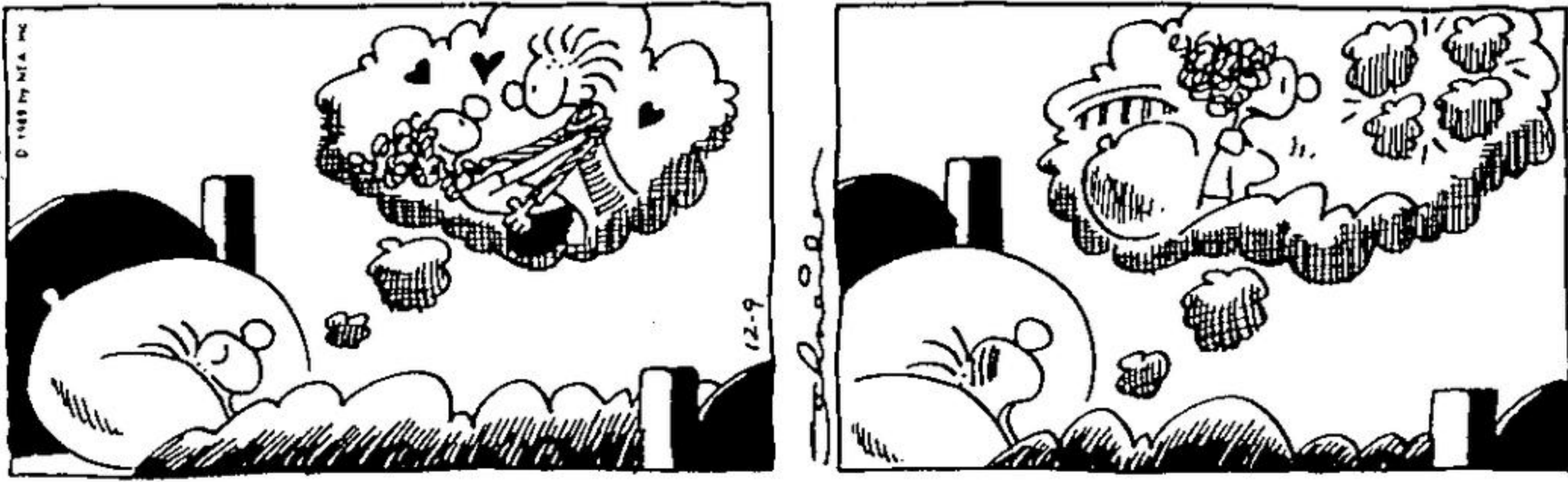


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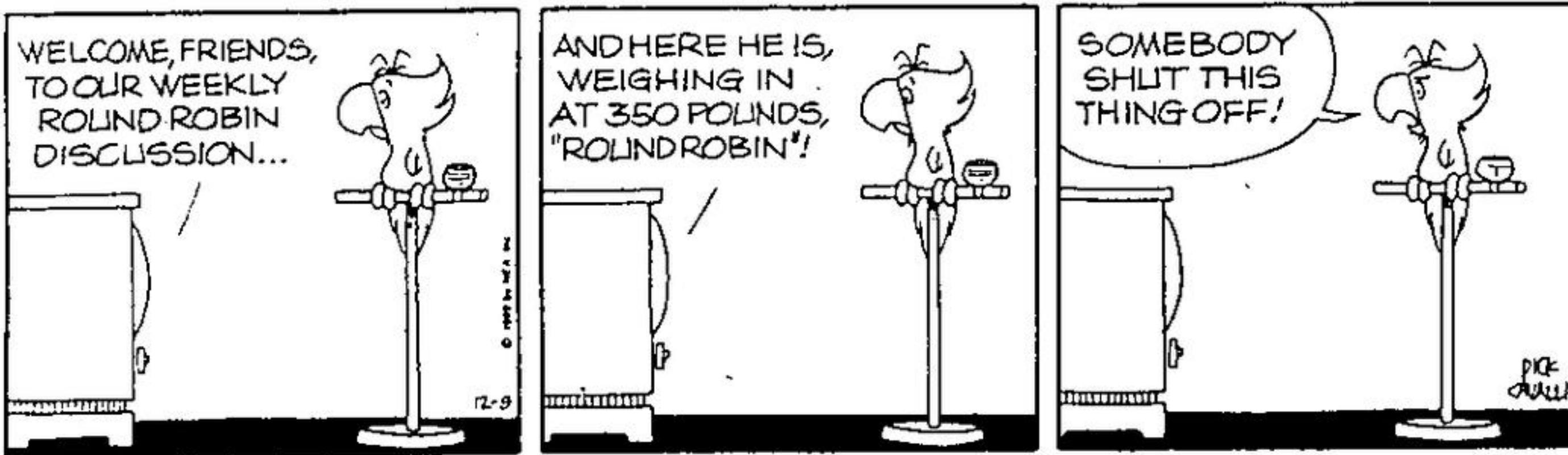
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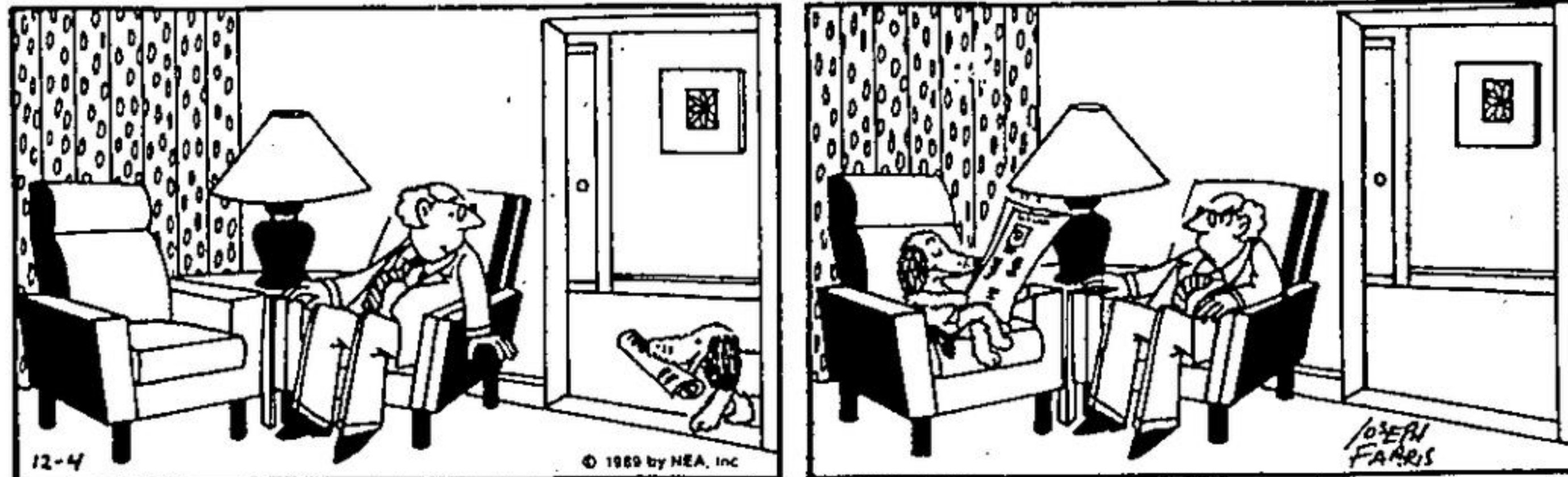
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JAMES JACOBY

