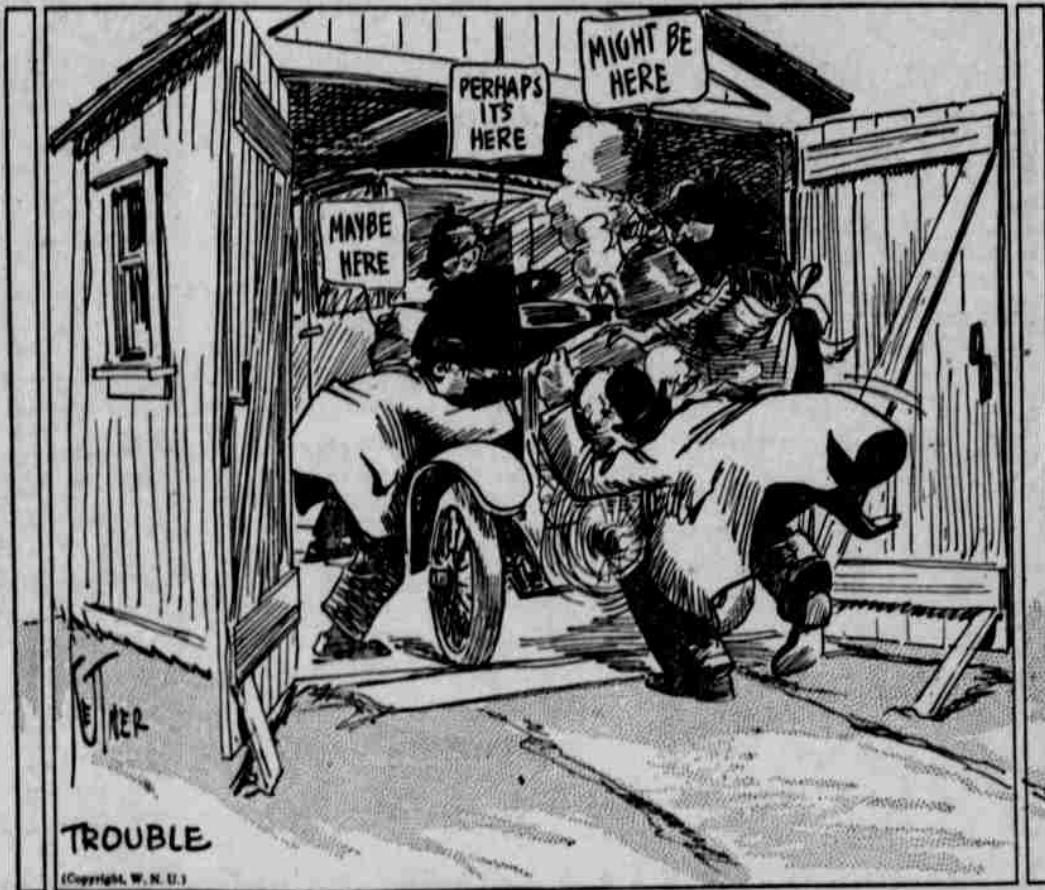


# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Off the Concrete



TROUBLE  
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## FINNEY OF THE FORCE

## A Very Realistic Dream



## THE FEATHERHEADS

## Storm Clouds in the West



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John Quincy Adams said: "With most men reform is a trade—with some a swindling trade—with others an honest yet a lucrative trade. Reform for its own sake seldom thrives." A clever paragraph, yet it isn't true. Millions of men and women advocate reforms of various kinds consistently, intelligently, honestly, and without hope of reward, for the good of their children, their friends and neighbors. All reforms are forwarded and finally established by the efforts of the silent majority. The efforts of those who make reform a trade are not very effective; we are suspicious of the professional good man, but all respect and heed those among our neighbors who believe in a better world because of the knowledge, born of experience, that a better world will prove more profitable and comfortable for every body.

It is generally said there was never before such shiftiness as exists today. Millions of men are recklessly squandering money who will later need a few miserable pennies to provide necessities. Statistics proved, a quarter of a century ago, that 80 per cent of men are very poor after reaching sixty-five, and become charges on public charity or grumbling relatives. If the general shiftiness is greater now than then, and increasing, will it be possible to provide a sufficient number of almshouses in the immediate future?

Men, women and children have had habits; all are familiar with the fact, from hearing it bawled by critics all their lives. Why are new books issued every day to tell us of our faults? Criticism does not cause us to give them up; indeed, it seems only to cause us to behave worse. Look how we behave about prohibition! Have we not been fully warned as to the devilishness of rum? Therefore why do not the critics engage in raising corn, and thus do good by reducing the price of food supplies? Why keep up their snarling, to the detriment of their lives and ours?

The great writing men seem to have a notion that they have a special mission to point out the shame of the world. We common people know it as well as the critics do, and are doing more to get rid of it.

A man's accomplishments must be genuine. Pay a man a tribute he does not deserve, and the other men will promptly rip it to pieces; but half the compliment for women are manufactured.

Some of his critics say Mussolini is a great scoundrel. I do not so estimate him. His only ambition is to bring peace and prosperity to his country. He is in revolt not against peace, but against tyranny. Is he not actually a great leader, compared with leaders like Napoleon, who lost a million of his followers in a single campaign? Good causes must have leaders or surely as bad causes. Mussolini certainly found his country going to pieces, and has now made it whole.

