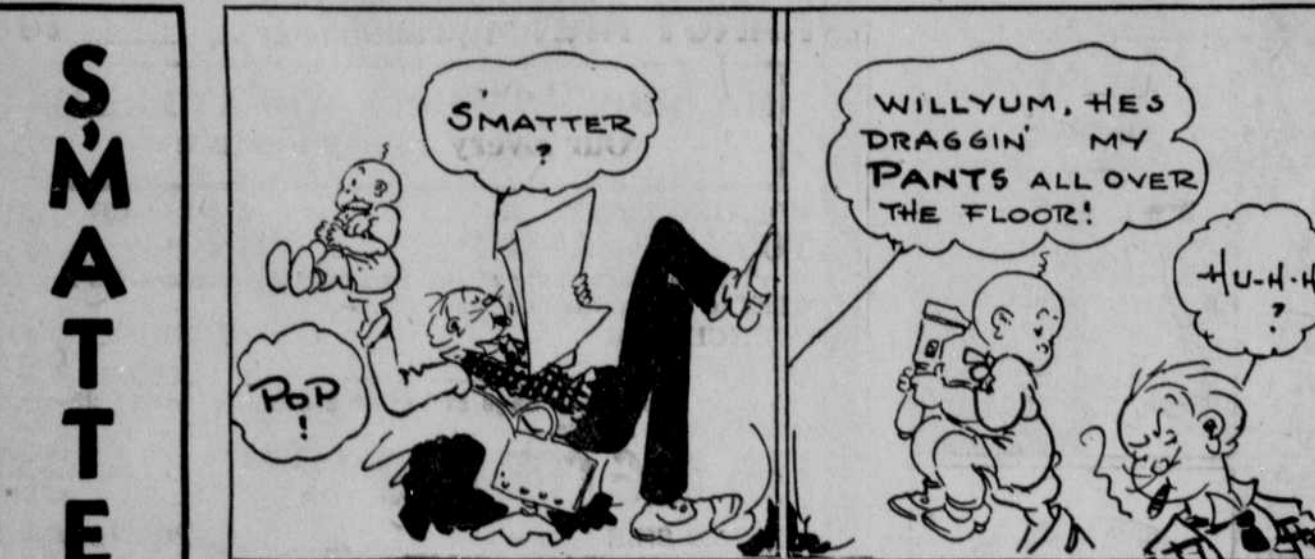
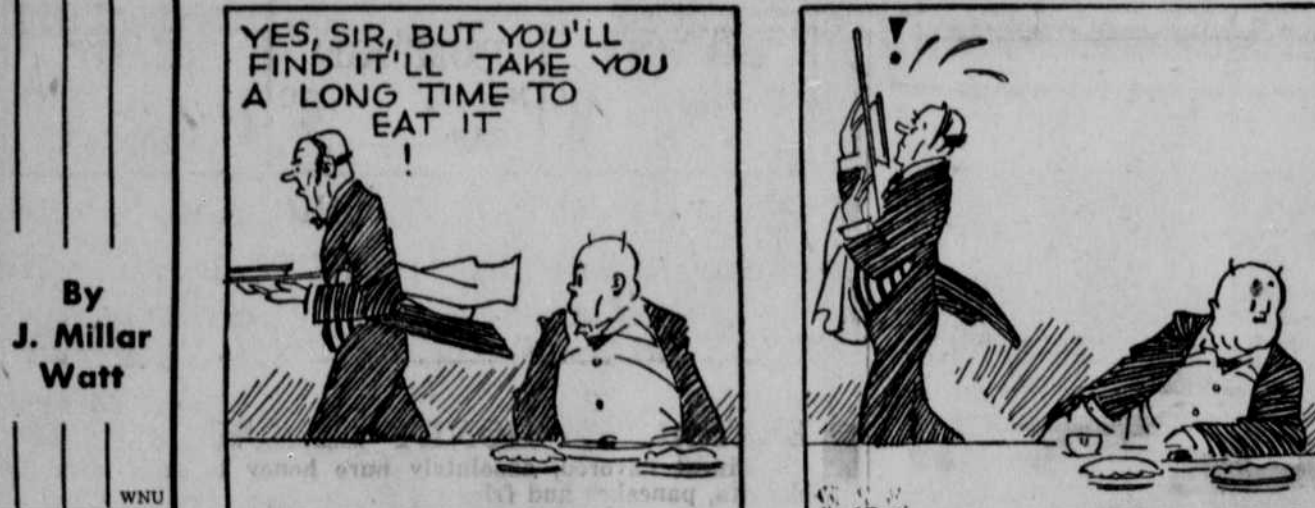
