

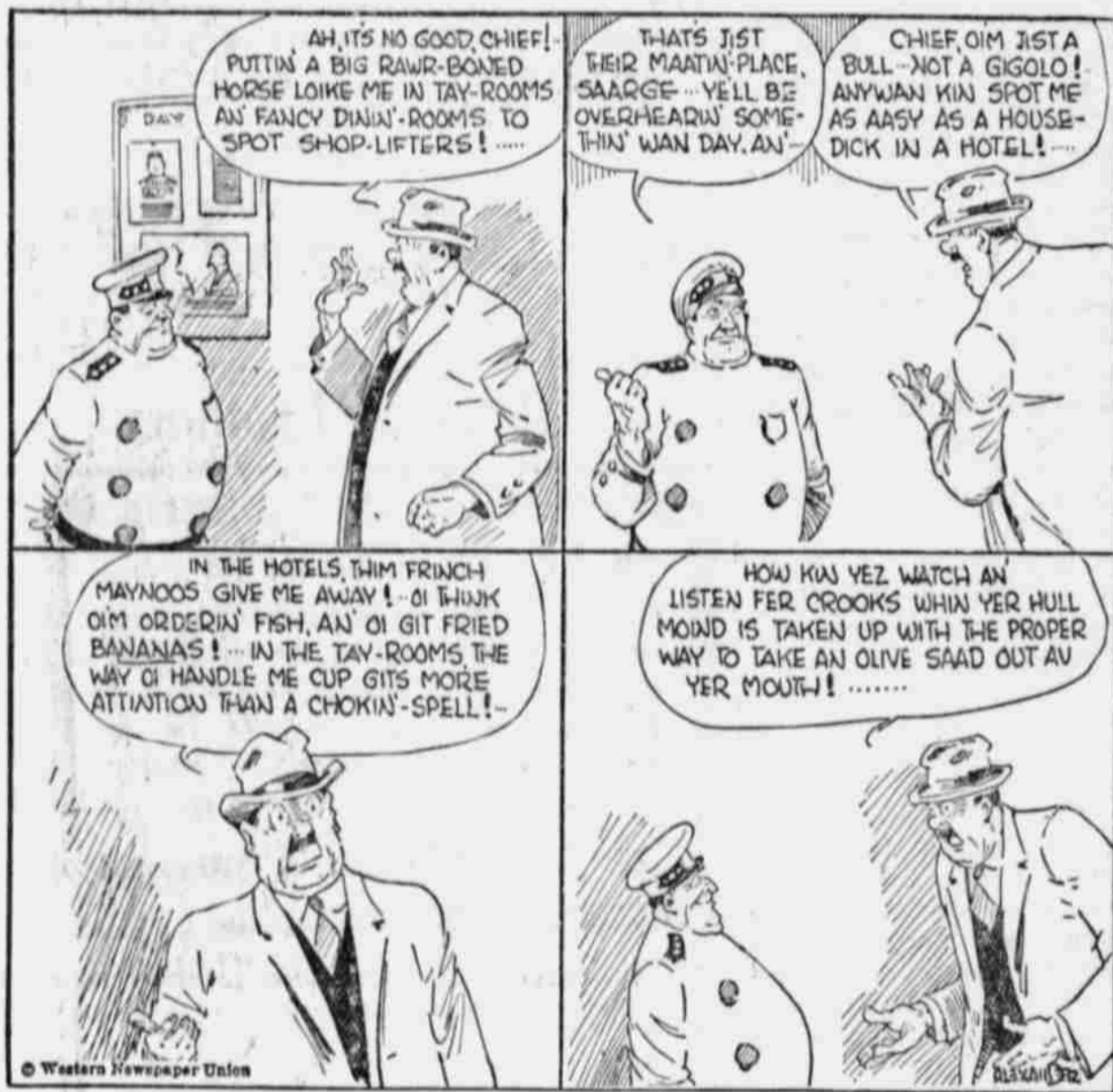
# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Our Pet Peeve



