



Walt ought to be along any minute now! I can't wait to rub it in!



I hope you're happy, Avery!

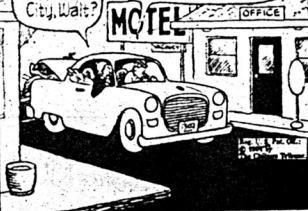
We don't have any tent or cots! Half our car is gone - but you won!

Wait picked up all the stuff! We'll get it back, Emily!



Aren't you going on into Mountain City, Walt?

With Avery waiting there to cloat? I want to enjoy the rest of the trip! We'll skip Mountain City!



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Avery and Ernie are waiting for us in Mountain City. Wait! We can't stop here!

Phyllis, if he wants to go, he can come to me! I'm not going to him!

We have half of Avery's stuff! His tent and cots! He'll need them tonight!

Let the old skinflint go to a motel! He can afford it!

It's been an hour, Avery! I think Walt stopped someplace!

Just like him to duck us! I knew he'd be a sore loser!



For the first time in his life, Avery is a sore loser!

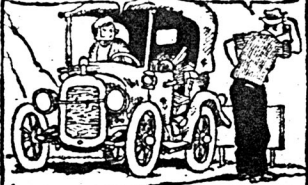
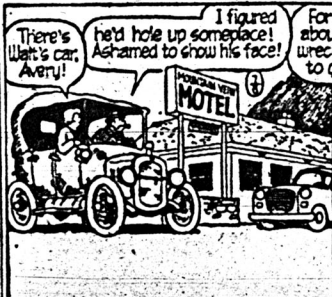


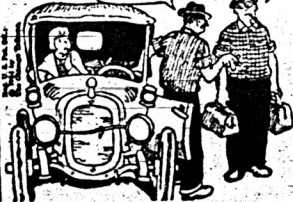
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There's  
Watt's car,  
Avery!

I figured  
he'd hole up someplace!  
Ashamed to show his face!

For a guy who was worried  
about being held up by an "old  
wreck", it took you long enough  
to get here! I beat you by  
an hour!



I didn't  
know we  
were  
racing!



We may not have beaten you and Emily  
here, but technically we finished ahead of  
your car! Over half of it is in my back  
trunk!



I went to a lot of trouble to pick this junk up! If you think I'm going to hand it to you—

Now, look here, Walt!

Avery, haven't you known Walt long enough to know he's kidding? Of course he's giving your things back!

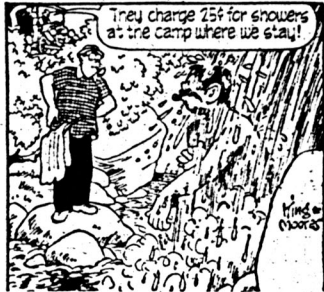
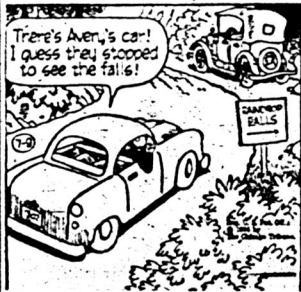
Serve you right if I didn't!

It was kind of fun! I'd of taken you if the cop hadn't stopped me!

I got to admit, Walt, I dropped a couple of things on purpose!

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You picked a fine place to get mail, Wait!

It looked bigger than this on the map!



Wallet? You got a daughter named Judy?

Yes!



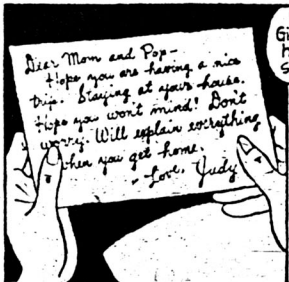
Jest. Wanted to be sure it was for you! Postcard! Hope the trouble ain't serious!

Thank you!



A card from Judy, Walt? What does she say?

Um-here, Phillis. Read it yourself!



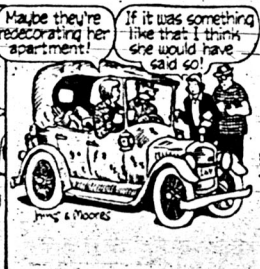
Dear Mom and Pop -  
 Hope you are having a nice trip. Staying at your house. Hope you won't mind! Don't worry. Will explain everything when you get home.  
 - Love, Judy



Why would she and Gideon be staying at our house? What do you suppose has happened?

I've no idea, but she says not to worry, so let's not!

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Walt, I can't for the life of me figure why Judy and Gideon would be staying at our house!

Probably redecorating their apartment like Emily said!

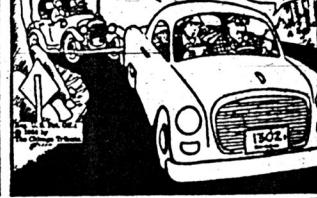


More likely the place burned down! Let me see that card again!



You've read it ten times already!

'Staying at your house.' Walt! She doesn't mention Gideon! Maybe Judy is staying there alone!



I wondered how long it would be before you noticed that!





You're going home in the morning, Walt? Sorry to hear it!

Phyllis is worried about Judy!



I tried to call her but she wasn't there! Couldn't get hold of Skeezix or Corky either!

Long distance? Must've set you back a wad!



There's no charge if nobody answers!



I made a long distance call once! Cost me a small fortune!



The rates have been reduced substantially in the last forty years, Avery!

I don't mind cutting our trip short, Phyllis, but I think you're foolish to let Judy's car worry you!

I've been expecting this, Wait!

How Judy has put up with that man this long I'll never know!

You're making a mountain out of a molehill!



King's Motors



She's left Gideon and come back home, Wait! There isn't the slightest doubt in my mind!

If we must suffer, let's do it on a full stomach!





How you can build up so much tragedy out of an innocent little postcard I'll never understand, Phyllis!

I'm only trying to be realistic, Walt!



If Judy and Gideon are in trouble we must face the facts!

We'll have the facts in three minutes! We're home!



Here's Judy's car- but I don't see Gideon's!

It's only ten o'clock! He's probably still at the donut shop!







# GASOLINE ALLEY

Gideon fell off a ladder at the apartment, Pop! Hurt his ankle!



I don't think it amounts to much!

7/24

Forgive us for moving into your house! We didn't expect you back so soon!

Don't worry about that!



The painting is almost done! We should be able to move back in a day or so!



That ankle is swelling pretty badly, Gideon! I think we'd better call Doc!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

How does it look, Doc?

Nothing broken, Gideon, but it's a very, bad sprain!

It's not good, Walt! The main thing is to keep him off that foot!

Maybe he should be in the hospital!

They're full to the gills! Best thing is for him to stay right where he is! Of course, he'll take some care!

Judy, Phyllis and I are here! We can manage!



King & Moore



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

That was Wicker! I've got to get right over to the office! He's leaving town!

Fine, Walt!  
That's all  
I need!

Don't worry about Gideon,  
Phyllis! Judy will look  
after him!

Judy's gone! She's  
over at his precious  
donut shop!  
Won't be  
back all  
day!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'm sorry about this! I don't want to be a burden! Judy and I will move out as soon as possible!

It's quite all right, Gideon! Can I do anything for you?

Don't worry about me! Judy will look after me!

King's  
Moore's

She'll be back at noon! I'll be fine till then!

Whatever you say! If you need me, just yell!

Judy is at the donut shop - as you well know!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Judy called! She's stuck at the donut shop! I fixed you some lunch!

7/29



That was very nice, of you-

-but I neyer eat lunch!

Well, you should! You're nothing but skin and bones!



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I really can't eat a bite! I'm sorry you went to so much trouble!

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It's quite all right, Gideon! It only took me an hour to prepare!



# GASOLINE ALLEY



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MOORES

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Grape juice! I'm afraid it's not going to help the rug! All over the sheets, too!



I see it is!

It slipped out of my hand! I didn't do it on purpose!



Nobody said you did!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'm helpin' Miss Judy at the donut shop! She sent some stuff over for Mister Gideon to sign!

He's in the bedroom, Rufus!

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Thank you, Miz Wallet!

Now what did I do?

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Judy, sore foot or no sore foot, we've got to move out of your parents' house!

8/1

We don't have anywhere to go, Gideon! Our apartment isn't ready!

Even if it were - I can't be there to look after you! And you must stay off that foot!

Put a cot up in the donut shop! Anything! Just get me out of here!

I'm trying, Walt! But if I have to put up with that man one more day I'll go mad!

We can't put them out on the street, Phyllis! Relax! Tomorrow will be better!

King & moores

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'm going to the donut shop now, Gideon! Try to get along with Mother! It's only for a few days!

I'll be a good boy, Judy!

