Splendid Oval Rug Woven for Theater

What is considered the world's largest oval rug was recently completed by an American company for a popular New York theater. It was a chenile rug 1 inch in thickness, 41 by 58 feet, oval in size, with one seam lengthwise in the fabric. Thirty-three hundred pounds of surface yarn were dyed and 1,300 pounds of backing spun for the rug, which, when sheared and completed, weighed over two tons. As a central ornament the rug design has the letter R, symbolizing the name of the theater manager. This letter is surrounded by motifs framed from the microphone. The central ornament is supported by four shields displaying musical instruments and motifs derived from light, the spectrum and movie reels. These are embodied in a large oval panel through which are dispersed various animal forms. The outer field is surrounded by a heavy border. The main field is woven in tones of crimson and gold, the panels in blues, taupes and complementary shades.

Must Sign Articles

A law has just come into effect in South Africa making it illegal to publish any report or comment concerning public affairs while a political campaign is going on, without the names of the writers.

Girls Marry at Twelve

In five states of the Union twelve years is the lowest age at which a girl may marry with the consent of her parents, according to Liberty. These states are Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi and Virginia.

She Hadn't Seen It

Please, ma'am," said the beggar, "I've lost my right leg."

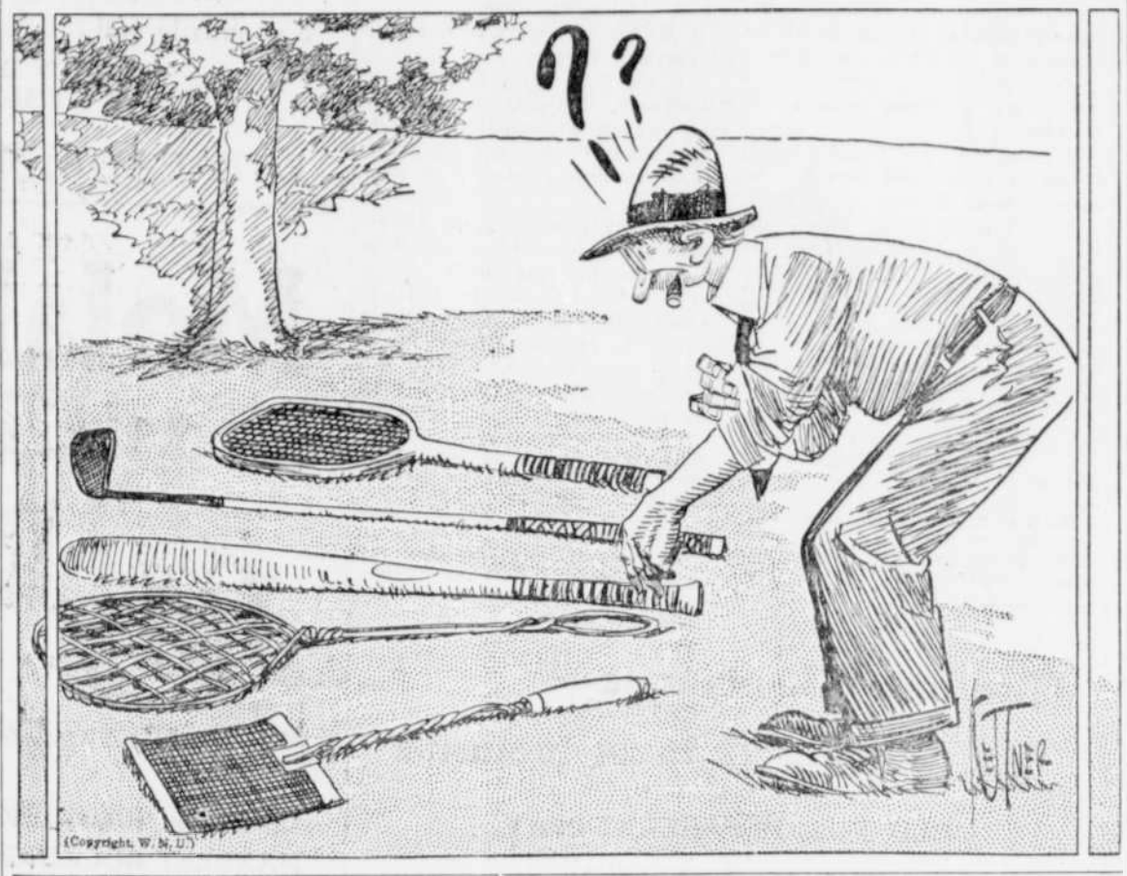
"Well, it isn't here," said the woman, slamming the door.—New York Times.

Thare ain't bad luk in the whole world to ruin enny one man, not if he will fite it out on that line.—Josh Billings.

