

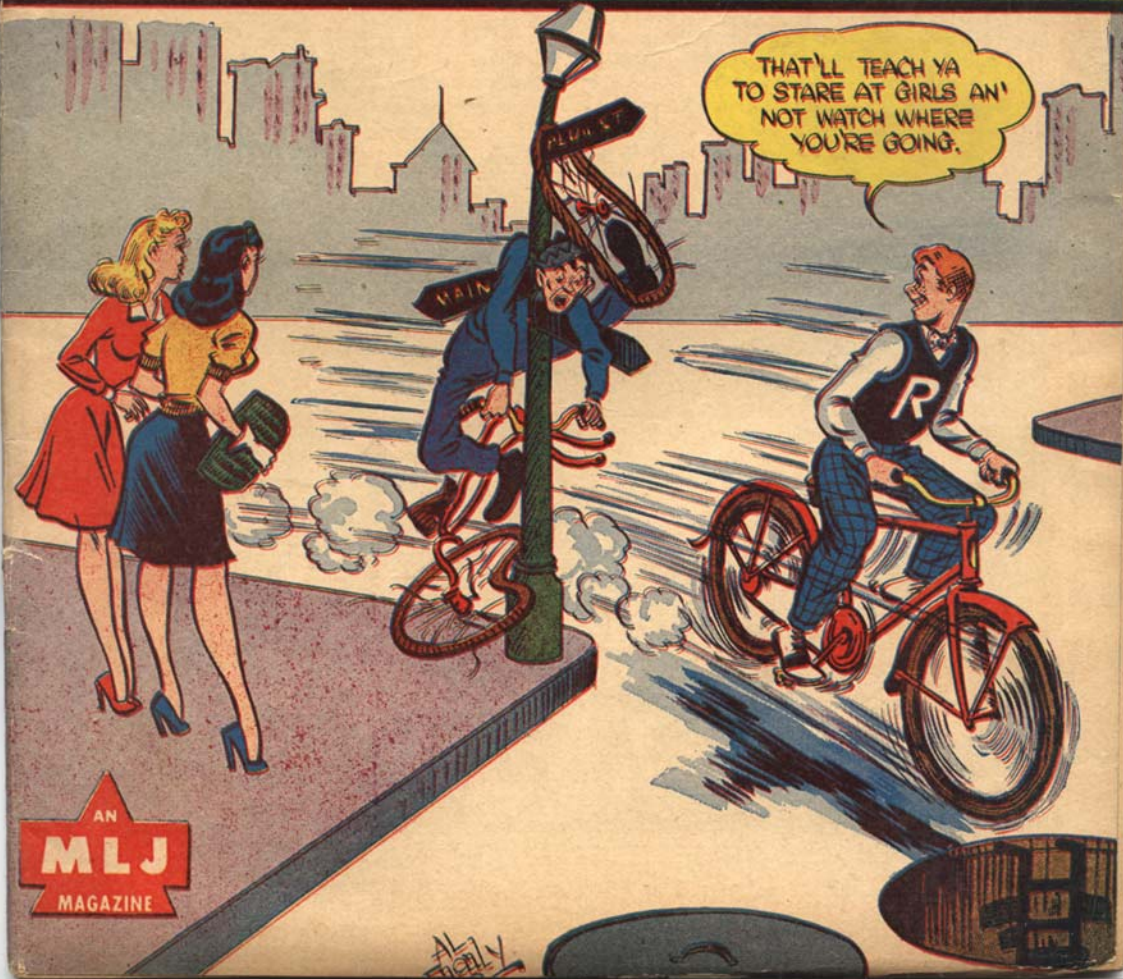
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# PEEP COMICS

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*Starring* ARCHIE ANDREWS!



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# SHIELD G-MAN CLUB

## BULLETIN No. 33

Hello you guys and gals,

Remember that minute mystery contest we had a few issues back? . . . Well, it met with such enthusiastic response that Dusty and I thought it'd be a good idea if we ran one again. This time, we'll give you another kind of reward for being a good G-man — A WAR STAMP FOR EVERY ONE WHO GETS THE RIGHT ANSWER. Here goes:

Dusty and me were in the bank making a deposit and buying some war bonds. Suddenly the guy at the window right alongside us shouted, "I won't wait another minute. I want this check cashed, and I want it now." Behind the window were the bank teller, and another guy who we recognized as the president of the bank. Both looked very agitated. The president recognized Dusty and me. He called us to one side and showed us the check the irritated customer wanted cashed. Boy, it was a whopper. Twenty-five thousand dollars! The date on it was almost a week old, and there wasn't any identifying number on it. Also the numbers were written closely together. "I don't know what to do, Joe," the president worriedly said. "John Frazer, against whose name this check is drawn, is out of town and can't be reached. He's never made out a check this large before, and I'm afraid to cash it. It's liable to be a forgery."

"Have you compared the signature on this check with Frazer's signature?" I asked.

"Yes. And they're exactly alike. See for yourself." I looked. The president was right. The signatures were exactly alike. I studied it a little more, then Dusty and I turned to the president and practically in one voice said, "Your hunch was right. THIS SIGNATURE IS A FORGERY."

Now let's see you figure out what tipped us off. Pick out the right answer from among the following, and win yourselves a war stamp.

- 1—The check was a week old.
- 2—The figures on it were set too closely together.
- 3—Mr. Frazer never made a check out for such a large sum before.
- 4—There was no identifying number on the check.
- 5—The two signatures were exactly alike.

There you are. Now go ahead and show us what kind of G men you are. This contest is open only to members of the Shield G Man club. So if you're not a member yet, just fill out the coupon on this page, and send it along with your answer. The correct answer will appear in the next issue.

GOOD LUCK!

*Sincerely*  
Joe Higgins

## USE THIS ENTIRE COUPON!!

JUST PRINT PLAINLY ON THIS COUPON, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AGE AND SEND IT TO ME WITH 10c TO COVER COST OF MAILING AND HANDLING.

Joe Higgins  
Room 603  
241 Church St.  
New York City

Dear Joe:

Please enroll me as a member of the **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB**. I am enclosing this coupon together with Ten Cents to cover the costs of handling and mailing my Badge and Identification Card.



EXACT COPY OF BADGE  
IN THREE COLORS  
RED—WHITE—BLUE

NAME.....

ADDRESS..... AGE.....

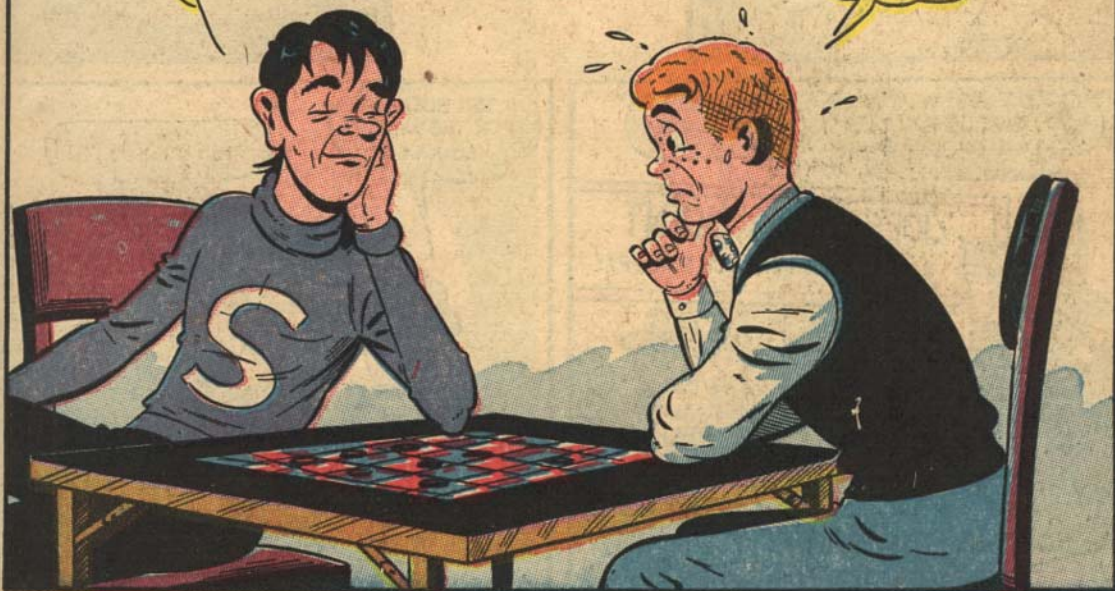
CUT ON THIS LINE

# Archie

## IN JUNK FOR A JUNKET!

YOUR MOVE,  
ARCH!

I KNOW-DON'T RUSH ME!  
MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN  
MOVE TO LOSE ONLY TWO  
MEN INSTEAD OF  
THREE!



WHAT WAS THAT?  
SOUNDED LIKE  
IT'S FROM THE  
CELLAR-

# CRASH!



HOLY SMOKE!  
WHAT HAPPENED,  
POP?



IT'S THAT INFERNAL JUNK OF YOURS, CLUTTERING UP THE CELLAR! I KILL MYSELF EVERY TIME I COME DOWN HERE! I WANT YOU TO GET RID OF IT, THIS MINUTE!!

BUT, POP--

WHY NOT SELL IT TO 'JOE, TH' JUNKMAN,' ARCH?

LATER--

TAKE IT EASY, ARCH! THIS JUNK ISN'T SO SOFT TO BOUNCE ON!



HELLO, JOE! WHAT'LL YOU GIVE US FOR THIS LOAD OF JUNK?

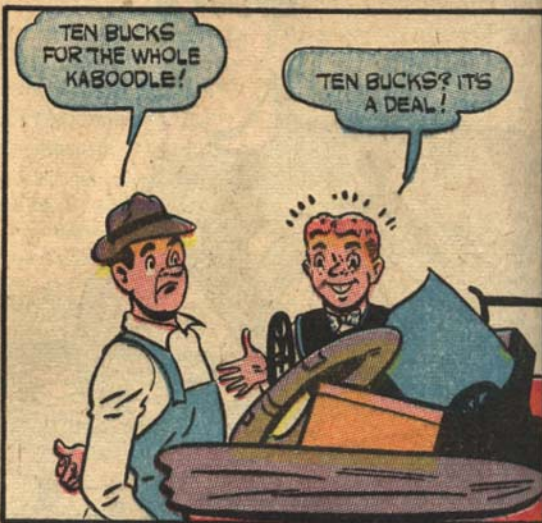
HM-M-MMM?

JOE'S JUNK JOINT

MAKE US HAPPY WITH YOUR SCRAPPY!

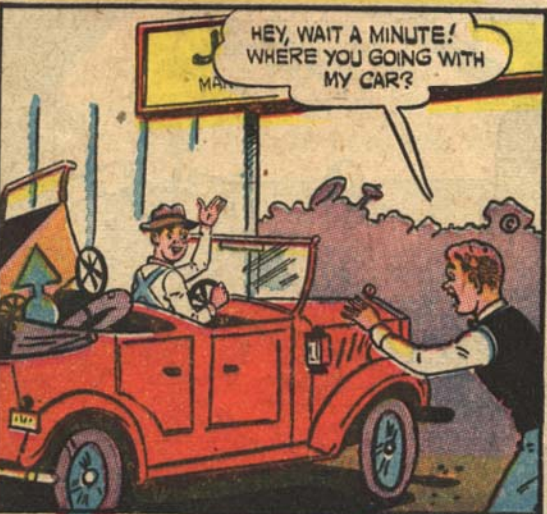
TEN BUCKS FOR THE WHOLE KABOODLE!

TEN BUCKS? IT'S A DEAL!



HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE YOU GOING WITH MY CAR?

YOUR CAR? I GAVE YOU TEN DOLLARS FOR THE WHOLE JUNK PILE-CAR INCLUDED-IT'S MY CAR NOW!

