

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Is Lopez a Spaniard? Has he any orchestras on the road? V. L. W.

A. Vincent Lopez was born in Brooklyn, therefore is an American, but is of Spanish descent. He has several orchestras outside New York City—in Buffalo, Syracuse, Providence, and Miami, and has three on the road.

Q. How many automobiles and trucks are there in the city of Chicago? H. M. T.

A. The city's license bureau reports that there are 236,441 motor vehicles in the city at present.

Q. What is the massacre of the innocents? W. M. T.

A. This was a popular subject with Flemish and Italian artists. The pictures portrayed the slaying of the children of Bethlehem by the soldiers of Herod. Among the famous canvases on the subject are those of Reni, Pintoretto, da Volterra, Broughel and Rubens.

Q. How much money has been paid the Civil War veterans and what is the average age of those still living? J. M. E.

A. The amount of money paid to date is \$5,427,106,586.49. The average age of the survivors is about 81.

Q. What has become of Francis Burton Harrison? J. O. S.

A. Francis Burton Harrison after his resignation as governor of the Philippines in 1921, traveled for a time and then devoted his time to the writing of books on the Philippines and other subjects. He is now residing at Teaneach, Alness, Scotland.

Q. How were men who committed crimes—for example larceny or forgery—punished in Milan in her heyday? T. I. T.

A. Sometimes a fine was imposed for larceny, at other times, the foot of the criminal was amputated. In cases of forgery, the right hand was amputated as a rule. Burial alive was the fate met by some forgers.

Q. What will make thin muslin cuffs stiff? E. B. K.

A. To improve starch add to each bowl one teaspoonful of Epsom salts and dissolve in the usual way by boiling. Articles starched with this will be stiffer.

Q. What is the average income tax paid by individuals? W. A. T.

A. According to a secretary of treasury report of income returned for the calendar year Dec. 31, 1920, there were 7,259,944 personal returns made on incomes ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000,000 and over. The average amount of tax on an individual was \$148.08.

Q. Is Siberia a part of the new Russian government? R. E. L.

A. Siberia is an integral part of Soviet Russia, but it is semi-autonomous.

Q. What is "a wild goose chase"? W. H. McK.

A. A "wild goose chase" is a pursuit after something that is unlikely to be caught as a wild goose. The term alludes to the difficulty in shooting wild geese.

Q. Which minaret in Cairo is the tallest? T. C. M.

A. The one remaining minaret belonging to the Mosque of Sultan Hassan is the tallest in the Egyptian capital. It is 280 feet high.

Q. We read that the new statue of Gen. Sam Houston is the second largest equestrian statue in the United States. What is the largest? W. R. T.

A. General Lee's statue in Richmond is the largest.

Q. What is monopole oil used for? J. A. H.

A. It is used to remove the so-called gum from silk fiber. It makes the fiber soft and leaves a silky crackle.

Q. Will timber decay if it is kept submerged in water? W. V.

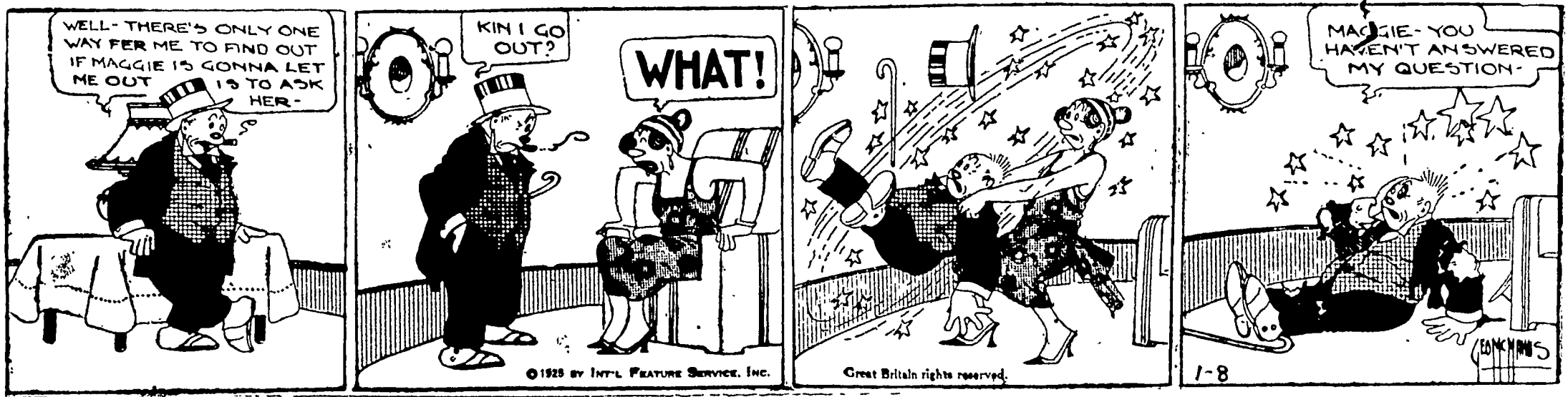
A. The forest products laboratory says that if the wood is completely submerged in water and kept so at all times it will not decay. Even species of low durability will resist decay forever under such conditions. In salt water, of course, the timber will be destroyed by certain marine animals which riddle it with holes but it is presumed your question refers to decay only and to fresh water. Wood which is partly in the water and partly out or wood which is wet part of the time and dry part of the time will decay just like wood set in contact with the ground.

