

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How many sized flags are flown on the White House? M. L. A. The White House has 48 flags that there are two flags used on the flag staff. A small sized one is used in bad weather, and on bright, clear days, a large flag.

Q. When were Christmas trees first used in the United States? E. G. A. Christmas trees became popular in the United States about the same time that they were introduced into England. In England the first Christmas trees were set up in the Royal Palace of St. James at the time Queen Victoria married the Prince Consort in 1840.

Q. What was the constitution of Sweden adopted? C. R. A. The fundamental laws of Sweden have never been embodied in any single written constitution but consist of various enactments of the Diet from the years 1595 to 1866.

Q. What are the names of Dumus? Three Guardsmen series in the order in which they should be read? E. G. B. A. The historical sequence is as follows: "The Three Musketeers," which story commenced with 1625; "Twenty Years After," which begins with the year 1645, and "Le Vicomte de Bragelonne," which begins with 1660.

Q. How did the expression "two bits" for twenty-five cents originate? J. M. A. The term "bit" used in the expression "two bits," four bits, has reference to a small silver coin such as the Mexican real which was formerly current in America, but is now no longer used. It was usually valued at 12 1/2 cents.

Q. What is the height of the sun on the shortest day of the year in the extreme north of Norway? G. B. A. North Cape at the extreme north of Norway is within the Arctic circle, and at that point, the sun does not rise at all during the winter; that is to say, there is continuous night from Nov. 30 to Jan. 23; on these days the sun barely shows its upper edge above the horizon, sinking almost immediately follows sunrise and these therefore are the shortest days at North Cape.

Q. How does the Maxim silencer work? H. C. A. The National Rifle association says that a Maxim silencer works on the same principle as the auto muffler. The tube is screwed on the muzzle of the gun. This tube consists of a series of baffles that causes the gases to issue slowly instead of with a sudden rush. It is this rush of powdered gas from the muzzle of the gun which creates a vacuum causing the report when discharged.

Q. What is a copyright, and what was the earliest instance thereof? Q. N. A. Copyright is a right given by law for a limited number of years, in the United States twenty-eight years from the date of first publication, to the author or originator of an intellectual production, or to his assignee. It is intended to give him the exclusive right to his writing or other production, and to reproductions thereof. According to Justinian, a law was passed according to the scriber by whom books were written; the property in the materials used; and, in this way, perhaps, he traced the first germ of the modern law of copyright.

Q. When was an attractive police system established in England? J. C. H. A. Sir Robert Peel established a system in 1829 which resulted in a great diminishing of crime.

Q. P. P. was the name "New Orleans" affected for one of the airplanes making the recent trip around the world? J. M. F. A. Major General Mason M. Patrick personally selected the names of the planes which made the record-breaking world flight from representative cities of each section of the country. New Orleans was picked as a city of the south, Boston of the east, Chicago, middle west; Seattle, west.

Q. Does the Alaskan railroad connect Alaska with the United States? Q. B. A. The United States government railroad in Alaska does not connect Alaska with the United States. There is no railroad running from Alaska which does, to make the connection it is necessary to go from Seattle by water.

Q. How is evaporated horse radish made? J. M. F. A. Horse radish for preparation as an evaporated product should be cut into small chips, then thoroughly dried and afterward ground. This is bottled dry, will keep in good condition for long time and its pungency will develop when the dried powder is moistened.

Q. By what system are Chinese children given their "milk" names? A. In E. A. Prof. Isaac Headland says that the names usually indicate the place or time of birth, the hope of the parents for the child, or exhibit the parents' love of beauty or euphony.

Q. What is the name of the disease which causes the feet to grow to enormous proportions? W. L. B. A. It is known as acromegaly.

Q. When is the bridge between Buffalo and Port Erie to be built? W. S. P. A. The proposed bridge between Buffalo and Port Erie is still under consideration by the war department. Both Canadian and congressional authority have been obtained.

Q. How much food must be carried for dogs that pull sleds in the far north? H. M. F. A. Each dog will eat two pounds of food a day. A team of fifteen dogs pulling a load of from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds will eat the equivalent of its load in from thirty-five to fifty days.