Try to get along with Gideon, Phyllis! After all, he is Judy's husband!

I'll do my best, Walt!

♪ Good morning, Gideon! Is there anything I can do for you?  
♪

I'd like the morning paper! If it isn't too much trouble, that is!

King & Moore

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Breakfast, Gideon! I fixed you oatmeal and cinnamon toast!

My favorite! Judy must have told you!

This is fine, but could I have brown sugar instead of white?

Brown sugar-on oatmeal? I never heard of that!

I don't think I have any brown sugar!

I've always used brown sugar on my oatmeal ever since I was a kid!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I've looked, Gideon! I don't have any brown sugar! You'll have to use white!

I couldn't possibly eat oatmeal without brown sugar!

Gideon, I went to quite a bit of trouble to fix this for you!

I didn't ask you to! I'll just eat the toast!

The least you can do is try it!

I'm sorry I'm such a heel, but I just don't like oatmeal without brown sugar!

King & Moores

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Is it some kind of a crime to like oatmeal with brown sugar?

All right, Son-in-law! If you want brown sugar you'll get brown sugar!

I'll go to the store and buy you a bushel of it - and believe me, you'd better eat it!

That does it!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

One thing is for sure! I'm not staying in this house one more minute!



I don't know where I'll go, but any place is better than this! I'll—



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I'm sorry, Gideon, but the largest box of brown sugar I could find was—

**THUMP!**



Gideon!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Feel better now, Gideon?

I think so. Stood up too suddenly, I guess! Thanks for the water!

You should have just kicked me under the bed and left me! It's what I deserve!

If anybody needs kicking, it's me!

I've acted like a two-year-old! I'm sorry, Gideon!

It was all my fault! I don't know what gets into me! I hope you'll forgive me!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Our apartment is ready, Mom. Gideon and I will be moving back tomorrow!

The stairs will be a problem but I'll manage!

I'm sorry to see you go!

You've been wonderful, Phyllis! I don't know how to thank you!

You and Gideon seem to be getting along better! I notice he called you "Phyllis"!

Yes. How about that? I'm not "hey, you" anymore!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Come see us at the apartment! It looks real nice now!

Thanks again for everything!

Take it easy on that foot, Gideon!

I never thought I'd hate to see Gideon leave, but I do!

He left an envelope for you here on the table!

King & Moores  
\$20! Good heavens! Does he think I expect to be paid for my services?

I don't think he meant it that way, Phyllis!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Mom and Pop were so good to us, Gideon! We must make it up to them some way!

I did, Judy! I left some money for Phyllis!

Gideon! You didn't! How much?

\$20. After all, we used their gas and lights and things!

King & Moores

In that case you should have left it for Pop-not Mom!

I'm sorry if I did something horrible! I was only trying to be nice!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

That was Mom! She's very upset about your leaving the money!

What's the matter? Wasn't it enough?

I didn't mean that! I'm sorry! Whatever I do seems to be wrong!

Customers! I'll get them!

Adam and Eve! What are you doing so far from home? Where's your mother?

We want a penny's worth of doughnuts!

Choc'late ones, Aunt Judy!

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I figured I was at the bank! I thought I was at the bank! I was at the bank! I was at the bank!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Here are your doughnuts, but what are you two doing way over here?

Is this all we get for a penny? Just two?

I figured I'd find them here!

Hope! I thought they'd run away from home!

I was at the automobile agency next door, Judy! They kind of slipped away!

Don't tell me you and Corky are buying a new car? How wonderful!

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SALES AND SERVICE

Judy DONUT

# GASOLINE ALLEY

If you and Corky are thinking of buying a new car, business must be good at the diner, Hope!

Booming, Judy!

King & Moores

Haven't you heard the big news? We're -

No, Adam! No, Eve! Don't touch that!

I'm sorry, Gideon! Did they do any damage?

Just pushed some buttons! I can fix it!

Hm! Lemon-filled, chocolate coated and maple flavored! Not bad!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

That's wonderful, Hope!  
I'm so glad you and Corky  
are  
doing  
well!



Keep this under  
your hat, Judy!  
Corky doesn't  
want it noised  
around!

What's with your  
brother Corky and  
Hope? Another  
blessed event?

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You heard  
Hope tell me  
not to say  
anything,  
Gideon!



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Oh, well! I  
wasn't dying  
of curiosity!



In that case I'll tell you!  
They're thinking of tearing  
down the diner and putting  
up a fancy new steak house!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'll be back before the rush starts, Pudge!

Take your time, Corky!

This may be the last ride in our old truck, Hope!

Are you sure we can afford this?

Maybe the car should wait till the steak house is finished! It will mean more payments!

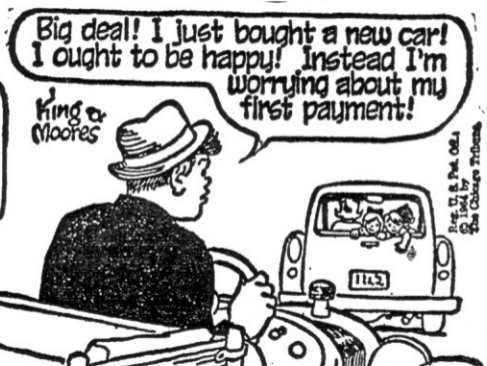
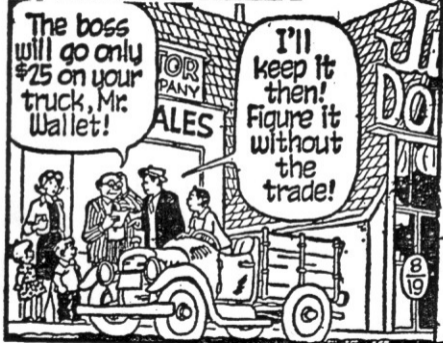
We've been over all that, Hope! We can do it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's one o'clock, Corky!  
Why don't you come to bed?

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I'm almost finished.

Figuring costs on a new restaurant is not easy, Hope!

King & Moores

There are so many angles to consider! One goof and a guy can get clobbered!

Why don't you get Walt or Skeezix to help you?

I want to keep the family out of this, Hope! I'd like to do something on my own for once! Anyway they'd think I was crazy!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I still think you should talk this over with Wait and Skee-zix, Corky!

Hope, I'm going to build a new steak house and I'm going to do it my way!

I don't want my father and brother and sister and in-laws telling me how to do it!

I don't even want them to know about it yet!

King & Moores

Then Mommy shouldn'ta told Aunt Judy!

Huh?

I only hinted the slightest bit! It's not nice to point, Eve!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Mornin', Rufus!  
How's things at the do'nut factory?

Middlin', Joel!  
How's the junk an' movin' business?

A-ONE-TOP Notch  
MOVERS and  
Rosebud Ave.  
Junk Co.

She's a mite slow-to tell the truth!

She could pick up some!

I hear tell Mister Corky is fixin' to tear down his diner and put up a fancy new place!

Tearin' down the diner? I declare! That do sound interestin'!

King & Moores

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Morning, Joel! What will you have?

CORKY'S D T R

Nothin', Mister Corky! This here's business!

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Joel! What are you doing?

Mighty solid! She won't go down easy!

Here's my esty-mate! Includes demolishin' an' clearin'! Let me know when you're ready!

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STEAK 97¢  
Milk 30¢  
HAMB 8¢  
MEN

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

What's this, Corky?

It's Joel's estimate for tearing down the diner!

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Do you think it was wise to call Joel? I mean, if you want it kept secret—

That's just it, Hope! I didn't call Joel!

King & Moores

He knew?

Everybody and his dog knows by now!

Somebody told Punky! Him an' Uncle Skeezix are comin' up the walk!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Hi, Corky! I was out walking Punky! Thought I'd stop by!

Glad you did, Skeezi!

What's new?

Don't beat around the bush!

Okay! I heard a wild rumor that you're closing the diner-tearing it down! How could a thing like that get started?

Maybe because it's true.

This is no time for jokes, Corky!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'm not closing the diner, Skeezix! I'm thinking of tearing it down and putting up a steak house!

Corky! That's wonderful!

It's kind of a small lot though! Have you thought about parking space?

Skeezix, I know I'm just your kid brother, but I'm not stupid!

Of course I've thought about it! I've got an option to buy the lot next door!

Sorry if I seem nosy, Corky! Just thought I might be helpful!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

That's right, Nina!  
Corky is planning to  
tear down the diner  
and put up a new  
restaurant!

It's odd  
he didn't tell  
us about it  
before this!

He doesn't want  
the family horning in!  
He made that  
pretty clear!

Won't it cost  
an awful lot of  
money, Skeezix?

He didn't offer  
to show me any  
plans, but it won't  
be cheap!

