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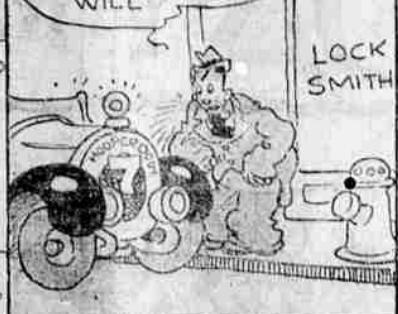
NOW, I'LL HAVE TO GET A GOOD STRONG LOCK - SOMEBODY MIGHT STEAL IT, THEY MIGHT



I'LL GO RIGHT STRAIGHT AND GET THAT LOCK - PEOPLE AIN'T SO HONEST NOW-A-DAYS. THEY AIN'T



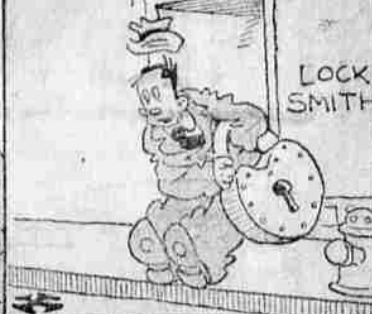
I'LL GO RIGHT IN HERE AND BUY A LOCK THAT NOBODY CAN BREAK, I WILL



NOW, I'VE SHOWED YOU EVERY LOCK IN THE PLACE AND THIS IS THE BIGGEST AND STRONGEST I GOT



GONE?



THE NEBB'S

Rudy, The Ex-Pugilist

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COME ON DAD, BOX WITH ME, WILL YOU?

SURE THING, JUNIOR, THAT WAS MY DREAM WHEN I WAS YOUNGER - I WAS A GREAT BOXER



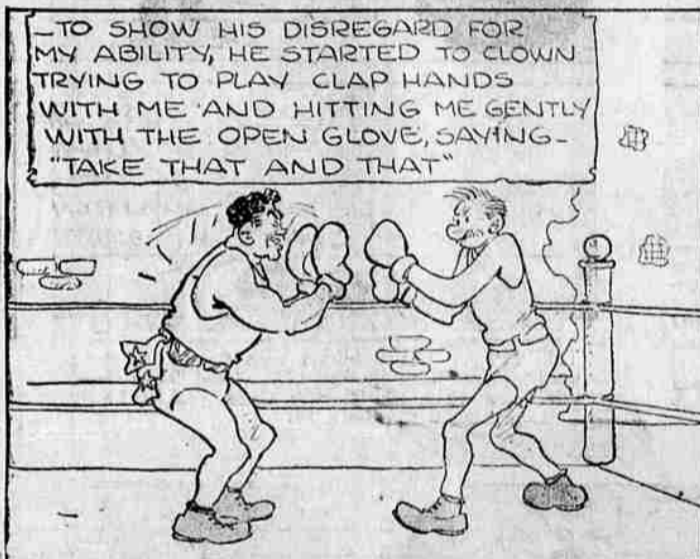
IN FACT, I COULD HAVE BEEN THE WORLD'S CHAMPION IF I WANTED TO, BUT MY FOLKS OBJECTED SO I GAVE IT UP - ONCE THE GREAT JOHN L. JEFFSIMONS APPEARED IN OUR TOWN TAKING ON ALL COMERS.



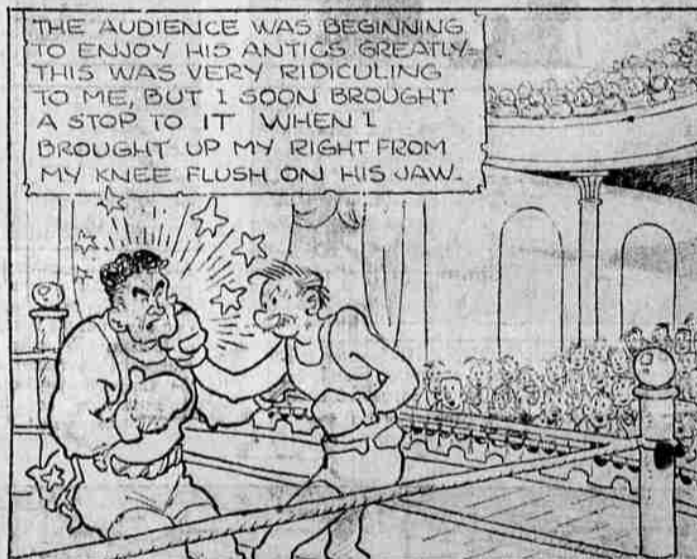
THE NIGHT HE APPEARED, THE MANAGER ANNOUNCED THAT HIS OPPONENT HAD TAKEN SICK AND OFFERED \$500 TO ANY MAN IN THE AUDIENCE WHO COULD STAY 3 ROUNDS WITH THE CHAMP -



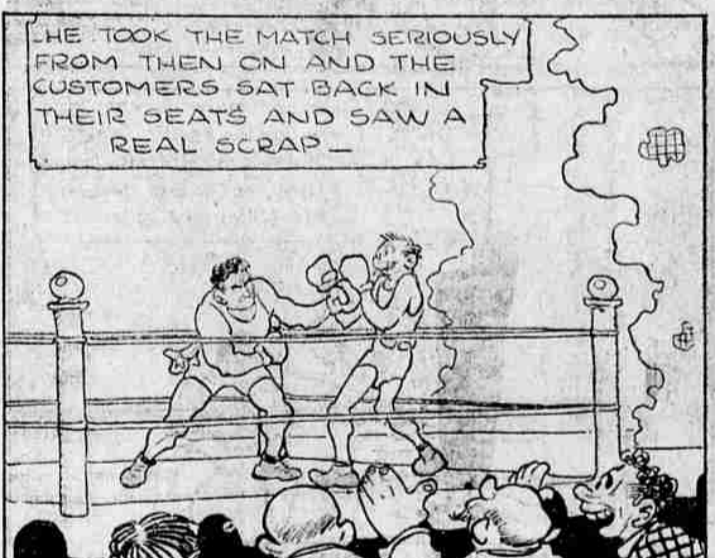
MY FRIENDS, KNOWING I COULD BOX, INSISTED ON MY GOING INTO THE RING - YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE LOOK OF DISGUST ON THE CHAMP'S FACE WHEN I CRAWLED THROUGH THE ROPES -



