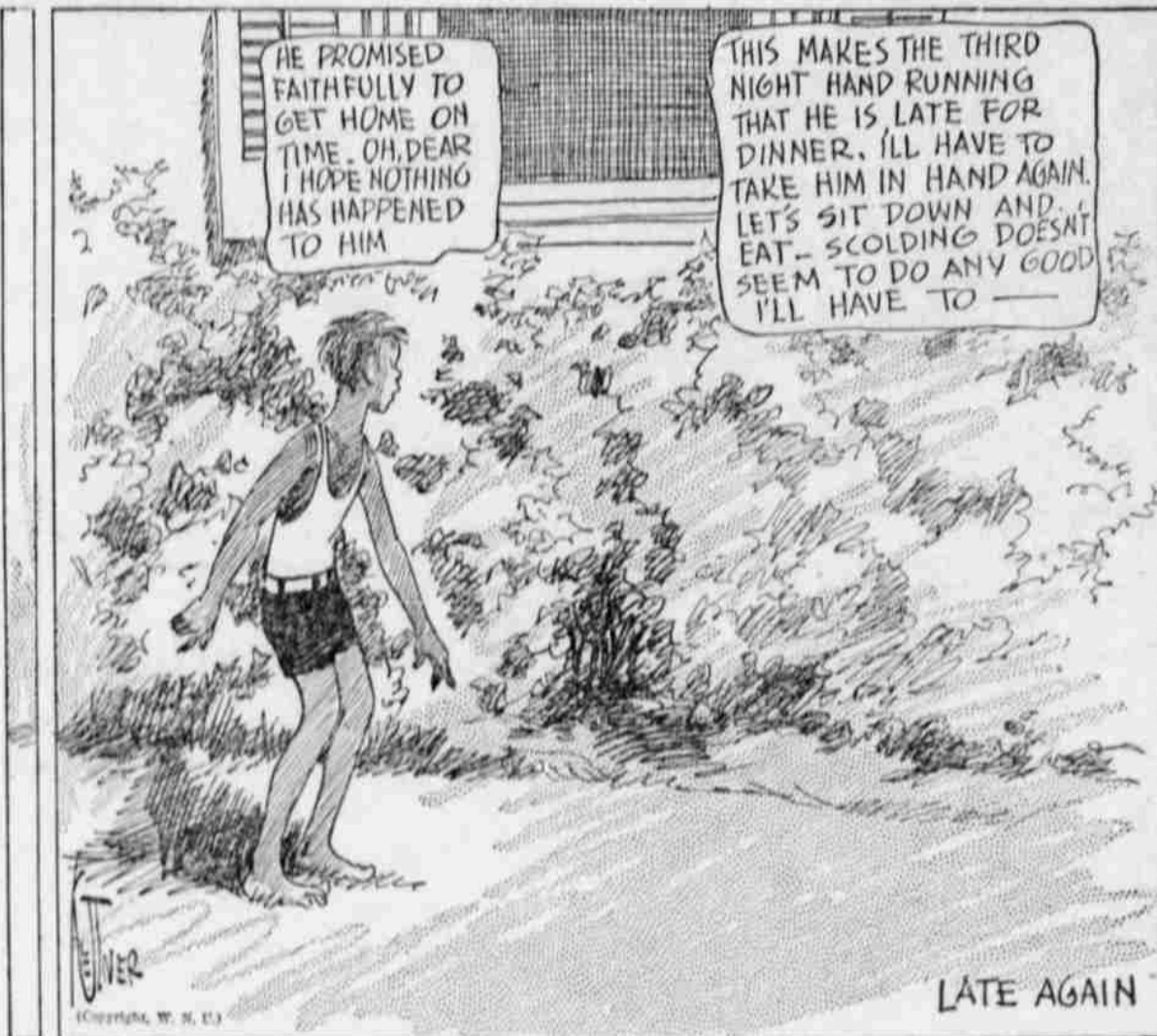


# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Events in the Lives of Little Men



## Community Building

### Home Owners Protected by Zoning Restrictions

Charles H. Cheney of Los Angeles, chairman of the committee on city and regional planning of the American Institute of Architects, says: "Property values are destroyed, cherished homes abandoned and neighborhoods ruined by the erection of one or more ugly or inappropriately designed buildings. More than \$3,000,000,000 was put into such buildings last year. Every vacant lot in an unprotected neighborhood today carries a threat of ruin to its neighbors."

"This is the greatest economic loss of our time, and one that can and will be remedied as soon as investors, home owners and the public generally learn how to protect themselves. More than 500 cities have established zoning in the last ten years."

"Architectural control of this kind is not new. Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1925 to 1926, required that all plans for private buildings be passed on by a competent architectural board of review."

"For 50 years high-class real estate subdivisions have been exercising careful architectural control, with marked success and increasing property values, by means of building restrictions established by private agreements in the deeds."

### More Than Mere Beauty in Attractive Grounds

There is just as much thrill in the small home ground development as there is in the planning of a princely estate, perhaps more, for there is something about beautifying a backyard which enlists the aid and interest of every member of the family.

There is something of creative art in converting an ugly asphalt into a thing of beauty or covering up an uninviting garage with lovely vines. A rose-covered fence would contribute its sweetness to the entire neighborhood.