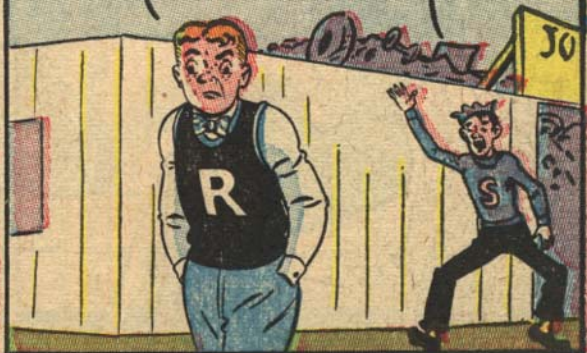
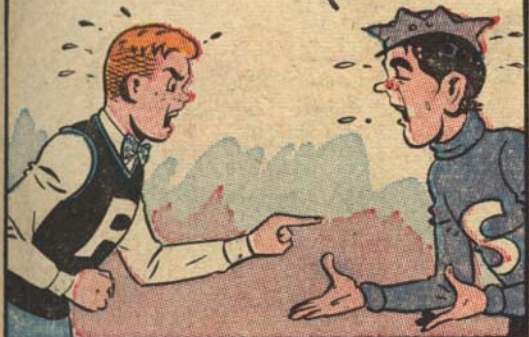


YOU AND YOUR FAT-HEADED IDEAS! NOW WHAT'LL I DO FOR A CAR?

IS IT MY FAULT IF YOU DROVE AROUND IN THE FIRST CAR HENRY FORD BUILT?

WHAT'LL I DO NOW? ME, WITHOUT A CAR, IS LIKE BETTY GRABLE WITHOUT LEGS!

WAIT A MINUTE, ARCH! DON'T BE SORE!



DON'T YA REALIZE I GOT A DATE WITH VERONICA TONIGHT? HOW'M I GONNA TAKE HER OUT WITHOUT MY CAR?

SIMPLE... JUST DONT!



WAIT A MINUTE-I GOT AN IDEA THAT'LL SOLVE ALL OF YOUR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS!



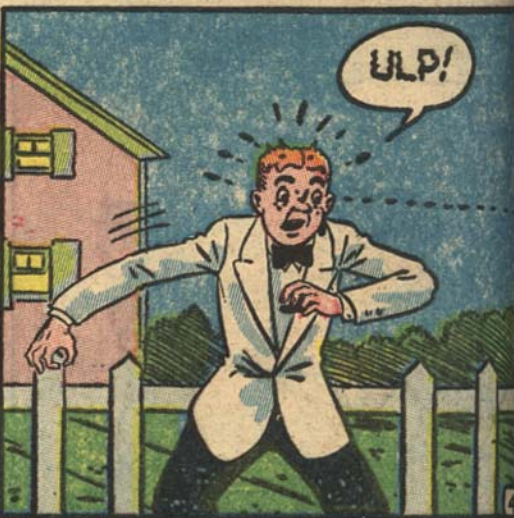
YOU HAYE? WHAT IS IT?

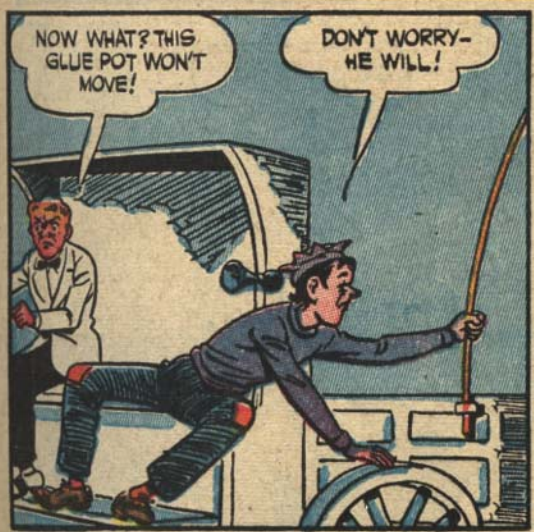
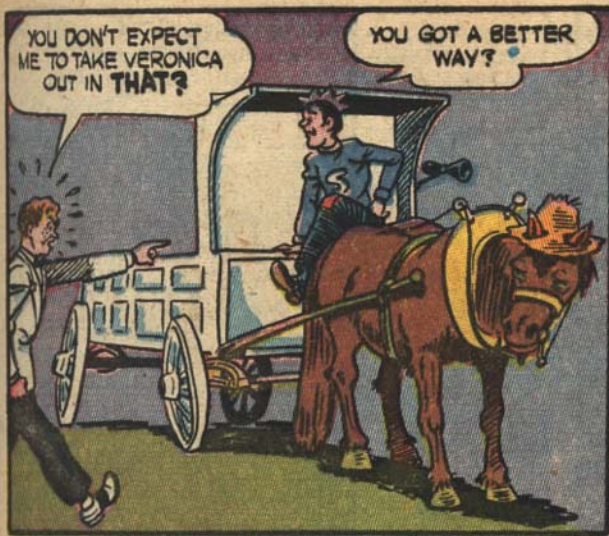
NEVER MIND! LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME! YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER!

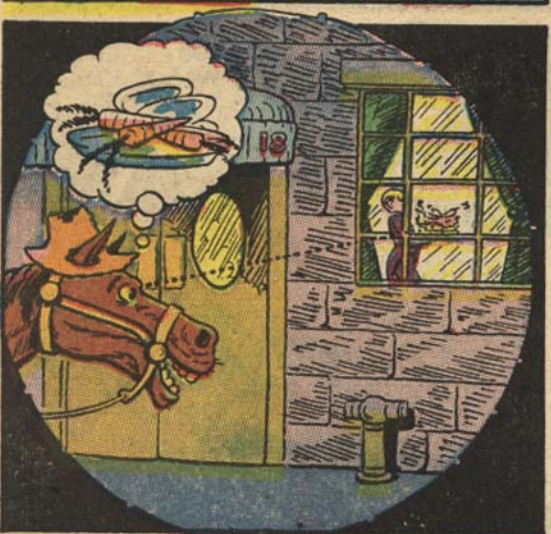


HIYA, VERONICA? JUST THOUGHT I'D REMIND YOU OF OUR DATE, TONIGHT!













THAT'S ALL RIGHT-  
I'VE BEEN SAVING  
MY ALLOWANCE-  
I'VE GOT \$15.00!

WONDER WHAT  
ALL THAT  
NOISE IS?

**CRASH!**



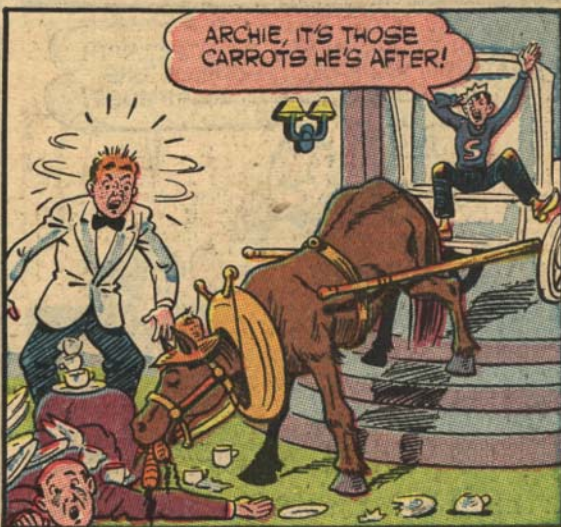
ARE YOU THE  
GUY THAT HORSE  
BELONGS TO?

HUH'S YOU MEAN  
THE ONE PARKED  
OUTSIDE?

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NO, I MEAN THE ONE PARKED  
INSIDE-IN OUR KITCHEN-  
TO BE EXACT!



ARCHIE, IT'S THOSE  
CARROTS HE'S AFTER!



AND JUST WHO'S  
GONNA PAY FOR ALL  
THE DAMAGE?

GULP- JUST ADD  
IT ON MY  
BILL!



WHAT'S THE  
TROUBLE,  
ARCHIE?

OH-ER-AH- JUST  
A LITTLE HORSE  
PLAY, THAT'S  
ALL!

7



MY, THE SERVICE IS SLOW-I'M STARVED!

GARKON-OH, GARKON!



OUI, M'SIEU! YOUR ORDER?

HOLY SMOKE! I CAN'T READ THIS MENU-IT'S ALL IN FRENCH!



ER-AH-I'LL HAVE WHATEVER YOU HAVE, RONNIE!

I'LL START WITH SOME OF THIS BOUILLABaisse!



HUH-THIS IS JUST PLAIN SOUP! WHY DIDN'T THEY SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE?



M-MM-DELICIOUS, ISN'T IT?

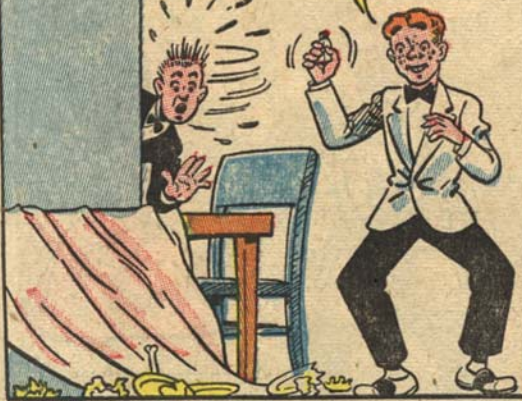
TASTES LIKE HOT WATER TO ME- WHY DON'T THEY PUT SOME SALT IN IT?



I'M GONNA GET A SALT-SHAKER!

ARCHIE! LOOK OUT-THE TABLECLOTH!

WELL-UH-I GUESS WE WON'T NEED THE SALT ANY MORE, ANYWAY, HEH, HEH!



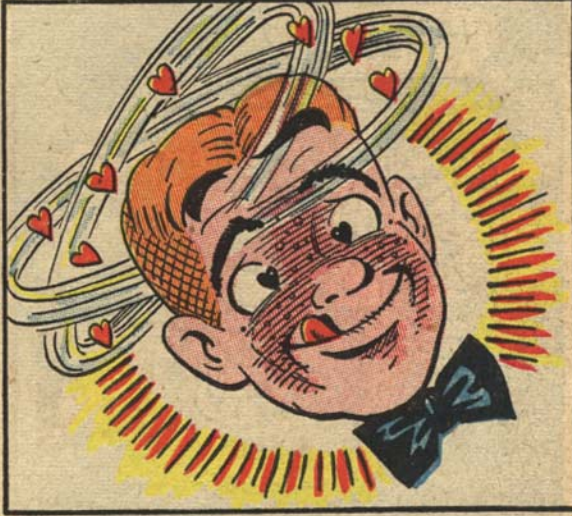
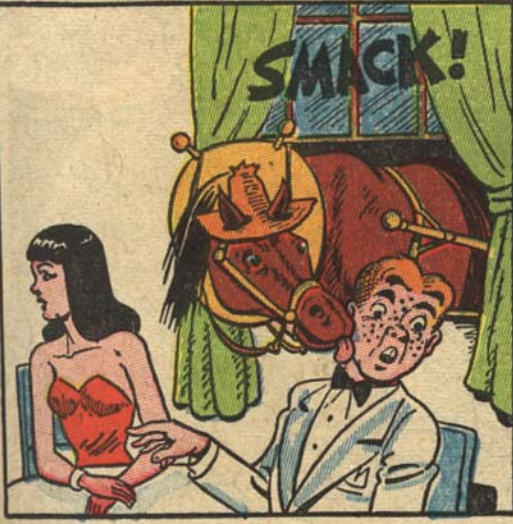
LATER-

MY, THAT MEAL WAS SUPER! YOU'RE A HONEY BUNNY FOR BRINGING ME HERE, ARCHIE!

AW, THAT'S ALL RIGHT-NOTHING BUT THE BEST FOR YOU!



SMACK!



GEE, VERONICA, YOU DIDN'T HAFTA DO THAT!

DO WHAT?!



THIS!

SMACK!

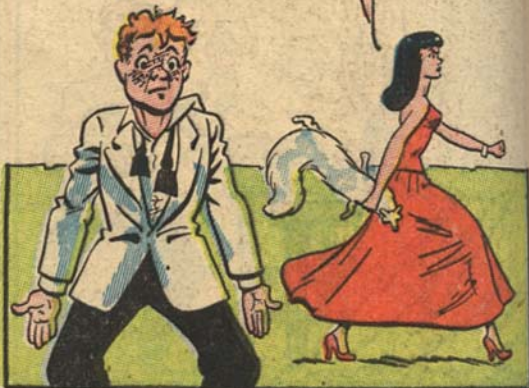


FRESH!

WHACK



YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE MEN-TAKE A GIRL OUT AND YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE!



JUST A MINUTE, M'SIEU!



THERE EES THEES LITTLE ITEM OF A BILL, BEFORE YOU LEAVE, NON?

AH-ER-UH-SURE! LET'S HAVE IT!