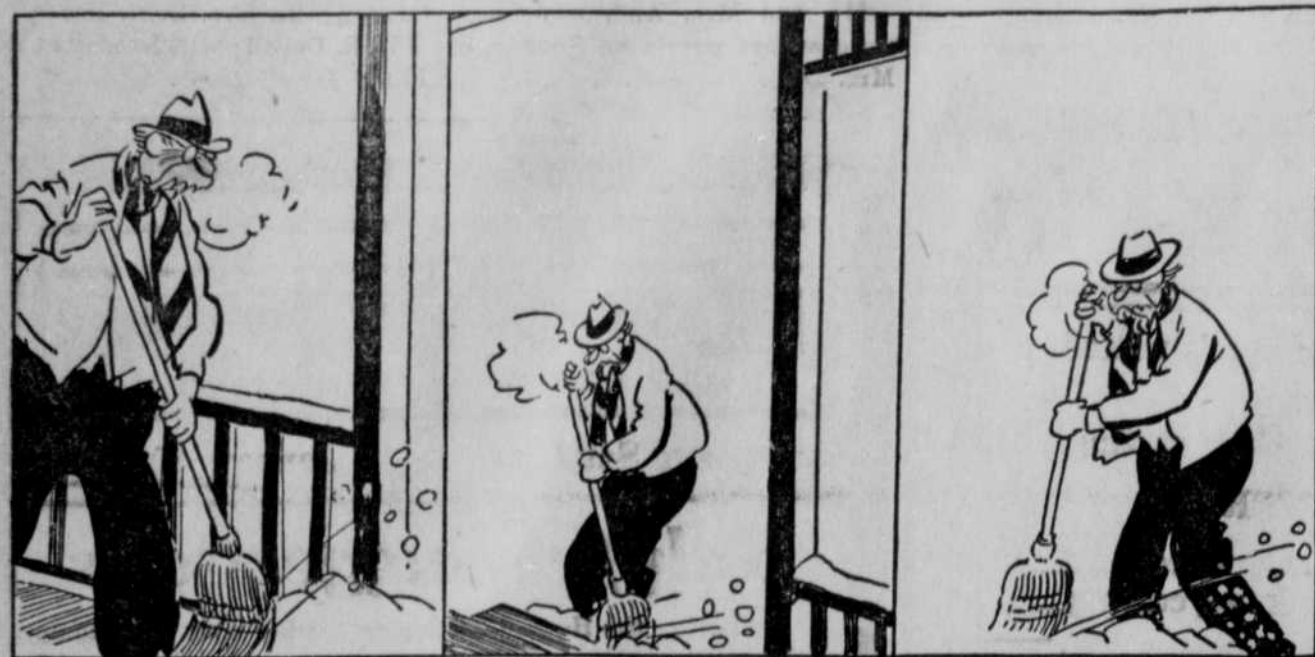


