

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

APRIL SHOWERS

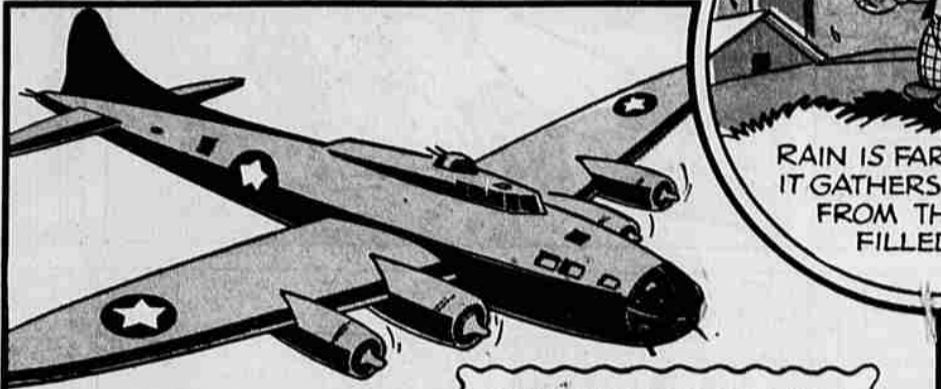
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RAINDROPS CAN GET NO LARGER THAN ONE-TENTH OF AN INCH IN DIAMETER.



RAIN FREQUENTLY FALLS OVER THE SAHARA DESERT, BUT EVAPORATES BEFORE REACHING THE EARTH.



RAIN FALLING ON AIRPLANES FREEZES AT TEMPERATURES ABOVE 32 DEGREES.



RAIN IS FAR FROM PURE! IT GATHERS MICROBES FROM THE DUST-FILLED AIR.

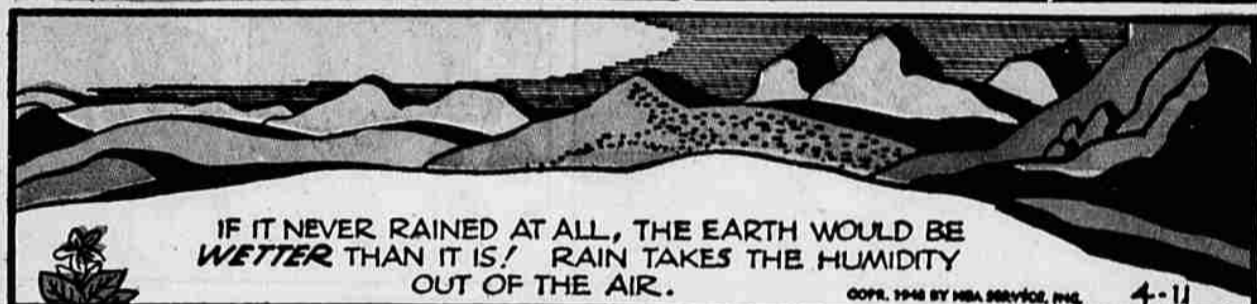


LONDON, WITH ALL ITS DRIZZLE AND FOGS HAS LESS RAINFALL THAN **TOPEKA**, IN THE DRY STATE OF KANSAS.



RAIN WILL FILL A RECEPTACLE JUST AS QUICKLY FALLING AT AN ANGLE AS FALLING STRAIGHT DOWN.

IN NEARLY EVERY COUNTRY THERE ARE MONTHS THAT HAVE MORE RAIN THAN **APRIL**.



IF IT NEVER RAINED AT ALL, THE EARTH WOULD BE **WETTER** THAN IT IS! RAIN TAKES THE HUMIDITY OUT OF THE AIR.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



8 A.M.

YOUR MOTHER ISN'T FEELING WELL, BOYS.... SO WE'LL TAKE OVER TODAY!

OKAY, POP!



HOW MUCH COFFEE DO I PUT IN FOR THREE CUPS, I WONDER?

I'LL ASK MOM!



.....AND HOW LONG DO WE BOIL THE EGGS, MOM?



TAG, YOU RUN THE CARPET SWEEPER... FRECKLES, YOU MAKE THE BEDS.... AND I'LL BUY THE GROCERIES!



4 P.M.

WHEN YOU FINISH THAT, SET THE TABLE, FRECKLES... TAG CAN BRING IN THE WASHING!



7 P.M.

WHEN WE FINISH THIS AND CARRY OUT THE GARBAGE, WE'LL BE THROUGH!

AFTER WE SWEEP THE KITCHEN AND SCOUR THE STOVE!



FOR YEARS YOUR MOTHER HAS SAID: "MAN WORKS FROM SUN TO SUN... BUT WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE!"



WOMEN HAVE IT EASY, POP!

SURE THEY HAVE!



LOOK AT WHAT WE DID! WE PITCHED IN AND DID YOUR MOTHER'S WORK... AND IT ONLY TOOK THREE OF US!



NOW YOU'RE ALL ENTITLED TO A GOOD REST IN THE LIVING ROOM, MENDING SOCKS!



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