BILL

BREAKAGE	5.99
DINNERS	9.00

Total \$14.99

HERE'S \$15.00-KEEP THE CHANGE!

THANKS, MEESTAIRE BENNY!



VERONICA-WAIT!



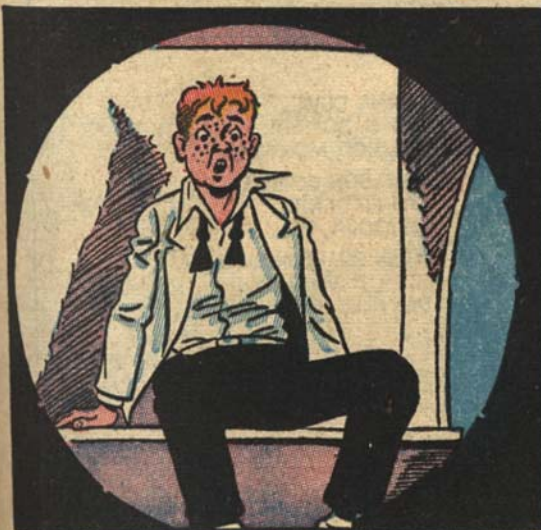
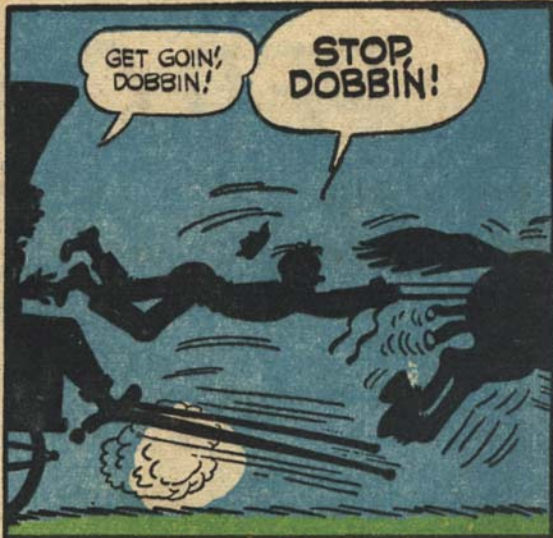
FOLLOW THAT CAB, JUG!  
I GOTTA CATCH  
VERONICA!

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU  
CAUGHT ENOUGH  
FOR ONE  
NIGHT!



GET GOIN',  
DOBBIN'!

STOP  
DOBBIN'!



AND IN THE  
FUTURE, WORRY  
ABOUT YOUR OWN  
DATES!

A FINE HOW  
DO YA DO!



WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS WAGON  
PARKED HERE! HOW'RE WE  
GONNA GET IT BACK TO  
THE STABLE?

I'LL GIVE YOU  
ONE GUESS!



YOU KNOW, JUG-PUF-  
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK-  
PUF-YOU'RE RIGHT-PUF-  
ABOUT WOMEN!

SHUT UP-  
PUF-AND  
PULL-UGH!



# PEP CONTEST PAGE

HERE'S A CONTEST IN WHICH **EVERYBODY WINS!** ALL YOU HAVE TO DO, IS SEND IN A LETTER OR POSTCARD, TELLING US YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER IN **PEP COMICS!** THE TEN BEST LETTERS WILL RECEIVE A **YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION OF PEP COMICS-FREE!!** ALL OTHERS WILL RECEIVE A WAR STAMP WHEN THEIR NAMES APPEAR ON THIS PAGE! SO, SEND IN YOUR LETTERS, AND WATCH THIS PAGE FOR YOUR NAME! ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO **PEP COMICS, 241 CHURCH ST. NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**

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THE ORIGINAL  
**SHIELD**  
AND  
**DUSTY**  
THE BOY DETECTIVE



IF YOU COULD PEER INTO  
THE FUTURE,  
WOULD YOU  
DARE?





HA, HA, MR. MASTERS, YOU CERTAINLY KNOW GOOD VALUE WHEN YOU SEE IT! THAT WILL BE-ER-TEN THOUSAND, PLEASE?



TEN THOUSAND BUCKS FOR A MEASY OLD TELESCOPE! HEY, THE GUY MUST BE NUTS!



OUTSIDE THE SHOP..

WAIT-SIR! WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU OUT-BID ME FOR THAT TELESCOPE?

NOT AT ALL! I'M AN ANTIQUE COLLECTOR, AND I JUST DON'T LIKE TO BE OUTBID BY ANYONE!



IN THAT CASE, I'M PREPARED TO OFFER YOU THE BIDDING PRICE, PLUS A SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT!!!

SAY, THIS TELESCOPE MUST REALLY BE VALUABLE! NOTHING DOING, PROFESSOR!



I WARN YOU, SIR, YOU ARE MAKING A GREAT MISTAKE- ONE WHICH YOU MAY REGRET!

PERHAPS! BUT I DON'T SCARE EASILY-NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, PROFESSOR!



MASTERS' ANTIQUE DEN-SOMETIME LATER--!!

HMM-I NEVER BEFORE HAVE SEEN SUCH AN ANCIENT TELESCOPE!



**GOOD GRIEF!**



HELLO! HELLO, HIGGINS!  
JOE, THIS IS SY  
MASTERS!



YES, SY! YOU SOUND SO  
EXCITED--WHAT'S  
WRONG?



IT SOUNDS MAD, I KNOW! I PURCHASED  
A TELESCOPE AT AN AUCTION--WHEN  
I GOT HOME, I LOOKED THROUGH  
THE GLASS AND SAW---

HELLO, HELLO?  
--CUT OFF!!



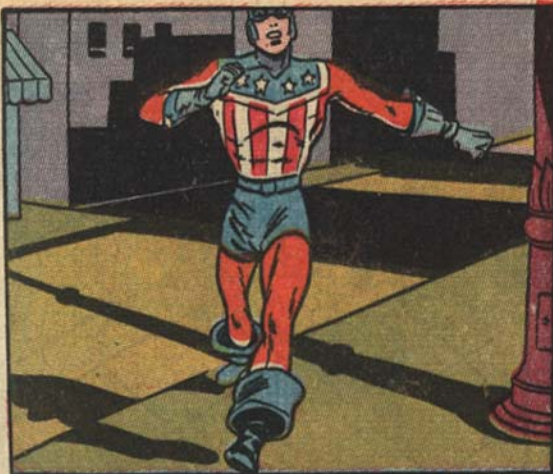
SOMETHING HAPPENED AND  
THE SHIELD IS GOING TO  
FIND OUT WHAT!

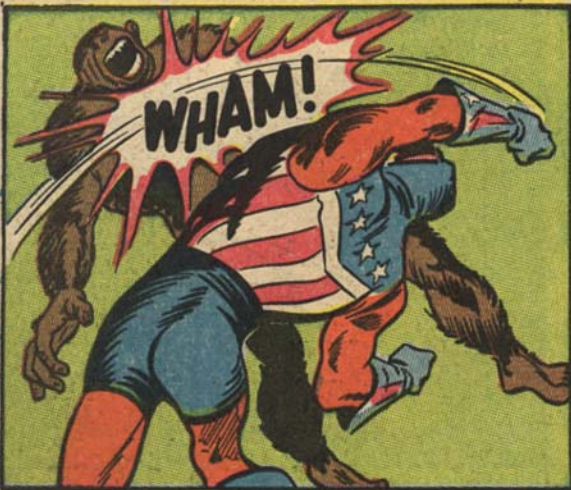


I'LL LET DUSTY KNOW  
WHERE I'VE GONE!



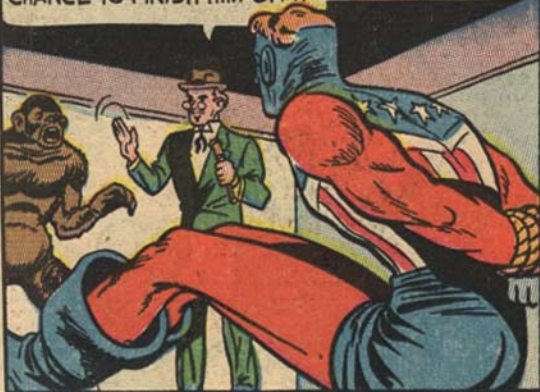
DEAR DUSTY;  
SY MASTERS  
CALLED ME A WHILE  
AGO--HE SEEMED  
EXCITED--HE SEEMED  
SUDDENLY WHEN HE





A FEW MINUTES LATER---

RESTRAIN YOURSELF, BRUNO! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE TO FINISH HIM OFF!!



FIRST, LET ME EXPLAIN ABOUT THIS TELESCOPE! ODD LOOKING DEVICE, ISN'T IT? IT'S EVEN ODDER THAN YOU THINK, MY FRIEND! BY LOOKING INTO IT, YOU CAN LOOK INTO THE FUTURE! THAT'S WHY MASTERS WAS SO EXCITED OVER THE PHONE! HE FORE-SAW HIS DOOM! THIS INSTRUMENT WAS MADE BY THE CHINESE OVER ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO!



MARCO POLO, ON HIS VISIT TO THE ORIENT, WAS THE FIRST WHITE MAN TO GAZE INTO IT!

AMAZING!!



SOMEHOW, IT FOUND ITS WAY TO EUROPE, WHERE, CENTURIES LATER, QUEEN ELIZABETH POSSESSED IT!

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE, THIS TELESCOPE REVEALS TO ME, THAT THE SPANISH ARMADA INTENDS TO INVADE ENGLAND! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO DESTROY SPAIN'S POWER!

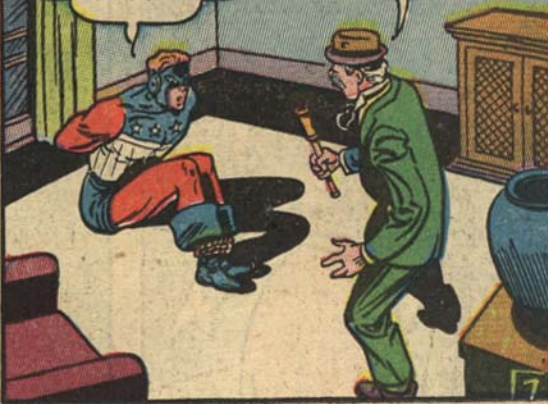


THEN, THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON GOT IT, SAW NAPOL-EON'S FUTURE PLANS! HE WAS PREPARED FOR 'NAP' AT WATERLOO! AT LAST IT IS MINE -AND ALL THE POWER THAT GOES WITH IT!!



IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO LOOK INTO IT NOW-AND DETERMINE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS IN STORE FOR YOU!

WHY NOT? I WILL - RIGHT NOW!



**NO! IT  
CAN'T  
BE!**



WHAT THE PROFESSOR SEES THROUGH THE  
GLASS----

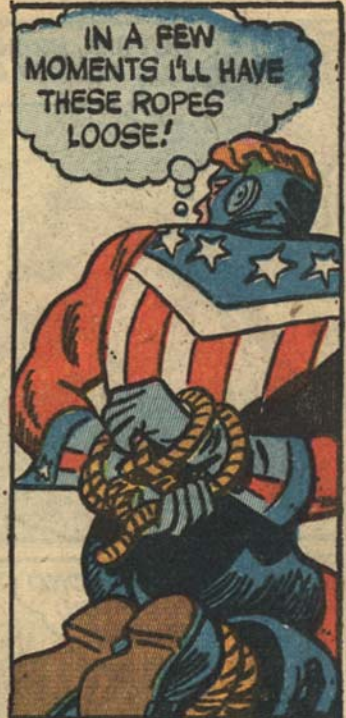


THIS IS ONE TIME THE  
MIRROR LIES-  
**KILL HIM,  
BRUNO!**





GOOD OLD DUSTY - JUST IN TIME!



IN A FEW MOMENTS I'LL HAVE THESE ROPES LOOSE!



MISSED!



GOT YOU ON THE REBOUND!

GET HIM, BRUNO, YOU CLUMSY APE!



JUST THEN--

NOW FOR SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS---



NOT A SECOND TOO SOON, SHIELD!



THIS ACID'LL FIX HIM GOOD!



ULP-MISSED!

ARR-ASH!



BLINDED BY THE ACID, THE APE GRABS THE PROFESSOR!!



NO, NO!



THE PROPHECY OF THE SPY-GLASS COMES TRUE!!

ARR-AGH!





