JUST IN FUN

Take Your Choice

Rastus and Liza were married but a short time when he came home with a big wash tub a washboard and a handsome three-foot mirror.

Liza: "Whut's all de truck you brung?"

Rastus:: "You-all kin take you' pick. Yo' kin take de tub an' washboard an' go to work, or you kin take de mirror an' set down and watch you'se'f starve."

Two Ways

A bumptious fellow was giving evidence in a police-court.

"You say you stood up?" asked the magistrate.

"I said," retorted the conceited one, that I stood. If one stands one must stand up. There's no other way of standing."

"Oh, isn't there?" replied the magistrate. "Pay two pounds for contempt of court, and . . . stand down!"

Proper Exit

" What happened after you were thrown out of the side exit on your face?"

"I told the fellow I belonged to a very important family."

"And then?"

"He begged my pardon, asked me in again and threw me out of the front door."

Good Reason

The park orator looked around.

"You, my friend," he said, gazing intently at a member of his audience, "are you treading the straight and narrow path?"

The man nodded. "I am."

"And do you find it easy?"

"When I started I didn't, but now it comes naturally to me. I don't know how I'd get on if I didn't stick rigidly to it and keep my mind on nothing else."

"And will you explain to these ladies and gentlemen why you feel you should continue on the straight and narrow path?"

"Certainly. If I didn't I should fall off. I'm a tight-rope walker."

The Test

One Sunday morning the pastor of a congregation noticed that an old face had reappeared among his flock and after the sermon welcomed the supposedly repentent backslider.

"This is the first time you've been to church for a long time," he said. "I'm glad to see you."

"Ah done had to come. Ah needs strengthenin'. Ise got a job white-washin' a chicken coop an' buildin' a fence 'round a watermelon patch."

Profitable

Father had been teaching little Bobby how to do sums. Six times he had held out a threepenny-piece and a penny and asked his son which he would have. Each time Bobby had taken the penny.

"Surely, Bobby," said father at last, "you know a threepenny-piece is worth more to you than a penny?"

"Not the way you're teaching me," said the youngster. "I've made threepence on the deal already."

An Idea

He had taken a long time coming home from work, and his wife nagged at him for being late for dinner. At last she decided to change the conversation, and said chattily:

"I hear poor Mr. Jones has had his wife killed."

"And not a bad idea, neither," replied her husband sourly.

Assistance

As the second sponged the badly battered features of the would-be world champion, he murmered in tones of disgust: "It's all right, Bill. We've sent for a private detective."

"What the dickens do I want a private detective for?" sorrowfully asked the fighter.

"Well," sneeringly piped the second, "he'll help you to find the chap you've been trying to hit during the last nine rounds."

Home Again

A colored parson, calling upon one of his flock, found the object of his visit out in the back yard working among his hen coops. He noticed with surprise that there were no chickens.

"Why, Brudder Brown," he asked, "whah'r all you' chickens?"

"Huh," grunted Brother Brown, without looking up, "some fool niggah lef' de do' open an' dey all went home."

He Flew

"Hallo, old man, I havn't seen you for some time."

"I've been in bed for seven weeks."

"That's too bad. Flu, I suppose?"

"Yes and crashed."

VOICE OF THE PRESS

"Good Luck" Fracture

Note to the superstitious: The other day a man broke his arm throwing salt over his shoulder.

—Kitchener Record.

A Tougher Job

It's easy turning out ships and planes like doughnuts in time of war. The truly Herculean feat is to build a couple of million houses amid the distractions of peace.

—Detroit News

Glad They're Cows

An Australian farmer has installed a radio in his milking shed, because it keeps the cows quiet, and "they seem to like the news." After what they hear, it is likely that the beasts appreciate the advantage of being cows.

—Toronto Saturday Night

Extinct

What has become of the old-fashioned business man who said, "I can't complain"?

—Winnipeg Tribune

Change To Farmers

If all the swords were beaten into plowshares and all the cannon into pruning forks, what a bunch of farmers these armament manufacturers would look like.

—Chatham News

No More—No Less

Five-day-week advocates possibly have forgotten the Fourth Commandment "Six days shalt thou labor."

—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Given a Chance

One thing about those Nazi war criminals; they are at least being given a chance to die of old age.

—Hamilton Spectator.