A hedge may have to serve as a boundary, a tree may be planted for the express purpose of keeping the too strong sun out of a certain room, a bush may be utilized to screen an ugly object, vines may serve to cover unsightly portions of the house. Indeed, plants have their economic value!

Some wise home owners have even been clever enough to make their backyards serve as a sort of annex or extra room simply by making them liveable and attractive.

### Green Streets

Trees are good citizens. They rarely disturb the peace of city streets, such as there is. They offer shade and decency against the violence of the great town. At best a modern city street is harsh, unbalanced, crazy. Only the trees reclaim it from its alienation and make it livable.

The little grassy yards and trees that people plant before their houses save Washington boulevard for civilization. And Grand boulevard, or Irving Park boulevard, or Ashland boulevard would do as well. People care for things like trees and grass. Where they cannot find them naturally they set them out in little squares, behind small iron fences, to remind them of serene realities beyond the city's border. They smugly smile in the rows of elms are green beside the surge and drive of motor cars and men along the road. Trees are good citizens, along with those who plant them. —Chicago Tribune.

### Varieties of Hedges

There is no limit to the beauty possibilities of hedge planting. The hedge may be trained to have all sorts of variations. It may be buttressed at the ends, it may be trained to offer varying outline on top with some parts higher than others. The top may be on square or curved lines. The hedge may even be trained over an opening in the hedge to form an arch. In fact, hedges are almost indispensable in the intensively developed landscape scheme.

A well-kept hedge is so ornamental that it will pay every home owner to consider its use in his planting scheme.

### Beauty in Slate Roofs

We have by now passed out of the period when slate roofs looked like smooth blackboards. We are literally having a revival of its use in this country, because the manufacturers have gone back to the old traditions and brought them to the front. Today we can secure as beautiful a slate roof for our house as any in the world and yet have it laid with more technical skill. Thus while the old ways have been revived new life has been injected into them.

### Select Trees Carefully

Trees once planted become a permanent part of the landscape. In most cases they will outlive the planter. Whether they give great joy, beauty and comfort to the planter and his family or prove to be ugly, displeasing eyesores to all who gaze upon them, depends upon how wisely they are selected.

### Not Markers for Missiles

Eighteen states in the Union now have laws making it a misdemeanor willfully to damage official road signs.

### Foundation for Belief

#### Concerning Third Match

There is a multitude of superstitions which have become thoroughly imbedded in the race, and are observed seriously or humorously according to the individual temperament. Some people will not accept the third light from a match because it signifies death or disaster. The origin of this superstition is more understandable than some. In time of war when a soldier lit a match it revealed his whereabouts to the enemy. The sniper who saw the light lifted his gun to his shoulder at once. There are three stages to firing: Ready (cock the trigger), aim (gun at shoulder) and fire. Therefore, the third soldier to receive a light from the match was the one visible when the sniper was ready to fire. That is how the third light from the match came by its sinister significance.

### Exaggeration

Ivy Lee, who visited Soviet Russia in the Rockefeller interests, was congratulated at a luncheon in New York, on the excellent book he has written about his visit.

"My book at least has corrected some exaggerations," Mr. Lee said. "We don't want Sovietism here, of course, but its horrors have been exaggerated."

"Russian Sovietism has been treated like the Russian cockroach. A traveler, you know, said of this insect:

"The Russian cockroach is seven inches long. He is hairy and grows like a dog when disturbed. He drops from the ceiling onto the dinner table, and will carry off a chop, a leg of chicken or a bottle of vodka."

### Aircraft Train in Germany

Trains operated by a propeller-driven engine are possible as the result of tests made recently in Hanover, Germany. The engine resembled an armored car and the two propellers were driven by motors. The experiments were similar to those being made in Scotland with the George Beattie railplane, a cigar-shaped car guided by rails built on a series of girdles and driven 120 miles an hour by aircraft propellers.

### Chicago Millinery Center

The world's busiest millinery center, by virtue of a \$50,000,000 a year business, is claimed for Chicago by the Chicago association of commerce. In the three departments of manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing millinery, the city stands supreme. More than 5,000 persons, mostly women and girls, are now employed producing hats and millinery accessories.

### No Way of Charging

Black—What's that old tightwad so sore about?

White—He's just discovered that he gives everybody a pain in the neck and can't think of any way of charging 'em for it.

### Need No Help

You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but the rest of the time they will make fools of themselves.—Judge.

### Beauty of Parks

The French put their tables in the parks just as we put keep-off-the-grass signs in ours.—Woman's Home Companion.

### Fell Out

"Been mountaineering, Joe? You seem all bruised up." "I had a nightmare in a hammock."

A man may attain success so late in life that he is half mad at the world for recognizing him so tardily.

When a man's popularity begins to wane his neighbors usually assist.

Laughter is merely a smite set to music.

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### Mexican Sentimental Song

The song known as the "Home, Sweet Home" of Mexico is "La Golondrina," by Sarradell. The translation of this is "The Swallow." It has been sung for many years, and it is referred to as the "Home, Sweet Home" of Mexico, as it is generally played as the concluding number of a dance or other festivity.

Trouble never sneaks up an alley when it meets a man who is looking for it.

## THE FEATHERHEADS



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