

# Zoe Beckley's Corner



## A WONDERFUL STORY.

I know a woman who is a wonderful story. She is ninety-one years old and goes to work every day of her life but Sunday and her two-week holiday in August. You may have passed her dozens of times on Fifth avenue, for her office is in a big publishing house there, and she works to it every morning from her home in a quiet street nearby. She is tall and slim and straight as a reed, modestly dressed and graced with what her English-Irish grand mother called "the lady air." And she is close kin to a country ambassador whose name you would know if I dared to print it.

The best thing about this indomitable lady is her chronic refusal to think of old folks think and present that mental stone-wallishness that so often exasperates and baffles the young. The very nature of her work demands at certain straightness of mind for she is an editor and has been for sixty years.

I long to tell you her name but she will never forgive it. Miss Matilda we must call her, after the fashion of the girls in her office, who call out "Miss Matilda, how do you spell immundo?" "Two letters, my lady, with little girls, her's and embassies, and has two 'i's and two 's's you say it only one yesterday."

They're always asking her how to spell things, and she has never been known to fail. For answers are brief and focused on the exact point. For example, she'll reply "It's like, but a 't' is not a 'c' don't you remember? I told you how to remember which is Francis and which 'Francis'." His name is cis and her name ces, corresponding with the vowels, and her.

Miss Matilda has had heavy responsibilities all her life. She has never had time to marry. Nor take a long vacation. Nor to fix up her room with fluffy pretties. She lives in a chamber as austere as a monk's cell. You'd never take it for a woman's room.

It's best that way, she says. "There won't be so much for the people to bother about when they see this thing in the newspaper, about an unidentified elderly lady who got in the path of the automobile."

There is a tiny touch of grimness about Miss Matilda, behind her brisk

manner and a smile in her eyes. She is a wonderful story.

## "In the Mist of Life"

In a chemist's supply window at the corner of Seventeenth street and Seventh avenue stands a skeleton. He or she looks out over the busy thoroughfare with an expression superior, tragic, contemplative or foreboding, according to your own mood. Two men were talking earnestly upon the curb. "I tell you," said one, "you ought to do it for the sake of your family. This policy carries a small premium and yet look what you get! If you die in ten years—"

"Say, listen," interrupted the other, glancing into the chemist's window, "leave us step round the corner will you? I don't like the view here."

## Independence for Women.

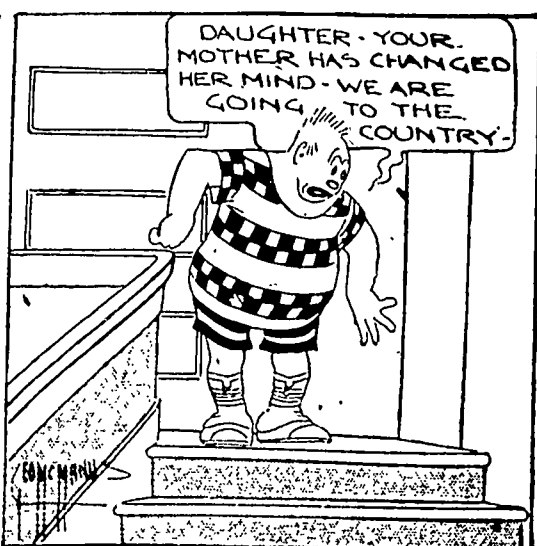
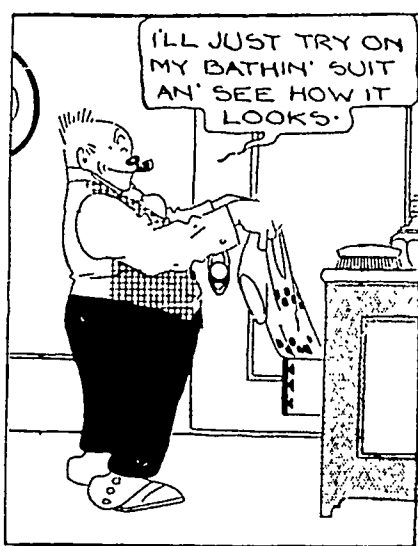
"Envious He Kills Wife and Himself"—News headline. The wife's wage-earning ability was superior to the poor chap's, she taunted him with it, saying she "needed no man's help"—and bang! a bullet for each. Every girl brought from childhood that earning a living is exactly as important for them as for their brothers. Every girl will be asked, as little boys are asked nowadays, "What do you want to do when you grow up?" And the idea of self support, whether necessary in her particular case at the moment or not, will be as much a part of her educational curriculum as of Brother Bill's.

When this is so—when every girl is as independent as every boy and every wife has as sure a means of self support as every husband—there will be more and happier marriages because the key to all happiness is freedom, the "open door."