Deodorized Pets

Deodorized skunks are being sold at $40 apiece in the State of Oregon as household pets, more comfortable than cats and not a menace to bird life either.

—St. Catharies Spectator.

Well-Traveled Road

Up at Fort Frances, Ont., they are building a road to a place called Despair. We thought the path to the place was well-worn already.

—Peterborough Examiner.

Solving Unemployment

A farmer's wife points out that if a girl wishes to solve permanently the problem of personal unemployment, she should marry a farmer.

—Kitchener Record.

Sticktoitiveness

Perseverance is sticking to something you are not stuck on.

—Quebec Chronicle Telegraph

Easy Time

The seamen's union demands reduced hours on ships at sea. And what would seamen do with their spare time? Lean over and watch the mermaids?

—Brandon Sun.

Might Be

"Goats Survive Bikini Bombing." But supposing next time you're the goat!

—Windsor Star.

And Not a Slip One

"Courtship" is defined by a columnist as "that period in which a girl wraps a man around her little finger, preparatory to putting him under her thumb." But that's only part of the story. She takes the poor guy to a preacher and has him tied in a knot.

—Ottawa Citizen.

Credit Canada's Sunshine

Sugar beets in Alberta show a sugar recovery of about 3,400 pounds per acre, in Britain about 2,850 pounds per acre. Credit the difference to our sunshine.

—Lethbridge Herald.

Stage Actress

HORIZONTAL

1,5 Pictured actress
10 Erbium (symbol)
11 Each (ab.)
12 Measures of cloth
13 Account of (ab.)
14 Electrical engineer (ab.)
15 Lieutenant (ab.)
16 Born
17 Transpose (ab.)
18 Conductor
19 Toward
21 Like
22 South America (ab.)
24 Exclamation
26 Inspires reverence
28 Accomplished
30 Short sleep
31 Possess
32 Network (anat.)
33 Sprightly dance
35 Measure of area
36 Nova Scotia (ab.)
38 Any
39 Greek letter
40 Fishes
44 And (Latin)
46 Age
47 Bone
48 Iron (symbol)
50 Myself
51 Fish eggs
52 Southeast (ab.)
53 Upon
54 Sainted ones
55 She is a —— star

VERTICAL

1 Honey maker
2 Before
3 Shouts
4 Tardy
5 Sell
6 On the sheltered side
7 Employers
8 Chapeau
9 Neither
19 Tantalum (symbol)
20 Possessor
21 Species of tree
23 Decorate
24 Subjoin
25 Him
27 Dine
29 Be indebted
32 Egyptian sun god
34 Long Island (ab.)
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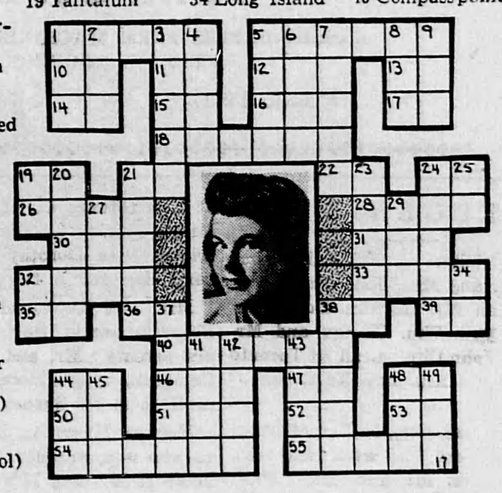

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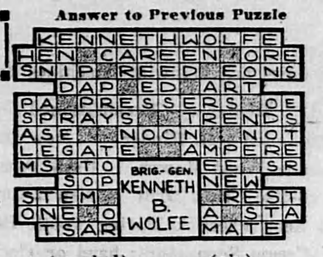


THE SPORTING THING

"I first became interested in buttons while checking the collection plates!"

D'J'EVER?

