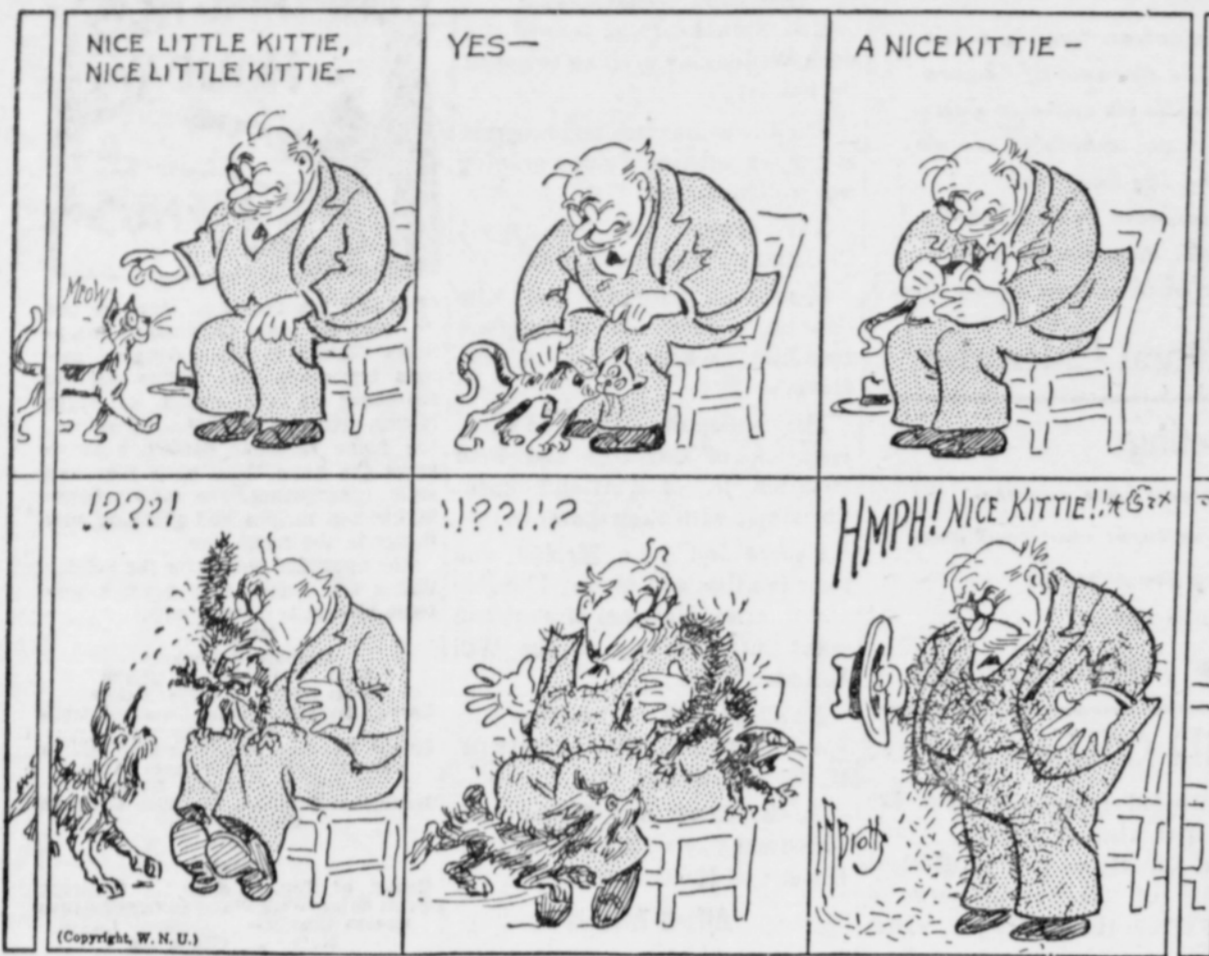
