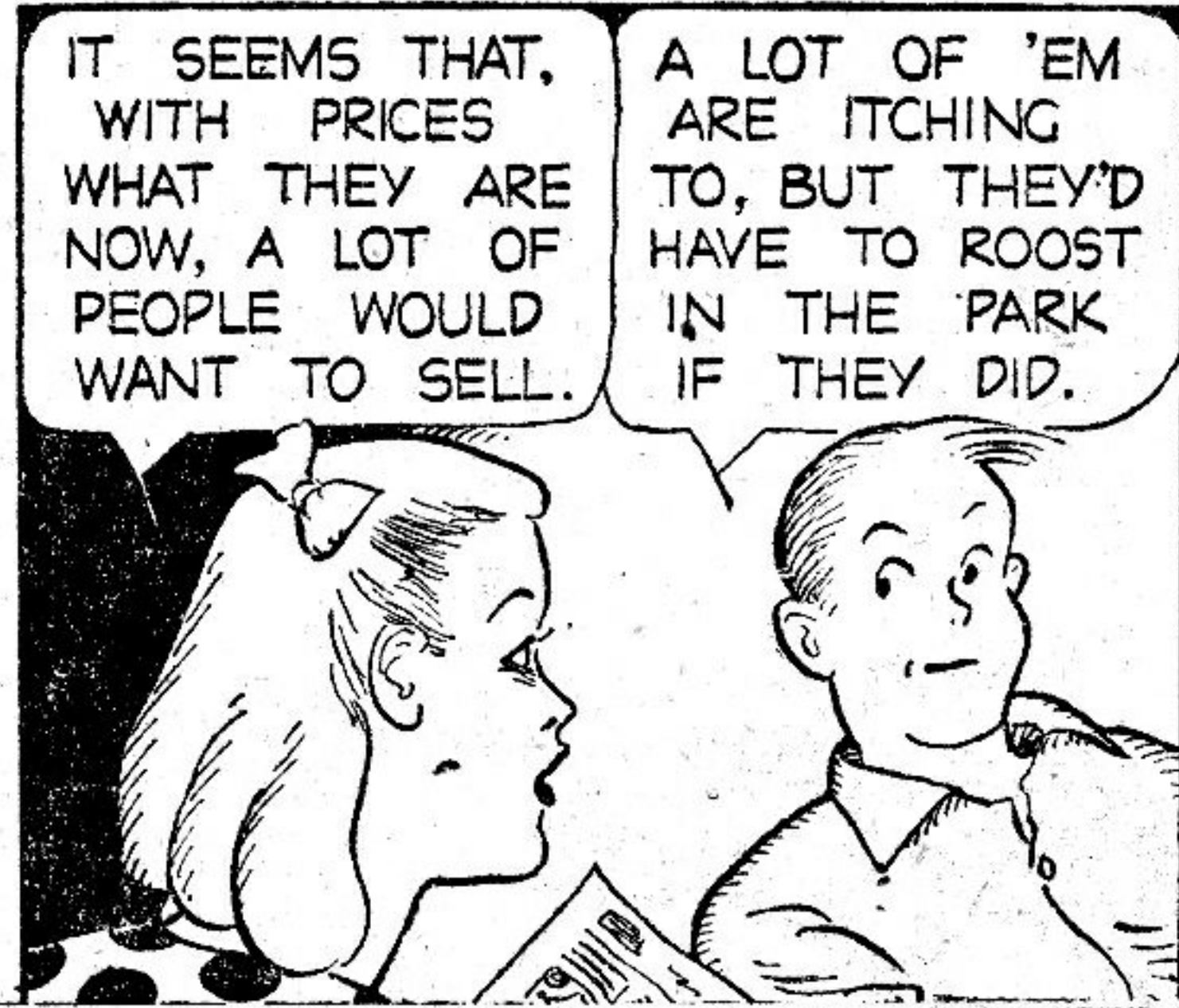
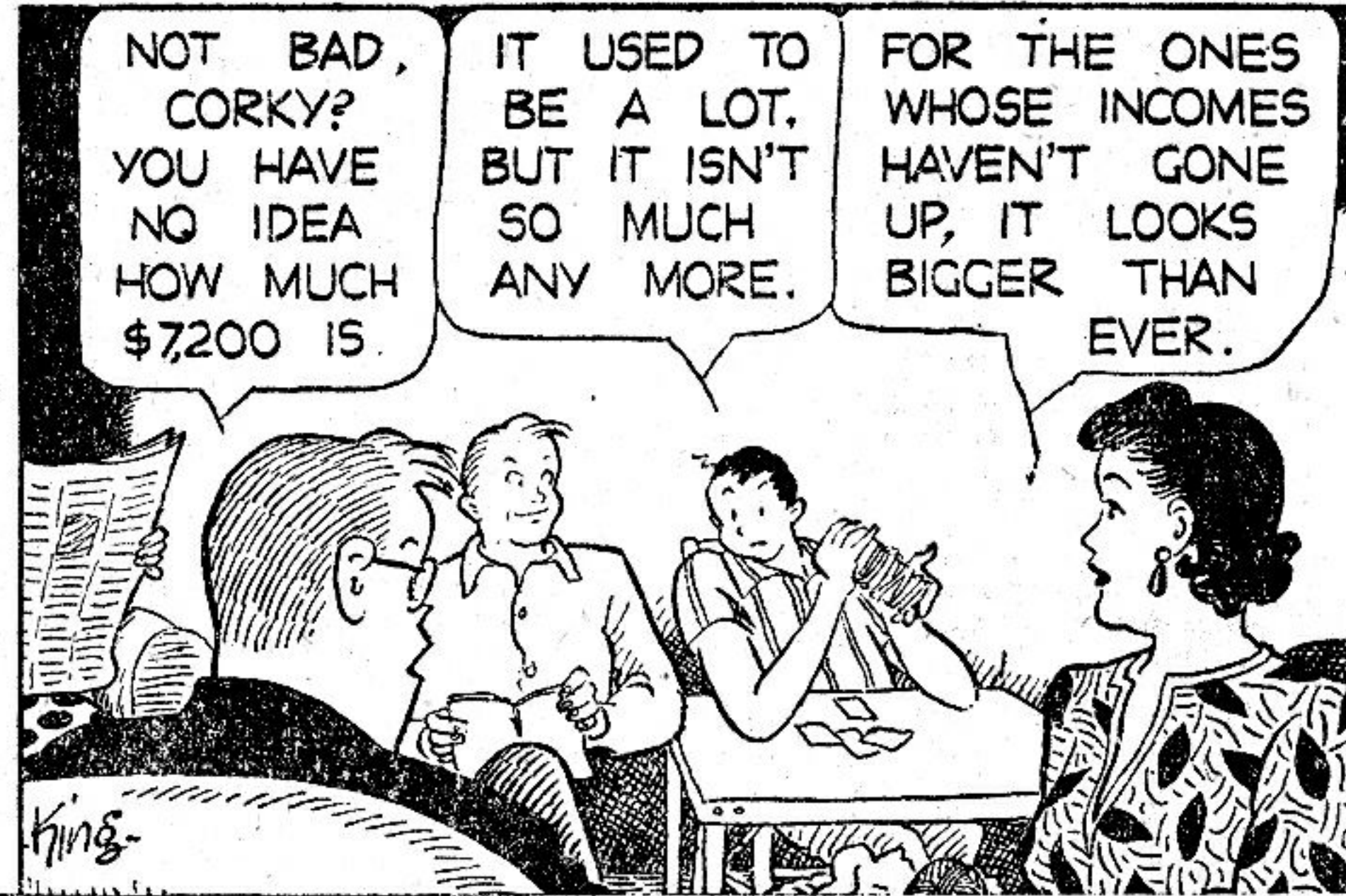
YOU SEE THE LIGHTED WINDOWS AND CAN PICTURE THE HAPPY LITTLE FAMILY ENJOYING A COZY EVENING.

I WAS PRETTY WELL SATISFIED LIVING WITH THE 'FOLKS.

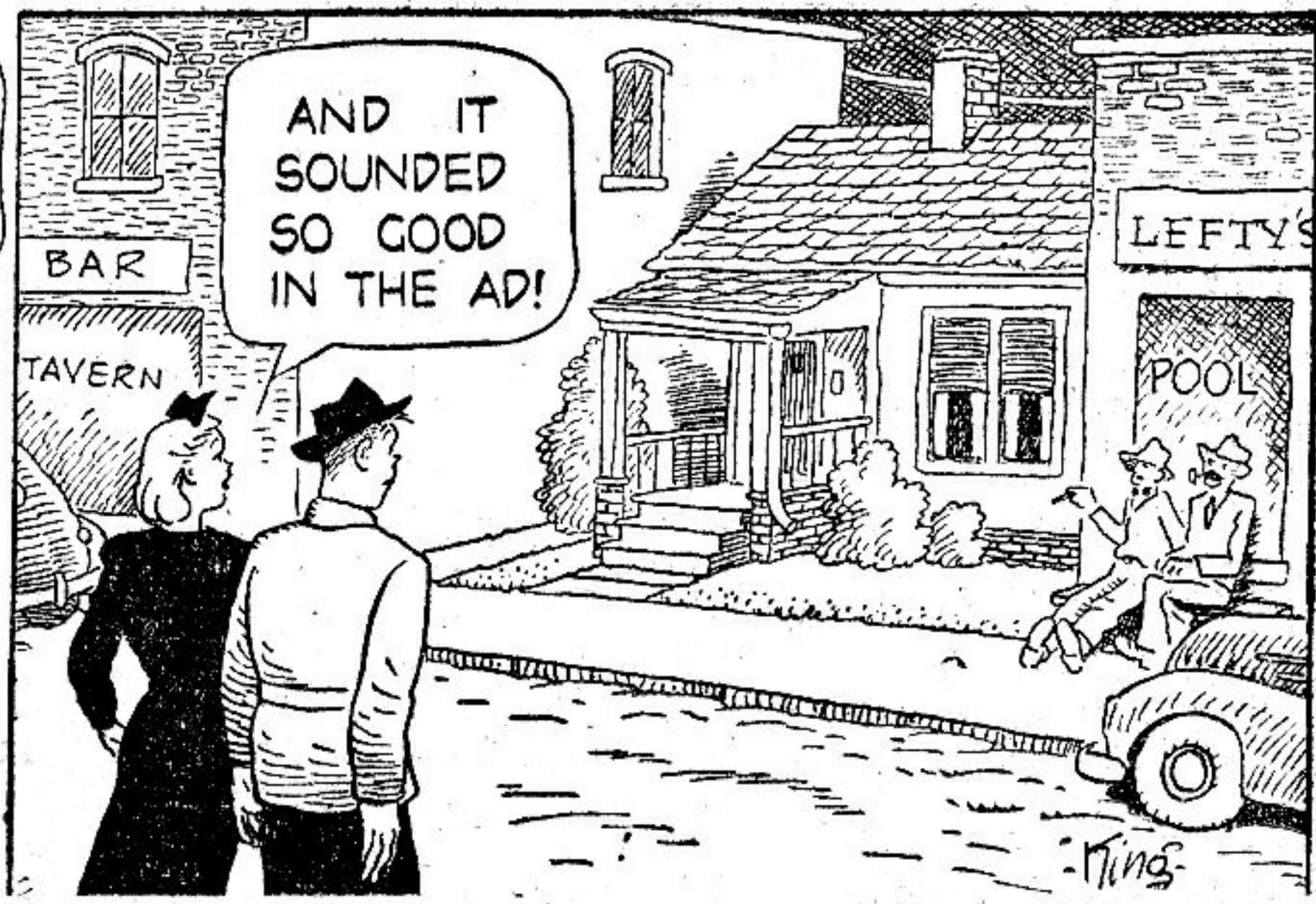
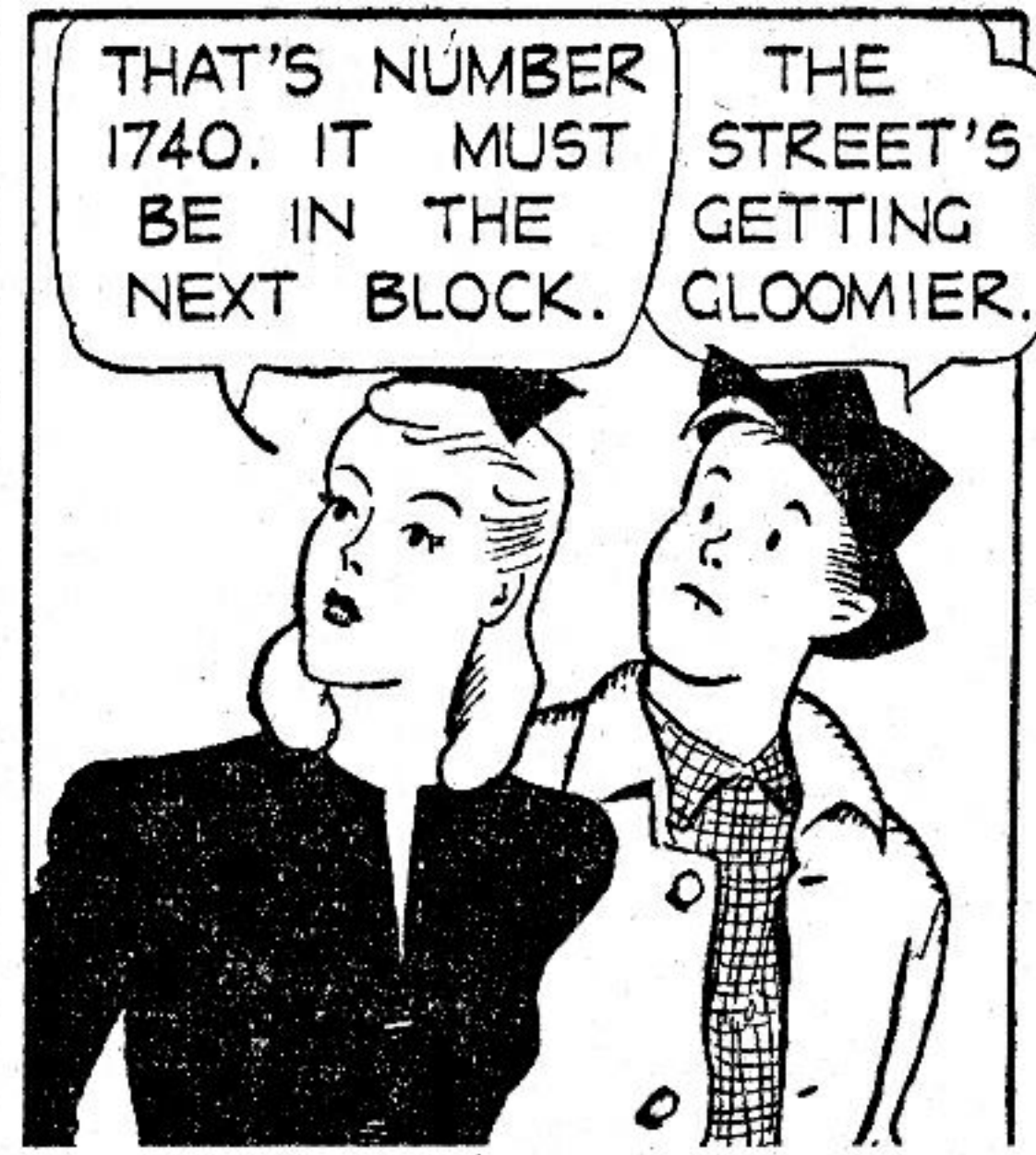
BUT NOW WITH A HOME TO OURSELVES, "AROUND THE CORNER" SOMEWHERE, I CAN'T WAIT TO GET AWAY!

AND I CAN'T WAIT TO START LOOKING!

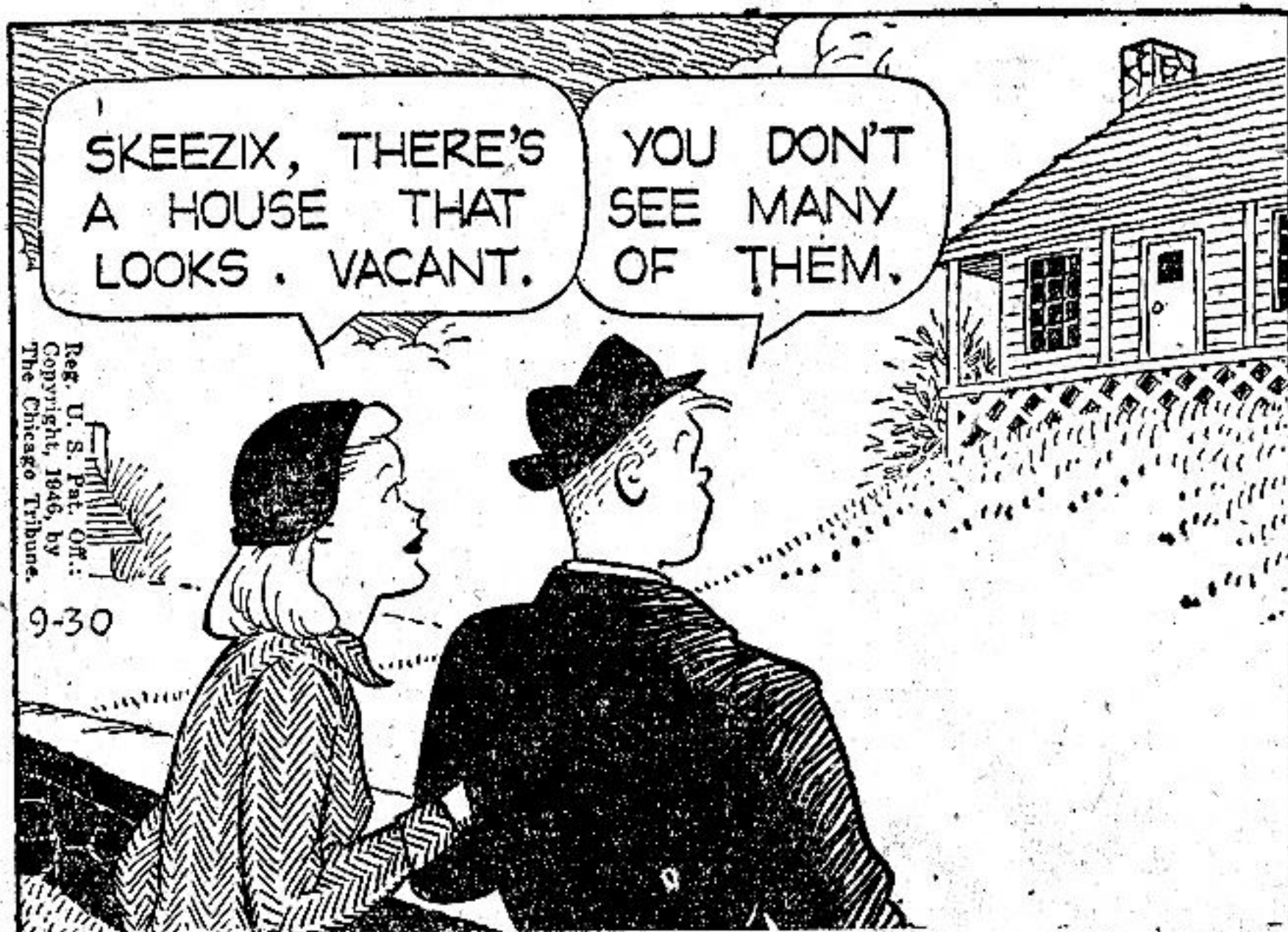
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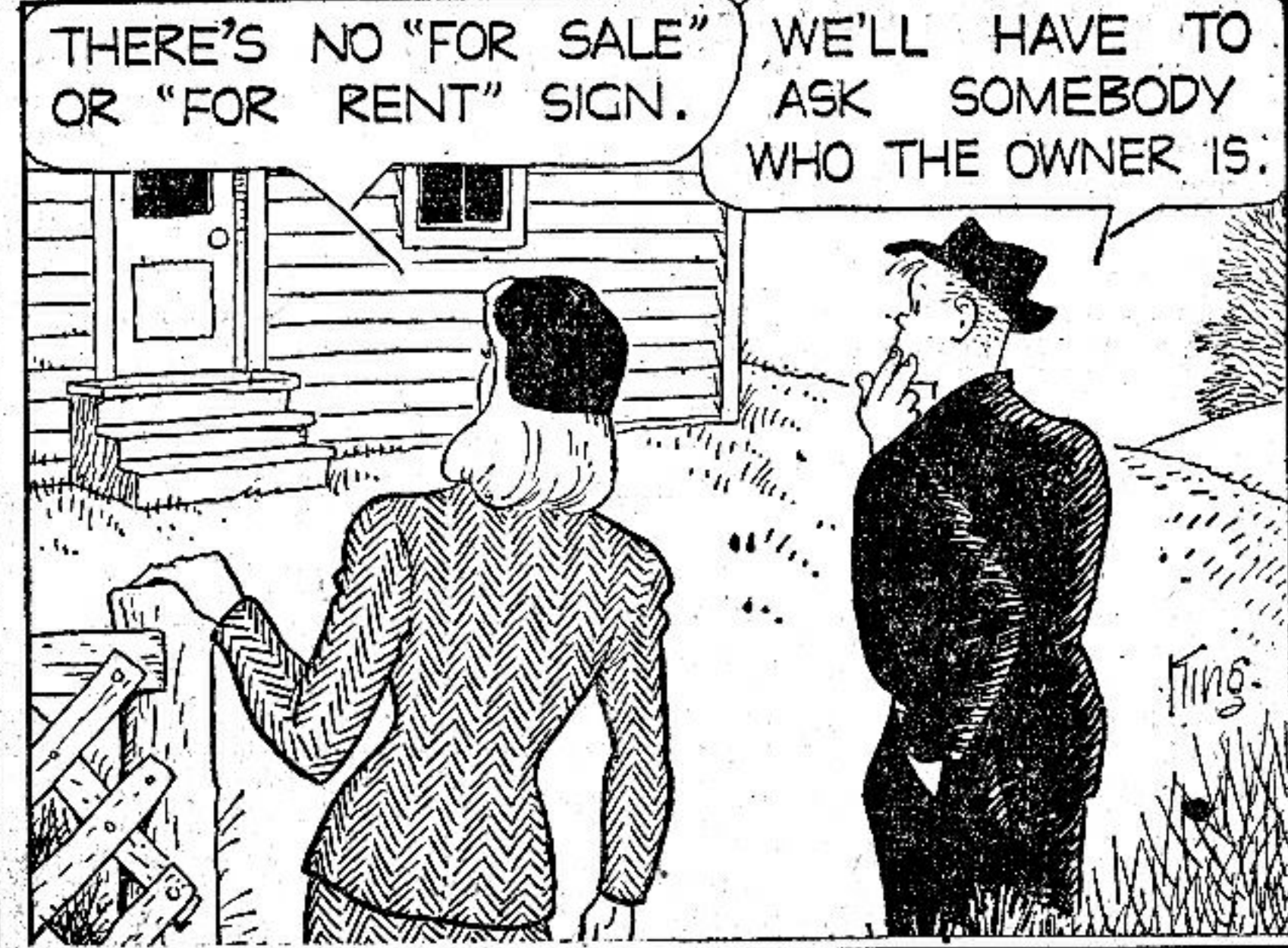
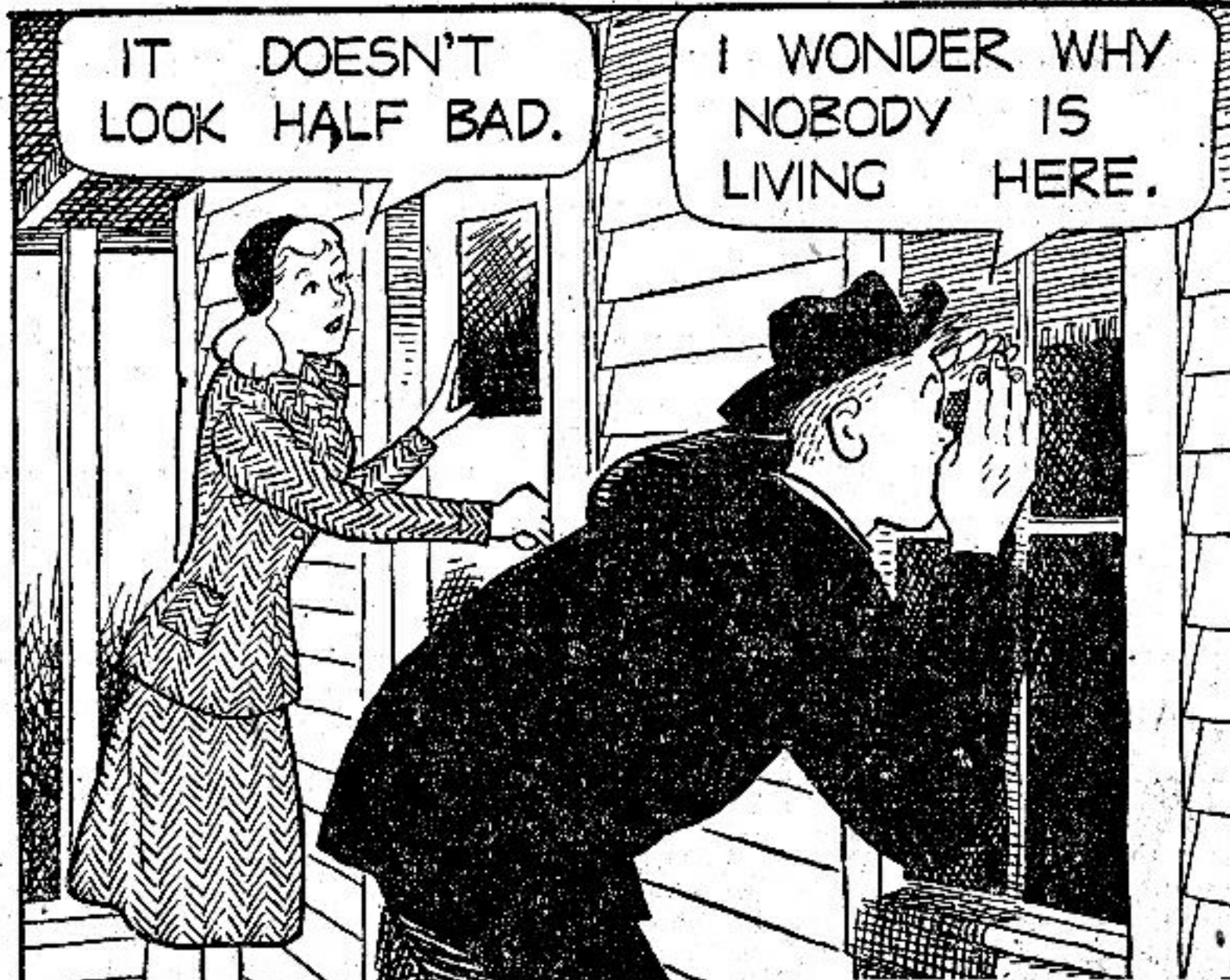


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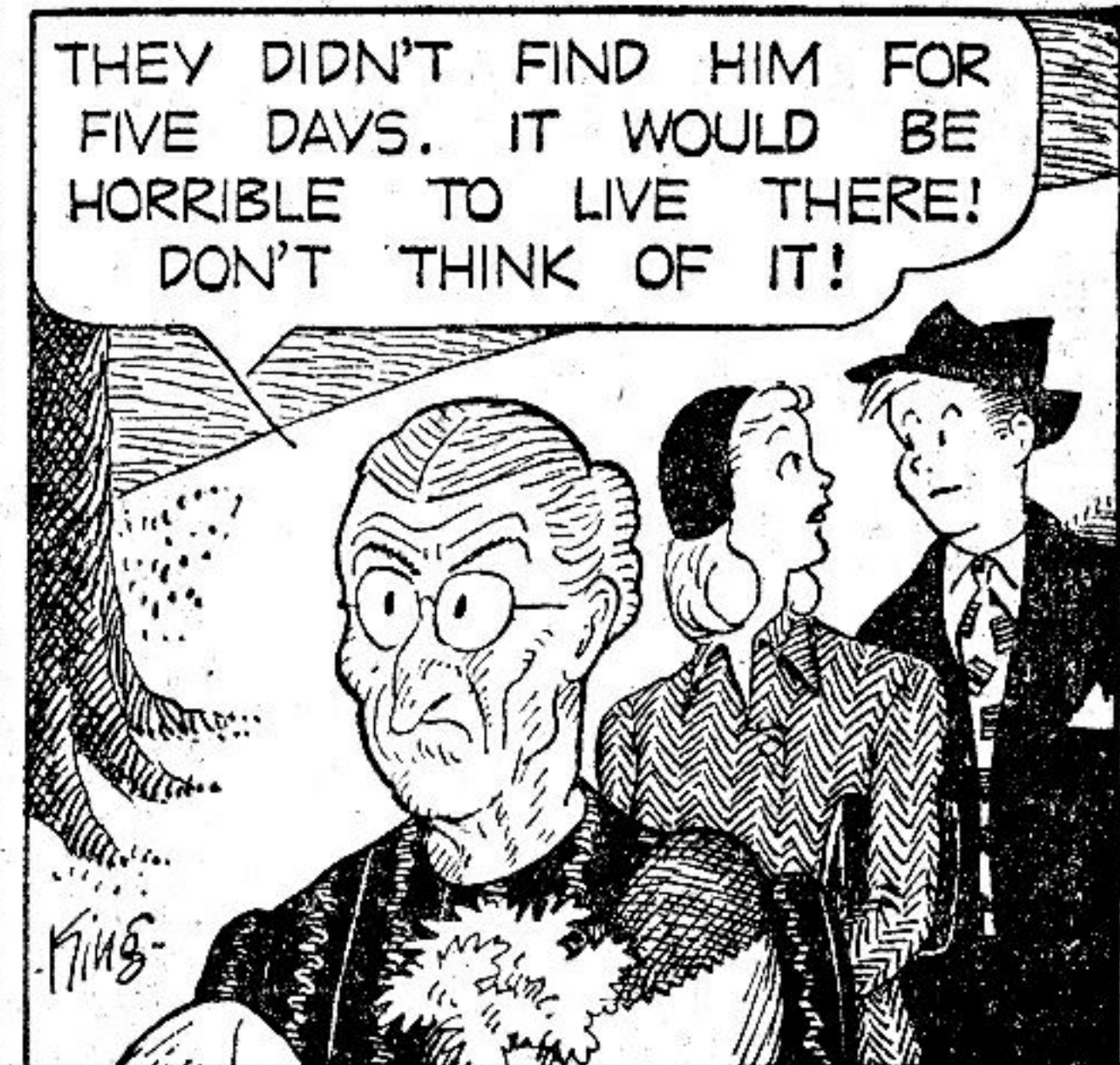
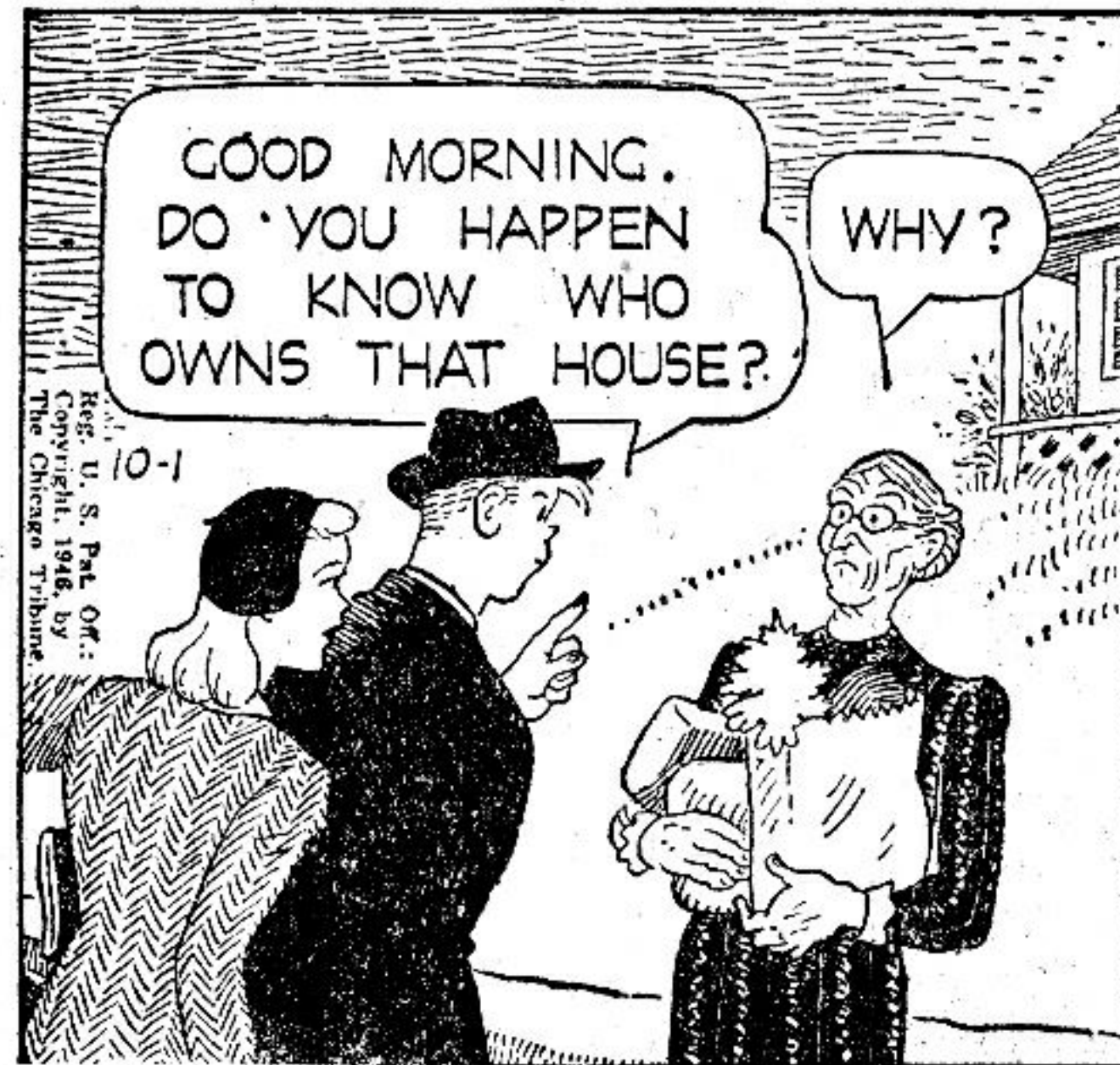
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I FOUND OUT AT THE COURTHOUSE THAT A MR. GLITCH IS ADMINISTRATOR OF OLD MR. BUDE'S ESTATE.

THEN HE HAS CHARGE OF THE HAUNTED HOUSE?

THE WILL HASN'T BEEN PROBATED, BUT HE CAN TELL US ALL ABOUT THE PROPERTY, NINA.

IT REALLY COULD BE MADE INTO A NICE PLACE.

MR. GLITCH? WE'VE COME TO SEE YOU ABOUT THE BUDE HOUSE.

GREAT GUNS! MORE RELATIVES?

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NO, MR. GLITCH, WE ARE NOT RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED. WE'RE CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR A HOUSE.

IN THAT CASE, HAVE A CHAIR.

THERE HAVE BEEN THIRD COUSINS, GRAND NIECES AND GRAND NEPHEWS ALL TRYING TO MOVE INTO THAT BUDE HOUSE. SO FAR I'VE KEPT 'EM OUT.

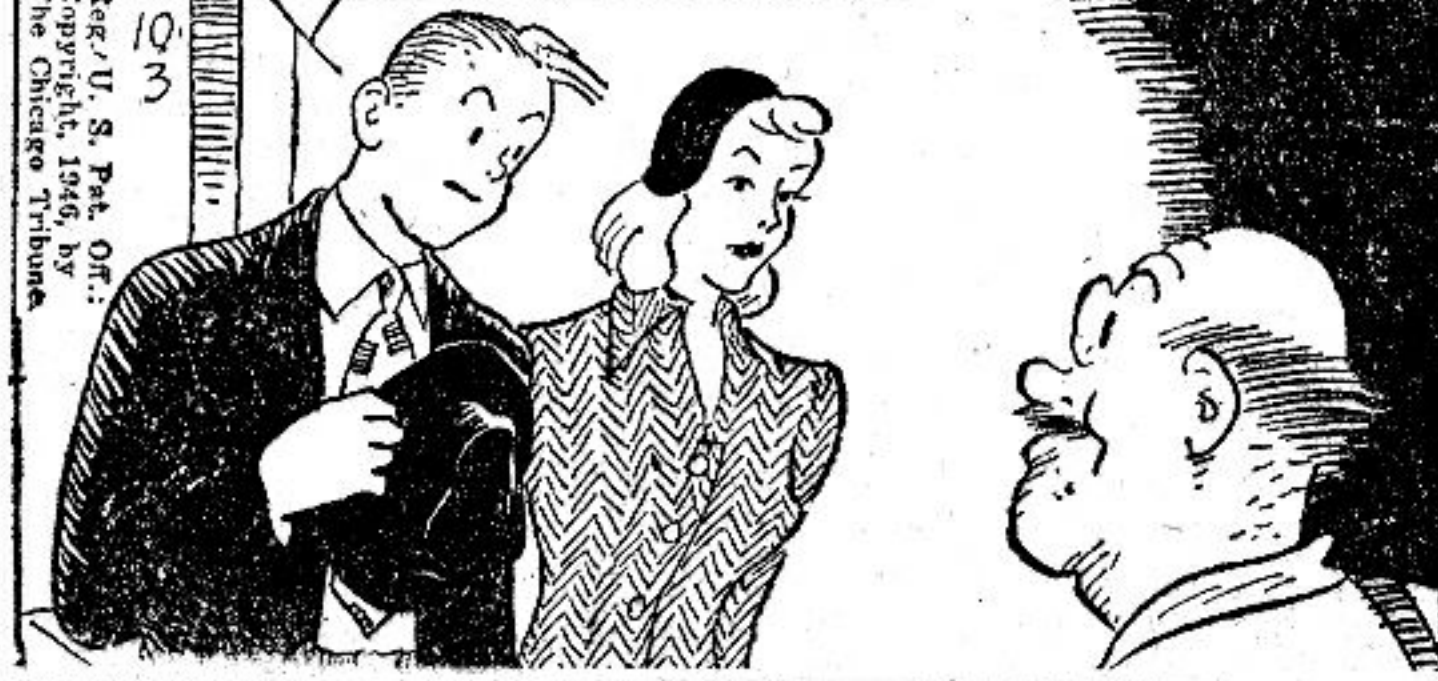
WE DIDN'T KNOW. WE JUST THOUGHT WE'D LIKE A HAUNTED HOUSE.