• OUR COMIC SECTION •

Peter B. Peeve



Mistaken Flattery
The master of the house rang the bell to summon his maid.
"The girl was in the act of cleaning the pots and pans, and before she could clean herself the master entered the kitchen to see what was delaying her."
He looked at the maid's dirty hands and face.
"My word, Mary," he said, "but you're pretty dirty, aren't you?"
Mary smiled coyly.
"Yes, sir," she replied, "but I'm prettier clean."

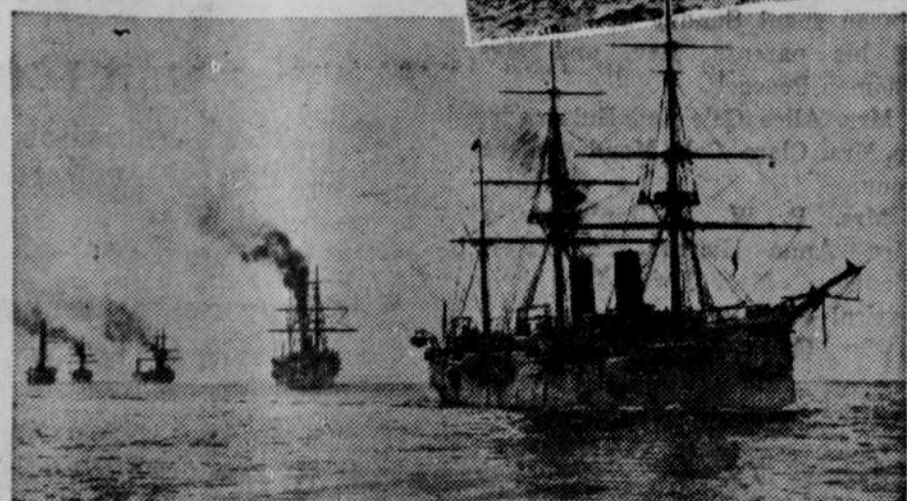
THAT'S THE TROUBLE
"When the cat's away the mice will play."
"Yes, but I can't get the old cat to go away."

Matched Copies
The book canvasser knocked at the door of Mr. Jones's house.
"Nothing today," said the woman.
"But, madam," he insisted, "I have something here that is bound to interest you. The 'Husband's Friend, or 500 Reasons for Staying Out Late.'"
"What makes you think that book would interest me?" asked Mrs. Jones, angrily.
"Well," said the canvasser, "I sold a copy to your husband on the way to the station this morning."

Gentlemen—The Navy!

The United States Navy is now 165 years old. When the current defense program achieves its goal, the U. S. Navy will be more powerful than any navy, or combination of navies, afloat!

The "mother" of the U. S. Navy was the "Hannah" (right), a Massachusetts schooner owned by Capt. John Glover, commissioned as a man-o'-war in 1775. The schooner scored America's first naval victory by capturing a British ship on Sept. 5, 1775.

