

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Should the city and state be written on the same line on an envelope? E. F.
A. The post office department prefers them on separate lines. This enables postal employees to classify the mail more rapidly.

Q. Did Rube Vickers break the discus record at the Olympic games? E. McE.
A. The world record for throwing the discus is the following: 8 1/2 circle, 156 feet and 1 1/2 inches. J. Duncan, United States, May 27, 1912, made this record. Rube Vickers is a professional and consequently never featured in the Olympics.

Q. Let me know the date of the first big fire in Boston? T. B.
A. One of the earliest destructive fires that occurred in Boston was that of March 11, 1702, when 100 buildings were destroyed valued at about \$2,000,000. The great fire of Nov. 9-11, 1872, destroyed 600 buildings covering 65 acres, valued at \$75,000,000.

Q. How much of the Everglades have been drained? T. H. G.
A. By the end of 1923 about one million acres had been reclaimed. Five canals of a total length of more than 200 miles were completed. Approximately 7,000,000 acres remain to be drained.

Q. How is the name "Le Quez" pronounced? H. T. N.
A. It is pronounced as if spelled "lo ku".
Q. Who owns the largest X-ray machine? J. B. G.
A. One of the largest X-ray machines in the country is that built by the General Electric company in 1923 for use in the treatment of cancer. This apparatus is capable of generating 200,000 volts of rays, which penetrate through one-quarter inch of lead, one foot of aluminum and two feet of brick.

Q. What is the difference in the air pressure at street level and at the top of the Woolworth building in New York City? E. M. J.
A. Atmospheric pressure varies with temperature. The pressure at sea level has been estimated at 14.7 pounds a square inch. At a height of one-fourth mile or 1,320 feet, it is 14.02 pounds a square inch. The pressure at the top of the Woolworth building would be somewhere around 14.3 pounds a square inch.

Q. At the battle of Britain, who was in command of the British, and who in command of the Germans? T. S.
A. The British were in command of Vice-Admiral Beatty, who was on his way to join the main fleet of Great Britain when he encountered the Germans. The German fleet was in charge of Admirals Von Hipper and Von Scheer.

Q. How are birthmarks removed? E. A. S.
A. A birthmark is merely the result of excessive development of fibrous tissue, hair, blood vessels, or pigment in a circumscribed area. Surgical treatment is generally prescribed for the removal of a birthmark. Among the methods employed are electrolysis, X-rays, the use of chemical caustics, such as nitric acid or the acid nitrate of mercury. The removal of a birthmark is a delicate operation and should only be performed by a competent physician.

Q. Where is the museum of buttons? E. L.
A. You probably refer to the button museum in Prague, Czechoslovakia, which is devoted to a collection of dress fastening devices. It was founded by a Bohemian button manufacturer.

Q. Where is the portrait bust of Mrs. Samuel Pepys about which one has read so often lately? G. B.
A. The portrait bust of Mrs. Pepys is in the City Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, London. Pepys occupied a pew, now demolished, from which he could view the statue.

Q. In reading about Fra Angelico, I often see the phrase "Il Beato." What does it mean? E. D.
A. The phrase means "The Blessed." It indicates "an inferior beatification that is somewhat less important than the term saint."

Q. How large is the pipe organ in the Royal Albert hall, London? W. A. B.
A. This organ, by Willis, is one of the largest in the world. It has nearly 9,000 pipes.

Q. How is petroleum formed? E. L.
A. The geological survey says the organic theory of the origin of petroleum is most generally accepted. Crude petroleum of paraffin base is believed to be formed of vegetable fabric and petroleum asphaltic base is believed to be formed of organic matter containing a large proportion of animal matter. Substantially the

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same products are obtained from petroleum of either base except asphalt, which is obtained from asphaltic petroleum only and paraffin wax which is obtained from paraffinaceous petroleum. Paraffinaceous petroleum contains a larger proportion of kerosene, gasoline and other high gravity products than asphaltic petroleum.

Q. Does the government of England contribute to the support of the church? C. M. M.
A. The government of England does not appropriate any specific sum of money in support of the church. One of its important sources of income is the Queen Anne's Bounty, a fund formed by Queen Anne in 1704 to augment the poorer livings of the Church of England. There are also remains of church endowments. Church rates are voluntary and can not be recovered by law.

Q. Which are the best American race horses of modern times? H. M. T.
A. O'Neill Sevier, an expert in such matters, is quoted as saying that Man o' War, Hermis, and Artful, are in his opinion, the best.

Q. Where is the oldest paved roadway? B. E.
A. It is said that "probably the oldest, authentic remains of a road surfaced with stone are found near the Great Pyramid."

Q. How much does it cost to teach a single public school pupil? G. E. Q.
A. The amount of money required to teach a pupil in the elementary grades has been estimated at \$37.12 for one year. For public high school it is estimated at \$146.26 per year. These are the only statistics available on the subject.