I STARTED THAT STORY MYSELF TO TRY TO KEEP 'EM AWAY. BUT THEY PESTER ME RAGGED. THE WILL WON'T BE PROBATED TILL JANUARY.

I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T WAIT.

THANKS JUST THE SAME.

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NINA, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU! YOU REMEMBER THE JOB I HAD FOR A WHILE IN THE HIJAX PRINTING CO. OFFICE?

YES, JESSICA. DO THEY WANT YOU BACK?

NO, BUT THERE WAS A FELLOW WORKED THERE NAMED CHARLIE WILD. OF COURSE, THAT WAS BEFORE I WAS MARRIED, AND I WENT ON A COUPLE OF DATES WITH HIM.

YES, YES?

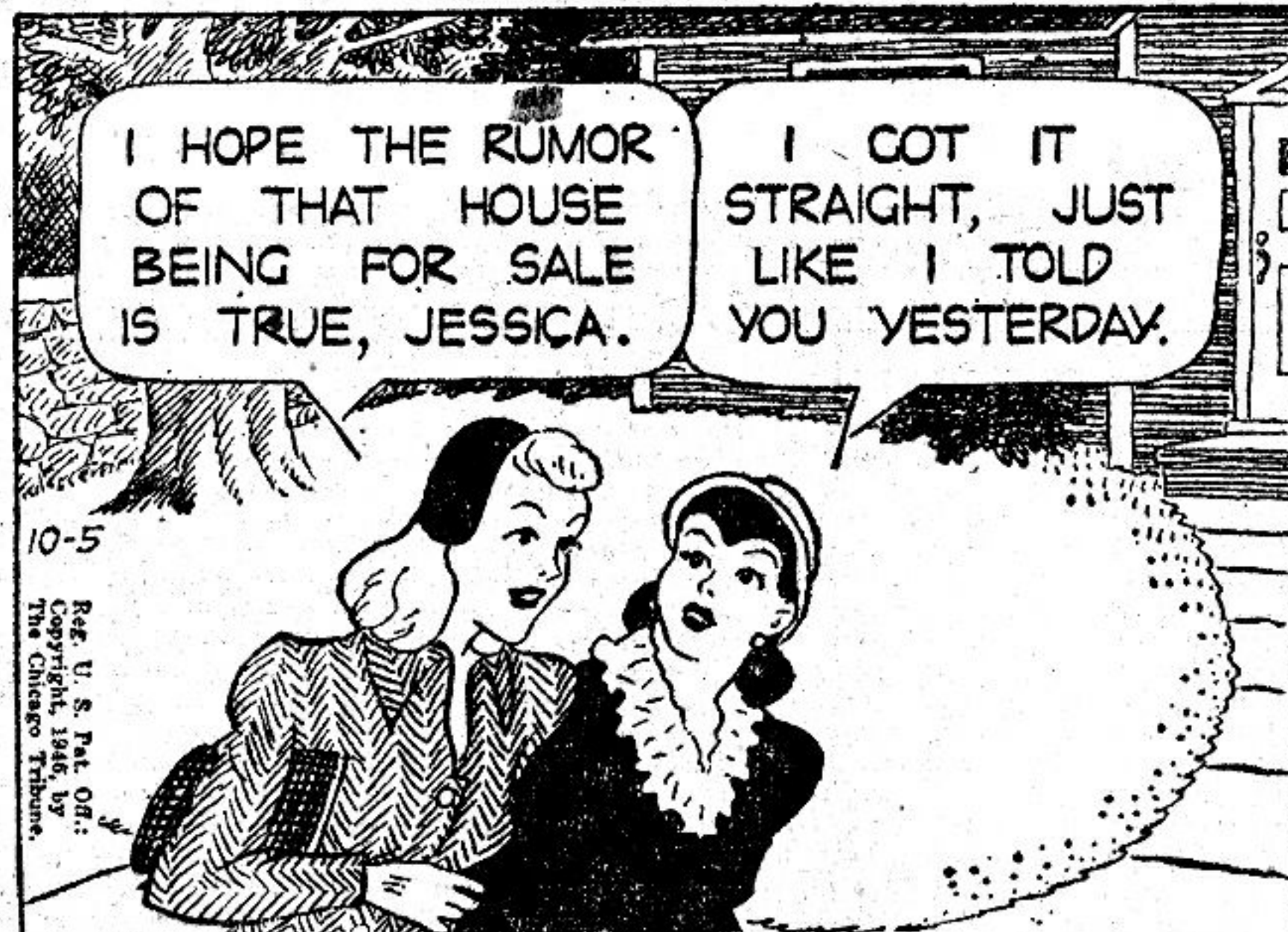
WELL, HE HAD A SISTER THAT LIVED UP AT THE LAKE AND HAD TWO CHILDREN — TWINS. SHE USED TO VISIT IN TOWN WITH PEOPLE NAMED SANDER.

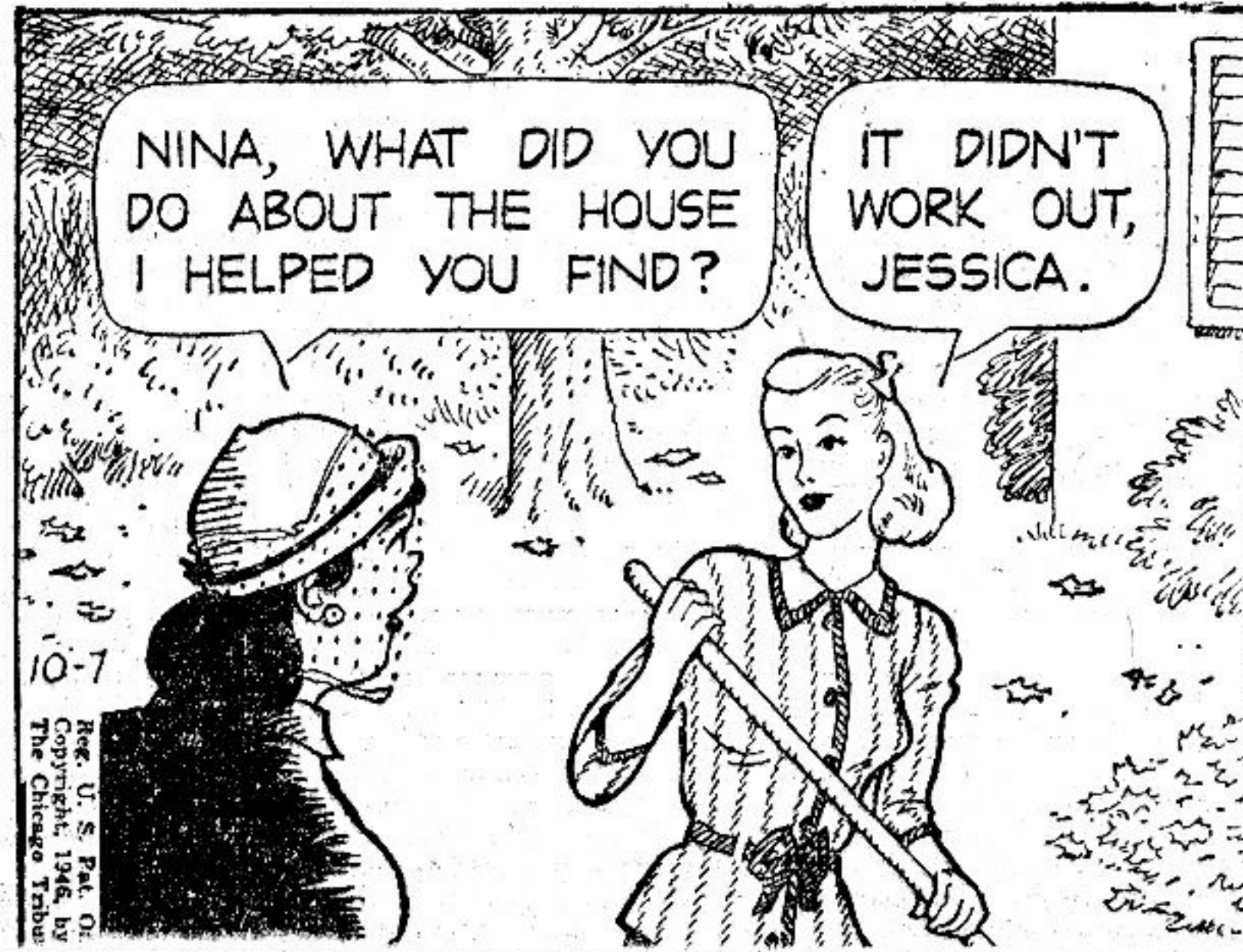
ANYWAY, MR. SANDER HAS A NEIGHBOR WHO HAS TO GO TO MEXICO TO LIVE AND HE'S MOVING OUT, AND I HEAR THE HOUSE IS FOR SALE.

BOY! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



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NINA, WHAT DID YOU DO ABOUT THE HOUSE I HELPED YOU FIND?

IT DIDN'T WORK OUT, JESSICA.

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SERGEANT BLONEY WENT WITH ME, AND HE FOUND ALL SORTS OF THINGS WRONG WITH IT.

I GUESS IT'S JUST AS WELL. YOU KNOW MY OLD BEAU THAT I CALLED UP ABOUT IT, CHARLIE WILD?



WELL, HE WAS ALL READY TO GO HOUSE-HUNTING WITH ME FOR YOU. BUT, OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T DO IT. I BELIEVE IN LETTING BYGONES BE BYGONES, DON'T YOU?

I CERTAINLY DO, JESSICA. YOU DID JUST RIGHT!

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LET'S HAVE A SODA AND TALK ABOUT HOUSES, JESSICA.

I COULDN'T, NINA. I'VE JUST STARTED ON A DIET.

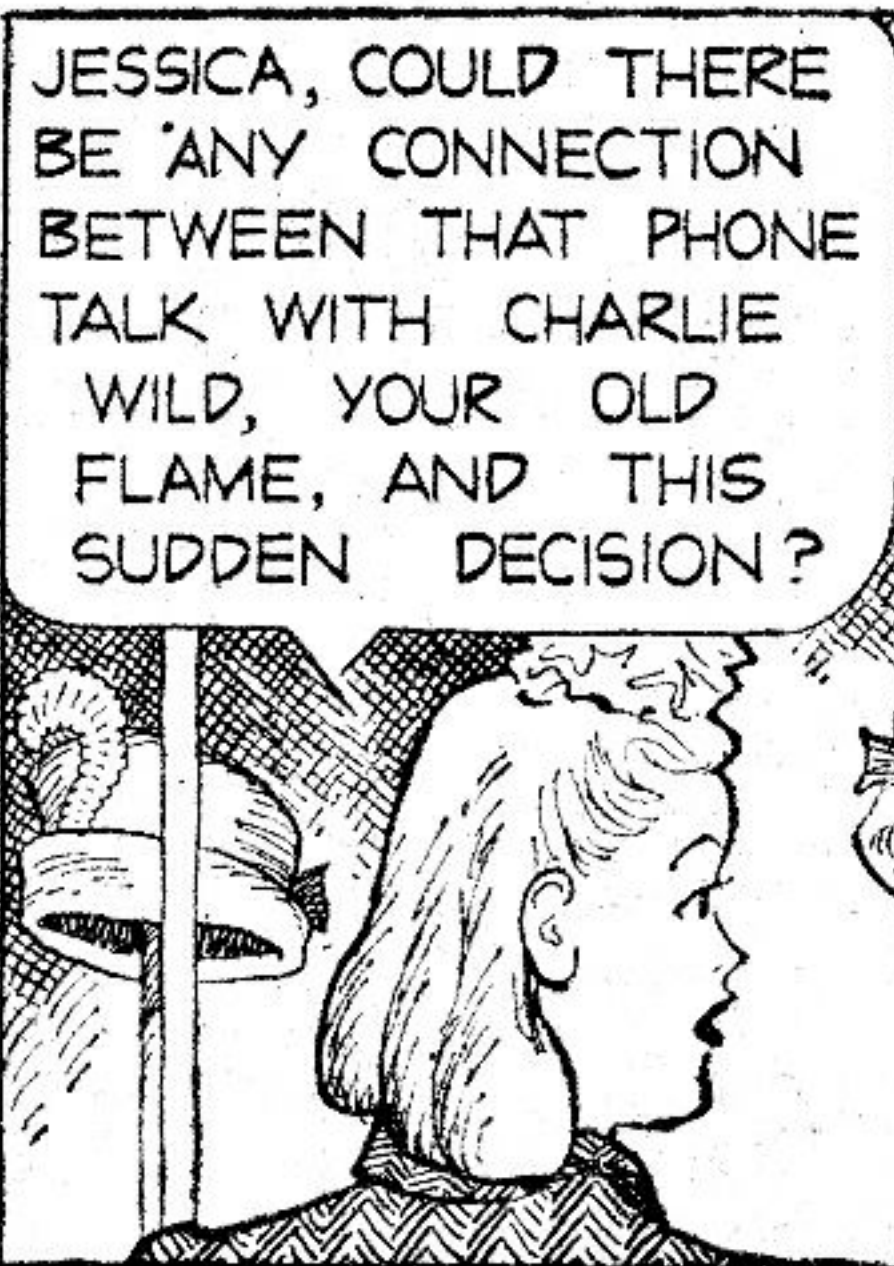
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT JUST BECAUSE A PERSON IS MARRIED SHE SHOULD NEGLECT HER FIGURE OR HER LOOKS, DO YOU?

EVEN IF A PERSON'S HUSBAND DOESN'T NOTICE, I THINK A PERSON SHOULD MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT SHE HAS.

JESSICA, COULD THERE BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT PHONE TALK WITH CHARLIE WILD, YOUR OLD FLAME, AND THIS SUDDEN DECISION?

OF COURSE NOT, FOOLISH! I'D NEVER MEET HIM, BUT JUST THE SAME, I GOT TO THINKING I'D HATE TO HAVE HIM SEE ME THIS WAY!

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STILL READING
THE WANT
ADS, NINA?

I ALWAYS DO. YOU
CAN TELL BETTER
WHAT'S GOING ON IN
THE WORLD THERE
THAN IN THE NEWS
COLUMNS, SKEEZIX.

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THE HELP MARKET,
WHO WANTS WHAT,
AND WHAT THEY
WANT TO UNLOAD,
PRICES, SCARCITIES—



HERE'S ONE - WANTED:
BRANCH MANAGER FOR
GENERAL SALES CORP.
TO LIVE IN BRAZIL
AND DEVELOP SOUTH
AMERICAN BUSINESS.



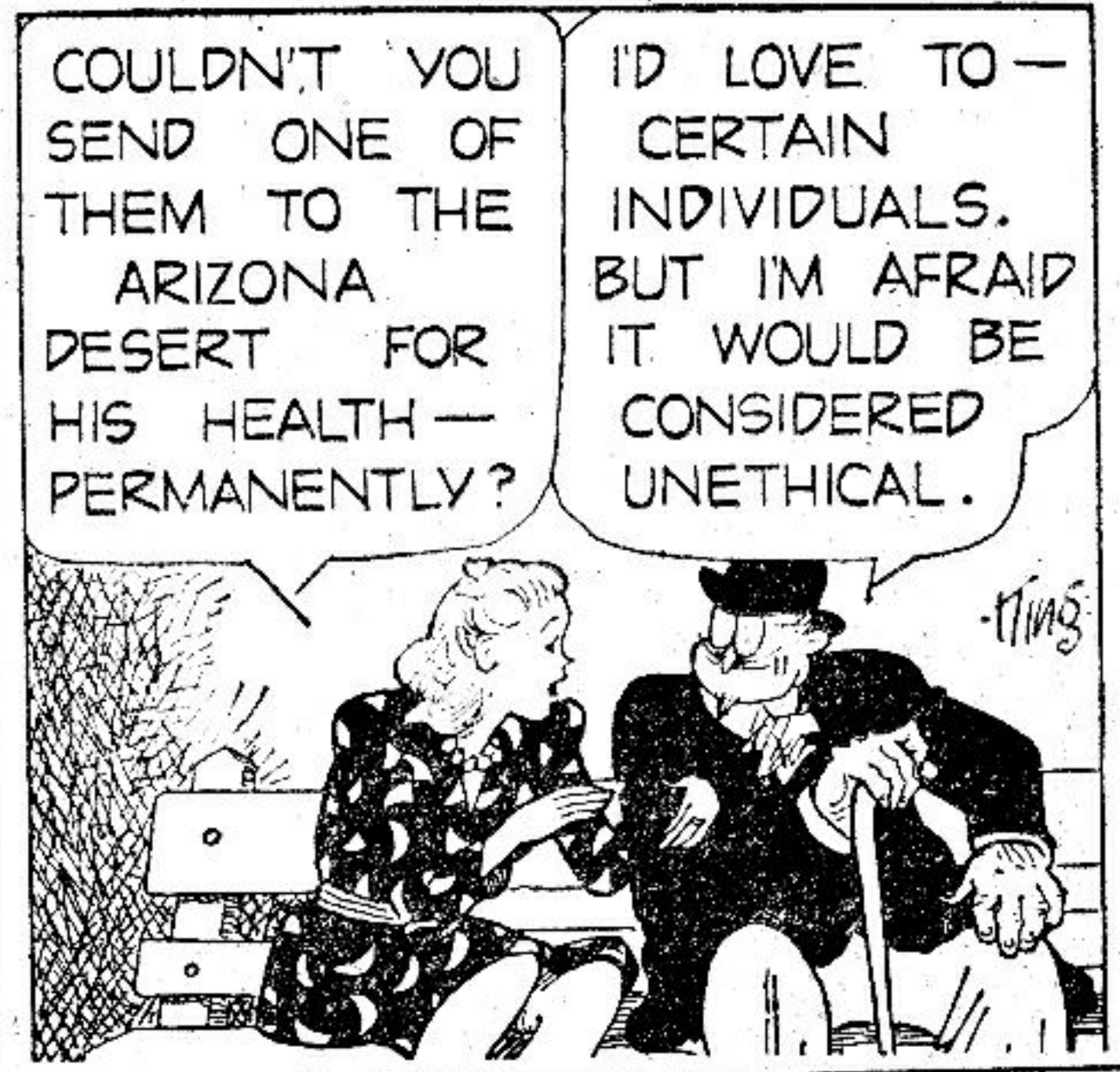
BUT THAT HASN'T
ANYTHING TO DO
WITH FINDING A HOME!

MAYBE YOU THINK
IT HASN'T! I'M
GOING TO FIND OUT.

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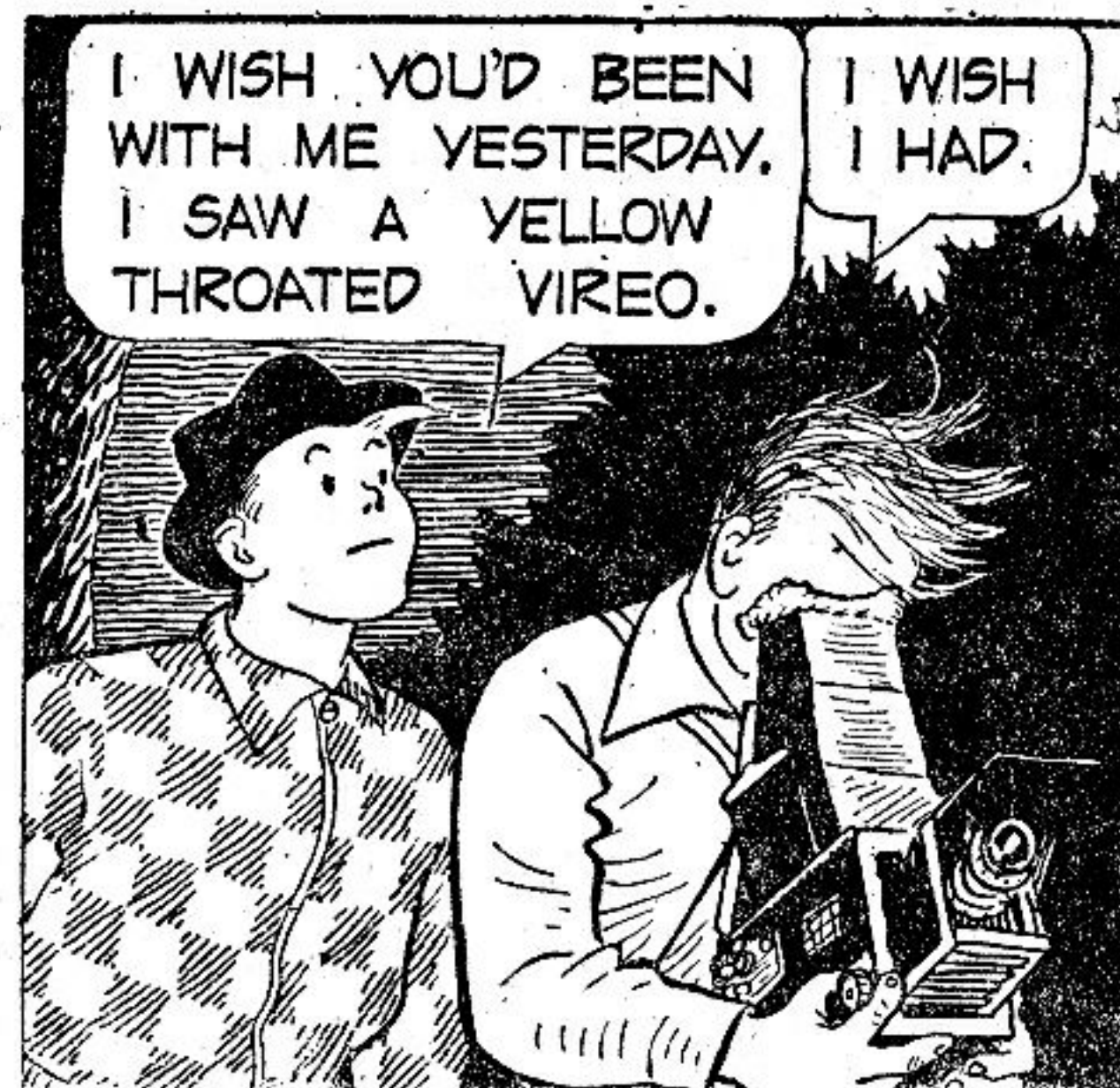
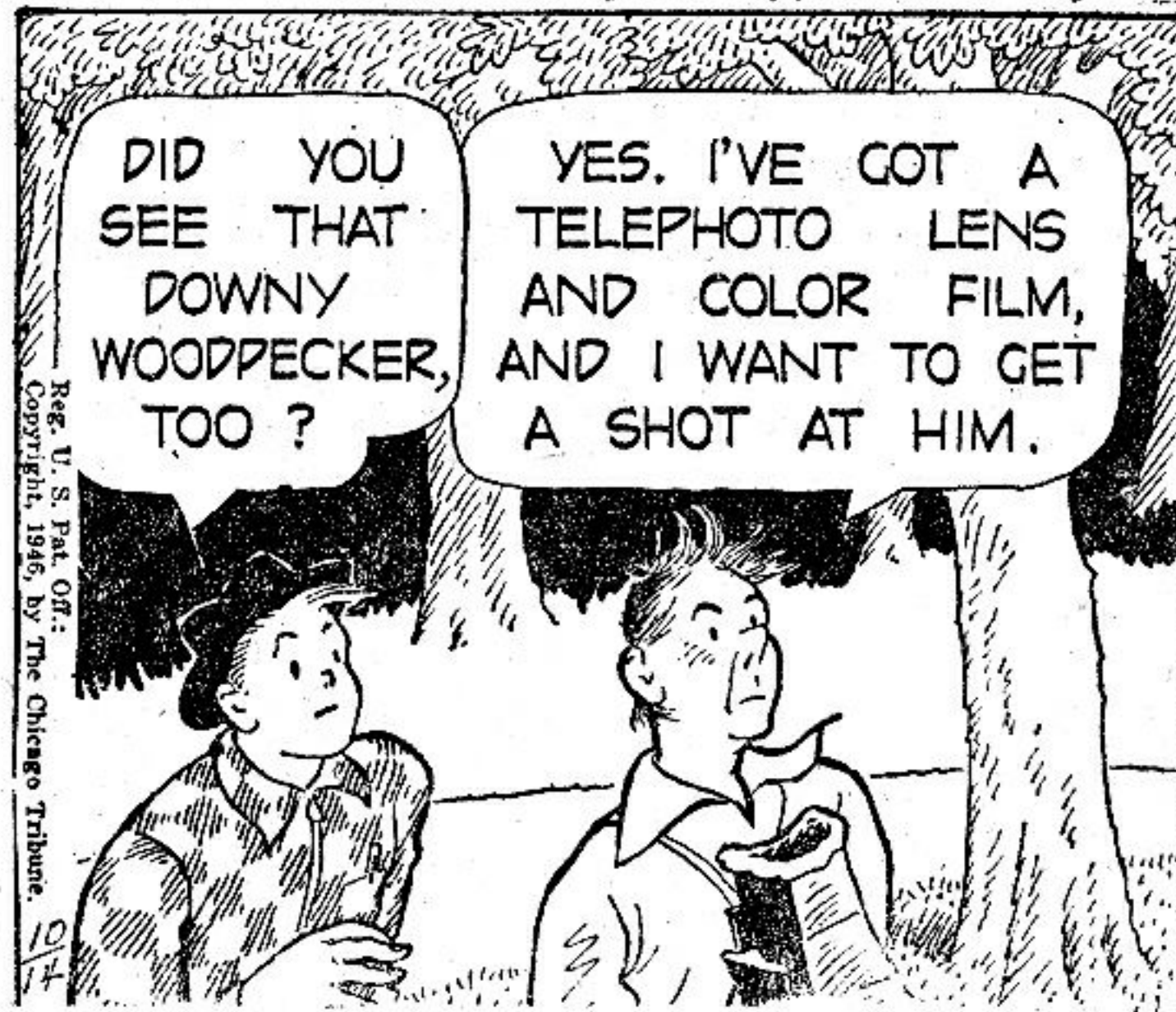
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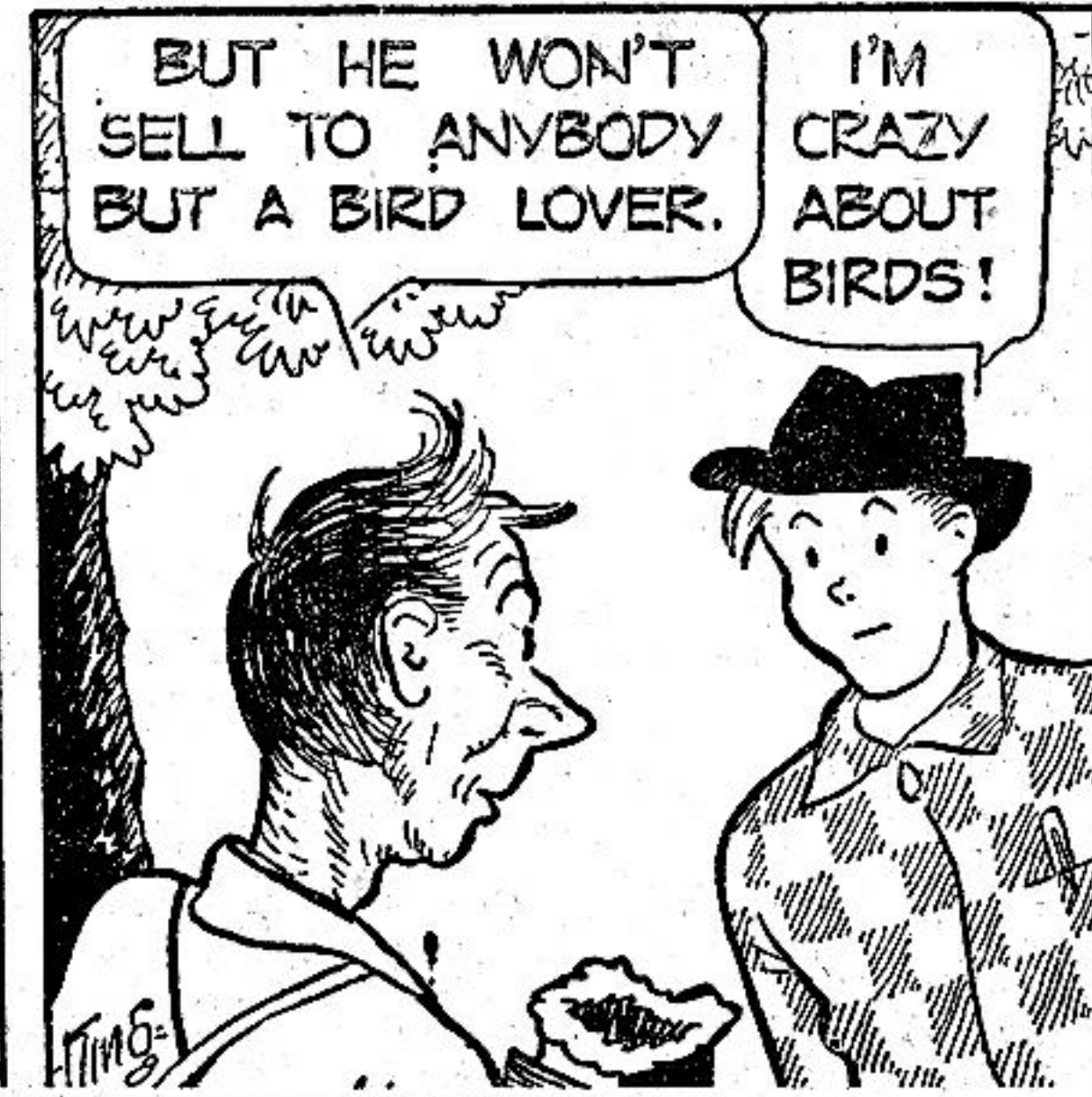
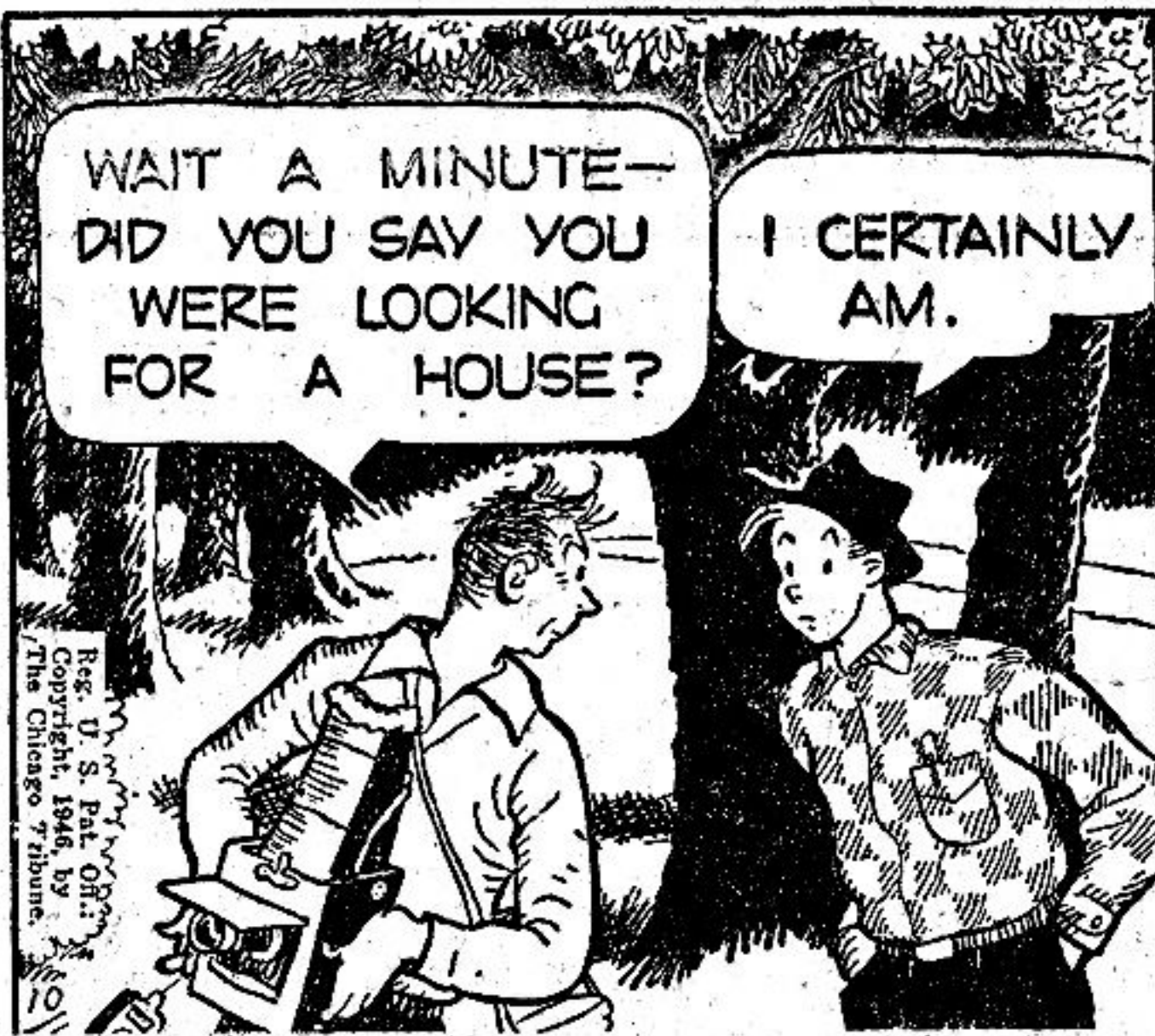


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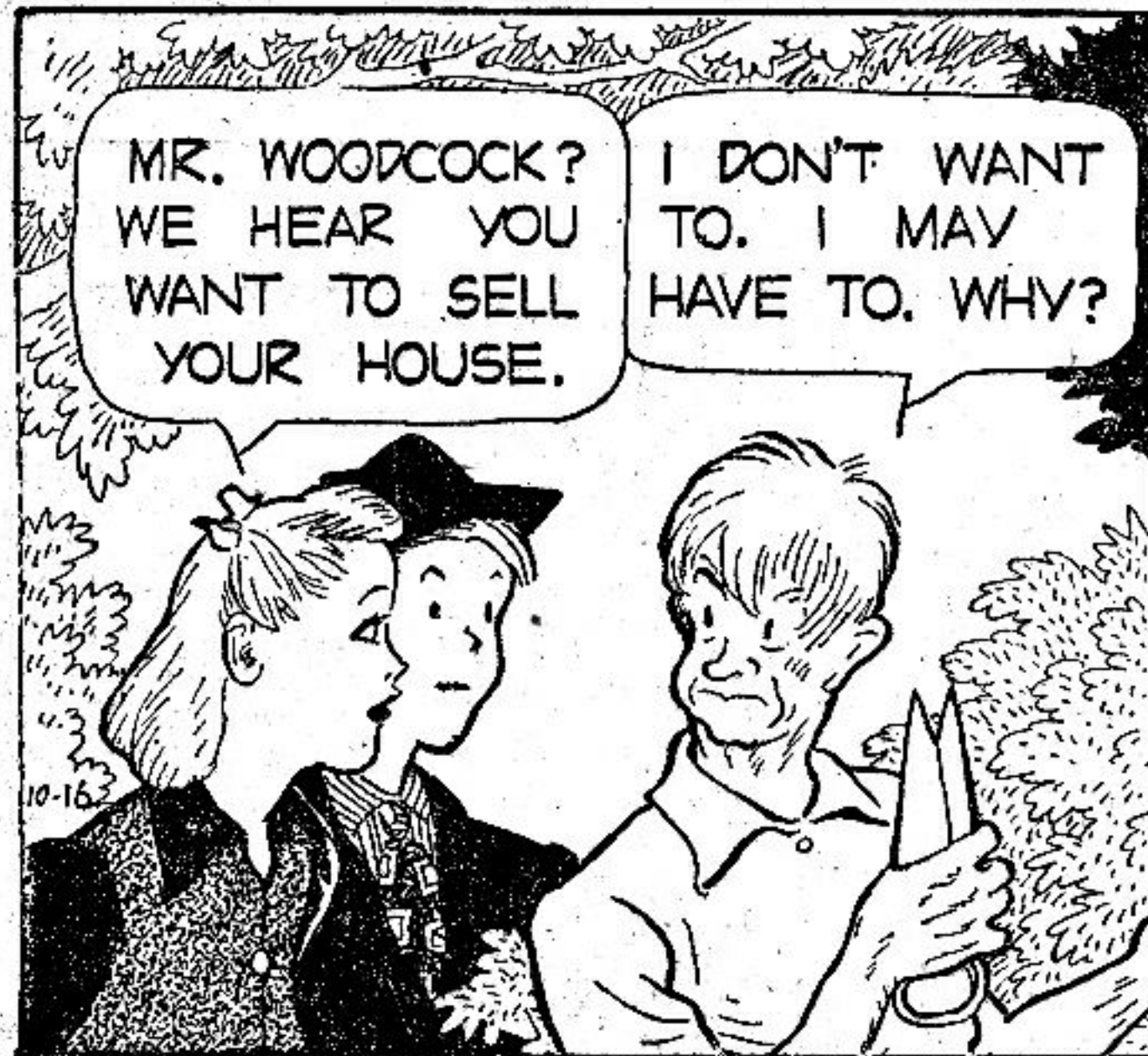


