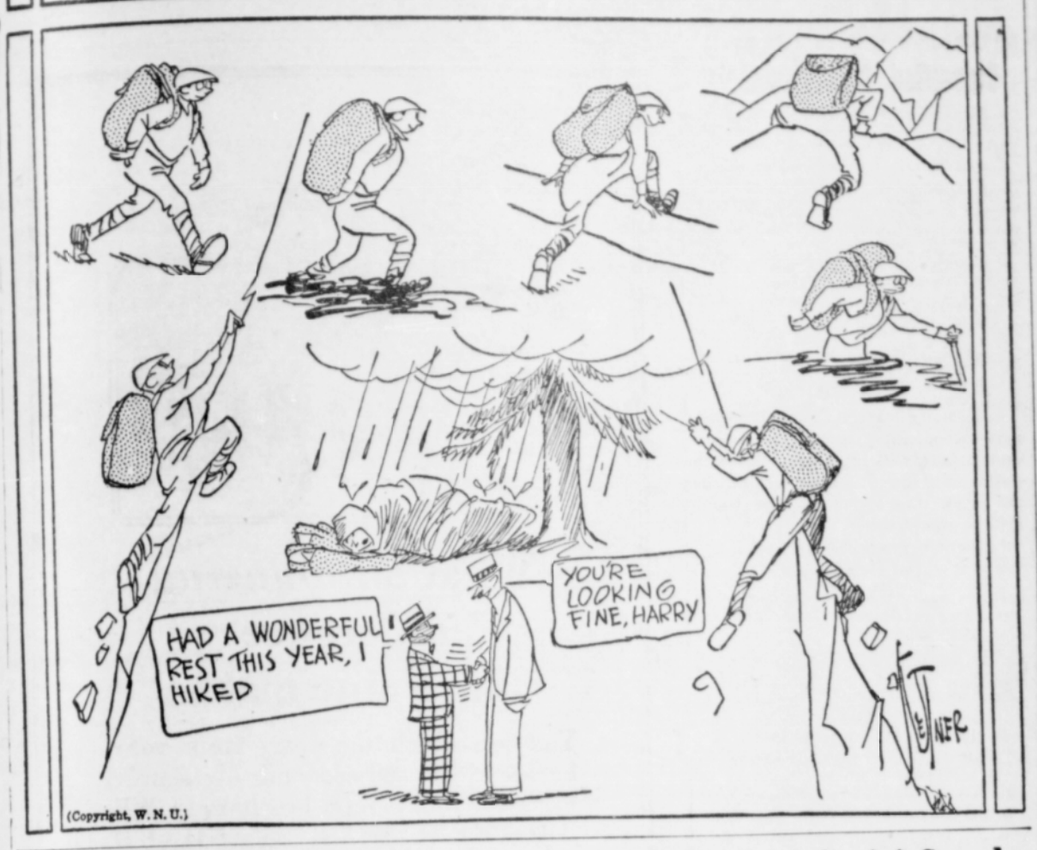
OUR COMIC SECTION

Vacationing