Q. Is it true that a person dreaming of falling a great height will die from the shock if he does not awaken before he hits the ground? B. I. D. A. Physicians say that such an idea is ridiculous, although this is not susceptible of absolute proof, for if a man has ever died from the shock of landing at the bottom of a dream, he will have never had a chance to tell the world about it.

Q. How much did the population of Chicago increase in the 60's? Q. A. The population of Chicago in 1860 was 199,260 and in 1870 it had increased to 388,977.

Q. What is meant by an "absolute adjective"? Is "straight" one? B. M. N. A. Some qualities are incapable of comparison because they already are so absolute. As expressed that one cannot think of them as greater or less. For example "round," "square," "unique," "straight" can be compared, hence it is not an absolute adjective.

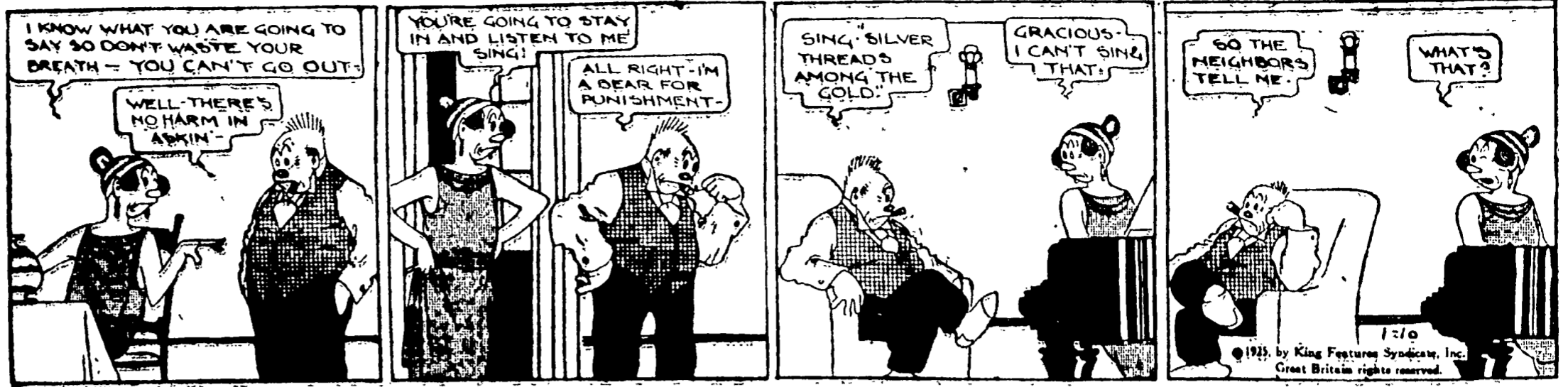
Q. Under what circumstances did Verdi write "Aida"? A. "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi of Turkey, commissioned Giuseppe Verdi to write "Aida" for the opening of the Cairo opera house.

