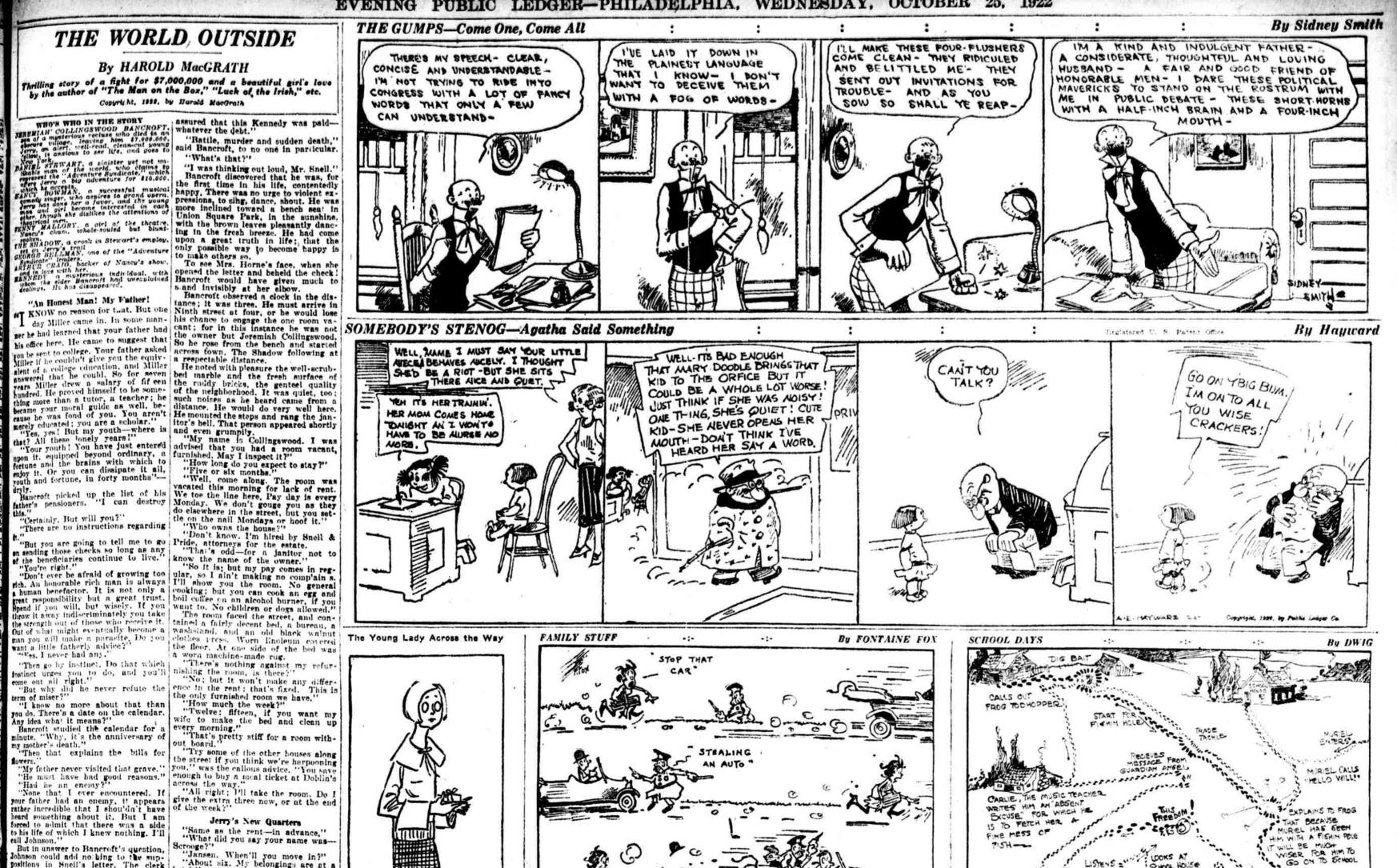
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1922



Scrooge?" "Jansen. When'll you move in?" "About six. My belongings are at a But in answer to Bancroft's question, abason could add no bing to the supad heard high voices and the death cry hotel.

Bancroft went into the street musing. of Si'as Bancroft; nothing exp. 1 itory. The clerk was dismissed. Bancroft went into the street musing. So the janitor had never heard of Silas Bancroft? That was unusual. Had it any significance?" At seven o'clock that evening The "Anything else before we visit the "Yes. Have one of the clerks call up he rooming house I own and see if Shadow reported to his employer that Bancroft was domiciled, and calculated there is a room to let. I am going to spend several months in town under the upon remaining in his new quarters for several months. Also, that the young man had visited his lawyers, made the name of Jereminh Collingswood. 1 wish o make some real friends. I shall drop rounds of banks, and had, later, entered on you occasionally. I want you to the offices of Brown & Co., investiga-tors, late of the Department of Justice. "Good work, Shadow. From now on you will have a little more freedom. take charge of the estate as you did

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during my father's time." "We agree to shoulder all the respon-"We agree to shoulder all the respon-ability we can. I am going to leave you alone for a few minutes, as I've a will to correct." "Int a moment Mr. Snell, I shall makes friends, and with whom. He

need three cer ified checks this morning for fifty thousand each." He set himself for the violent proest which he expected to follow this

Bancroft. "Why should I be? It is your money.

"There's a mortgage on the First Trespreian Church, home, that I want "Ah." George will have to use his wits, which is my reason for employing him." After the Shadow had gone his way the professor fell to pacing the room.

"Conditionally."

"And what are the conditions?" "That the church shall permit me to ther a window in memory of my

"By gad, young man, that's the best thing I've heard in years! Your father will chuckle over that. Well, I'm blesa-d! Anything more?" "Nothing more that I can think of." "Till be back in ten minutes," said fael.

Left to himself, Bancroft inspected the room, A film of dust lay upon every-thing. He saw a small bookcase, and be went to it engerly. The Bible, Shake-genre. Dante, Emerson. Lamb and Dickens; all well thumbed. He under-tood now why he had never seen his father take down a book at home; he had done his reading here. "Why?" he said aloud, without be-ing conscious of it. "An homest man. My father! * * Why did you never take me into your life? Why did you never try to make a friend of me? I don't understand." His throat became tuffy, and his cyes filled. "I would have been happy with only you? You were interested in me; but why, in fad's name, didn't you let me know it?" Left to himself, Bancroft inspected

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supporting post. He was happy, but be could not analyze this happiness. He studied the men in the audience, particularly those who were young and dressel as he was. Did this one know her? Had that one the freedom of her

He sat down in the desk chair, and here came into his mind a vision of his father, si ting on the porch in the disfather, si ting on the porch in the dangeable serenity of countenance. Bancroft bent his head in his hands; and to Snell found him. "We'll do the banks and have lunch for any moods, Nome day this puz-ie is sure to smooth out." "Bu it seems so useless ! Mr. Snell, "Bu it seems so useless ! Mr. Snell,

it seems so useless! Mr. Snell, rived there was no one about; the

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did my (ather ever mention to you a) han by the name of Kennedy?" stage door remained shut.

man by the name of Kennedy?" Snell, after some deliberation, shook r Is head "No. If he ever did, 1 have r to recollection. Why?" "I found a slip among his papers, announcing that he had paid Kennedy in full. It was heavily and emphat-leally underscored; so J judge that the settlement was something out of the ettlement was something out of the wdinary." "I can't recollect the name as as-octated with your father. It might have been something before he came to this

"There was a watermark in the pa-"There was a watermark in the pa-"As 1 have already informed you, there is a large already informed you.