

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How long has "Mutt and Jeff" been in the papers? W. F. T. A. Budd-Fisher originated the character Mutt in 1907. A month after Mutt appeared, he was joined by Jeff.

Q. Is a knot a unit of distance or of speed? J. F. A. Knot is a unit of speed equivalent to one nautical mile an hour.

Q. Is General Robert E. Lee buried in Arlington? C. C. The remains of General Lee and Jackson are buried in Lexington, Virginia.

Q. Do robins see, hear, or smell the worms that they catch? C. T. B. A. The biological survey says that in all probability the robin hears the worms that it seeks. It hears the worms, then hops over the ground, creating a fur that causes the worm to come to the surface. Other worms are disturbed and come up. These the robin probably sees and devours.

Q. What are the ships that now encircle the globe with a regular service? S. J. A. The Seven Sister Ships now sail on regular schedule, at intervals of fourteen days. They make the trip around the world in 112 days, making about twenty ports. The names of these ships are the President Van Buren, the President Harrison, the President Monroe, the President Adams, the President Hayes, and the President Polk.

Q. How many Zeppelins were brought down on English soil? N. W. Ten airships were brought down in the United Kingdom off the coast.

Q. When was Christmas first celebrated? J. A. It is not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antonius Pius (138-161 A. D.). The holiday is not historical. It has often been objected that Dec. 25 can not be the true date of the birth of Christ, for it is then the rainy season in Palestine and shepherds would scarcely have been watching their sheep by night in the fields. The reason for the final choice of Dec. 25 can not now be determined. A widespread feast of the Great Mother may have influenced the decision, also the desire to place a Christian feast in opposition to the Roman feast of "Sol Invictus" at the winter solstice. At the winter solstice, the Germans hold their great Yule feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun, and many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans and Romans relating to this matter passed from heathenism to Christianity and have survived to the present day. As Christianity spread,

Q. How many Indian war pensioners are there? C. J. C. A. The pension office says that there are 3,940 soldiers and 3,000 widows drawing pensions by reason of all the Indian wars. The pension bureau does not keep a record of the individual Indian war. The sum paid last year to all Indian war pensioners was \$1,910,233.65.

Q. Who are the most northerly people in the world? F. K. G. A. The bureau of ethnology says that the Eskimos of Smith Sound, Greenland, are the most northerly people in the world.

Q. When and by whom was wheat introduced into America? K. A. G. A. It is not definitely known who first introduced wheat into America. History shows, however, that it was not grown in America prior to its discovery by Columbus.

Q. Which state had the first historical society? G. R. A. Massachusetts was the first to form one. It was organized in 1791 but was incorporated in 1794.

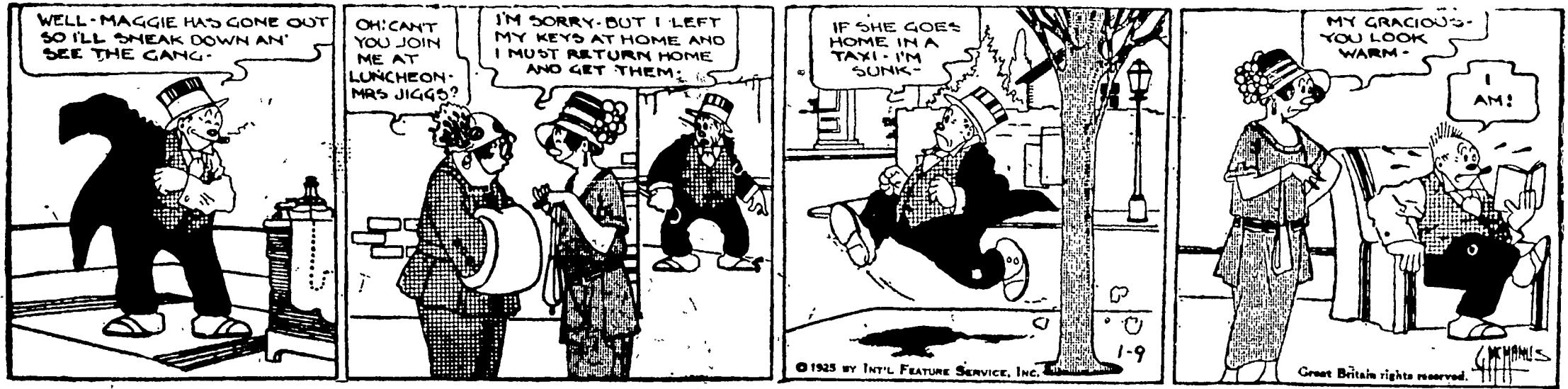
Q. What are the proper proportions of alcohol and water to use to prevent freezing in zero weather? W. H. G. A. In using pure alcohol and water as a non-freezing solution, use the following formula: 10 degrees above zero, 80 per cent. water, 20 per cent. alcohol; zero, 75 per cent. water, 25 per cent. alcohol, sp. gr. .889; 1 degree below zero, 70 per cent. water, 30 per cent. alcohol, sp. gr. .899; 22 degrees below zero, 60 per cent. water, 40 per cent. alcohol, sp. gr. .91.

