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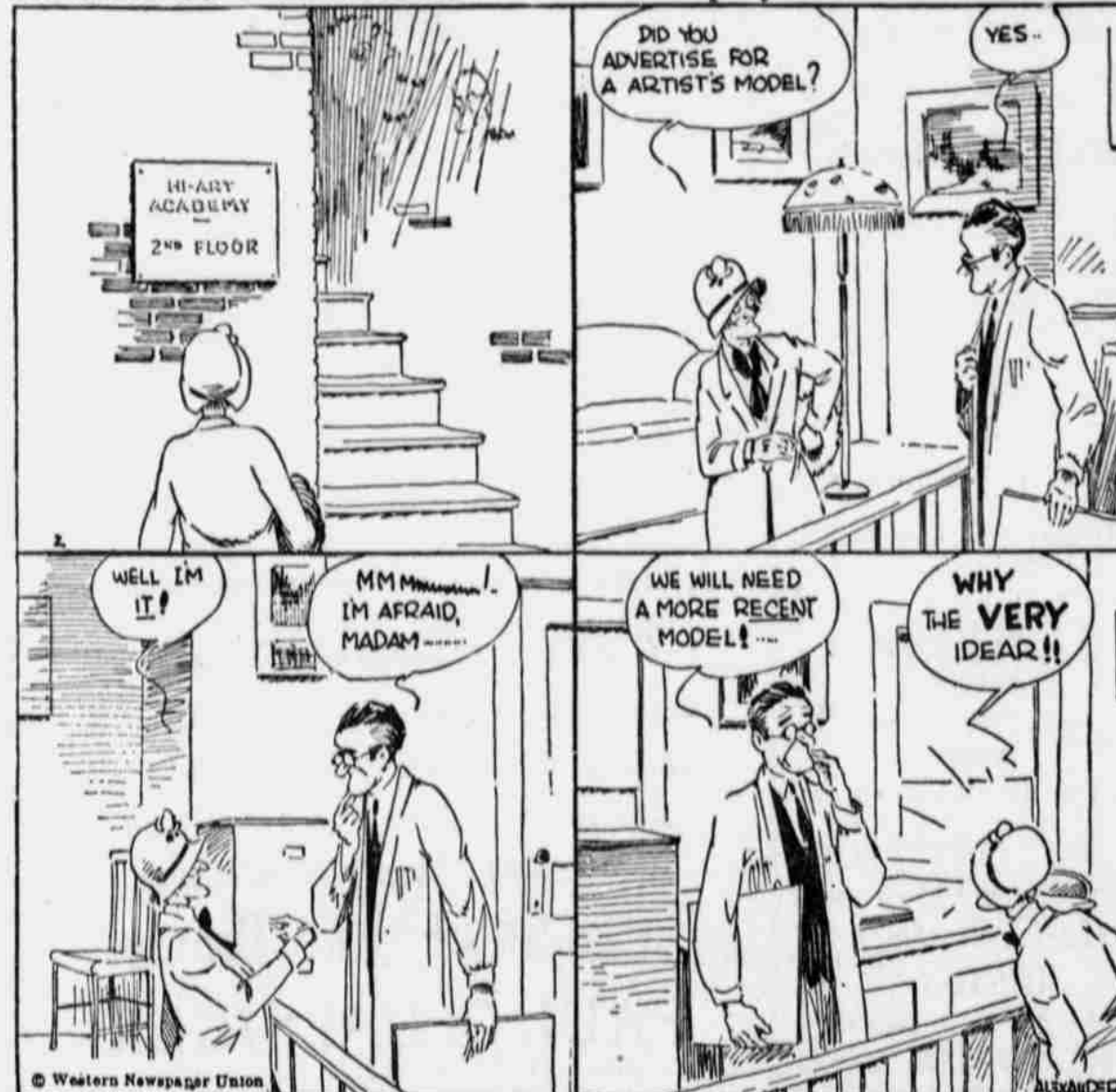
Events in the Lives of Little Men



THE FEATHERHEADS



FINNEY OF THE FORCE



The Boyhood of Famous Americans

John J. Raskob

The boys in Lockport, N. Y., snickered, back in 1900, when they heard that John J. Raskob had put a price of \$1,000 a year on his services as a stenographer and secretary. Why that, as they figured it out, was more than \$83 a month. Young professional men were lucky to be making as much money in Lockport in those days.

