

# THE GUMPS

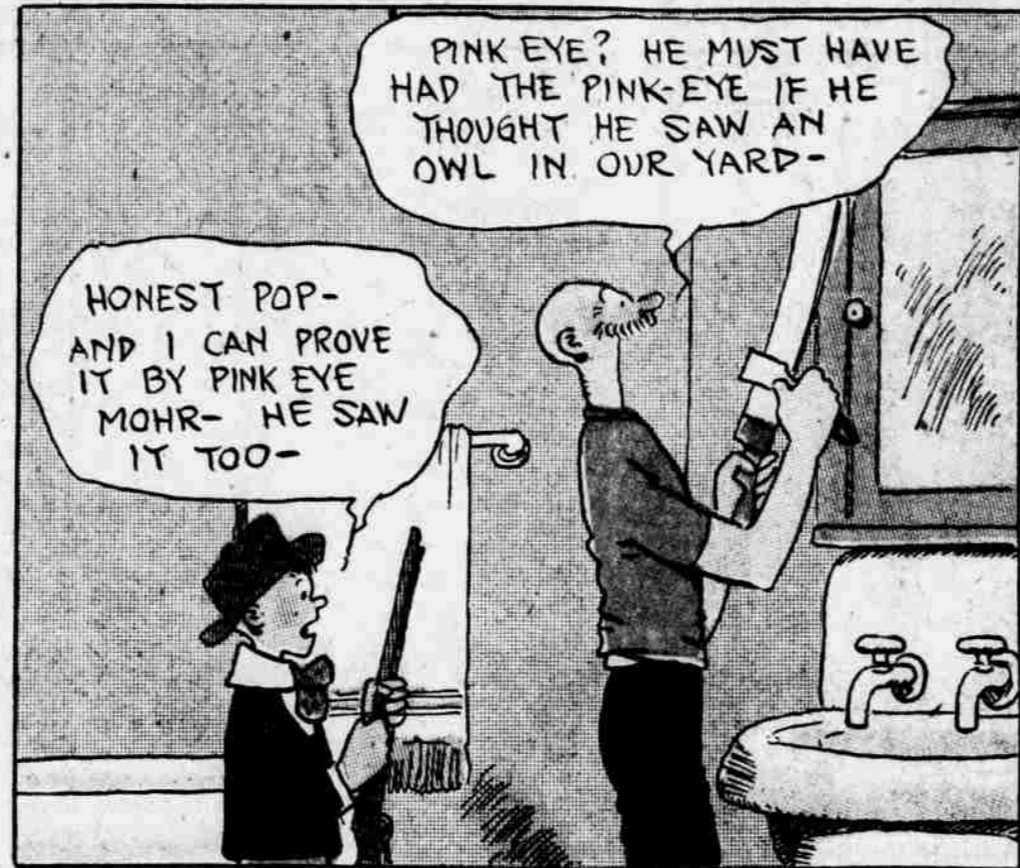
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OH POP - YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE BIG OWL I JUST SHOT AT -

OWL - GET OUT - THERE HASN'T BEEN AN OWL AROUND HERE SINCE OLD SITTING BULL WAS A PAPOOSE -



PINK EYE? HE MUST HAVE HAD THE PINK-EYE IF HE THOUGHT HE SAW AN OWL IN OUR YARD -

HONEST POP - AND I CAN PROVE IT BY PINK EYE MOHR - HE SAW IT TOO -



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH NOW - THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A CHICKEN YOU SAW - ARE YOU SURE IT WASN'T A LITTLE SQUIRREL OR A SPARROW?