ENRAGED, THE APE RUSHES MADLY ABOUT, SEEKING NEW VICTIMS!

BE CAREFUL, DUSTY! HE'S WILD WITH PAIN!



ARR-RR!



AR-R-RGH!



THAT'S THE END OF THAT MAN-KILLING BEAST!

THE SHIELD RELATES THE STORY OF THE TELESCOPE TO DUSTY---

-SOUNDS CRAZY, DOESN'T IT? EVEN I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE!

LET'S TAKE A PEEK AND SEE FOR OURSELVES! HUH, SHIELD?



OH, NO, YOU DON'T!

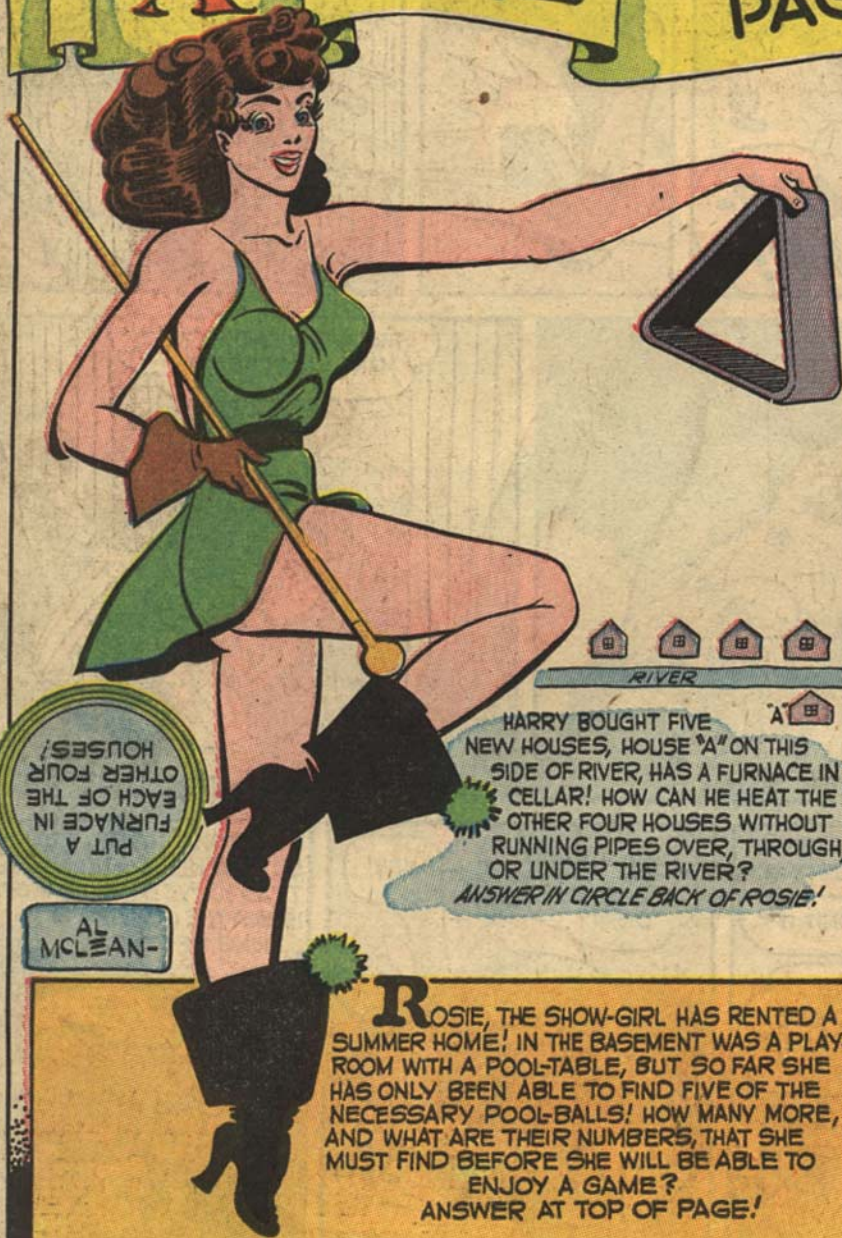
HEY!

PRYING INTO THE FUTURE CAN BE A DANGEROUS THING, DUSTY, AS YOU'VE SEEN! THE WORLD IS BETTER OFF WITH THIS THING DESTROYED!



THE END

# A PEP PUZZLE PAGE



HARRY BOUGHT FIVE NEW HOUSES, HOUSE "A" ON THIS SIDE OF RIVER, HAS A FURNACE IN CELLAR! HOW CAN HE HEAT THE OTHER FOUR HOUSES WITHOUT RUNNING PIPES OVER, THROUGH, OR UNDER THE RIVER?  
*ANSWER IN CIRCLE BACK OF ROSIE!*

PUT A FURNACE IN EACH OF THE OTHER FOUR HOUSES!

AL MCLEAN-

**R**OSIE, THE SHOW-GIRL HAS RENTED A SUMMER HOME! IN THE BASEMENT WAS A PLAY-ROOM WITH A POOL-TABLE, BUT SO FAR SHE HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO FIND FIVE OF THE NECESSARY POOL-BALLS! HOW MANY MORE, AND WHAT ARE THEIR NUMBERS, THAT SHE MUST FIND BEFORE SHE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A GAME?  
*ANSWER AT TOP OF PAGE!*

BUY WAR STAMPS!

# Suzie

by  
Bill Woggon

NO USE CALLING A FOREMAN I CAN FIX THIS LATHE MYSELF!

Oh, Oh! When Suzie says she can fix a lathe the Foreman's in for trouble.... he'll rue the day he ever hired Suzie... why she's so dumb that when the gang asked her to get in the "check pool" she said she didn't know how to swim!



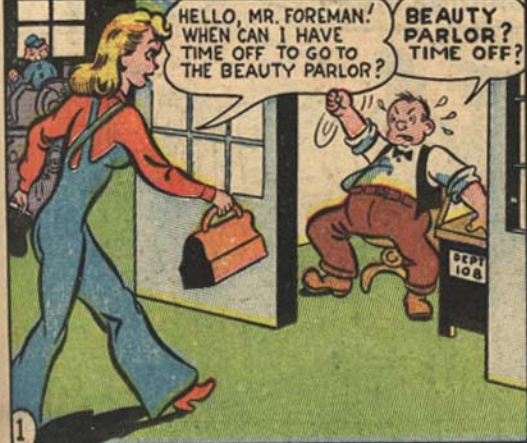
AS OUR SCENE OPENS SUZIE REPORTS FOR WORK TO MAKE AIRPLANE GENERATORS ----

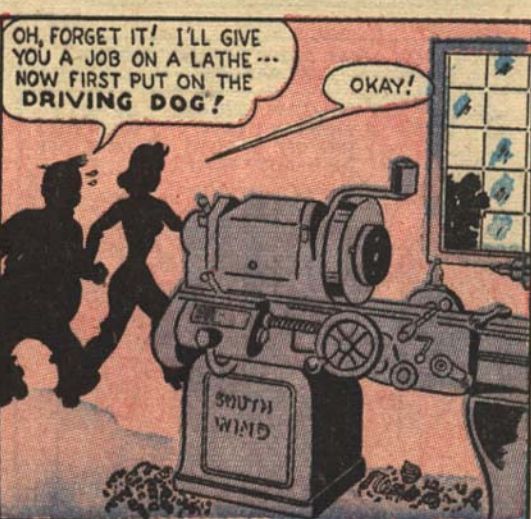
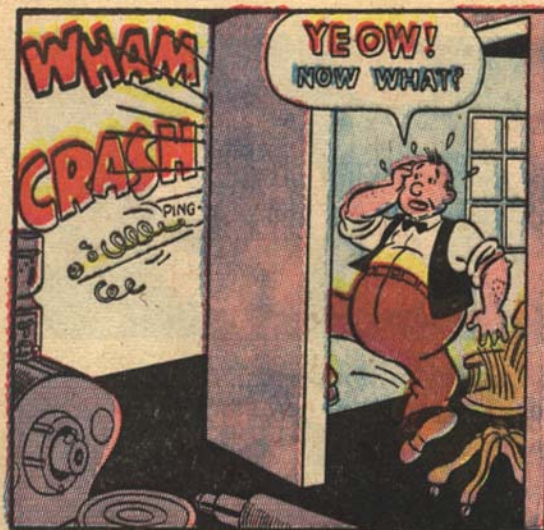
HELLO, MR. FOREMAN! WHEN CAN I HAVE TIME OFF TO GO TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR?

BEAUTY PARLOR? TIME OFF?

YOU HAVEN'T STARTED TO WORK FOR ME YET AND YOU'RE LATE ---GO OVER AND PUNCH THE TIME CLOCK !!

Y-YES, SIR!







LATER

NOW WHERE DID SUZIE GO---?

SHE WENT OUTSIDE ---HERE SHE COMES NOW!

EXIT



WHICH DOG DO YOU WANT TO DRIVE THE LATHE, MR. FOREMAN?



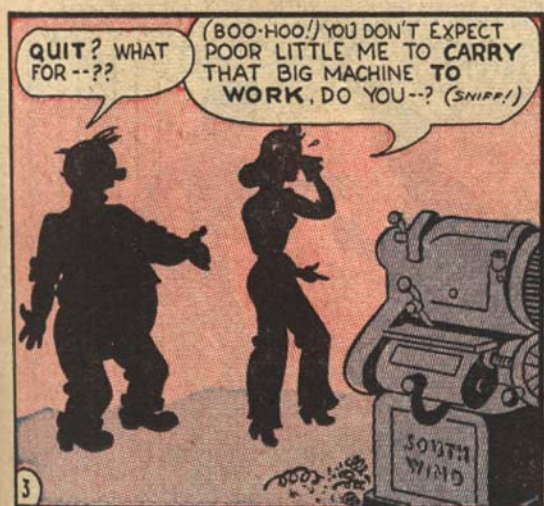
NO! NO! HERE'S A DRIVING DOG!

HUMPH! YOU'RE KIDDING---I DON'T HEAR IT BARK!!



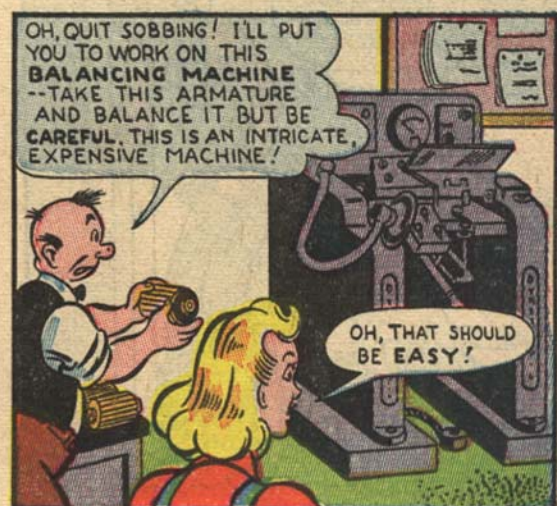
DON'T WORRY! YOU'LL HEAR PLENTY OF BARKING FROM ME IF YOU DON'T GET BUSY---NOW GET THIS DOG ON AND BRING THE TOOL TO WORK!

WHAT? I QUIT BOO-HOO!