I hope your brother  
knows what he is doing!

Aunt Judy says  
they just bought  
a new car, too!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

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Corky isn't here, Joel!

DINET

Then mebbe you can he'p me, Mister Pudge!

I got a party what could use a window like this here one!

I figgered since you aim to rip down this here old dump anyhow mebbe I—

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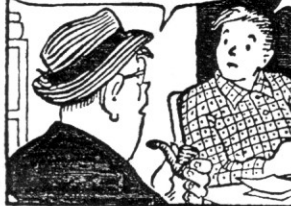
It were only a suggestion, Mister Pudge!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

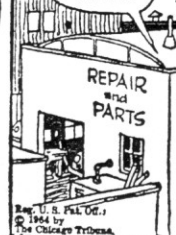
It's hard to believe, Skeeze! Is Corky really serious about putting up a new restaurant?



He's even got an option to buy the lot next door for parking, Uncle Walt!



I think he's biting off more than he can chew!



You sort of went out on a limb yourself when you built this garage!



I know, but it's different with Corky! He's—well, I don't know how to say it!



Don't sell your brother short, Skeeze!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

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I knew the family would be against me! That's why I tried to keep it to myself!



We're not against you, Corky! Your new restaurant is a great idea!



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We just want to be sure you don't go in over your head!



I told you, Pop! I've figured every angle!

Do you have some plans and cost sheets I can look at? I'd like to help you, Corky!



Come over tonight! I'll show you the works.

King & Moores



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Pop's coming over tonight to look at the steak house plans, Hope!

9/2

I'm glad, Corky!

I can't find them! Have the twins been at my desk again?

Oh, dear! I was sure I locked the door!

Adam! Eve! No! No! - Not on Daddy's nice plans!

Fine! This is really going to impress the family with my great organizational ability!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'm sorry, Corky, but I can't watch the twins every second!

You know how I slaved over these plans, Hope!

Pop will be here any minute! He's really going to be impressed!

He'll understand!

I thought Gideon might be helpful, Corky! After all, he just went through this with the donut shop!

Hope you don't mind!

I'm delighted!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's a little hard to make out, Corky, with the, er, pictures, but it isn't a bad plan!



Have you talked to the bank about financing, Corky?

Not yet, Pop!

They may consider an expensive operation like this a bit risky for that neighborhood!



Gideon has a point, Corky!

I won't need much! I've got a little saved and I can borrow on my house and insurance! Anything is a gamble!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I gather Gideon and Walt didn't like your steak house plans!

Wrong size!  
Wrong neighborhood!  
Wrong guy to run it!

Corky!

Gideon didn't come right out and say it, but I got the message!

I'm a two-bit hash-slinger who should be content to flub along in a two-bit diner the rest of my life!

It's not true and you know it!

Sometimes I wonder, Hope! Maybe he's right!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

What's wrong with Corky's restaurant plan, Gideon?

Mainly it's too big, Judy! Your brother plans a place that will seat fifty!

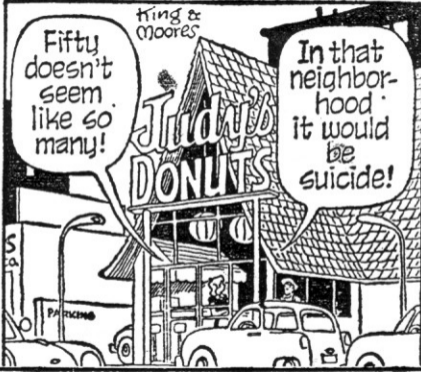


Fifty doesn't seem like so many!

King & Moores

## Judy's DONUTS

In that neighborhood it would be suicide!



Well, it's Corky's problem! I don't think the family should interfere!

It's the family's problem if he goes broke! We're the ones who will have to bail him out!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY



# GASOLINE ALLEY

The bank won't lend any money at all for the new restaurant, Corky?

Gideon called it, Hope! Too fancy for the neighborhood!

They know a loser when they see one! I was a sap to try!

You're a loser only if you think like one! What's this?

I'm trying to work out something that won't cost so much but it's probably no good either!

King & Moores

Tell me about it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I see! Keep the old diner and add on in back!

We'd fancy it up, Hope! New sign and door, planters, canopy!

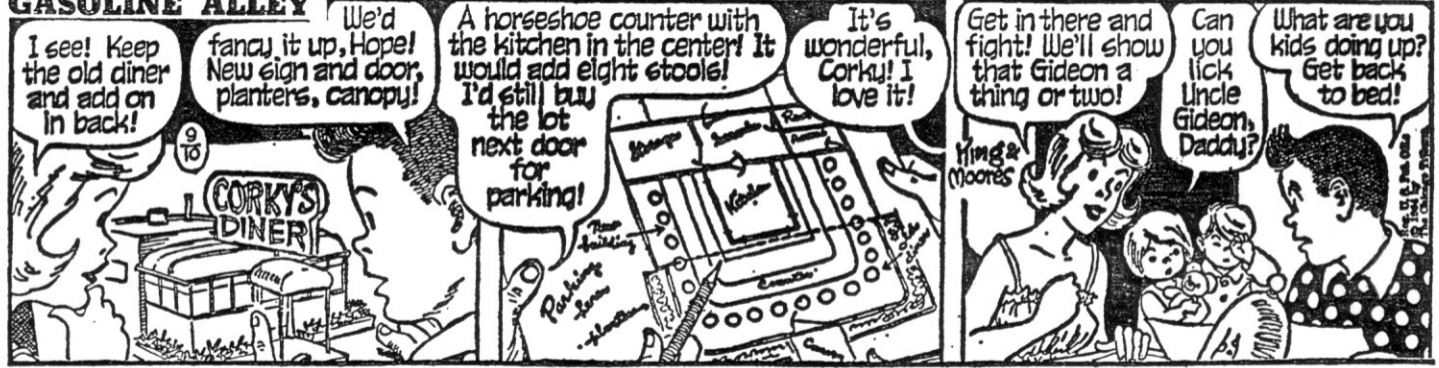
A horseshoe counter with the kitchen in the center! It would add eight stools! I'd still buy the lot next door for parking!

It's wonderful, Corky! I love it!

Get in there and fight! We'll show that Gideon a thing or two!

Can you lick Uncle Gideon, Daddy?

What are you kids doing up? Get back to bed!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Now you're talking, Corky! Adding onto the old diner is a great idea!

With a new sign and paint it will look real sharp!

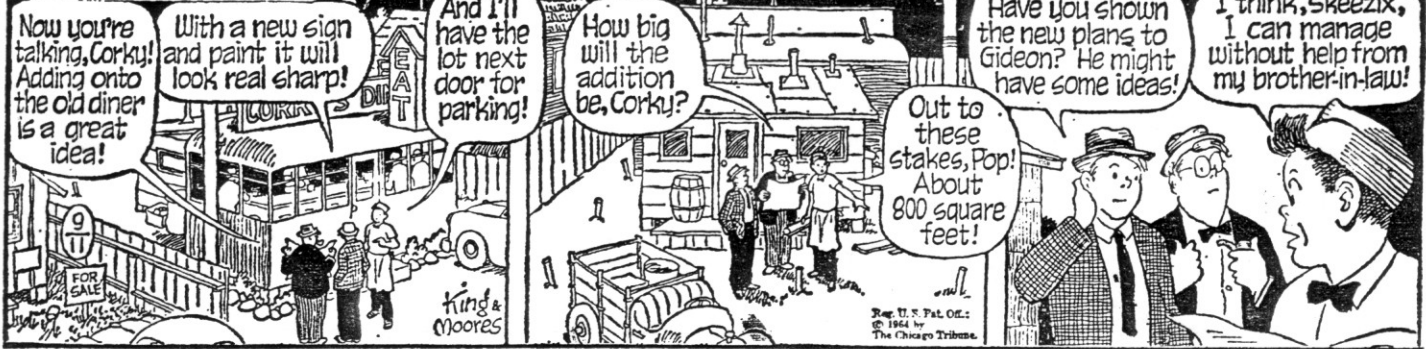
And I'll have the lot next door for parking!

How big will the addition be, Corky?

Out to these stakes, Pop! About 800 square feet!

Have you shown the new plans to Gideon? He might have some ideas!

I think, Skeezi, I can manage without help from my brother-in-law!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Have you heard any more about Corky's new restaurant since you were over last week to look at the plans, Gideon?

No, Judy, but I didn't really expect to!

I don't think the bank will go for the idea and he can't do it without money!

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**Judy's DONUTS**

I'm afraid your brother has delusions of grandeur! He should stick with the old diner! He's doing okay!