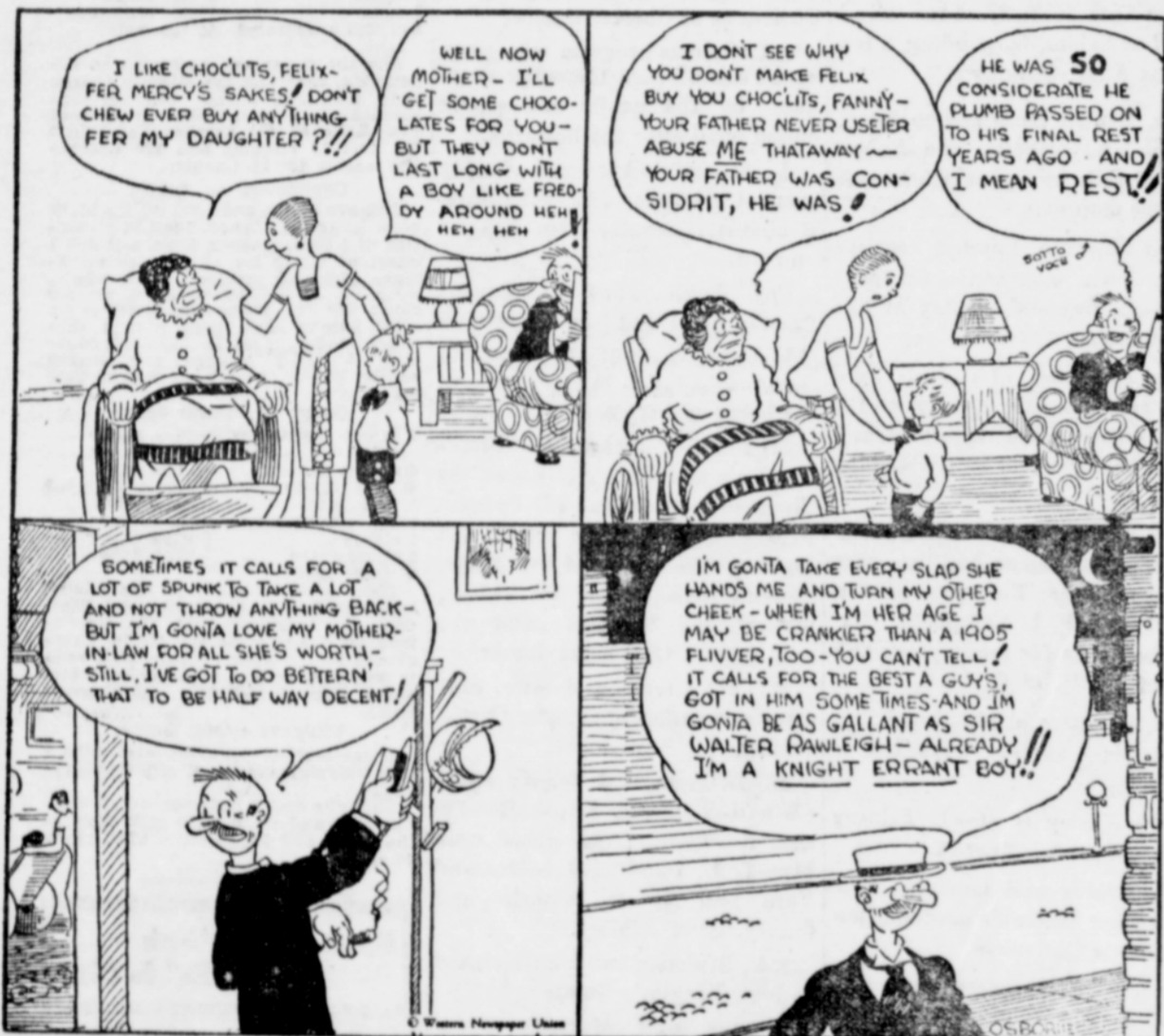


