

STRANGE CREATURES OF THE FAR NORTH

THE YARNS OF BOB'S NOBLL

By ARMI-

You youngsters most likely won't believe all of this yarn, but I figure you'll enjoy it anyway, so here goes.

Years ago I was one o' th' crew of a sealing-schooner that had become frozen into th' ice away up in th' Arctic Circle. One mornin', as th' Aurora Borealis was paintin' th' sky with flashes of rainbow lights, I started out to see what I could find in that frozen land.

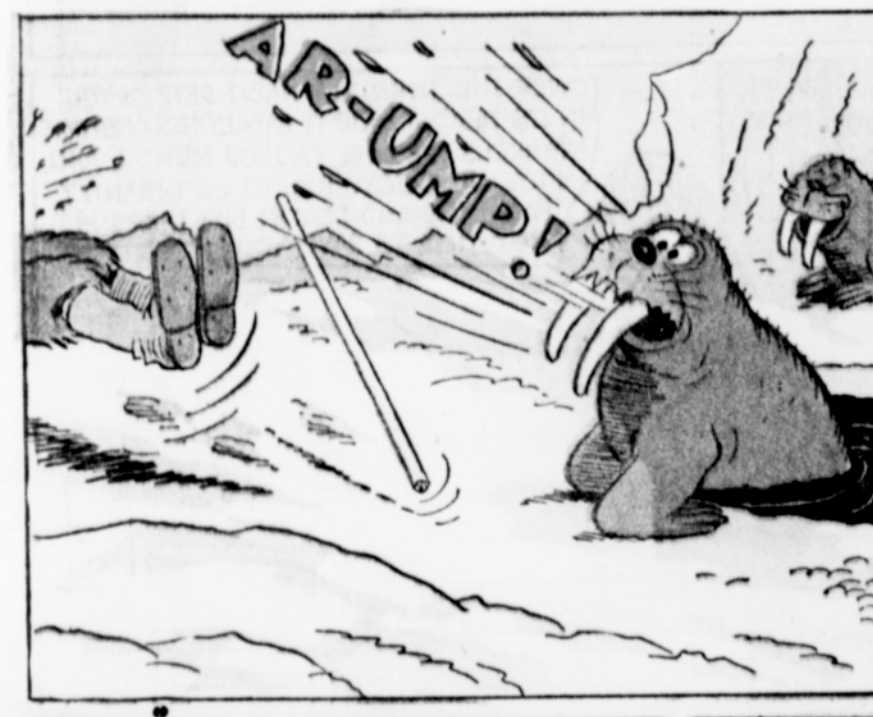
Well s'r, th' first thing I discovered was a pre-historic mastodon frozen inside a big iceberg, where it had likely been for thousands of years. A little later I rounded a snow-hill, and there was a bunch of penguins, waddlin' around like little old fat men all dressed up in evenin' clothes.

A little farther on I surprised a fat, wise-lookin' walrus, with bristly whiskers and long ivory tusks, leanin' on his front flippers at th' edge of th' water. He

gave me a sour look when I said good mornin', and let out a roar that made th' Aurora Borealis lights shiver. I saw I wasn't wanted around there so I made for th' openin' of a cave I saw in th' distance.

It felt kinda spooky in that cave, it was so dark, quiet, and lonely-like. I was turnin' to get out when there was a roar that lifted me off my feet, and I saw a polar bear makin' for me. I lit out for a tall pole I had noticed standin' in th' snow and shinned to th' top of it in a hurry. Th' pole wasn't large enough around for th' bear to climb, so I had a good laugh as he made off for his cave.

And then, I discovered that I had climbed th' North Pole. I was so tickled I slid down, pulled it up out of th' snow and lugged it aboard th' schooner to show my mates what th' North Pole looked like.



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LALA- HE SINGS LIKE A BIRD, - JUST LIKE AN OSTRICH -

DID YOU EVER HEAR JACK SMITH SING? YOU BET.

HASN'T HE AN AWFUL VOICE? YOU BET.

HE NEVER COULD SING. HE USED TO SING IN MY CAFE.

HE DID? WHY, HE DROVE THE TRADE AWAY, DIDN'T HE? NOT AT ALL! HIS VOICE BOOSTED BUSINESS.

HE DROVE PEOPLE TO DRINK.