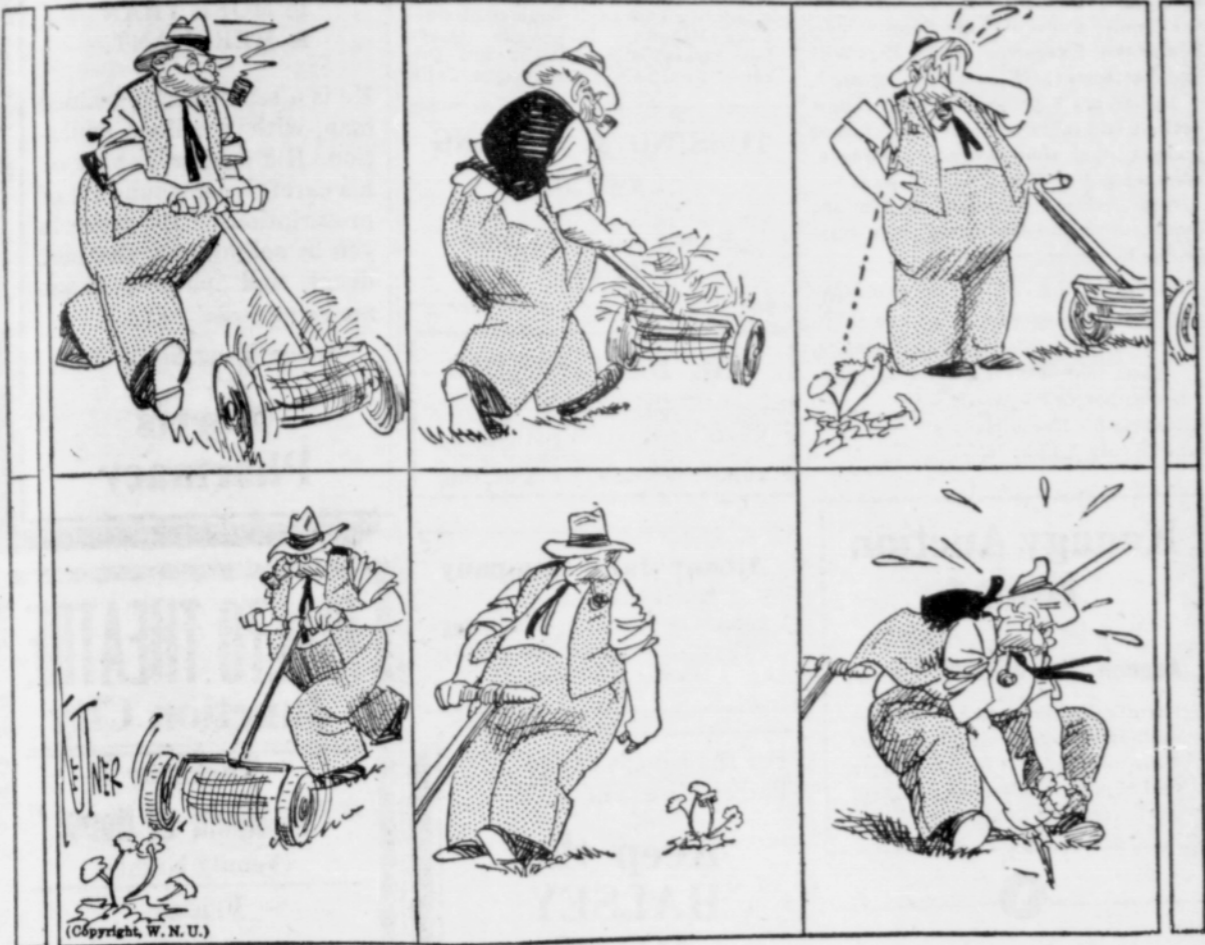


OUR COMIC SECTION

Our Pet Peeve



True American Spirit

The phrase, "Don't give up the ship" is attributed to James Lawrence, American naval officer, who commanded the Chesapeake, an American ship, in the encounter with the British ship, Shannon. Lawrence was wounded early in the encounter in the leg, but retained his post on the deck. He was mortally wounded a second time, and while being carried below, noticing that the crew was hesitant, cried, "Boys, don't surrender the vessel!"

Wealth From Waste

Aluminum, so popular for the manufacture of pots and kettles, may be superseded or find a close rival in a new metal called beryllium. Extracted from ores previously dumped away as waste, beryllium promises special value in making kitchen utensils, frames for airships and pistons for motor cars.

It is about a third lighter than aluminum yet much harder, with four times its elasticity. It resists salt water, which corrodes aluminum, and seems unaffected by liquids and fumes. Its light gray color takes on a polish like that of fine steel.