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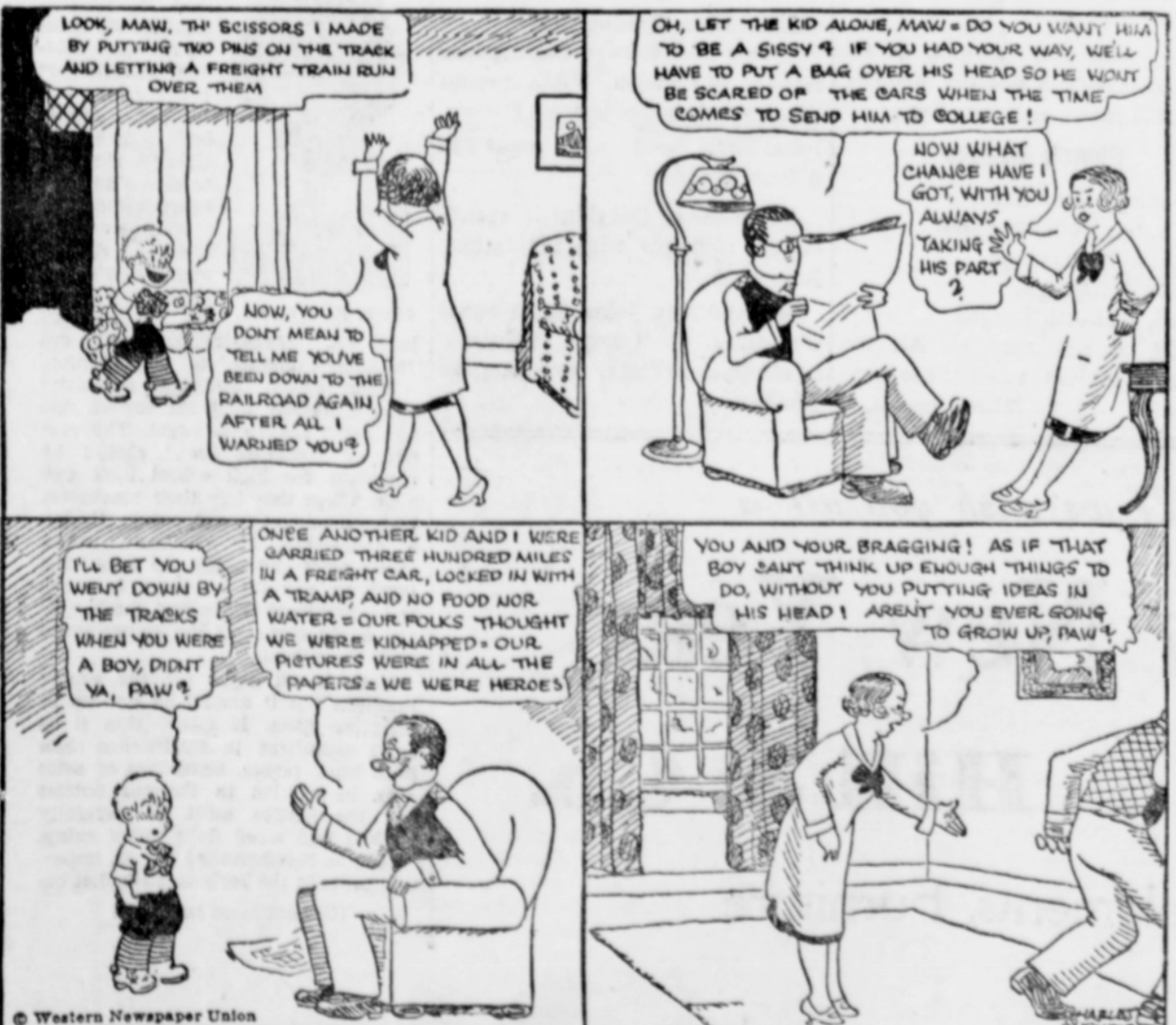
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DAIRY FACTS

