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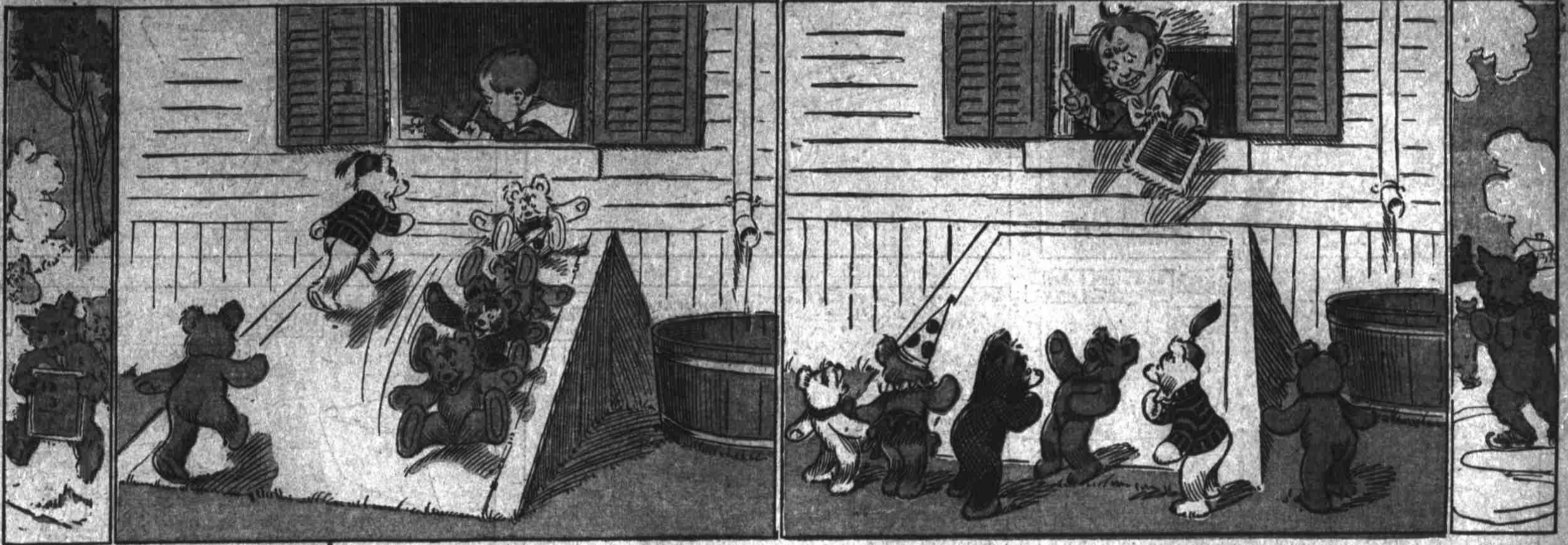
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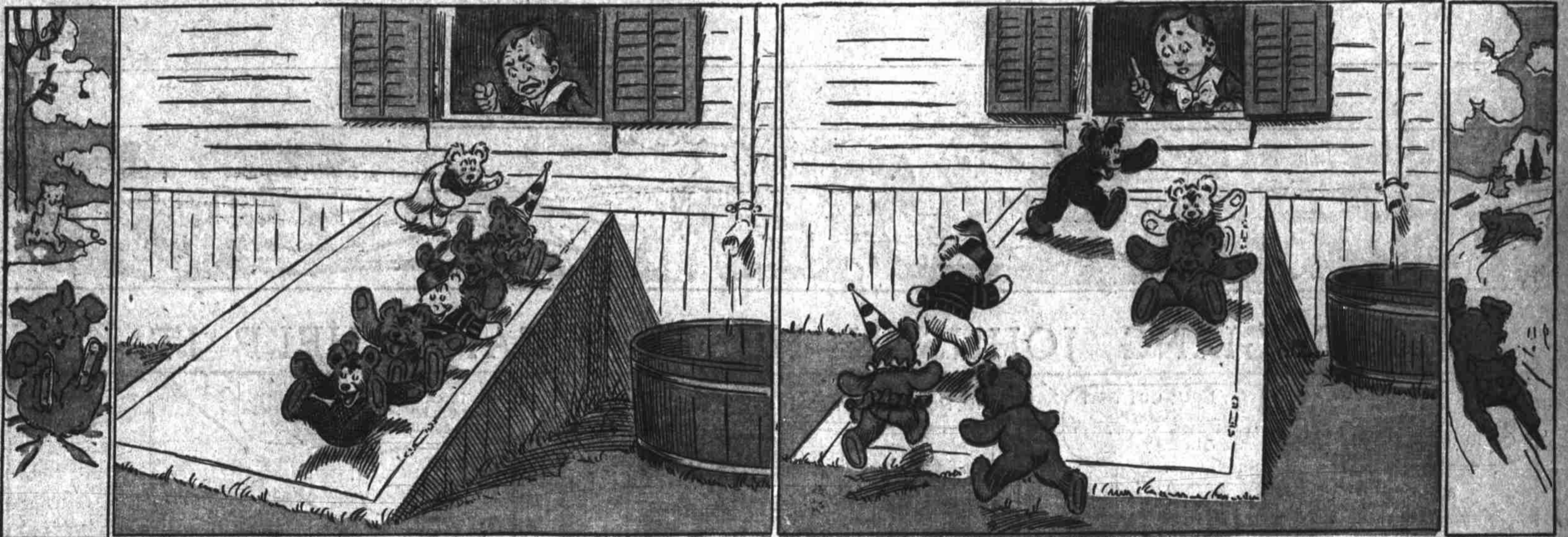
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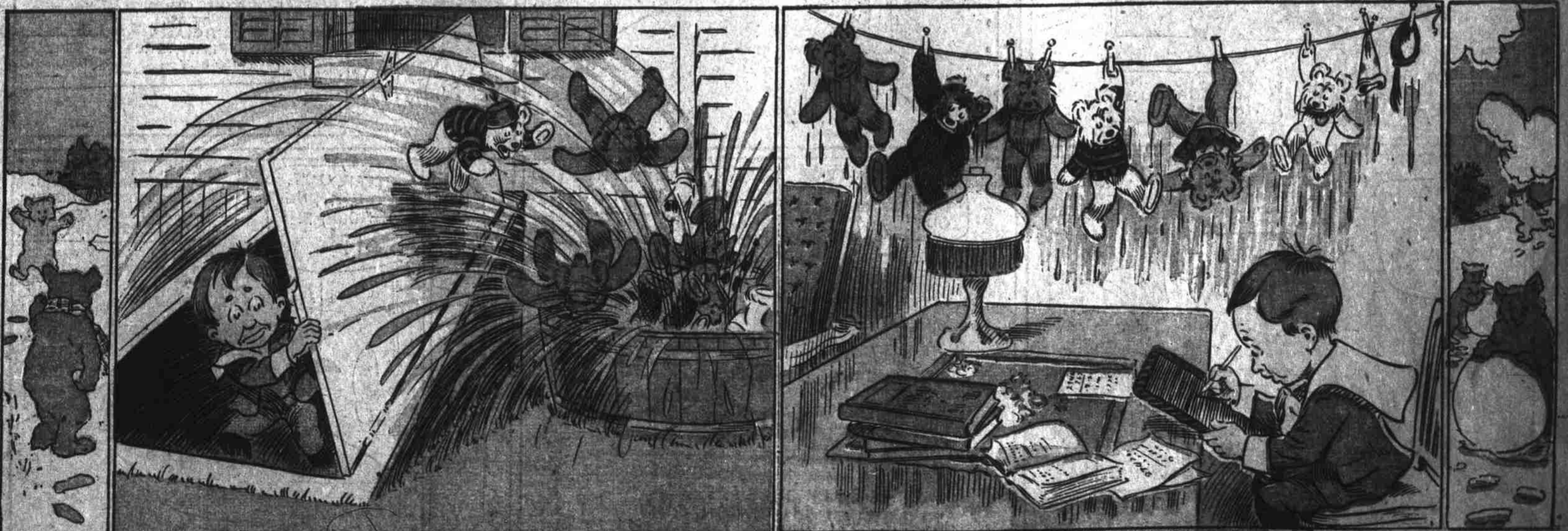
1. The bears make such a wild uproar
A-sliding down the cellar-door
That Johnny tries in vain to stick
To work on his arithmetic.

2. It does no good to scold and say,
"Please go some other place and play."
They laugh and shout and carry on,
And think the joke is all on John.



3. It really was a great to-do:
He couldn't add up two and two.
No sympathy the Teddies feel;
They only play with greater zeal.

4. Said John, "Though I don't want to shirk,
Those scamps won't let me do my work.
I'll show 'em I can work a trick
Instead of my arithmetic."



5. So while the bears were hard at play
He came up through the cellar-way,
And every mischief-making cub
Was landed squarely in a tub.

6. Now Johnny makes the figures fly
While they are hanging out to dry,
And not a bear will dare to squeak
Till Johnny tells them they may speak.