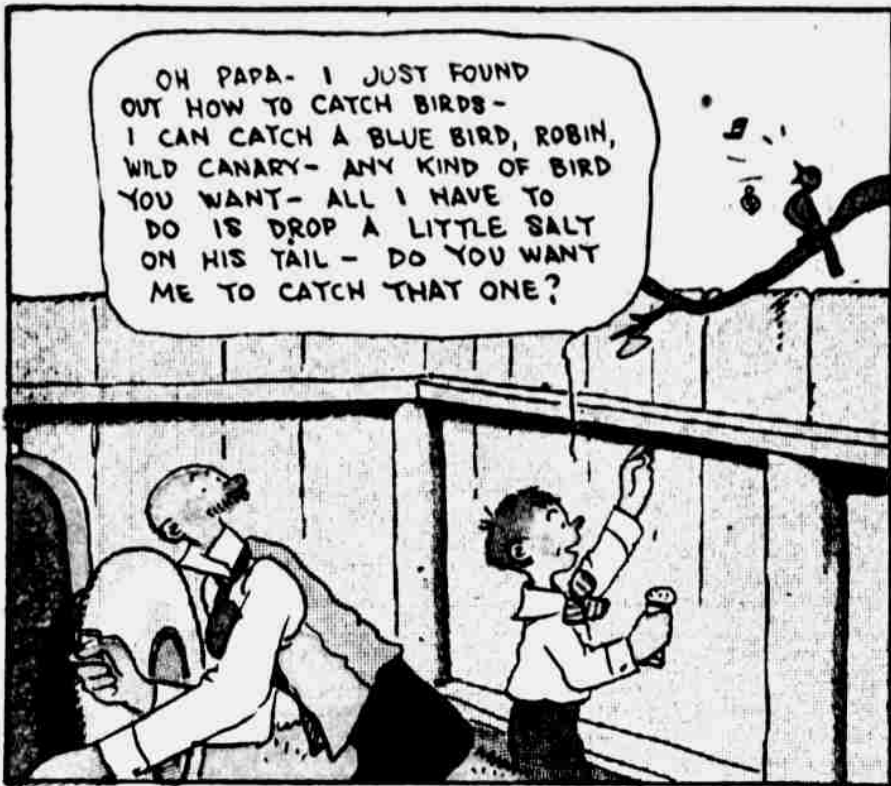




THE GUMPS.

SIDNEY SMITH



OH PAPA- I JUST FOUND OUT HOW TO CATCH BIRDS- I CAN CATCH A BLUE BIRD, ROBIN, WILD CANARY- ANY KIND OF BIRD YOU WANT- ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DROP A LITTLE SALT ON HIS TAIL - DO YOU WANT ME TO CATCH THAT ONE?