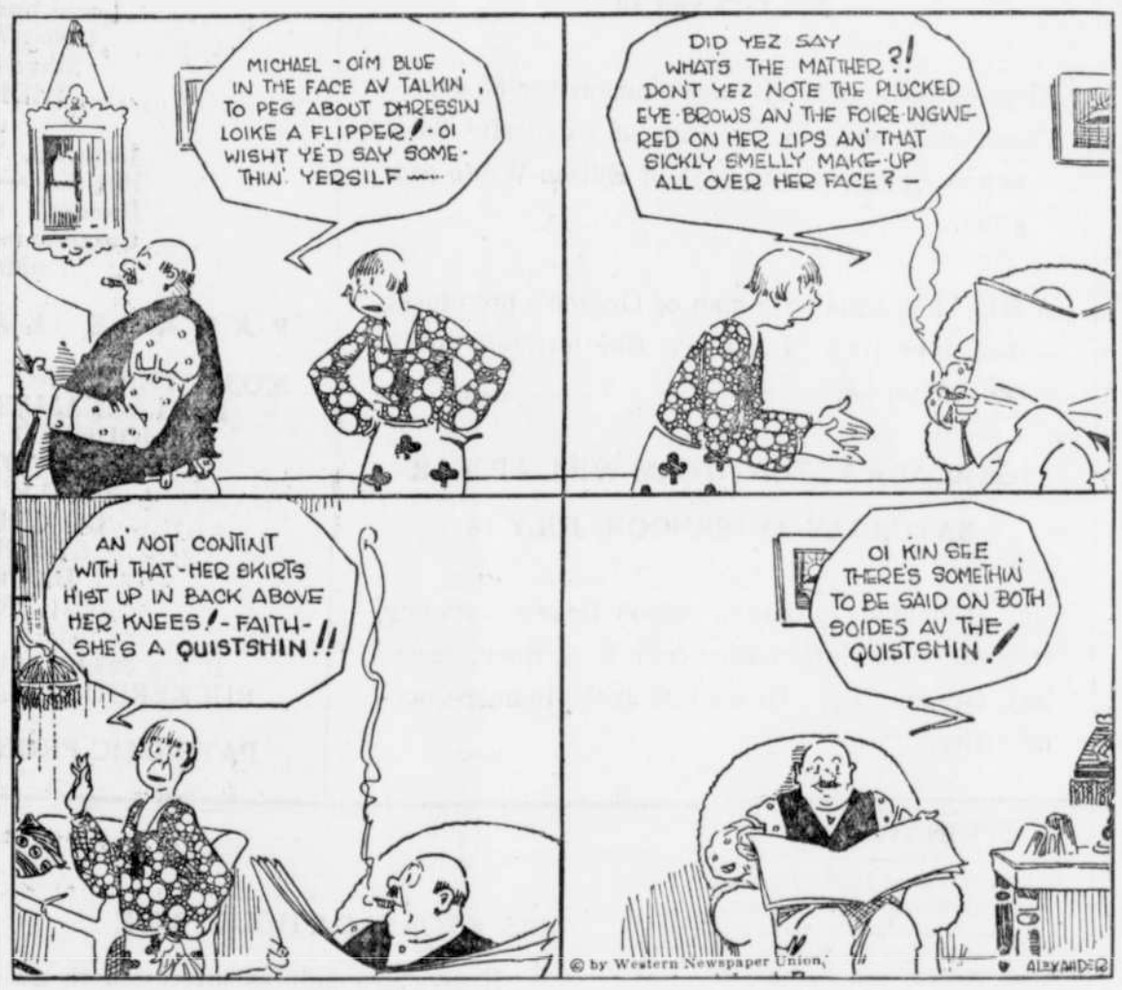
In conversation is about the only place where you hear real extemporneous speeches.