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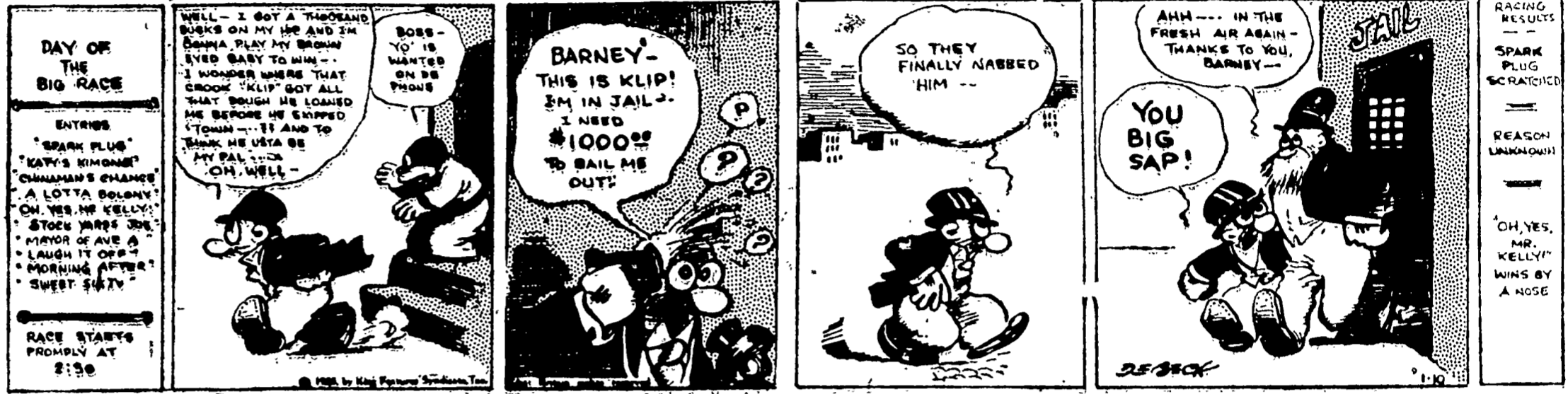
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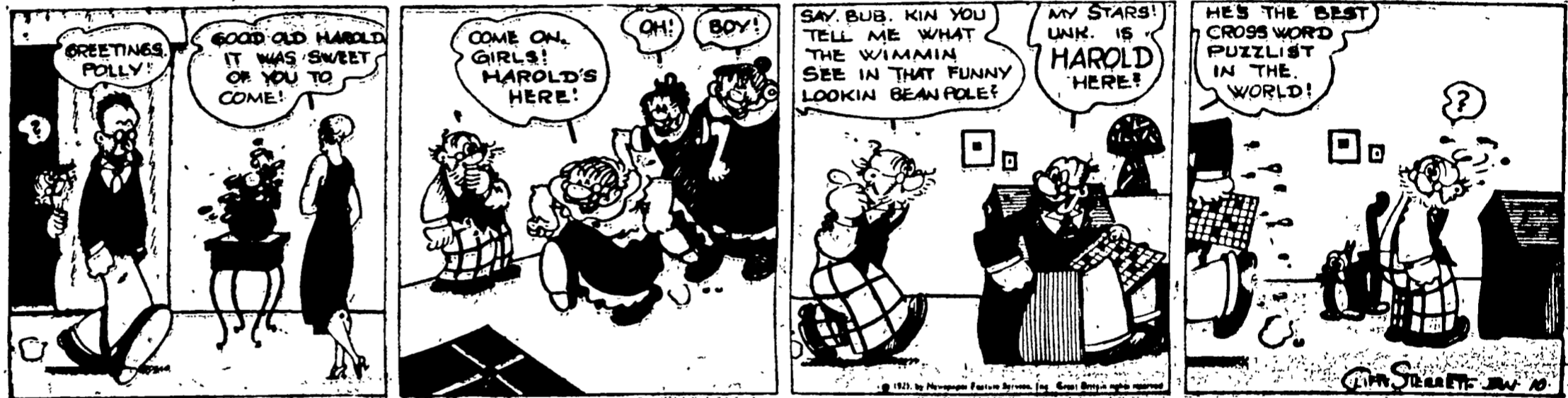
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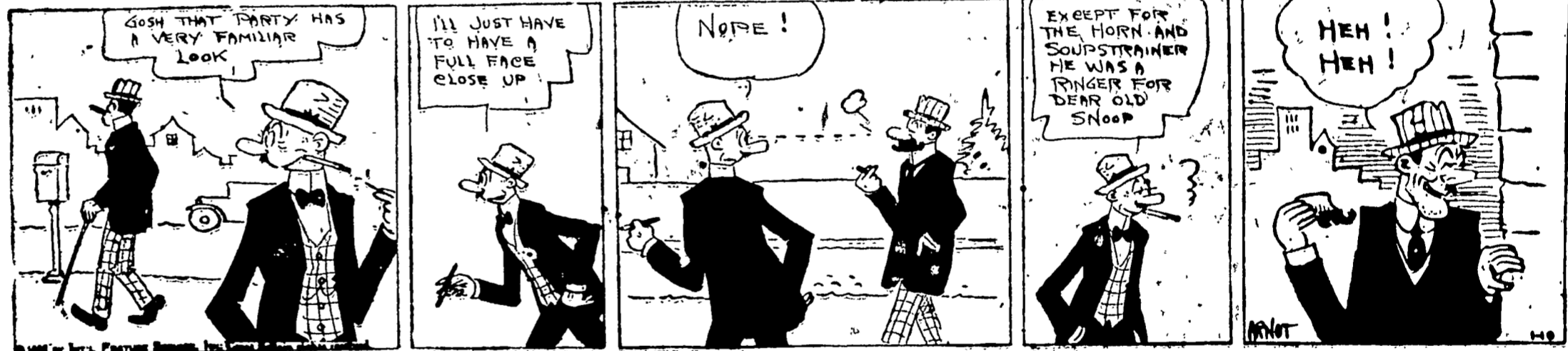