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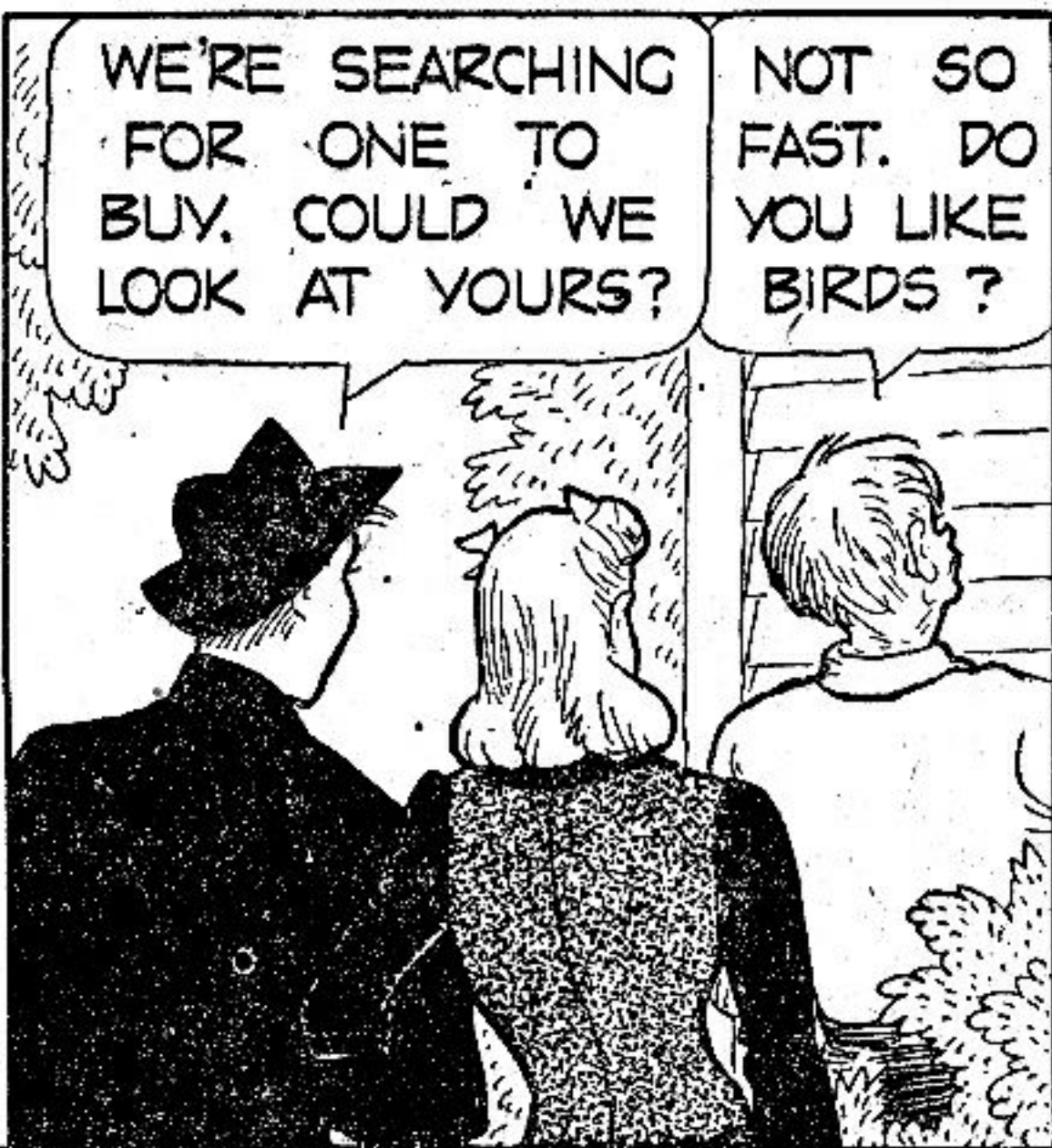


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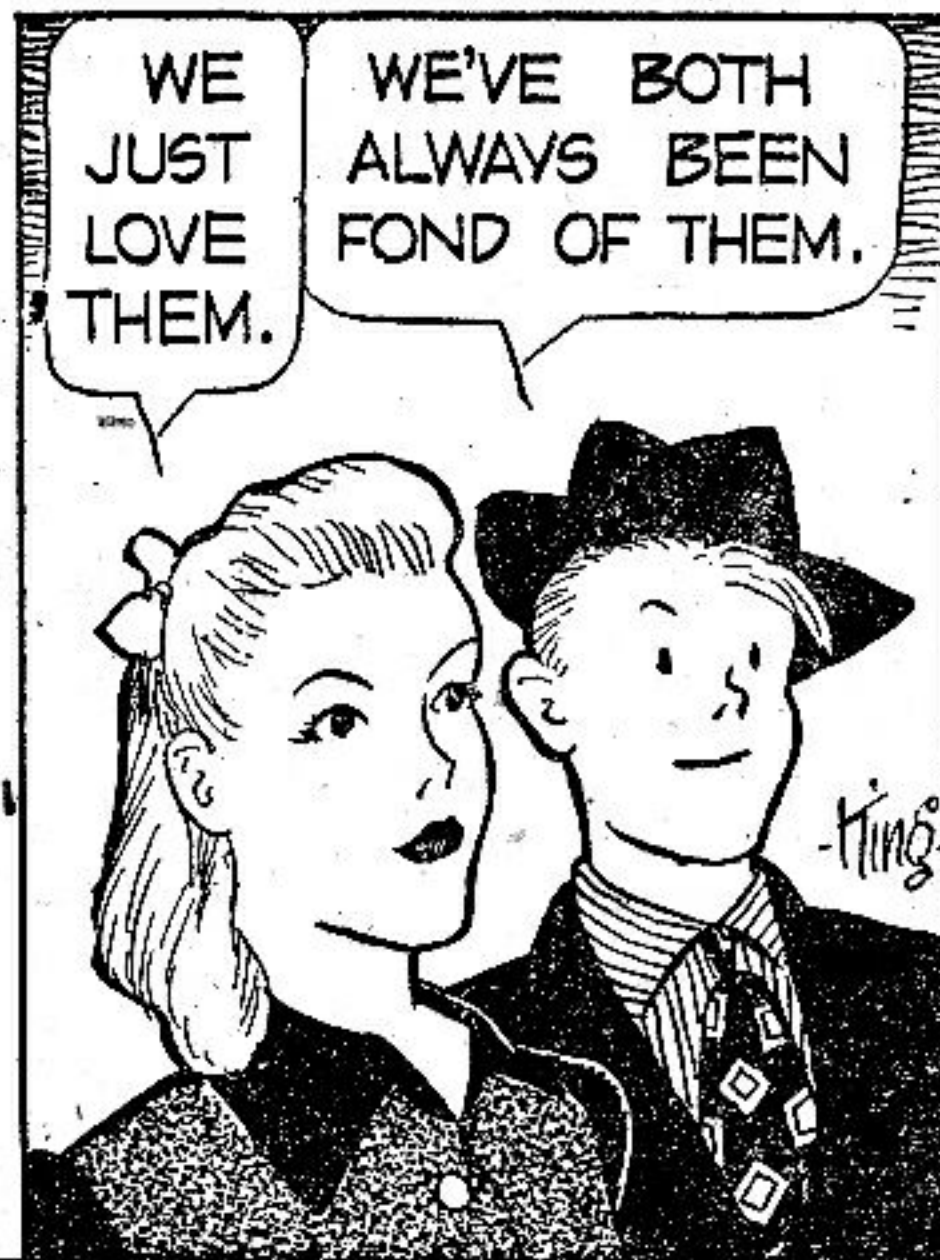
MR. WOODCOCK?
WE HEAR YOU
WANT TO SELL
YOUR HOUSE.

I DON'T WANT
TO. I MAY
HAVE TO. WHY?



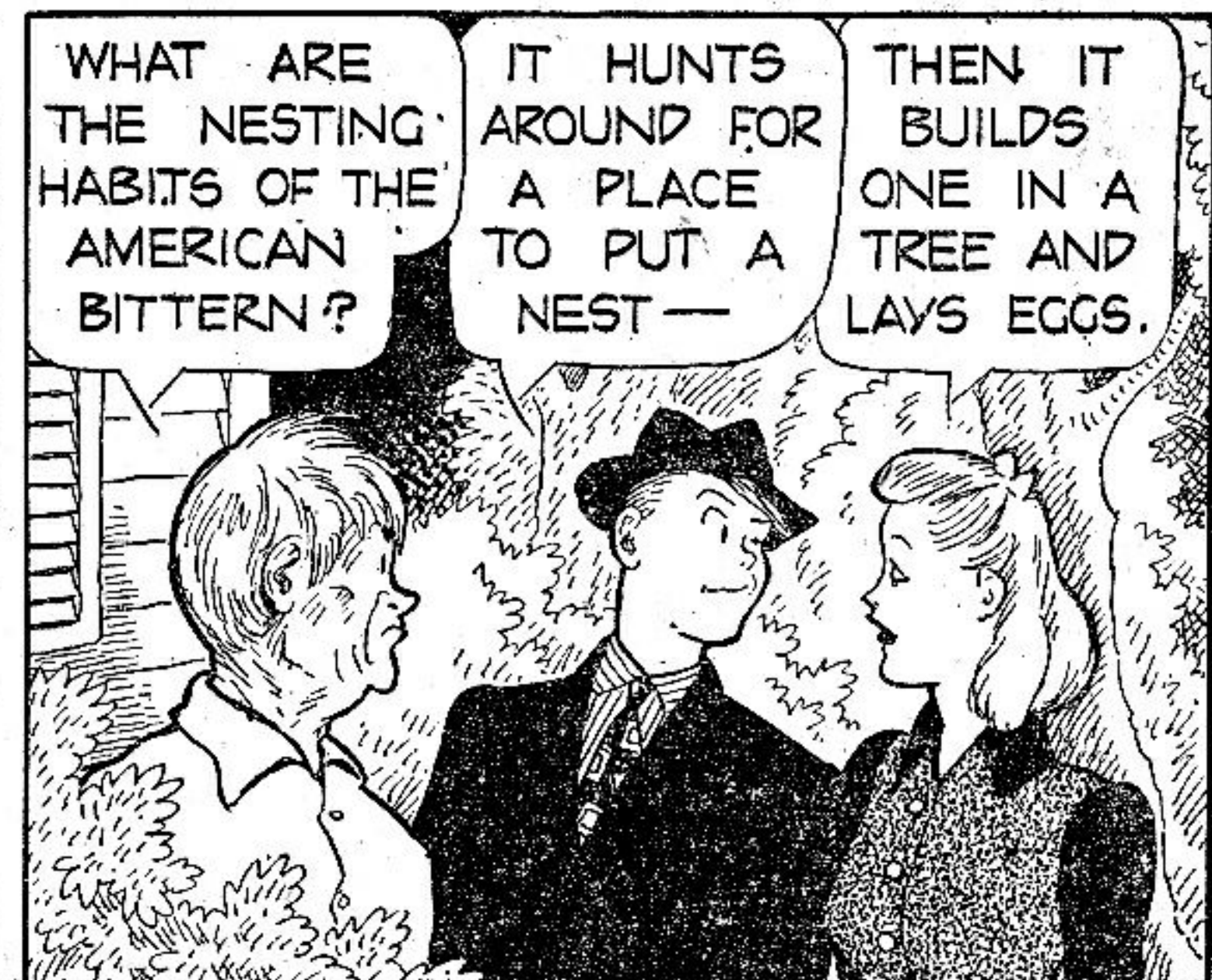
WE'RE SEARCHING
FOR ONE TO
BUY. COULD WE
LOOK AT YOURS?

NOT SO
FAST. DO
YOU LIKE
BIRDS?



WE
JUST
LOVE
THEM.

WE'VE BOTH
ALWAYS BEEN
FOND OF THEM.



WHAT ARE
THE NESTING
HABITS OF THE
AMERICAN
BITTERN?

IT HUNTS
AROUND FOR
A PLACE
TO PUT A
NEST —

THEN IT
BUILDS
ONE IN A
TREE AND
LAYS EGGS.

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SO YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE AMERICAN BITTERN. WELL I'LL TELL YOU. IT BUILDS A NEST OF GRASSES ON THE GROUND IN A MARSH. EGGS 3 TO 5, OLIVE BUFF.

THAT'S WHAT I MEANT TO SAY.

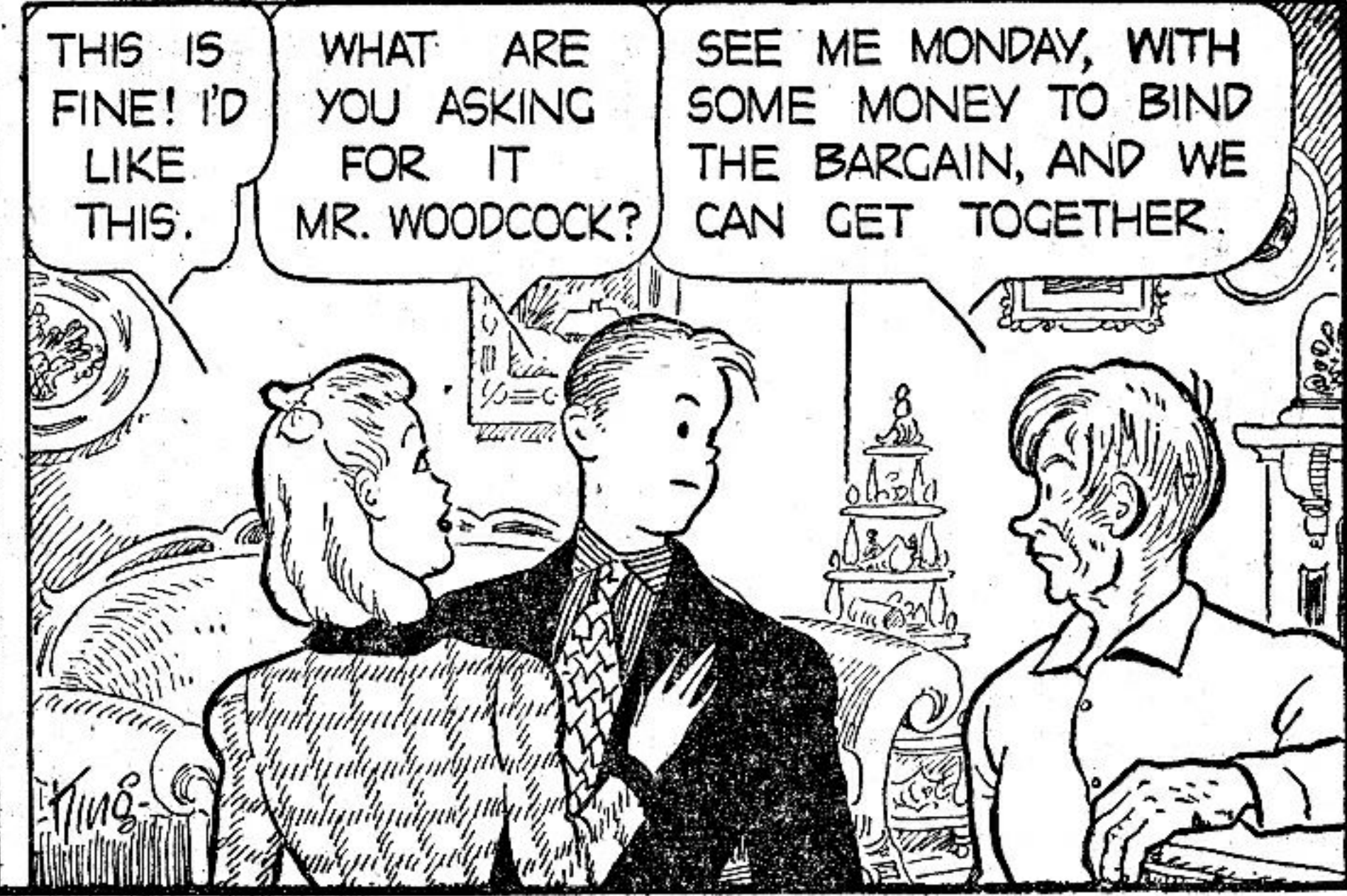
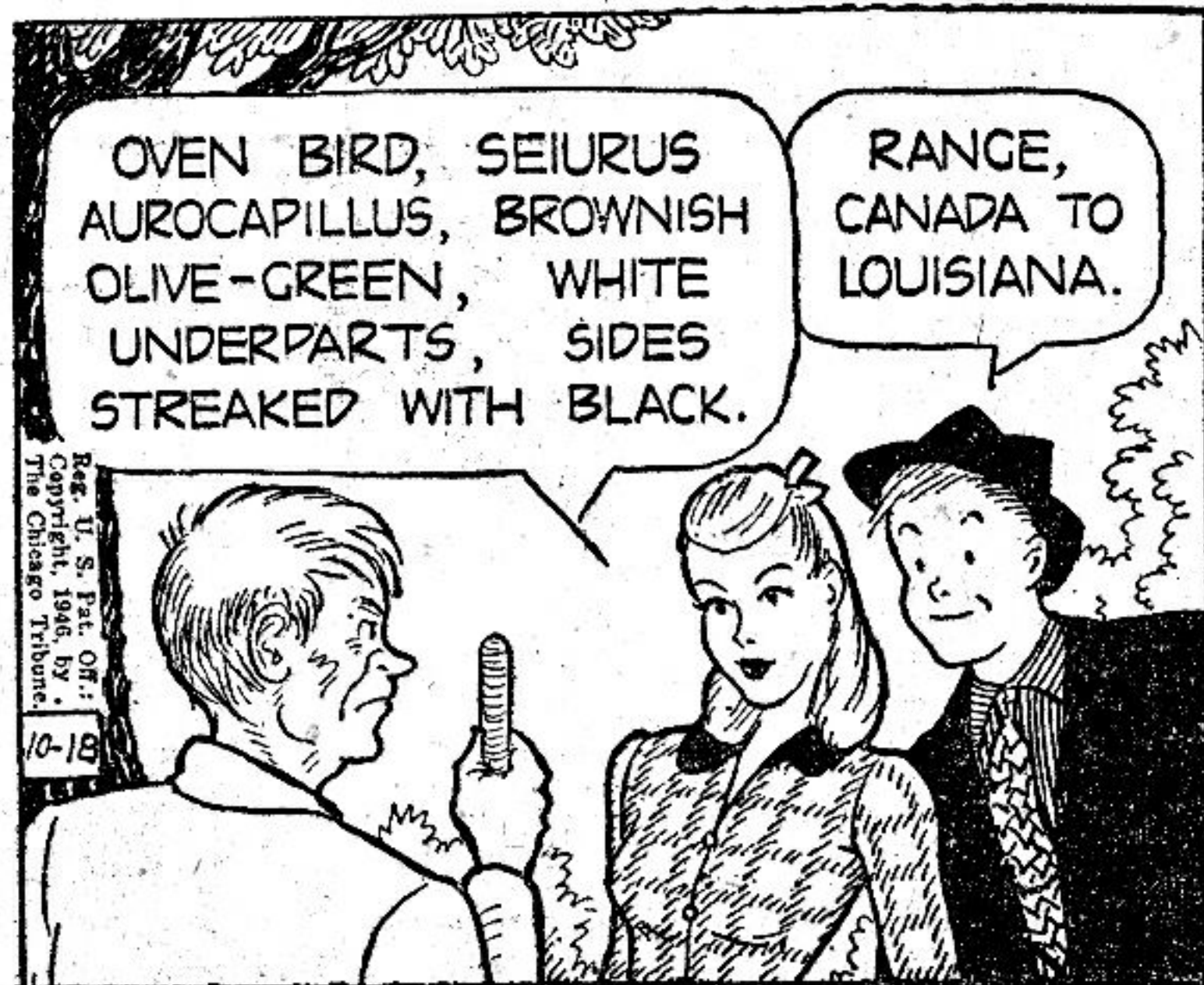
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME, YOUNG MAN! BUT I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE MINUTES TO LOOK THROUGH THE HOUSE.

THAT'S FINE! THANKS, MR. WOODCOCK.

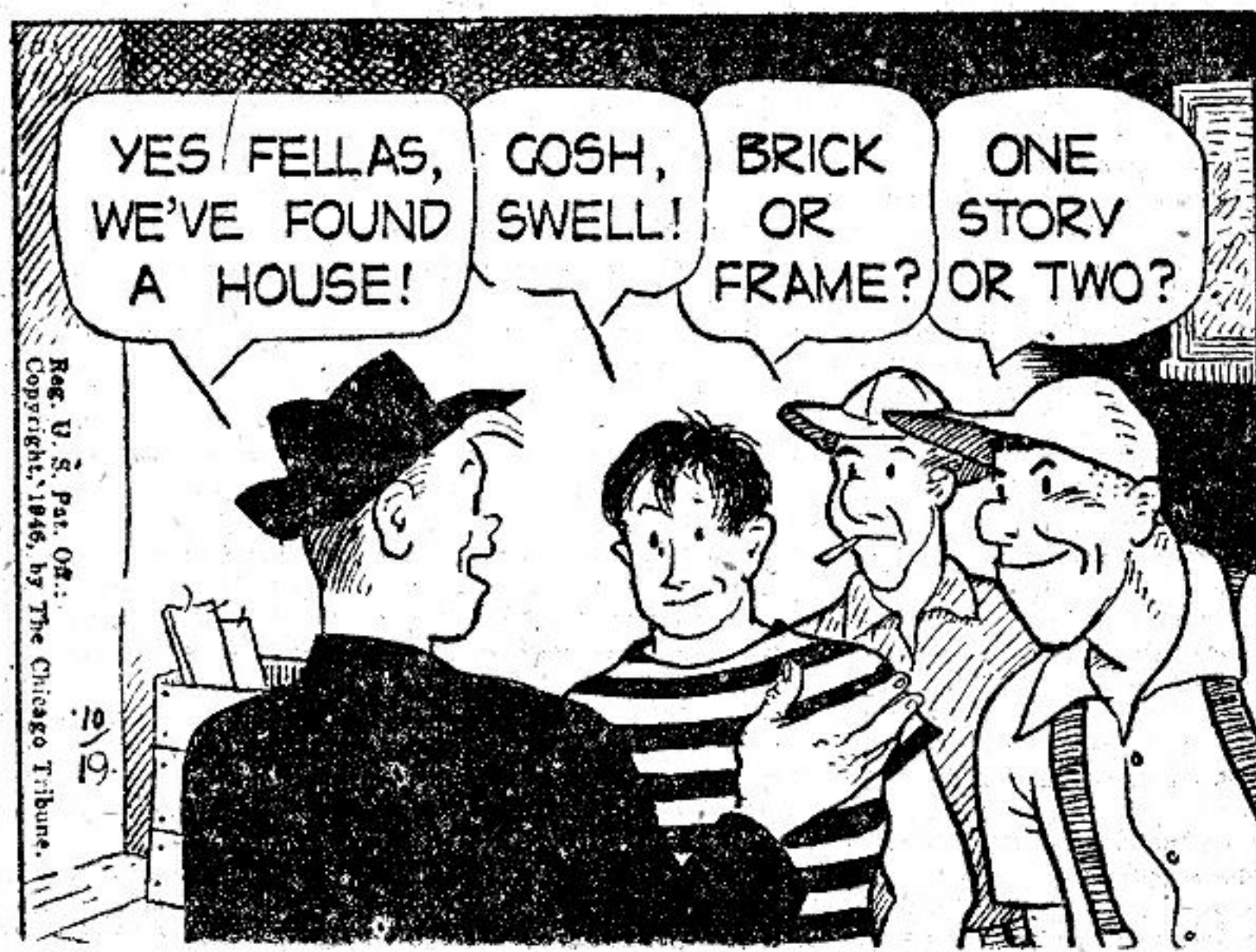
NOT TODAY, BUT TOMORROW. AND BY THEN YOU'D BETTER BE ABLE TO TELL ME THE SCIENTIFIC NAME, MARKINGS AND RANGE OF THE OVEN BIRD.

WE'LL DO OUR BEST!

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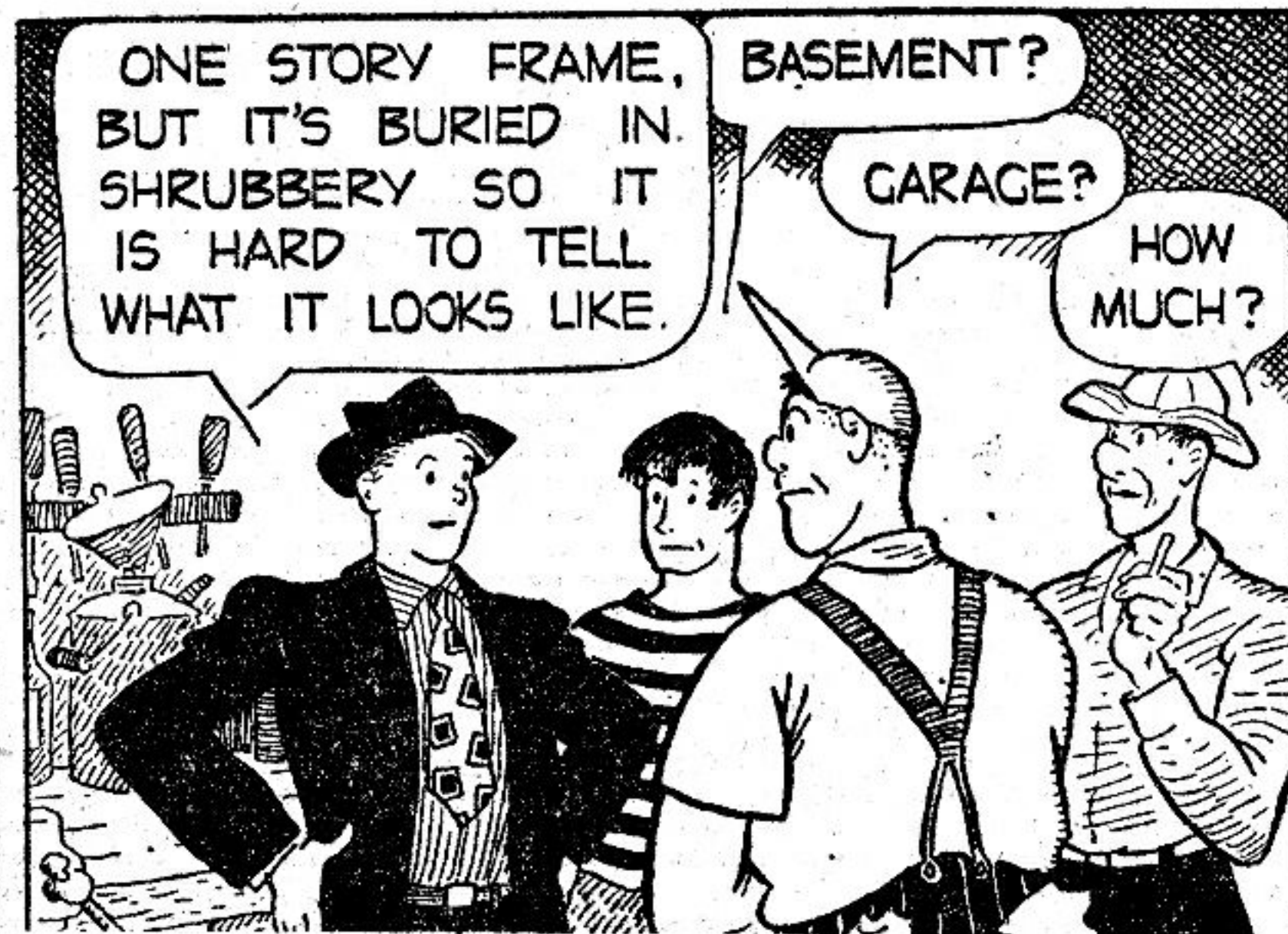


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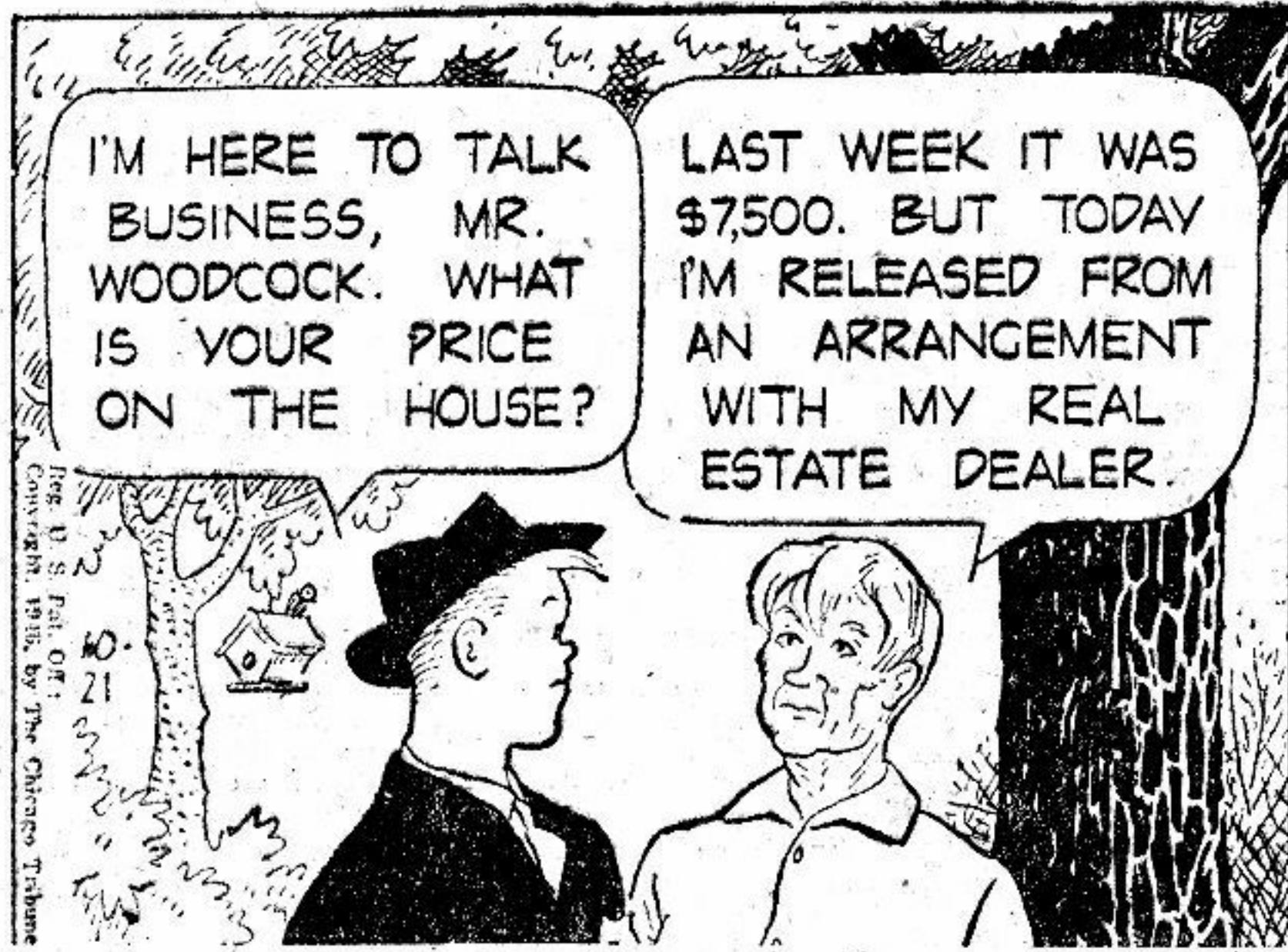


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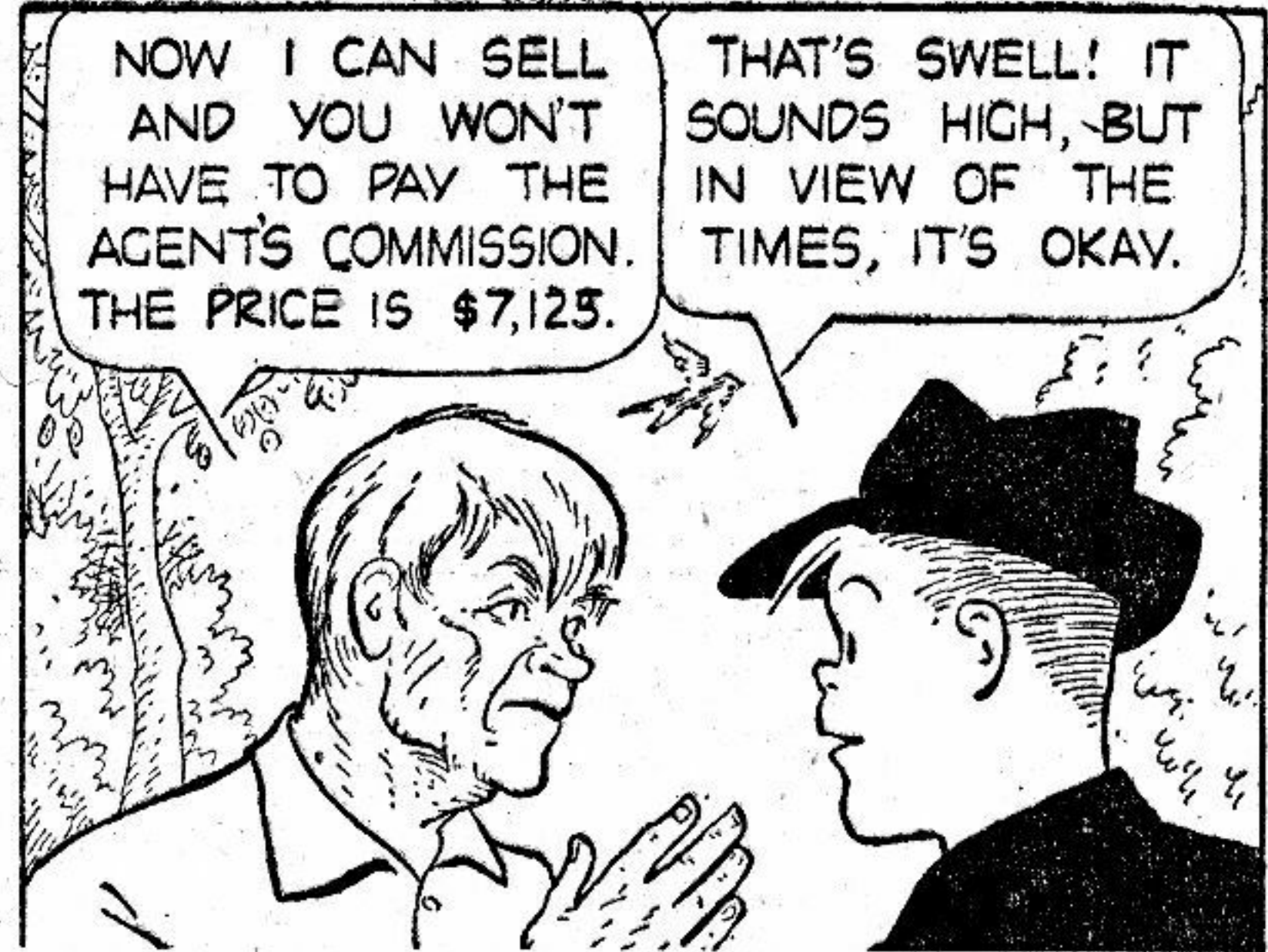
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WELL, WOODCOCK, I'VE GOT A BUYER FOR YOUR HOUSE! HE'S PUT A \$50 DEPOSIT ON IT.

TOO LATE, SKELTER. I'VE ALREADY SOLD IT.

SOLD IT! YOU GAVE ME "EXCLUSIVE" ON IT UNTIL YESTERDAY, THE 21ST! THAT'S WHEN HE MADE THE DEPOSIT.

OUR AGREEMENT, IF YOU RECALL, EXPIRED THE 21ST. YOUR SALE DOESN'T COUNT.

THE HECK IT DOESN'T! I'VE MADE THE DEAL AND I WANT MY COMMISSION.

YOU HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO SELL IT. YOU JUST MISSED THE BOAT.

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT, WOODCOCK! I'LL SUE YOU FOR IT!

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I'VE BEEN THINKING IT OVER, WOODCOCK. RATHER THAN START SUIT, I'LL TAKE A 50-50 SPLIT ON THAT COMMISSION, OR \$187.50.

I SOLD WITHOUT ANY COMMISSION, SO THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO SPLIT, SKELTER.

MY CLIENT IS AS SET ON GETTING THE HOUSE AS I AM ON A COMMISSION. IF I DON'T SUE YOU, HE'LL SUE ME.

THAT'S JUST YOUR TOUGH LUCK.

SO YOU WON'T COOPERATE ?

NO. YOU CAN TAKE IT TO COURT, BUT I'M WITHIN MY RIGHTS AND YOU CAN'T WIN.



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HERE IS THE ABSTRACT FOR THIS PROPERTY, MR. WALLET. YOU CAN HAVE THE TITLE CHECKED.

I'LL DO THAT RIGHT AWAY, MR. WOODCOCK.



BUT I MUST WARN YOU THAT MY AGENT HAS A CLIENT WHO MADE A DEPOSIT THE SAME DAY YOU DID. THE AGENT CLAIMS THE "EXCLUSIVE" AGREEMENT INCLUDED THAT DAY — THE 21 ST.

GEE, I HOPE NOT!

