

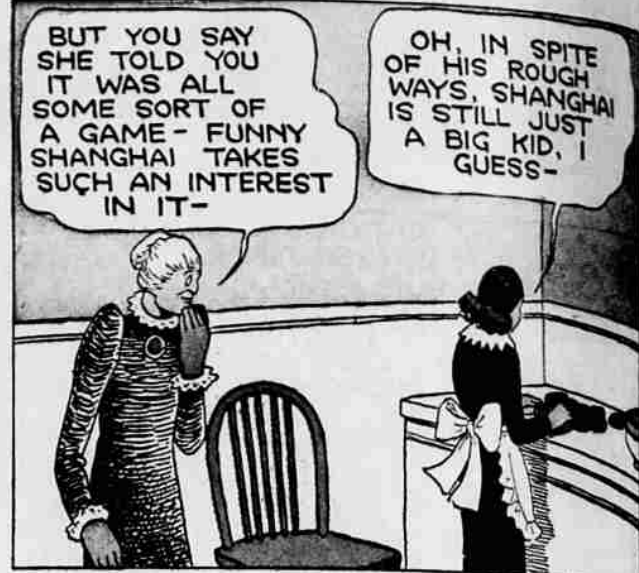
Little Orphan Annie

WEEK AGO ACE RECOUNTED AN INCIDENT IN HIS LIFE THAT, TO HIM, WAS ONLY A THIRTY-YEAR-OLD THRILL --- BUT TO SHANGHAI AND TO ANNIE, IT HAD THE SHOCKING POWER OF A CASE OF DYNAMITE --- YOU KNOW THE STORY TO DATE (WE HOPE) SO LET'S GO ON---



PICTURE BOOKS? WE THINK OF ANNIE AS SO GROWN UP, SOME TIMES -- BUT, AFTER ALL, SHE'S ONLY A LITTLE GIRL - WHY NOT?

OF COURSE - THE ONLY PECULIAR PART IS, IT'S ALL MADE UP OF CUT-OUTS FROM NEWS-PAPERS OF JUST PEOPLE'S FACES -



BUT YOU SAY SHE TOLD YOU IT WAS ALL SOME SORT OF A GAME - FUNNY SHANGHAI TAKES SUCH AN INTEREST IN IT -

OH, IN SPITE OF HIS ROUGH WAYS, SHANGHAI IS STILL JUST A BIG KID, I GUESS -



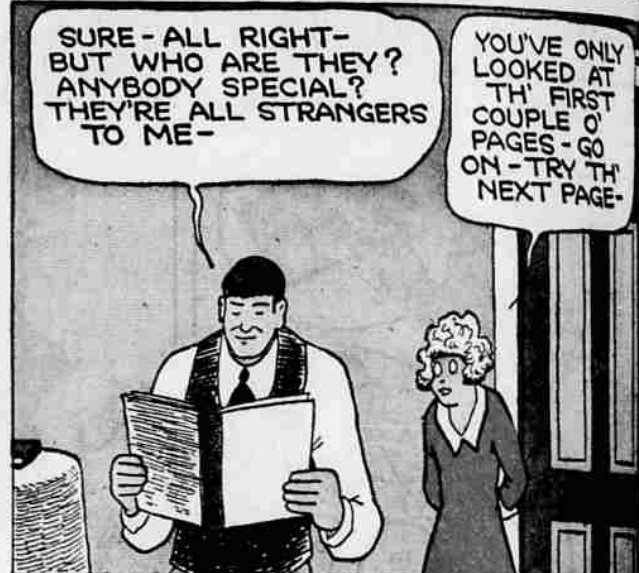
PICTURE BOOK? MADE IT YOURSELF, EH? PICTURES FROM NEWS PAPERS - WHAT WAS THE IDEA?

OH, IT'S SORT OF A GAME - YOU LOOK IT OVER AND SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS -



HA! HA! 'FRAID NOT, ANNIE - I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT GAMES -

OH, YOU'LL FIGGER IT TH' PITCHERS - LOOK AT EACH ONE, CAREFULLY -



SURE - ALL RIGHT - BUT WHO ARE THEY? ANYBODY SPECIAL? THEY'RE ALL STRANGERS TO ME -

YOU'VE ONLY LOOKED AT TH' FIRST COUPLE O' PAGES - GO ON - TRY TH' NEXT PAGE -



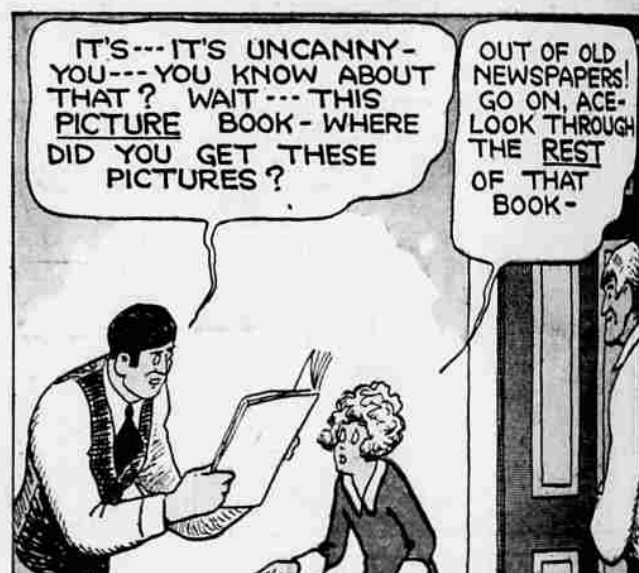
O. K. --- MORE PICTURES --- JUST PEOPLE'S FACES --- I --- WAIT A SECOND! THAT --- THAT --- THAT FACE!