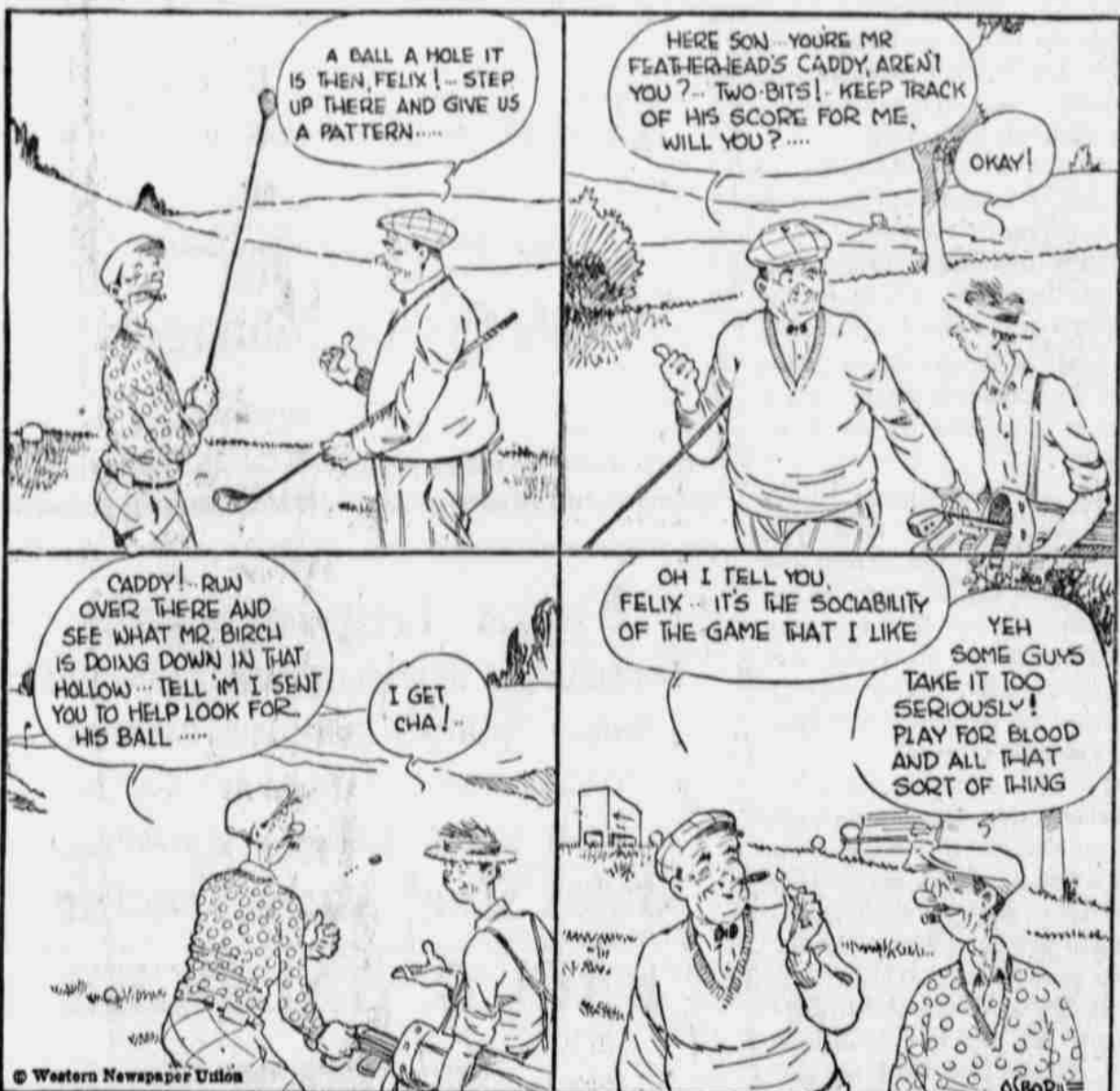
## FINNEY OF THE FORCE

## Not the Man for the Job



## THE FEATHERHEADS

## Even a Paralytic Stroke Is Counted



## Why We Behave Like Human Beings

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### The Failure Third Degree

ALL processes of thought function through reflex arcs which become conditioned, especially in childhood, and which tend to become habits. We learn to think logically just as we learn to speak correctly or to behave decently. I may think well, I may behave well—who shall say? My way of shaving and my way of thinking are my ways; the ways I have learned; they are my methods of response to certain stimuli in certain situations. I may change both tomorrow; some one is always inventing new ways of adjustment, new ways to excite human protoplasm to change its shaving soap.

New thought also. Why not? We have new foods, new scandals, new songs, new elements, new diseases, new razors, new glands, new logic. New things to think about. The new grows out of the old as corn grew out of wild grass, or as a submarine grew out of endless discarded models, or as chemistry grew out of alchemy, or as a poem grows out of tryings-out of word combinations. Trial and error.

The point is that there is no thought without muscular or glandular activity; this is true whether the stomach thinks hunger, the dreamer thinks atrocities, the prisoner thinks freedom, or the maiden thinks of her lover. Thinking is a bodily act, as is coughing or scratching one's head. During thinking energy is consumed, mechanism is involved; and, as a rule, the whole body is interested and is listening in.

Can we listen in, can we read thought as we can test blood? Only when we can see it: as poem, as picture, on the golf links, behind the counter, at the ballot box. By works. Overt and explicit action. Money talks also.