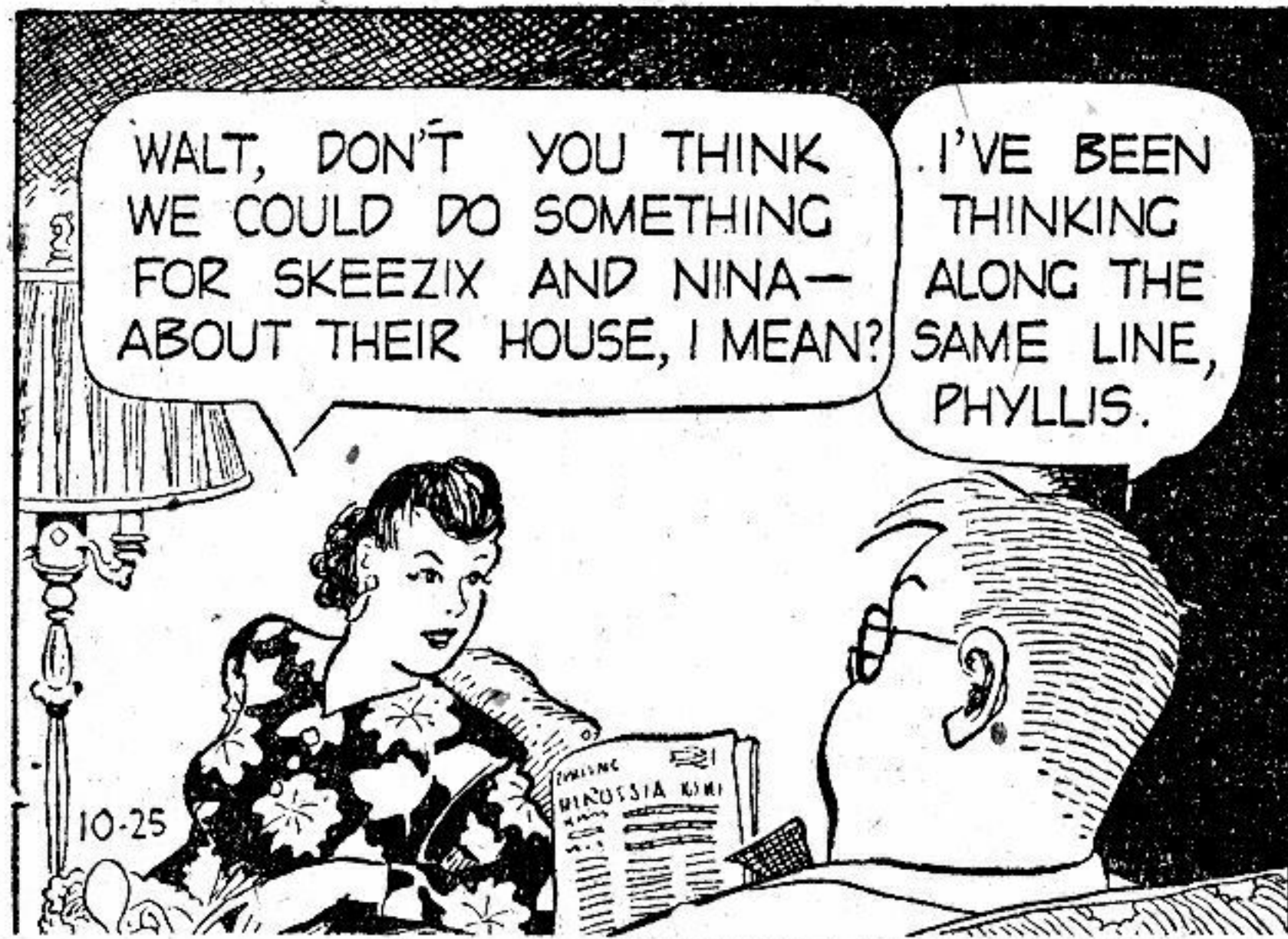


HE THREATENS SUIT — AND IF HE SHOULD WIN IN COURT, THAT WOULD BE TOUGH LUCK. BUT I THINK YOU ARE PRETTY SAFE.

BOY, I'D HATE TO LOSE OUT, NOW WE'VE GOT THIS FAR!



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THE PRICE OF THE HOUSE IS \$7,125, UNCLE WALT. THAT MEANS I'VE GOT TO RAISE THAT AMOUNT PRETTY PROMPTLY.

AUNTIE BLOSSOM AND I HAVE SOMETHING TO SUGGEST.

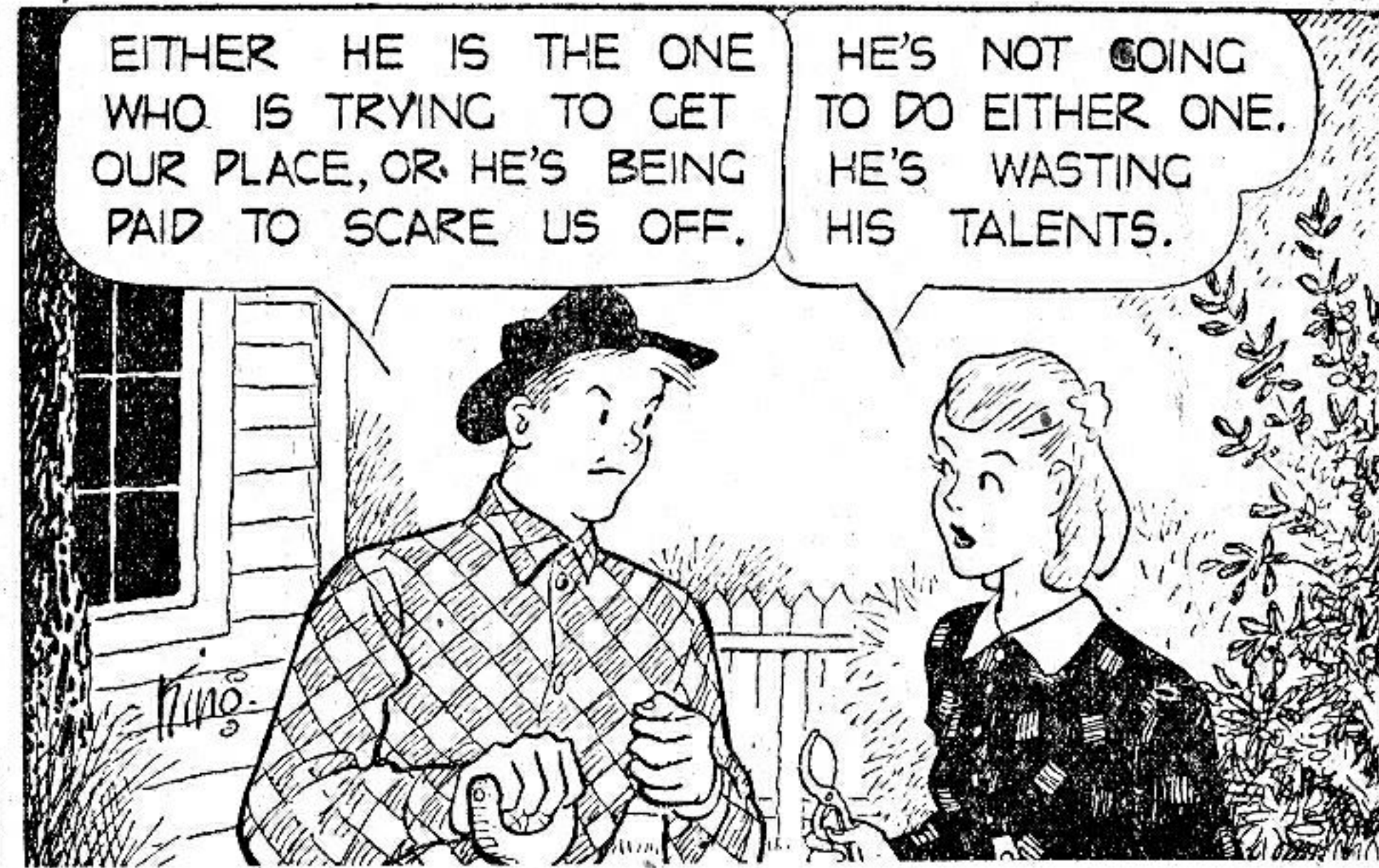
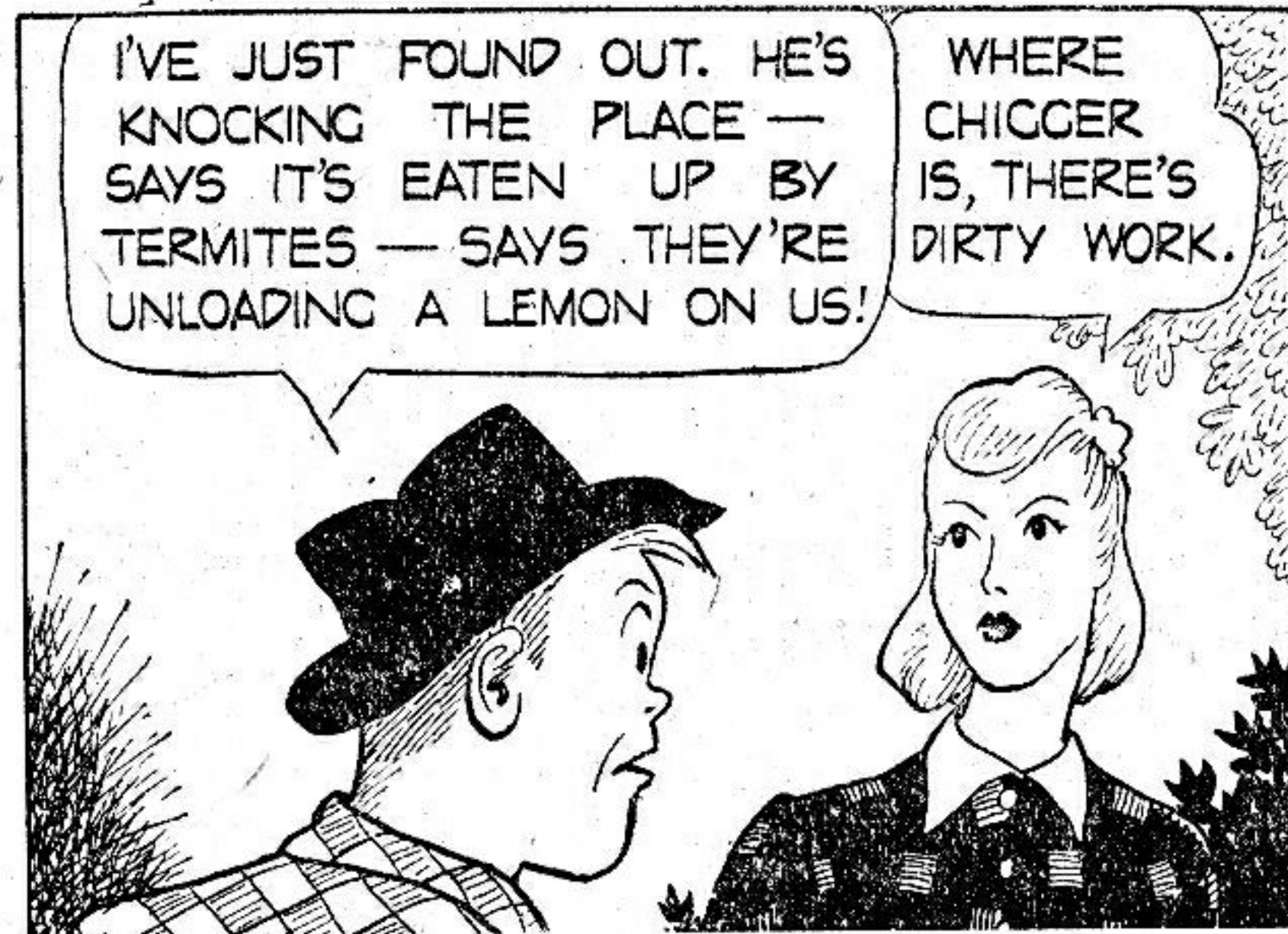
HERE'S WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO—LEND YOU WHAT YOU NEED ON YOUR NOTE, AT THE USUAL INTEREST.

YOU COULD GET A GI LOAN, BUT WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE IT ALL IN THE FAMILY.

CEE!

THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL! I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL NINA.

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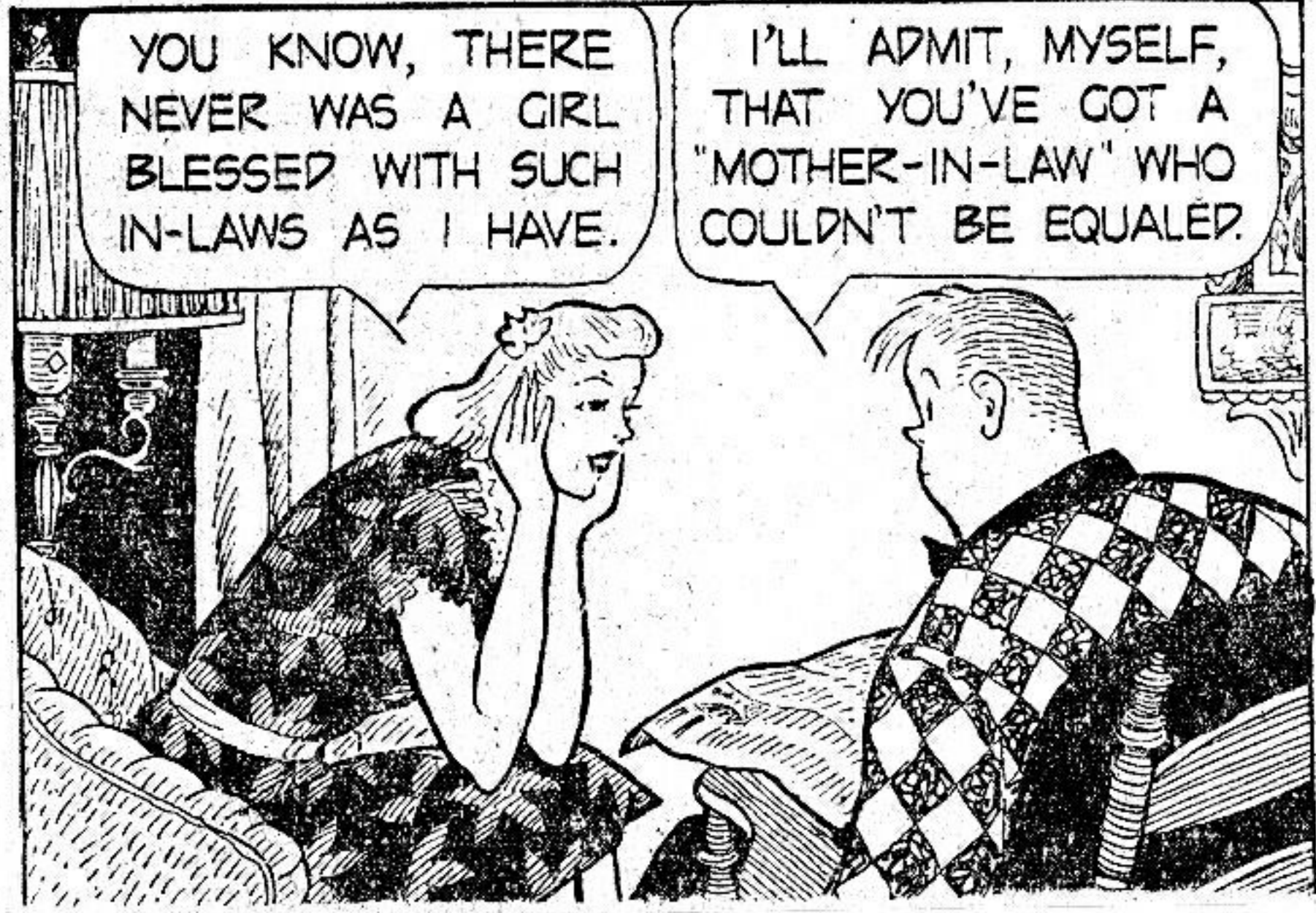
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UNCLE WALT, YOU'RE A DARLING FOR OFFERING TO FINANCE OUR NEW HOME.

I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO, NINA HONEY.

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YOU KNOW, THERE NEVER WAS A GIRL BLESSED WITH SUCH IN-LAWS AS I HAVE.

I'LL ADMIT, MYSELF, THAT YOU'VE GOT A "MOTHER-IN-LAW" WHO COULDN'T BE EQUALED.



WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU BOTH ARE DOING. SOME DAY, PERHAPS, WE CAN MAKE IT UP TO YOU.

YOU AND SKEEZIX BETTER BE GOOD. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A SHYLOCK I AM!

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FIRST OF THE MONTH.
TOMORROW, NINA. I
MUST DO SOME
BOOKWORK AT THE
SHOP

I'LL HELP,
SKEEZIX.

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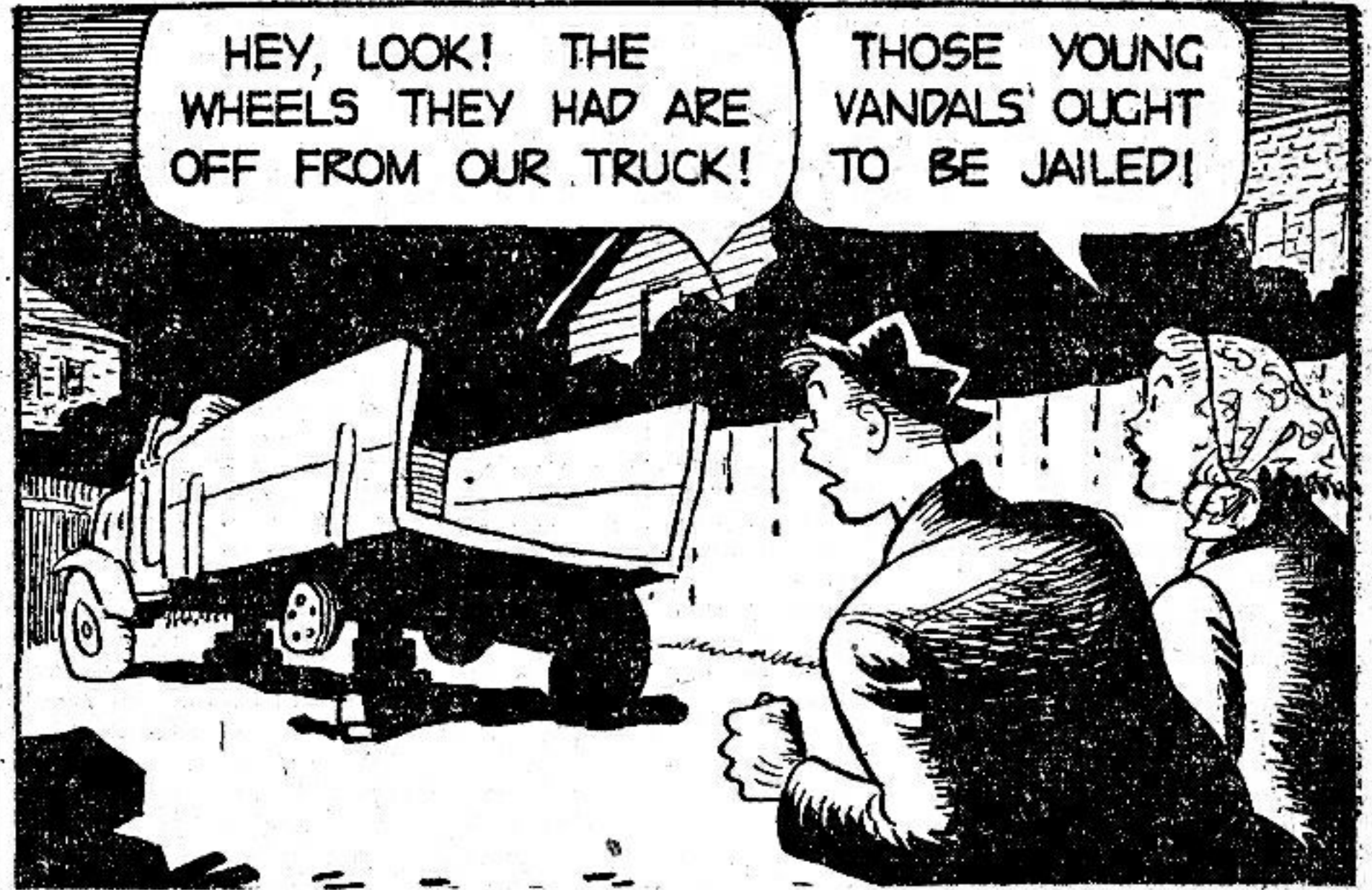
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LOOK! IT'S
HALLOWEEN,
TOO.

BOYS AND GIRLS
WILL BE BOYS
AND GIRLS!

TING



HEY, LOOK! THE
WHEELS THEY HAD ARE
OFF FROM OUR TRUCK!

THOSE YOUNG
VANDALS' OUGHT
TO BE JAILED!

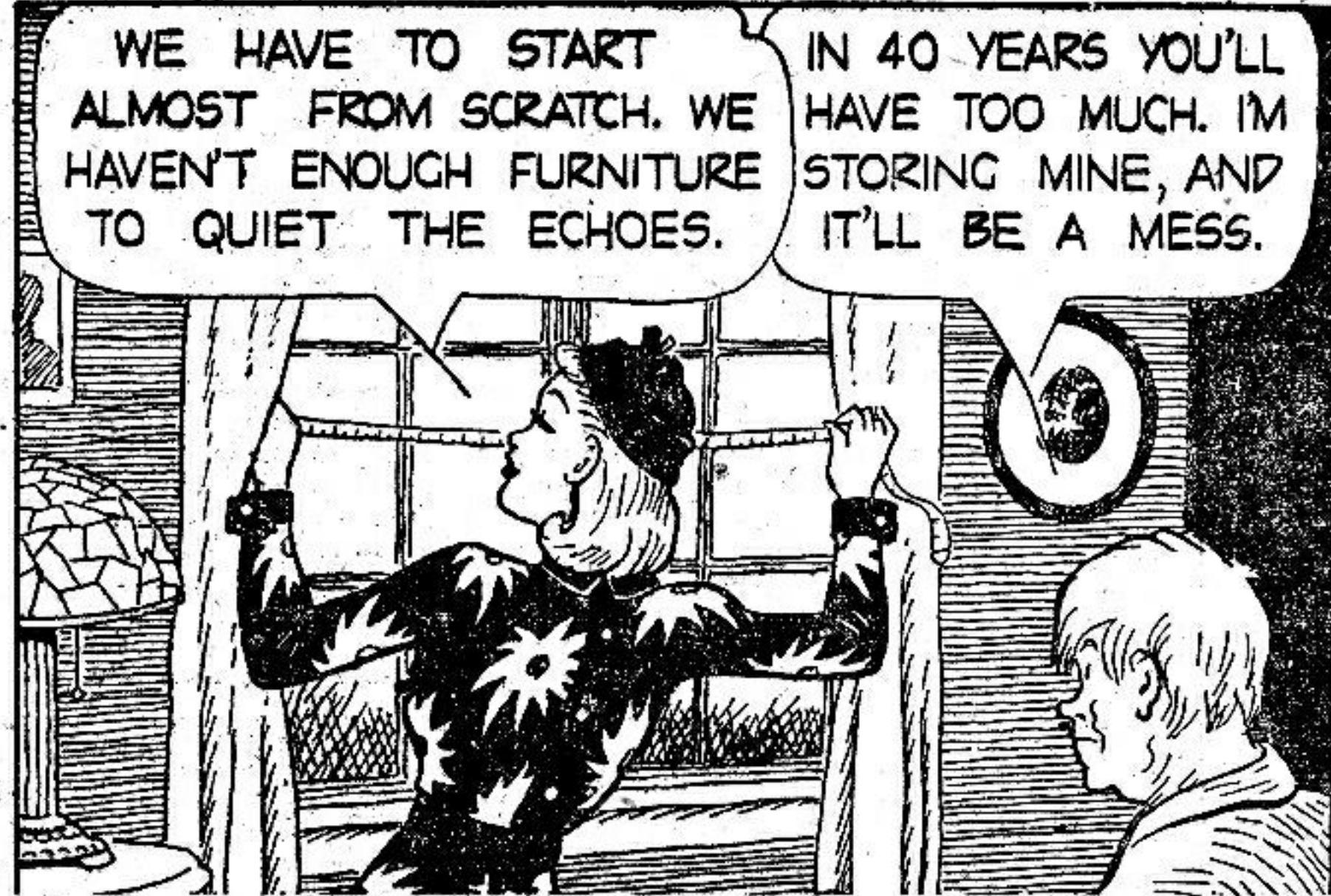
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NO TROUBLE AT ALL. COME RIGHT IN AND MEASURE ANYTHING.

I WANT TO FIND OUT RUG AND CURTAIN SIZES, MR. WOODCOCK.

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WE HAVE TO START ALMOST FROM SCRATCH. WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH FURNITURE TO QUIET THE ECHOES.

IN 40 YEARS YOU'LL HAVE TOO MUCH. I'M STORING MINE, AND IT'LL BE A MESS.



I'VE BATCHED IT HERE 14 YEARS, SINCE MY WIFE DIED. I'M GOING TO LIVE ON A FARM WITH MY DAUGHTER WHO LOST HER HUSBAND ON LEYTE.

I'M SORRY YOU FEEL YOU HAVE TO GO. I KNOW YOU LOVE IT HERE.

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THE ANSWER, SKELTER, IS STILL NO. SUE IF YOU LIKE, BUT STOP TALKING ABOUT IT.



DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU, MRS. WALLET.

I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN EVER SHOW OUR GRATITUDE, MR. WOODCOCK.



HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED! SELL FOLKS SOMETHING NOWADAYS AND THEY'RE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A MOUSETRAP ANY MORE. IF YOU HAVE A HOUSE FOR SALE, THE WORLD WILL BEAT A PATH TO YOUR DOOR. I'M HAVING A HARD TIME NOT TO SELL THIS ONE TWICE.



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I'VE DONE ALL I CAN WITH WOODCOCK, CHIGGER. HERE'S YOUR \$50 DEPOSIT.

NOTHING DOING! I'M GOING TO HAVE THAT HOUSE. I'LL SUE YOU BOTH!



I THOUGHT I COULD BLUFF WOODCOCK, BUT NO DICE. MY AGREEMENT WITH HIM DID LAPSE BEFORE YOU MADE YOUR DEPOSIT.

NOT ONLY WILL IT RUIN MY PLANS, BUT IT WILL CAUSE ME MENTAL ANGUISH! THE COURT WILL CONSIDER THAT.



ALL RIGHT THEN, I'LL KEEP YOUR \$50 UNTIL THE CASE IS DECIDED.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, SKELTER, YOU GIVE ME MY 50 BUCKS AND WE'LL FORGET THE WHOLE THING.



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HOW ABOUT THE TITLE TO MY PROPERTY MR. HABEAS?

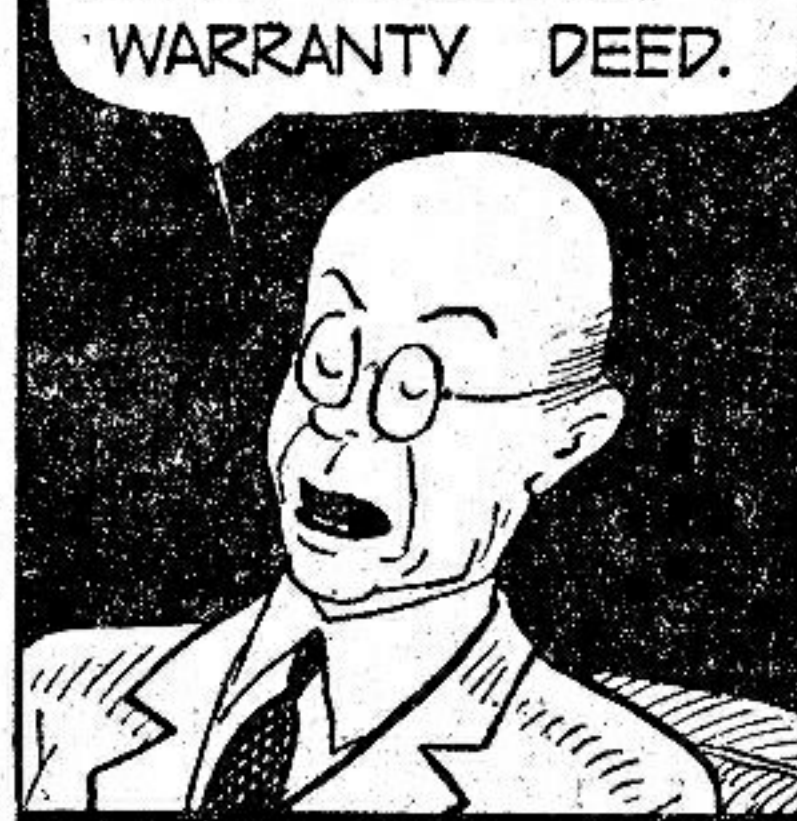
SIT DOWN, MR. WALLET. I HAVE EXAMINED THE ABSTRACT AND FIND IT REASONABLY GOOD.

BACK IN 1909, WHEN THE LAND WAS A SUBDIVISION LOT, THERE WAS A \$90 MORTGAGE AGAINST IT.

THERE IS NO RECORD OF ITS BEING SATISFIED. THEN IN 1917, A SIMON BAILEY EXECUTED A WARRANTY DEED.

IT WAS NOT SIGNED BY HIS WIFE, IF ANY, AND NO STATEMENT THAT HE WAS A BACHELOR OR WIDOWER.

THESE FLAWS ARE MINOR AND ANCIENT, AND I WOULD ADVISE YOUR ACCEPTING THE TITLE AS ADEQUATE.



IT MAY SEEM SILLY TO DO IT THIS WAY, KIDS, SINCE IT IS ALL IN THE FAMILY.

BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ANY OF US IT IS ALL DOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE.

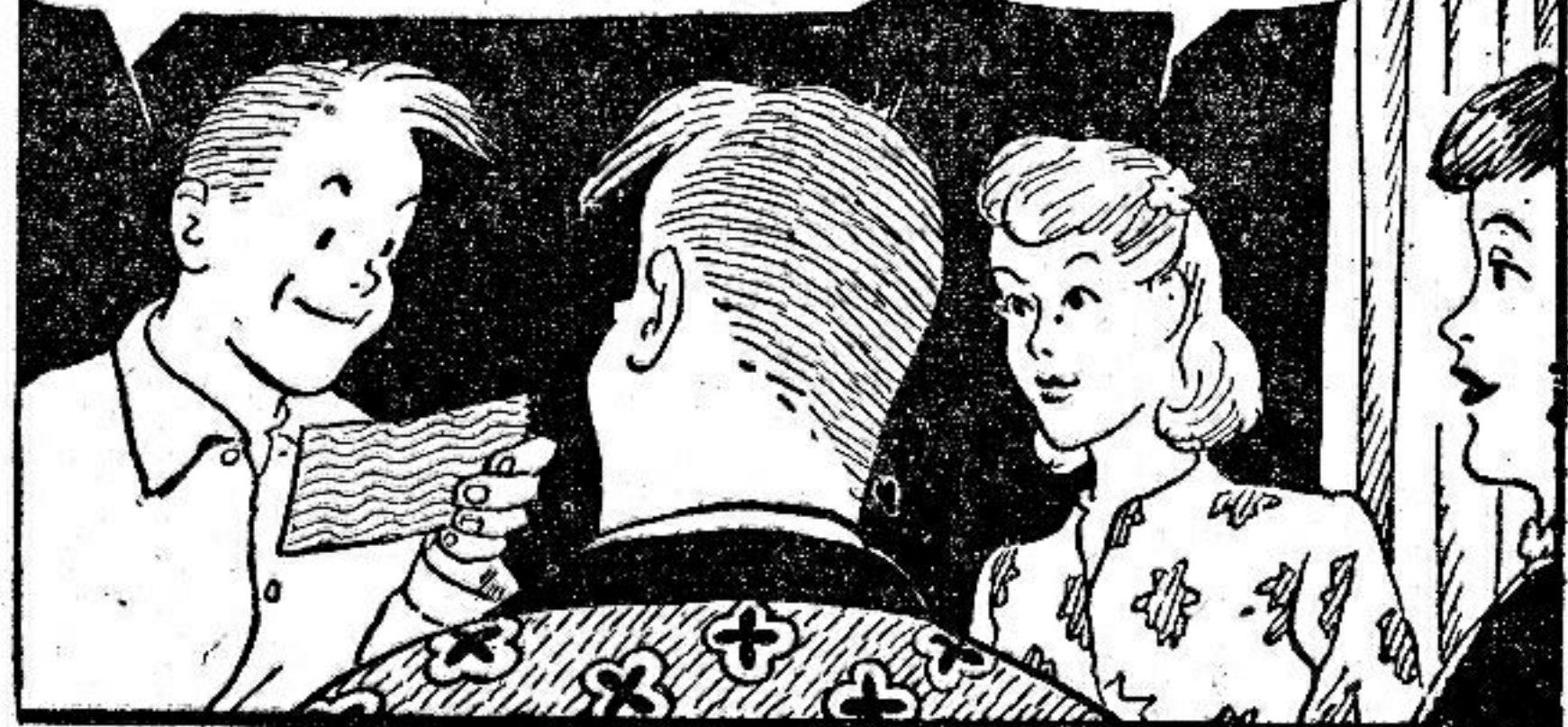
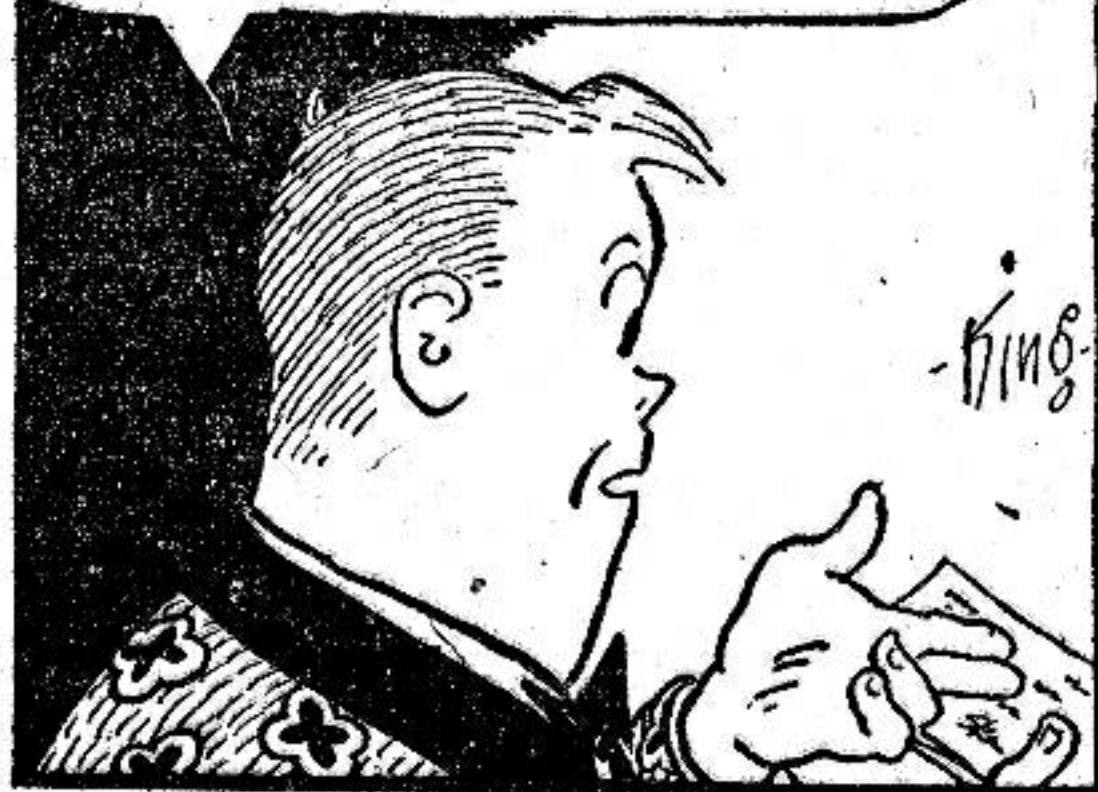
I'M FOR IT, UNCLE WALT.

I'VE SEEN A LOT OF FAMILY SQUABBLES WHICH A FEW SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS, SUCH AS THESE NOTES, COULD HAVE PREVENTED.

\$7,125! GEE, THANKS! I STILL HAVE SOME E BONDS AND MY SEPARATION PAY. WE'LL NEED THAT FOR FUEL, TAXES AND INSURANCE

NOT TO MENTION A REFRIGERATOR, RUGS, FURNITURE AND CURTAINS, SKEEZIX.

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GASOLINE ALLEY



JUST THINK, SKEEZIX,
THE AMOUNT OF
MONEY WE'RE
CARRYING IN
YOUR POCKET!

WE'RE GOING
TO PAY IT
BACK, NINA
IF IT TAKES
US 25 YEARS.

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THIS IS YOUR
CHECK, MR.
WOODCOCK—
CERTIFIED.

AND HERE IS
YOUR WARRANT
DEED. THE
PLACE IS YOURS.



I'LL BE PACKED
UP AND OUT BY
WEDNESDAY OF
NEXT WEEK.



I CONGRATULATE
YOU BOTH. YOU'LL
LOVE IT HERE.

YOU HAVE NO IDEA
HOW THRILLED WE
ARE, MR. WOODCOCK!

- King -

GASOLINE ALLEY

I JUST LOVE TO WALK PAST IT AND GLOAT, SKEEZIX!

IT TAKES TIME TO REALIZE THAT IT'S ALL OURS!

YES, SIR! EVERY BRICK AND SHINGLE—EVERY TREE AND SHRUB!

WE'RE MERELY PERMITTING MR. WOODCOCK TO STAY THERE. HE HASN'T A THING TO SAY ABOUT IT.

IT'S OUR NEST, OUR CASTLE, OUR OWN PRIVATE ESTATE, OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE CAN'T FORGET THAT.

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-King-

GASOLINE ALLEY

WE'RE MOVING IN ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, BIX.

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP I'LL DO WHAT I CAN—AFTER HOURS.

SKEEZIX HAS BEEN FUSSIN' AROUND WITH THAT HOUSE AN' HASN'T HAD MUCH TIME TO DEVOTE TO BUSINESS.

HE SURE WORKS HARD ENOUGH WHEN HE'S HERE TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

HE'S GOIN' TO NEED PLUMBIN' AND CARPENTER REPAIRS. IF HE TAKES THE CREW OVER ON THAT JOB I'M GOING TO SEE HE PAYS REGULAR RATES.

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, WILMER. HE'S NO CHISELER.

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GASOLINE ALLEY

PHYLLIS, THE KIDS
AREN'T GOING TO HAVE
MUCH FURNITURE.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING,
WALT.