Q. What per cent of milk is water? E. T.
A. There is 87 per cent water in whole milk, and in skimmed milk 90.5 per cent.

Q. Please give the number of physicians in this country in proportion to population? C. G.
A. The supply of physicians in proportion to population in the United States in several different years is shown as follows: In 1880 the supply was one physician to 580 persons; in 1907, one to 636; in 1912, one to 689; in 1920, one to 721 and in 1923 one to every 724 persons.

Q. What was the plague which visited Athens? J. P.
A. Authorities do not know definitely just what disease was referred to as the plague in Athens. According to the description by Thucydides, the plague ravaged Athens in the second year of the Peloponnesian war, 430 B. C. A large percentage of the population had taken refuge in the city and subsequently the number of deaths was great. The epidemic does not seem to have been the real oriental plague.

Q. How may chlorophyll be synthesized? H. M. E.
A. The bureau of chemistry says that chlorophyll has never been synthesized in any laboratory. (Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The Evening Gazette Information Bureau, Frederic J. Hankin, director, Washington, D. C. Give full name and address and enclose two-cent stamp for return postage. Be brief. All inquiries are confidential and replies being sent directly to each individual.)

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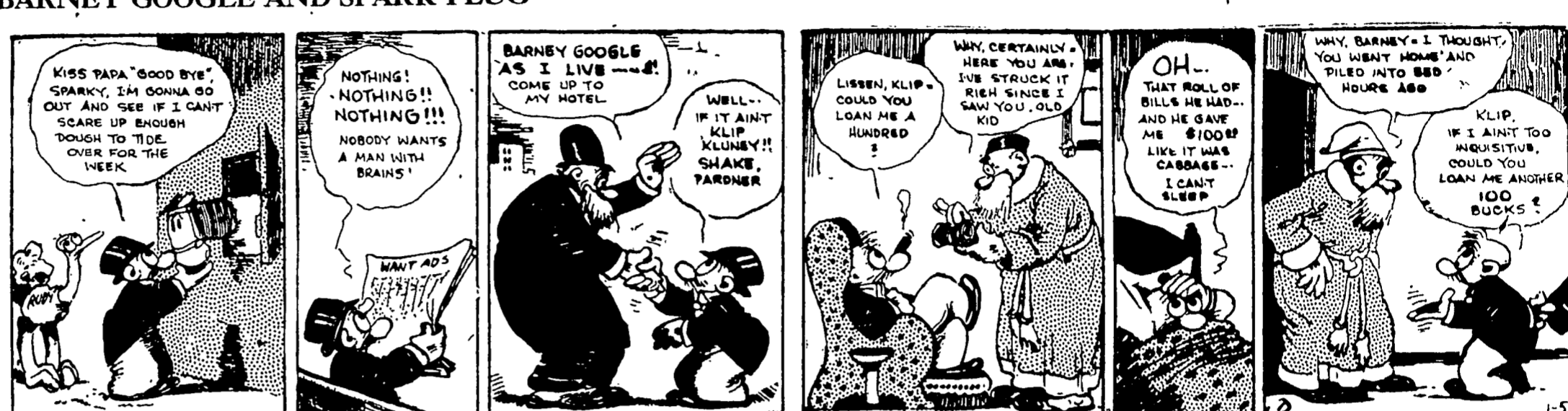
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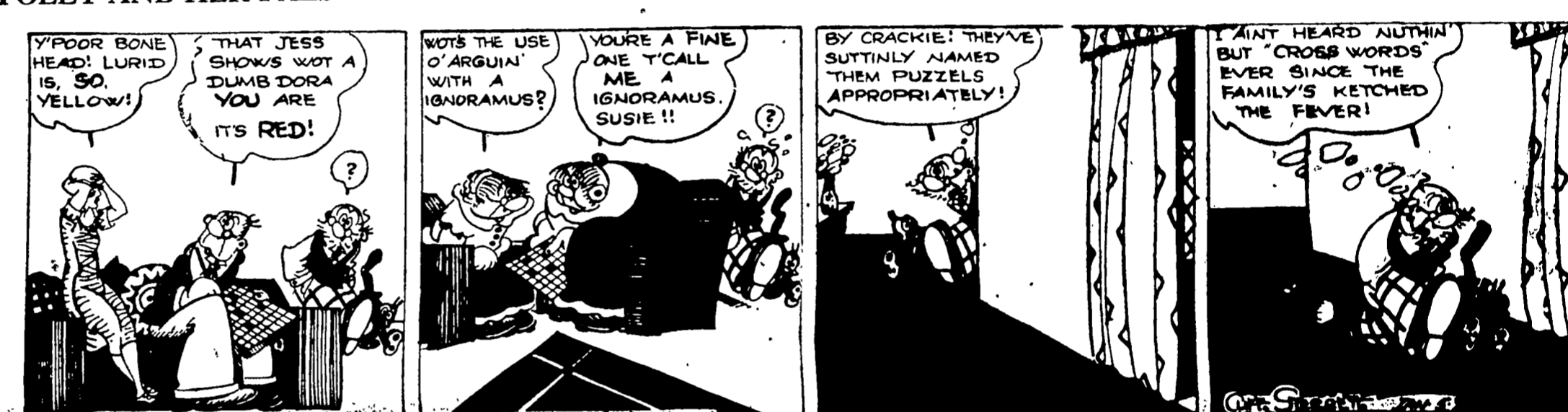
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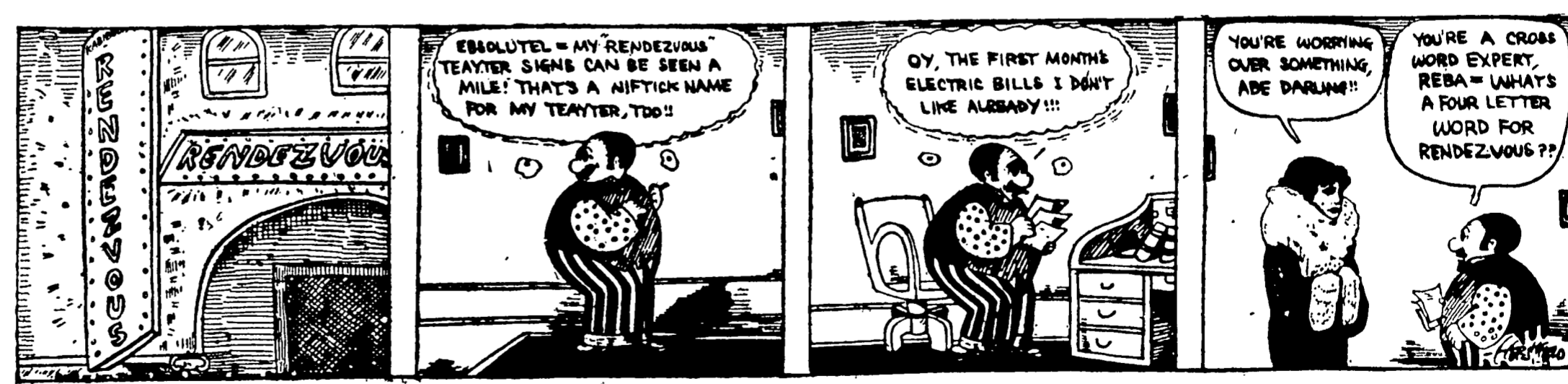
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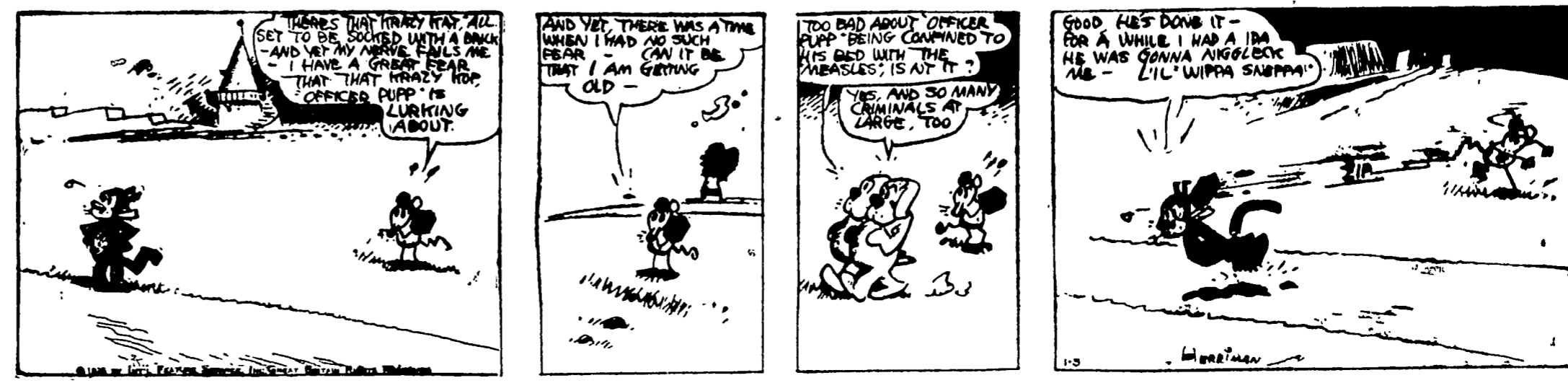
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