You can't blame him for wanting to improve himself!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

The bank went for the new plan, Hope! We won't even have to go into our savings!

Wonderful, Corky! When do we start building?

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Right away! Got to hang up now! Here comes the architect!

How did you make out, Keith?

The sign company was very cooperative, Corky!

From the top of the "J" in "Judy's" to the bottom of the "D" in "Donuts" it measures seven feet, nine inches!

Good! Then "Corky's Diner" will be eight feet high!

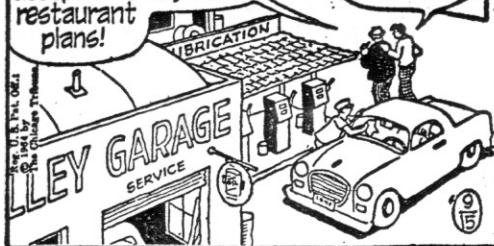
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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I suppose you've heard, Skeezix! The bank accepted Corky's new restaurant plans!

Yes, Uncle Walt! He's on cloud nine! Can't wait to get started!



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Hi, Gramps! How do you like it?

Like what, Chipper?

His new car! Bought it with what he earned here at the garage this summer!

Only cost \$150 including some parts I had to buy!

I paid for a few incidental things like license and insurance! They came to \$196!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's a nice-looking buggy, Chip, but what are you going to do with it while you're away at school?

I'm taking it with me, Gramps!

Stubbs and I are driving up this weekend!

I thought they had a ban against cars at State!

Sophomores can drive them if they have a "C" average!

He made it by the skin of his transmission!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Yes, Phyllis, Chipper bought himself a car and is driving it up to school next week!

What kind of an old wreck did he get, Walt?

It's a '56, but with good tires—and Chip has reworked the motor!

With his studies it seems to me he'll have plenty to do without tooling around in a car!

He's nineteen, Phyllis! Skeezi feels he's old enough to understand the responsibility!

I think Skeezi is out of his mind!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

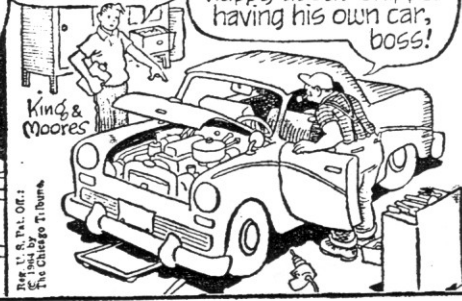
Chipper's been over this crate with a fine-tooth comb, Skeeze! Skeeze!

I want it rechecked, Sarge! Stem to stern!

Every nut and bolt of it!

You don't seem too happy about Chipper having his own car, boss!

No father is delighted to send his kid out into that concrete jungle, Sarge! It's just something that has to be endured!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Stu and I are driving  
up to school Sunday!  
Leaving about eight in  
the morning!

Why so early?  
It's only  
300 miles!

We want  
to get there  
before dark!

Never takes me more  
than six hours! I  
know where all the  
cops hang out!

I'd rather go  
slower and get  
there in one  
piece!

Who's that  
boy talking  
to Chipper,  
Skeezix?

He's one of  
the reasons,  
Nina, why I  
have to pay  
double for  
Chip's car  
insurance!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Are your seat belts fastened, boys?

Don't worry, Pop! We wouldn't forget that!



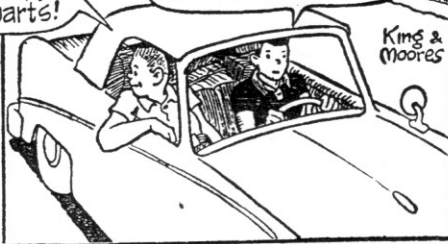
Now remember, Chipper! You phone the minute you get there!

I told you I would, Mom!

Boy, Chip! Your folks sure are worry-warts!

You'd think we were setting out for darkest Africa instead of just tooling a few hundred miles up to school!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

How far did you say it is up to school, Skeezix?

About 300 miles, Nina!

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It's six o'clock! They left at eight this morning!

It was closer to 8:30 when they got away!

I told Chip to take it slow! I imagine they hit a lot of traffic!

Skeezix, you know as well as I do Chipper should have called by now!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY



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No, Uncle Walt!  
We haven't heard  
from Chipper  
yet!

Well, it's only 7:30!  
Really too soon to  
expect a call!

Chipper hasn't  
called from  
school yet?

No, Phyllis, but  
there's nothing to  
worry about! He's  
a good driver!

What are  
you looking  
for, Walt?

I thought we  
had some aspirin  
in here.

I just took  
the last one!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Maybe the phone is out of order, Skee-zix! Maybe Chipper is trying to get us and can't!

It was okay an hour ago when Uncle Walt called!

And we're not on a party line so it can't be busy-

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And, Ruthie, you should see the cute boy who sits next to me in-

Clovia! Get off that phone!





# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's midnight, Skee-zix! Chipper has forgotten to call! That has to be it!

You know how it is the first night back at school! Unpacking, talking with old chums—

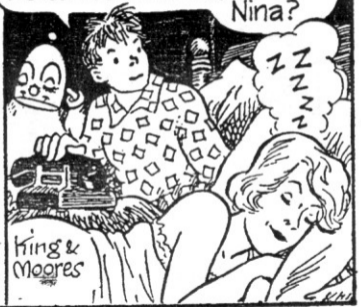


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You just got there? I see! Stubbs had to stop off and see his girl friend! Chip, you should have called—



They're safe and sound! We can relax now, Nina.....  
Nina?



# GASOLINE ALLEY

So Chip finally made it up to school! That's a relief, Skee-zix!

He called the minute he got there just like we asked him to!

Of course he was six hours late but it didn't occur to him we might be worried!

Naturally! He knew he was all right!

When do you close down and start the new addition, Corky?

In about a week! Joei's coming Monday to clear the lot next door!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY



Are you sure you understand our deal, Joei?

Sure thing, Mister Corky! I cleans off your parkin' lot slick as a whistle!

You don't pay me nothin', but I gets to keep all the junk on it - includin' the shack!

Right! And no dawdling! The paving crew comes next week!

What are you doing here, Rufus? I thought you were working for Gideon!

This here's my vacation, Mister Corky!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I know Joe's rates are low, Corky, but aren't you taking a chance having him clear your lot?

It's a simple job, Pop!

All he has to do is tear down the old shack and load it onto his cart!

That would be simple!

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But I don't think that's what Joel has in mind!

Oh, brother!



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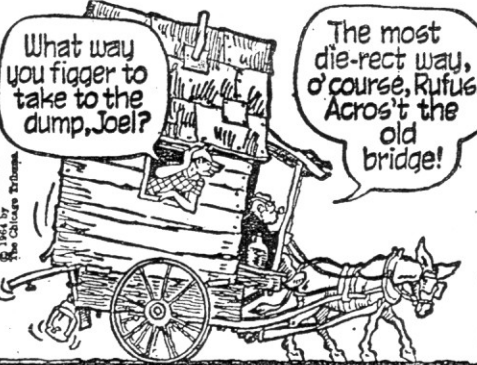
Be back in a jiffy, Mister Corky!

Do you think they'll make it?

They always have, Pop!



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What way you figger to take to the dump, Joel?

The most die-rect way, o' course, Rufus! Acros't the old bridge!



I figgered you'd figger that!

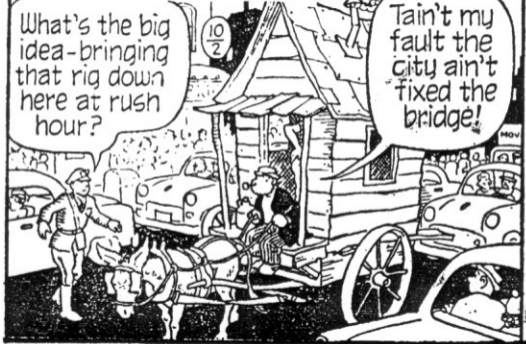
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# GASOLINE ALLEY



What's the big idea-bringing that rig down here at rush hour?

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Tain't my fault the city ain't fixed the bridge!



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Pull that thing over!

Ain't no place to pull, Officer!



The dogs is did, Joel!

Fine, Rufus! Put lots o' mustard on mine!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

It were right nice of the officer to write us a note, Rufus! What you reckon it says?

I think it's a invy-tation! He said he wanted you to appear in court!

Don't know 'as I'll go! Understand them affairs is kinda dressy!

Let 'er down easy, Joel!

Somethin' fell out from under the shack!

I declare! A' old tin box!