WE'VE GOT OUR OAK
DINING TABLE UP IN
THE ATTIC. THEY MIGHT
AS WELL BE USING IT.

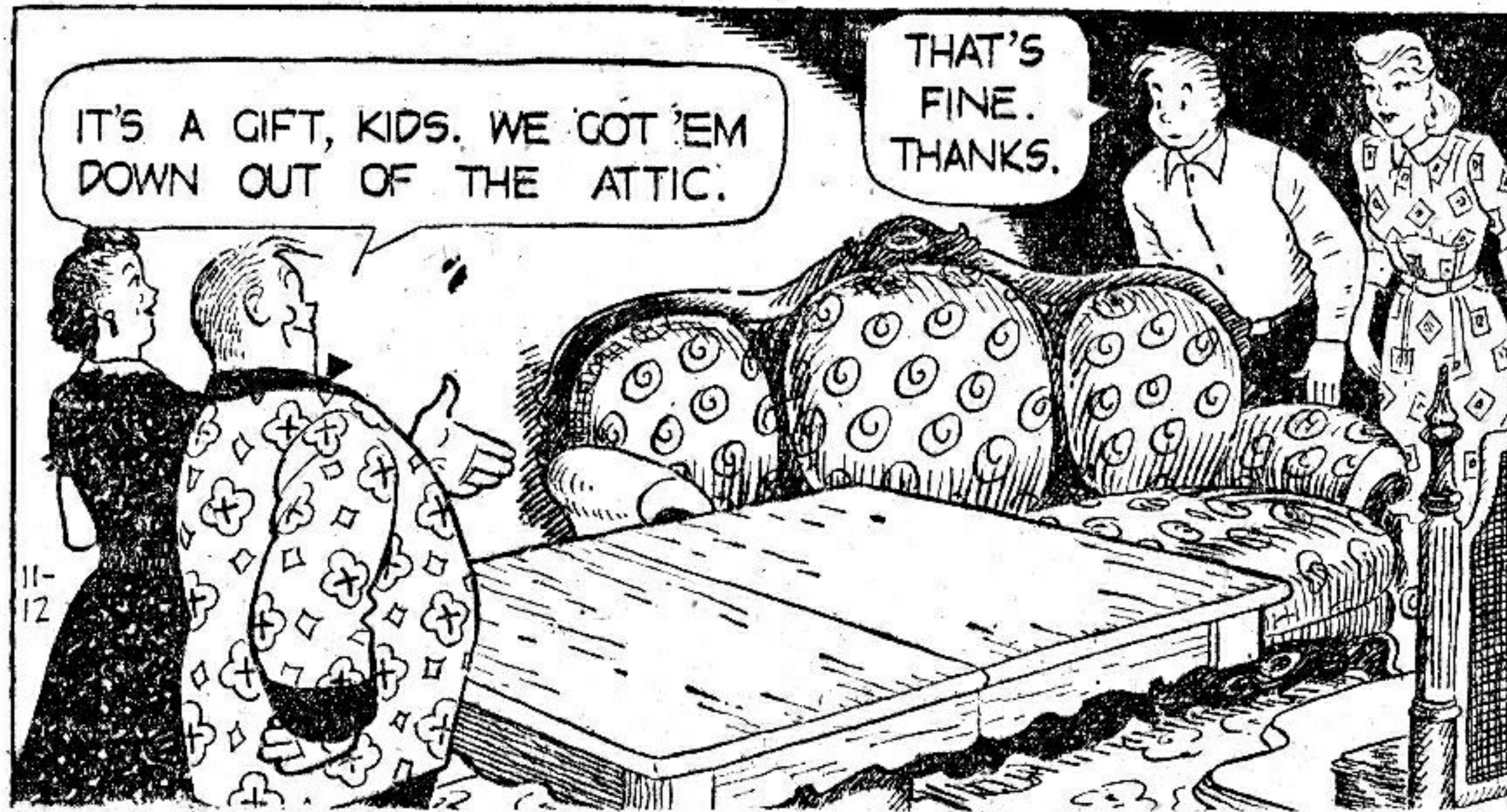
AND THERE'S THE
BIG, OLD SOFA.
THEY NEED THINGS
TO FILL SPACE.

THEN THERE'S THE
WALNUT DRESSER WITH
THE MARBLE TOP WE
HAD IN MY FAMILY.

AND THE PLATFORM
ROCKER THAT
GRANDPA PINCHED
HIS FINGERS IN!

-KING-

GASOLINE ALLEY



GASOLINE ALLEY

EVERYTHING IS OUT!
THERE, FOLKS, ARE THE
KEYS. GOOD LUCK!

THANKS, MR.
WOODCOCK.

I'M SORRY FOR HIM, SKEEZIX—
LEAVING HIS HOME AFTER
LIVING HERE SO LONG!

IT'S TOUGH,
BUT IT'S LIFE.

BUT, BOY, IS THIS A THRILL!
OUR OWN FRONT DOOR KEY!

GASOLINE ALLEY

SKEEZIX AND SARGE ARE COMING WITH A LOAD OF FURNITURE, JUDY. WE'LL WAIT FOR THEM.

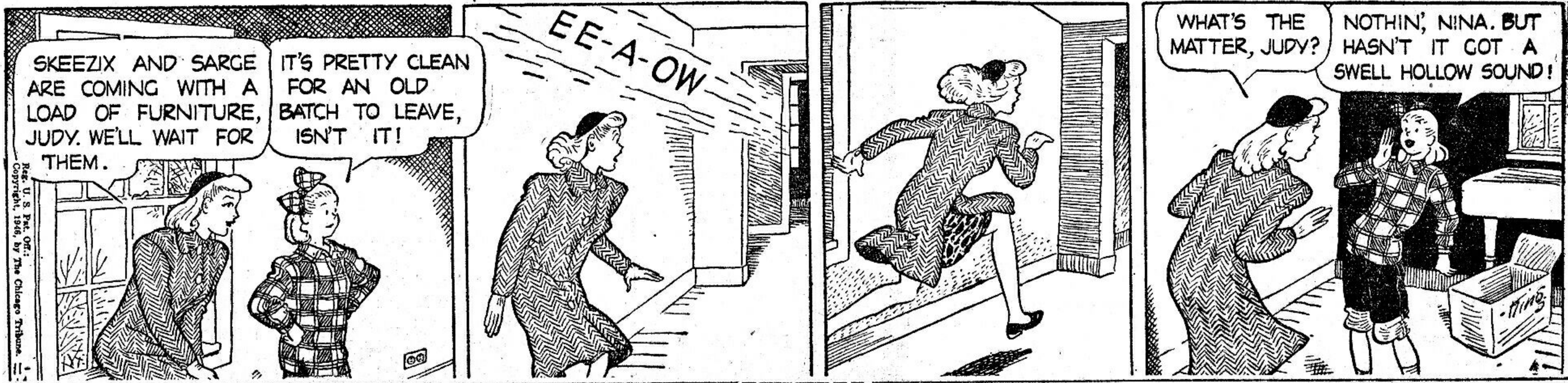
IT'S PRETTY CLEAN FOR AN OLD BATCH TO LEAVE, ISN'T IT!

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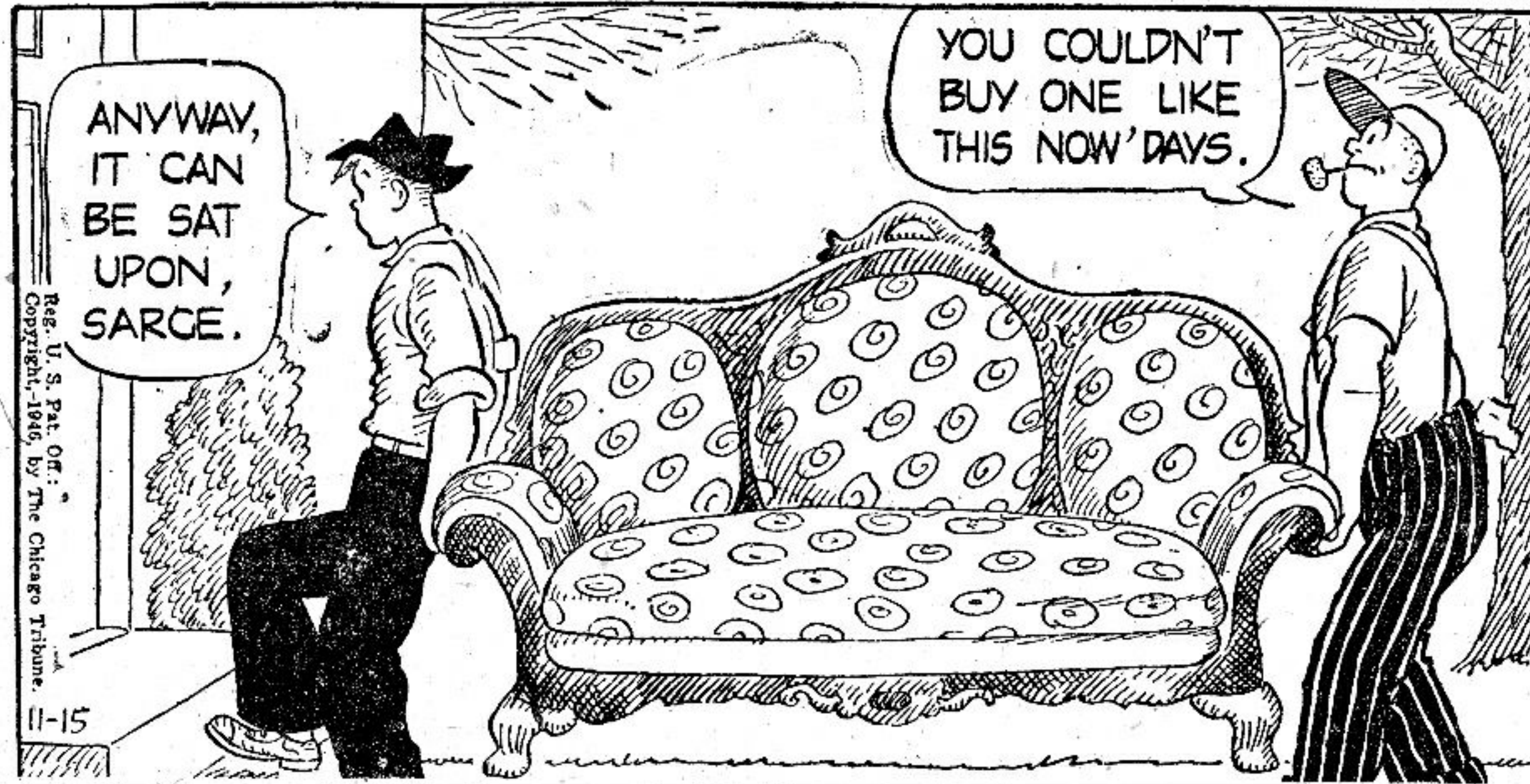
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JUDY?

NOTHIN', NINA. BUT HASN'T IT GOT A SWELL HOLLOW SOUND!

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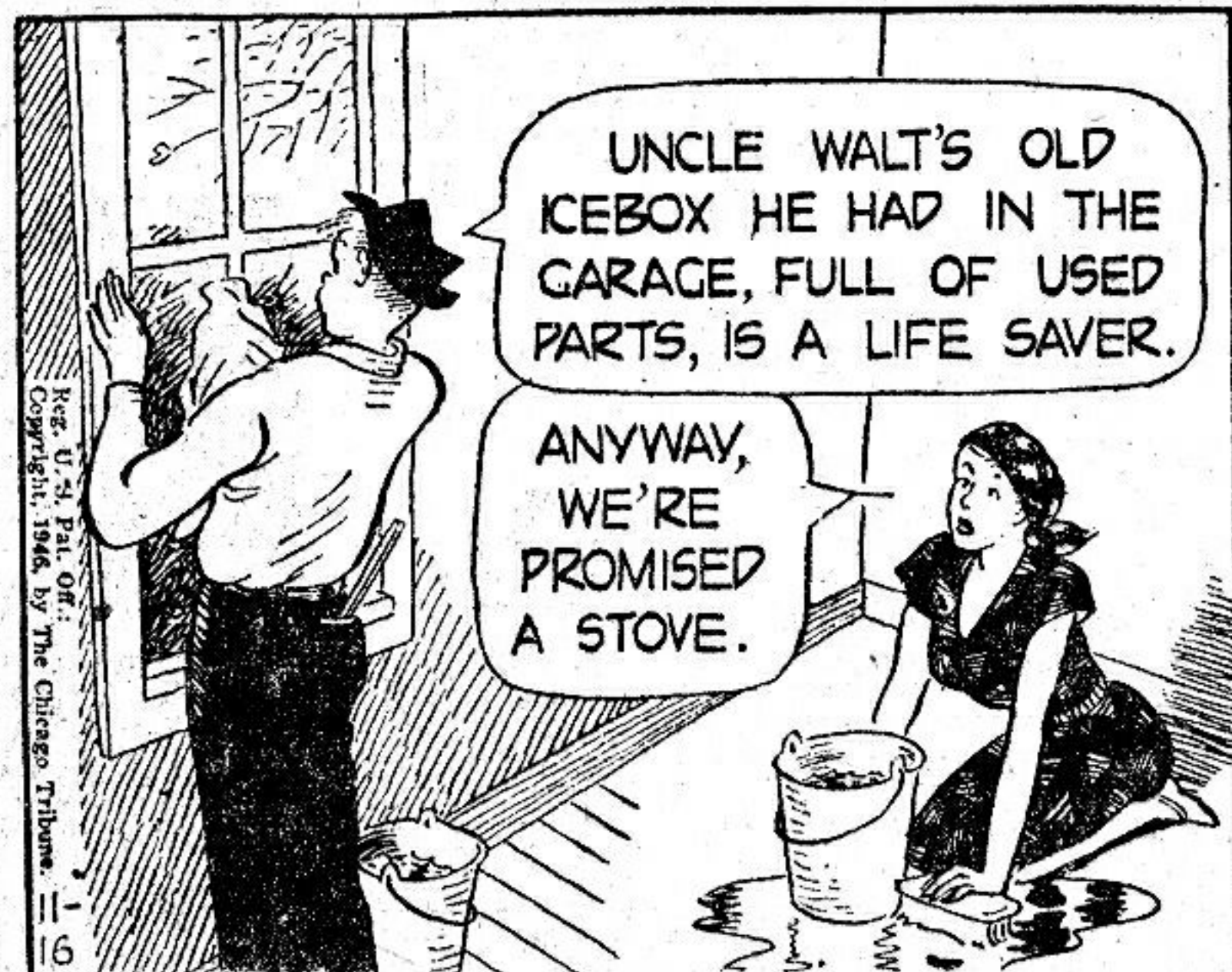
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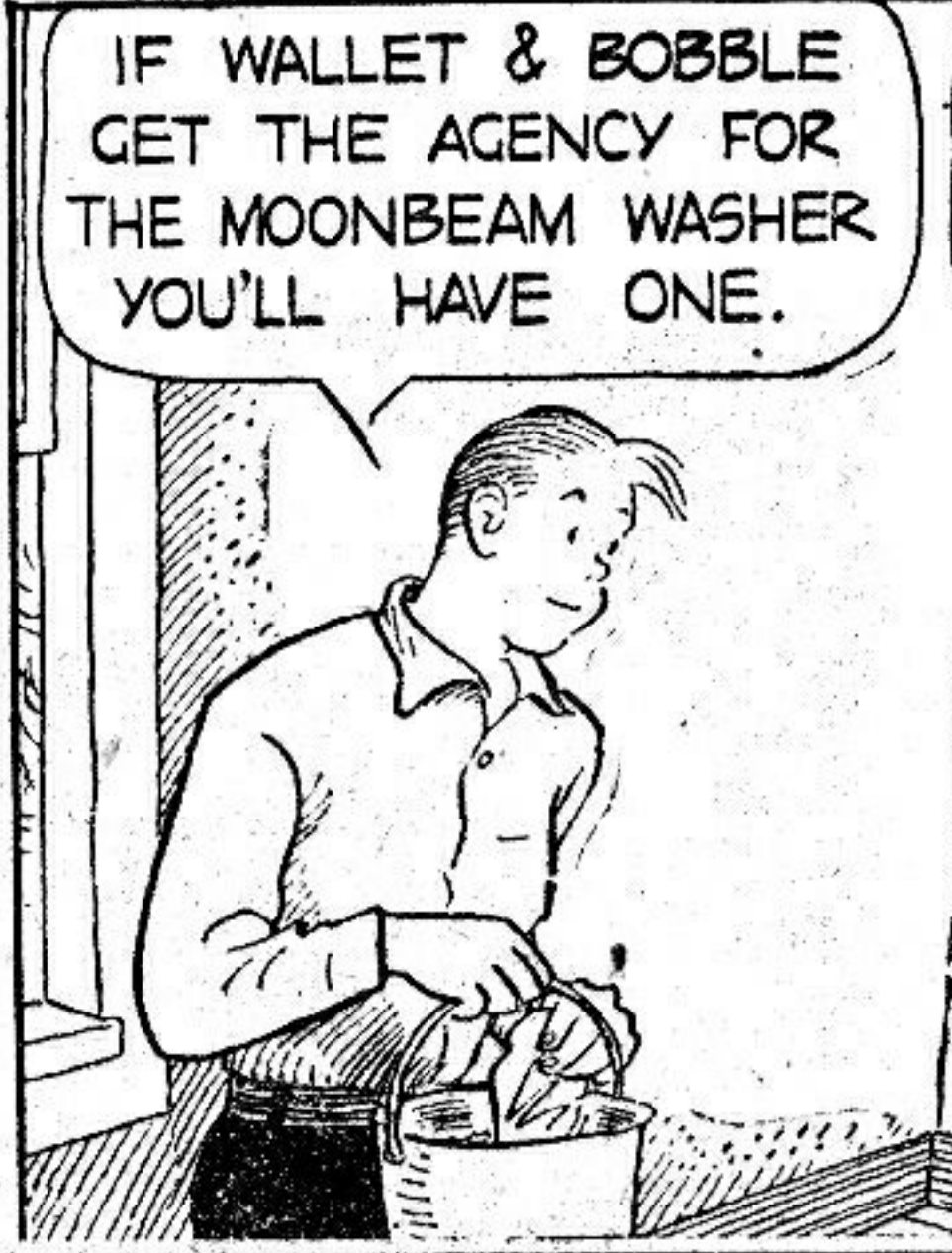
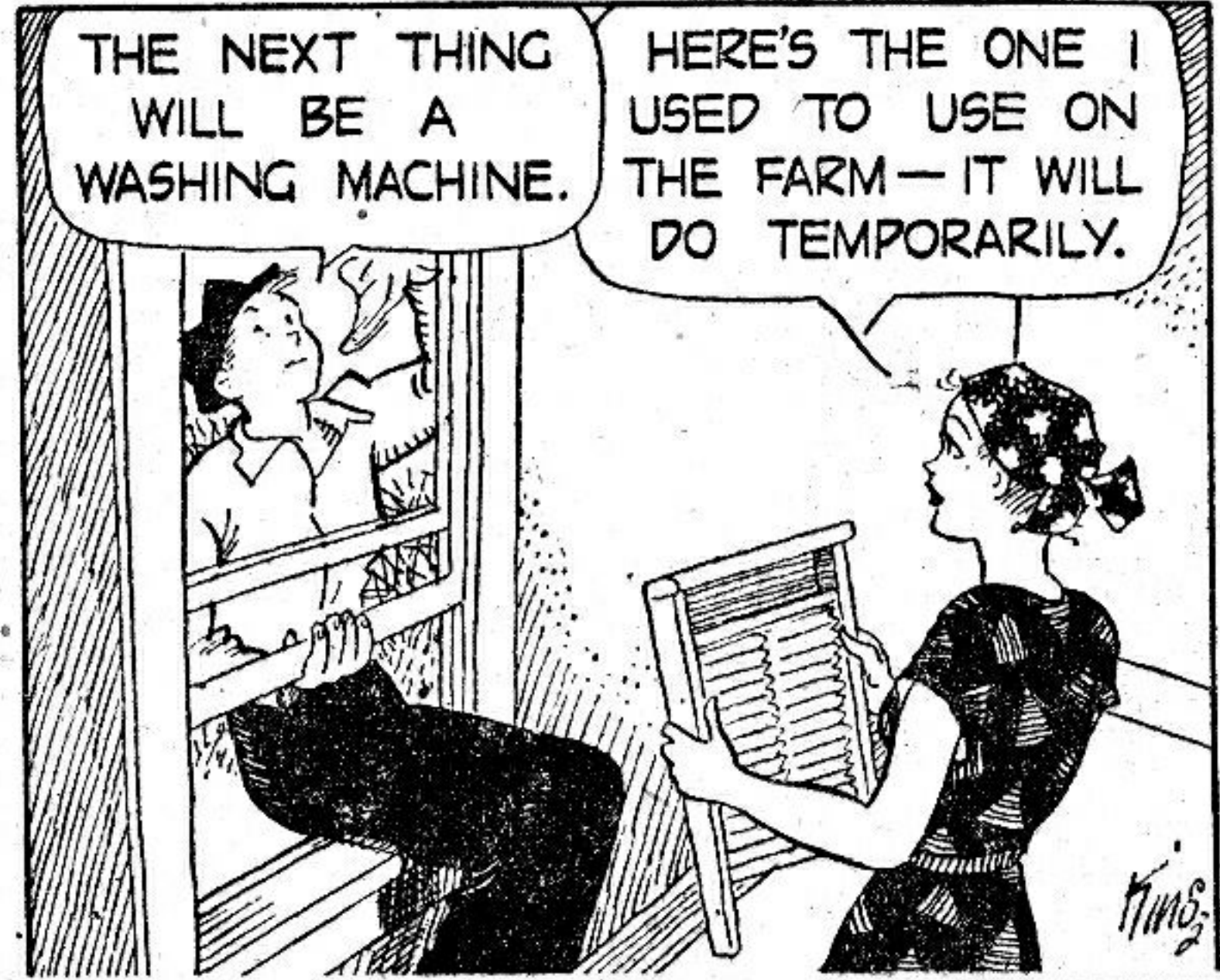
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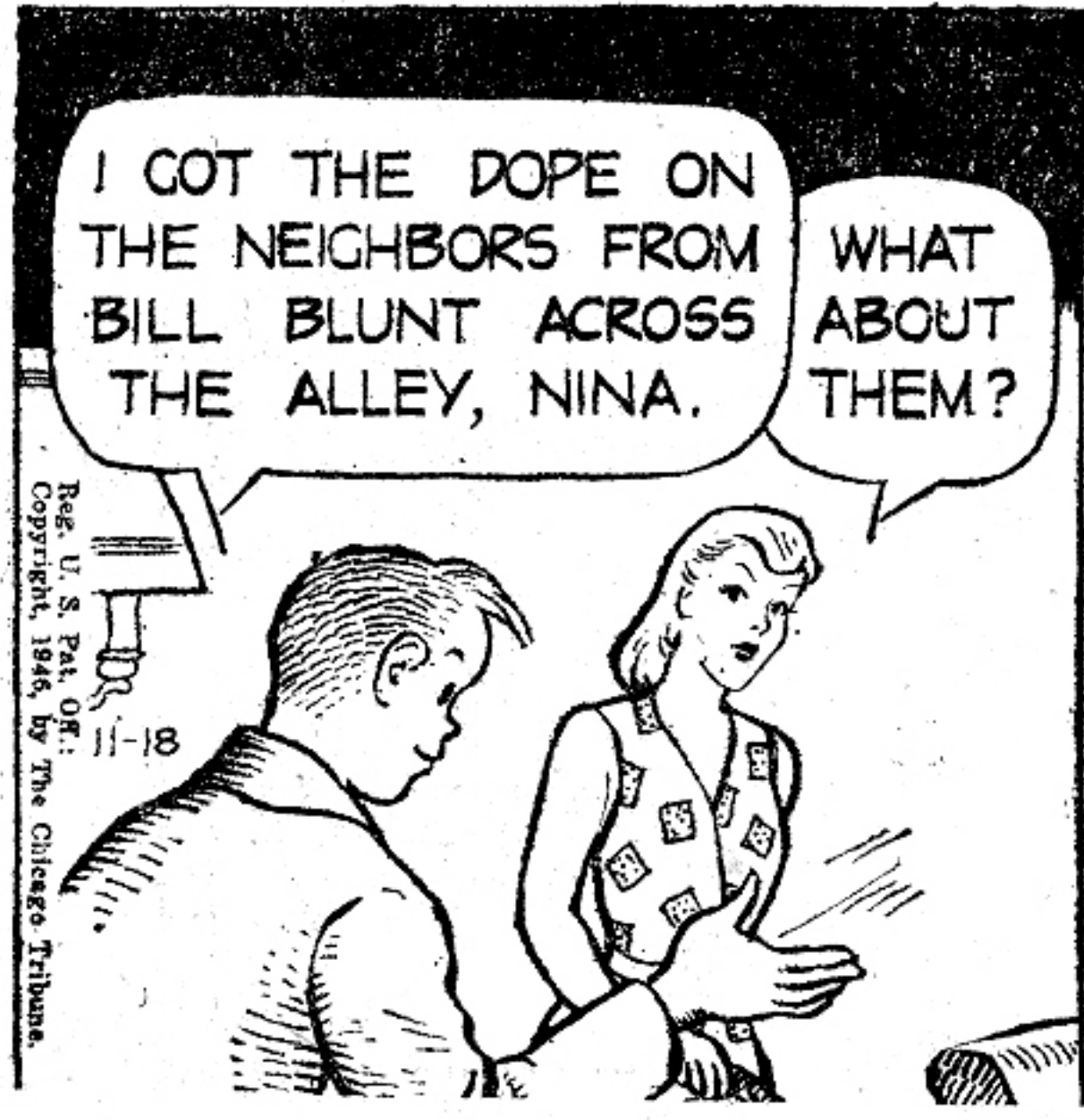


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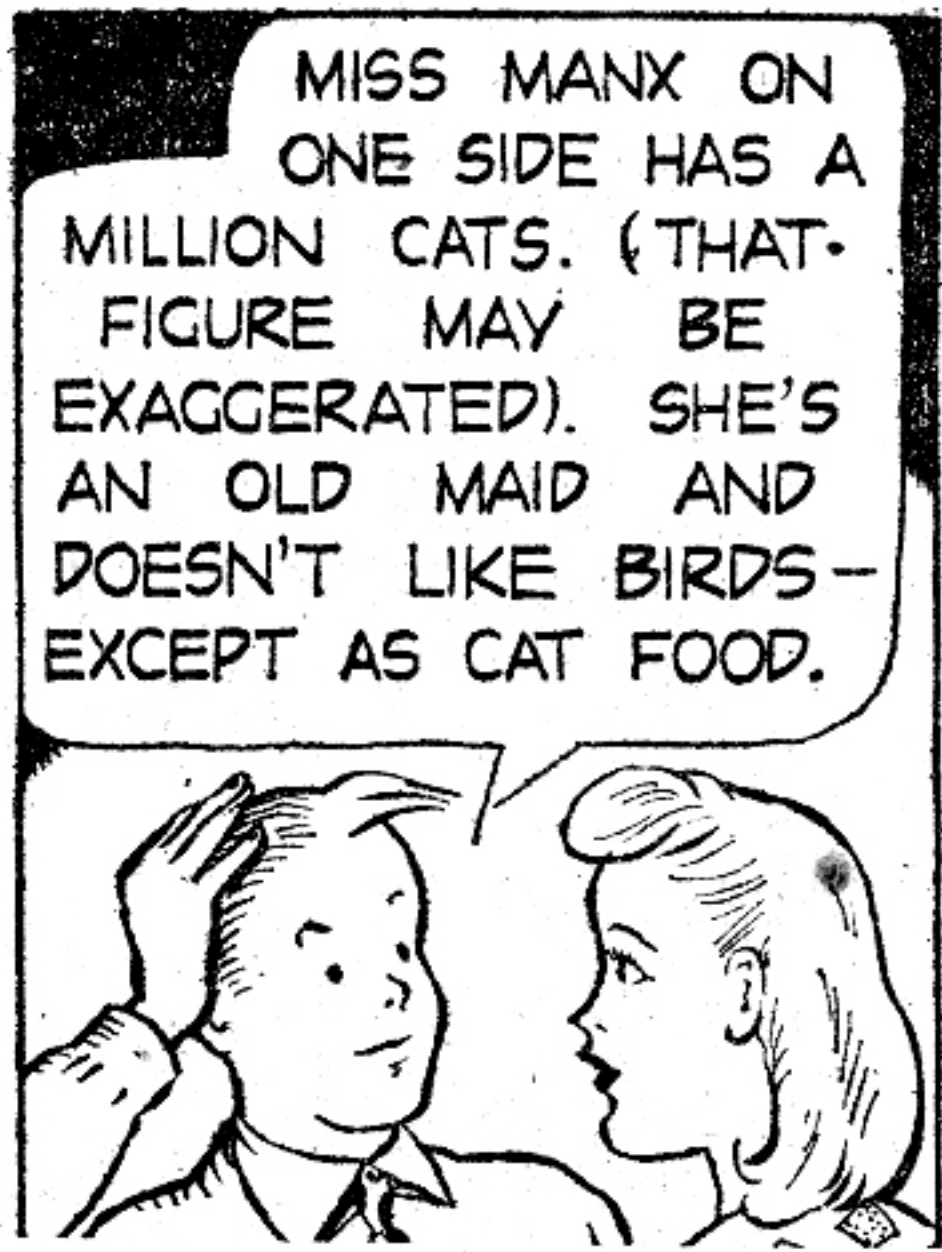
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I GOT THE DOPE ON THE NEIGHBORS FROM BILL BLUNT ACROSS THE ALLEY, NINA.

WHAT ABOUT THEM?

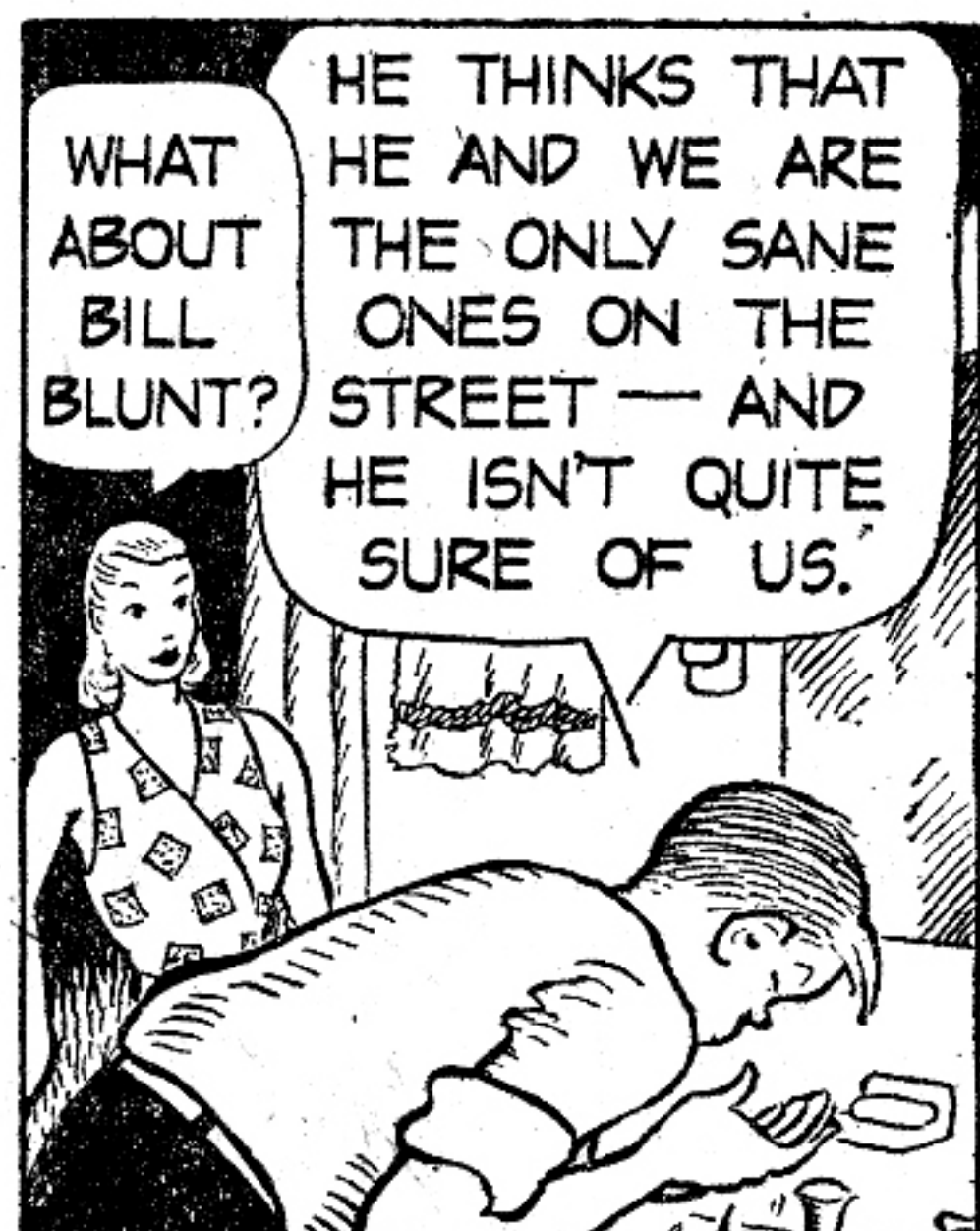
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MISS MANX ON ONE SIDE HAS A MILLION CATS. (THAT FIGURE MAY BE EXAGGERATED). SHE'S AN OLD MAID AND DOESN'T LIKE BIRDS—EXCEPT AS CAT FOOD.



THE JINGLE KIDS ON THE OTHER SIDE HAVE A SWING BAND, THE OLD FOLKS ARE MUSICIANS, AND HE COLLECTS OLD PHONOGRAPH RECORDS.



WHAT ABOUT BILL BLUNT?

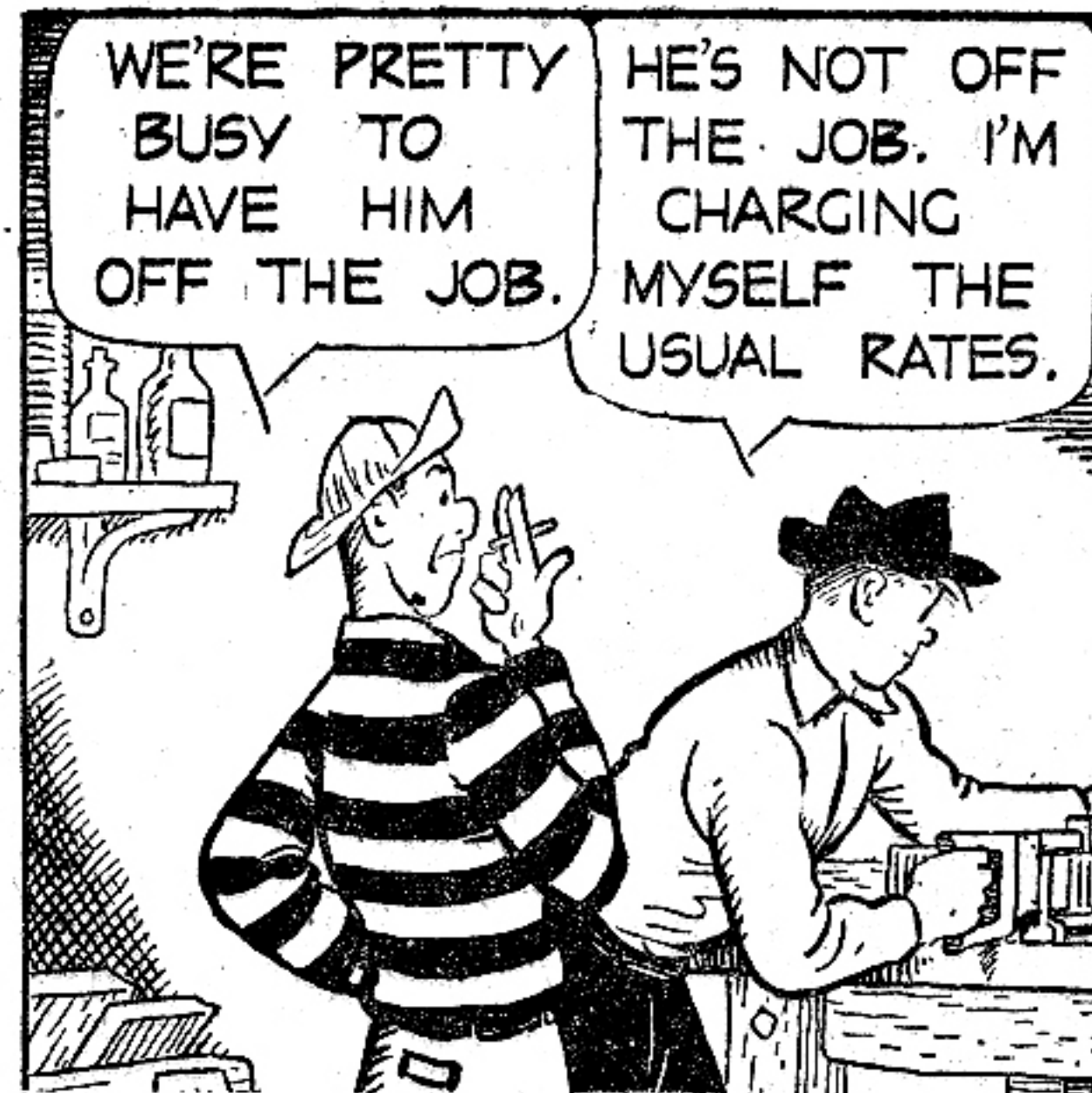
HE THINKS THAT HE AND WE ARE THE ONLY SANE ONES ON THE STREET—AND HE ISN'T QUITE SURE OF US.



IF HE ISN'T A LITTLE BIT CRACKED, I MISS MY GUESS.

SO THAT LEAVES JUST US! THAT'S SOMETHING!

GASOLINE ALLEY



GASOLINE ALLEY

ARE YOU GETTING SETTLED IN YOUR NEW HOUSE, MR. WALLET?

