

# Zoe Beckley's Corner

## I ARRIVE

Bucharest. A great, cold, hazy day, damp and un-kempt.

My nice sheepskin porter cheerily hauling my suitcase, typewriter and extra coat—no throws or occasional smile over his shoulder to reassure me, and cavorts to where some open droshkies and a few senile moters doing duty as taxis await our patrons.

But my trunk! My terrible, Terrible Trunk! How do you say "trunk" in Roumanian? I yodeled, "Atten-ti-on!" "Ecoute!" "Halt!" "Wait!" and they there! The "hey" got him. The porter turned and I articulated "Trunk," "Koffer," "Malle" and "Box." Nothing registered.

I resumed the sign language which worked perfectly, as usual. I handed him the receipt. He grabbed a huge trunk and after a disappearance of some minutes, returned trundling the Terrible Trunk, the Despair of my Travels.

I was apparently the only person with a trunk, therefore the only one to be fed through the dourne. This was an elaborate ceremony.

It was indicated by the porter, an old man, a young man and a middle-aged man that I must enter the hotel. I beheld a clean office with no one present. I sat down and waited and after awhile a man came in and addressed me in German.

I must show my passport, I must answer many questions. And all must be entered in a large book with pen and ink and elaborately blotted. I must sign.

A kind person on the train had exchanged 20 francs into 200 lei, lest I be mobbed by the porter and the taxi-man. So I paid.

Then the trunk must be opened, examined, closed and paid for again. For the ceremony, I suppose. Then the old man, the young man and the middle-aged man must be paid. Then the porter re-adopted me and we got at last to the taxi to the hotel, to the blessed hall porter who spoke a little English and helped me to make out the inevitable blank-forms reciting my life-history.

Two tips, the payments, the taxi, the trunk haulage and the hotel porter totalled \$1.75!

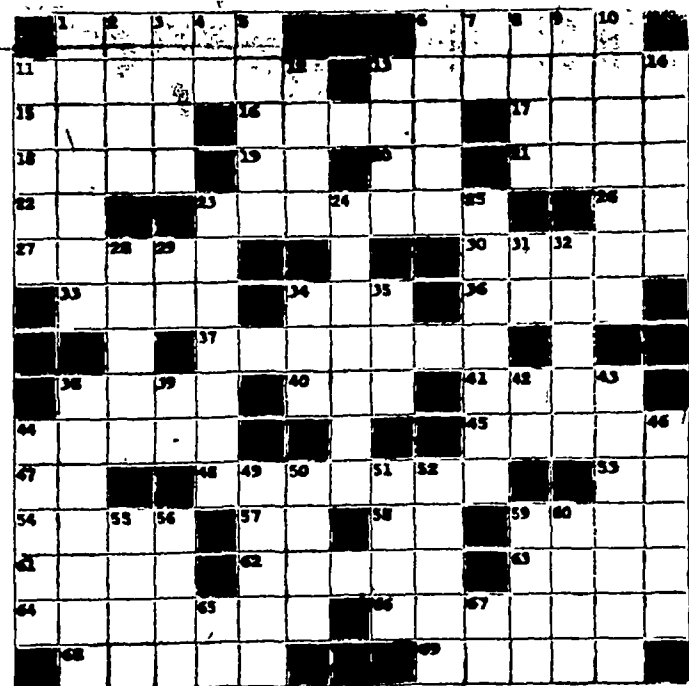
## A HOTEL REVIVES

I am told this is the best hotel in town. It does not seem very "best" to me, the poor thing has been forgiven imperfections. After the German occupation in 1916-17 the entire building was left for a long time as the invaders left it—pretty much in disorder, I am told.

Bucharest had too many serious jobs on hand to go tidying up its hotels, but it finally got around to cleaning out the two top floors of this one. For years these two floors had to serve all comers.

Only recently the entire building has been restored to use and it is always full to the overflowing.

## OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>           | <b>VERTICAL</b>                      |
| 1 Boverien                  | 1 Turned aside                       |
| 2 Afghanistan               | 2 A staff                            |
| 3 Artificial                | 3 Favor (ab.)                        |
| 4 Avoiding by artifice      | 4 East Indies                        |
| 5 Practicing with a toll    | 5 Mechanical                         |
| 6 Bird's house              | 6 Part of a man (in R.U.N.)          |
| 7 An intolerant             | 7 Part of a flower                   |
| 8 Woody plant               | 8 Article                            |
| 9 Preposition               | 9 Froth                              |
| 10 Run and (Egypt)          | 10 Small                             |
| 11 Girl's name              | 11 To put aboard                     |
| 12 And (Latin)              | 12 Part in                           |
| 13 Preparation              | 12 Girl's name                       |
| 14 Of the sea               | 13 A defense                         |
| 15 Prima donna              | 14 Ruminant                          |
| 16 Loric uoem               | 15 Horribly brave                    |
| 17 Famous school in England | 16 A trick                           |
| 18 Confident                | 17 Medicine to promote vomiting (pl) |
|                             | 18 Part of a door (pl)               |
|                             | 19 Initial ve-                       |
|                             | 20 Locally (ab.)                     |
|                             | 21 By                                |
|                             | 22 Boy's name                        |
|                             | 23 Aged                              |
|                             | 24 Part of a head                    |
|                             | 25 Agriculturist                     |
|                             | 26 Exclamation                       |
|                             | 27 Accomplish                        |
|                             | 28 Electrical                        |
|                             | 29 A peak                            |
|                             | 30 Some                              |
|                             | 31 Post aloft                        |
|                             | 32 A fun                             |
|                             | 33 A form                            |
|                             | 34 Girl's name                       |
|                             | 35 One who ages                      |
|                             | 36 New Eng-                          |
|                             | 37 land (ab.)                        |
|                             | 38 religious                         |
|                             | 39 denomina-                         |
|                             | 40 tion (ab.)                        |