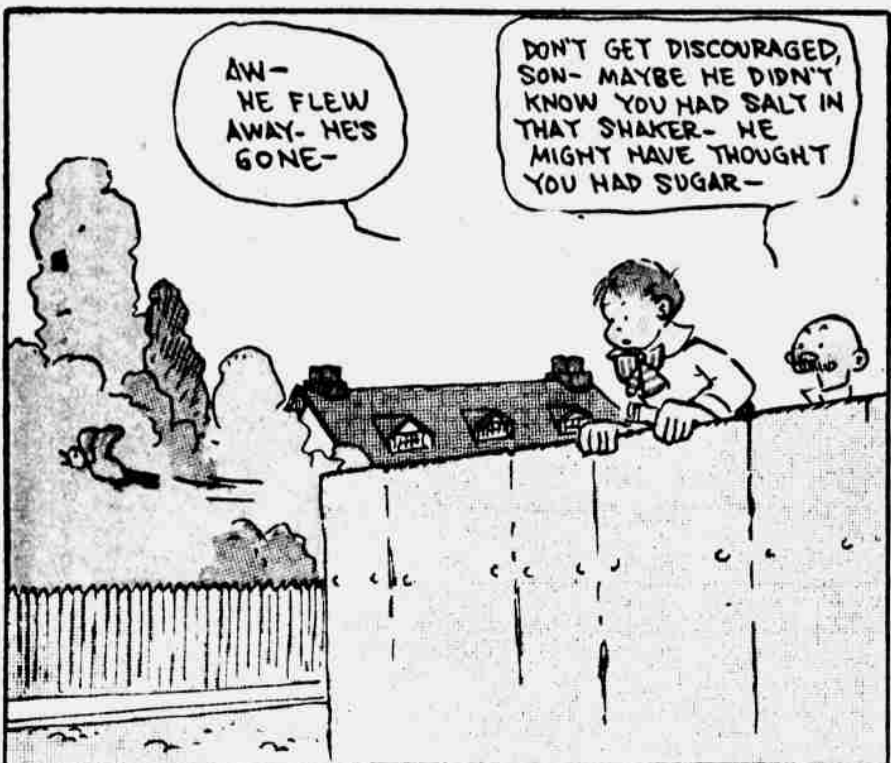


I'M SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW THIS BEFORE- I'M GOING TO GET A FINE COLLECTION AND I'M GOING TO OPEN A BIRD STORE-



DON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT IT PAPA BECAUSE THEY'LL ALL GO AND CATCH THEIR OWN BIRDS AND WON'T BUY ANY FROM ME - IT'S A SECRET- HAROLD DYRENFORTH TOLD ME ABOUT THIS- DON'T TELL ANYONE WILL YOU PAPA?

YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH ME, SON- I'LL NEVER PUT A STONE IN THE WAY OF MY SON'S MAKING A SUCCESS IN THE BIRD BUSINESS-



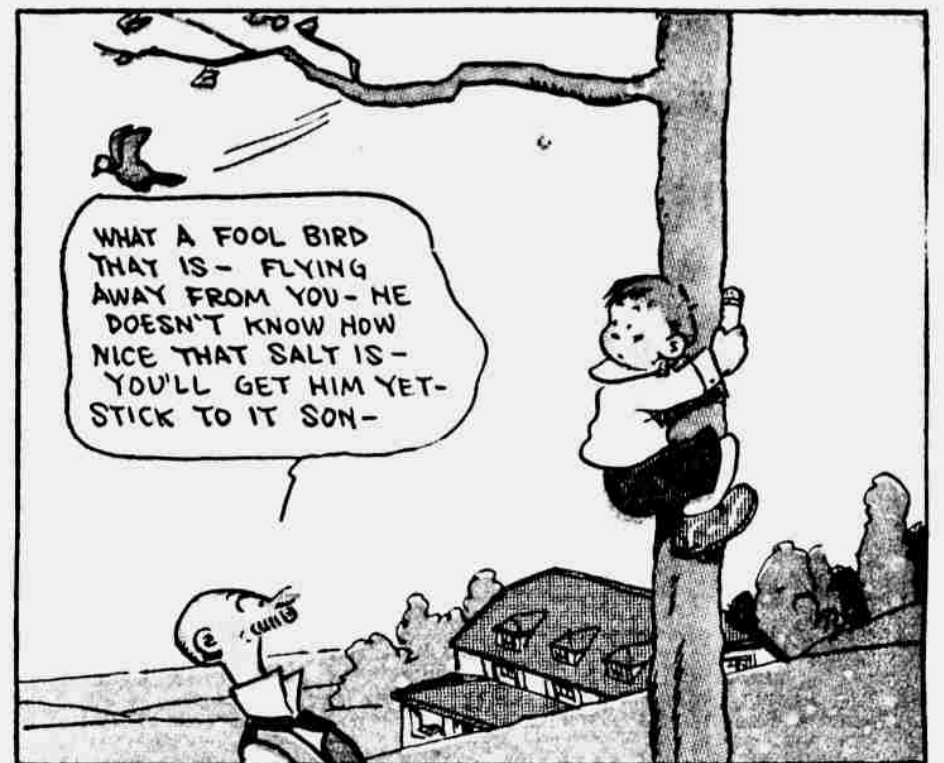
AW- HE FLEW AWAY- HE'S GONE-

DON'T GET DISCOURAGED, SON- MAYBE HE DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD SALT IN THAT SHAKER- HE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT YOU HAD SUGAR-