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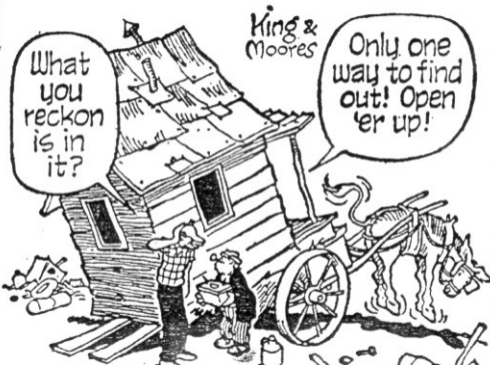
# GASOLINE ALLEY

It were nailed up under the floor of the shack, Joel!

She'd been there a spell! Look at the rust!

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What you reckon is in it?

Only one way to find out! Open 'er up!



What you waitin' for?

Mebbe we shouldn't, Rufus! Mebbe it ain't rightly ours!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

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That there tin box belongs to us, Joel! You heard Mister Corky's deal!

He said if we cleared off his lot we could keep all the junk on it - includin' the shack!

An' the box were stuck to the shack!

Reckon you're right, Rufus. She's our box, all right!

Kinda heavy but she don't rattle much!

Come on, Joel! Open it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Looks like it'd open easy! Here, try the screwdriver!

Wait! Don't touch it, Rufus! I just thought of somethin'!

Mebbe she's a bomb!

Huh?

I seen it on teevee! A guy was openin' a box like this an-bloowie! Blowed 'im to bits!

Course he was the bad guy so it weren't no real loss, but-

Mebbe you got a point, Joel!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Careful, Joel! Mebbe  
it's a bomb like you  
said!

I ain't  
touchin' 'er, Rufus!  
Just gettin' a  
explosion cap  
under the  
lock!

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Now we gets back  
here a safe ways an'  
sets her off!



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I  
declare!

# GASOLINE ALLEY



No tellin' if we got it all, Joel! She were scattered every which way!

I used a mite too much powder!



What we gonna do now-count it?

They's too much to count, Rufus!



Let's jest sit here an' look at 'er!

Yeah!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Well, Corky!  
Only two  
more days!

Right, Pop!  
Monday we start  
tearing down the  
kitchen shed!

CORKY'S DINER  
WILL CLOSE  
MONDAY, OCT. 12,  
FOR COMPLETE  
REMODELING.  
WATCH FOR  
GRAND  
OPENING  
ABOUT

Where are Joel  
and Rufus? They  
haven't finished  
clearing your parking  
lot!

Haven't seen  
them since they  
left with the  
shack!

It's not like  
Joel to welsch  
on a deal!

If they aren't here  
by tomorrow I'm going  
to make them bring  
back my shack!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Remember, Rufus! Don't say nuthin' about the money we found! Tain't nobody's business but ours!

Don't worry, Joell I'll keep it under my hat!

Sorry we was late comin' back to clear your lot, Mister Corky!

We was undevoidably retained!

It's okay! But get it done today!

Good morning, boys!

Mornin', Miz' Hope!

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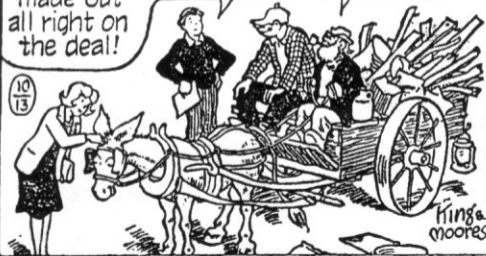
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# GASOLINE ALLEY

You did a good job clearing my lot, boys! I hope you made out all right on the deal!

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We're right pleased, Mister Corky!

Good day to you, Miz' Hope!

I'll do the hat-tippin' for both of us, Rufus!

Here's a five-dollar bill, Corky! Must be one that fell out of Rufus' hat!

Put it in your purse, Hope! He'll be back for it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'm sure you will enjoy this book, Mrs. Wallet! That will be \$2.04.

I guess you'll have to take it out of this five!

Looks like it's been through a war! Did the twins get hold of it?

No. Actually it belongs to Rufus, Dr. Fuddle!

But that's the only money I have with me! Isn't it good?

Seems genuine, but it's been near an explosion! I detect a slight odor of burnt powder!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I spent Rufus' five dollars, Corky, so I'll need another one to give him when he comes back!

Somehow I always lose on these deals!

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Have any trouble cashing it, Hope? Looked pretty battered!

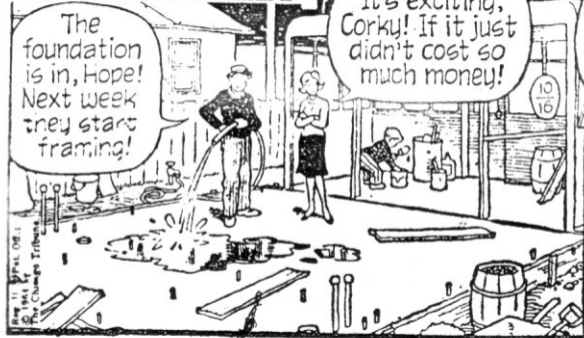
Dr. Fuddle took it! He said it had been singed by fire or an explosion!

Rufus probably picked it up at a fire sale!

It worries me! Why would Rufus be carrying a lot of burned money around under his cap?

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# GASOLINE ALLEY



The foundation is in, Hope! Next week they start framing!

It's exciting, Corky! If it just didn't cost so much money!

Adam, where are Nubbin and Eve? I told them to stick around!

They're talkin' to a man!

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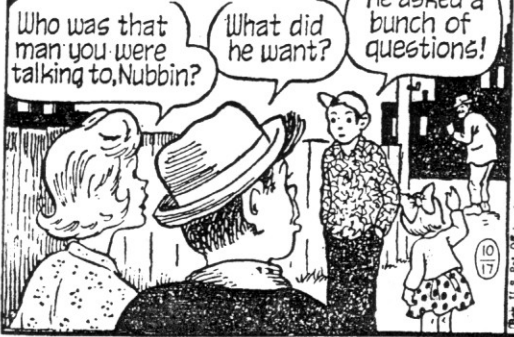
Is he anybody you know, Corky?

Never saw him before!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY



Who was that man you were talking to, Nubbin?

What did he want?

He asked a bunch of questions!

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Questions about what?

About the shack Rufus and Joet carted away!

What did you tell him?

Nothing! But Eve had to shoot off her big mouth!



He was a nice man! He liked my dress!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Corky, why would that stranger be interested in the shack Joel carted away?



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Search me, Hope!



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It wasn't worth anything! It sat there empty for years!



Maybe it was his home when he was a child!



That's out! It was put up as a real estate office forty years ago according to the man at the bank!



Well, I hope he doesn't come back! He was sneaky looking!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Tain't no fun havin' all that money if we can't spend it, Joel!



Best we wait a spell, Rufus—till we're sure she's rightly ours!

Let's get it out an' look at it ag'in!

We jest did that! You goin' to wear it out looking at it all the time!

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But mebbe we oughta find a new place to hide 'er! We're about due for some nippy weather!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Ain't nobody goin' to find our money now, Rufus! She's hid real good!

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Too good! Now we can't take it out an' look at it!

You was lookin' at it too much! It were gettin' to be a' ab-session with you!

Weren't no harm in lookin'! I liked it!

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Phone, Joel!

Thanks, Bart! Be right up!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Who was it on the phone, Joel?

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Man wants some haulin' done, Rufus! 206 Cornpill Street!

Cornpill? That's clean acros't town!



She'll be dark when we get there, but he said he warn't in no rush!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Would you like a lift, Dr. Fuddle?

Most kind of you, Skeezi! I accept!

Where can I drop you - at the bookstore?

If it isn't too much out of your way I should like to be deposited at the city dump!

King & Moores

We may as well head back to the dump, Joel! Ain't no 206 on Cornpill!

Rufus, I smells a monkey in the wrench works!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Did I hear you right, Dr. Fuddle? You want to be dropped off at the city dump?

I have a matter to discuss with Rufus and Joel!

No need to drive down, Skee-zix! I can negotiate on foot from here!

I'll take you all the way!

I'll wait! They may not be here!

You are most thoughtful! I am greatly indebted!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Good evening, sir! Is the old gentleman who runs the junk company about?



He's not here!

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I think he's out on a hauling job!



Thank you!



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My sincerest apo'ogies! Completely my fault! Your bag, sir!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

You tripped that fellow on purpose, Dr. Fuddle! Why?

A simple ruse, Skeezi, to determine the weight of his satchel! It was empty!

Brother! Look what he did to Joel's shack!

Our friend was obviously searching for something!

What would Joel have that anybody would want?

