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Home Chats

Then give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.—M. S. Bridges.

Monotony
Isn't it amazing with every kind of work we have to do no matter how pleasant it may be, we find if it is taken really seriously there come times when it passes on and the work seems like drudgery.

To the wife and mother especially it is difficult to get away from monotony. The days to many mothers are filled with the performance of getting meals, eating them, setting clean dishes on the table, washing them afterwards, then putting on baby's clothes and sending him out to play, sweet and clean, only to bring him in again to wash the grimy little face and hands.

So monotony stalks along while doing the home duties; it also accompanies all business efforts and is close by while one is acquiring an education. The routine must be done and the wise man or woman is the one who keeps steadfastly in view the finished achievement. If we can only visualize the flower while the ground is being prepared the digging does not seem so irksome or the aching back so painful.

Have you ever noticed in studying art that so many people think of art accomplishments as only a pastime. We call it "playing," or the "art of singing," and give them a very superficial study, often thinking they are only the "frills." The study is hazardous and anything is considered good enough. This is why most of us never get past the primary stage. We are afraid of the monotony and drudgery of real work.

Then Mamma Hen started out to take a walk with her babies. They thought it was fine and scratched around in the straw in the big barn and looked so little and cute while they were having a good time. Just then the door opened and the farmer put them off in the corner where no one would touch them. She was glad when she got rid of them. After a while they dried up inside the shell and wouldn't smell any more even if you did break them.

"Oh," said Tommy, "it is the Star boys and girls." They come around and feed us with milk and fish, then they put out water to drink and bits of meat, and in cold weather they fix us beds in boxes and don't we love to see them coming around? They take good care of us. Well, here comes one now. Good-bye."
The common cat as well as the persian is the best rodent destroyer we have, but they need systematic feeding to do their best work. A humane society in your town teaches the children to be kind to animals.

A Good Cherry Cake for the Holidays
1 1/2 cups butter, 1 cup white sugar, 1/2 cup milk, 10c citron peel, 1 cup of brown sugar, 5 eggs, 2 cups raisins, 1/2 lb. candied cherries, 1 teasp. van.

World's Fastest Warship Tested By Gt. Britain

Makes 40-Knots Easily With No Pressure on Engines...
London—What is believed to be the fastest warship in the world, has just completed her trials for the British Navy, reaching a speed of forty knots at times without pressing her machinery in any way.

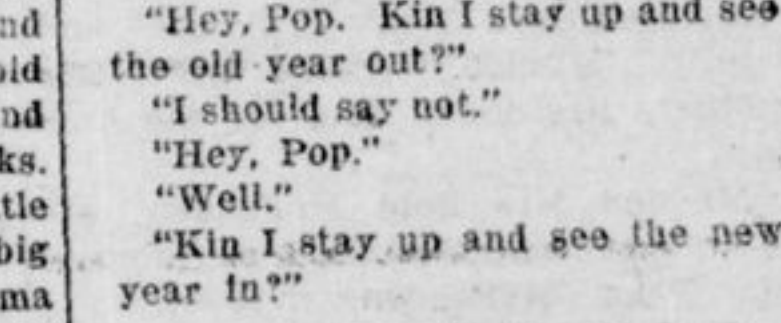
This is the new destroyer flotilla leader, Codrington, 1,520 tons, completed last June at the Swan & Hunter Shipyard in Glasgow. To the Admiralty officials her speed came as a revelation, for she obtained an average of 33 knots during a four-hour test, and reached a speed two knots higher at times. In conformity to the Admiralty's regulations, her engines, though if they had been there is no doubt in the minds of British naval men that the Codrington would have smashed existing records easily.

The most remarkable feature of the Codrington's achievement, in the opinion of the Admiralty, is that she reached the forty knots without exceeding the designed horsepower of 39,000, although she had been designed to reach a speed of only thirty-five knots. Nothing in the long history has been produced to other navies has been produced to outdistance which with a full load could streak across the Atlantic in three and a half days if top speed could be maintained.

Centenarian Dies At Home In Ontario

Smith Falls, Ont.—Robert Smith, 100 years old, died here on Dec. 15th. Two weeks ago the most serious illness of the few which came to him in his long life, forced him to cease doing light chores about his home. The centenarian had always been proud of his record of seldom missing a day's work. To hard work he attributed his longevity.