KEEP RIGHT AFTER HIM- DON'T GIVE UP- KINDA SNEAK UP ON HIM- JUST THE MINUTE YOU GET THE SALT ON HIM HE'S YOURS-

THERE HE GOES OVER IN THAT TREE-



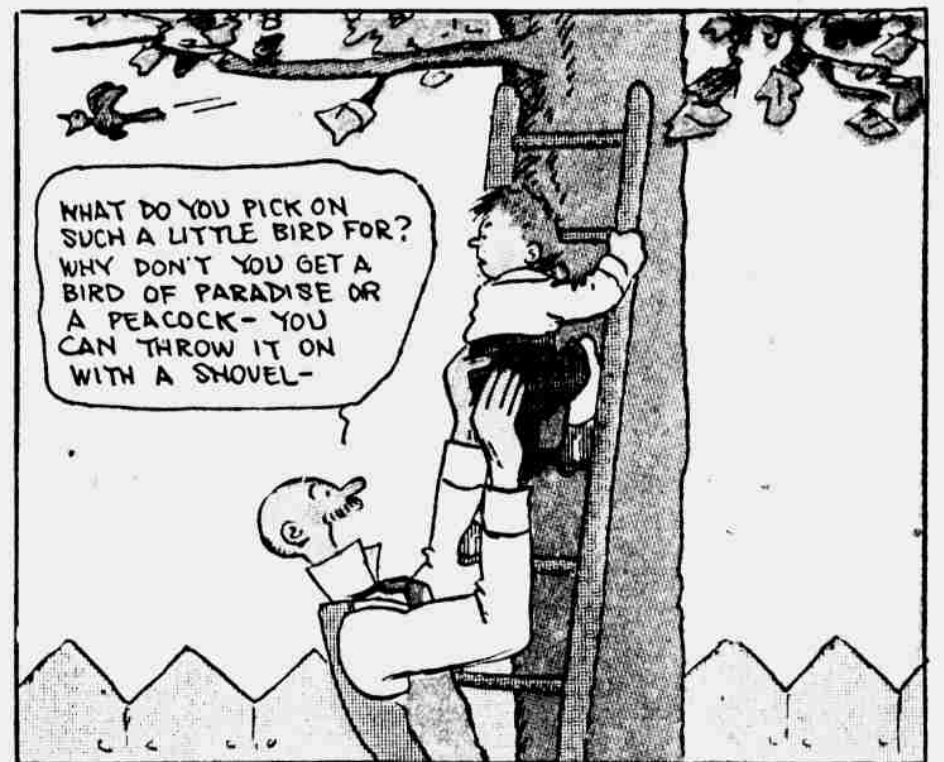
WHAT A FOOL BIRD THAT IS - FLYING AWAY FROM YOU- HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW NICE THAT SALT IS - YOU'LL GET HIM YET- STICK TO IT SON-



CAREFUL, CHESTER- WHEN YOU PUT IT ON BE SURE IT DOESN'T SNAKE OFF- MAYBE YOU'D BETTER RUB A LITTLE MUCILAGE ON FIRST- DON'T GET IT IN HIS EYES-



MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO GET SOME ROCK SALT AND THROW IT AT HIM- MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T THE RIGHT KIND OF SALT-



WHAT DO YOU PICK ON SUCH A LITTLE BIRD FOR? WHY DON'T YOU GET A BIRD OF PARADISE OR A PEACOCK- YOU CAN THROW IT ON WITH A SHOVEL-



THERE HE GOES AGAIN- WHENEVER I GET NEAR HIM HE FLIES AWAY- I NEARLY HAD HIM ONCE-



BOO' HOO!! PAPA! I CAN'T CATCH HIM- HE'S WAY OVER IN THOSE WOODS-



WELL, WELL- STOP YOUR CRYING- I NEVER WANTED YOU TO GO INTO THE BIRD BUSINESS ANYWAY- YOU'D HAVE TO PUT IN A SIDE LINE OF MONKEYS AND DOGS TO MAKE A LIVING- WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IS DROP YOUR SALT ON COWS' TAILS AND OPEN A BUTCHER SHOP- IT'S A MUCH BETTER BUSINESS- THE ONLY TIME YOU WANT TO PUT SALT ON A BIRD IS WHEN HE'S IN THE OVEN WITH ALL HIS FEATHERS OFF-