Secret material desires you've been harboring for quite some time have good chances of being fulfilled in the year ahead. What you'll be able to get could make you glad you waited.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't be discouraged today if that which you hope to accomplish isn't achieved on your initial try. Where you'll really shine will be in situations that require a concerted second effort. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Good things could happen for you today in activities where you're exposed to lots of people. Repartee could provide you with valuable information that will inspire your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The secrets to your success today is to wait for others that which you want for yourself, because when you try to be helpful, you'll find you will gain as much as the recipient.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The fact that you'll have strong opinions today could actually turn out to be helpful to a friend who is confident. This person will benefit from drawing upon your strengths.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Give as much attention as possible to a joint venture that can be meaningful to you in material ways. This could be your most beneficial area today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A solution to an important development that concerns you as well as an associate can be found today, provided each party is willing to make certain adjustments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Once you get things under way today you work will go a lot quicker and smoother than you anticipate. The secret is to get into gear as rapidly as possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be the initiator today instead of waiting on others to make social arrangements you hope will include you. Conversely, if you do plan something, others will be glad you included them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If there is a domestic disruption today, take immediate measures to rectify it as quickly as possible. No one's feathers will get ruffled if it isn't allowed to get out of hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An unexpected shift in conditions might occur today and you'll want to be free to alter your course. To be on the safe side, don't lock yourself into a rigid schedule.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Diligently pursue any leads you get at this time that could result in adding to your resources. Your material prospects are hopeful, so be expectant regarding opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you are likely to be both bold and visionary. This is an effective alliance, because it will give you the courage to carry out your convictions and achieve your objectives.

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NORTH 11-25-89			
♦ 9 7	♦ A 5		
♦ Q 10 7 2	♦ J 9 8		
♦ A 8 5 4	♦ J 7 6 3		
♦ 7 3 2	♦ 9 8 6 4		
WEST			
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♦ 6			
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EAST			
♦ A 5			
♦ J 9 8			
♦ J 7 6 3			
♦ 9 8 6 4			
SOUTH			
♦ 6 3 2			
♦ A K 5 4 3			
♦ K 9			
♦ A K J			
Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	2 ♦	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	All pass		
Opening lead: ♦ K			

Taking out insurance

By James Jacoby

Half a loaf is better than none, and a 97 percent play is surely better than a 75 percent one. Look at today's auction. West stuck in a weak two-spade overcall. When North raised to three hearts, South made a mild slam try of four clubs. Although North cooperated by showing the diamond ace, neither player was willing to advance beyond four hearts without a spade control.

West led the king of spades, overtaken by East with the ace. A spade was returned and the third spade played. Declarer fully expected East to be out of spades, but gambled that he did not hold the heart jack. So South ruffed in dummy with the heart 10, and East overruffed with the jack. Late in the day West took the setting trick with the club queen. Too bad. The contract would have made had the jack of hearts been with West, or the queen of clubs with East. And some of the time declarer makes an overtrick. But insuring the contract is far better.

Since East is clearly out of spades, all declarer has to do is discard a club from dummy on the third spade. East can no longer make a trick with the jack of hearts, and declarer does not need to find the queen of clubs with East to avoid losing a club trick. The only time this play loses is when East has all four outstanding trumps (J-9-8-6) as well as the club queen.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: Q equals K.

L H G D H F N V D F L B P
 B V J F F E F L O P L S L G
 P V D W O S W H S F J P B L H S
 N V G U D D Q T D D Q P
 D W B P F O O P F K T D D Q P
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SOLUTION: "Anyone who eats three meals a day should understand why cookbooks outsell sex books three to one." — L.M. Boyd.