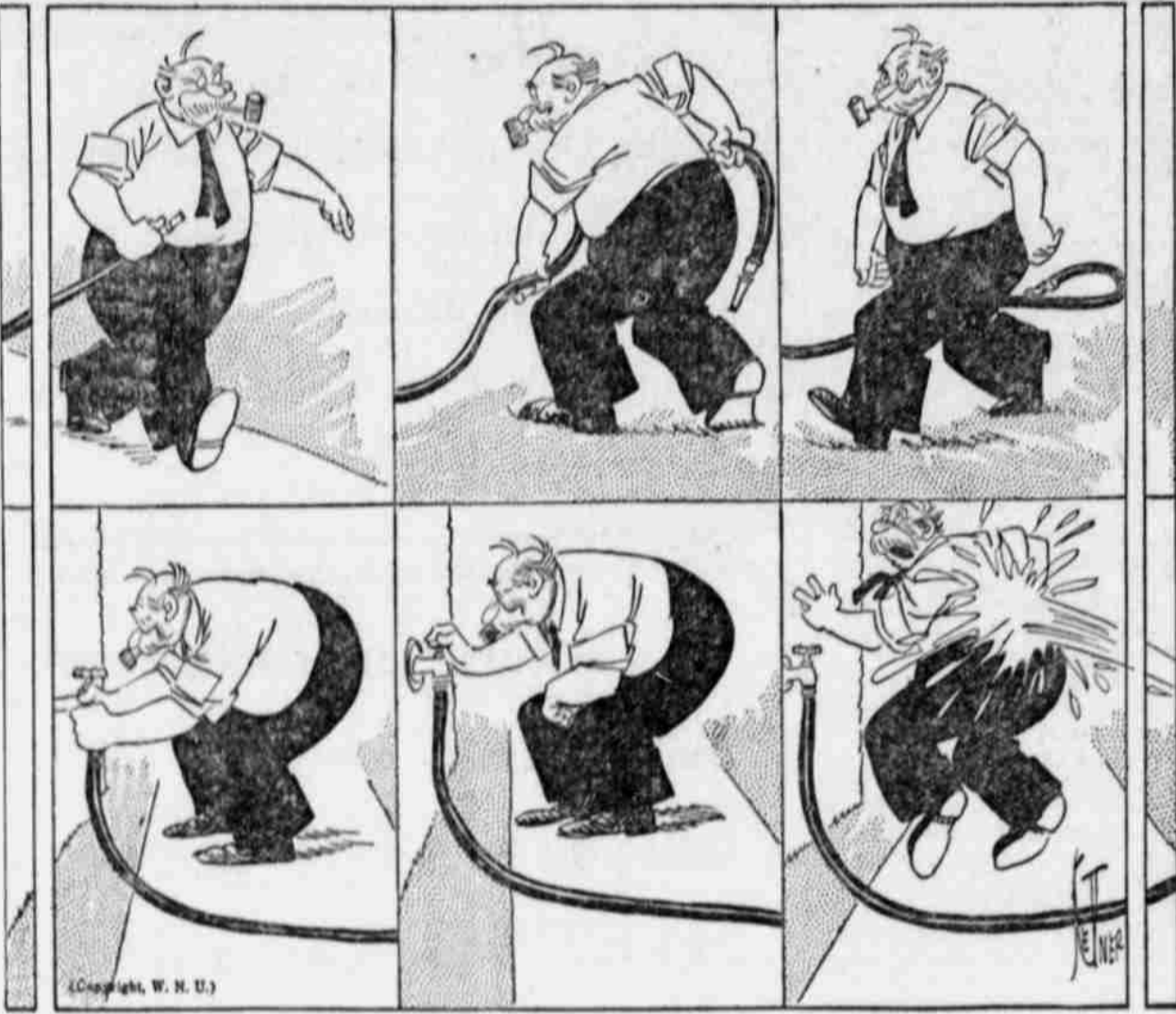


# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Our Pet Peeve



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## Community Building

### Upkeep Cost Lessened by Good Construction

Living rent free by owning one's home is a fine thing, but living upkeep free in that same home is an entirely different matter. Of course, nothing of a material nature is permanent, but the natural life of any material used in the construction of a home can be prolonged through proper care and treatment.

If in our homes we desire to keep down upkeep, it is necessary first to use good materials and to have them assembled according to good construction methods. Few home builders are familiar enough with materials and methods to write their own specifications and to see that the terms of the specifications are carried out. For these reasons alone, although there are others, the services of an architect should be engaged.

Never was there such an opportunity to build into a home permanence and quality as exists now. Research, carried on continuously, has brought the standard of building materials to a level probably beyond the comprehension of our forefathers. It is now possible for a manufacturer to guarantee his product whether it be tile, brick, cement, heating system, plumbing fixtures and fittings, or paint. All of which has brought to us better homes at lower prices, if we go about getting them in the right way.—Detroit Free Press.

### Not Enough Attention Given to Roof's Effect

Oftentimes the greatest need of an old house is a modern, up-to-date roof. Many old dwellings have patchwork roofs. An addition or the porch of one of the houses may have a roof that differs in every respect, coloring, material and gables, from the roof which covers the main building. This patchwork effect spoils the appearance of the residence. In this day when there is such a wide choice of roofing material the property owner will experience small difficulty in planning a new roof which will harmonize with the style of architecture of the old house and add to the appearance of the building at the same time.