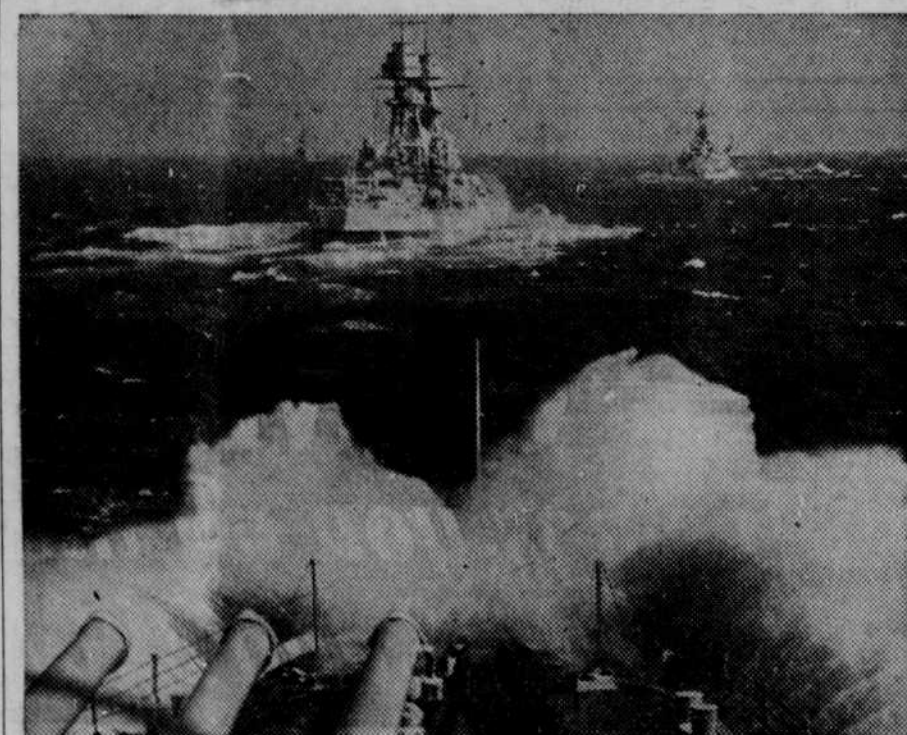


GREAT WHITE FLEET . . . The world sat up and took notice of the growing power of the U. S. Navy when Theodore Roosevelt sent the Great White Fleet around the world in 1907. Above are five units of the White Squadron.

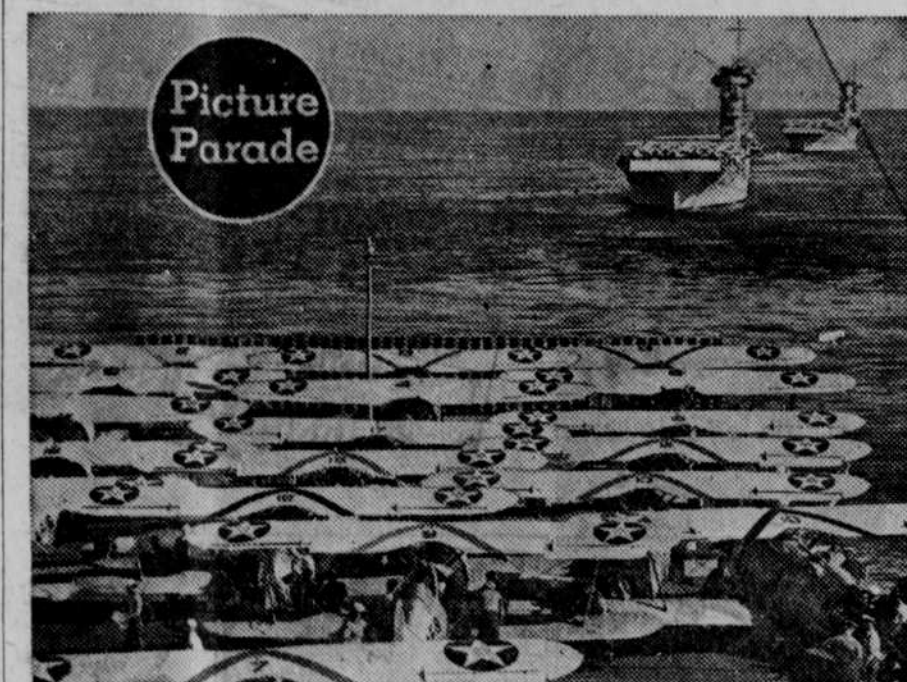


Yarn-Spinner, Ancient . . . "Shot" of an old salt spinning his salty yarn to shipmates aboard the old U. S. S. Richmond. In this respect the Navy has not changed much.

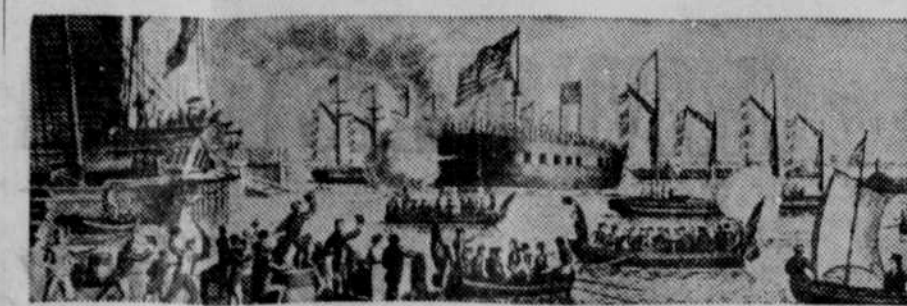
Yarn-Spinner, Modern . . . Beneath the wing of one of the ship's fighting planes, the boys lend willing ears to the tall tales of a shipmate aboard the ultra-modern U. S. S. Saratoga.