But suppose no money is forthcoming, how can we know what he thinks about it? Overt explicit behavior is easily enough detected and is often of less consequence than the implicit response. I ask you to lend me five dollars. You hand it over. That is an explicit act. But your implicit reaction may be of far greater consequence to me; you may think me a cheap skate and decide to cut me from your list. As you give no sign of such resolve, I cannot know that my "Lend me . . ." has cost so much.

Many methods have been tried out to read minds that would not be read, to detect an implicit response where the overt side had only been suspected. All these methods go on the justifiable assumption that what the individual does registers in the individual dynamic mechanism. Apply the proper test; the mechanism will yield its secret.

An extreme case will illustrate the methods. Suppose I return unexpectedly to my store some night, to discover my partner in some questionable act. We quarrel. And I kill him. Then cut his body up and dispose of it in the furnace—an extraordinarily difficult thing to do, but just suppose that I succeed.

The anger which prompts murder is an emotional impulse. There will be occasions and situations in which I shall have to be a man of iron to keep my emotions from betraying me. Charged with the crime, they might lead to changes in my respiration and vasomotor organization; even to increased sugar in my blood and urine.

Or in my reactions to words. Woodworth has devised an emotional questionnaire to serve to detect implicit behavior. There are two types of word reactions; the free; the continuous. In the free, words are first at the subject one at a time. He is to reply with the first word that pops into his head suggested by the word used: bull—moose; rat—trap; pen—ink; tea—pot—dome; etc. Then comes a word which brings no response from me, or I am unusually long in reacting to it or too quick.

The continuous type throws all the work on the subject investigated. Only one word is shot at him; he is to reply to his own replies. One word will suggest another; until the subject stops—blocked, as it were. Then a new word is given to start the subject off again. And again he seems to run out of words, is blocked. Do the lines converge? Do I always stop short of "murder," or "furnace," or chopping up a human body? Is my free association of words storm of its freedom wherever and whenever I approach a word which suggests the emotion or the deed? I am trying to conceal!

Dreams also may yield valuable clues to the nature of personal stress and general emotional life. Also postures, attitude over and under reactions, poor adjustments, slips of word or pen, fumbling over names. But clues only. More often the "tests" fall completely—though they may lead to confession.

Conscience does make cowards of us all and habit keeps us straight or crooked; fear of consequences makes us cover our tracks. "Reading the mind" is a figure of speech. The cashier of the First National may be a good reader of counterfeit money. I dump a bag of cowrie shells on his desk. Cowrie shells are money in some parts of the world. Some of my cowries are counterfeit. Can he read them?

(By George A. Dorsey.)

## Jap Youth Succumbing to Syncopated Music

Japanese jazz is sweeping through the Land of the Rising Sun and the twanging samisen is on the decline. Americans just returned to Seattle report that "western" musical concerts, vocal or instrumental, are attracting large audiences in the various cities of Japan, particularly when the music is of a jazzy nature. Shikish-looking Japanese youths do tap dancing and patter syncopated songs the words of which are all Japanese. Japanese jazz songs such as "The Dotonbori March," "The Asakusa March," "The Black Pappi" and "The Girl of Beniya" are now being published in great quantities.

Students of Japanese schools and colleges everywhere are organizing bands and orchestras, and almost every Japanese citizen goes about humming or whistling some popular air. "Yes Sir, She's My Baby" is momentarily the favorite. Curiously enough, "Home, Sweet Home" is known to almost all Japanese—in the all-English version.

### To Study Humanity

Yale has lately established an Institute of Human Relations. The money for it was given by the Rockefeller foundation, the Commonwealth fund and the Laura Spelman Rockefeller foundation. The first project undertaken will be the study of the family. The study will deal with every phase of the family life that is subject to scientific study: The relationship between parents and children, company influences, education, industry, food, habits, climate and many other signal aspects of a complex living whole.

### Plan Hell's Hole Road

Lindbergh peak, named in honor of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, rises from the center of Hell's hole, a tremendous glacial basin of wild granite north of the Arapahoe glacier district, Colorado. Plans are on foot for the building of an automobile road as far as possible from Arapahoe glacier toward the basin and then construction of an easy trail to the bottom of Hell's hole.

### Resourceful Firemen

Fire broke out in the home of L. F. Huber, cheese manufacturer at Milwaukee, Wis. The summoned fire department could find no water available and so put out the fire by pumping whey from Huber's vats.—Indianapolis News.

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"Hard luck, old chap."  
"Yes—I'll miss her."—London Opinion.

### Need for Long Trip

Wiffin—Don't you think that travel broadens one's mind?  
Poof—Yes. You should take a trip around the world.

### At the Fountain

"Got anything at the soda counter to pep you up?"  
"Ginger soda and snappy cheese."

The best way to keep the boy down on the farm is to try to keep the farm for the boy.

A great poseur in a little town is the drummer who swings aboard after the train starts.

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