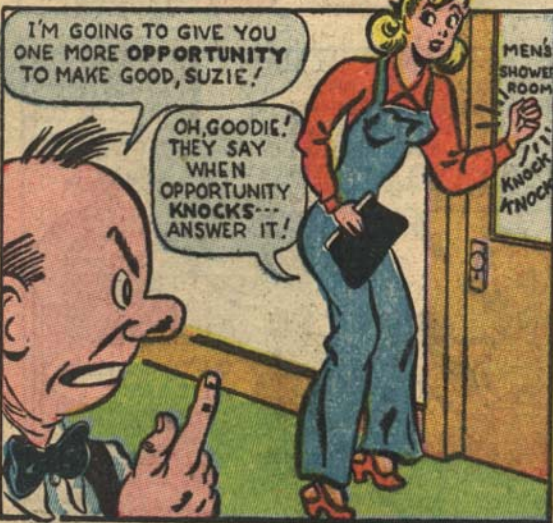
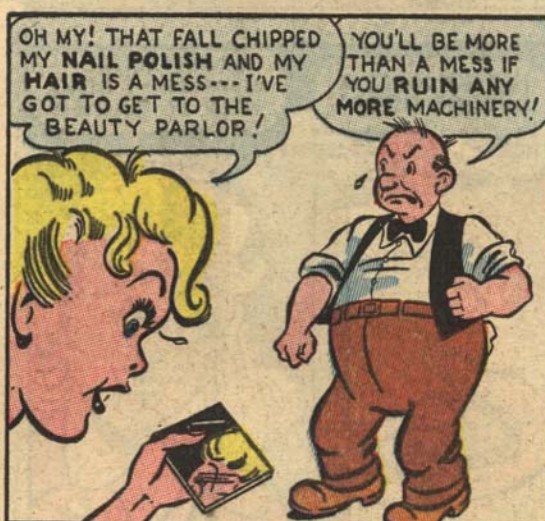
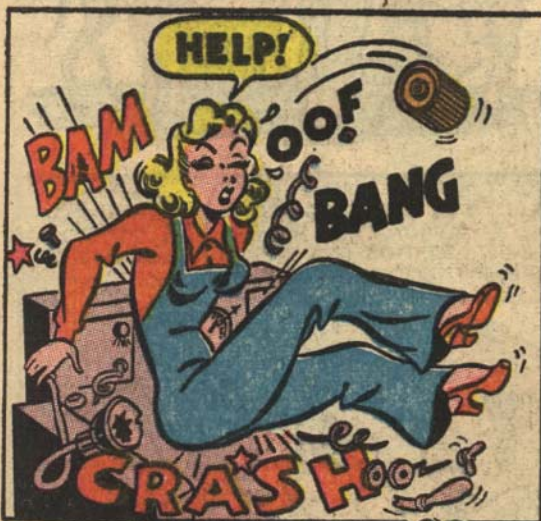
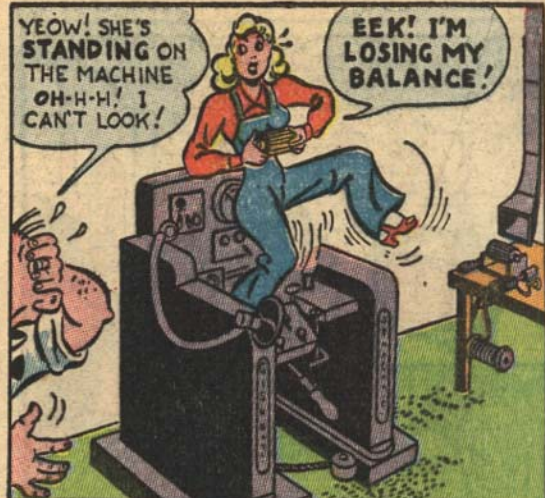
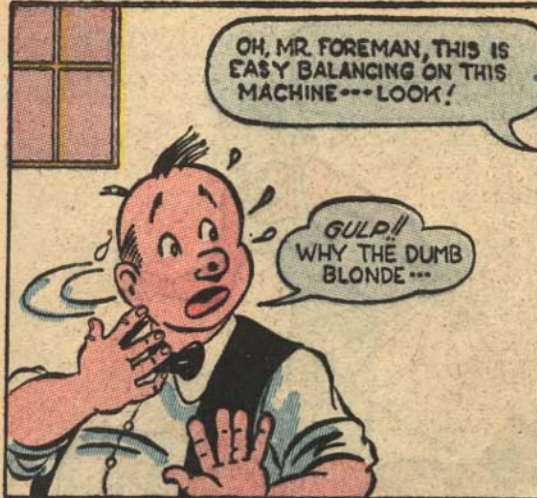
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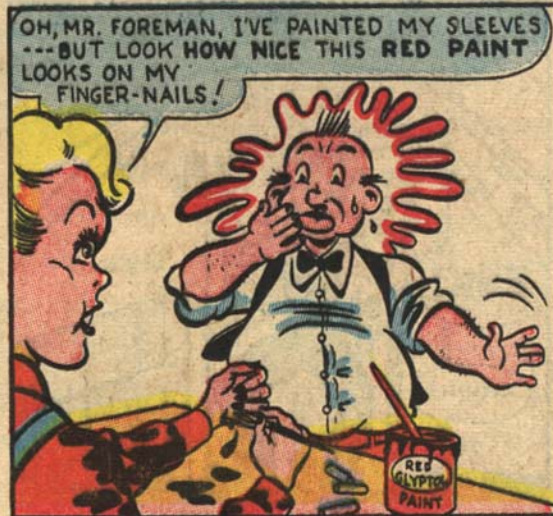
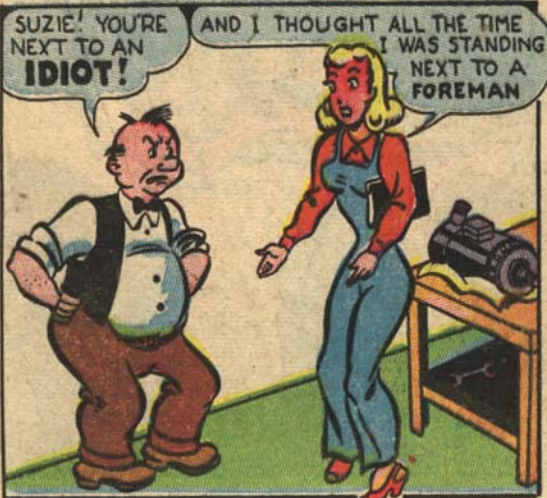
(BOO-HOO!) YOU DON'T EXPECT POOR LITTLE ME TO CARRY THAT BIG MACHINE TO WORK, DO YOU--? (SNIFF!)



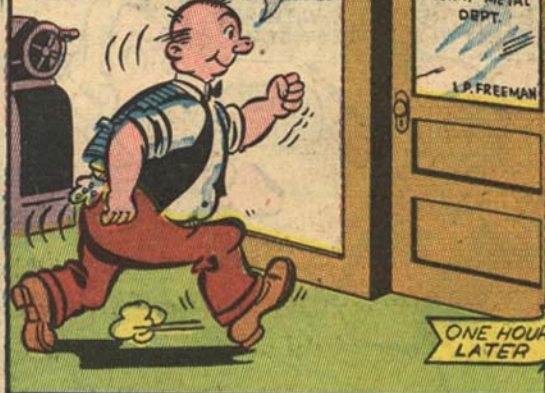
OH, QUIT SOBBING! I'LL PUT YOU TO WORK ON THIS BALANCING MACHINE --TAKE THIS ARMATURE AND BALANCE IT BUT BE CAREFUL, THIS IS AN INTRICATE, EXPENSIVE MACHINE!

OH, THAT SHOULD BE EASY!



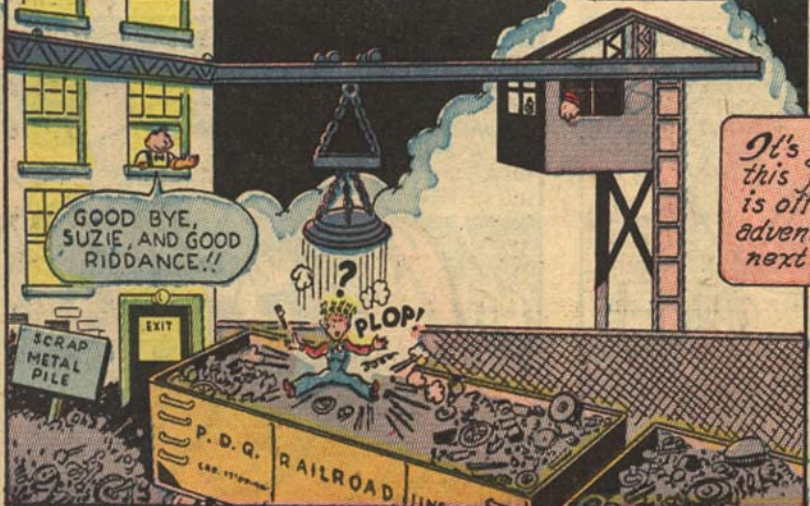
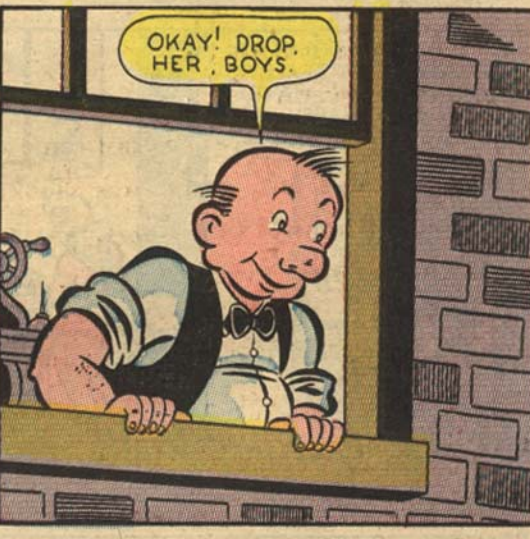
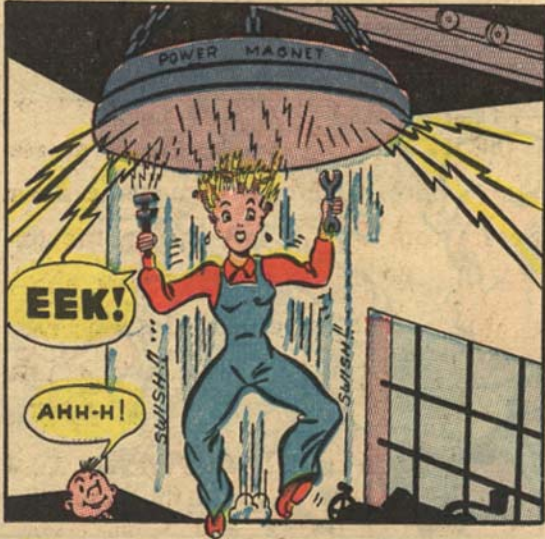


I'LL GET RID OF THAT DUMB BLONDE RIGHT AWAY--HUMPH! SHE WILL PUT METAL TERMINALS IN HER HAIR WILL SHE---!!



I'M GOING TO SHOW THAT FOREMAN I CAN DO ONE THING RIGHT---I'LL FIX THIS LATHE THAT I DAMAGED WHILE HE WAS GONE---

OH-OH! I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!



*It's goodbye to this job but Suzie is off on another adventure...watch next issue!!!*



# BURNING UP

## An Archie Story

**"H**OW about it, Arch," Mr. Andrews asked, "want to come to the movies with your mother and me?"

"No thanks, dad. I'll just stay home and spend a nice quiet evening. Enjoy yourselves, folks."

The Andrews left, and Arch settled himself comfortably in the morris chair alongside the radiator. "Yup, this is one time I'm goin' to stay put and keep outa trouble," Archie mused. "If I just stay in the house, and read, nothin' can POSSIBLY happen."

So Arch started reading. He didn't get very far when he suddenly became aware of a hissing sound. He tried to disregard it. But it soon became annoying. He got up to investigate. It was the radiator. "Hmm . . . the valve seems

to be loose," said Arch, studying it. "Looks like it needs a washer. Well, that should be easy to fix. Pop has a raft of washers in a jar in the kitchen."

Arch hunted through the kitchen closets and at last came across the jar he was looking for. Sure enough there were a couple of washers. He could just make them out buried under the pile of screws, assorted nails and tacks, way at the bottom of the jar. He stuck his hand in, fished around, and finally got his finger on a washer. But when he tried to pull his hand out, it wasn't quite as easy. In fact, he couldn't do it. The more he tugged, the more his hand perspired, and the tougher it got to pry it loose.

"Holy mackerel," he panted. "I hate to break

this jar. But it looks like I'll have to unless . . . hey, wait a minute. Why didn't I think of it before? All I got to do is use some grease, and my hand'll slip out easy as pie."

So now Arch went looking for the jar of grease. He finally tracked it down . . . way up on the top shelf of the closet above the sink. He got a precarious foothold on the sink, and reached out. Just as he got his fingers on it, it happened. His foot slipped. There was a resounding crash as Arch hit the floor, and an even louder one, as the grease bottle smashed into a thousand fragments. Grease poured all over the kitchen. Arch looked dazedly at the mess all around him, his hand still wedged in the jar. But he didn't sit there long.

Suddenly, the hissing in

the next room got louder, and still louder, until it sounded like all the sirens in Riverdale going at the same time. Then there was a loud pop, and something that sounded like a minor explosion.

