

LIL ABNER

by AL CAPP

YORE AUNT BESSIE'S BIN A WIDDER NEARLY A WEEK NOW.

CHUCKLE?—SHE'LL BE INKAGED TO ANOTHER RICH OLE COOT ANY MINUTE NOW! THASS WHAT AH LIKES 'BOUT SASSIETY!! ALLUS SOMETHIN' DOIN'!!

THE SCENE SHIFTS TO PARK AVENUE.

YOU, CRAWLEY VAN GROPE? NOT WORTHY OF POOR LITTLE ME?

YOU'VE BEEN NEW YORK'S MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR, FOR 49 YEARS!!

BUT—WAKE UP—FOR 49 YEARS I'VE BEEN BLACKBALLED BY 'THE GOURMETS CLUB'!!

—AND NO ONE MAY APPLY MORE THAN 50 YEARS IN-A-ROW!!—IT'S A STRICT RULE—

IF I AM ACCEPTED TODAY— I'LL CONSIDER MYSELF WORTHY OF YOU—IF I'M BLACKBALLED AGAIN— I'LL SINK TO THE LOWEST DEPTHS!!

I'LL MARRY TIGERINA, STAR OF THE JUNGLE CLUB. SHE TANGOS WITH TIGERS!!

YOU MUST BE SAVED FROM TIGERINA!!— SHE'S SO ABSURDLY YOUNG!!—SO RIDICULOUSLY BEAUTIFUL!!— IN OTHER WORDS—SHE'S COMMON!!—

GET AWAY!!—IF A MEMBER SEES— THAT— HE'LL HAVE AN ATTACK!!—

(—THE GOURMETS CLUB— WHAT A GALLANT GROUP!!—)

(—MEN WHO HAVE MADE CAREERS OF EATING!!— MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN UP WORK, FAMILY, FRIENDS— TO GORGE AND SLOBBER OVER THE WORLD'S FINEST FOODS!!— I MUST BE ONE OF THEM!!—)

HAPPY!!— THE VAN GROPE BOY AGAIN!! I'LL ANNOUNCE YOU!

CRAWLEY VAN GROPE, APPLYING FOR THE FIFTIETH AND— NEXT— LAST TIME!!—

WE'VE DECIDED THE DISH YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS YEAR IS— ROAST RUMP OF WARBLING RHINOCEROS— WITH ECSTASY SAUCE!!

BUT—GENTLEMEN!!— ECSTASY SAUCE CAN ONLY BE MADE BY BOILING ONE HAMMUS ALABAMUS ALIVE, FOR HOURS AND HOURS, UNTIL IT IS REDUCED TO ONE HEAVENLY DROP!!

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POP JENKS SAYS TH' REASON FOR SO MANY DIVORCES IS THAT MEN ARE TOO CARELESS ABOUT PICKING WIVES!

MEBBE HE'S RIGHT!

HECK, YMEET A GAL AND WHAM! SHE'S YOUR TYPE AN' YOU'RE IN LOVE!

SHO!

POP SAYS STUDY 'EM CLOSER BEFORE YOU POP TH' QUESTION!

GEE...I LOOK AT LILLUMS ALL THE TIME!

"IF A GAL TRIES TO LEAD WHEN YOU DANCE...LOOKOUT," SAYS POP... "SHE'LL DOMINATE YOU!"

DID YOU SAY "GALS WHO CUDDLE UP IN CHAIRS ARE SELF-CENTERED"—?

NO... POP SAID IT!

ALSO... "FEMS WHO SIT WITH THEIR GANGS CROSSED... ARE SELFISH!"

— AND FINALLY— "GALS WHO HAVE TH' SAME NAMES AS BOYS ARE TH' DISCONTENTED, WHINING TYPE"—!

AND... WOE IS ME... GUSSIE DOES ALL OF THESE THINGS!

GOSH! WHAT'LL WE DO? THERE AREN'T ANY GIRLS LEFT IN TH' WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

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