\$23,475 in United States currency!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

\$23,475! You must be mistaken, Dr. Fuddle! Joel wouldn't have that kind of money!

I believe it to be an irrefutable fact, Skeezix!

And you think that thug was here to get it?

Precisely! But he was thwarted by our untimely arrival! He left empty-handed!

In that case, he'll be back! I wonder who he is!

"Skids" Orlop! Age 42! Until quite recently an occupant of the state penitentiary!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Joel with \$23,475! An ex-con named Orlop here to get it! How do you know this, Dr. Fuddle?

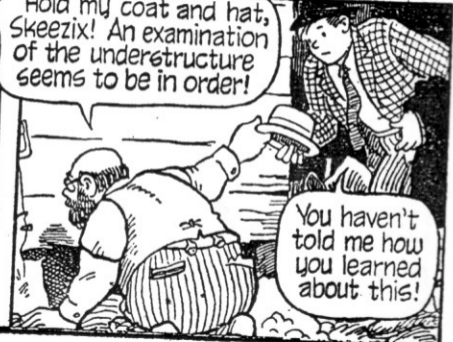
Simple deduction! Is this the shack that once graced Corky's lot?

Joel and Rufus hauled it over here last week!

This excavation is recent! Probably the work of our man, Orlop!

Hold my coat and hat, Skeezi! An examination of the understructure seems to be in order!

You haven't told me how you learned about this!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

As I suspected, Skeezix! Something, probably, a box, has recently been removed from under the flooring!

The money box!

If Orlop dug this hole he must have known exactly where it was!

He should! He put it there 14 years ago!

A car in front of the shack, Joel!

I figgered mebber we was due some comp'ny!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's Mister Skeeze an' Dr. Fuddle!

Remember, Rufus, don't say nothin' about the money—not even to them!

I'll keep mum, Joel!

Joel and Rufus! Your arrival is most timely!

I have a matter of great importance I wish to discuss with you!

If it's about the money, we don't know nothin'!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

You men  
been diggin'  
for worms?

This is not  
our work, Joel! It was  
done by an interloper!

Looks like  
it was did  
by a  
shovel!

Same critter messed  
up my  
shack?

I'm afraid  
so, Joel!

We are dealing with a most  
unsavory character! Your  
fullest cooperation will be  
needed to avert further  
foul play!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I happen to know, Joel, that you and Rufus are in possession of a large sum of money!

We ain't talkin', Dr. Fuddle!

The money was stolen in a bank robbery 14 years ago by one, "Skids" Orlop!

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He was apprehended and incarcerated, but the pilfered bills were never recovered!

He is now out of prison! He has been here looking for his ill-gotten loot! He shall return!

Mebbe!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Mebbe we got some money an' mebbe we ain't!

We's mum!

Rufus, this five-dollar bill was dropped by you at Corky's lot!



The serial number stamps it as part of the money stolen by 'Skids' Orlop 14 years ago!



Your very lives may be in peril! He will most certainly be back tonight bent upon the redemption of his loot!

He can't redemp nothin' what he can't find!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's no use, Dr. Fuddle. Joel and Rufus aren't about to tell us where the money is hidden!

Our only recourse, Skeezip, is to inform the authorities!



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If what you say is true, Orlop will stop at nothing to get his money!

Believe me, Skeezip! He is a despicable rascal!



How was I, Joel? Was I mum, huh?

You did good, Rufus! Fetch the shovel! We got work to do!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY



What you aimin' to do, Joel?

We're goin' to dig us some worms, Rufus!

Ain't it kinda late at night to go fishin'?

Some fish does their bitin' at night!



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I think we got comp'ny!

Evenin', "Skids"! Aint seen you for quite a spell! How was things up the river?



# GASOLINE ALLEY

You is acquainted with Mister "Skids", Joel?

Knowed 'im since he was a fuzzy-cheeked tyke, Rufus!

We rid the rods together! Them was the days, huh, "Skids"?

Sure, Joel!

You put on some weight, boy! Musta fed you good up at the insty-toot!

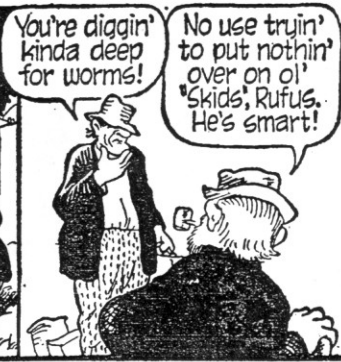
What you diggin' for out here in the middle of the night?



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# GASOLINE ALLEY



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

So you come into some money, huh, Joel? You got it hid here? That why you're diggin'?

No, 'Skids'! She's hid acrost' the dump!

But she ain't rightly safe there! So we're fixin' to fetch 'er an bury 'er here!

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Maybe I can help you fetch it!

If it were anybody else I wouldn't consider it, but you bein' a ol' buddy-

You can trust ol' 'Skids', Joel!

Uh-

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I'll be glad to help you move your money to the new hidin' place, Joel!

I feels much safer havin' you with us, "Skids"!

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Already some varmint has tried to get the money! Left my shack in a mess!

Imagine that!

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Some crooks'll stop at nothin'!

She's hid under this here pile o' junk!



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That don't look like no place to hide money!

Zactly why we're movin' 'er, 'Skids, ol' pal!



You wouldn't be stringin' me, would you, Joel? I don't think there's no money in there!

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She's here somew'eres!

There she is! All safe an' sound!



So she is!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

There she is!  
I'll go in an'  
fetch-

Out of my way,  
you stupid old  
man! I'll do  
the fetchin'!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

They are here to protect you, Joel! But first you must show us where the money is hidden!

I declare! The po-lease!



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This fellow, "Skids" Orlop, will be back, Joel! He's a bad actor!

King & Moores



He already come back, Mister Skeezix!



He's in his tub, but I don't reckon he'll mind bein' disturbed!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Good work, Joel!

Twarn't no big thing!

Come out with your hands up, Orlop!

Is this all the money, Joel?

They might be a speck more! Take off your hat, Rufus!

Joel! How could you do this to your ol' buddy?

Take it easy on 'im, boys! He acts mean, but underneath he got a heart like a marshmeller!



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King & Moores



That's right, Corky! The money was in a box under the shack Joel moved off your lot here!

\$24,000! Right under my nose all these years!

Maybe you didn't draw a complete blank! There's a \$500 reward for the recovery of the money!

After all, it was found in your shack!

No, Skeezix! I gave the shack to Joel for clearing the lot! He gets the reward!

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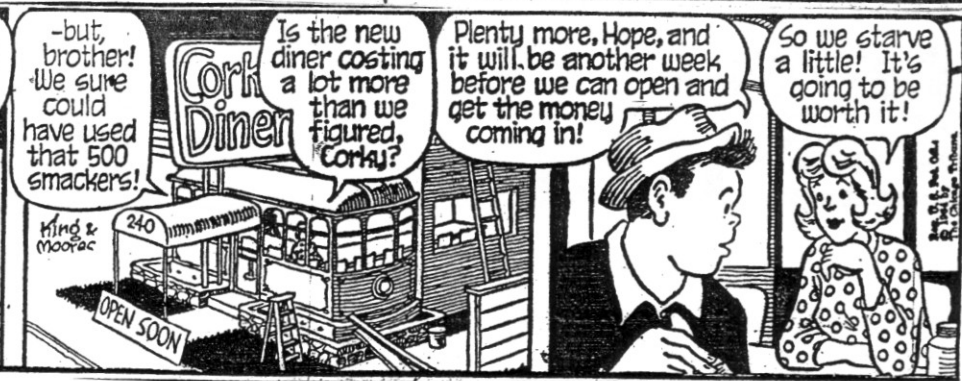
He earned it, Hope, catching that crook, Orlop and all-

-but, brother! We sure could have used that 500 smackers!

Is the new diner costing a lot more than we figured, Corky?

Plenty more, Hope, and it will be another week before we can open and get the money coming in!

So we starve a little! It's going to be worth it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Congratulations, Joel!  
I hear you picked  
up some  
reward  
money!

That's  
why we're  
here,  
Mister  
Corky!

We  
been  
thinkin'!

We ain't  
sure the  
reward is  
rightly  
ours!

A deal  
is a  
deal,  
Joel!  
I gave  
you the  
shack!

You  
don't owe  
me a  
thing!

We figgered you'd  
be too proud to  
take money! That's  
why we done what  
we did!

Tell him  
what we  
done, Joel!

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Diner

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

You earned the \$500 reward, Joel! You don't owe me anything!

We feels beholden, Mister Corky!

We got you a present!

Hush up, Rufus! I'll do the talkin'!

A present? Well, thanks, but it wasn't necessary!