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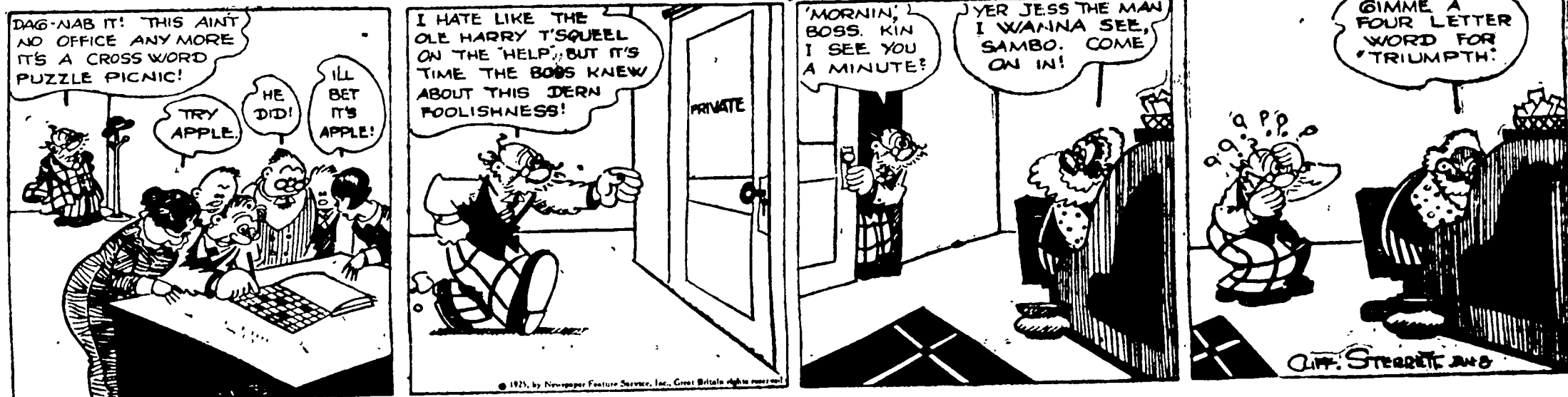
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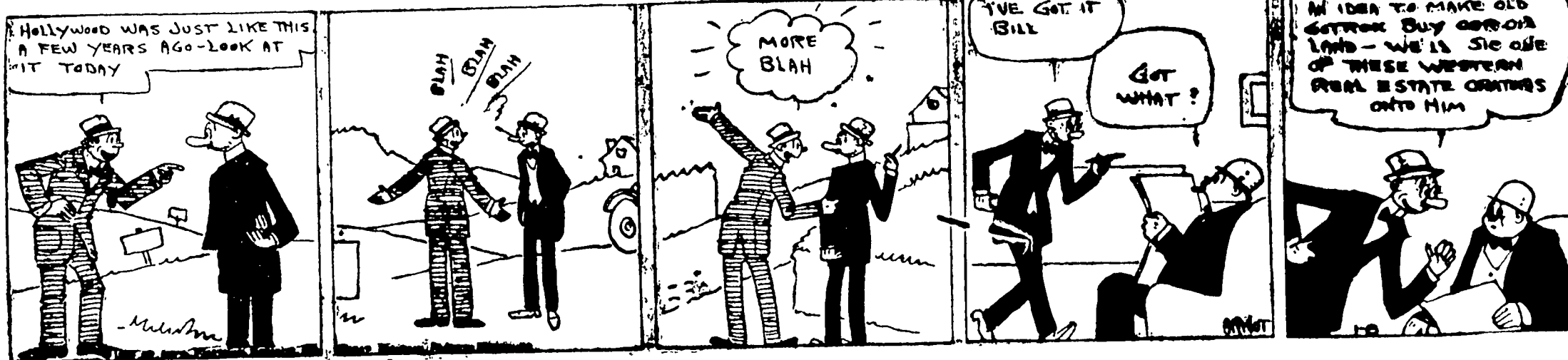
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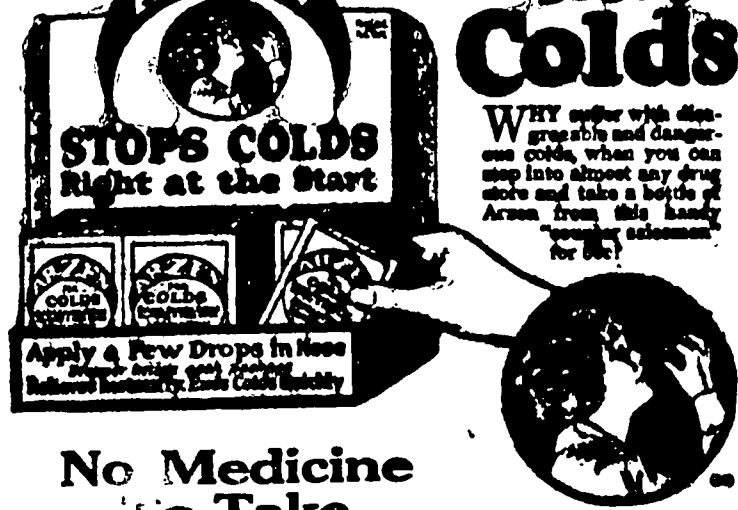
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