

NIPPIE

HE'S OFTEN WRONG

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IT'S TOO STEEP A CLIFF TO CLIMB UP, NIPPIE!

NOT FOR ME IT AIN'T!



OKAY—I'VE GOT HIM! PULL US UP!

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SO YOUR UNCLE PHIL WENT TO THE RACES TODAY, EH, MICKEY? I THOUGHT HE'D SWORE OFF GAMBLING!

HE HAS, TOM—HE SAYS ANYBODY THAT THINKS THEY CAN BEAT THE HORSES IS CRAZY—HE JUST WENT BECAUSE SOMEBODY GAVE HIM A FREE TICKET!



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT HORSE IS GONNA WIN, STRANGER? THAT'S "BRIDGEWORK"—AND HE AIN'T SUPPOSED TO HAVE A CHANCE!

I HAPPEN TO OWN HIM! I'M WHITNEY VAN ASTORBILT—AND HE'S THE FINEST BIT OF HORSEFLESH THAT EVER WORE MY COLORS!



Y-YOU MEAN YOU'RE THE WHITNEY VAN ASTORBILT?—THE FAMOUS SPORTSMAN?

YES—AND I'M SO SURE THAT "BRIDGEWORK" WILL WIN THIS RACE THAT I'LL PAY YOU BACK ANY SUM YOU MAY WAGER ON HIM IF HE SHOULD LOSE!



THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, MR. VAN ASTORBILT! I'M GONNA PUT TEN BUCKS RIGHT ON HIS NOSE!

GOOD! I'LL WAIT HERE FOR YOU AND WE'LL WATCH HIM WIN TOGETHER!



TEN BUCKS ON "BRIDGEWORK" —TO WIN!

I SURE APPRECIATE! YOU LETTIN' ME IN ON THIS, MR. VAN ASTORBILT—I ALWAYS ENJOY BETTING ON A SURE THING!

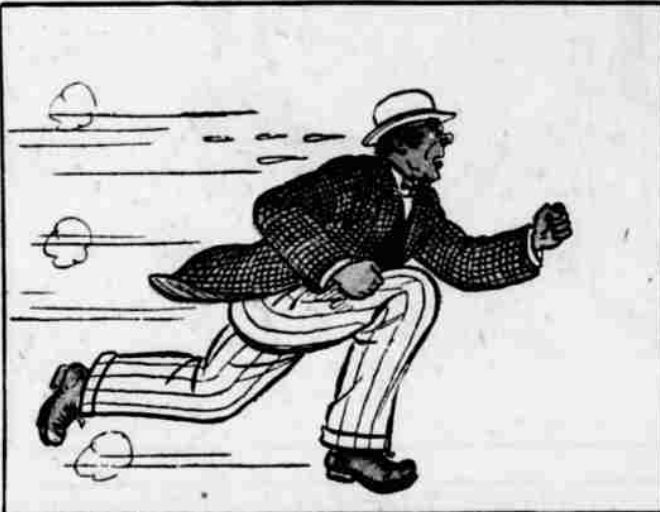
THERE HE IS!



Y-YOU MEAN HE'S NOT MR. VAN ASTORBILT?

OF COURSE NOT! HE'S A NUT! HE ESCAPED FROM THE STATE ASYLUM THIS MORNING!

SURE! HE'S GOT A BUG ABOUT HORSE RACING—WE ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR HIM!



SORRY, MISTER! ONCE A BET IS MADE, IT HAS TO STAND!

THEY'RE OFF!



WHAT HORSE IS THAT MOVING UP ON THE OUTSIDE?

"BRIDGEWORK"! A 50 TO 1 SHOT! AND HE SURE IS MOVING!



YIPPEE!! "BRIDGEWORK" WINS!

AND IT PAID 50 TO 1, EH, PHIL? HOW DID'JA HAPPEN TO PICK THAT NAG—ON A HUNCH?

NO INDEED, CLANCY! I KNEW WHAT I WAS DOIN'—I'M A GREAT STUDENT OF FORM!