GROWN UP . . . And here is a view of a few of the mighty floating fortresses of the modern United States Navy—our first line of defense. Compare it with the tiny "Hannah."



WINGS OF THE NAVY . . . From the deck of the aircraft carrier, "Ranger," we see the U. S. S. Saratoga and the U. S. S. Lexington, each with their covets of fighting planes on flight deck, gliding majestically through calm waters.



The launching of the frigate, "Fulton the First" at New York, October 29, 1814, the first steam-driven warship in the world.

FARM TOPICS

WILLOWS SAVE STREAM BANKS

Dense Growth Protects Soil On Curves.

An improved labor-saving method of protecting stream banks with a mat of growing willow shoots has been worked out by the soil conservation service. It is particularly effective where small streams are cutting into their banks at the outside of curves or where streams that normally flow gently rise to destructive heights in rainy seasons. The willows throw up a dense growth that furnishes first-class protection.

The first step is to grade steep banks to about a 45-degree angle. Then cut willow poles and prune them roughly. The poles should be long enough to extend from below low water in the stream to the top of the sloped bank and should be laid about two feet apart the day they are cut to prevent drying. Cover the poles with a 6 to 12-inch layer of brush—using the willow prunings and other brush if needed.

Anchor the brush mat with old woven wire laced together with smooth wire. Set stout posts in the bank and tie the mat down with wires from the posts to heavy stones sunk in the stream below the mat. Provide occasional vertical anchors of logs laid up and down the slope and held by stout stakes.

Poles cut in fall and winter when the willow are dormant will live and in spring will root in the bank and send up growing shoots that form a living mat.

Willows have long been popular as bank protectors, but the new method economizes labor, gets a dense growth with minimum effort, and the work can be done in winter when farm work is slack.

Use Abundance of Nails When Erecting Buildings

In the erection of farm buildings, poor nailing of joints is often the cause of later damage to these buildings by windstorms. Skimping of the number of nails often means increased upkeep costs. A poor job of nailing in the construction or repair of farm buildings and the use of too few or too small nails result in weaknesses at the joints. Many farm buildings are blown down or sag because not enough or too small nails were used in their construction and while small nails do not crack the lumber so much as larger ones, they are not so effective in holding the building rigid.

Good nailing practice consists mainly in using the proper kind, size, and number of nails for each particular part of a wooden structure. In order to get the full strength of the common wire nail under a side-ways pull, it must be driven at least two-thirds of its length into the piece receiving the nail. When it is not possible to get this much penetration, more nails should be used because the strength increases directly with the number of nails.

For wall sheathing and roof boards of the ordinary kind, two eight-penny nails at each nailing point are usually enough. In assembling rafters it is well to consider that a severe storm may lift the roof as a whole. Therefore at least three or four nails of the proper length should be used to fasten each rafter to the top of the side walls. The proper number of nails in such places sometimes seem to be more than necessary but they may mean the difference between a wrecked roof or one in place after a storm.

Farmers Prepared For U. S. Defense

Agriculture is prepared for national defense better than any other industry, according to N. E. Dodd, western regional director of the AAA.

Farmers are better trained to produce all the nation needs without damaging the land as was done during the World War, and there is enough food and fiber for every use.

There is enough wheat stored on farms and in elevators to feed the people next year if no more wheat is grown. We have enough cotton in storage for a two-year's supply if we don't raise another bale. And there is a half billion bushels of corn in storage so there will be plenty of grain for live-stock feed.

Figuring Acreage

An acre contains 43,560 square feet or, what is more commonly used, 160 square rods. A square acre measures 208 feet, 8 1/2 inches on each side. A strip of land 1/2 rod wide; 1 mile in length equals an acre. To find the number of acres in a rectangular field, multiply the length by the width in feet and divide by 43,560 or, multiply the length and width in yards and divide by 4,840 or, the length by the width in rods and divide by 160.

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