It's real purty! I think you're goin' to like it!

I said hush up, Rufus! We wants to surprise him! We'll have it here fust thing next week!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY



# GASOLINE ALLEY

No, Corky!  
Nobody  
has been  
here this  
morning  
at all!

I thought  
Joel and Rufus  
might have come  
by with my  
present!

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You slay me! Here you  
are about to open a new  
diner and all you think  
about is that present!

I'm just  
curious,  
Pudge!

What do you  
think it will  
be?

A disappointment!



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I had no idea your diner would be this nice, Corky! It's just perfect!

Thanks, Sis!

Yes! Very nice!

You could have shown a little more enthusiasm, Gideon!

I didn't see any reason to gush!

Everything is way out of proportion! Especially the sign!

It's at least a foot higher than ours!



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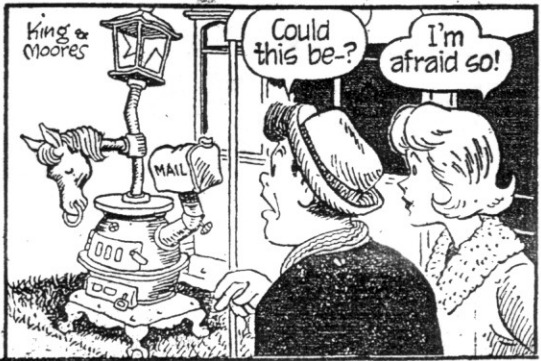
With your help, Hope, we should be ready to open the diner by Monday!

Phyllis offered to keep the twins for a week, if necessary!

Corky! In front of the diner!

Oh, no!

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Could this be-?

I'm afraid so!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Joel and Rufus left it here this morning, Corky!

Did they say what it's supposed to be, Pudge?

A combination trash can, light, mailbox and hitching post!

It grows on me! The more I look at it, the more I hate it!

They put a lot of work on it, Corky! They're just trying to be nice!

Why did they have to pick me to be nice to?



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The Change Station

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Give me a hand, Pudge! We're going to move this thing out back before somebody tries to shoot it!



It won't be easy, Corky!

What in--? It can't be this heavy!



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It's set in cement! Joel said he wanted to be sure it wouldn't blow over!

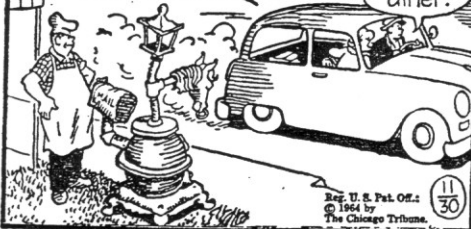




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Joel and Rufus meant well, Corky! Don't do anything rash!

Hope, I'm not going to have that monstrosity in front of my new diner!

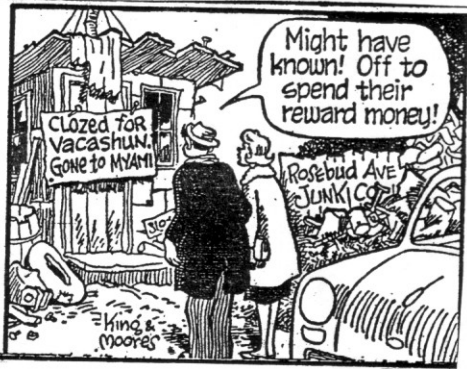
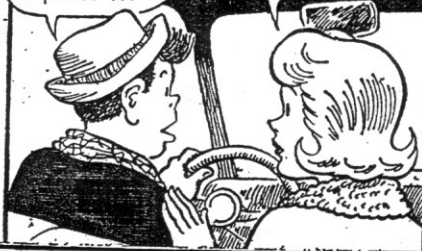


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They planted it there! They can come and unplant it!

Just try to be diplomatic! Don't hurt their feelings!



Might have known! Off to spend their reward money!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Are you going to leave Joel's monster here, Corky? We open tomorrow!

Joel and Rufus have gone to Miami! And the lowest bid for hauling it away is \$20!

If the silly, ugly thing would just stop grinning at me!

OH!

Easy, Cork! Don't let it get you down!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

It's time to close, Corky!

How did we do for opening day?

Not bad, but not good!

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We had a lot of customers but they didn't eat much!

I think they all lost their appetites when they came by Joel's monster out there!

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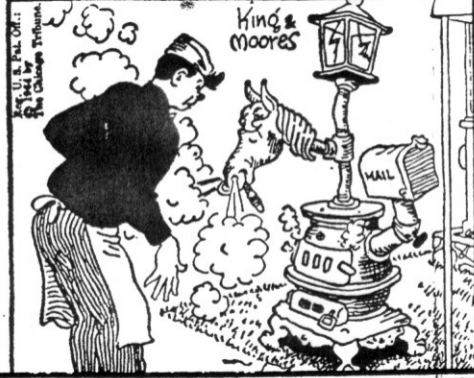
Some kids are fooling around with the monster, Corky!

Oh, my gosh! They've built a fire in it!

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Hey! Get away from there!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY



The kids again?

They did it last night! We've got to get rid of it, Corky!

I just hate to pay \$20 to have it hauled away, Pudge!

There must be somebody who'd do it for less!

Good morning, Mr. Wicket! Got any odd jobs around the place? I need money for Christmas!

Well, if it isn't good old Slim!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

So you'd like to pick up a little Christmas money-right, Slim?

Yes, sir! I sure would!

Are you pretty strong, Slim?

I was first string guard on the scrub team this year!

Say! Feel that muscle!

It's mostly fat, but it's good solid fat!

Looks like our man, Corky!

Slim, you are about to make a quick ten bucks!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Is that all I have to do to get the ten bucks?



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That's all, Slim! I don't care what you do with it! Just get it away from here!

I'll do it right after school! Okay?



Fine! Just so it's gone by tonight!

Don't worry, Mr. Wallet! Thanks a lot!



I really should have told him about it being set in three feet of cement!



Let him dream awhile!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

This won't take long, will it, Slim? I can only have Dad's truck for an hour!



Won't take ten minutes, Fenwick!

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Gosh! Is that all we have to do-haul this thing away?



I told you it would be the easiest ten-spot we ever made!

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Easy, he says! Oh, brother!



Watch their faces when they find out it's set in cement!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Wait Fenwick! It

Good idea

Keep coming!

Look out!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

This should be good, Corky! They're about to try to lift it!

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Wait, Fenwick! It looks heavy! Let's back the truck a little closer!

Good idea, Slim!



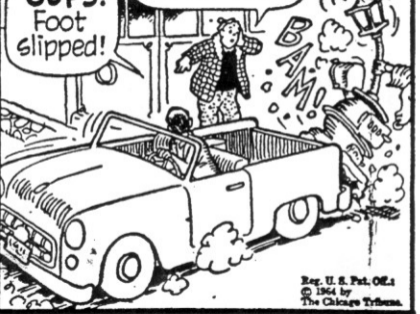
Keep coming! Easy now!



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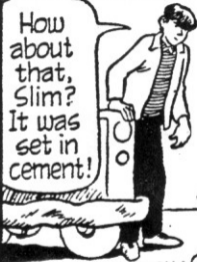
Look out!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

How about that, Slim? It was set in cement!



Lucky you hit it with the truck, Fenwick! We'da' been all night getting it out!



Loaded and ready to go, Mr. Wallet!

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I see it is!

Took them exactly five minutes! That figures out to two dollars a minute!

You can't win 'em all, boss!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Where do we take it, Slim—to the dump?

Gosh, Fenwick, we can't take it back there! Joel gave it to Mr. Wallet as a present!

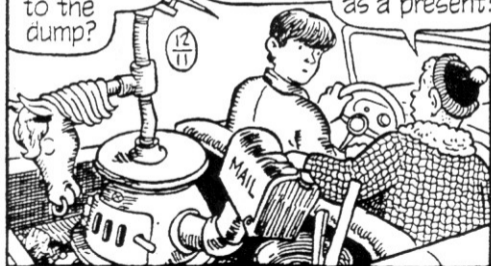
I guess you're right, but where else is there?

Out in the country maybe?

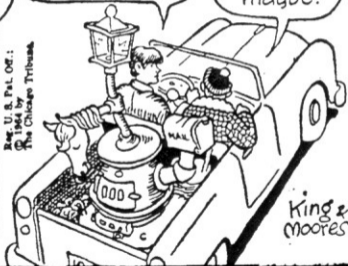
There isn't time! I should have Dad's truck back to him right now!

We've got to unload this thing someplace!

Hey! There's Clovia!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Where are you going with that thing, fellows?

We don't know, Clovia.

We're supposed to haul it away, but there's no place to haul it!