Q. How much weight can be put on a colt being broke for two-year-old races? A. K. McC. A. It should not carry more than 90 pounds.

Q. What is the law of averages? A. C. S. The "law of averages" is an economic law which aims to demonstrate that while the trend of human affairs can not be forecast with certainty, it can be worked out to a considerable extent arithmetically by arriving at averages based on statistics relating to the event. This practice has long been employed in business and is gradually being adopted in the professions. An important example of its use is the elaborate system of tables prepared by life insurance companies.

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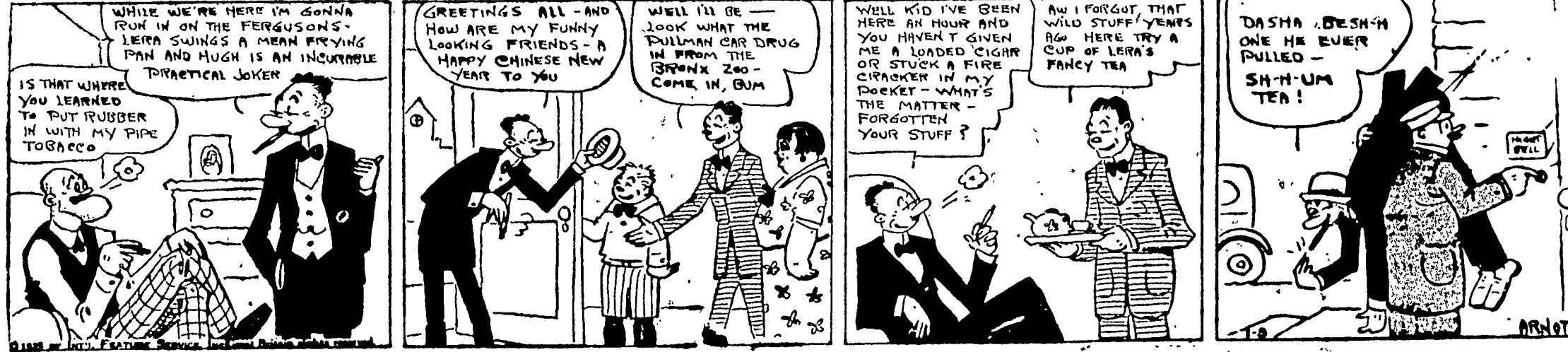
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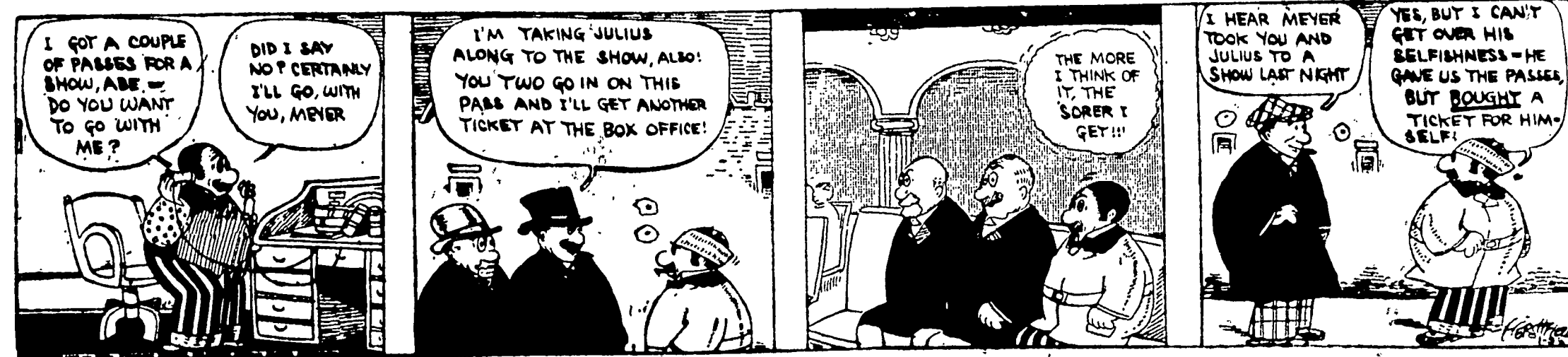
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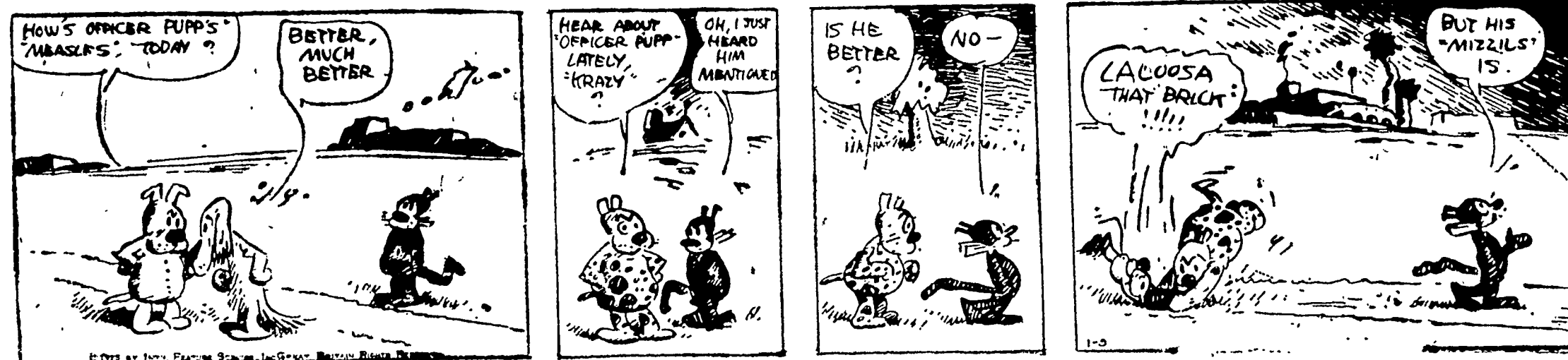
HOW DO THEY DO IT?