D'J'EVER GET THE ANNUAL URGE TO CLEAN OUT THE CUPBOARDS AND THE ATTIC DESPITE YOUR WIFE'S PROTESTS

AND, AS USUAL, WHEN YOU GO THROUGH THE SO-CALLED JUNK YOU FIND A FLOCK OF STUFF THAT, WITH A FEW REPAIRS, CAN BE MADE USEFUL AGAIN

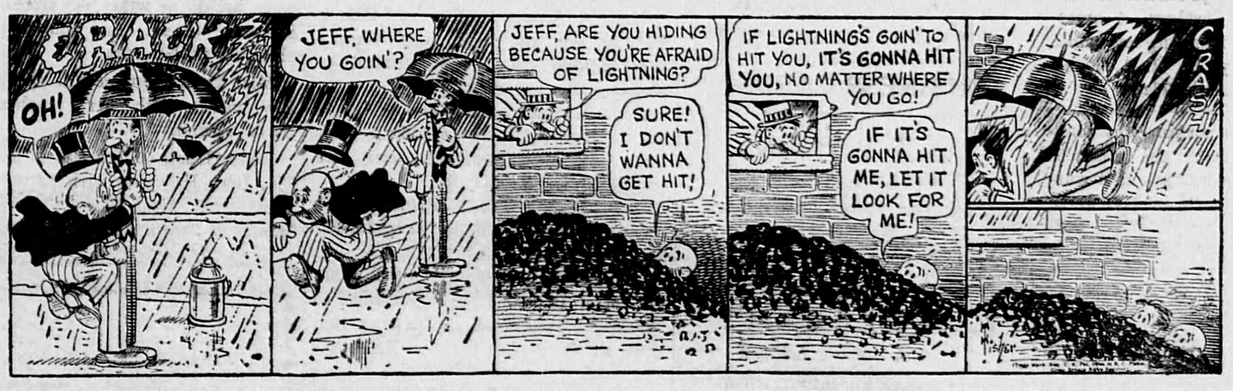
WITH THE RESULT THAT BEFORE YOU REALIZE IT YOU'VE SAVED YOURSELF QUITE A FEW PENNIES

...D'J'EVER FEEL LIKE PATTING YOURSELF ON THE BACK WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE ALSO HELPING TO FIGHT INFLATION?

DAWES **BLACK HORSE** BREWERY

MUTT AND JEFF—PLEASE PAGE ME A HUNK OF LIGHTNING!

By BUD FISHER



POP—A Farmer's Threat

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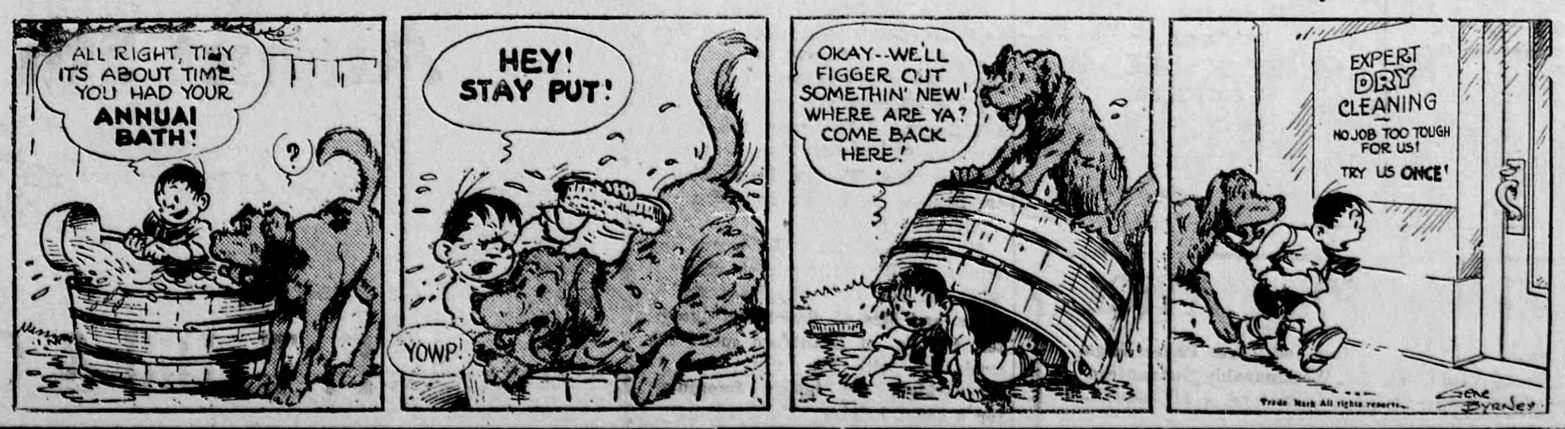
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