AFTER A FASHION, BIX. AND I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ALL OF YOU.

WALLET & BOBBLE

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WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HOUSEWARMING AND YOU ARE ALL INVITED. BRING YOUR WIVES OR SWEETHEARTS.

THANKS! JESSICA IS DYING TO SEE YOUR NEW PLACE.

GEE, THAT WILL BE SWELL, MR. WALLET!

WE'LL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON!

King

GASOLINE ALLEY



HE SAID "BRING YOUR WIVES OR SWEETHEARTS." AN' WE DON'T HAVE ANY WIVES.

BUT, JANICE ISN'T REALLY MY SWEETHEART.

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HULDA WOULDN'T MAKE THE GRADE ON THAT, EITHER. BUT SHE'S THE BEST I'VE GOT.

MAYBE MR. WALLET WASN'T SERIOUS ABOUT IT. THAT WOULD BE VERY EMBARRASSING!



YOU HEARD HIM! YOU SIGN UP JANICE AN' I'LL DATE HULDA.

I'LL CALL JANICE. MAYBE SHE WON'T EVEN WANT TO GO WITH ME.

King

THE HOUSEWARMING IDEA IS FINE, SKEEZIX, BUT SHOULDN'T WE INVITE THE FOLKS?

I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A REAL PARTY FOR THEM LATER.

WHAT CAN WE GIVE THEM TO EAT, AND HOW WILL WE ENTERTAIN THEM?

WE CAN MAKE SOME SANDWICHES AND COFFEE, AND I CAN GET A COUPLE QUARTS OF ICE CREAM.

THEN WE'LL SIT AROUND AND TALK.

YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING GOOD FOR SANDWICHES, AND EVERYBODY WOULD BE BORED TO DEATH. BUT IT'S JUST LIKE A MAN!

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KING

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WE'RE TO MEET SARGE AN HULDA HERE, JANICE, AND ALL GO TO THE PARTY TOGETHER.

HERE COMES SARGE— AND HES ALONE!



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THAT'S A WOMAN FOR YOU! BEGGIN' YOUR PARDON, JANICE.

WHAT'S WRONG?

ISN'T HULDA COMING?



HER COUSIN CAME TO TOWN AN' SHE HAD TO ENTERTAIN HIM! PHOOEY! I'VE HAD THAT COUSIN GAG PULLED ON ME BEFORE.

I DON'T THINK SHE'D FOOL YOU, SARGE.

IT COULD BE HER COUSIN, YOU KNOW.



COME ON! OFF TO THE WALLET'S' HOUSEWARMING. SHE'LL BE SORRY!

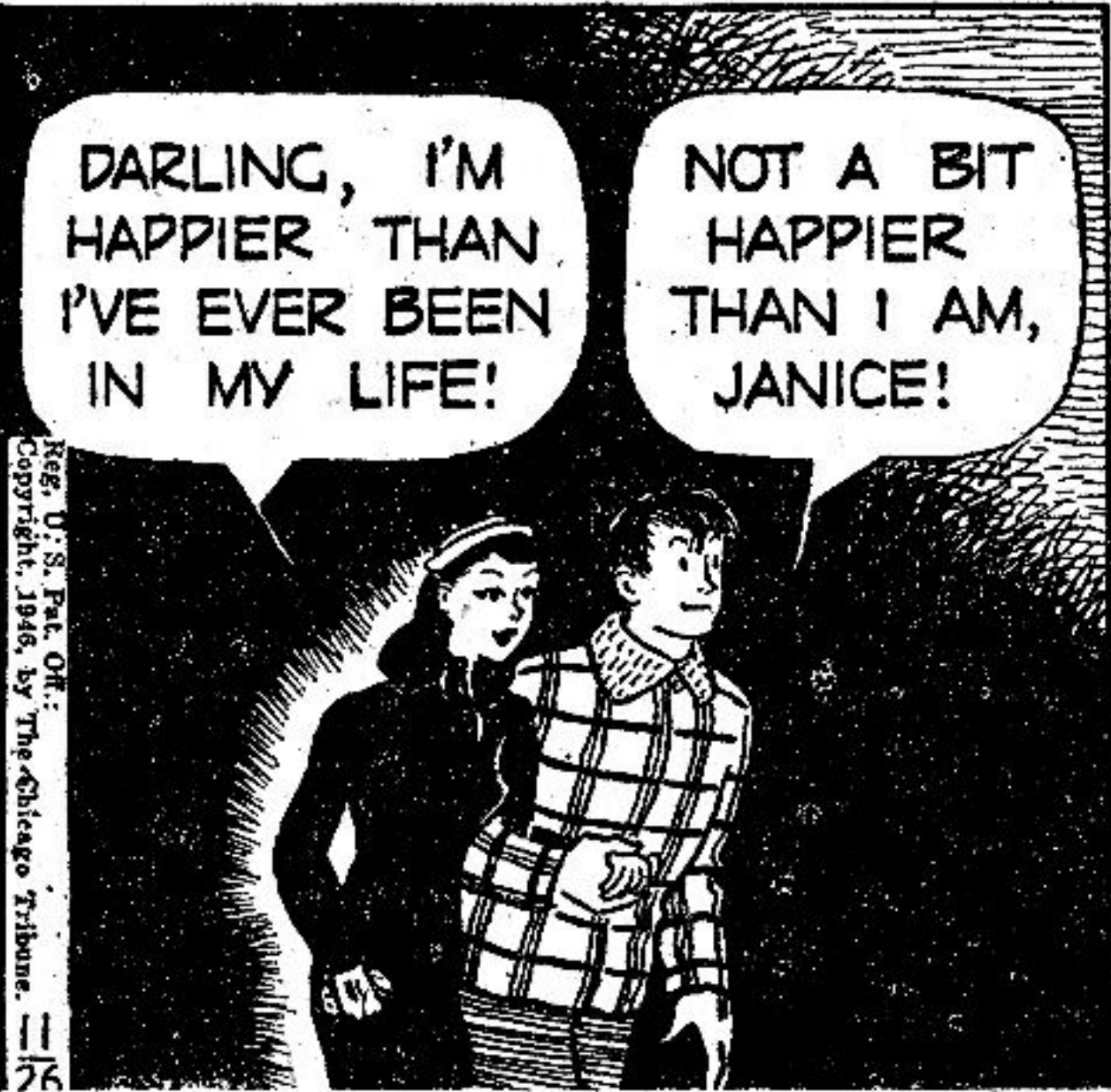




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DARLING, I'M HAPPIER THAN I'VE EVER BEEN IN MY LIFE!

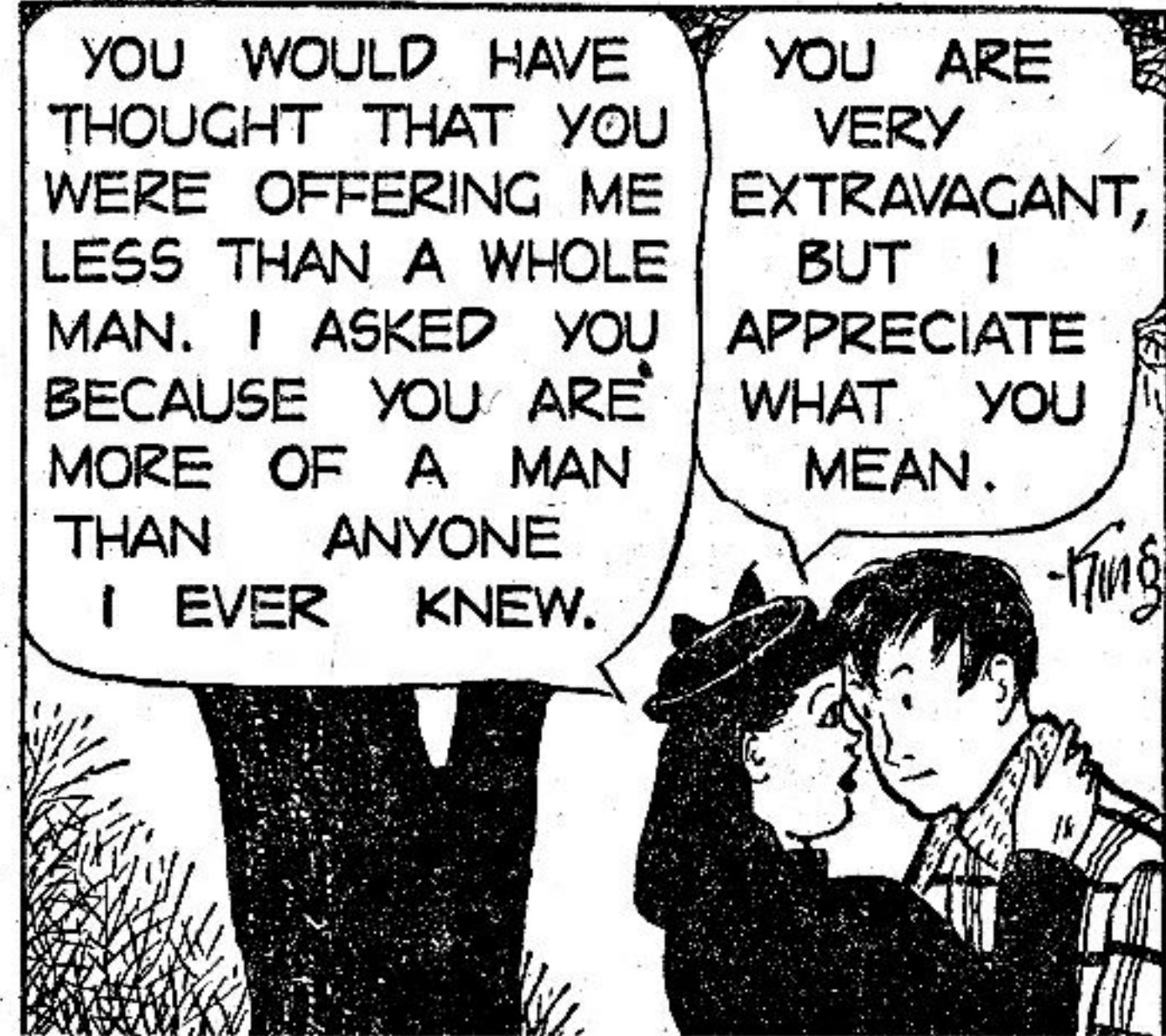
NOT A BIT HAPPIER THAN I AM, JANICE!

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I'M GLAD THAT YOU PROPOSED TO ME. I COULDN'T HAVE.

WE BOTH KNOW WHY. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOUR HANDICAP, I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IN A THOUSAND YEARS.



YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE OFFERING ME LESS THAN A WHOLE MAN. I ASKED YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE MORE OF A MAN THAN ANYONE I EVER KNEW.

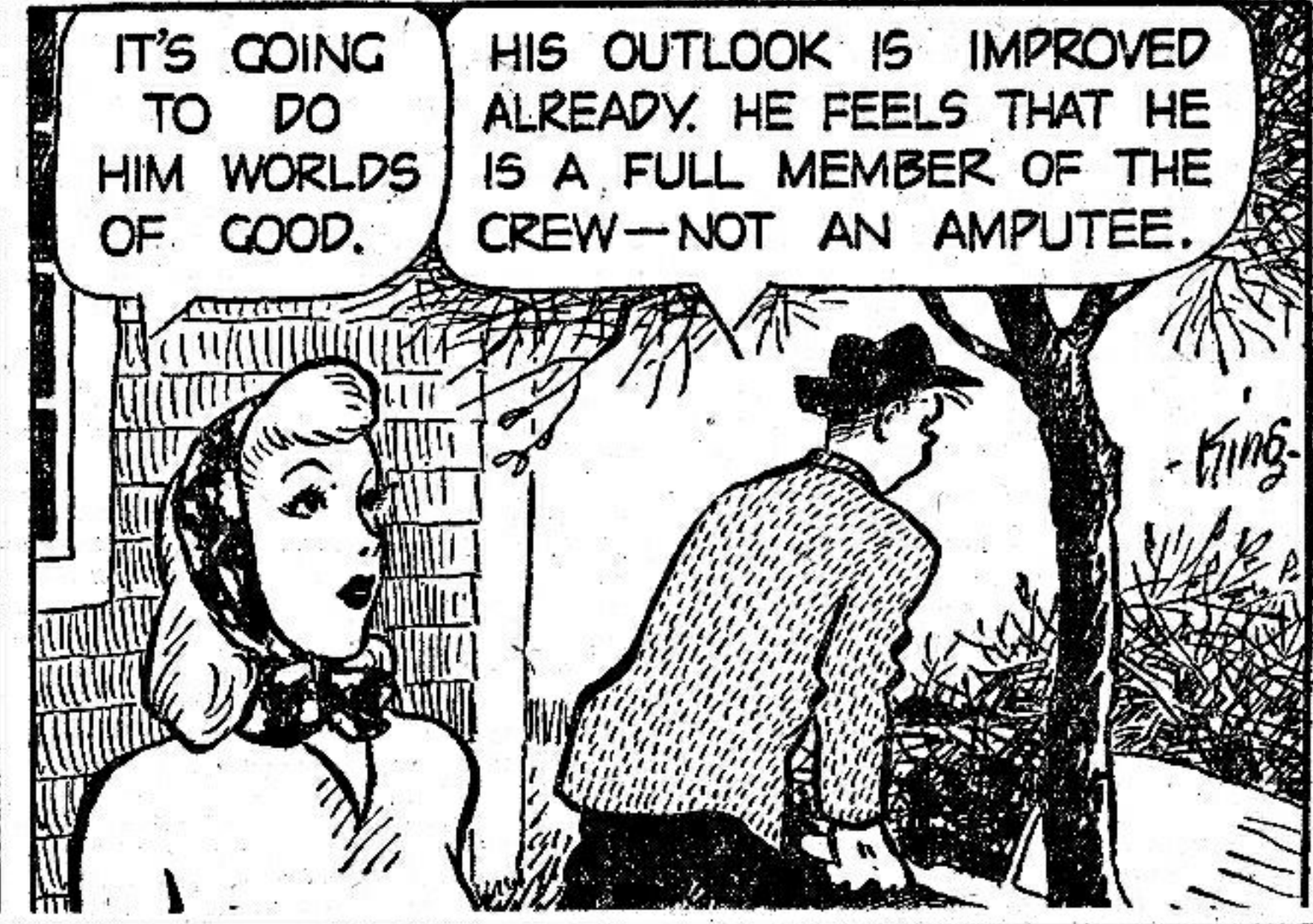
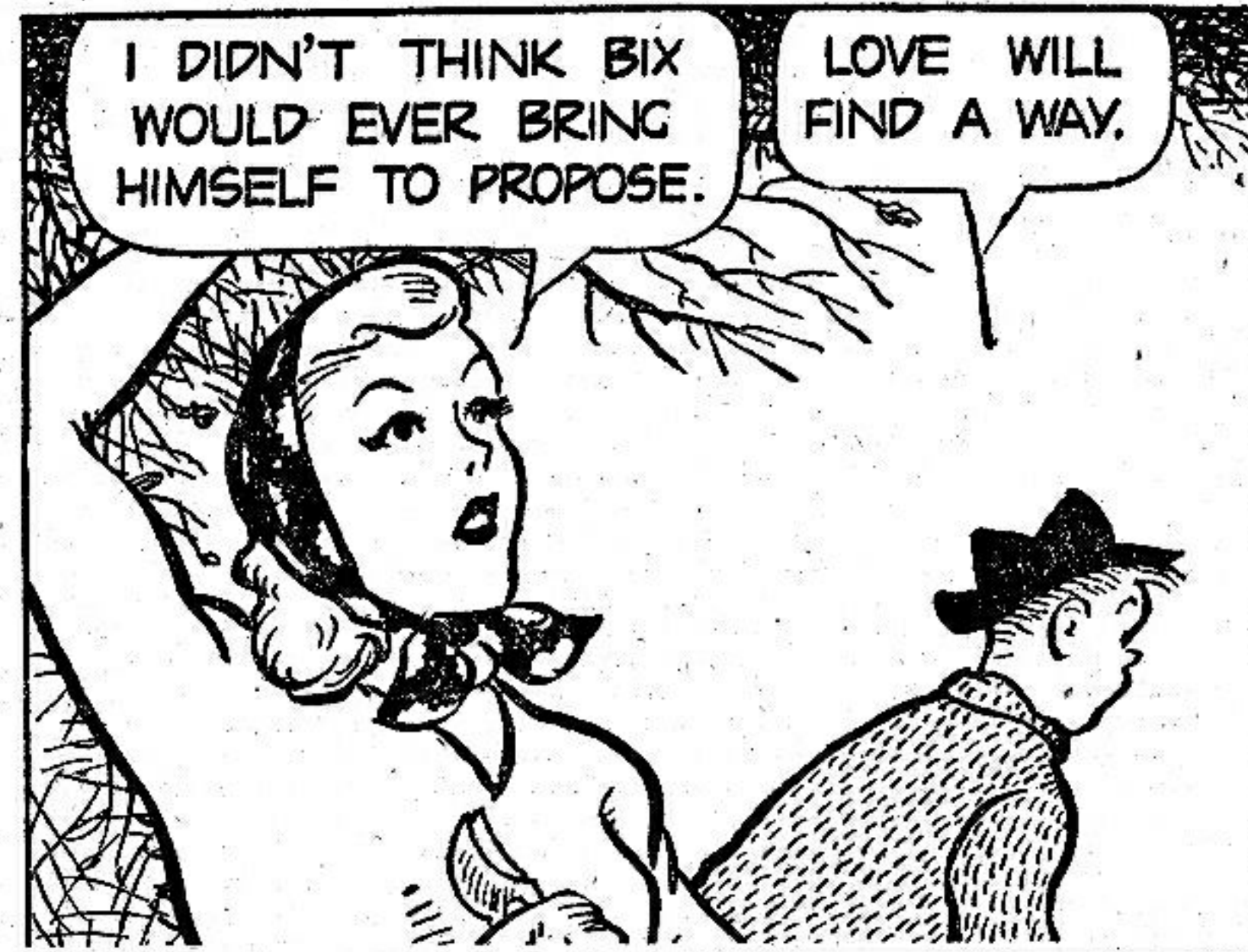
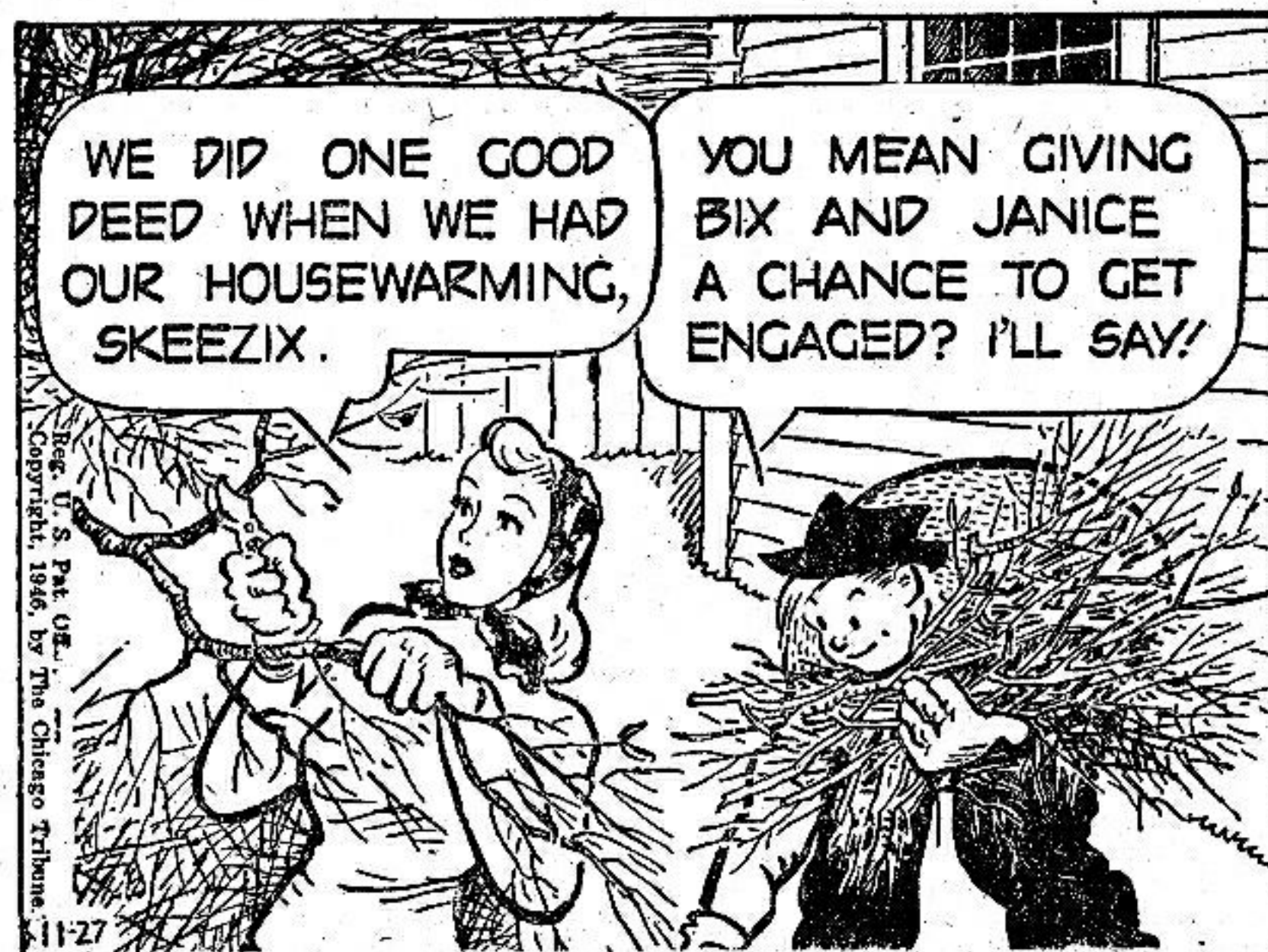
YOU ARE VERY EXTRAVAGANT, BUT I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU MEAN.



NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW THAT YOU DIDN'T ASK ME TO BE YOUR WIFE.

ALL RIGHT, SWEETHEART. THAT'S OUR SECRET.

GASOLINE ALLEY



GASOLINE ALLEY

DO YOU MEAN, BIX,
THAT YOU ARE GOING
THROUGH WITH IT?
DO YOU KNOW THAT
MORE MARRIED MEN
DIED IN THE LAST
20 YEARS THAN
SINGLE MEN?

IS THAT
REALLY
TRUE?
ANYWAY,
IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.

YOU DON'T KNOW
WHEN YOU'RE WELL
OFF! NOW YOU
ARE YOUR OWN
BOSS — MASTER
OF YOUR SOUL.

IF THAT'S
WHAT I'VE
BEEN ALL
THIS TIME,
I'M TIRED
OF IT.

ISN'T IT FUNNY HOW
A FELLA WILL DIVE
HEAD - FIRST INTO
ALL THE TROUBLES,
IRRITATIONS AND
RESTRICTIONS WITHOUT
ASKING ADVICE OF
A MARRIED MAN!

YOU'LL
BE
SORRY!

LAY OFF HIM,
WILMER. DON'T
DISCOURAGE HIM
BEFORE HE EVEN
GETS STARTED.

DON'T WORRY,
MR. WALLET.
NOBODY IN THE
WORLD COULD
DISCOURAGE
ME NOW!



- King

GASOLINE ALLEY

THE DAYS ARE SO SHORT NOW I HAVE TO WORK IN THE DARK.

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I KNEW I WAS GETTING A JUNGLE, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS FULL OF WILD ANIMALS!



YOU'D BETTER COME IN, SKEEZIX.

BRING A FLASHLIGHT, WILL YOU, NINA?



I GET IT! MISS MANX NEXT DOOR LETS HER CATS OUT AFTER DARK!



GASOLINE ALLEY

THEY TALK ABOUT OWNING YOUR HOME AND BEING INDEPENDENT. YOU AREN'T INDEPENDENT OF THE COAL MAN.



IF I DON'T GET ANOTHER TON BY WEDNESDAY, I'M SUNK.



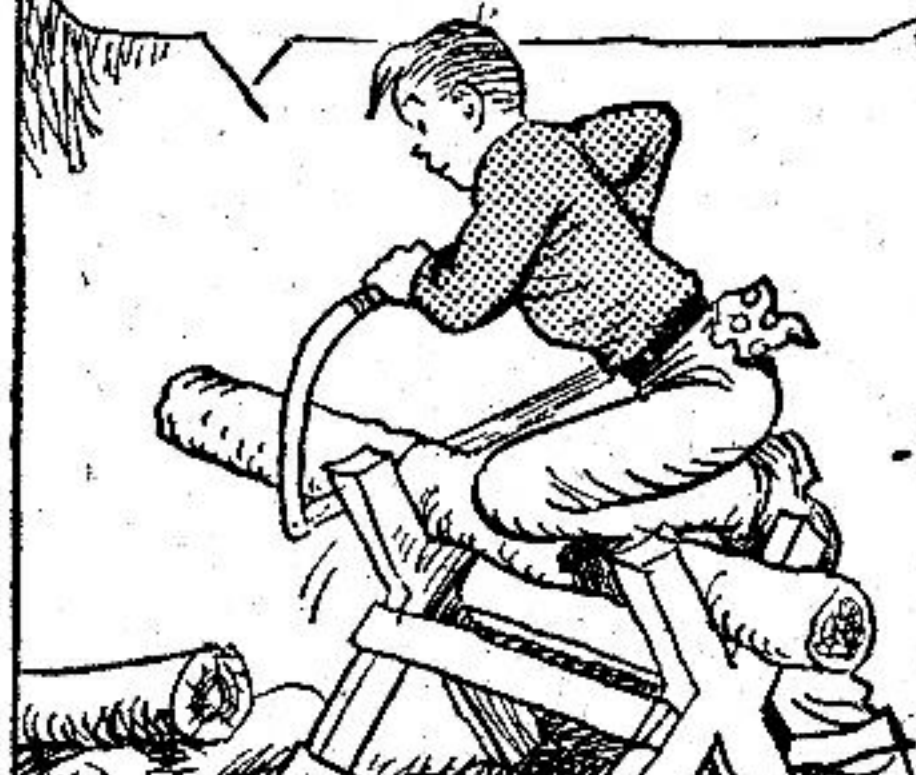
THEN THERE'S ELECTRICITY. YOU CAN'T BUY YOUR WATTS FROM ANYBODY BUT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY.



WITH THE BOX WE'VE GOT WE'RE AT THE COMPLETE MERCY OF THE ICEMAN.



BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY TREES ON THIS PLACE, AND THEY CAN'T KEEP ME OUT OF FIREPLACE WOOD.

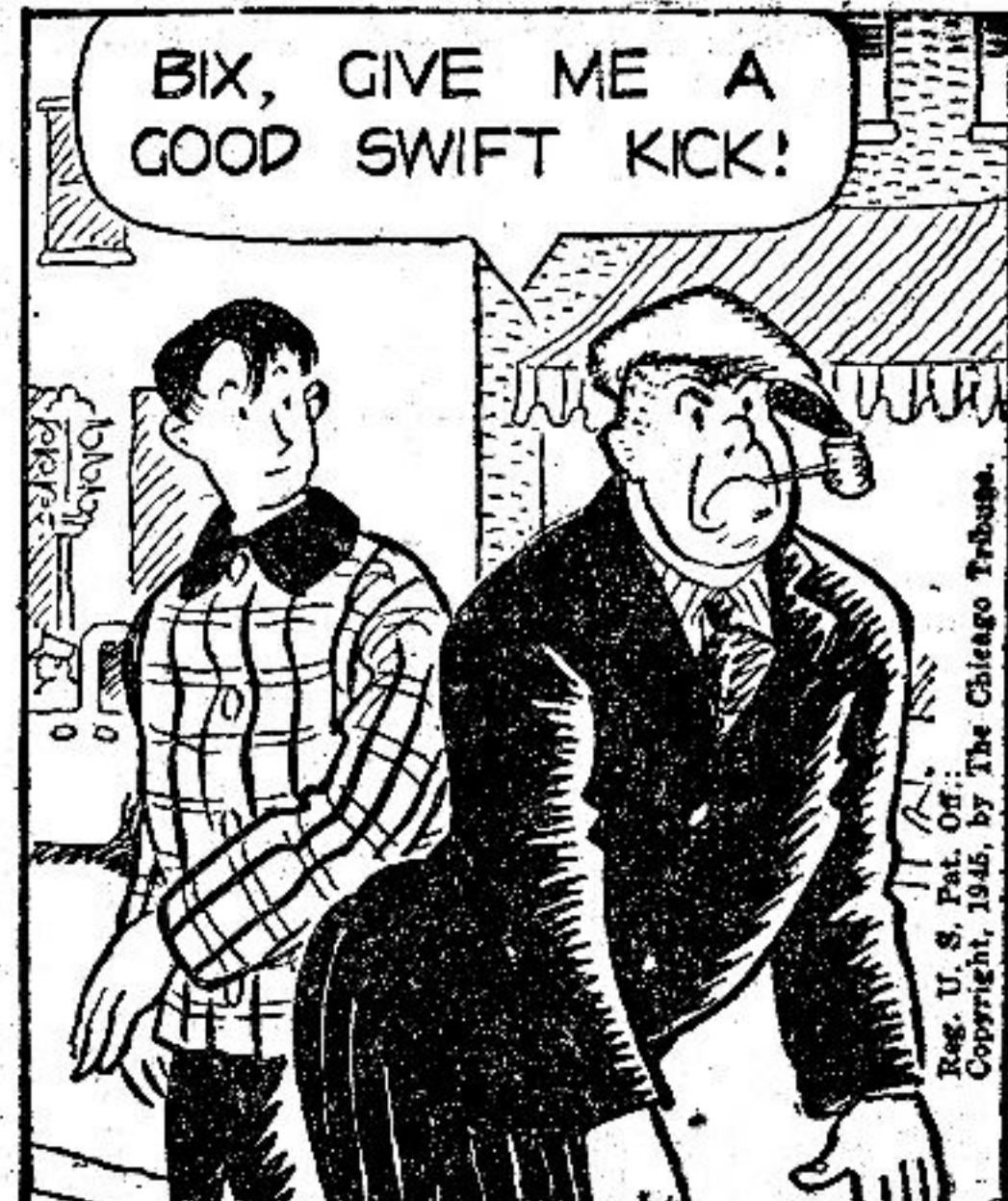
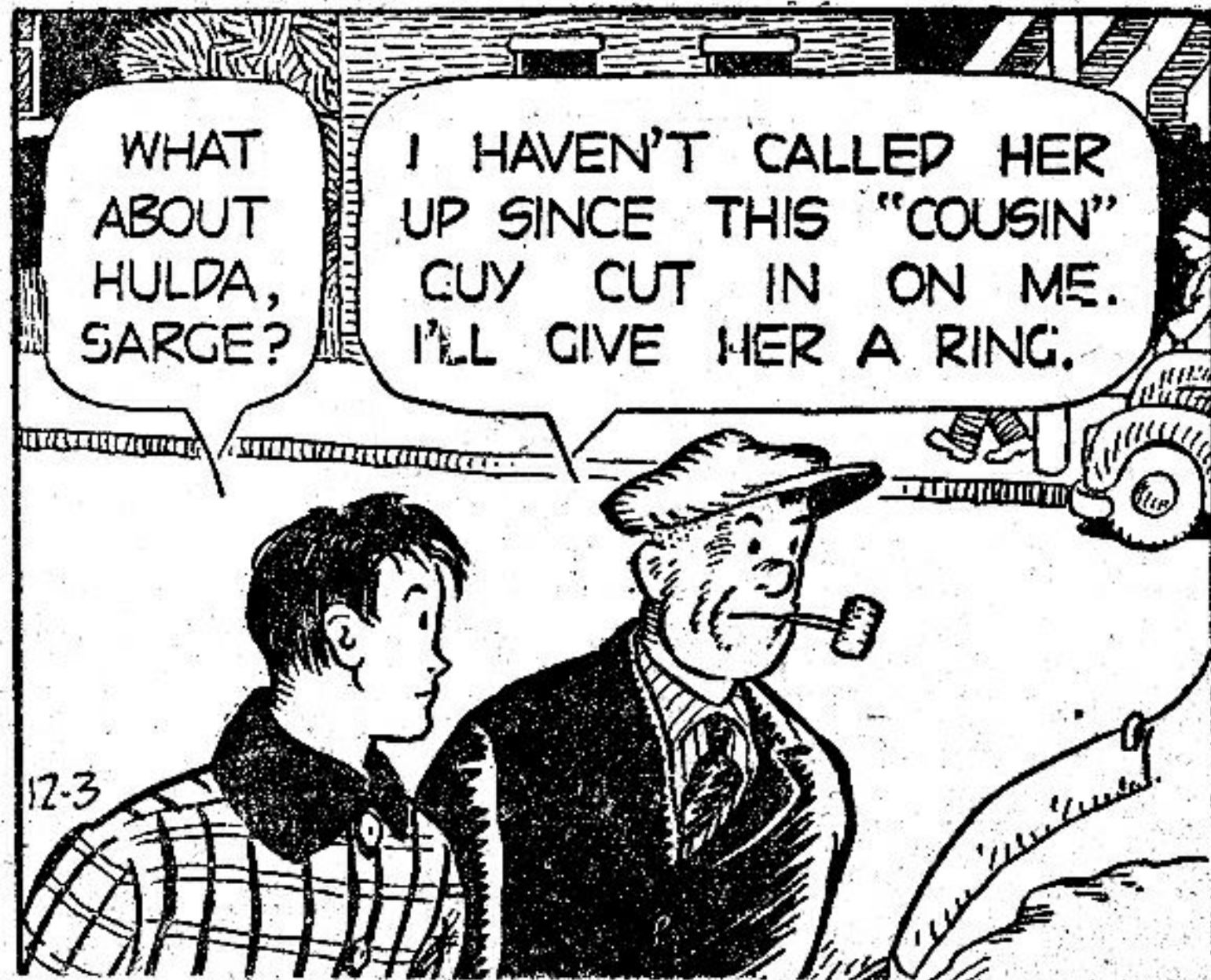


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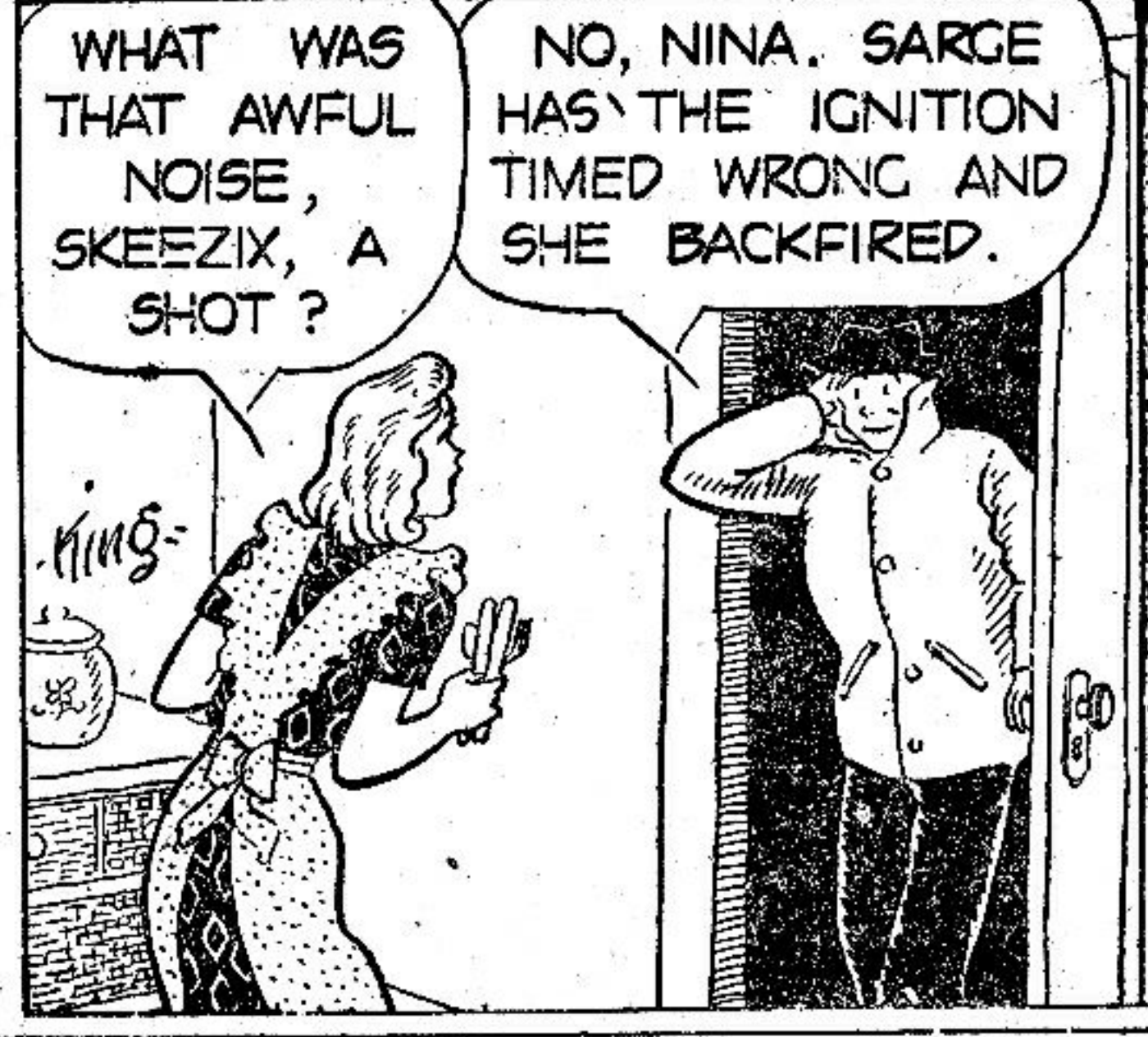


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MR. WALLET, FLUFFY, ONE OF MY CATS, HAS FAILED TO COME HOME, AND DON'T THINK THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER!

