

# LIL' ABNER

The Parrots of Wimpole Street — by AL CAPP

**THE STATE DEPARTMENT - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

THE MAHARAJAH OF HYDUNDERABAD IS HERE!!

WE MUST GAIN HIS GOOD WILL!! HIS OIL LAND IS VITAL TO THE U.S.A.!!

BUT—PSSST!! HE'S BROUGHT HIS HAREM!!

GULP!!— WE MUST ACCEPT EVEN THAT!! WE MUSTN'T OFFEND HIM!!

BOW SWINE!! TO HIS UNEARTHLY RADIANCE, THE MAHARAJAH OF HYDUNDERABAD!!

BRING THE HAREM IN— HERE!!

(—"A HAREM IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT!! I HOPE DREW PEARSON DOESN'T FIND OUT!!")

?!! THEY'RE PARROTS!!

NATURALLY!!—PARROTS ARE CUTER THAN GIRLS— THEY'RE MORE SENSIBLE TO TALK TO—AND BIRD SEED IS A LOT CHEAPER THAN DIAMOND BRACELETS!!—

ONLY ONE THING WORRIES ME!! PERHAPS YOUR GOVERNMENT CAN HELP—

OF COURSE!!

MY PARROTS DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL!! COULD YOU GET ME A TUTOR?

WE'LL GET THE BEST ENGLISH-SPEAKING PARROT IN AMERICA, YOUR MAJESTY—

AND I KNOW JUST THE ONE!!

MY NEIGHBORS HAVE A TALENTED PARROT COUPLE, NAMED BASSETT!!

YES!!—IT'S OUR OLD FRIEND!!

I'M TH' HAPPIEST BIRD IN TH' WORLD!!—MARRIED!!—A NICE HOME IN THE SUBURBS!!

—AND WE'RE MANAGING TO PUT AWAY A LITTLE BIRD SEED EVERY WEEK FOR OUR OLD AGE—

OH, BASSETT!!—HOW YOU'VE CHANGED!! YOU WERE ONCE SUCH A PLAYBOY— A PUSHOVER FOR ANY PASSING MESS OF FEATHERS!!

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF YOU'D WEAKEN, IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO TEMPTATION AGAIN!!

ME? HA!! NEVER!!

THERE HE IS!!

## Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY HAROLD R FOSTER

Our Story: THE GATES OF HAMLIN GARDE OPEN, AND TWO BY TWO THE YOUNG NOBLES RIDE FORTH, EACH WEARING THE COLORS OF THE SIDE ON WHICH HE IS TO FIGHT IN THE GRAND MELEE.

THEY LINE UP ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE FIELD, EAGER FOR THE FRAY. FOR THEY ARE YOUNG WARRIORS WHO HAVE NOT WON THEIR SPURS, AND THE PRIZE TO HIM WHO UNHORSES THE MOST OPPONENTS IS KNIGHTHOOD!

THE LORD OF HAMLIN GARDE RAISES HIS GOLDEN TRUNCHEON, AND TRUMPETS SOUND THE CHARGE!

ROUGH SPORT THAT DIFFERS FROM ACTUAL WARFARE ONLY IN THAT NO SHARPENED WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED. THE LADY ALICE WATCHES KERWIN WITH ANXIOUS EYES. RATHER WOULD SHE LIKE TO SEE HIM WOUNDED HERE THAN MEET COTH LATER IN SINGLE COMBAT!

AND COTH IS MAGNIFICENT! ONE AFTER ANOTHER THE WEARERS OF THE WHITE EMBLEM FALL BENEATH HIS AWFUL STROKES. BUT PRINCE VALIANT NOTES THAT MOST OF HIS VICTIMS ARE STRUCK FROM BEHIND WHILE FACING ANOTHER OPPONENT!

Hal Foster