Marriage will be entered for love and respect and companionship not for "support." Mutual interests will banish boredom. And the partnership will last, because both know that either can terminate it at will, not remain tethered to a hideous relationship, either through chivalry or dependence. When it is customary for women to be as independent as men there will be no fatal "envy," followed by a vengeful bullet.

## BRINGING UP FATHER

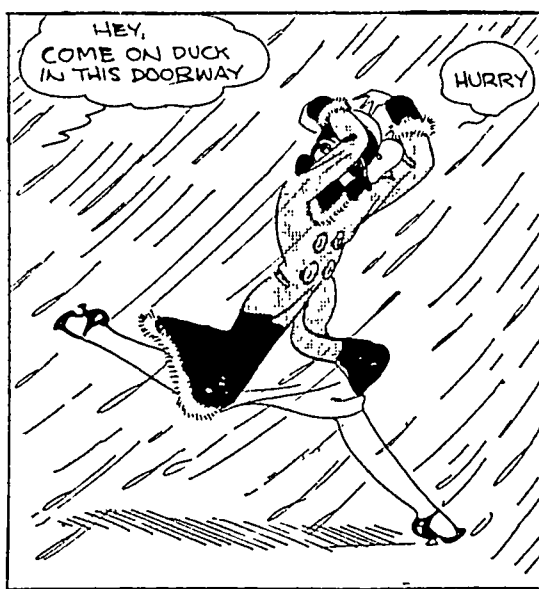
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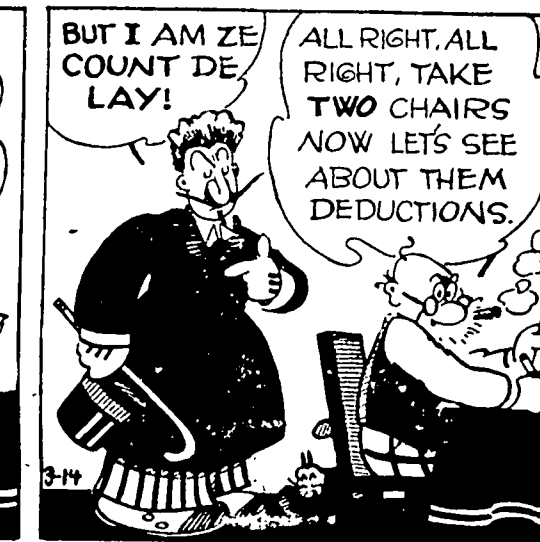
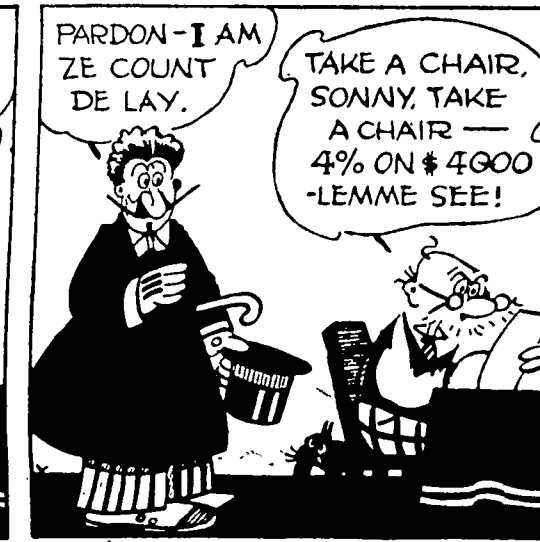
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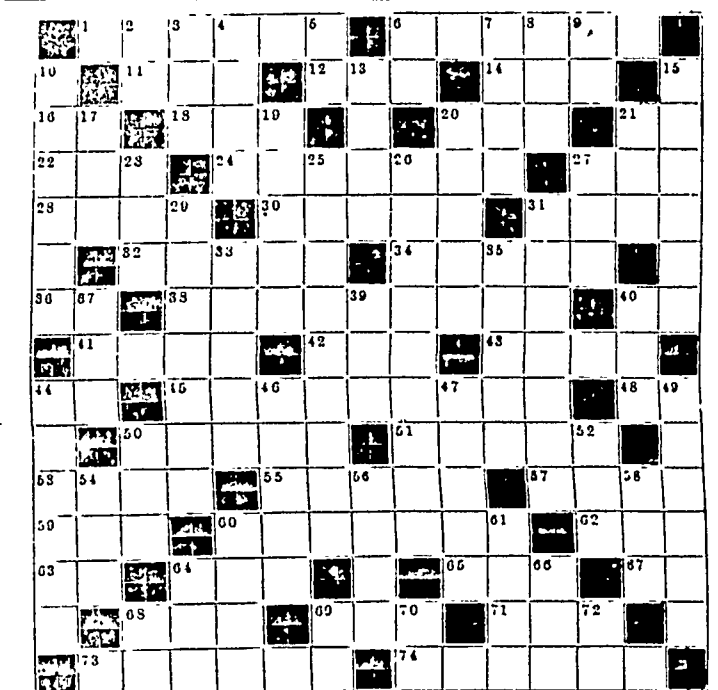
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Paw's Busy Day

## OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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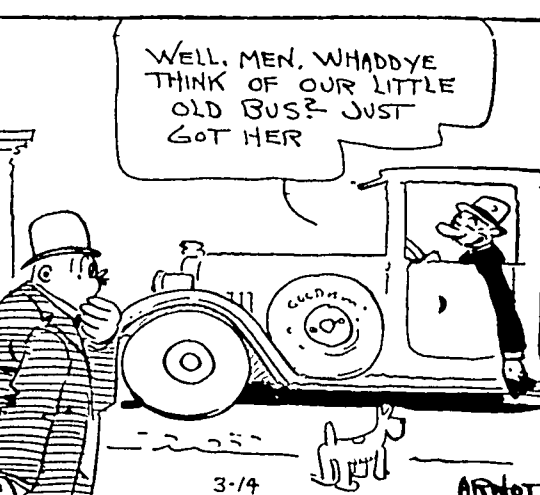
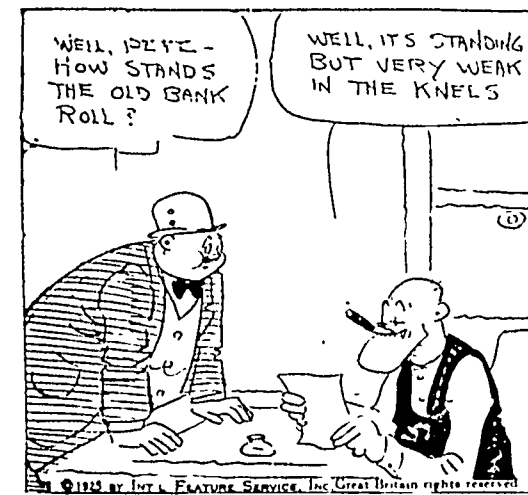
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Life's Darkest Moments

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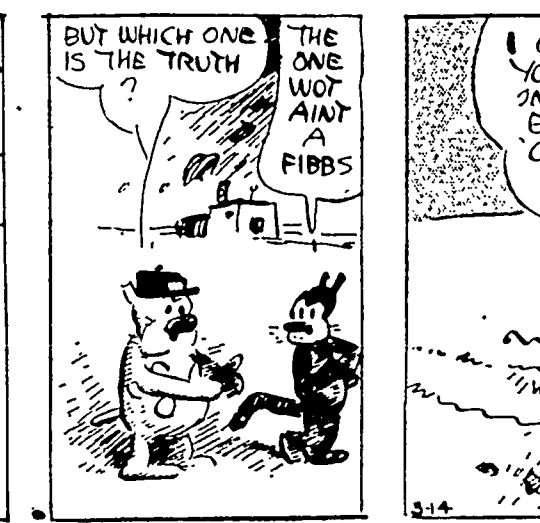
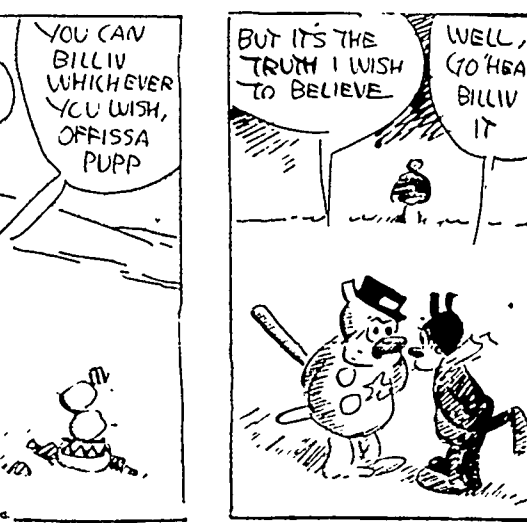
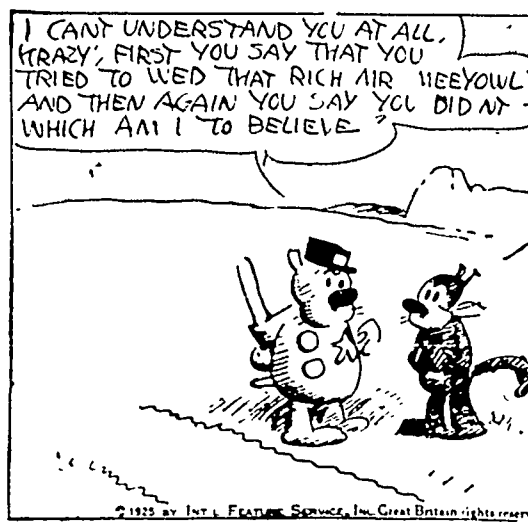
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A Puzzling Problem