And if I don't have Dad's truck back to him pretty soon, I'm sunk!

You could put it in our garage—for a few days!

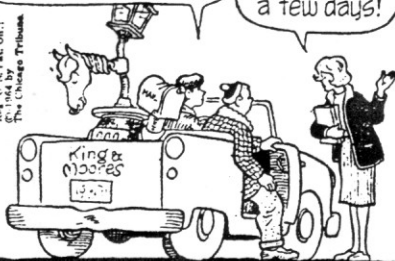
Are you sure your folks won't mind?

There's so much junk in there now—one more thing isn't going to matter!

You're a lifesaver, Clovia!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

You're a real pal, Clovia, letting us put this thing in your folk's garage!

Pop won't even notice it with all the other junk!

We'll come back and get it later after we think of a better place to put it!

Slim and Fenwick! Am I glad to see you!

Would you boys take this box out of my car and put it in the garage? I don't think I can lift it!

Gee! Sure thing, Mrs. Wallet!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

What is it, Mom—a Christmas present?

Don't get excited, Clovia! It's not for you!

Good heavens! What's this?

The fellows didn't have any place to put it!

It's only for a few days, Mrs. Wallet!

All right, but put something over it! I can't stand to look at it! Here, use this old Christmas paper!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Did you have any trouble getting my present for Walt into the garage, Nina?



Slim and Fenwick were here, Phyllis! They carried it in!

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It's under these things! I'm sure Walt will never find it here!



What's this? Something you got Skee-zix for Christmas!



Heavens no! It's an old piece of junk the boys are storing here! I made them cover it up so I wouldn't have to look at it!



Oh.



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I wanted to see Skeezi, but nobody seems to be home!

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I'll take a look around back! He may be in the garage!



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Oh, my! What's this?



Must be a gag Christmas present Skeezi has rigged up! Pity the poor unfortunate soul who gets this!





**GASOLINE ALLEY**

Yes, Judy!  
I finally found the  
perfect present for  
Walt!

It's something different—  
really unique! It's too big  
and bulky to hide in the  
house—

—so I'm having Nina and  
Skeezix keep it in their  
garage until Christmas!



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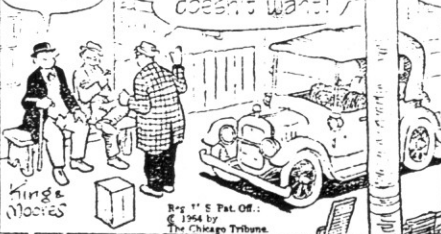
Are you ready for Santa Claus, Walt? Only five more shopping days till Christmas!

Don't mention Christmas to me, Doc!



My! My! Scrooge himself!

It's an archaic custom whereby a man gives his wife money so she can buy him something he doesn't want!



What sours you up?

I've seen my present from Phyllis! She's dug up some dillies in the past, but, brother, this year she really hit rock bottom!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Skeezix and Nina are out!  
Nobody saw us come in!

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Is this your present, Walt?

Did you ever see anything so awful in your life?

I like it!

It's got something!

What? It's a pile of junk and you know it!

In an odd sort of way it's almost beautiful!

A real work of art!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Phyllis, we're not kids anymore! Isn't this idea of us exchanging surprise presents kind of silly?

You're not going to worm any information out of me, Walt!

You'll have to wait till Christmas, but you're going to love your present! It's the nicest thing I ever bought for you!

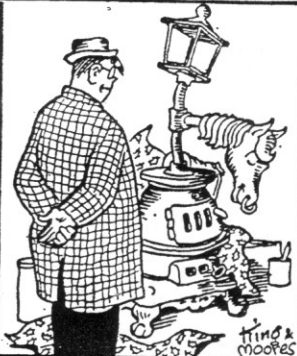
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Phyllis is ecstatic about it! Doc says it's a work of art! Avery thinks it's beautiful! How come I can't stand it?

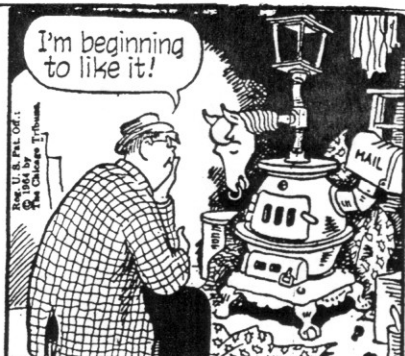
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# GASOLINE ALLEY

I feel like a fool sneaking into Skeeze's garage like this but I've got to take another look!



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I'm beginning to like it!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Why didn't I see it before?  
Phyllis and Doc and Avery  
were right!

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It's beautiful!  
A work  
of art!



I can hardly wait  
till tomorrow!



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I'll put it here by the walk! A  
friendly light by night-topped by snow  
in winter-a place to burn my leaves  
in the fall!



# GASOLINE ALLEY

Don't you like your present, Walt? You look disappointed!

Not at all, Phyllis! I love it! I've always wanted an umbrella stand made out of an elephant's foot!

Are you sure this is for me? There's no mistake?

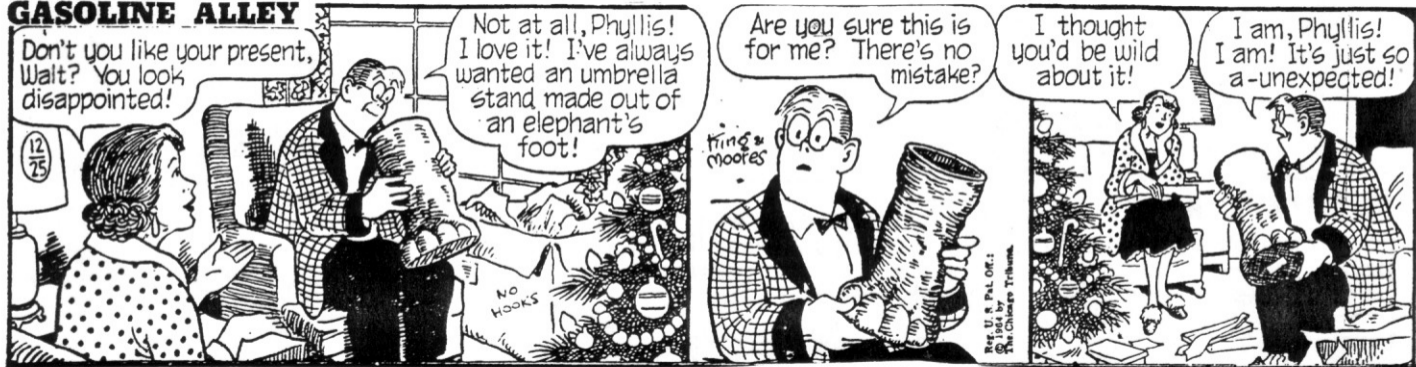
I thought you'd be wild about it!

I am, Phyllis! I am! It's just so a-unexpected!

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# GASOLINE ALLEY

You know, Phyllis, I happened to look into Skeeze's garage last week and there was a big-

You mean the thing wrapped in Christmas paper?

Yes! Whose present was that, I wonder!

That wasn't a present, Walt! It was an old piece of junk Fenwick and Slim dug up someplace!

Junk? How can you say that? It was beautiful! A work of art!

Maybe so, but the boys were just storing it there until they could find a place to dump it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Was that  
Walt who  
just drove  
in, Clovia?



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Yes, Mom!  
He went  
around  
back, and  
boy, was  
he in a  
hurry!

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I  
knew  
it!  
Gone!

Can I help you,  
Grandpop?

The pot-bellied lamp,  
Clovia-I mean the  
hitching stove-  
the thing  
that was  
here?

That? Slim and  
Fenwick came and  
hailed it away not  
ten minutes ago!

# GASOLINE ALLEY

Slim and Fenwick left here with the thing about ten minutes ago, Grandpop!

Do you have any idea where they took it, Clovia?

Slim said something about dumping it in the river down by the old bridge!

Get your coat, Clovia! I may need you!

What's the excitement? It's just an old piece of junk!

Clovia, when you are older and your sense of values has matured, you will realize that some things that appear to be junk are really works of art!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

There they are, Grandpop!

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Oh, no!

When I count to three, Slim-shove!

On, boy! It'll bust into a jillion pieces!

One... two...

Slim! Fenwick! Stop! No! No! Don't do it!



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# GASOLINE ALLEY

Gee whiz, Mr. Wallet! Your son Corky paid us ten bucks to ditch this thing!

I'm paying you another five to haul it back to my place!

Bring it right over here, boys!

Oh, no, you don't!

You'll get to like it, Phyllis! It grows on you!

It can grow on me in the back alley where it belongs!

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