WELL I SAW HIM ALRIGHT SITTING RIGHT IN THAT OLD TREE - IT WAS AN OWL - I COULD SEE HIS EYES -

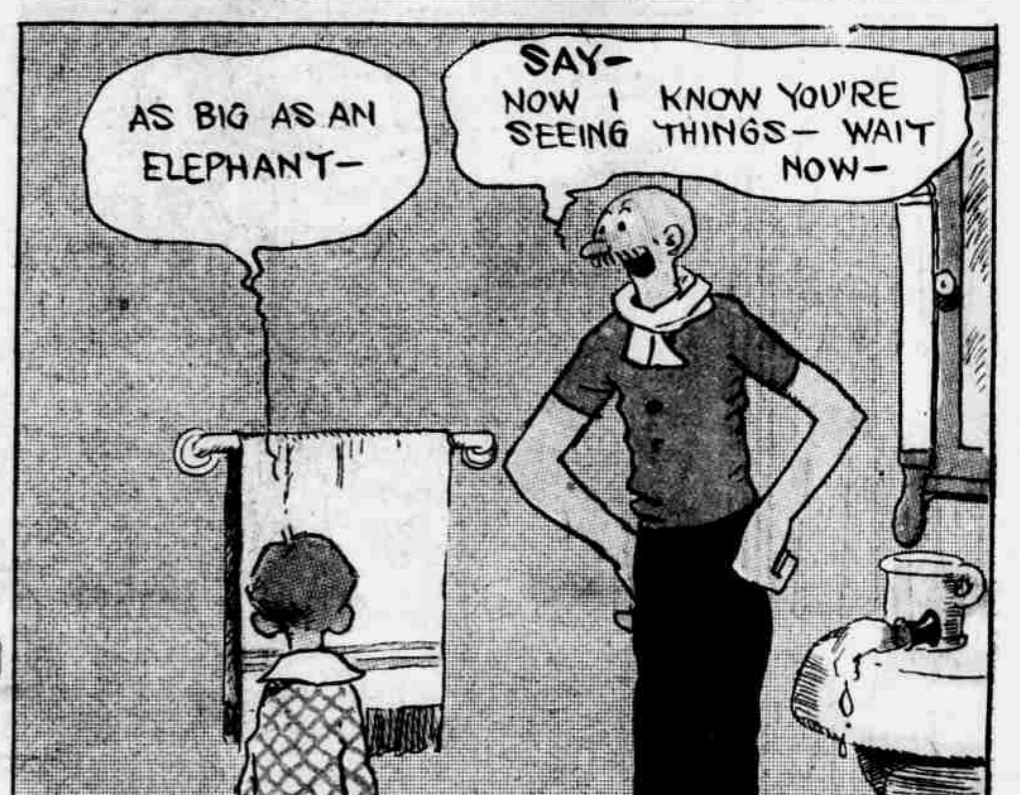


SUCH AN IMAGINATION - CHESTER GUMP - YOU'LL BE RUNNING IN HERE SOME DAY TELLING ME YOU'VE GOT A WHITE BLACKBIRD OUT THERE IN A TRAP -



WELL IT WAS AN OWL ALRIGHT - GEE, IT WAS AS BIG AS AN ELEPHANT -

AS BIG AS WHAT?



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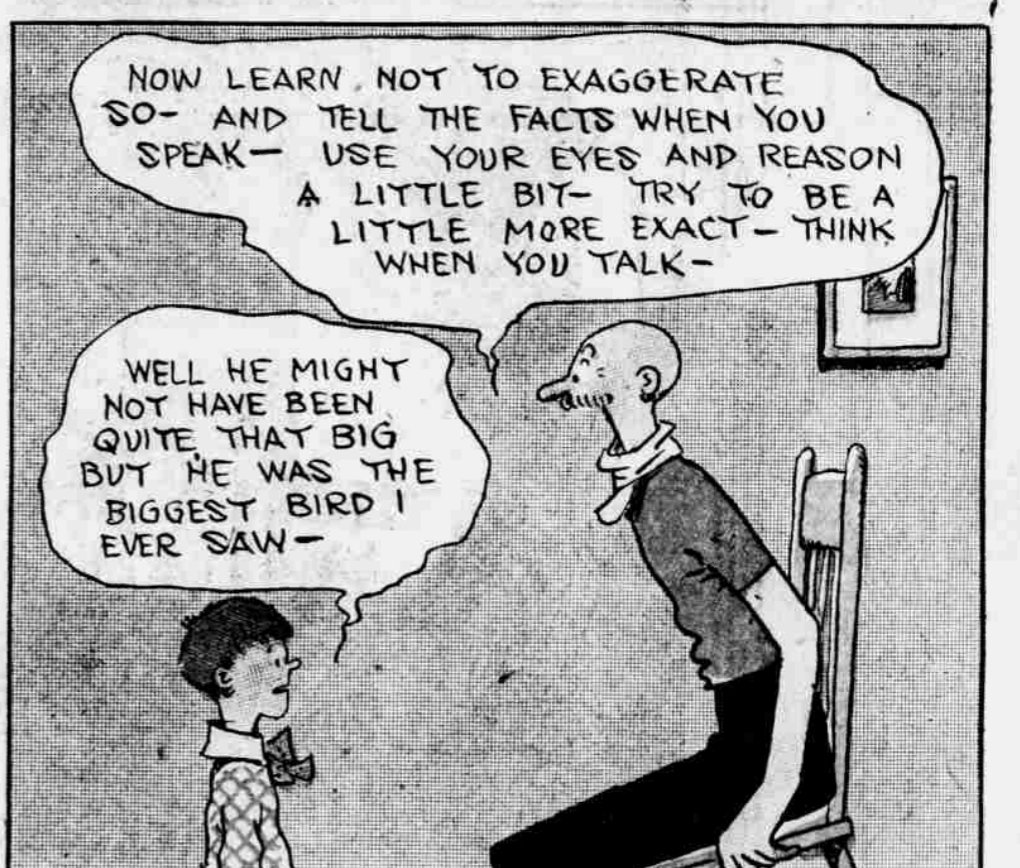
SAY - NOW I KNOW YOU'RE SEEING THINGS - WAIT NOW -



