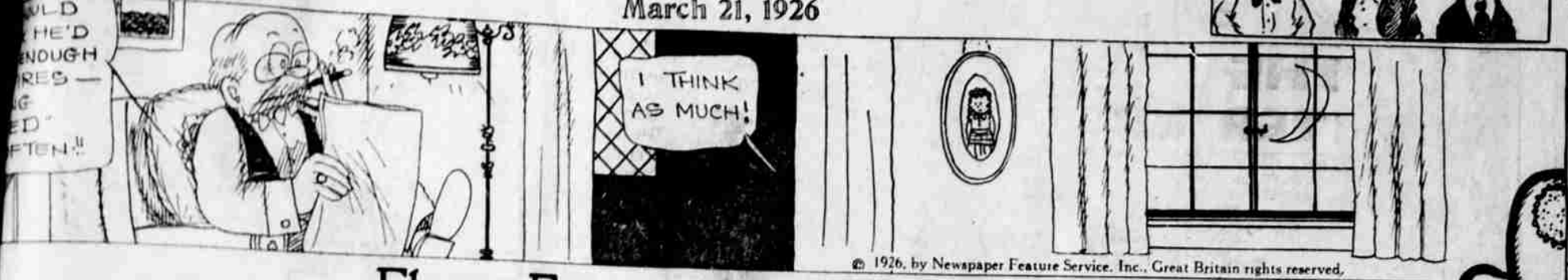


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...WULD HE'D ENOUGH RES— ED— FTEN!!

I THINK AS MUCH!

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Elmer--Fires are His Favorite Fun.

MR. TUGGLE, WE QUITE WELL SED WITH ELMER IN THE GROCERY, WAS SORRY TO HIM GO. IF HE D CARE TO MAKE OMICE OR TWO ULD BE GLAD TAKE BACK.

ALL RIGHT, MR. FRAILEY, ... HIS MOTHER WAS VERY ANGRY TO THINK HE WOULD LEAVE HIS WORK AND SKIP OFF TO SO MANY FIRES ... AND PARTICULARLY AS HE ONLY WORKED FROM FOUR TO SIX... I'LL SEND HIM RIGHT OVER! I THINK HE WILL SEE THE THING DIFFERENTLY NOW!!

HELLO, MISTER FRAILEY, ... PA SENT ME OVER. ... DO I GET MY JOB BACK, AND DO I STILL MAKE THE TWO DOLLARS A WEEK??

WELL, ELMER, I HOPE YOU REALIZE IT WAS ENTIRELY WRONG TO HIKE OFF TO THREE FIRES IN LESS THAN A WEEK! ... ONE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO BAD... WE WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK IF YOU WILL AGREE TO LIMIT YOUR FIRE TRIPS TO A CERTAIN NUMBER EACH WEEK.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WELL, HOW MANY, MISTER FRAILEY??

LET'S SEE, ... I'D BE WILLING, I GUESS, TO LET YOU GO TO - SAY - ONE FIRE A WEEK. ... THAT'S CERTAINLY QUITE A PLENTY-

ONE FIRE ??? GEE-MUNEE! ... THAT'S ABOUT TH' SAME AS NOT GETTIN' TA GO TO NONE! MAKE UT TWO FIRES! ... THAT AINT S'MANY!!

NO! ONE FIRE A WEEK IS ENOUGH FOR ANY BOY! ... EVEN THAT IS QUITE A CONCESSION... HOWEVER, I THINK YOU ARE TOO MUCH INTERESTED IN FIRES, SO I'LL GIVE UP THE IDEA OF TAKING YOU BACK. I'M SORRY ABOUT IT... GOOD-BYE.

...LL, HONEY, ... SUPPOSE IT'S ALL HEARD UP!! ... WHEN DO YOU PART IN AGAIN FRAILEY'S? ... MORROW??

NOPE! ... HE'D ONLY LET ME GO TO ONE FIRE A WEEK!! ... BY GEORGE, I NEVER HEARD-A BUCHY GUY!!

YOU ARE SIMPLY CRAZY ON THE SUBJECT OF FIRES!! ... AND YOU NEED A GOOD LESSON AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT!!

HOLD UP ELLA. ... I'LL TELL YOU HOW WE WILL SETTLE THIS WHOLE QUESTION, PEACEFULLY AND QUIETLY!!

WELL, GEE WHIZ MA!?

...E WILL GET ELMER JOB IN THE FIRE-DEPARTMENT! HE CAN DO TO ALL THE FIRES AND AT THE SAME ME NOT BE LEAVING S WORK!! HOW'S THAT? ... ELMER WILL BE LEASED AND SO WILL EVERYBODY ELSE! ... THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, IF YOU DO SAY IT YOURSELF!

NIX!! THEY GOT THREE FIRE COMPANIES IN TOWN NOW AND YA'D NOT GET TO GO TO ALL TH' FIRES, BY A LONG SHOT! ... ONLY TH' ONES NEAR YER STATION!!

WHY ALL THIS NONSENSE?? ... I THINK WE WILL GET BACK TO THE ORIGINAL ISSUE!!

RATS! ... I KNEW WE COULDN'T GET HIM SUCHY JOB... BUT I JUST WONDERED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN CONNECTION WITH WORK, OR SUPPOSED WORK, HE WOULDN'T KICK ON!!

WHACK! WHACK! WHACK!

OUCH!! GEE WHIZ!!!

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