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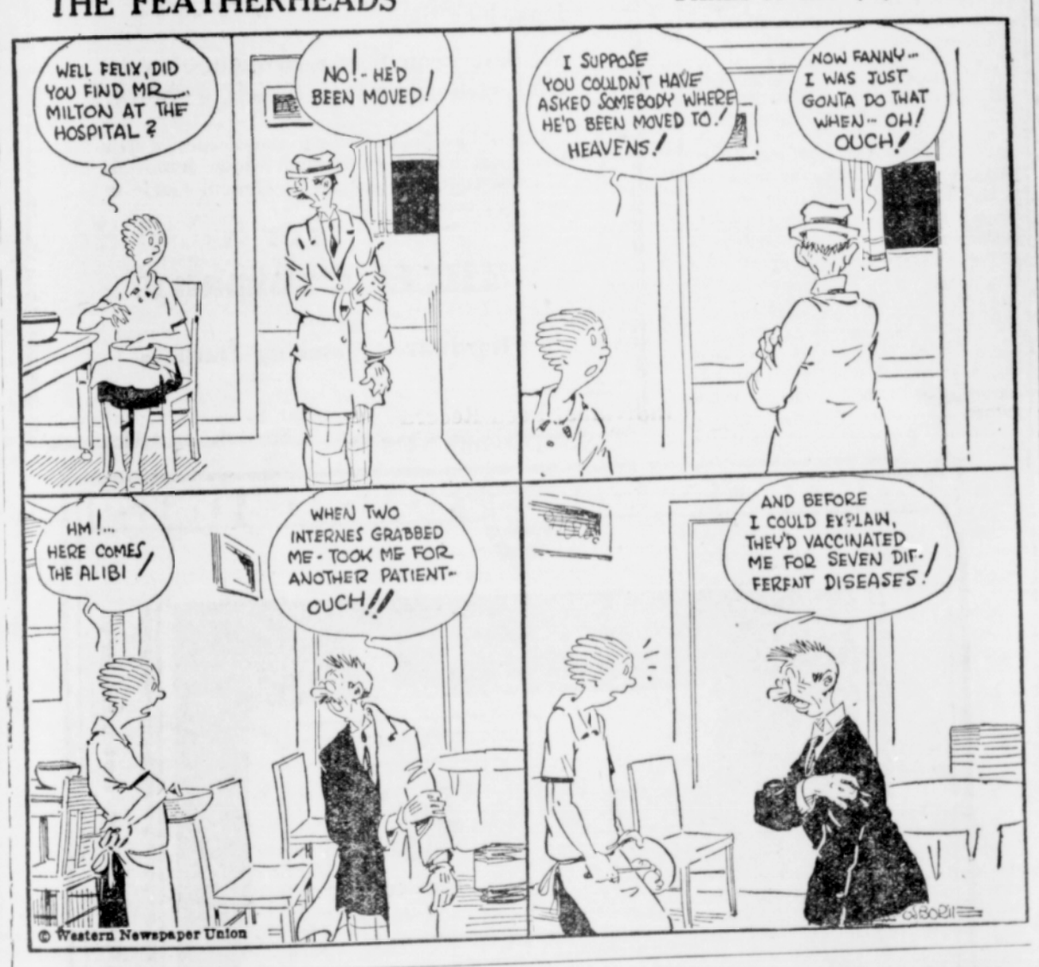
THE FEATHERHEADS