Punctuation

Time values for punctuation are given in the method of pointing known as rhetorical punctuation. Here the comma is said to indicate a pause long enough to count one, a semi-colon two, a colon three and a period four. Since readers vary in rapidity of reading and counting punctuation according to grammatical circumstance is usually followed.

House Made Famous

The location of the house in which Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence was on the south side of Market street, Philadelphia, between Seventh and Eighth streets. The house is no longer standing, but the desk upon which he wrote has been preserved and is the property of the federal government.

Places for Noses

The grindstone is no place for a man to keep his nose, but it is better there than in other folks' affairs.

Two Sorts of Work

Scientists say that four hours' hard mental work is as physically exhausting as eight hours' manual work.

Here and there a "hallelujah" in a people's letter column brightens up the "howlujahs."

While you look at what is given, look also at the giver.—Seneca.

Men and Music

Dr. Thomas Arnold of Rugby was entirely lacking in musical taste. Speaking of this defect, he says: "I can no more remedy it than I could make my mind mathematical, or than some men could enter into the deep delight with which I look at a wood anemone or wood-sorrel."

Dean Hook used to maintain that Handel's "Messiah" had turned more sinners to righteousness than had all the sermons that were ever preached.—Exchange.

Intelligence

Intelligence is an inherited characteristic which grows year by year in childhood, and is fully developed about sixteen or seventeen, after which you may cultivate the mind through study and experience; but not by the measure of a brain cell can you increase your "intelligence." Many grown-ups, and some of them successful as the world counts success, if tested scientifically, would find that their "intelligence" was no more than that of their schoolboy son of twelve.—Glasgow Herald.

Damascus Is Oldest

The oldest city in the world still in existence is Damascus. It is probable that there are ruins of other cities antedating Damascus. Excavations in Central America indicate that some of the oldest cities in the world may originally have stood in these countries. This has not yet been definitely established.

Shakespeare's "Borrowing"

The famous biographies by Plutarch (46-120 A. D.) were of undoubted service to Shakespeare in writing his historical plays, "Julius Caesar," "Anthony and Cleopatra," "Coriolanus" and others. Plutarch spent most of his life writing his "Lives" of Greek and Roman celebrities.

Aerial Teas for London

A leading London aviation service has just started the idea of aerial tea parties, and will hold the events every Friday afternoon throughout the summer. In a 21-seater plane the passengers will be able to view the city while sipping their cooling.

All-Day Rainbow

A rainbow sometimes may be seen all day long in a cloudless sky in Siberia. It is said to be due to reflection of the sun on fine particles of snow in the air.

Axiomatic

The margin of safety grows less as the margin of profit grows more.—Buffalo News.

Animal or What?

Julia had been invited to accompany her grandparents to the zoo. When preparing for the trip Junior, Julia's younger brother, asked where his sister was going. His mother told him that Julia's grandmother and grandfather were going to take her to the zoo. Junior asked his mother whether that was not the place where they kept animals. Being assured that it was, he said: "Why are they taking her there? Is she going to turn into an animal or what?"

Hysteria Hits Dogs

Hysteria, or what is known as "fright disease" in some southern states of this country, has attacked valuable racing greyhounds of England. On one day four were ill at the Burnley track, and three at Salford. According to Maj. F. Hopkins, official veterinary surgeon to the Greyhound Racing association, the complaint is now to England, and is believed to have been imported from the United States. It comes to a dog without warning, and the animal goes off "into the blue," cries wildly and becomes uncontrollable.

Manner of Doing It

Whatever we are, high or lowly, learned or unlearned, married or single, in a full house or dwelling in quietness, we have our daily round of work, our duties of affection, obedience, love, mercy, industry, and the like; and that which makes one man differ from another is not so much what things he does, as his manner of doing them.—Cardinal Manning.

Recovering

"Oh I'm coming along, thank ye," cheerily piped old man Tottenly, who was ill. "I'm getting weller all the time. I can quarrel with my son-in-law a little, and hope to hold him level after a while. Yes, sree! I'll be strong enough to play checkers by and by."—Philadelphia Record.

Holds Its Age Well

Scientists at the University of California, after geologic survey of Colorado, Utah and Arizona, claim the world is 75,000,000 years old.