He died shortly after expressing regret that he was unable to be "up and about."
"Hey, Pop. Kin I stay up and see the old year out?"
"I should say not."
"Hey, Pop."
"Well."
"Kin I stay up and see the new year in?"



Famous Gate Hangs In Buffalo Alley
Buffalo, N.Y.—One of the massive gates from historic Newgate Prison in England hangs almost unnoticed in a Buffalo alley awaiting transfer by its owner to the building of the Buffalo Historical Society in Delaware Park.

The gate was purchased in 1903 by George E. More, of Buffalo, who happened in at an auction in England when the relics of Old Bailey prison were put up for sale. Bidding a small price for the gate, which weighs 1,800 pounds and requires a two-pound key to unlock it, Mr. More's offer was accepted. It cost him \$150 to ship it to the United States.

LESSENS NOISE
If you are bothered by the rattle of dish washing, you can get a rubber mat for the bottom of your dish pan, or better still, a fiber pan and a composition drain mat.

A famous golfer has been presented with a completely furnished home. But what does a golfer want with a home?

What New York Is Wearing

By ANNABELLE WORTHINGTON

Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furnished With Every Pattern



It has the Russian spirit that is everywhere fashionable gayer. It's slim, gay and so easy to wear. It takes just a minute to slip into it. The belt is adjustable. The neckline shows a smart boneness in its softly rolled scarf collar. The side buttoned closing is decidedly slimming feature. The under skirt is attached to a slip that is cut with armholes to prevent its slipping off the shoulders. It's a dress that will give excellent service. It's dark green wool crepe. The contrast is strikingly smart in green crepe with gold pin dots. The green buttons have gold rims.

Style No. 2847 may be had in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust.

3003-Year-Old Barley Presented to Ontario
Toronto.—An interesting exhibit has been placed in the museum of the Ontario Agricultural College. It is a sample of barley taken from the grain pits of the time of Solomon, the tenth century B.C., at Tall-Fara, Egypt. The grain is blackened with age, but has retained its natural form through 3,000 centuries. It was presented by the director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology.

Trade Treaty Signed By Japan and Panama
Panama City, P.R.—Japan and Panama have ratified a trade treaty giving full rights of travel and commerce to nationals of both countries. Article 10 of the treaty provides that the provisions of the agreement do not apply to the Canal Zone where a most favored nation clause is dependent upon stipulations agreed to or in the future agreed to between Panama and the United States. The treaty covers three years and becomes effective immediately.

Egmont Portraits Bring Some \$40,000
London.—The sale of the art collection inherited by the former Canadian rancher who is now known as the Earl of Egmont has come to an end and the coffers of Charles John Percival, ninth earl, of the coronet, are richer by 8,640 guineas, or about \$40,000. A little known canvas by Reynolds brought 2,800 guineas. A family group by Hugh Barron realized 460 guineas.

Berlin Palace Purchased By the United States
Washington.—The Bleucher Palace in Berlin, bought for an American Embassy, cost the Government \$1,800,000. The State Department recently announced the building would be used as a residence for the Ambassador as well as an office.

A Pessimistic Farewell
Old 1930, as you depart,
One thinks of many ills endured;
You were a bad boy at the start
And grew much worse as you matured.

We've Seen Better Ones.
The boys are right up to the minute in everything, hence, they have hopped on the eighteen-day diet that was launched by Ethel Barrymore. Mutt and Jeff don't get sylphlike figures it won't be the fault of spinach and dandelions!

Run Modern Factory Near North Pole

A canning factory, equipped with modern machinery and operated by electric power, has been established within a few hundred miles of the North Pole. It is operated entirely by Eskimos, mostly women. The factory, financed by the Danish government, draws its power from the nearby rivers and is equipped with up-to-date dynamos and oil engines to cope with emergencies. It is located in Holsenberg, Greenland, which has a population of about 250. A fleet of modern motorboats keeps the factory supplied with halibut, the principal catch of the vicinity.

Empire Service League Invited to Toronto

Toronto.—The British Empire Service League, embracing ex-service men's organizations throughout the Empire, has been invited to hold its biennial conference in Canada next year during the Canadian National Exhibition.