"Holy Hannah! The steam's blown the valve right off," Archie yowled. "I gotta get in there and put it back before. . . ." Arch got in there all right. Faster than he intended. He forgot all about the grease, and slid head first, smack into the bookshelves, clear across the living room. They all came down. And to Arch, it seemed that not one of them missed his head. He picked himself up out of the wreckage, and tore over to the radiator.

### AND STILL HIS HAND WAS STUCK IN THE JAR.

With his free hand he managed to clamp the valve back into place, and stemmed the rush of steam.

Just then, the phone rang.

"Jiminy, what'll I do? Maybe that's Veronica. But I can't let go this valve. If only I could shake this darn jar loose, I would be able to reach over and grab ahold of the phone."

He shook furiously. No good. In a towering rage, he flung his hand out wildly, and at that moment, if it had come loose from its wrist, he could have wished no better. His wrist stayed on. But the jar shot off. Straight into the air, toward the ceiling, like a bullet out of a rifle . . .  
**AND SMACK INTO THE CEILING LIGHT!**

Now the room was plunged into total darkness. Arch lost his grip on the valve, and couldn't locate it again. So the steam poured out, filled the room like a turkish bath, and seeped out the windows.

A passerby in the street spotted it, mistook it for

a fire, and turned in an alarm. Soon, every fire engine in Riverdale was roaring toward the Andrews house.

When the Andrews came home from the movies, they walked into a house that was a shambles. Arch was taken to the hospital suffering from second degree burns. The fire and police departments served summonses on Mr. Andrews, the insurance companies increased the premiums, and they couldn't get any repair men to fix the radiators and nearly froze all winter.

Jughead came to visit Archie in the hospital, and brought him a book. "I figured you'd like to just relax with a nice quiet book while you're in bed, Arch," Jug grinned shyly. "That way you kin be sure and keep outa trouble, huh Arch?"

Jug never knew what hit him. But when he came to, he was lying in a bed alongside Archie.

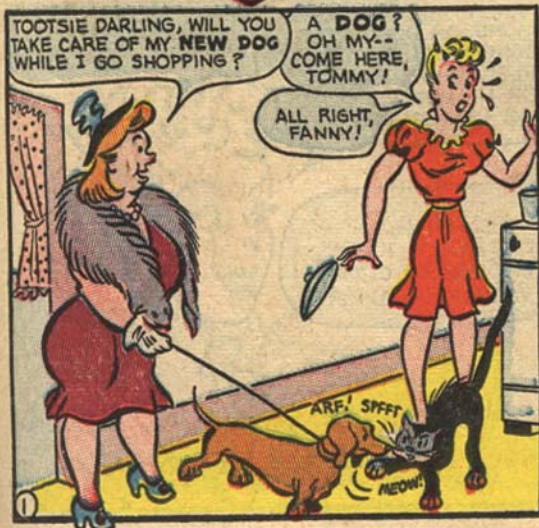
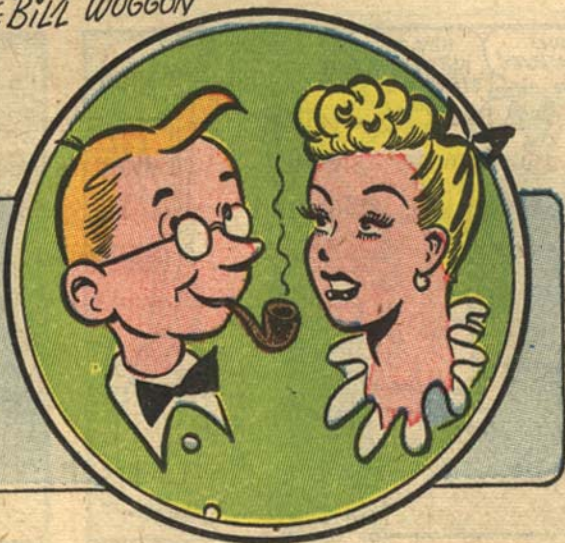
# THE TWIDDLE'S

by  
Bill Woggon



**T**ALBERT AND TOOTSIE TWIDDLE AND EVEN, TOMMY, THEIR CAT CONTINUE TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS --- IT'S MIGHTY HARD AT TIMES, AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES.

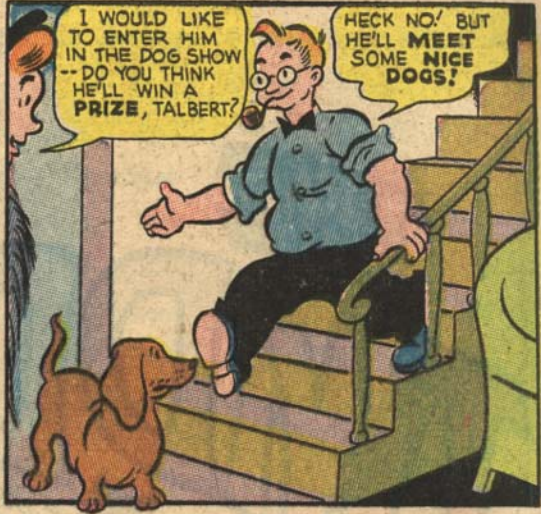
AS THE SCENE OPENS, FANNY TWITCH, THE WOMAN NEXT DOOR ENTERS WITH, OF ALL THINGS, A **DOG**...





HOW COME YOU BOUGHT A DACHSHUND, FANNY?

SO ALL THE KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAN PET HIM AT ONCE!



I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER HIM IN THE DOG SHOW -- DO YOU THINK HE'LL WIN A PRIZE, TALBERT?

HECK NO! BUT HE'LL MEET SOME NICE DOGS!



HUMPH! GOOD BYE!

HEY, TOOTSIE! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE CAN STAND THIS MUTT AROUND LONG!

WHY?



HE MAKES SUCH A DRAFT WHEN HE COMES IN--HE KEEPS THE DOOR OPEN SO LONG--REMEMBER WE STILL HAVE A FUEL SHORTAGE!

WELL I HOPE YOU SHUT TOMMY UP UPSTAIRS OR IT WILL BE HOT AROUND HERE!



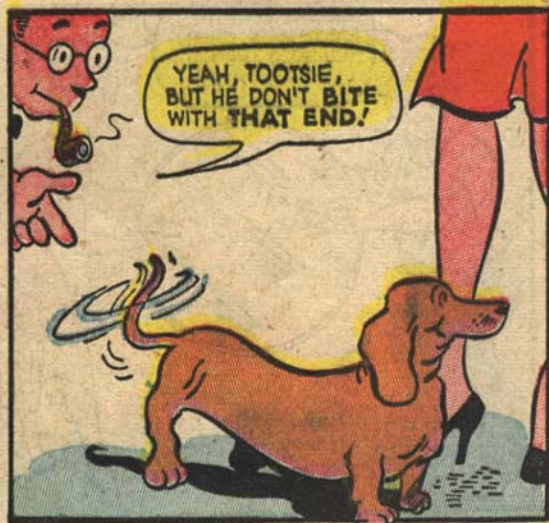
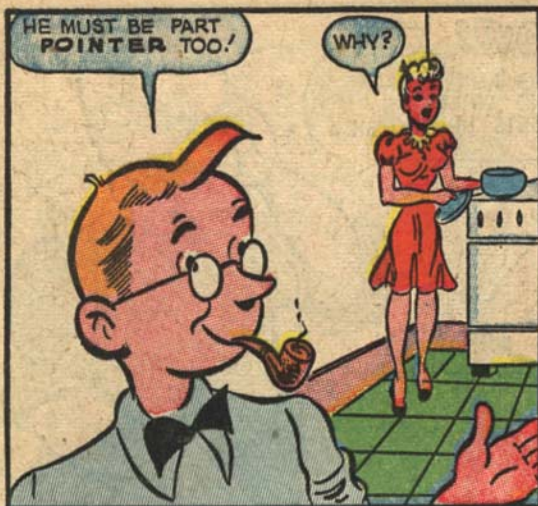
DON'T WORRY! I SHUT HIM IN--JUST LOOK AT THE DUMB LOOK ON THIS MUTT'S KISSER!

BUT FANNY SAYS HE'S INTELLIGENT!



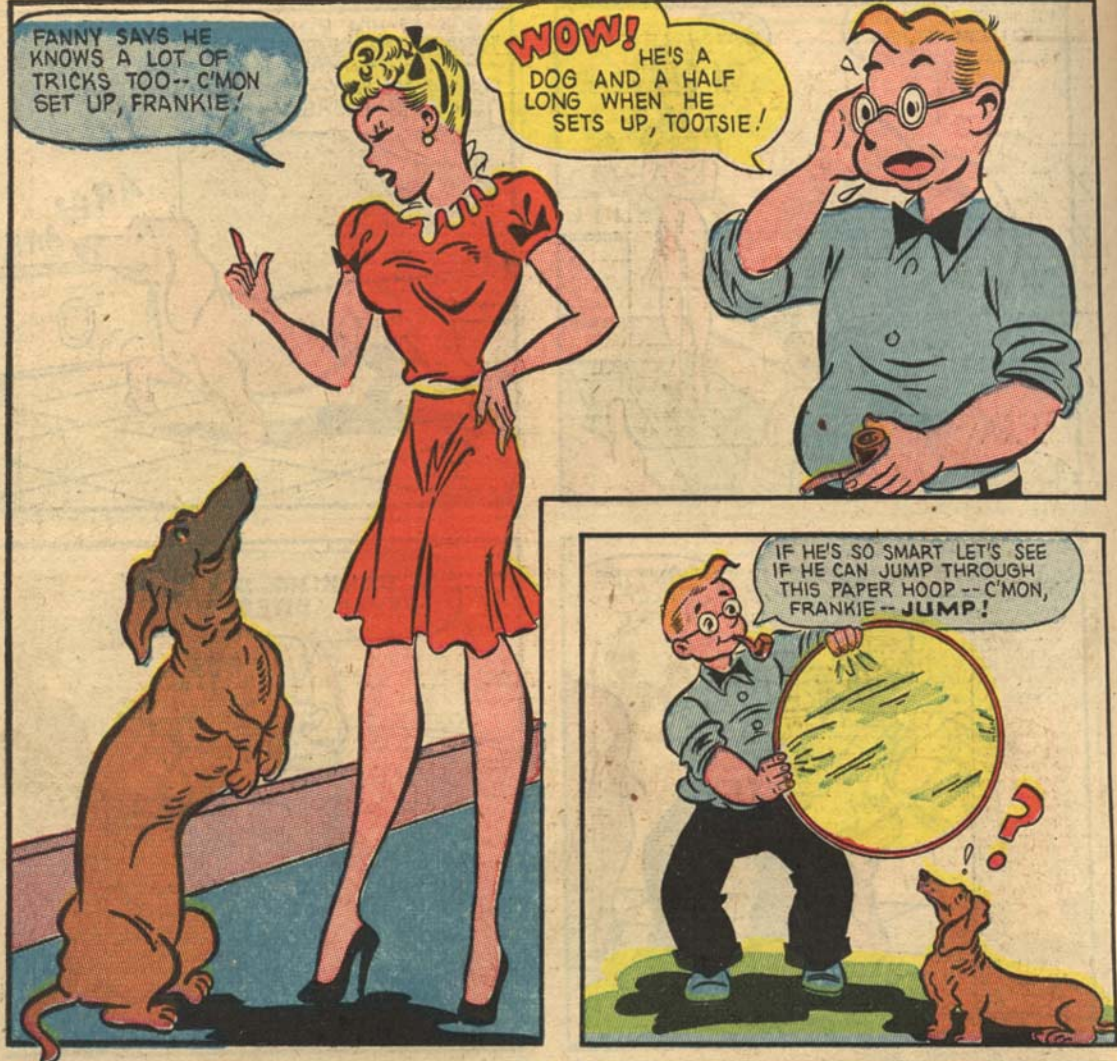
WHEN SHE SAYS "COME HERE OR DON'T COME HERE, JUST AS YOU PLEASE--HE COMES OR HE DOESN'T COME AS HE PLEASER!"

YEAH? HE PROBABLY KNOWS ENOUGH TO COME WHEN HE'S HUNGRY!