Outs and Ins

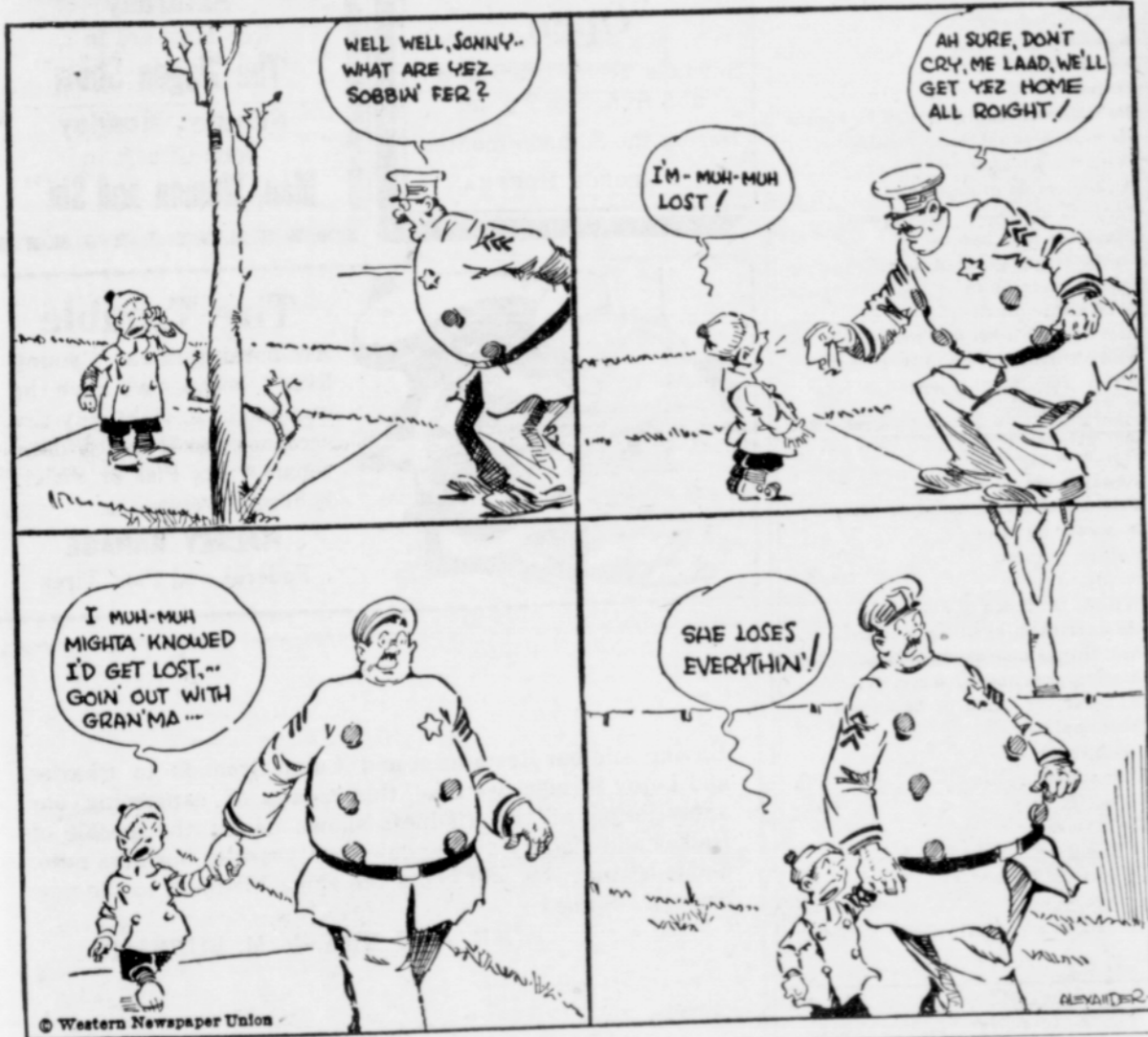
There's this difference: An outlaw frankly robs you of money; an in-law promises to pay it back.—Santa Barbara Daily News.

In fighting insomnia, deliberately stay awake all of one night. That makes insomnia sick.

Suspicion is a heavy armor, and with its own weight impedes more than it protects.—Byron.

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Fixing the Blame



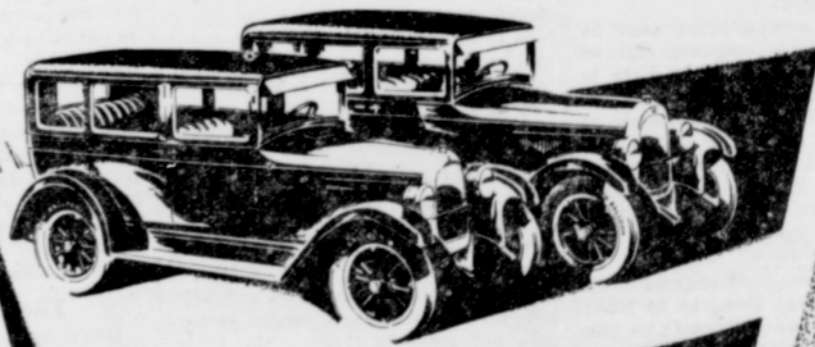
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