PICTURE AN OWL AS BIG AS AN ELEPHANT SITTING IN THAT TREE - WHY THERE ISN'T A TREE IN THE WORLD BIG ENOUGH FOR AN OWL LIKE THAT TO LIGHT IN AND YOU SAW HIM SITTING ON A LIMB - A LITTLE TWIG ON THAT BUSH IN OUR BACK YARD -

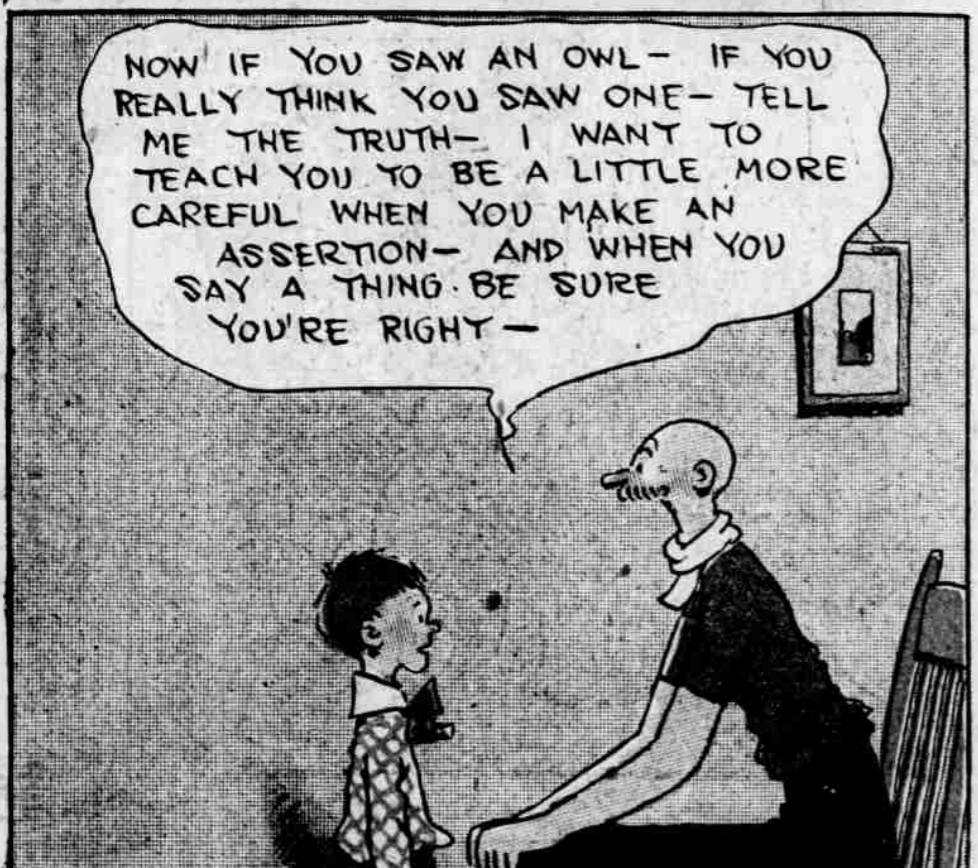


NOW WAIT - HOW BIG WAS THAT OWL? DO YOU SEE ANYTHING AROUND THIS ROOM THAT WOULD COMPARE WITH HIM IN SIZE? WAS HE AS BIG AS THAT DOOR?



NOW LEARN NOT TO EXAGGERATE SO - AND TELL THE FACTS WHEN YOU SPEAK - USE YOUR EYES AND REASON A LITTLE BIT - TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE EXACT - THINK WHEN YOU TALK -

WELL HE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN QUITE THAT BIG BUT HE WAS THE BIGGEST BIRD I EVER SAW -



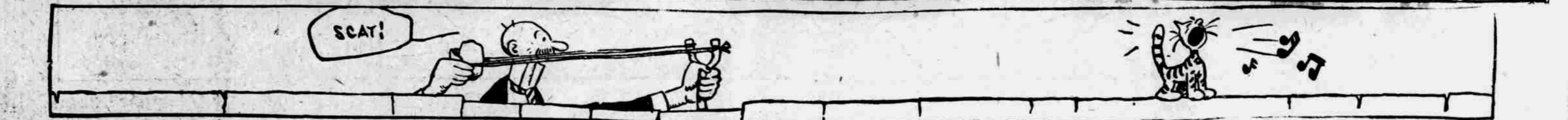
NOW IF YOU SAW AN OWL - IF YOU REALLY THINK YOU SAW ONE - TELL ME THE TRUTH - I WANT TO TEACH YOU TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL WHEN YOU MAKE AN ASSERTION - AND WHEN YOU SAY A THING - BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT -



NOW TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ME - USE YOUR EYES AND OBSERVE A LITTLE BIT - JUST BY WAY OF COMPARISON TO GET DOWN TO FACTS - WAS IT AS BIG AS MY HEAD?



WELL IT WAS ABOUT AS LONG - BUT NOT SO THICK -



SCAT!