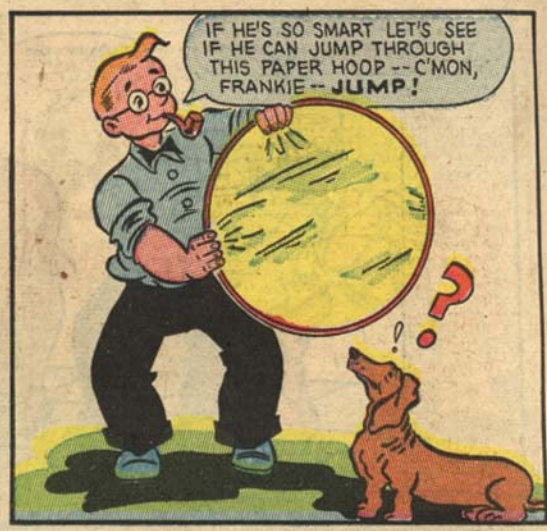


FANNY SAYS HE KNOWS A LOT OF TRICKS TOO-- C'MON SET UP, FRANKIE!

WOW! HE'S A DOG AND A HALF LONG WHEN HE SETS UP, TOOTSIE!

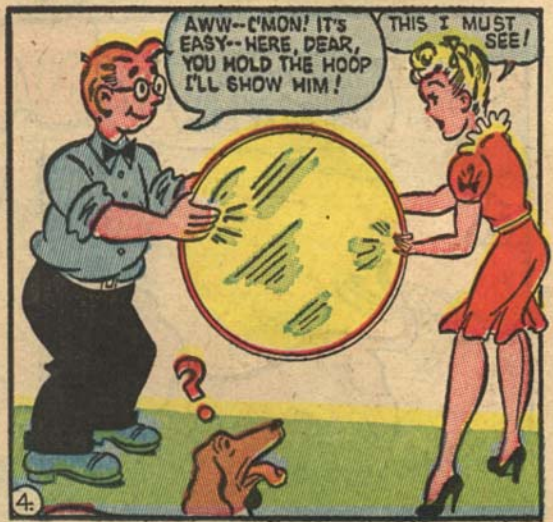


IF HE'S SO SMART LET'S SEE IF HE CAN JUMP THROUGH THIS PAPER HOOP -- C'MON, FRANKIE -- JUMP!



AWW--C'MON! IT'S EASY--HERE, DEAR, YOU HOLD THE HOOP I'LL SHOW HIM!

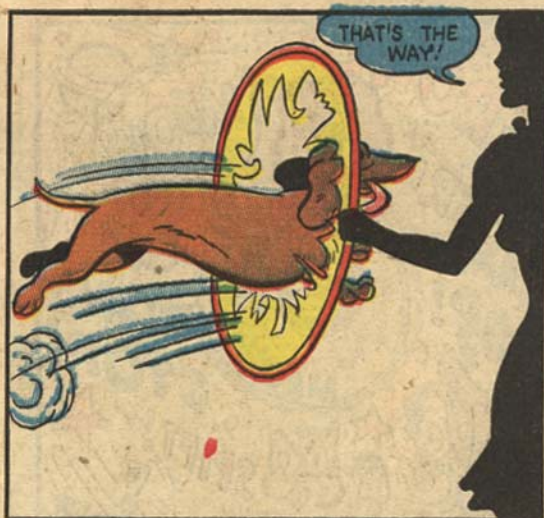
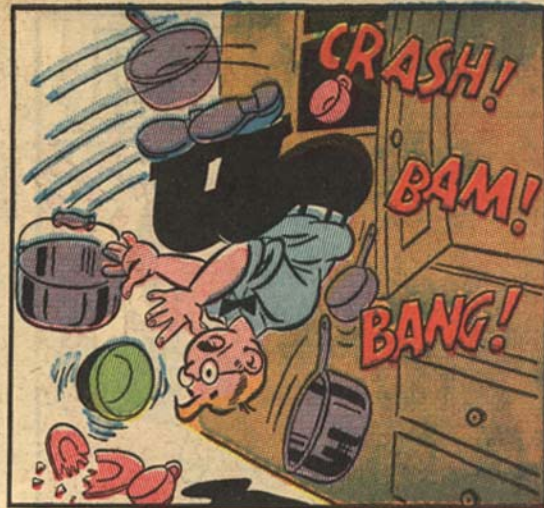
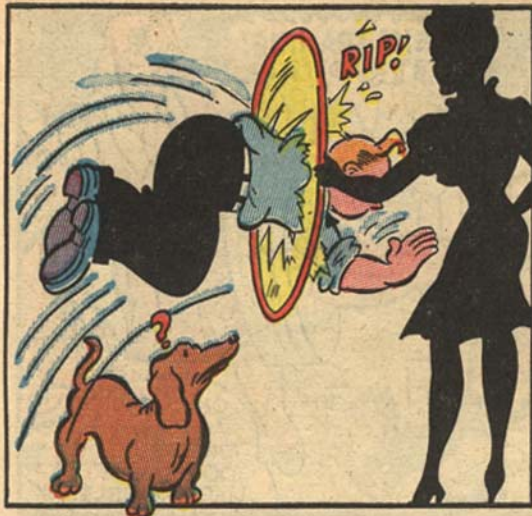
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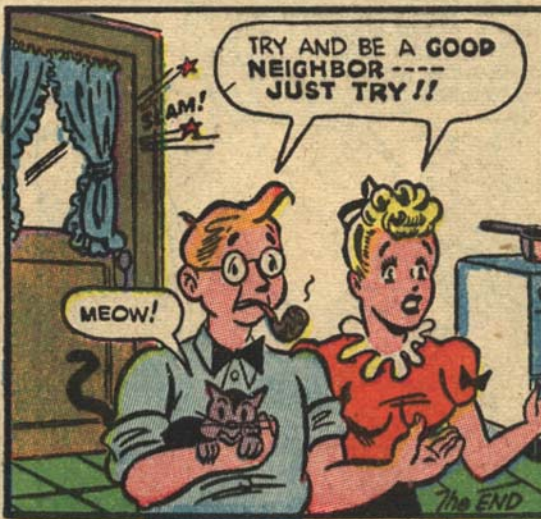
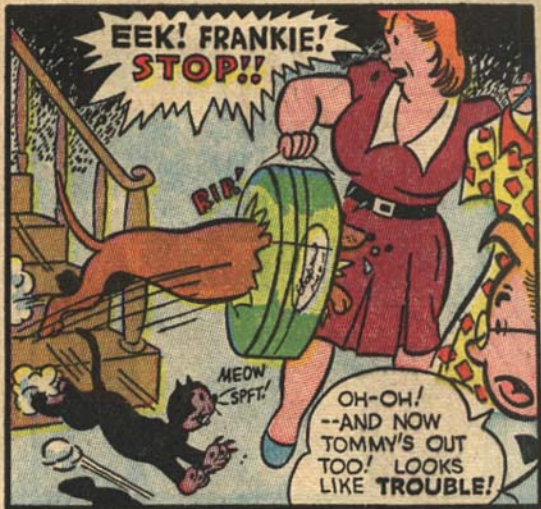


NOW WATCH, FRANKIE -- HERE I GO!!

YES! DON'T MISS THIS, FRANKIE!









POKEY OAKY  
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**I**N LAST ISSUE, POKEY WAS HUM-BUGGED INTO PURCHASING A LARGE METAL "WISH BONE," WHILE ATTENDING AN AUCTION. BUT A CHAIN OF STRANGE COINCIDENTS NOW HAVE THE OAKEYS BELIEVING THAT THE WISHBONE ACTUALLY POSSESSES MAGIC POWERS -

Don Deary.

MAMMY OAKY HAD PLACED THE WISHBONE IN AN OLD MUG FOR THE NIGHTS SAFE KEEPING-- THEN--



PSSST-POKEY-HEY POKEY-WAKE UP! AH JES' HEERD SOMEONE PROWLIN' 'ROUND THE FRONT ROOM!

OOH-HMM-HUH? MOS' PROBABLY 'ETS ONLY OUR COW OR TH' MULE. DOZE--ZZZZ



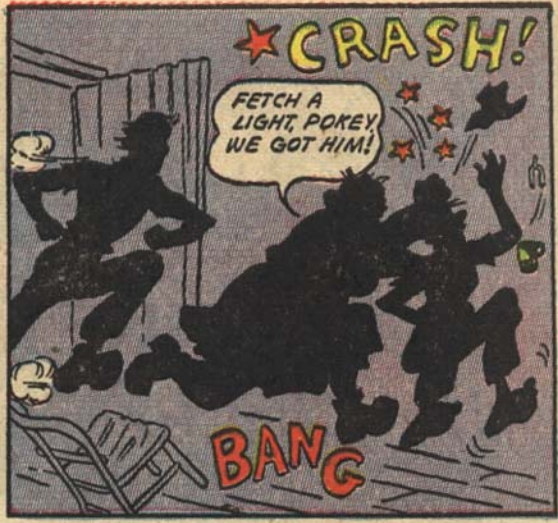
SCRAMBLE UP YO WITS, SON. SOME SKONK HAS COME HYAR TO SWIPE OUR MAGIC WISHBONE-- THAT'S WHUT!

GULP!





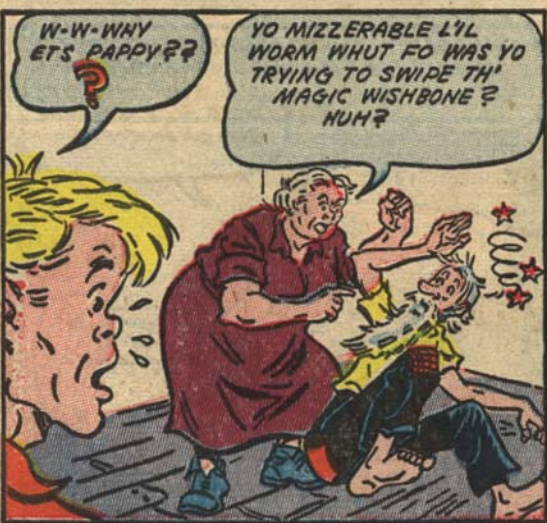
SOMEONE IS OUT THAR ALL RIGHT, C'MON, MAMMY, LE'S CHARGE 'EM--AH'M RIGHT BEHINT YO!



★ CRASH!

FETCH A LIGHT, POKEY, WE GOT HIM!

BANG



W-W-WHY ETS PAPPY??

YO MIZZERABLE L'YL WORM WHUT FO WAS YO TRYING TO SWIPE TH' MAGIC WISHBONE? HUH?



N-N-NOW CALM YO'SELF, MAMMY, AH ONLY THOUGHT THET EF AH COULD GIT MAH HANDS ON THET WISHBONE AH'D CHANGE THINGS SO AS AH WOULDN'T BE SO HEN-PECKED! (SOB)



SOOD THA'S ET HUH? NAL ALL TH' HEN PECKIN' YO GOT IS GONNA BE MILD TO TH' HEN PECKIN' YO IS GONNA GIT! CHUCKLE CHUCKLE!



AH'M JES' GONNA LOCK YO UP FO A SPELL WHILE POKEY AN' AH TAKE THET DANGED WISHBONE TO TOWN AN' GIT RID OF ET!



WHILE BACK AT THE VILLAGE POKEY IS ALSO LEARNING OF THE POULTRYMAN'S PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION—

AN THESE TWO SLICKERS HAVE MADE US ALL SIGN UP WIFF THEM!

YEP, AN 'AT TH' POINT OF A GUN, TOO!

G-GOSH!



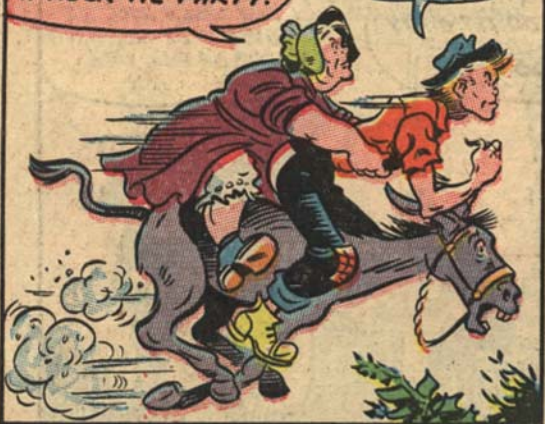
BEIN' YO IS SHURIFF, POKEY, WHUT YO GONNA DOZ

HMM-THEY IS PLENTY SMART. THEY DOES THEIR STEALIN' LEGAL-LIKE! AH HAS TO HAVE A LIL TIME TO THINK!