YEAH? I SEE IT - WHAT ABOUT IT? KNOW HIM?



KNOW HIM! THAT'S ONE OF THE MEN I SAW THAT NIGHT IN 1908 - THE ONE WHO WAS HIRED TO KILL A MAN -

YES - AND THE SAME MAN WHO WAS EXECUTED FOR HIS CRIME LATER - GO ON, ACE -



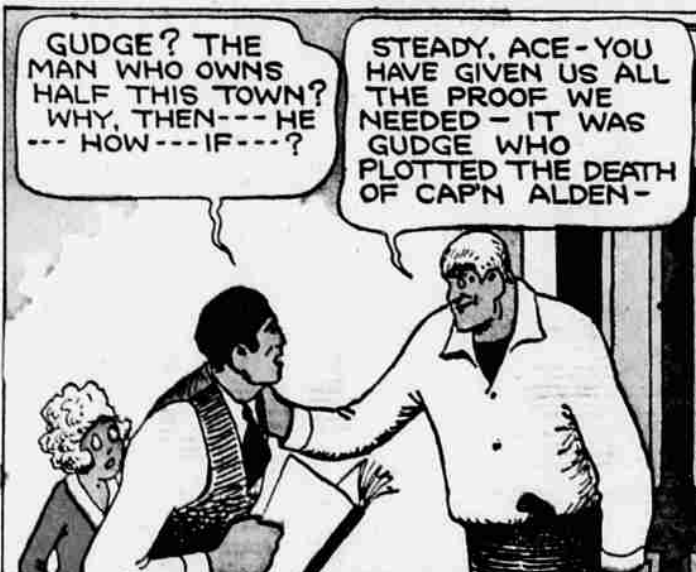
IT'S --- IT'S UNCANNY - YOU --- YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT? WAIT --- THIS PICTURE BOOK - WHERE DID YOU GET THESE PICTURES?

OUT OF OLD NEWS-PAPERS! GO ON, ACE - LOOK THROUGH THE REST OF THAT BOOK -



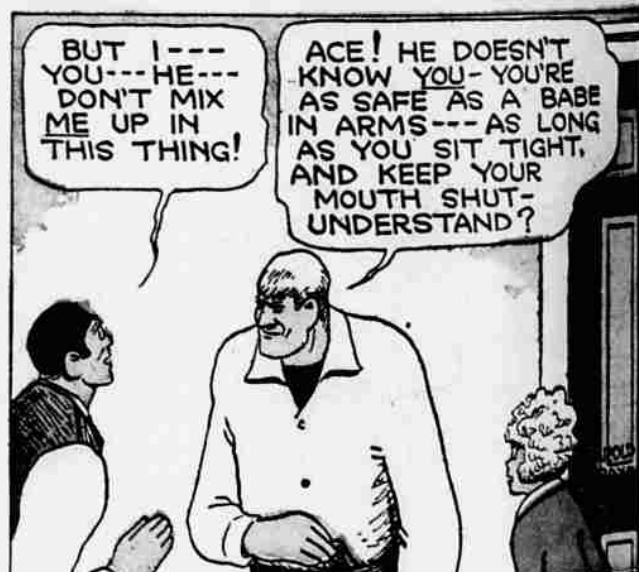
NO --- NOBODY I KNOW THERE --- NOR THERE --- WAIT! THERE! THE MAN WHO GAVE THE ORDERS THAT NIGHT -

SHANGHAI! LOOK - HE'S POINTING TO HIS PICTURE - IT'S AN OLD PICTURE O' URIAH GUDGE!



GUDGE? THE MAN WHO OWNS HALF THIS TOWN? WHY, THEN --- HE --- HOW --- IF ---?

STEADY, ACE - YOU HAVE GIVEN US ALL THE PROOF WE NEEDED - IT WAS GUDGE WHO PLOTTED THE DEATH OF CAPN ALDEN -



BUT I --- HE --- YOU --- HE --- DON'T MIX ME UP IN THIS THING!

ACE! HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU - YOU'RE AS SAFE AS A BABE IN ARMS --- AS LONG AS YOU SIT TIGHT, AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT - UNDERSTAND?

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Maw Green



OH-OH! HERE COMES A TOUCH-



PLEASE, LADY - COULD YOU HELP ME OUT WITH A DIME FER A CUP O' COFFEE?



HM-M-M NOW WHAT TH'--? I MUSTA LEFT ME CHANGE PURSE AT HOME -



SORRY, ME FRIEND - OI HAVEN'T A CENT O' MONEY - BUT OI CAN GIVE YOU SOME MIGHTY GOOD ADVICE -



YOU'RE BROKE? AND YOU'LL GIVE ADVICE? TH' SAME KIND YOU'VE BEEN TAKIN' MAYBE? NIX, LADY! TANKS JUST TH' SAME -

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HAROLD GRAY