The Ontario Government, the municipality of Toronto, and the Canadian National Exhibition authorities joined in the invitation of the Canadian Legion to hold the conference here. The Empire delegates would take part in a Warrior's Day parade at the National Exhibition.

Russian Inventor Designs New Electric Train

Moscow.—Russia may give the world a new electric railroad train which operates on ball bearings instead of wheels. After the first test of the invention of N. G. Yarmolchuk, an expert commission studying its possibilities has recommended that the government undertake practical experiments. Yarmolchuk has worked almost a lifetime in an attempt to perfect such a train. He believes his work will prove revolutionary and his contentions appear somewhat sound in view of the expert committee's report.

\$71,003,828 Decrease In Trade Is Recorded

OTTAWA.—Canadian trade declined during the month of November by \$71,003,828 in comparison with the corresponding month last year, according to figures published in the current issue of the National Revenue Review. In November, 1929, trade for the month was valued at \$221,978,663; last month this had dropped to \$150,975,835. Export from Canada declined in value from \$111,068,871 (exclusive of \$2,177,654 foreign re-exports) to \$75,966,871 (exclusive of \$1,551,162 foreign re-exports). At the same time imports into this country dropped from \$108,733,697 to \$76,365,592. Illustrating the effect of the lowered price of wheat, the figures show that while \$28,550,921 was received for the export of 22,444,000 bushels of wheat in November last year, only \$21,676,089 was received for the export of 21,217,294 in November just passed.

Paris Puts One-Man Auto Bus on Trial
A one-man autobus is receiving its first trial in Paris. It has only second class accommodation, and passengers enter through a door near the driver's seat. Since bus fares are usually paid with tickets rather than coins, the driver is too busy to attend to the stamping of the tickets, a special machine is situated at the entrance in which passengers insert their own tickets for cancellation. Tickets are sold from automatic vending machines located at bus stops. The one-man bus, if it proves successful, will make possible a considerable reduction in staff. The Societe des Transports en Commun de la Region Parisienne, which operates the buses in Paris, estimates that 70 per cent of its expenditures is for wages and salaries.

600,000 Homestead Entries Made During Thirty Years
Ottawa.—The day of free homesteads, at least so far as "Dominion lands" is concerned, has passed with the handing over to the prairie provinces of their lands and other resources, and to British Columbia of the Peace River block and the railway belt. In future these provinces will fix their own land policies. Some idea of the important part "dominion lands" has played in the development of Canada is gained by finding that during the 30 years between 1900 and 1930 nearly 600,000 homestead entries have been made, representing at 160 acres each, nearly 100,000,000 acres of land.

Do Not Drive Through Fog But Wait Till View Clears
No lighting scheme has been devised that will penetrate a heavy fog. When large river boats encounter fog they run slowly or anchor, sounding a warning at short intervals. When a motor car operator continues to drive in a fog he endangers the lives of all in his car and of others on the highway, as the view ahead is shut off. No one can drive with safety without a clear view, and when such view is not available the car should be parked in a safe place until the atmosphere clears.

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Historic Flight Gifts Total 1943

Relics of Lindbergh's Flight to be Handed Down to Posterity

St. Louis, Mo.—An inventory of the decorations and gifts presented to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh following his flight from New York to Paris in May, 1927, has recently been completed by Mrs. Nettie H. Beauregard, archivist and curator of the Missouri Historical Society. The number of trophies in the Lindbergh collection, which are housed in the Jefferson Memorial here, totals 1943.

Pictures, poems and music lead the list in number, there being 523 articles under that classification. Miscellaneous items are second and books and games a close third with 298 and 287, respectively. The list of articles compiled by Mrs. Beauregard contains all of the gifts which have been placed in the Lindbergh collection, none of which have ever been removed.

The complete list follows: Medals, 113; silver cups, trays and so forth, 57; statuary, plaques, 55; watches, clocks, 37; keys to cities, 18; stick pins, 6; rings, 9; pens and pencils, 15; miscellaneous jewelry, 29; coins, 9; badges and lodge emblems, 28; purses and pocketbooks, 21; religious articles, 26; lamps, 2; membership passes, 44; testimonials, 195; maps, 40; model planes, 48; hardware, wrenches, 17; laces and linen, 57; toilet articles, 54; clothing, 82; hats, 11; sporting goods, 24; ornaments, 8; dolls, 26, and tables, 2. Among other articles in the collection is the map of Colonel Lindbergh used during his flight, the aviation suit he wore and the water canteen carried in the plane.

