



LIL ABNER

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FEARLESS FOSDICK, WHO IS MAH IDEEL, AN' TH' IDEEL O' ALL 100 PERCENT, RED-BLOODED AMERICAN BOYS, BIN TOLD BY TH' PHONEY-GRAFT RECORD THET ELMER SCHLMPF MADE, BEFORE HE DIED-THET—



ONE CAN OF OLD FAITHFUL BRAND BAKED BEANS IS CHOCK-FULL O' POISON, AN' IS LOOSE IN TH' CITY!!



OH, HOW KIN FOSDICK PREVENT THIS MASSACRE?

BEARLESS FOSDICK col. f. stea. 6 courts.

DESCRIBE THE POISONED CAN, YOU MURDEROUS RAT!!— HOW CAN I PROTECT OUR INNOCENT CITIZENS FROM THOSE DEATH-DEALING BEANS?



SO YOU WON'T TALK, EH? ALTHOUGH I DEPLORE SUCH METHODS, THERE ARE WAYS OF MAKING PHONOGRAPH RECORDS "SING"!!



THAT STUBBORN RECORD!! JUST WHEN I HAD RESTORED LAW AND ORDER TO OUR CITY!!



CHIEF!! THERE'S A MASS MURDERER AT LARGE.



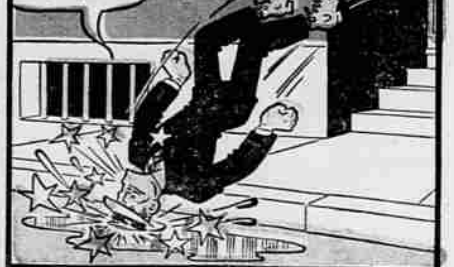
OLD FAITHFUL. YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN, FOSDICK!! THAT'S A FINE, RELIABLE BRAND— HEY!!— WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?



YOU'VE SPRUNG A BOLT, ONCE MORE, FOSDICK!!— BETTER PUT EXTRA PADDING IN YOUR HAT— IT'S NOT GIVING YOU ENOUGH PROTECTION FROM THE SUN!! A CAN OF BEANS, INDEED!! GET OUT OF HERE!!



HMM— I WONDER IF THE CHIEF HAS LOST CONFIDENCE IN ME—



STILL, IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT OUR HELPLESS CITIZENS FROM THE FATAL BEANS— ??— WHAT'S THAT?



MY FIRST PAY CHECK IN MONTHS, DEAR!!— TONIGHT WE EAT BEANS!!

HA!!— I DESTROYED THE BEANS— AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!! SOMETHING TERRIBLE MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, IF THAT HAD TURNED OUT TO BE THE POISONED CAN!!



SEE, DAISY MAE!! FOSDICK IS ON TH' JOB!!— NOBODY IS GONNA DIE FUM NO POISONED BEANS WHILE HE'S AROUND!!



NATCHERLY!!— THEY DON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH!!

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