WHAT DID HAPPEN, MISS MANX?

INNOCENT, AREN'T YOU! I HEARD YOUR SHOT LAST NIGHT! SO DID THE NEIGHBORS.

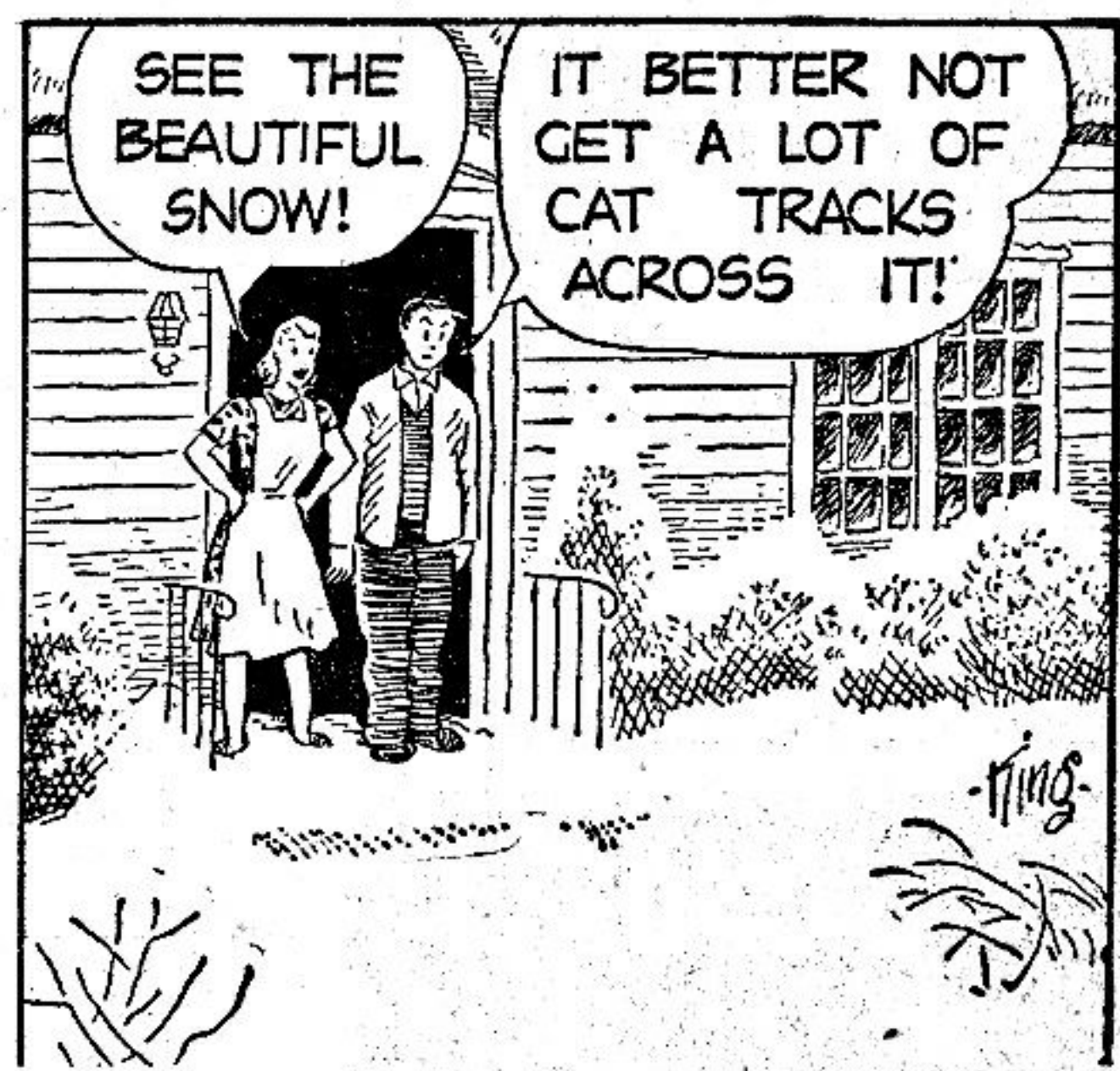
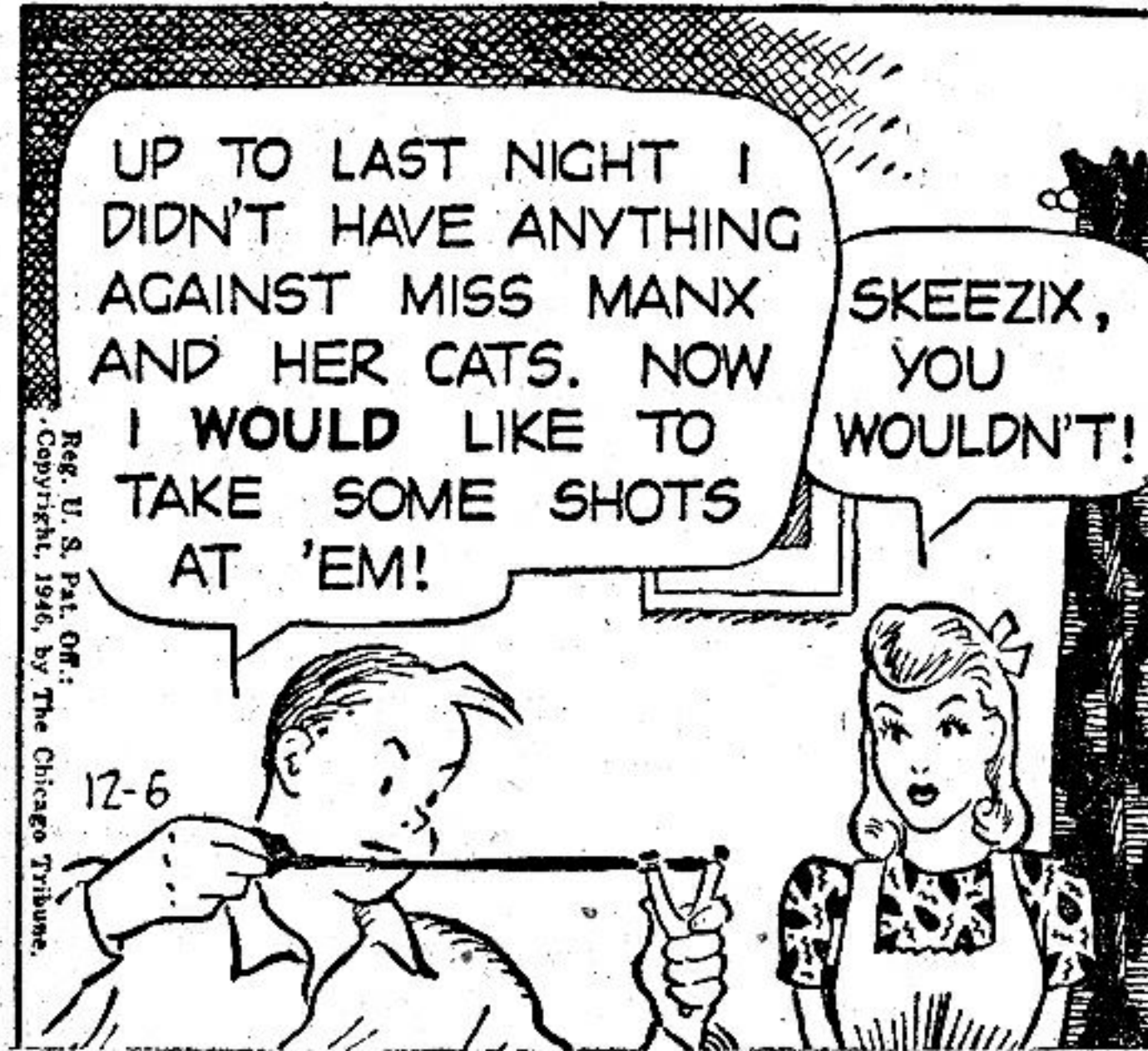
OH, THAT! IT WAS MY TRUCK. IT BACKFIRED.

VERY CLEVER! BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MY FLUFFY. I'M STARTING SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

I WOULDN'T HURT YOUR CAT, MISS MANX.

AND I HAPPEN TO KNOW IT WASN'T A SHOT. IT WAS THE TRUCK.

GASOLINE ALLEY





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THERE, IS EVERY KIND—
CLASSICAL, JAZZ, SWING,
YOUNGSTERS PRACTICING.
IT'S LIKE HAVING THE
RADIO ON ALL THE TIME!



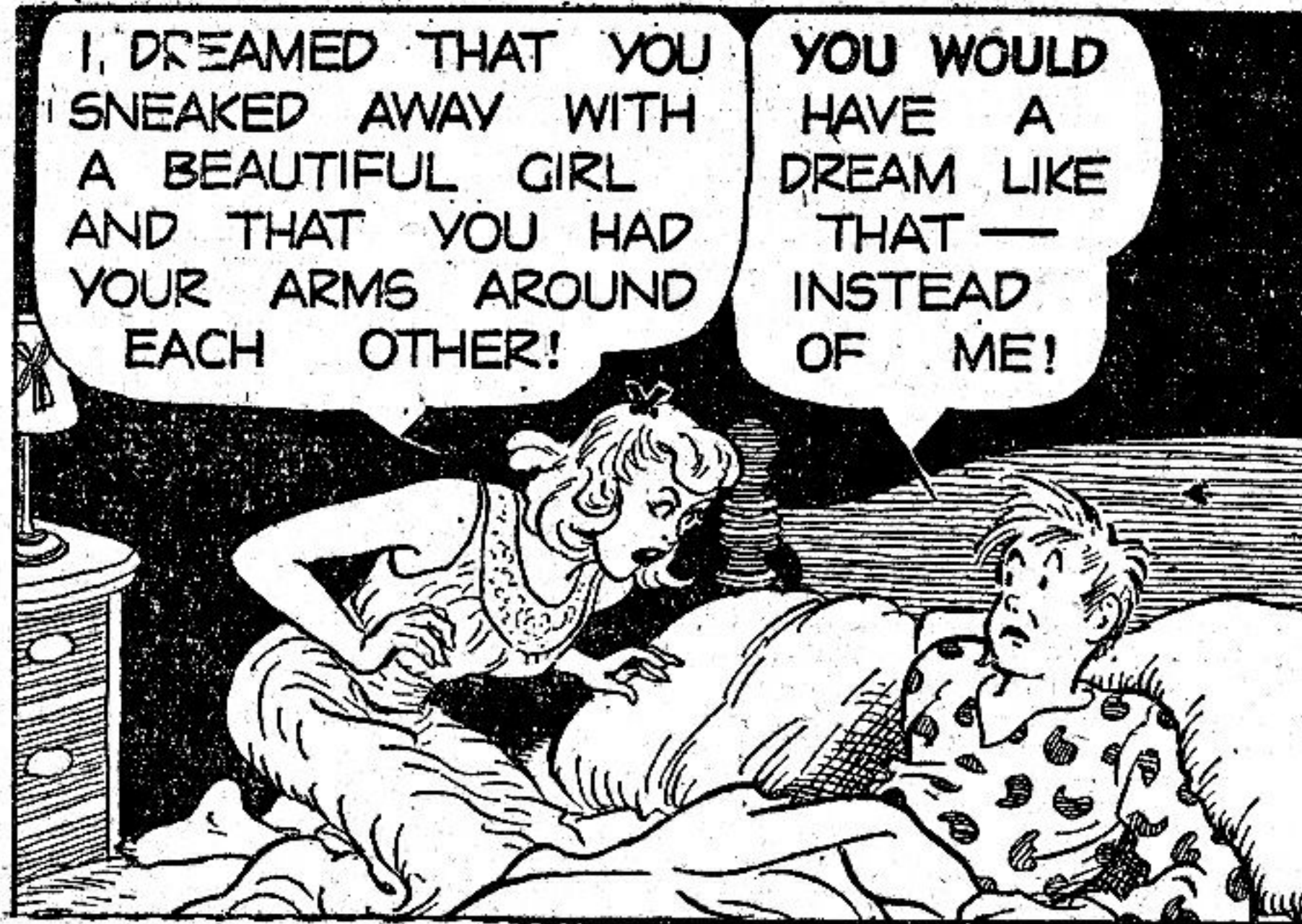
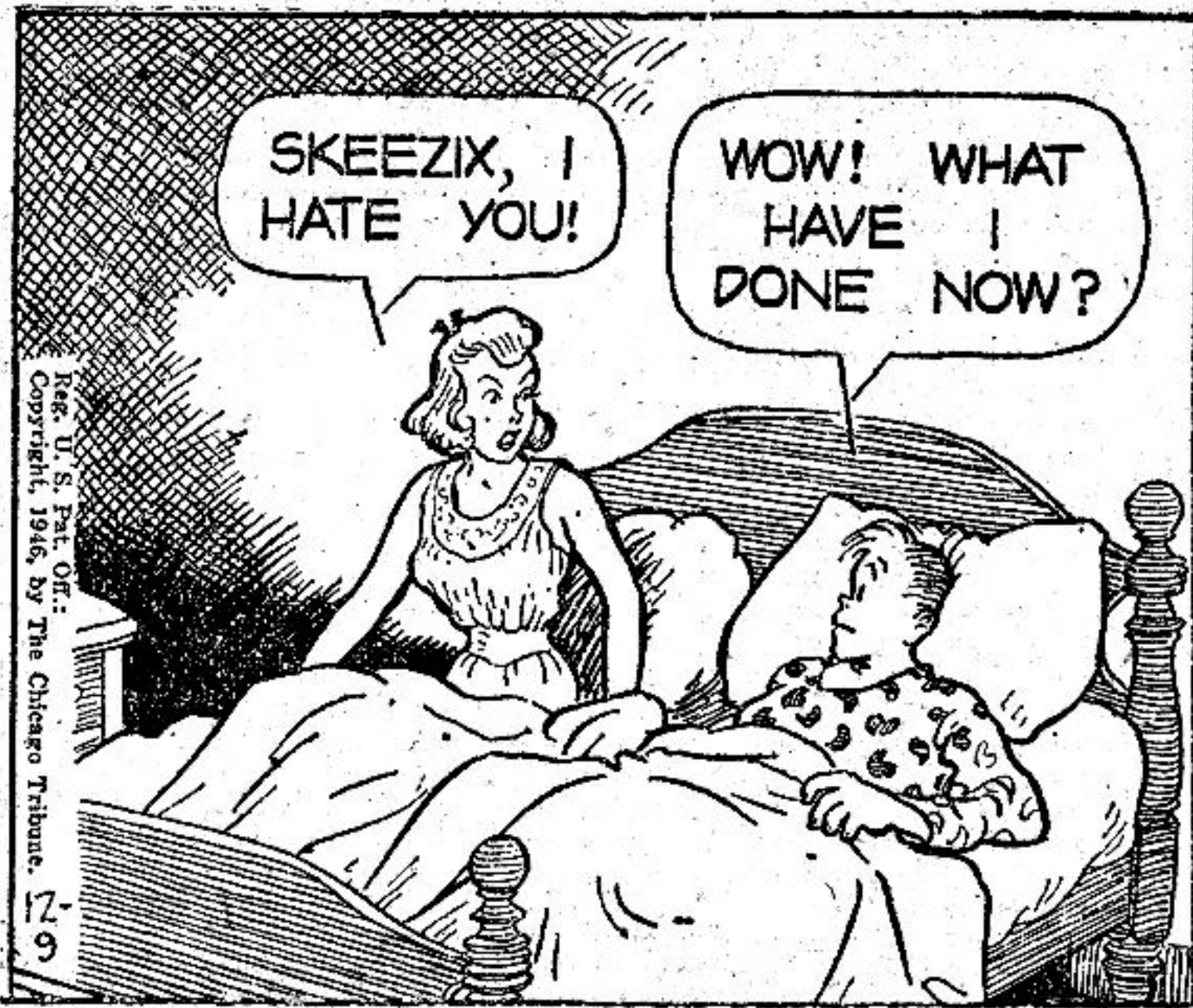
WITH A COUPLE OF
NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS—
NO COMMERCIALS
AND NO SOAP OPERAS!



THEIR SWING QUARTET
IS PRETTY HOT. GOOD
TO SHOVEL SNOW TO!



LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE—By Harold Gray



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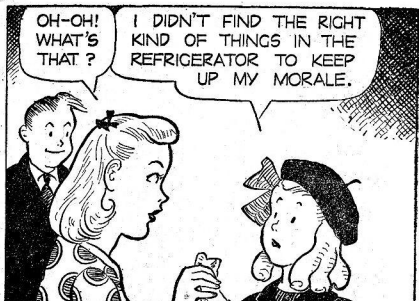
THANKS, JUDY, FOR STAYING WITH CHIPPER SO WE COULD GO TO THE MOVIES.

YOU'RE WELCOME, AS LONG AS I GET MY 40 CENTS AN HOUR.



WE WON'T BE TIED DOWN SO MUCH, AND YOU CAN SAVE SOME MONEY. HERE IS YOUR FEE.

I HAVE JUST ONE COMPLAINT TO MAKE, NINA.



OH-OH! WHAT'S THAT?

I DIDN'T FIND THE RIGHT KIND OF THINGS IN THE REFRIGERATOR TO KEEP UP MY MORALE.

GASOLINE ALLEY

MISS MANX—THAT'S A BIG DRIFT! LET ME CUT THROUGH IT FOR YOU.

THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU.

MR. WALLET, I WAS TOO HASTY ABOUT ACCUSING YOU OF SHOOTING MY CAT, FLUFFY.

HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?

FLUFFY CAME HOME AGAIN AFTER THREE NIGHTS, ALL CHEWED UP.

I'M GLAD I'M EXONERATED.

I WOULDN'T HAVE ACCUSED YOU IF I HAD KNOWN—FLUFFY IS A TOMCAT!

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GASOLINE ALLEY

WELL, BOYS,
YOU SURE
HAVE DONE
WELL THIS
LAST YEAR!

HELLO, UNCLE
AVERY! I WAS
GOING TO GET
OVER TO SEE
YOU.

WE'RE READY
TO RENEW
OUR LEASE, WHICH
LAPSES THE END
OF THE MONTH.

YOU KNOW, OF
COURSE, THAT
CONDITIONS
HAVE CHANGED
SINCE YOU
SIGNED UP
BEFORE.

WE'VE BEEN
PAYING YOU \$25
FOR THE FRONT
AND \$11 FOR THE
BACK. \$36 IS
MIGHTY GOOD
RENT FOR
THIS SHACK.

NOW, WITH
THE FRONT
PAINTED,
NEW WIRING,
SHELVES, AND
STORAGE
SHED, THIS
WOULD RENT
FOR \$75.

BUT, UNCLE
AVERY, WE
MADE ALL
THOSE
IMPROVEMENTS!

YOU SHOULD
HAVE THOUGHT
OF THAT. IF
YOU WANT
A LEASE
IT WILL
BE AT \$50.



GASOLINE ALLEY

COSH, SKEEZIX,
\$50 A MONTH
IS TOO HIGH!
LET ME TALK
TO AVERY.

GO TO IT,
WILMER.
MAYBE WE
CAN WEAR
HIM DOWN.

AVERY, YOU'RE
RAISIN' THE
RENT ON US 50
PERCENT. THAT'S
CONFISCATION!

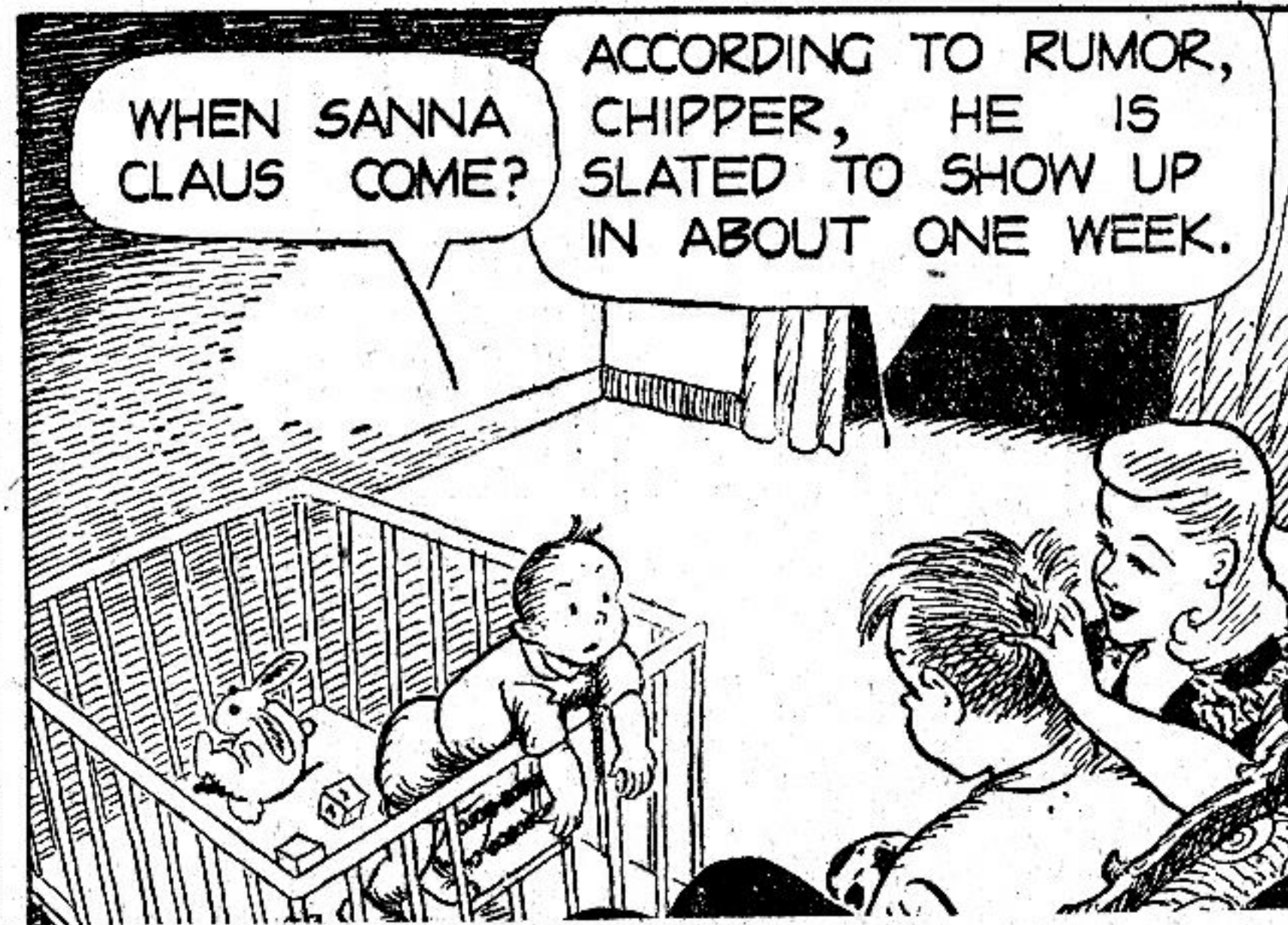
CONFISCATION MY
EYE! I KNOW HOW
WELL YOU FELLAS
ARE DOING. YOU
WON'T NOTICE IT.

WE'RE STILL TRYIN'
TO BUILD UP A
BUSINESS. YOU
WOULDN'T HOP ON
US JUST WHEN
WE'RE TURNIN' THE
CORNER?

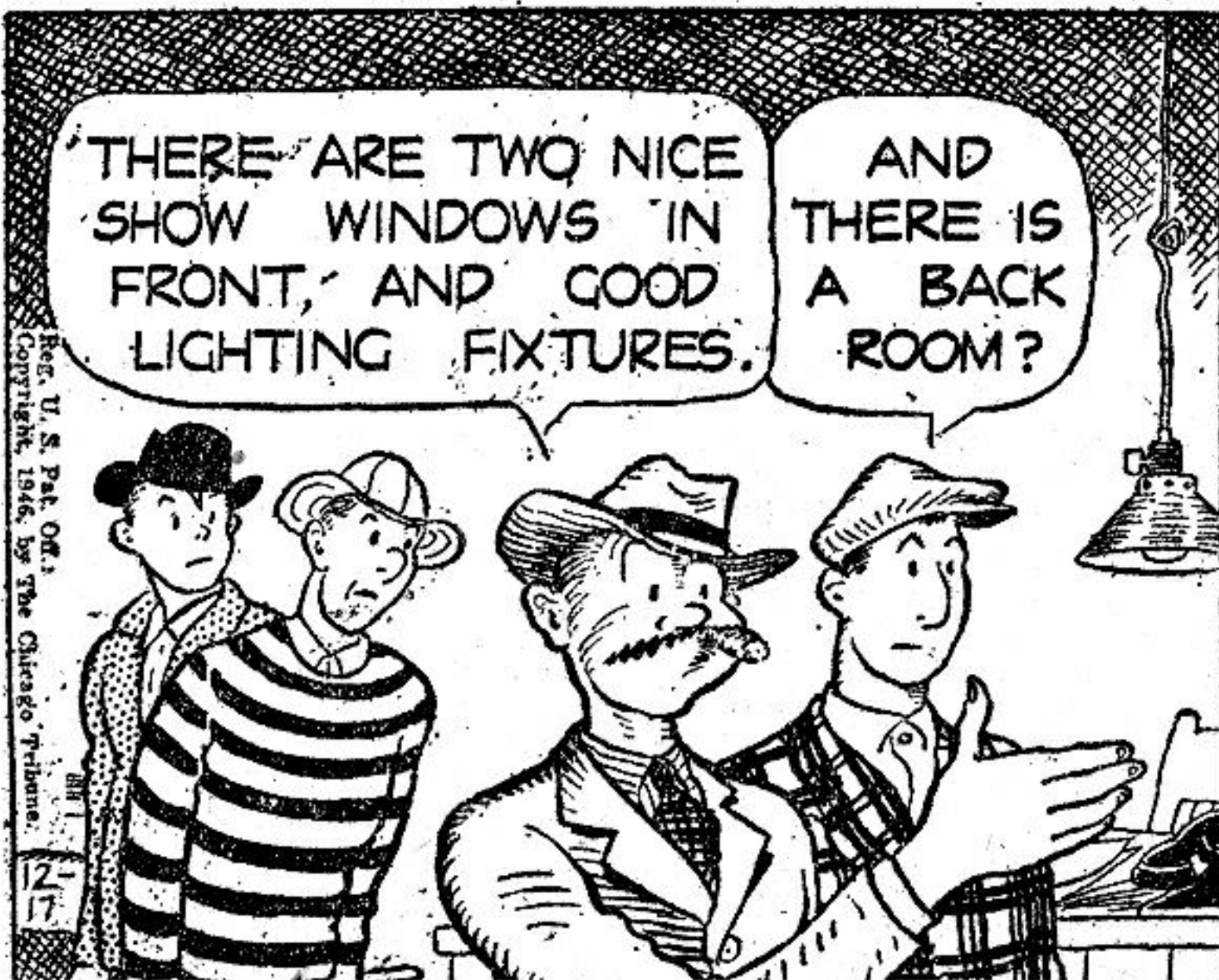
I'M NOT
HOPPING.
I COULD
RENT
THAT
BUILDING
FOR \$65!

IF YOU WANT A LEASE
FOR ANOTHER YEAR IT
WILL BE \$50. OTHERWISE,
TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

GASOLINE ALLEY



GASOLINE ALLEY



THERE ARE TWO NICE SHOW WINDOWS IN FRONT, AND GOOD LIGHTING FIXTURES.

AND THERE IS A BACK ROOM?



YES. OR YOU COULD KNOCK THIS PARTITION OUT AND HAVE ONE BIG ROOM.

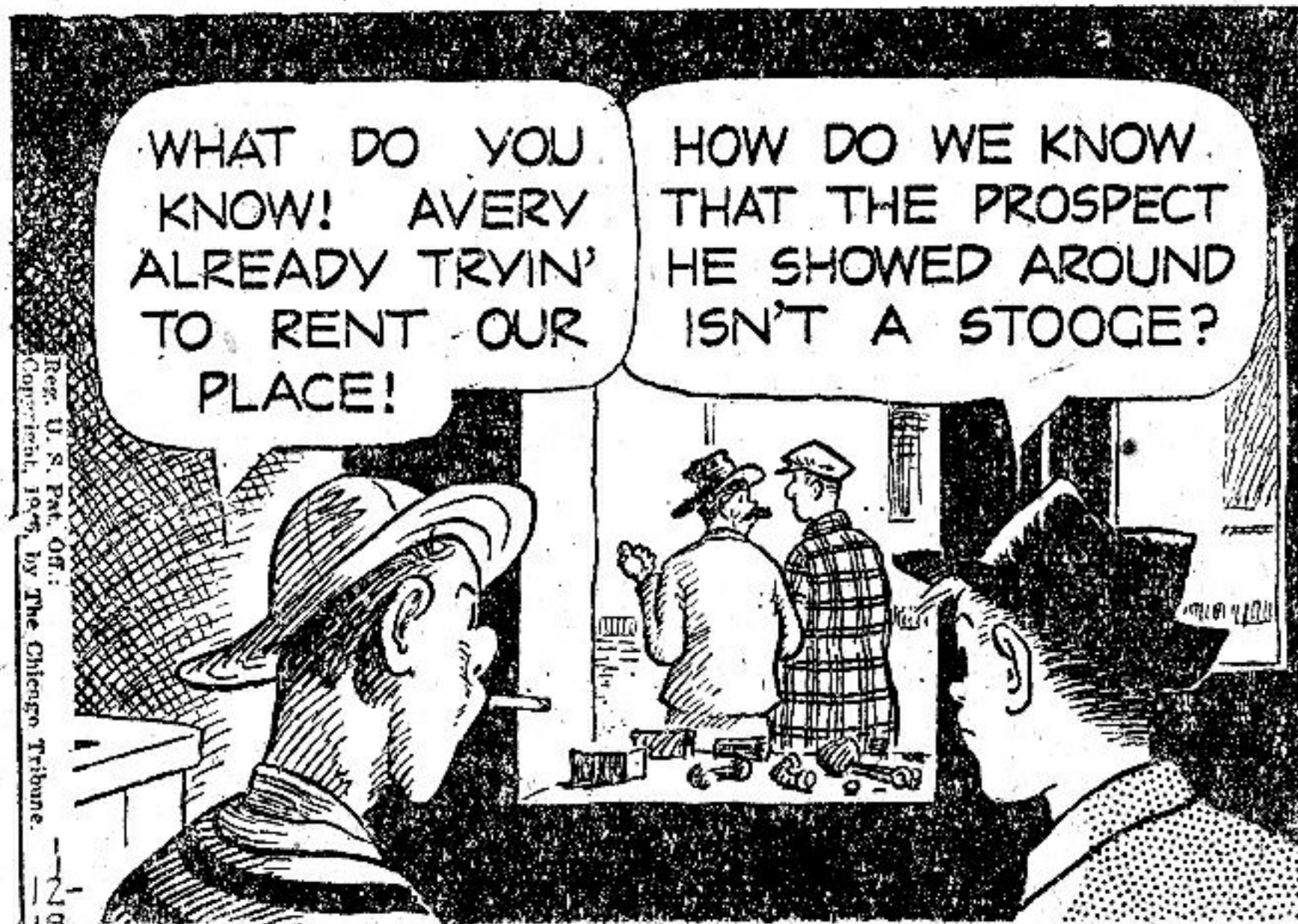
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.



OF COURSE YOU COULDN'T HAVE IT UNTIL THE FIRST OF JANUARY.

THAT WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT.

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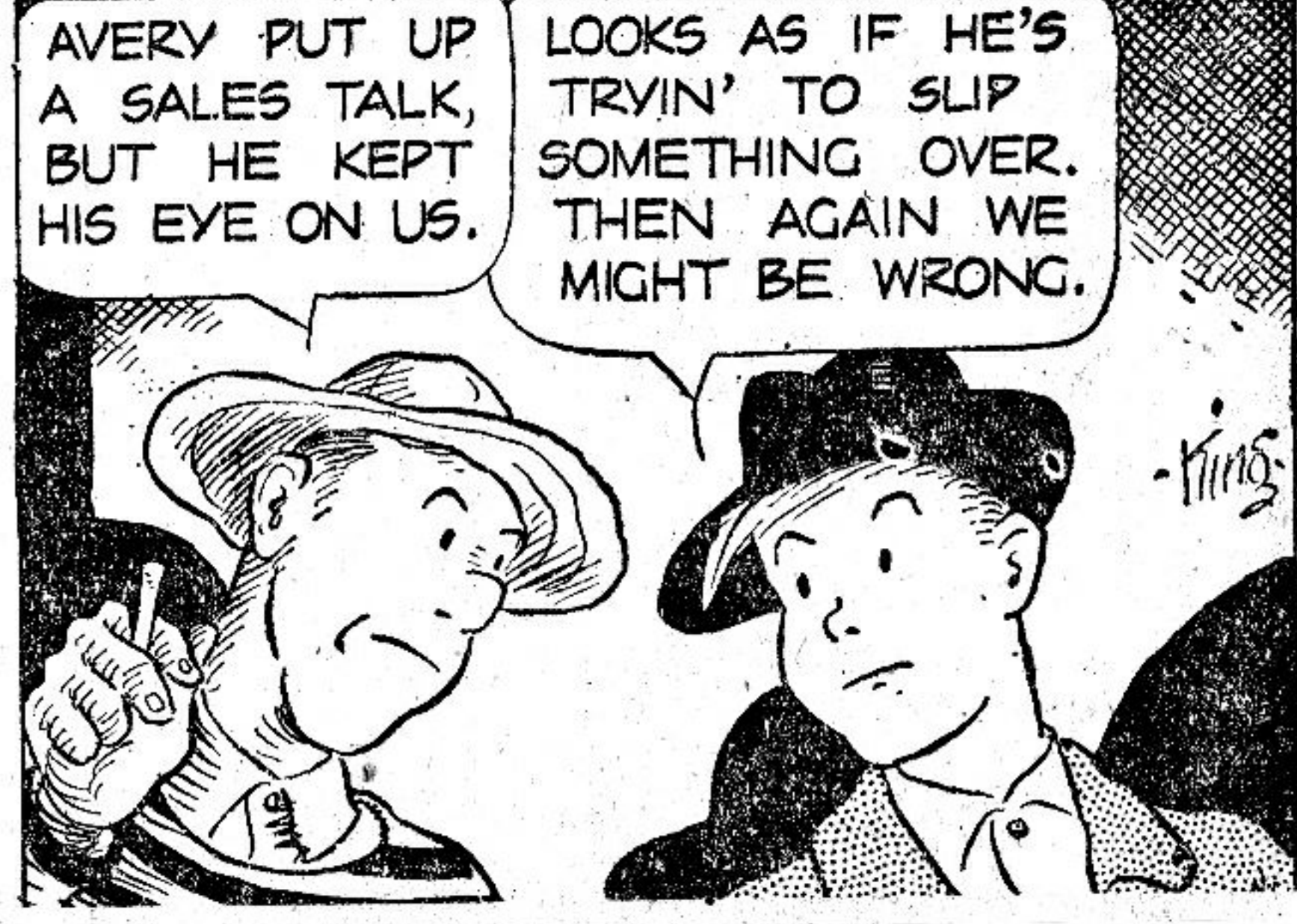
WHAT DO YOU KNOW! AVERY ALREADY TRYIN' TO RENT OUR PLACE!

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE PROSPECT HE SHOWED AROUND ISN'T A STOOGE?



HE MIGHT BE, SKEEZIX. HE DIDN'T ASK MANY QUESTIONS.

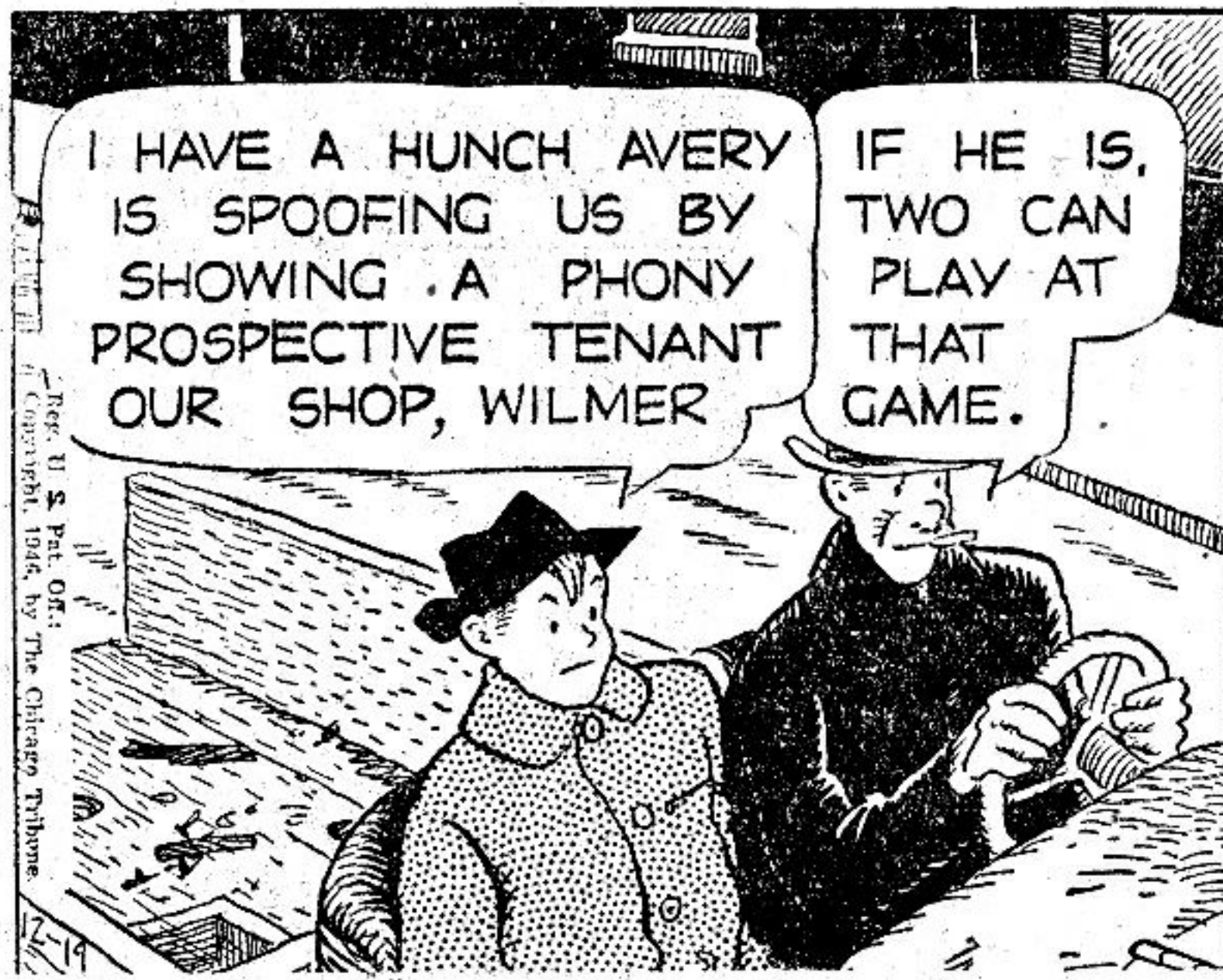
IT SEEMED TO ME HE WAS MORE ANXIOUS TO DO AVERY A FAVOR THAN TO RENT A BUILDING.



