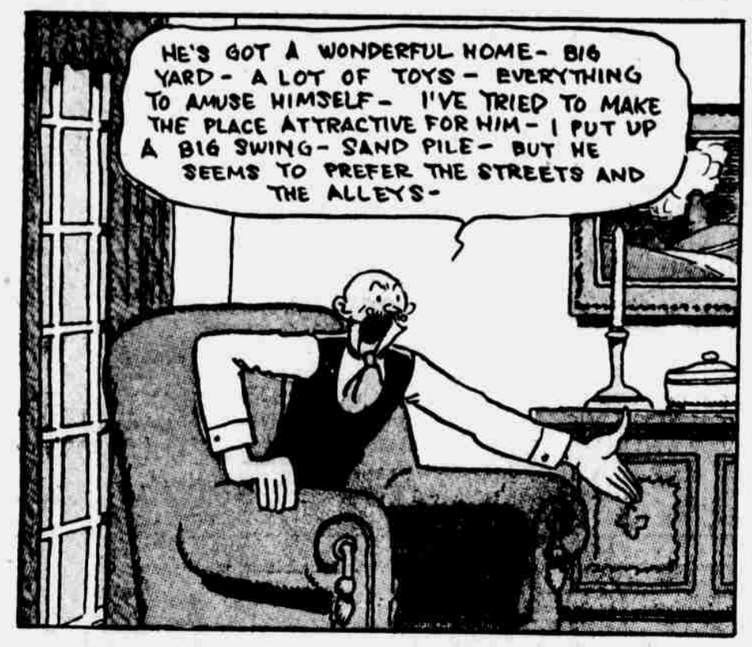
THE GUMPS
OH LOOK AT THE BIG SEA SERPENT-
DON'T CATCH HIM CHESTER- THEY'RE NOT SO GOOD TO EAT AND THEY'RE HARD TO CLEAN-
SIDNEY SMITH

WAIT TILL THAT KID COMES IN- WHAT HE'S GOING TO GET! I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE HIM BUMMING AROUND THE STREETS- I'VE TOLD HIM A DOZEN TIMES TO STAY IN HIS OWN YARD-

IT DOESN'T SEEM TO DO ANY GOOD TO TALK TO HIM- I TELL HIM TWENTY TIMES A DAY-"CHESTER, DON'T GO OUT OF THE YARD"- THE MINUTE YOUR BACK IS TURNED HE'S GONE- IF WORDS HAVE NO EFFECT ON HIM WE'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO USE THE STRAP- THAT'S ALL-

WHEN HE COMES HOME AND I'M GOING TO WHIP HIM I SUPPOSE HIS MOTHER WILL COME IN AND SAY-"NO- YOU STOP WHIPPING THAT BOY"- BUT THIS IS ONE TIME SHE'S NOT GOING TO INTERFERE WITH ME-

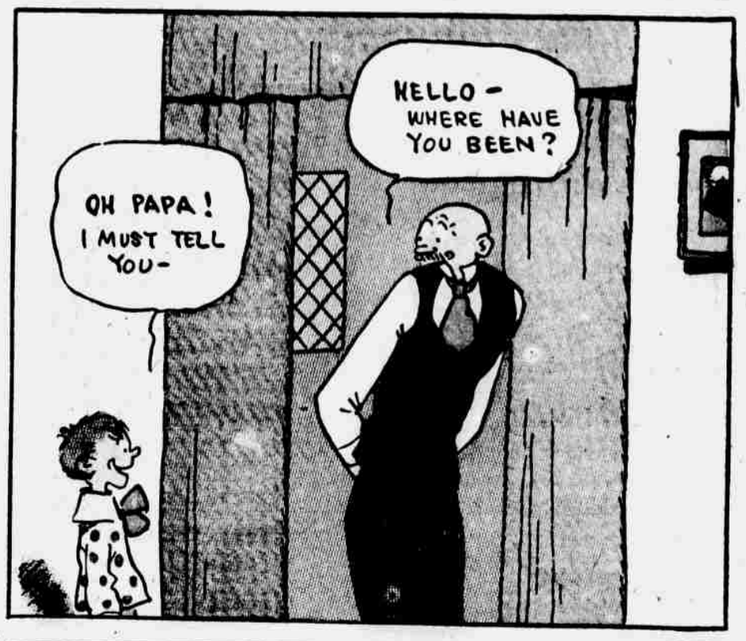

HE'S GOT A WONDERFUL HOME- BIG YARD- A LOT OF TOYS- EVERYTHING TO AMUSE HIMSELF- I'VE TRIED TO MAKE THE PLACE ATTRACTIVE FOR HIM- I PUT UP A BIG SWING- SAND PILE- BUT HE SEEMS TO PREFER THE STREETS AND THE ALLEYS-

AND JUST THE MINUTE I START TO CORRECT HIM SHE INTERFERES- MY DARLING BOY- THAT'S ALL- CAN'T DO ANY WRONG- COMES IN COVERED WITH DIRT- CLOTHES ALL TORN- WEARS OUT A PAIR OF SHOES EVERY MONTH-