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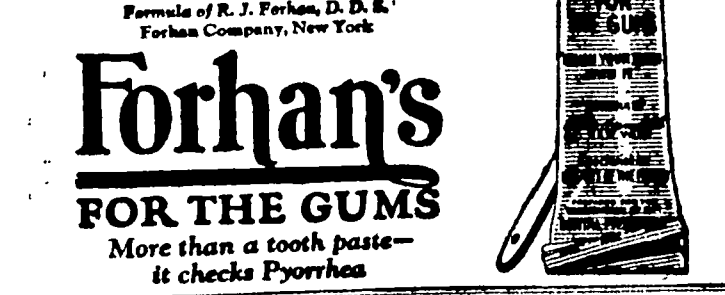
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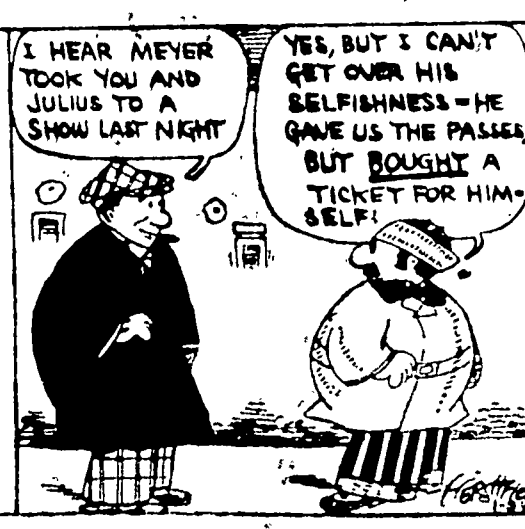
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He Finds Trouble Any Place



A Different Point of View