AVERY PUT UP A SALES TALK, BUT HE KEPT HIS EYE ON US.

LOOKS AS IF HE'S TRYIN' TO SLIP SOMETHING OVER. THEN AGAIN WE MIGHT BE WRONG.

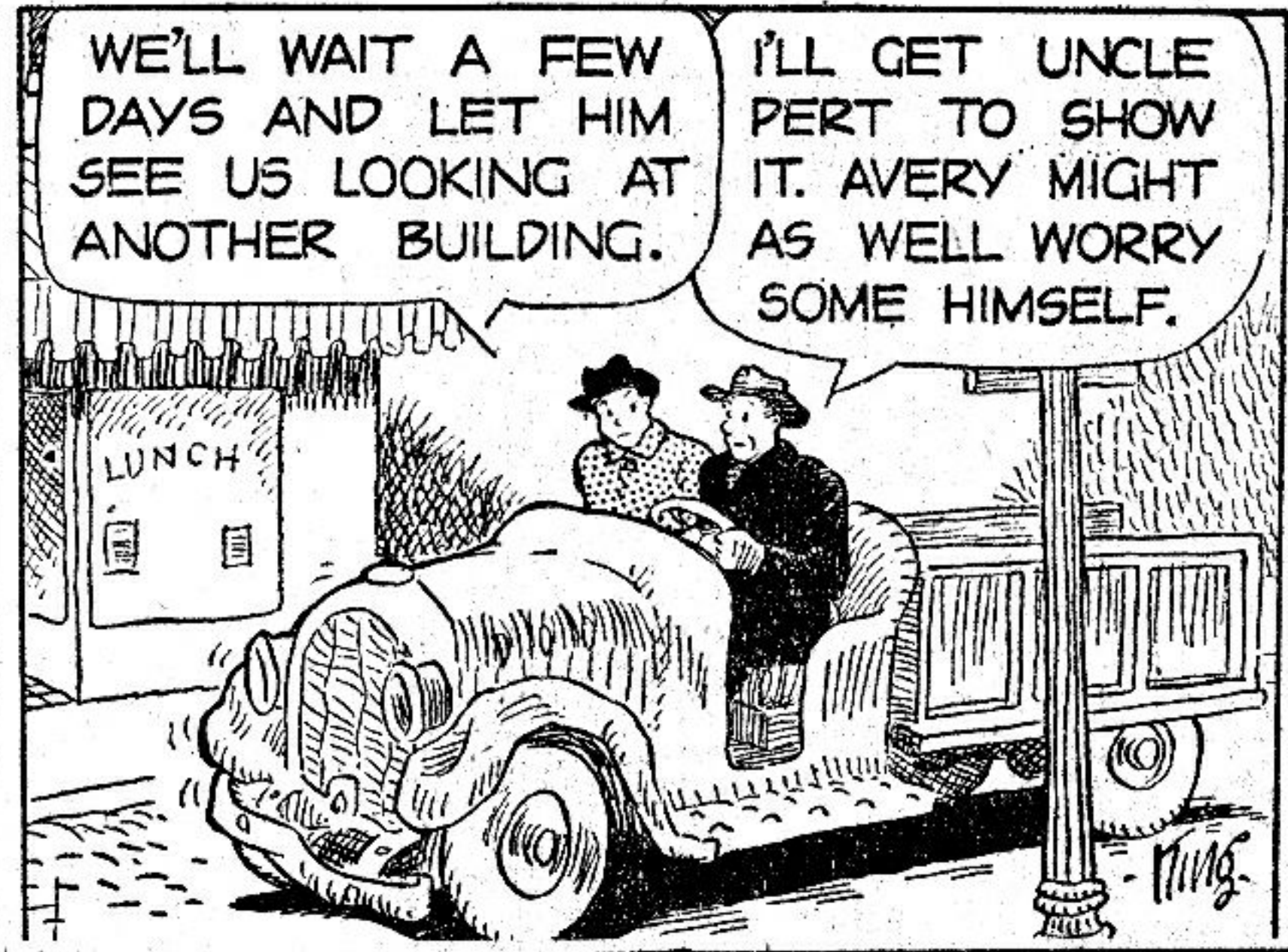
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I HAVE A HUNCH AVERY IS SPOOFING US BY SHOWING A PHONY PROSPECTIVE TENANT OUR SHOP, WILMER

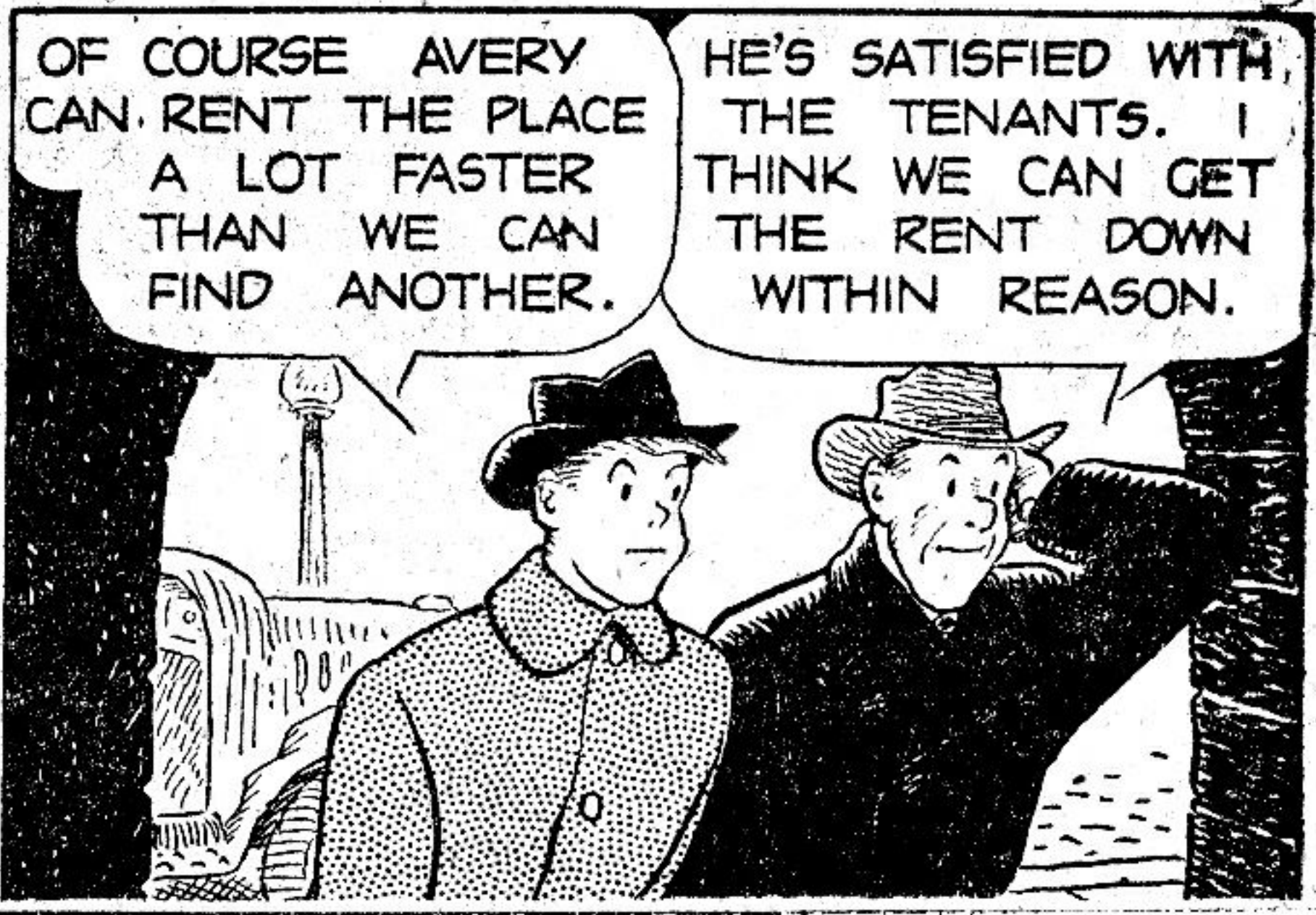
IF HE IS, TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME.

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WE'LL WAIT A FEW DAYS AND LET HIM SEE US LOOKING AT ANOTHER BUILDING.

I'LL GET UNCLE PERT TO SHOW IT. AVERY MIGHT AS WELL WORRY SOME HIMSELF.



OF COURSE AVERY CAN RENT THE PLACE A LOT FASTER THAN WE CAN FIND ANOTHER.

HE'S SATISFIED WITH THE TENANTS. I THINK WE CAN GET THE RENT DOWN WITHIN REASON.

GASOLINE ALLEY

IS SONNY OUT OF THE WAY, NINA? I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE THESE PACKAGES.

IN BED AND ASLEEP—I HOPE.

GOSH, CHRISTMAS IS MORE FUN THAN IT'S BEEN FOR AGES!

IT'S THE FIRST ONE THAT WILL REALLY MEAN ANYTHING TO CHIPPER, SKEEZIX.

YOU KNOW, I'M GLAD THAT, IN SPITE OF US, HE DID LEARN ABOUT SANTA CLAUS!

I AM, TOO. HE'LL GET A BIGGER KICK OUT OF CHRISTMAS, AND SO WILL WE!

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HERE WE ARE, CHILDREN!

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WE DIDN'T
HAVE TIME
TO SHOP.

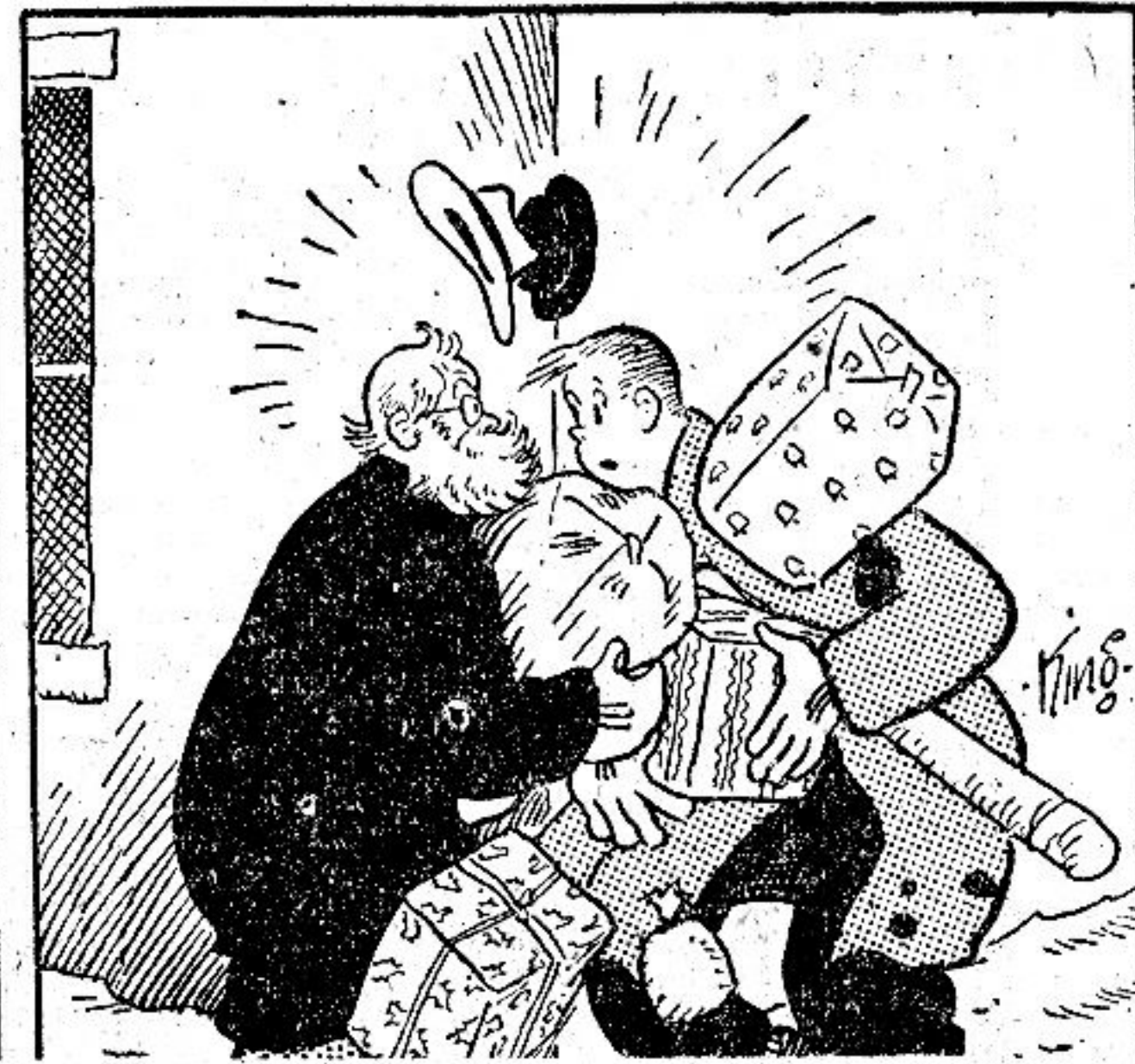
WE JUST
BROUGHT
WHAT WE
HAD ON
THE FARM!

GOSH, FATHER CLOCK,
DON'T APOLOGIZE!

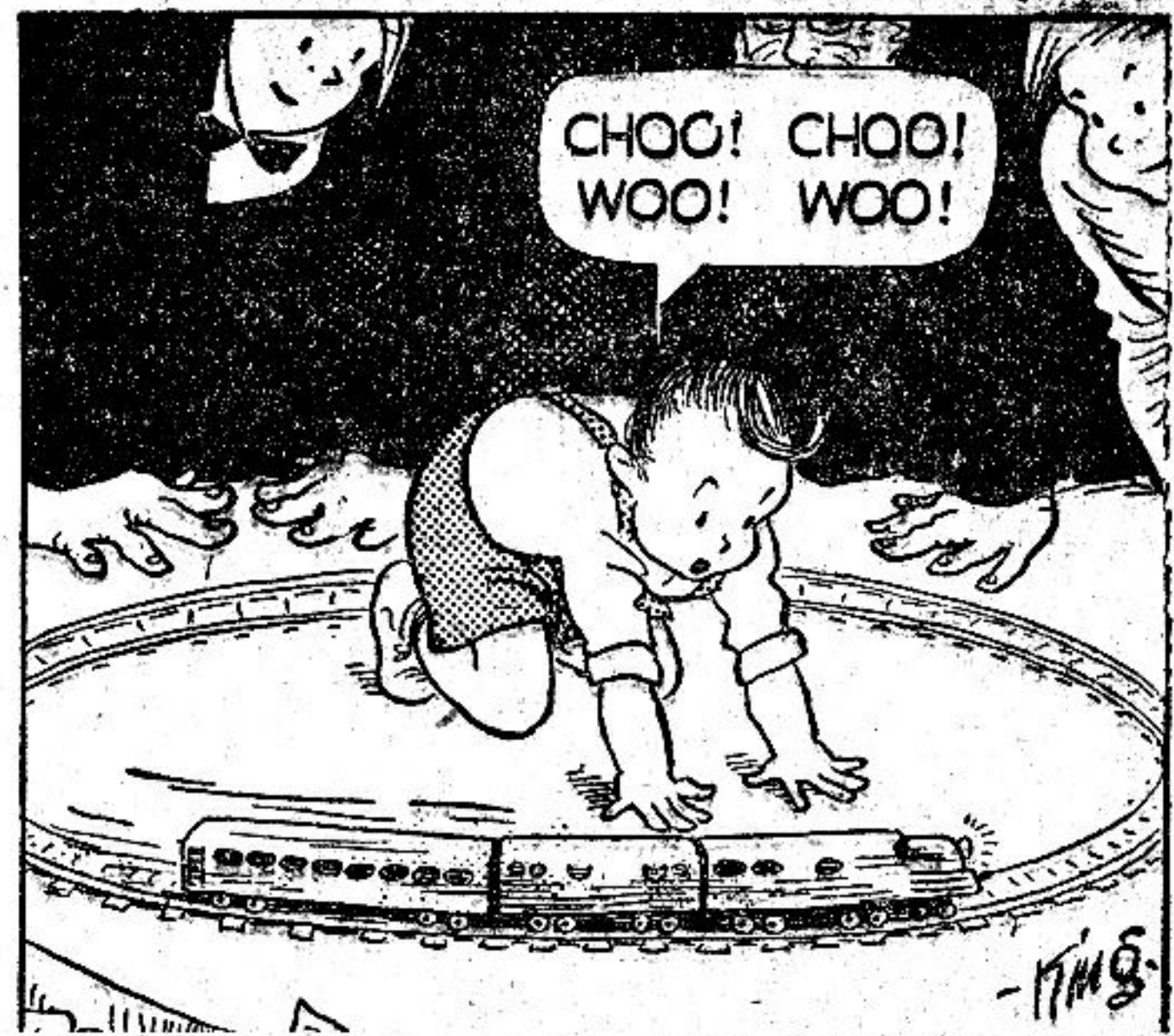
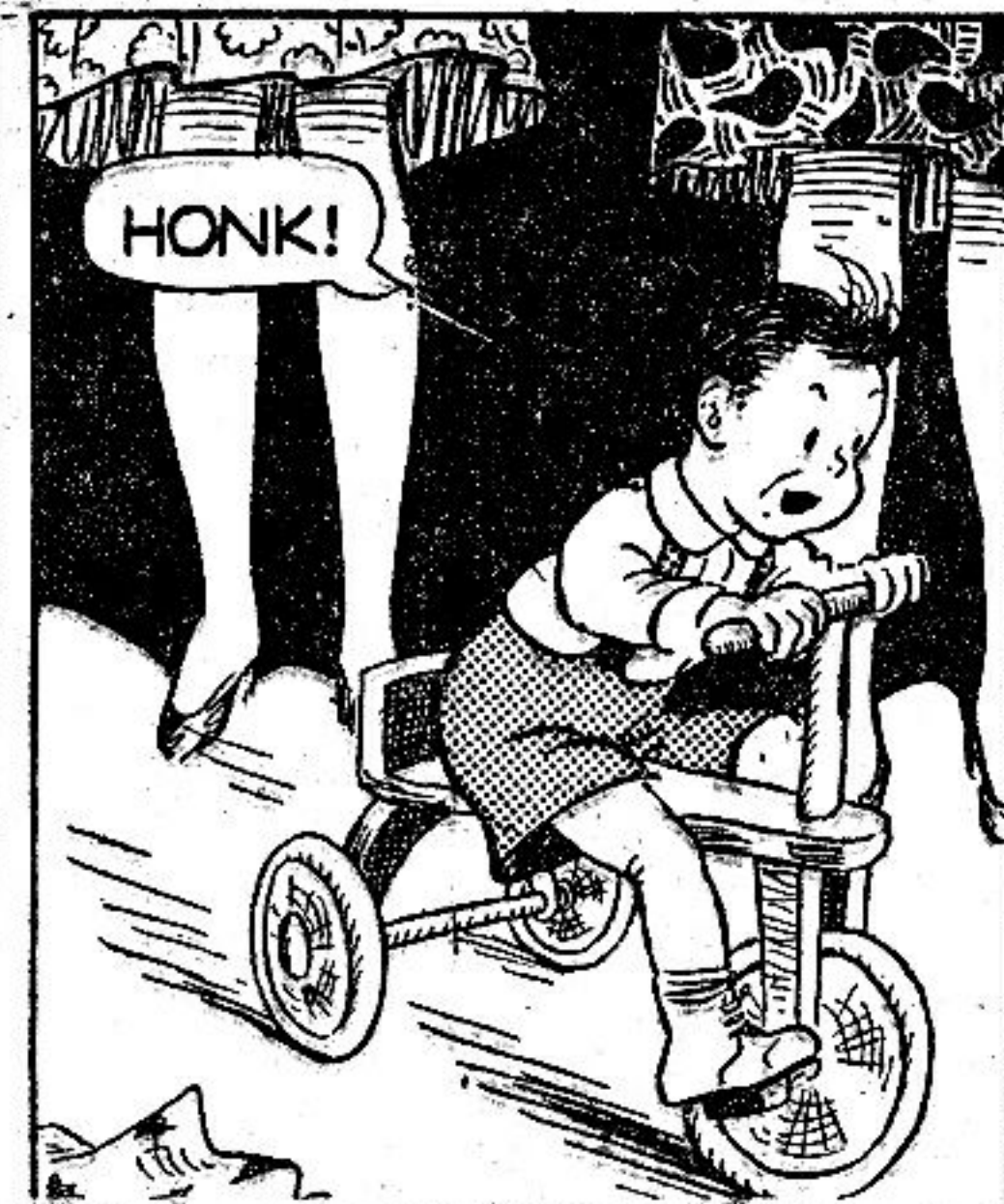
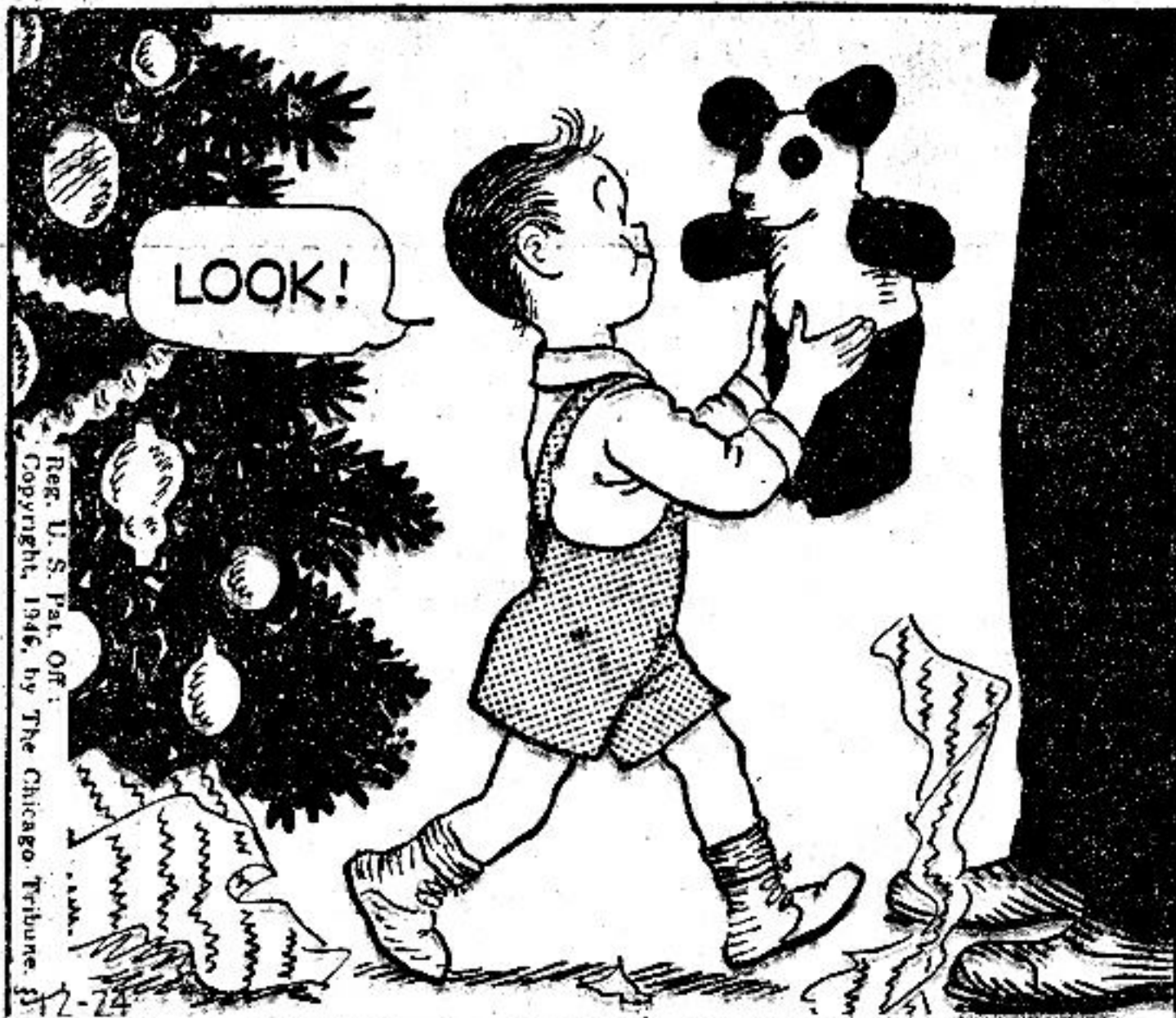
YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW
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THIS IS!

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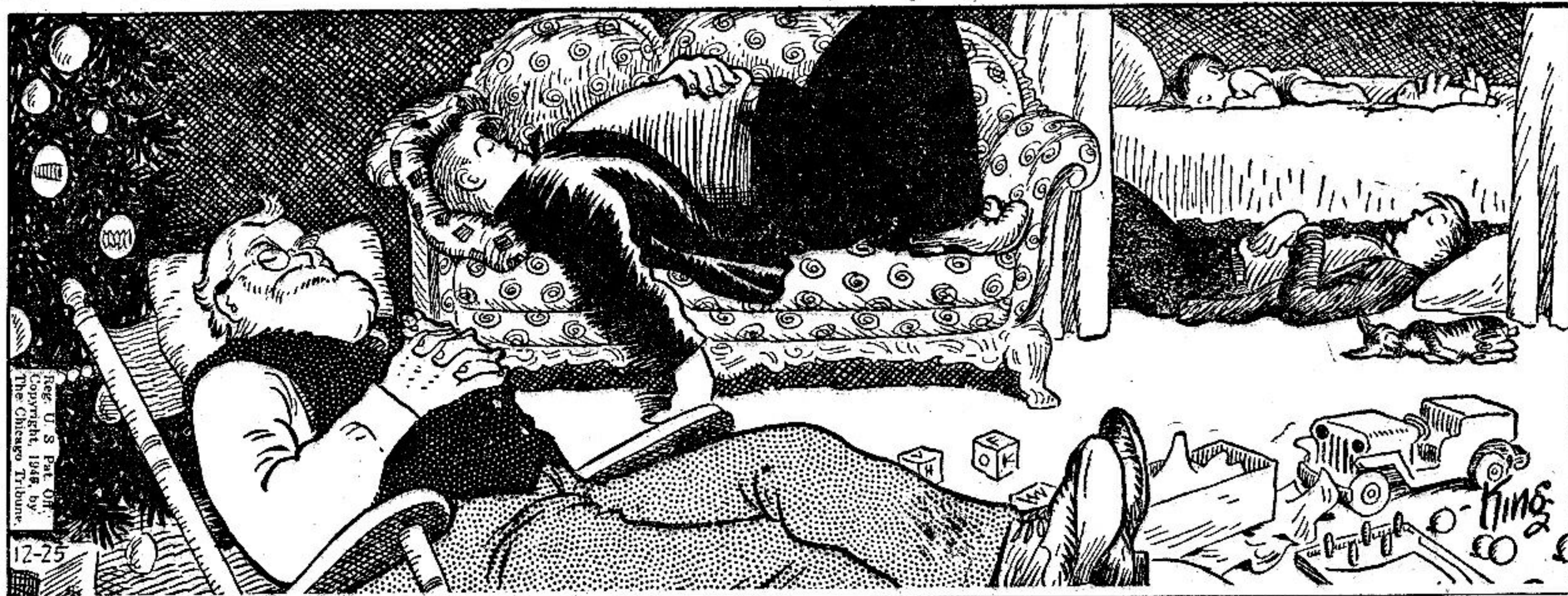
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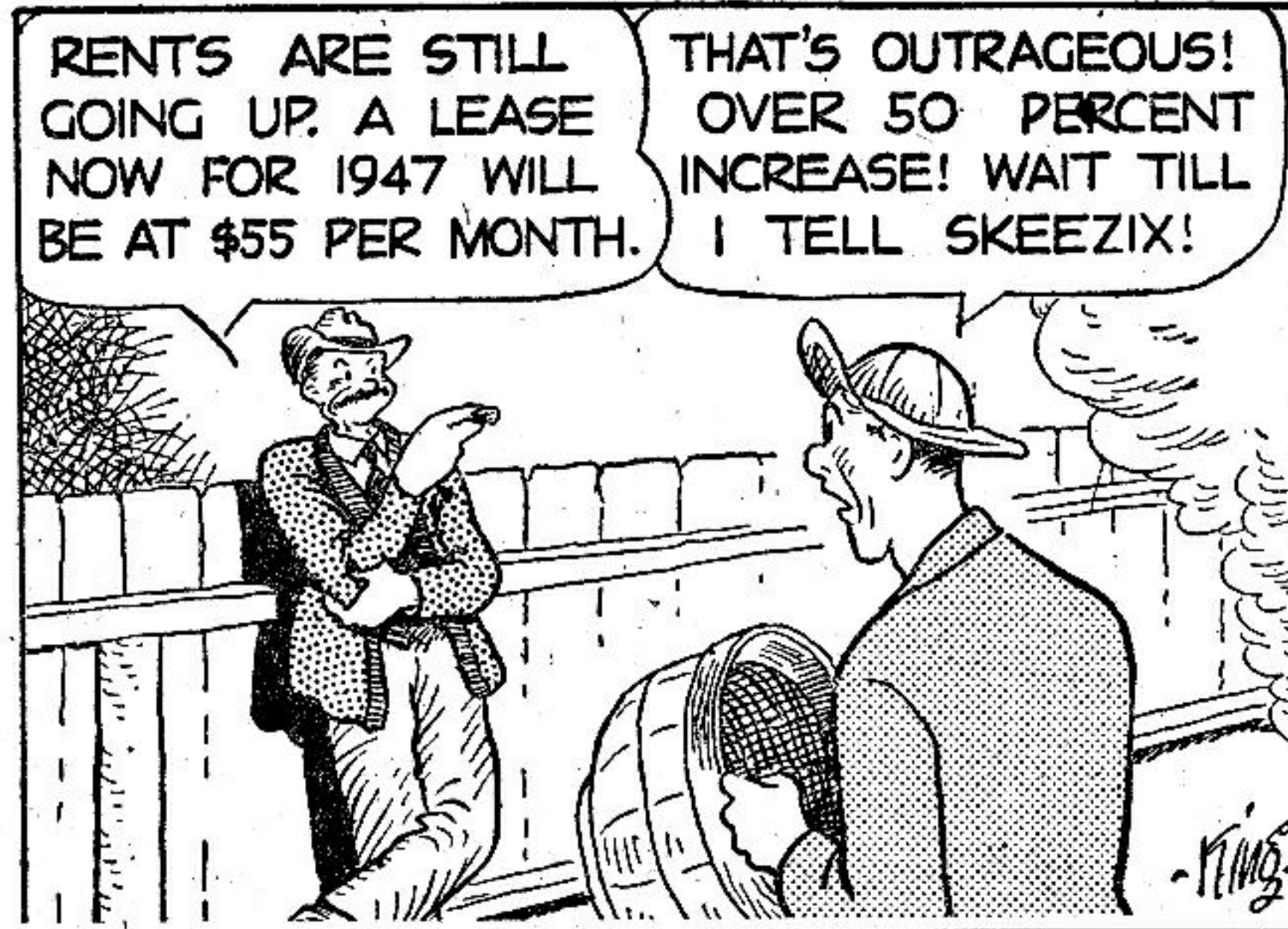
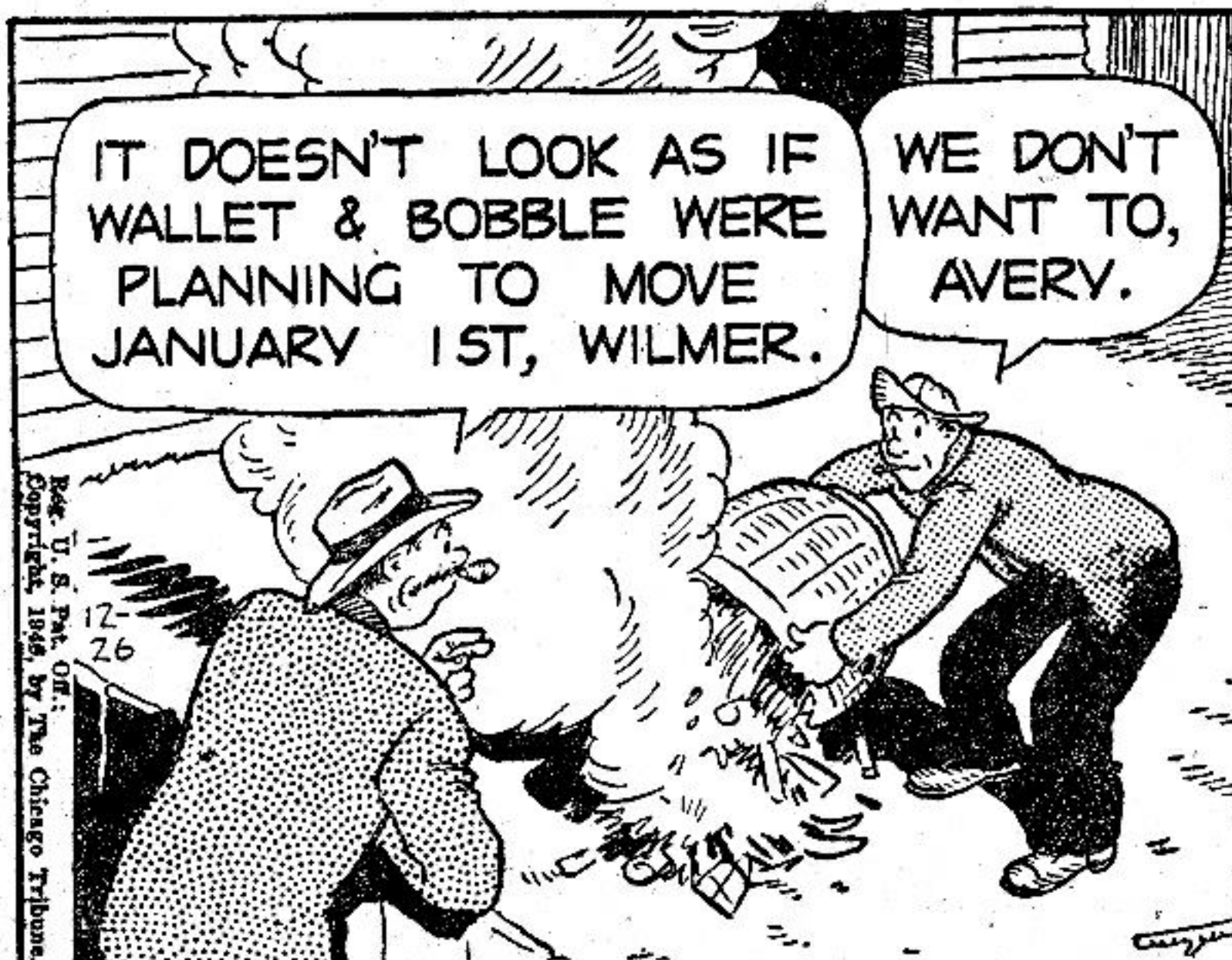


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I RAISED 'EM TO \$55 A MONTH. IT'LL DO 'EM GOOD TO GET A JOLT.

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WALLET & BOBBLE WON'T PAY IT, BUT IT'S A BETTER PLACE TO DICKER FROM.



THEY STARTED FROM SCRATCH A YEAR AGO, HAVE KEPT BUSY, HIRED TWO HELPERS AND BOUGHT A TRUCK.



SKEEZIX HAS GOT HIMSELF A HOUSE AND SEVEN PEOPLE HAVE LIVED OFF THE BUSINESS.



THEY CAN AFFORD \$55. I HAVE A NOTION TO MAKE IT \$65!

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IT REALLY HAS BEEN A SATISFACTORY YEAR, SKEEZIX.

WALLET & BOBBLE HAVE BUILT UP A GOOD BUSINESS, AND WE'VE LIVED COMFORTABLY, NINA.

\$700 HAS GONE BACK INTO EQUIPMENT, AND WE'VE GIVEN TWO EX-GIS FULL EMPLOYMENT.

WE'VE MOVED INTO A HOME OF OUR OWN, WITH PROSPECTS OF BEING ABLE TO PAY FOR IT.

NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT CHIPPER STARTED 1946 NINE MONTHS OLD AND FINISHED AGED TWENTY-ONE!

WELL OVER 100 PERCENT GAIN! HE'S A WONDERFUL CHILD!

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HOME IS THE BEST PLACE I CAN THINK OF TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE, NINA.

I DON'T GET THE KICK OUT OF THE CROWDS AND NOISE THAT I USED TO.

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SKEEZIX! WAKE UP! SOMEBODY'S POUNDING ON THE DOOR!

WHAT THE--?

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU KIDS?

HAS OLD AGE SET IN ALREADY?



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