HUMPH—TH' BOYS OUGHTA GIT T'GETHER AN' GIVE TH' SKONKS A NECK TIE PARTY!

HUSH, MAMMY! THET'S AGIN TH' LAW!



LOOK! PAPPY DONE GOT OUTA TH' CHICKEN COOP!

OH-OH THET ONLY MEANS ONE THING!



HOWDY, FOLKS! WHILE YOU WAS GONE AH PUT OVAH A BIG BIZZNESS DEAL!

YEP, YO JOINED TH' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIASHUN, AH'LL BET!

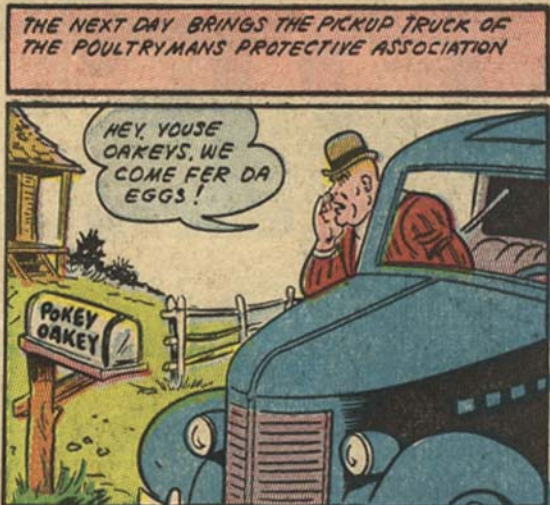
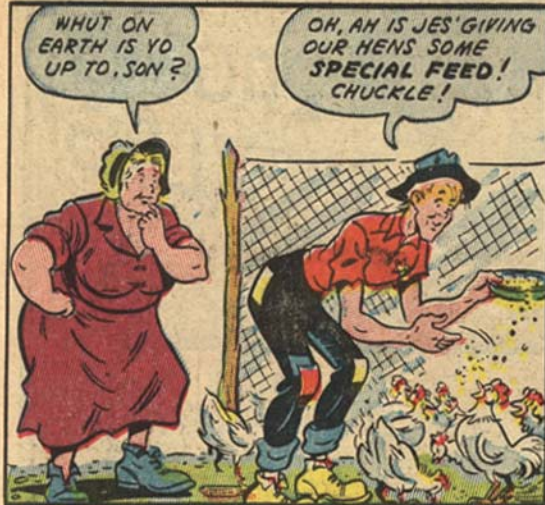


W-W-WHY THA'S RIGHT! HOW DID YO KNOW?

THET HAINT IMPORTANT—ET'S WHUT WE GONNA DO ABOUT ET!

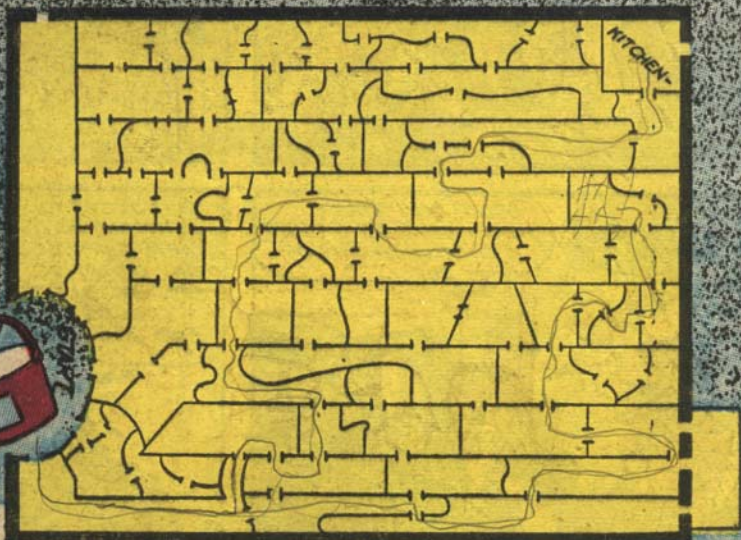
AH GOT ET MAMMY!





# PEEP

PAGE O' PUZZLES!



DIXIE DARLING WAS HIRED TO PAINT THIS MANSION, AFTER WORKING A FEW HOURS SHE BECAME THIRSTY! SHE STARTED GOING THROUGH THE HOUSE, LOOKING FOR THE KITCHEN—TAKE YOUR BEST PENCIL AND GO WITH DIXIE FROM ROOM TO ROOM—AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW LONG IT TOOK HER TO GET A DRINK OF WATER! BEGIN AT ANY OF THE FIVE DOORS WHERE IT SAYS 'START', NEAR DIXIE'S PAINT-BUCKET!

AL  
M'CLEAN

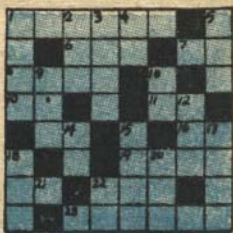
## A DOT PICTURE



WITH YOUR BEST PENCIL, DRAW A LINE FROM NO. 1 TO NO. 30! THIS IS THE KIND OF COMPANY YOU LIKE TO HAVE FOR DINNER! (STUFFED).

## DOWN

- 1-PART OF CROQUET SET
- 2-CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
- 3-ON A CAMEL'S BACK
- 4- ANY ARTICLE
- 5-AN OLD SAILOR
- 9-A --- ON THE KNUCKLES
- 10-SHORT FOR PAPA
- 12-A MEASURE OF MUSIC
- 14-A STUMBLING-BLOCK WORD
- 15-METAPHYSICAL PRIEST
- 17-NOT ALIVE
- 18- OLD CLOTH
- 20 EXCLAMATION
- 22-EXCLAMATION

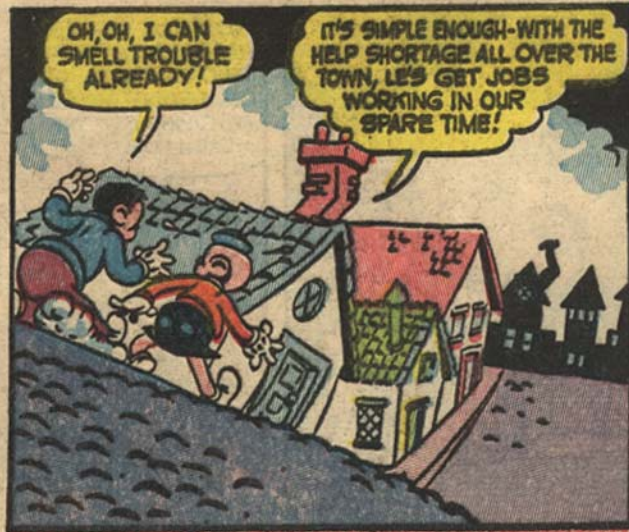


## ACROSS

- 1-MIRTH OF A NATION
- 6-TO PLACE A THING
- 7-SHORT FOR MAMA
- 8- STUDY HARD
- 10-VILLAIN'S EXCLAMATION
- 11- FIRST TWO LETTERS IN ALPHABET
- 16- SHORT FOR ADELBERT
- 19-MANEATING GIANT
- 21-ROMAN FOR FIFTY
- 22-HOW OLD YOU ARE
- 23-A FAMOUS HERO

# WILLY THE WISE GUY

by RED HOLMDALE

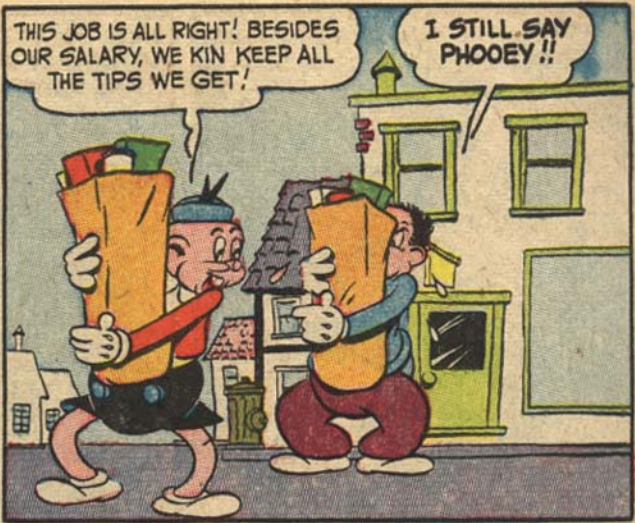




OFFHAND, THE WORKING ANGLE IS THE CATCH I DON'T LIKE!

LOOK! HERE'S OUR CHANCE, NOW!

DELIVERY BOYS WANTED



THIS JOB IS ALL RIGHT! BESIDES OUR SALARY, WE KIN KEEP ALL THE TIPS WE GET!

I STILL SAY PHOOEY!!



LATER—  
WE'VE BEEN LUGGING THESE BUNDLES OVER AN HOUR N' WE HAVEN'T GOT A SINGLE TIP!

DON'T GIVE UP—THINGS'LL PICK UP!



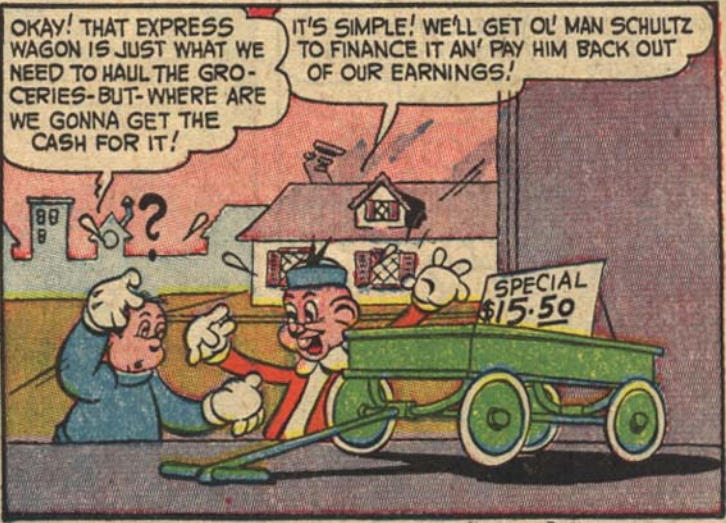
NUTS! I'M QUITTING!

WAIT A MINUTE! I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA!!



NOW WHAT?

JUST FOLLOW ME!

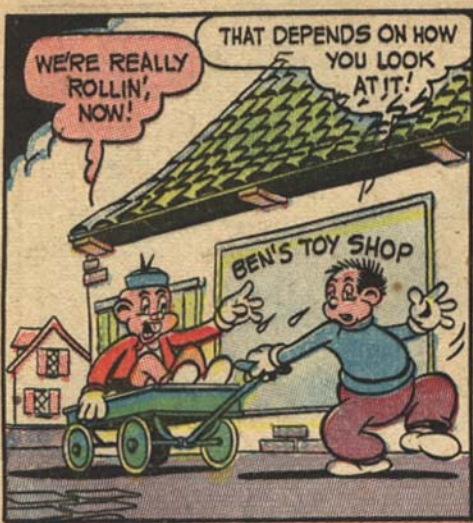


OKAY! THAT EXPRESS WAGON IS JUST WHAT WE NEED TO HAUL THE GROCERIES—BUT—WHERE ARE WE GONNA GET THE CASH FOR IT!

IT'S SIMPLE! WE'LL GET OL' MAN SCHULTZ TO FINANCE IT AN' PAY HIM BACK OUT OF OUR EARNINGS!

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WE'RE REALLY ROLLIN', NOW!

THAT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!



DON'T YOU THINK WE GOT ENOUGH NOW, WILLIE?

PHOOEY-WE'RE GONNA HAUL THIS STUFF IN MASS PRODUCTION!



UGH-IT'S GETTING HEAVIER BY THE MINUTE!

QUIT YOUR SQUAWKIN' N' GIVE A COUPLA MORE HEAVES!



HANG ON! FROM HERE IT'S A CINCH!

WE AIN'T THERE YET!



HEY, NOW THAT WE'RE GOING SO WELL, HOW DO WE STOP?

I NEVER THOUGHT O' THAT-GULP!!



OMIGOSH!

WE'RE GONNA-



CRASH



-YOU AN' YOUR IDEAS! WE'VE BEEN TWO WEEKS TRYING TO WORK OFF THE PRICE OF THAT WAGON AND GROCERIES, WHILE THE BIJOU HAS PLAYED TWO 'SOCKO' GIBSON PICTURES!

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