Think of the $ $ Saved



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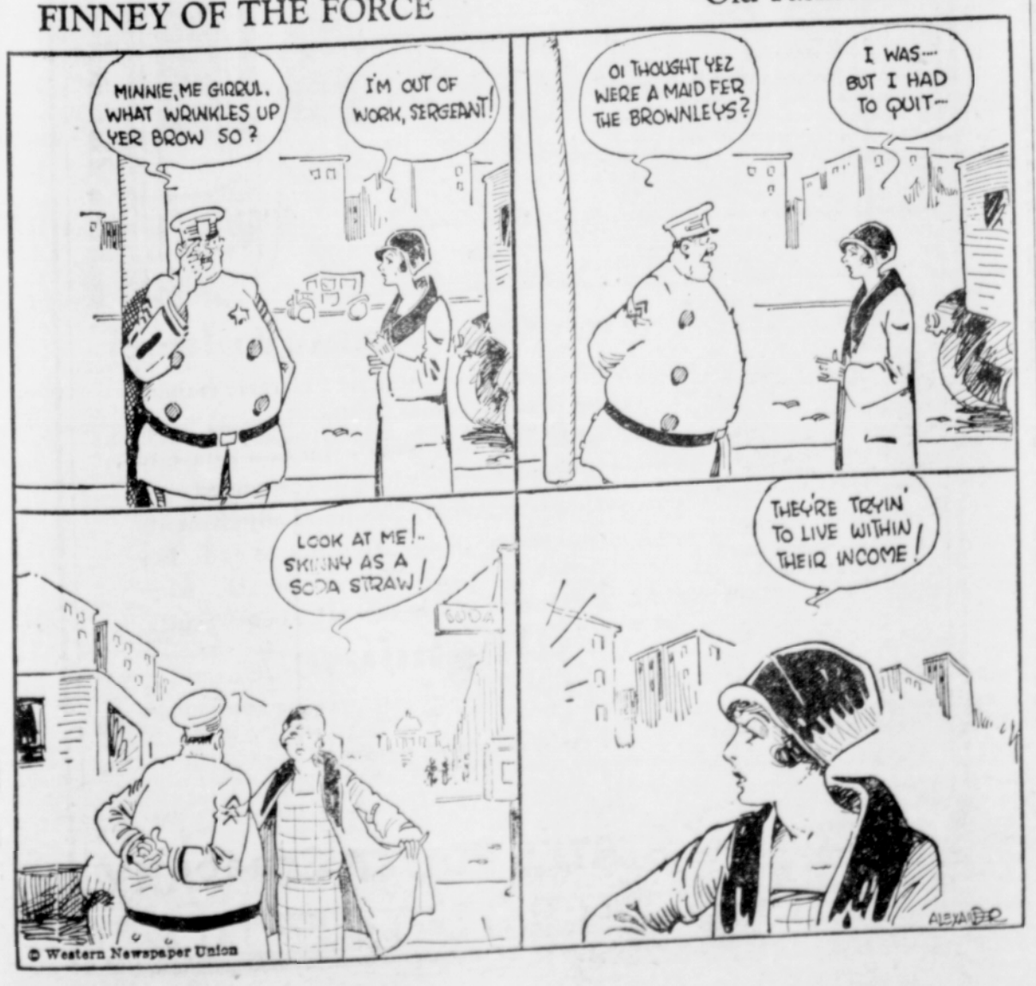
Old Fashioned Folks



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CAP AND BELLS

THE UP AND DOWN OF IT

He was a good cook, and the explorers were trying to persuade him to make the long flight into the wilds with them.

"Oh, Rastus! Come on and go! Nothing's going to happen to you."

"But what if Ah gits up dar and wants to come down in a hurry?"

"Why, didn't you know the plane was equipped with elevators?"

"Elevatahs! He-e, hee, hee! Dem elevtahs sure to be gwine up jes' when Ah's a-coming down! No, sah, boss. Not me!"—Aero Digest.

BUT ONE OPENING THERE

Applicant—I just stepped in to see if you have an opening for a young man.

Business Man—The only opening I have is the one you just came through. Don't leave the door open as you go out, please.

Puzzled Public

The Public murmurs in surprise
"I'm sure I am not quite a dunce.
A hundred issues now arise.
Can I decide them all at once?"

His Pet Aversion

Defendant (in divorce court)—We could get along all right if my wife did not have the habit of ignoring me entirely at times.

Judge—And you mean to base your defense on the fact that your wife ignores you?

Defendant—Yes, your honor, if there is anything that makes me see red it's ignorance from my wife.—Capper's Weekly.

A Small Order

The Landlord—I'll be fair. I'm willing to spend one month's rent in decorating.

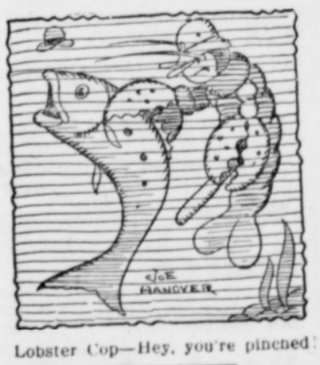
Mr. Littleflat—All right. Here's my check. Put it in one dollar bills and paper the living room with 'em.