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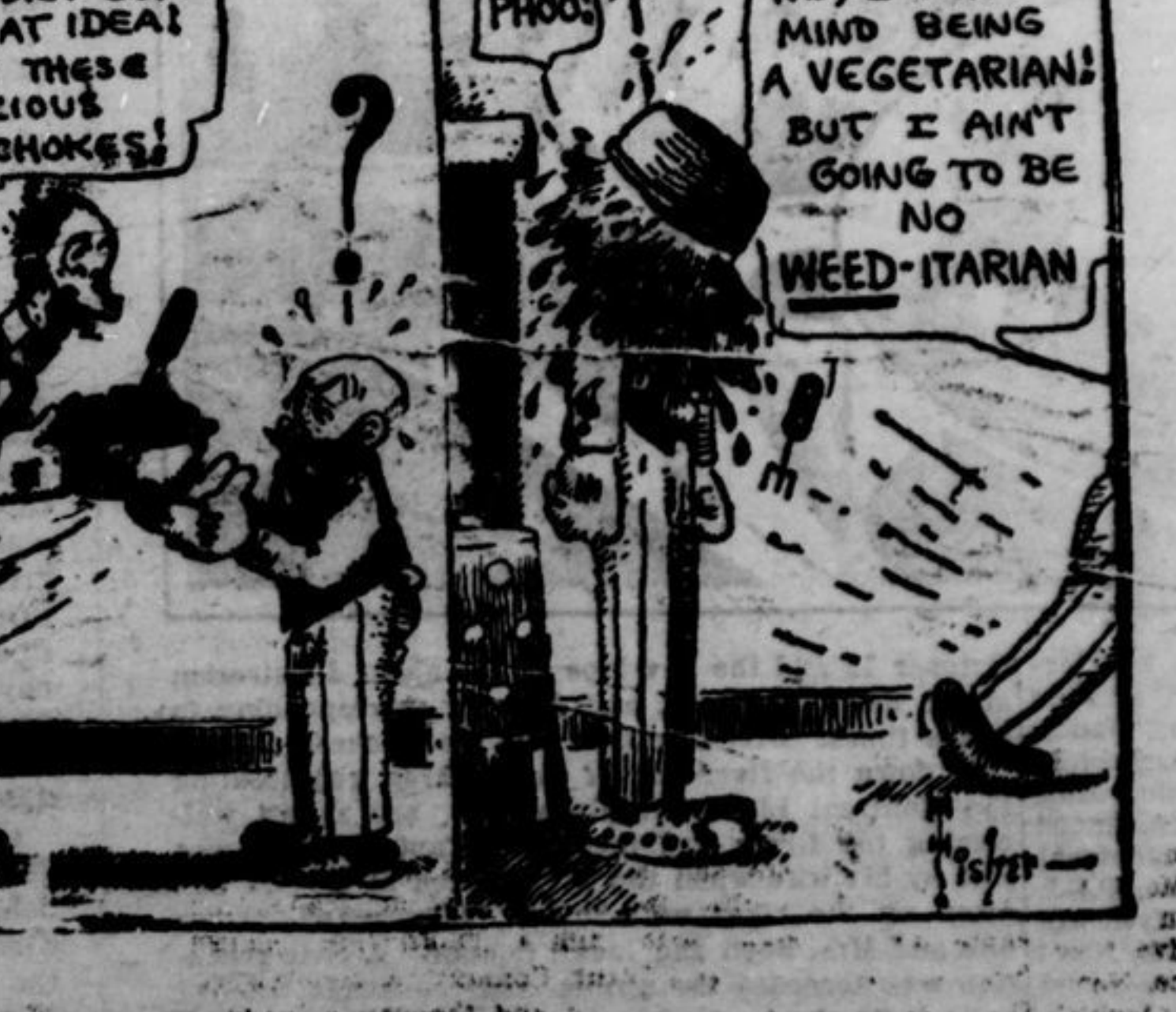
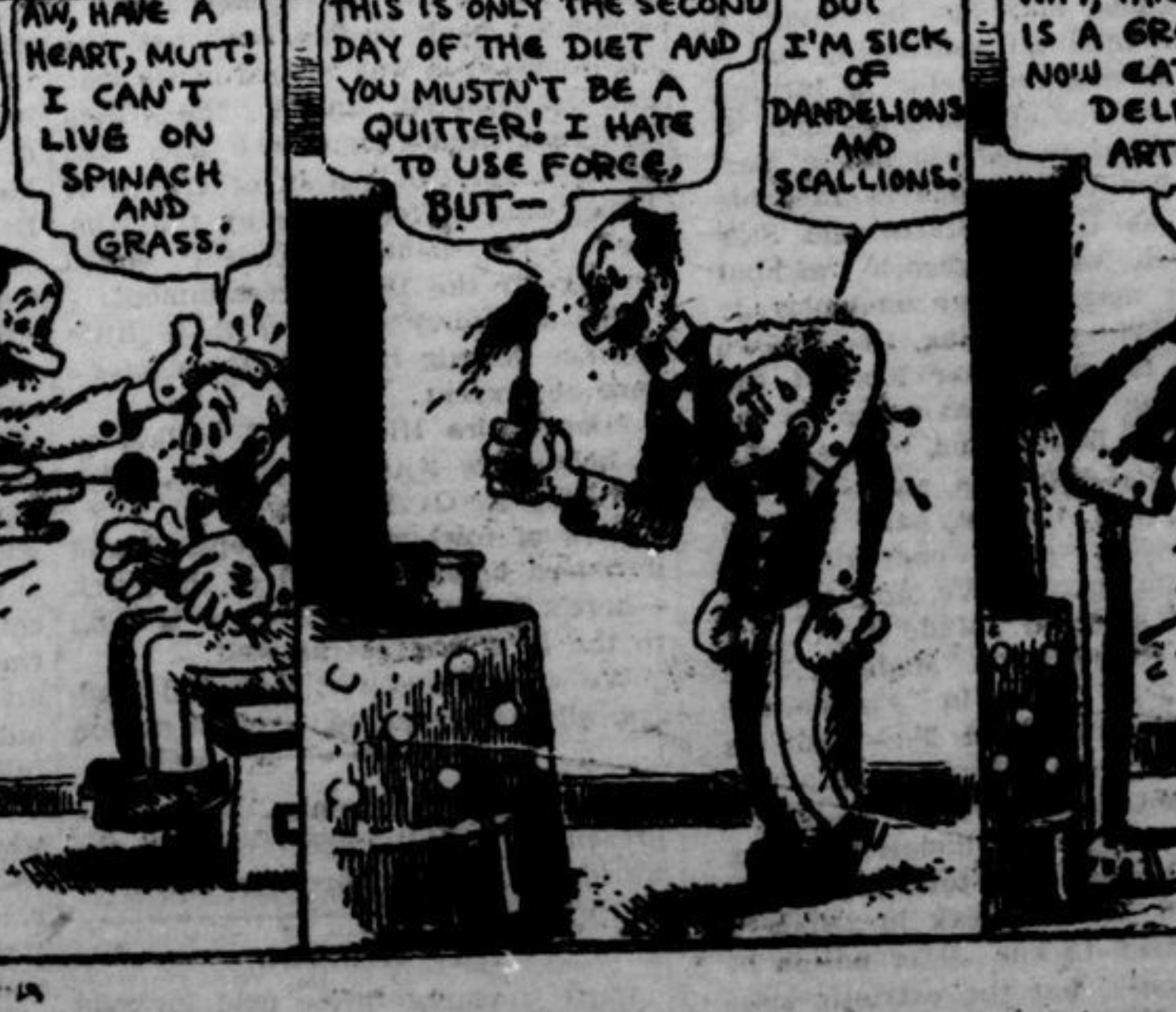
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MUTT AND JEFF—By BUD FISHER

THE BOYS ARE RIGHT UP TO THE MINUTE IN EVERYTHING, HENCE, THEY HAVE HOPPED ON THE EIGHTEEN-DAY DIET THAT WAS LAUNCHED BY ETHEL BARRYMORE. MUTT AND JEFF DON'T GET SYLPHLIKE FIGURES IT WON'T BE THE FAULT OF SPINACH AND DANDELIONS!



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