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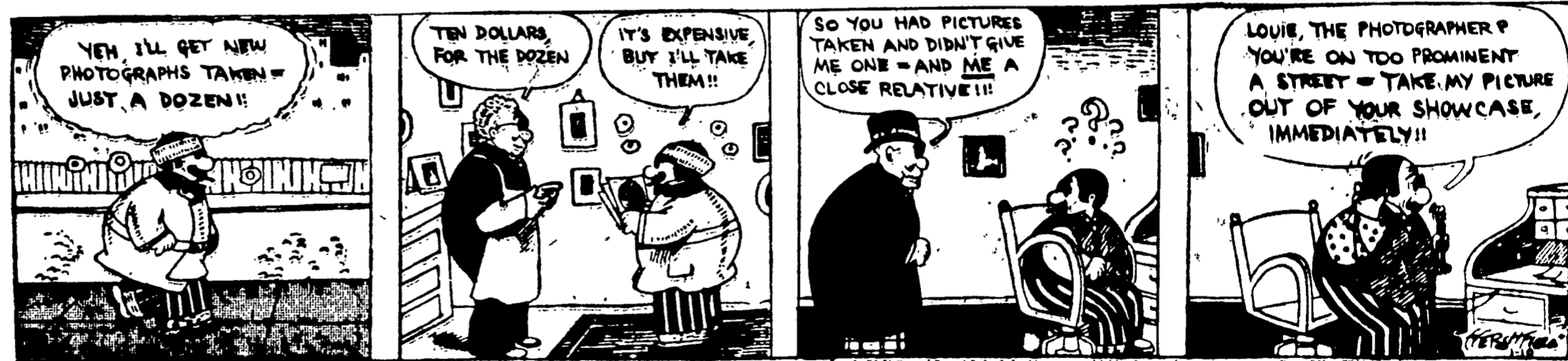
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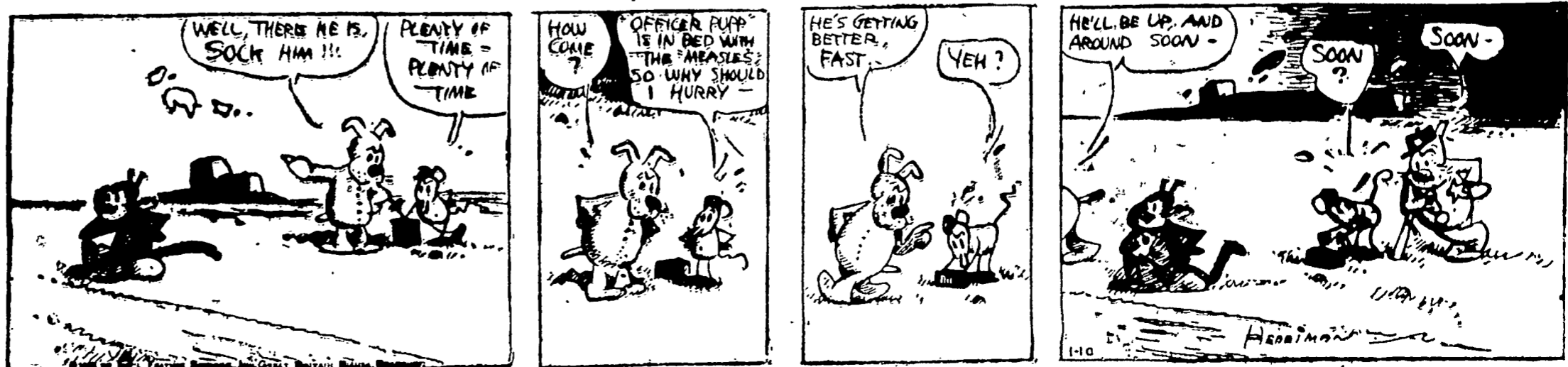
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