No Use for It

The Salesman—I can recommend this machine for its simplicity. A child can operate it.

Old Miss Leftover—Sir! Are you aware that you are addressing an unmarried lady?—Kansas City Times.

THE POOR FISH!



Lobster Cop—Hey, you're pinched!

Impetuous Crowd

The aviator goes his way,
With bold achievements thrilling us.
He tries to land in such a way
That won't result in killing us.

Just a Name to Him

"Then you won't invest?"

"No."

"I tell you this is another Golconda."

"That means nothing to me. What are the original Golconda shares listed at?"

Too Torrid

Auntie—What's the matter, dear? Don't you like your asparagus?

Elsie (four years old)—Yes, auntie, but the handles are so hot.

Setback for Team

Ann—Just think, Ed is on the football team.

Mary—That's fine. What is he? Halfback or quarterback?

Ann—He's a drawback. Charlie Bangs says he's the greatest drawback the team ever had.

Not a Bad Showing

"Does your wife live within your means?"

"Just flops over a little around the edges."

ORCHARD GLEANINGS

USEFUL OILS IN ORCHARD SPRAYS

Because of the presence of European red mite on apple, peach, and cherry trees, oil sprays have become a very live topic. Many growers are asking, "What kind of an oil shall I buy? What is the difference between these many kinds of oils?"

It is not surprising to find our growers confused on this subject, as it is relatively new and much of the high pressure sales talk used in selling oil is quite technical and difficult to understand, writes A. L. Pierstorff, extension specialist in fruit growing at the New Jersey experiment station, New Brunswick, N. J.

As a whole there are, roughly speaking, two types of oils, miscible oils and stabilized lubricating oil emulsions. Miscible oils readily mix with water in practically a chemical solution and contain such emulsifying agents as carbolic acid, cresylic acid, vegetable oils, and many other materials. Stabilized lubricating oil emulsions form a mechanical mixture with water and are emulsified by the use of casein, glue, powdered skim milk or like products. As a rule, these stabilized oil emulsions contain 66 per cent actual oil and 32 per cent water.

For European red mite, the miscible oils should be used according to the manufacturers' recommendations, which usually advise a dilution of 1 to 15 or 1 to 20. The oil emulsions are recommended to be so diluted that the spray will contain 3 per cent actual oil or 1½ gallons of oil emulsion to 33 gallons of water.

The prevailing price of miscible oils is approximately 50 cents a gallon, while the stabilized lubricating oil emulsion costs about 20 cents a gallon. Thus the cost for miscible oil necessary to make 200 gallons of spray or one tank, would be nearly double the cost of stabilized oil emulsion.

As prices received for fruit have been low the past season, many growers will welcome this saving. In some sections of the state there are not sufficient red mite eggs deposited on the fruit trees to warrant an oil spray. Growers unfamiliar with the eggs of this insect can obtain the necessary information from their county agricultural agent.

Strawberry Blossoms Form Preceding Summer

It has been found that the blossom buds of the common spring strawberry do not form in the spring as is generally supposed, but during the preceding late summer and fall. At that time they are started, and winter over in the crown of the plant in an immature form. In the spring all they do is grow and develop into blossoms which we see up and down strawberry rows in May and June. No matter how much strawberry plants are fertilized or cared for in the spring, not a single blossom bud can be added to those already formed there late last summer, but those that are there in the crowns of the plants now can be made to develop into larger and better berries, thus increasing the yields.

Beauty Recommended as an Early Japanese Plum

Beauty is recommended as an early Japanese plum to precede Abundance. Its dark-red fruits are handsomer than those of almost any other plum, and the flavor is as delectable as the fruits are beautiful. Beauty has the great merit of being one of a few Japanese plums that does not require another variety to cross-pollenize it. This sort ought to prove very valuable for home use and for the roadside market. The tree is low, spreading, open, and the fruit spurs are distributed evenly. Thinning is required to obtain large-size fruits. Beauty was originated by Luther Burbank.