### Building Art Improving

For 75 years or more builders of moderately priced homes have built just houses, sadly lacking in architectural style and beauty. The older portions of nearly every city and town prove this, for in these sections rows of houses stand, as out of date as the leg of mutton sleeve.

With these thoughts in mind a short walk through such a section makes us glad that there is a renaissance in interest in architecture so far as the small dwelling is concerned. We have but to walk on to the outskirts of the town to see this in the trim, well-designed houses recently built. The debt we all owe to the architect and the value of the stock plan services which make good designs available at low cost is evident.

### Wide Entrances Needed

The growth of large cities, which includes a considerable area about them, has revealed a need more urgent than that of wider thoroughfares leading in to the population centers. In many places the widening of these highways already has progressed to a marked degree. Notable examples are found about such centers as Los Angeles, Detroit and Chicago. In the metropolitan area of Chicago plans now are being agitated for the widening of nearly 900 miles of road. It is one of the chief projects of the regional association which is concerned with an area having a radius of 50 miles or more about the city.

### Lawn "Entrance Hall"

An open stretch of well-kept grass is necessary to properly balance the mass of architecture which the front of the house presents. This lawn area should be broken up as little as possible. Keeping the entrance, walk and drive to one side or the other will aid immeasurably, though if the walk must cross the lawn it should appear as inconspicuous as possible by using soft-toned materials.

Plantings of evergreen, shrubs and shade trees should be kept to the boundary lines or about the foundation of the house. Then will the out-of-doors entrance hall extend a real welcome to those who enter it.

### Highways and Towns

People are fast learning that while a main highway within easy access is an advantage it is likely to be a liability when it passes through the town. Through-town main highways are getting into the same class with railroad grade crossings, to be avoided when possible, endured where they must be and cured where they can be.

### Home Ownership Gaining

Home owners are gaining on home renters by more than 3 per cent annually. Of the 24,000,000 homes in the United States, 11,000,000 are occupied by their owners, and the total will be increased greatly within the next few years.

### Needs Help

Good roads do not necessarily make a town. The town has got to make itself.—Country Home.

### Married Man Passes on Hot Hiding Place Tip

"I have more respect for American men than I have for the women," said Clarence Darrow. "Men have always performed their masculine tasks. Then, if there was time for anything else, they went in for whatever they fancied.

"But too many American women neglect their homes and immemorial domestic duties when they flit into more congenial fields.

"A friend of mine had been complaining that he had a hard time keeping a little of his hard-earned money for himself, as his wife usually grabbed it all.

"But at last," he added triumphantly, "I have found a safe hiding place for it."

"And where is that?" I asked.

"I put it with my socks that need mending," he replied with a happy laugh.

### Dye Reveals Presence of Cancerous Growth

Dr. Arnold A. C. Butts, director of the Emory laboratory of Hahnemann hospital in Philadelphia, announced that progress has been made in the development of a dye which will make it possible to detect internal cancers in the early stages of their growth. So far the dye, which has been in use in the hospital for two years, has been employed only as an aid to early diagnosis. Doctor Butts believes it will provide an accurate method of detecting cancerous growth and will pave the way for prompt surgical removal of the cancer or treatment by radium or X-rays. The dye in diluted form is injected directly into the veins of the patient.

### Puzzled

Mary Elizabeth had moved with her parents to a small town, and the family milk supply was obtained from a woman who kept a cow, living at the edge of the village. It was the little girl's duty to go after the milk each evening. One evening when she came home she said to her mother: "The woman where I go for the milk always acts like I am two people, instead of one."

Mother did not understand what she meant, until one evening when it was getting late, she went with Mary Elizabeth. On knocking at the door they were greeted in this manner: "Good evening, good evening, come in, come in."

### Electric Light Helps Wheat

The Canadian agriculture department, at the Ottawa experiment station, is conducting experiments in the direction of improving the wheat crop of the country and by crossing the grain and producing hybrids. It is hoped to produce harder varieties and possibly a grain which will grow two crops a year. Some trials of stimulating the growth of the seed by the use of banks of electric lights have resulted in the production of the hybrids in one-half the usual time. Thus experiments which usually require eight years are being done in four. The element of time in this work is very important.

### Dining Out

"You may bring me some of that delicious fish I smell," directed a prim lady.

"That is not fish you smell, madam, but fresh paint."

"Dear me. And I came away from home on account of fresh paint."

### Fimsy Alibi

"Yesterday you were absent to go to your wife's funeral and today I saw her in the street."

"Yes, that's so. You can never rely on a woman."—Gutierrez, Madrid.

### Maybe So

"Did you see the town of Plunkville?"

"No."

"Yet you motored past it."

"Must have been behind a billboard."

### Many Correspondence Schools

Correspondence schools in the United States now have an enrollment of 1,250,000 students, or approximately double that of all the universities and colleges.

### Always Laughing

A.—I am not thin-skinned. I'm the first to laugh at my own foolishness.

B.—What a funny life you must lead.—Answers.

### How?

Butter is said to soothe a sunburnt skin. So, "Give yourself a pat on the back!"—London Opinion.

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