DAIRY HINTS FOR SEVERE WEATHER

The dairy cow is a home market for feeds produced and if she is to pay the highest prices by producing milk, she must be kept comfortable in winter. That's just the way it is and the owner who doesn't keep his milk cow warm and dry will find that she will not produce milk at a profit.

"The cow that is not kept warm by a good barn and a dry bed will use a large part of her feed for this purpose and thus reduce the amount of nutriment available for milk production," says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at the North Carolina State college. "Then, too, grain must be fed liberally on those farms where it will be necessary to use low grade roughage for legume hays."

Mr. Arey recommends that fresh, clean water of a medium temperature be given the cows during winter. Cold water chills their bodies and feed energy must then be used to warm them. The water supply must also be convenient for the cows to use. Cows forced to go long ways through mud and rain for water do not drink enough for heaviest milk production.

It is advised that an accurate feed and milk production record be kept on the cows during winter because some cows pay well for the feed consumed, while others do not. Accurate records are needed to locate the unprofitable cows. Mr. Arey states that the new year might be started in the right manner by the dairyman buying a pair of milk scales.

Another winter suggestion by Mr. Arey is to give the young heifer calves some extra feed and care during the cold months of December, January and February. A stunted heifer never makes a good cow, he states, and many dairy cows are under-sized because they were not properly fed when calves.

POULTRY

PLAN INSPECTION OF LIVE POULTRY

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Agreements establishing a live poultry inspection service in New York city have been signed by the New York Live Poultry Commission Merchants association, the Greater New York Live Poultry Chamber of Commerce, and the United States Department of Agriculture, it was announced today. The service goes into effect November 15.

The agreement is the outcome of efforts by New York poultry interests to establish better business methods in the industry. The department was asked by the trade to make a survey of conditions in the New York market, with a view to putting into effect an inspection service under government supervision.

The survey, made last August, indicated the practicability of the work to be financed by the trade, and in conjunction with compulsory inspection of all live poultry arriving at New York, under board of health regulations, the department worked out an inspection system which has been approved by the trade.

Inspectors are to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture, the poultry to be inspected for condition, and later for class, grade, and quality. Inspection certificates under the agreement are to be joint certificates of the Department of Agriculture and the two co-operating organizations.

Inspection fees are to be fixed by the secretary of agriculture, and the inspection work conducted in line with the sanitary code of the New York city board of health, as well as with the laws and regulations of the states of New York and New Jersey. The agreement is to run until June 30, 1927, unless terminated at an earlier date by mutual consent. It may be renewed, however, at expiration.

Big Production Records Possible on Small Farms

Expensive equipment and high-priced herdsmen are not always necessary for making advanced registry records with cows, according to the dairy department of the New Jersey College of Agriculture. Good cows are the first requirement for good records, and many a man does not realize how good his cows are until he gives them a chance.

Fame and fortune have come to many a small breeder because he started official testing of his herd with what equipment and means he had instead of waiting until he had everything just right. It isn't necessary to break any records to make official testing a very profitable venture. Good ordinary records make additional values that pay big dividends on the money and labor involved.

The department further points out that the small breeder has some distinct advantages in his favor. He lives closer to his cows. He knows them better and they know him. He can always rig up some place to make his test cows comfortable, and by his personal care and attention overcome many of the advantages the big breeder may have in the way of elaborate equipment and expensive herdsmen.

If the small breeder brings out a sensational producer, the credit, fame and fortune are all his and he doesn't have to divide it with anyone, except to give his wife due credit for her encouragement.

Green Feed Important for Layers in Winter

Green feed is important in the ration of hens in winter. A California bulletin tells of a request from some of their breeders for help in combating a disease which resembles roup in many respects. The station found that it was not roup for it could not be transmitted from one hen to another. Further investigation showed that the flocks were affected with a nutritional disease on account of lack of green feed in the ration.

A good many people supply this green feed by sprouting oats or by having a supply of root crops. Some could improve their ration and overcome a good deal of their trouble by making use of the shattering leaves from clover or alfalfa hay. If the shatterings, which in the majority of cases are mostly leaves, are picked up and given to the hens in the morning they will eat a lot of the leaves and smaller stems. The coarser material will make excellent scratch material in which to feed the grain portion of the ration. These shatterings make a good substitute for other green feed.

Poultry Notes

Sprout oats for the poultry flock.

The big, fat, yellow-legged hens seem to be doing anything but laying eggs.

The average egg production, the country over, is said to be 130 per hen per year.

Cod liver will help keep the poultry flock in good health and keep the eggs coming this winter.

Many eggs will stand 20 pounds pressure on the shell. The average is about fourteen or fifteen pounds.

The production of winter eggs requires care and feed which make the conditions as nearly like spring as possible. The person who feeds his hens nothing but corn, oats and wheat will be disappointed.

Hatching eggs should be not only fertile but also standard weight, clear, sound, fresh and uniform in shape and color.

Growing chickens, like all other young and growing animals, need large amounts of high-protein feed for muscle and bone building.

Breeding hens should be kept out in the sunshine as much as possible. Every time the sun shines they should be driven out, if they don't go on their own accord.

One thing for the poultryman to remember: Old hens need more feed than pullets need to produce a dozen eggs.

Best results can be obtained if the brooder house is ready, the stove in place and the heat properly regulated before the chicks arrive.

Winter seems to whet the appetites of chicken thieves; and locks are no good. One man trained a lot of hysterical Leghorns to squall lustily at any sound in the henhouse.

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