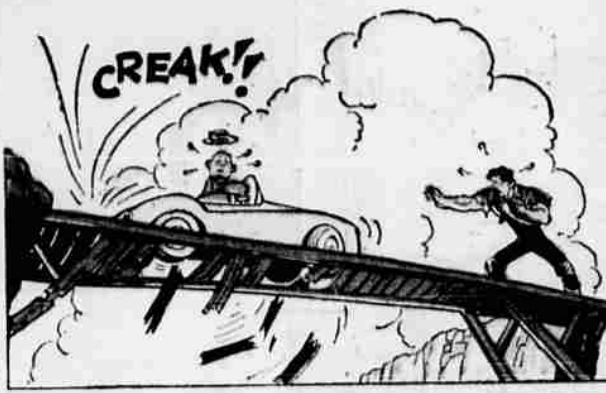


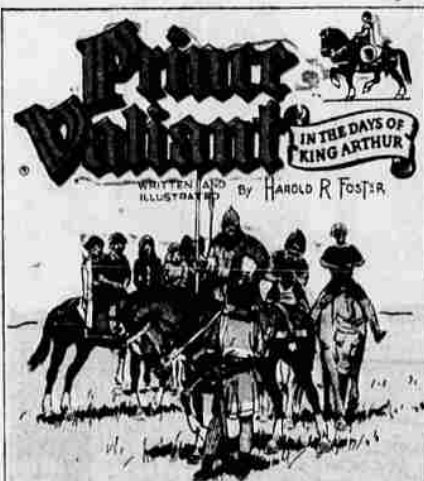
LIL ABNER

Thar's Goldfarbs
in Them
Thar Hills!!

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TO BE CONTINUED:



Our Story: SIR GAWAIN, THE HANDSOME, THE WITTY, THE BRAVE, HAD PLANNED TO DO GALLANT DEEDS BEFORE THE ADMIRING EYES OF LADY LOWRY AND HER PRETTY DAUGHTERS. BUT PRINCE VALIANT GOT THERE FIRST, SPOIL SPORT, AND HAD EVERYTHING WELL IN HAND.



WE WELCOME BACK TO OUR STORY GAWAIN'S TWO SERVANTS, PIERRE, COOK, VALET AND SQUIRE (IN TIMES OF PEACE), AND JEX, WHOM PIERRE BOUGHT OUT OF SLAVERY. TWO LOYAL SERVANTS.



AS THE SHINING KNIGHT PREPARES TO DISMOUNT, PIERRE HOLDS HIS STEED WHILE JEX RUSHES TO HOLD THE STIRRUP.



UNDER THE WEIGHT OF BONE, MUSCLE AND ARMOR JEX SINKS SLOWLY TO THE GROUND. HE RECEIVES HIS WHACKS WITHOUT COMPLAINT, FOR HE HAS GROWN USED TO IT.



NEVER DID A MASTER HAVE MORE DEVOTED SERVITORS. THEY STRIVE TO FULFILL HIS EVERY NEED. THERE IS BUT ONE FLAW: IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBLE WAY TO BLUNDER, THEY WILL FIND IT.



SIR GAWAIN SOON REGAINS HIS POISE. "I AM SORRY, LADIES, THAT THE OFFICIOUSNESS OF MY EX-SQUIRE, SIR VALIANT, HAS ROBBED YOU OF THE PLEASURE OF SEEING ME JOUST; THE THUNDERING CHARGE, THE SPLINTERING OF LANCES, AND THE CRASH OF MY OPPONENTS' FALL!"



AND HE MIGHT HAVE GONE ON AND ON HAD NOT THE STEWARD INTERRUPTED WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT GAWAIN CONSIDERS TO BE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE: "DINNER IS SERVED!"

NEXT WEEK—Many a Slip