## SATURDAY'S SOLUTION

MARINER OFFHAND  
EVASIVE LARAMIE  
DOWN MEET DROP AS  
ICE CRIMSON AGE  
CANOE NOT TELLAR  
ADDIS BUT BORE  
LOSABLE RETREAT  
GEE BLAI  
SEMITIC AMNESTY  
PLEA ARCTIC TORA  
HENNA NET LYRIC  
EMU CAIARE ASH  
RETO GIBBEAU ET  
ENSURE SWISSOME  
STINNE CENTER

everybody  
every day  
eat

# POST'S BRAN FLAKES

as an ounce  
of prevention  
Now You'll  
like bran

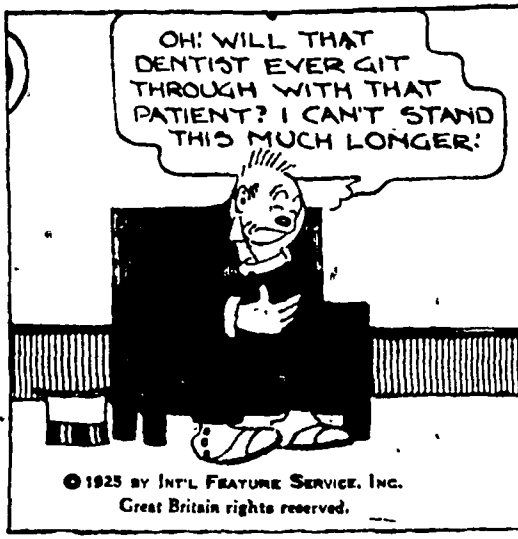
Fine  
Wall Papers

SANFORD'S  
Charles Sanford Company

## BRINGING UP FATHER

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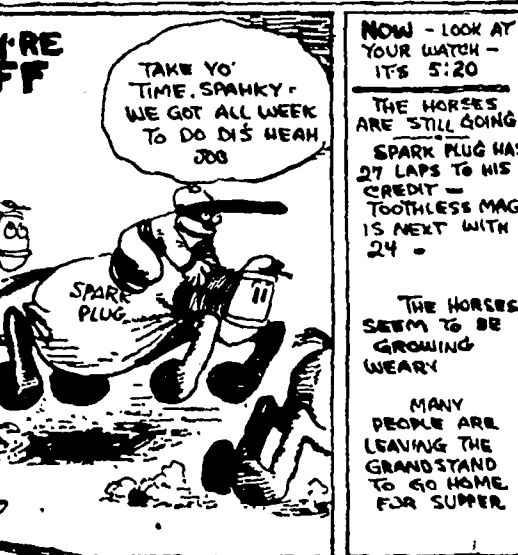
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## BARNEY GOOGLE

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Sparky's Some "Sleep-Runner."



## POLLY AND HER PALS

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Pa's Just Too Late



## HOW DO THEY DO IT?

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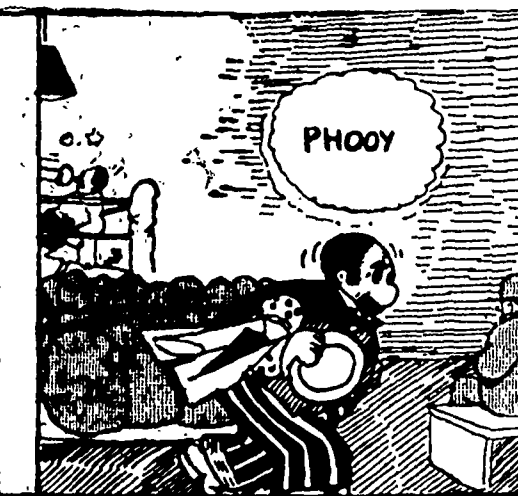
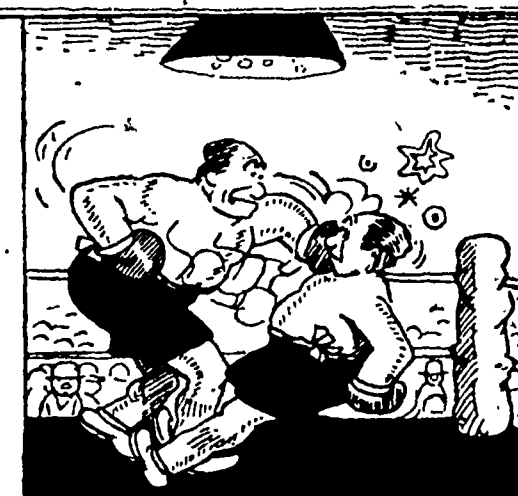
Dad Goes One Better



## ABIE THE AGENT

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A Map of His Word



## KRAZY KAT

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The Sun Kissed Kat