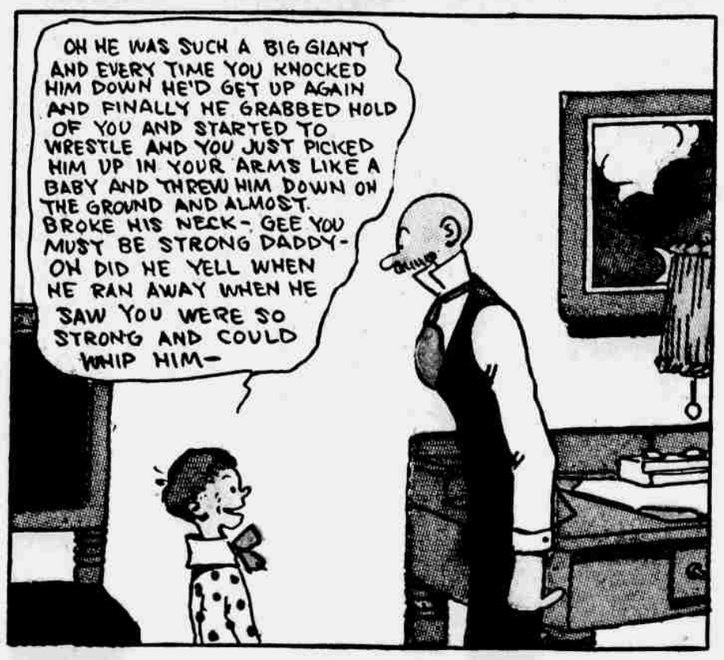
THAT YOUNG RASCAL IS OUT BUMMING AGAIN AND HE'S GOING TO CATCH IT WHEN HE COMES HOME- I CAN HEAR YOU-"STOP WHIPPING MY BOY"- BUT I'M GOING TO SERVE NOTICE ON YOU NOW THAT HE'S JUST AS MUCH MINE AS YOURS AND I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM A GOOD LICKING- YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP OUT OF IT-

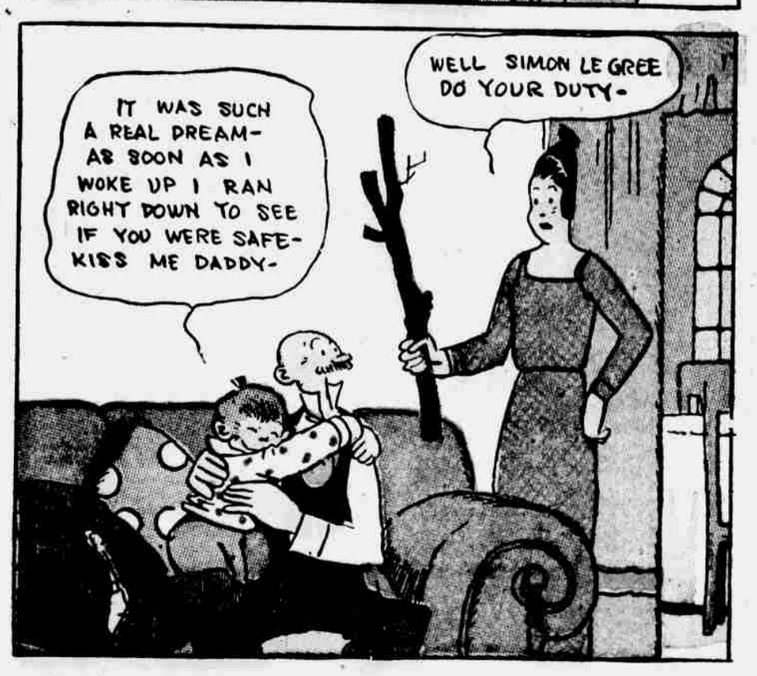
GO AHEAD- KNOCK HIS ARMS OFF- BE BLOOD THIRSTY- HIT HIM OVER THE HEAD- MAKE HIM FOOLISH- TIE HIM UP TO A POST- GET A CAT-O-NINE-TAILS- I'LL NEVER SAY A WORD-
THAT'S ALL RIGHT- YOU'RE NOT GOING TO INTERFERE THIS TIME JUST THE SAME-

WHEN HE COMES IN YOU JUST WHIP HIM GOOD- MAYBE HE'S DOWN TOWN ROBBING A BANK- MAYBE I OUGHT TO GO OUT AND CUT A LIMB OF A TREE TO WHIP HIM WITH- THE STRAP ISN'T BIG ENOUGH-
THAT'S ALL RIGHT- BUT IF YOU SEE HIM COMING HIDE YOURSELF- TIE A PILLOW AROUND YOUR HEAD SO YOU CAN'T HEAR HIM SQUEAL- 'CAUSE HE'S GOING TO GET IT GOOD-


OH PAPA! I MUST TELL YOU-
HELLO- WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

I WAS UP IN MY ROOM READING "GULLIVER'S TRAVELS AND I FELL ASLEEP- I DREAMED WE WERE HAVING A PICNIC IN A FOREST AND A GREAT BIG GIANT CAME ALONG AND STARTED AFTER MAMA AND ME- AND YOU KNOCKED HIM DOWN- OH DID YOU HIT HIM!


OH HE WAS SUCH A BIG GIANT AND EVERY TIME YOU KNOCKED HIM DOWN HE'D GET UP AGAIN AND FINALLY HE GRABBED HOLD OF YOU AND STARTED TO WRESTLE AND YOU JUST PICKED HIM UP IN YOUR ARMS LIKE A BABY AND THREW HIM DOWN ON THE GROUND AND ALMOST BROKE HIS NECK- GEE YOU MUST BE STRONG DADDY- OH DID HE YELL WHEN HE RAN AWAY WHEN HE SAW YOU WERE SO STRONG AND COULD WHIP HIM-


IT WAS SUCH A REAL DREAM- AS SOON AS I WOKE UP I RAN RIGHT DOWN TO SEE IF YOU WERE SAFE- KISS ME DADDY-
WELL SIMON LE GREE DO YOUR DUTY-