OUR COMIC SECTION

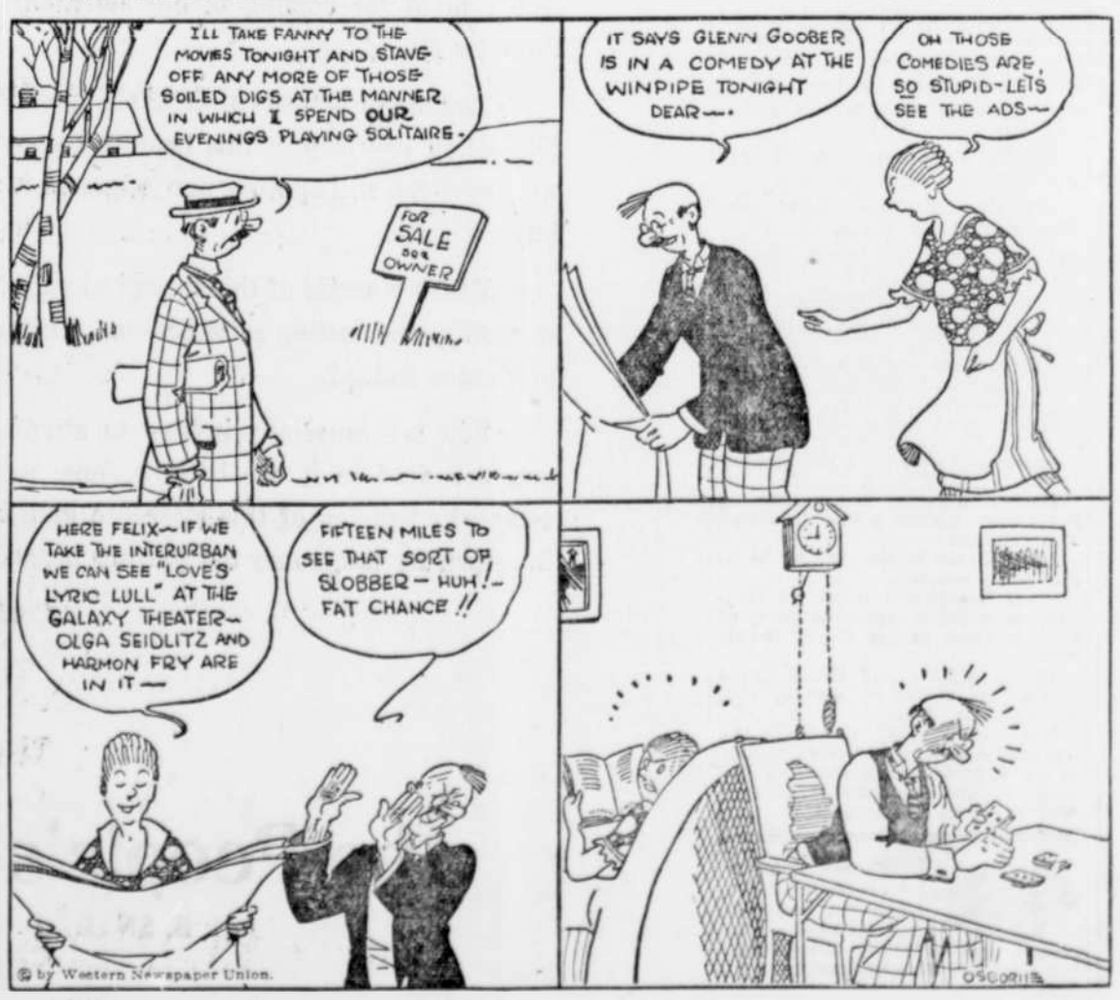
Swat Time



FINNEY OF THE FORCE — Dear, Dear Me—This Younger Set!



THE FEATHERHEADS — They Compromise



Old Coliseum Turned Into Trysting Place

The coliseum by the light of a full moon. Perhaps there are few more beautiful sights in the world. Moreover, it is a loveliness which serves more than an esthetic purpose, for this monument of all that was glorious in one of the greatest civilizations the world has known is now above all things a trysting place on moonlight nights.

Any one who walks down the Corso in Rome on a moonlight night and turns to the left past the enormous white mass of the Victor Emmanuel monument is sure to meet on his way many a couple strolling arm in arm, all in the same direction. They stop, usually, in passing the Roman forum to look for a moment or two at its fantastic ruins—like so many desolate ghosts of a vanished past—and then go on, under the high arches of the coliseum and across the arena, losing themselves finally in the friendly shadows of its protecting walls.

Here they may look across, if they care, to where the moon has lighted for them a vision of unforgetable beauty, softening the harsh outlines that centuries of time have hewn out of its once perfect symmetry.

Parties of Americans come by, with this guide, who points up to where the tiers of seats rose high in the air; where vestal virgins sat to enjoy the slaughter of gladiators and the martydrom of hundreds of Christians; where the emperors marched proudly to their box amid the wild acclamation of the multitude, only to pass on, leaving some dim memory.

As the tourists go the guide can still be heard for a moment or two: "Here were the dungeons in which Christian martyrs were kept. Here the cells where wild beasts were starved three days that they might be famished when let loose." And here now where the gentle breeze seems freighted with the sighs of unhappy phantoms come back to haunt again the scene of their martyrdom or triumph, 2,000 years later, Jack and Jill sit together in the light of the moon.

California Leads

California produces more electricity by the use of water power than any other state. New York is second, Washington third, Montana fourth, Alabama fifth and Wisconsin sixth.

Gladstone Dock Largest

The new Gladstone dock at Liverpool cost between $35,000,000 and $40,000,000 and is the largest in the world.

It is a self-sufficient and lonesome mind that thinks it can get along without religion.

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Sugar Be Praised

Dr. Woods Hutchinson finds health in the sugar bowl habit. Pitying our forefathers, he says they obtained their carbohydrates, not in granulated sweetness, but in cannon-ball dumplings, loaded with chunks of fat, spices and sour prunes, which they called plum pudding. Small wonder, he says, those dumpling-eating pioneers awoke with a head like a concertina, and a mouth like a lime kiln.

Russia's "Sunday College"

Russia's first "Sunday university" for peasants has just opened in the town of Gorky, in White Russia, writes the Moscow correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. The Sunday university is an established institution in the Russian cities and might be compared with university extension courses in America. Its purpose is to give broader education to wage earners who are unable to carry on their studies on week days. The peasant university will offer a two-year course of instruction and will specialize in agricultural subjects.

Many a woman studies her glass t the neglect of her heart.

Let 'Em Rip

"How do you tune these jazz instruments?"

"You don't."

Take a day off occasionally and your years will accumulate more slowly.

Pa Knows All

"Pop, what's a philosopher?"

"A chap who's too hard up to worry about it, son."

There are still many ministers who practice what they preach.