If no man is a prophet in his own country neither is the youngster, with whom we play as a lad, generally conceded to have money making traits or capabilities above our own. That was the case in Lockport when it became known that Johnny Raskob had written to the owner of an Ohio city street railway company for a job as secretary, estimating his value at a figure that seemed absurd to those with whom he had been raised.

But John Raskob got the job and at his own price. The man who hired him was Pierre S. Du Pont, then owner of the traction system in Lorain, Ohio. Lockport residents thought that the youth was lucky in landing such a plum.

Before he left Lockport young Raskob had been making \$30 a month. He had asked for a raise to \$10 a week. When this was refused him he decided that his talents were not appreciated. He made up his mind to seek fields in which he would receive better rewards.

So he wrote to a friend, a young draughtsman, Sterling H. Bunnell by name, asking him if there was any opening for him in Lorain. He received a reply that Pierre S. Du Pont was seeking the right sort of a young man to act as his secretary and aid in the street railway business.

When John Raskob told his friends that he had applied for the job and had asked for a salary of \$1,000 a year they thought at first that he was fooling. When they were convinced by the earnest young man that he actually had asked for such pay they were certain that he wouldn't get a reply even. But they were wrong and John Raskob was right. He invariably has been on financial matters ever since.

The boy who surprised his Lockport companions in the matter of getting such a big salary was born in that up-state New York city in 1879. His father, a solid and substantial citizen, was in the tobacco business.

John was an average student in school. His quick smile and pleasant manner made him popular. He early showed a liking for business and an aptitude for figures. His father died when John was in high school. Mrs. Raskob was left with four children.

The future chairman of the finance committee of General Motors didn't try to complete his education by working in his spare time. He decided that the sooner he got a real job the better. He realized that he needed special equipment to get ahead in the business world.

He left high school and took a commercial course in stenography and bookkeeping. He buckled down to his studies and soon qualified to take dictation and to keep a set of books. He got a job at \$3 a week. That was considered fair wages for a beginner in Lockport in those days.

After six months he asked for an increase to \$7.50 a week. His employer agreed to give it to him, but it was some months before the raise materialized. Following two years' work during which he became an expert stenographer, an excellent typist and a first class bookkeeper, he asked for \$10 a week. His employer didn't think the youngster was worth such wages to him.

That was the turning point in John Raskob's life. He wrote to Pierre Du Pont and went to work for him in 1900. The next year he represented his employer as treasurer of a street car line in Dallas, Texas. His salary had been raised to \$3,000 a year, proving to skeptical Lockport friends that he hadn't thought too well of his earning capacity after all.

He went to Wilmington, Del., in 1902, as assistant treasurer of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours company. Later he became treasurer and then vice president of the big chemical concern. Mr. Du Pont joined him in buying General Motors stock and John Raskob soon became the directing financial genius of that vast corporation and one of the country's outstanding business leaders.

Nordics and Latins

By Nordic nations is meant the northern nations, the Norse people, such as those of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Of course, there are no purely Latin peoples, but the nations containing a large Latin element in blood, law, and language are the Italians, the Spanish and the French. These are the leading Latin nations, but in fact they are of mixed blood, like the English-speaking people. There is considerable intermarriage between northern and Latin peoples but it cannot be said to be common.

Few Persons Get Full Advantage of Reading

That there are several million persons in the United States beyond the age of childhood who are illiterate, contradicts the statement put by Shakespeare in the mouth of Dogberry, that "to read and write comes by nature." There are other millions, nominally literate, who yet read so little and with such pain, that to them books are as an instrument upon which they have not learned to play. Prof. Charles H. Judd, of the University of Chicago, emphasized this in speaking on adult education at the convocation of the University of the State of New York: "Until people are ready to cultivate reading as they would cultivate the ability to play a musical instrument or to play golf, they will never be able to use the best sources of information with readiness and full advantage."

Reading aloud is recognized as an art, but reading to one's own mind is also an art, which can be developed, as other arts, by incessant practice. If he were to give as much attention to the cultivation of this skill as the musician gives to his art, the artisan with leisure and a library would be richer than the man whose profession or vocation leaves him no time to read swiftly and thoughtfully in the literature which is "the organ of the race mind" and whose chief function is the fusion of nations and the "enfranchisement of the soul" of the individual.—New York Times.

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Poland's Woman Warriors

Compulsory military service for women will be established in Poland if the women M. P.'s of that country have their way. They are bringing in legislation to introduce conscription for women. The scheme provides for the formation of a special women's army, in which girls will be required to serve when they attain the age of eighteen. The service period is to be 18 months. In the event of war, the women who have passed through this force will form a special military reserve. Various duties connected with social work

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