Philosophy is no more than an attempt of an individual to think and act as intelligently and honestly as his natural equipment will allow. William James said philosophy was an unusually thorough attempt to think clearly. I don't see why James should have used the term "unusually thorough." That means effort. No effort is required to think clearly, providing one is capable of it.

I rarely read that I do not encounter a reference to "the poor, simpleton" who attempts "to make an honest living." No good workman, honest or intelligent man, ever wrote such a sentiment. It is one of the sentiments that belong in the realm of dishonesty or insanity.

When what is called a divine spark is struck and flashes out, it may be traced to some mean and candid man.

Millions of foolish people are not fools; there is not one in a thousand who does not "know enough."

A woman spends years in plotting to get a husband, and then isn't satisfied with him. This queasily person expects her man to act toward her with the gallantry displayed by those she rejected or couldn't get. I don't see why a woman should be so exacting with her man. She knew her mother was dissatisfied with her father; she never knew a wife who was satisfied. Why should she expect to be?

This is the great age of cranks. In the past, the cranks devoted their attention to spiritual things. Modern cranks expect more than is possible from practical things, precisely as the ancients expected too much of spirit and things. One is about as mischievous as the other.

People are as moral as kind as intelligent as they ever were; the trouble in 1927 is they are more shiftless, lazier than they ever were before.



## AN IMITATIVE PET

"Well, you have the house all to yourself while Mrs. Peckton is away." "Not quite," said Mr. Peckton. "I share the premises with Mrs. Peckton's poodle, who was left in my care. I'm afraid the intelligent animal has modeled its behavior on that of its mistress."

## UNTHINKABLE



He—She's so dumb she thinks the queerest things.  
She—I thought she was too dumb to think at all.

## Got the Name Wrong

A man traveling to New York by automobile, being near the state line between Virginia and North Carolina, wished to know exactly whether he had crossed.  
Seeing a negro girl on the side of the road, he called out: "Say, is this Virginia?" She replied: "No, sah; this here's Lucy."

## Feminine Logic

It was dusk as she stopped at the roadside garage.  
"I want a quart of red oil," she said. The man gasped and hesitated. "Give me a quart of red oil," she repeated. "A qu-quart of r-r-red oil?" "Certainly," she said. "My tail light has gone out!"

## Yep, It's Ended

"Don't you think, darling, it would spoil the curtains if I were to smoke in here?" asked Newlywed as he entered the drawing-room.  
"Oh, what a dear, thoughtful boy you are. Yes, perhaps it would."  
"Very well, then, pull 'em down."

## Place, Not Parent

An English motorist was touring Scotland. One day, not being sure of his location, he slowed down to question a girl he saw approaching.  
"Motherwell?" he asked ironically. "Yes, sir, thankee," said the girl. "how's yer own?"

## DOESN'T READ NIGHTLY



He—Do you read nightly?  
She—I've never heard that author's name before.

## New Parasite

Lady (to small boy with two dogs)—Have you licenses on both those dogs?  
Small Boy—No'm. The big one's all right, but the little one's just full of 'em.

## For Chicken Thieves, I co

"Do you think Liz minded that awful lawsuit she was mixed up in?"  
"Why, my dear, I think she rather enjoyed it—I know she told me they had a grand jury."

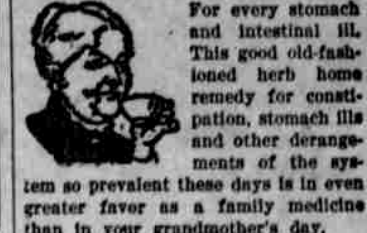
## The Man of It

Mrs. Fryer—My husband has awful deaf spells at times.  
Mrs. Guyer—Oh, my husband does, especially when I try to call him up in the morning, or try to talk money matters to him.

## How De-e-eightful!

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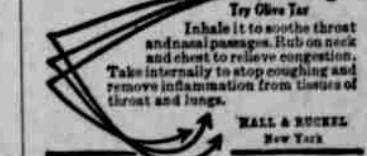
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## Golf Playing at Night

It looked at first like a jubilee celebration of some kind, as flare after flare streaked the night horizon of Van Cortlandt Park golf course, New York city.

But these rocket-like streaks were nothing other than "luminous" golf balls being tried out by their inventor, M. J. Bloomer, scientist of Columbia university. These luminous balls keep their light for ten minutes after being hit from the tee, and thus, with the aid of electric lights over the greens, the night becomes as day to the insatiable golfer. Sportsmen now picture additional possibilities for night golf with the aid of this ball and illumination of tee flags by employing the piercing rays of the now-popular neon light which can be seen at great distance and through fog, mist and smoke.

In his experiments with the luminous ball, Mr. Bloomer drove off eight balls from the first tee and located all of them within six minutes. Like huge glow worms they nestled among grass, leaf and tree far down the fairways and in the rough.

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## Financial Fluctuations

"Mr. Feathergilt says he never knows exactly how much he is worth."  
"Of course, he doesn't," replied Miss Cayenne. "His wife plays bridge."

A wife is the making of her husband—but the job is seldom satisfactory to all parties concerned.

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