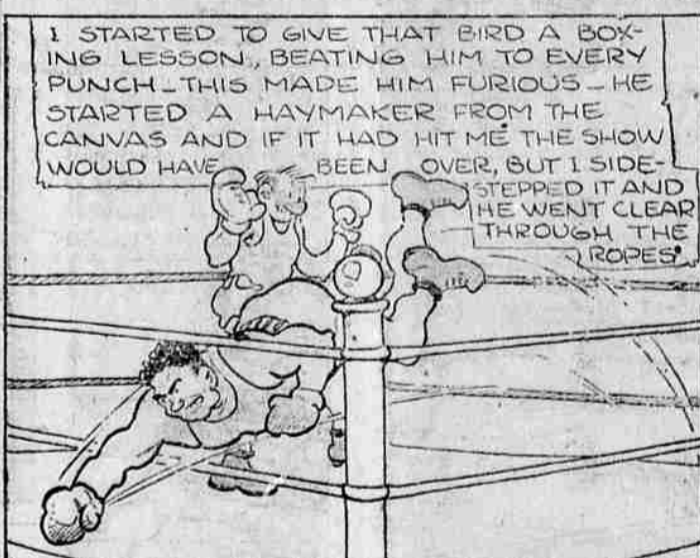
TO SHOW HIS DISREGARD FOR MY ABILITY, HE STARTED TO CLOWN TRYING TO PLAY CLAP HANDS WITH ME AND HITTING ME GENTLY WITH THE OPEN GLOVE, SAYING - "TAKE THAT AND THAT"



THE AUDIENCE WAS BEGINNING TO ENJOY HIS ANTICS GREATLY - THIS WAS VERY RIDICULOUS TO ME, BUT I SOON BROUGHT A STOP TO IT WHEN I BROUGHT UP MY RIGHT FROM MY KNEE FLUSH ON HIS JAW.



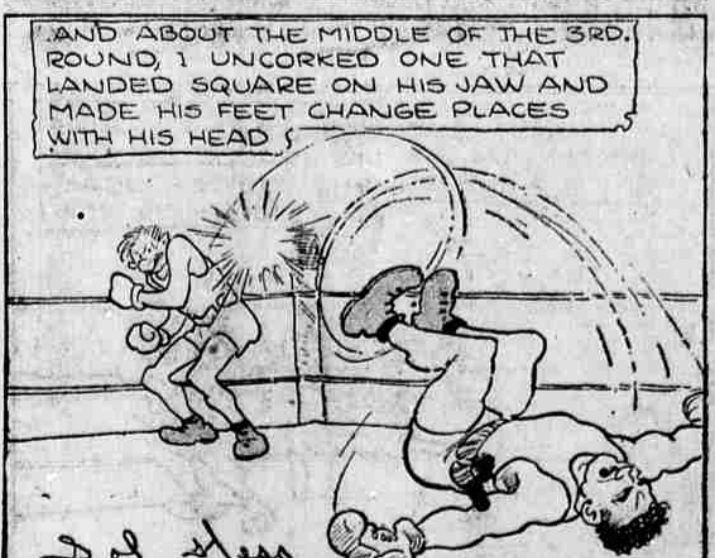
HE TOOK THE MATCH SERIOUSLY FROM THEN ON AND THE CUSTOMERS SAT BACK IN THEIR SEATS AND SAW A REAL SCRAP -



I STARTED TO GIVE THAT BIRD A BOXING LESSON, BEATING HIM TO EVERY PUNCH - THIS MADE HIM FURIOUS - HE STARTED A HAYMAKER FROM THE CANVAS AND IF IT HAD HIT ME THE SHOW WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER, BUT I SIDESTEPPED IT AND HE WENT CLEAR THROUGH THE ROPES



THEN I SHOWED THAT BIRD SOME GLOVES - I GAVE HIM A BOXING LESSON HE DIDN'T KNOW WAS IN THE BOOK -



AND ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE 3RD. ROUND, I UNCORKED ONE THAT LANDED SQUARE ON HIS JAW AND MADE HIS FEET CHANGE PLACES WITH HIS HEAD



I HAD HIM OUT BUT THEY PULLED THE CURTAIN - YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD THE AUDIENCE CHEER ME AND I HAD SOME WONDERFUL OFFERS TO BOX BUT I REJECTED THEM ALL

RUDY, THAT LITTLE MR. NEHOC FROM NEXT DOOR IS HERE - HE WANTS TO SEE YOU. HE'S SO MAD HE'S FIT TO BE TIED.



SAY, IF YOU DON'T KEEP THAT DOG OF YOURS QUIET WHEN I WANT TO TAKE A NAP I'LL SOFTEN THIS ON THAT THING YOU WEAR YOUR EYE GLASSES ON!

ALLRIGHT, MR. NEHOC, I'LL CALL THE DOG INTO THE HOUSE RIGHT AWAY AND THEN HE WON'T DISTURB YOU.