Horticultural Hints

The first strawberries taste like an uncommonly good grade of straw.

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Very few trees in an orchard grow in exactly the same soil and at the same temperature.

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Treat each orchard according to its separate tree and the average yield for the orchard will be considerably increased.

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A cover crop removes from the soil much available soil fertility and moisture, which the trees would otherwise utilize in adding to the growth they have already made.

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Insects have scientific names because such names help to classify and describe them and show their relationships to each other.

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Sudan grass, buckwheat, cereals of various sorts, are nonlegume cover crops which have been found excellent in practical orchard work.

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The dewberry is prey to most blackberry troubles, such as anthracnose, leaf-spot and cane rust, but in most seasons the yield is sufficiently high in spite of them.

Republican Nickname

The term "Grand Old Man" was applied to Mr. Gladstone in 1882, and is accredited to John Bright, who used it in a speech made in that year in Northampton, England. In America the phrase was appropriated and changed by members of the Republican party, who affectionately called it the "Grand Old Party." This at once became a newspaper slogan, and in the headlines alluding to the party was shortened into "G. O. P."

Oaks in History

There was a law in the ancient "Twelve Tables" concerning the ownership of acorns, should they by chance fall upon another man's ground. Scattered throughout the countries of the Old world are individual oaks, preserved and treasured through centuries because of some incident or ceremony that took place beneath their widespread branches.

Origin of "Literature"

Murray's Oxford dictionary says that the word literature is derived from the Latin litteratura, either directly or through the French litterature. Litteratura is from the Latin littera, meaning a letter. The word appears in the form of lateratour as early as 1375. In its present form it first appears in the Wyntoun Cronicle in 1425.

Big Cities in Youth

New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Providence (R. I.), Cambridge (Mass.), Worcester (Mass.), and Louisville (Ky.), in the order named, were the cities of the day in 1790. New York led with a population of 49,401, and Louisville made a small tenth with only 200 inhabitants.

Holy Mother's Last Days

There is very little knowledge with respect to the later life of Mary, the mother of Christ. According to tradition, she was tenderly cared for by the disciple St. John, to whom Christ bequeathed her care while on the cross. It is reported that she died at Ephesus at a greatly advanced age.

Agassiz' Great Work

The Museum of Natural History at Cambridge, Mass., was built up by Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz. He also established in the island of Penikese, Buzzard's bay, a practical school of natural science, especially devoted to the study of modern zoology.

Winning Success

Success is never born of a day. It is the result of a process so gradual that it comes as a matter of surprise to those who achieve it. Those who reach the goal get there because their immediate concern is the task at hand. —Grit.

Vice Presidential Deaths

The men who died while holding the office of vice president of the United States were George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry, William R. King, Henry Wilson, T. A. Hendricks, Garrett A. Hobart and James S. Sherman.

Yes Then Especially

"The height of a New York skyscraper takes the visitor's breath away," declares a traveler. Especially if the lift is not working and he has to keep an appointment on the top floor, adds the Humorist.

Something of a Contrast

In contrast with the service maintained by the air mail from coast to coast, we find that on July 18, 1861, the first mail coach reached Kansas from San Francisco after a trip of seventeen days.

Happiness a Duty

There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world, which remain unknown even to ourselves.—Stevenson

Curling Iron Long in Use

In the tombs of ancient Egypt many bronze implements are found somewhat similar to modern curling tongs. During the Fifteenth century hair was frizzed with curling irons.

Alaskan Mushers

A musher is an Alaskan foot traveler or courier who goes along with a dog team. "Mush" is from the French word "marchons!"—a cry of the voyagers to their dogs.

Famous Old Song

The words of the song "Ben Bolt" were written by Thomas Dunn English in 1842 and were set to the music of an old German air by Nelson Kneass.