

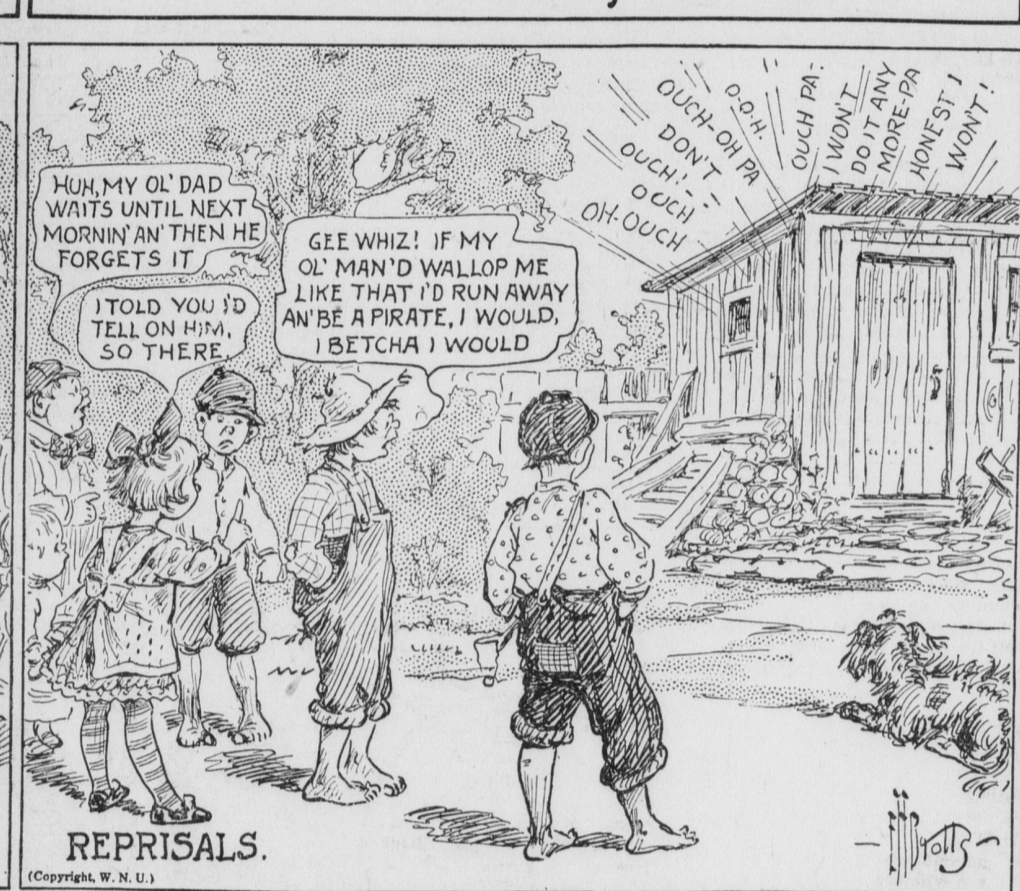
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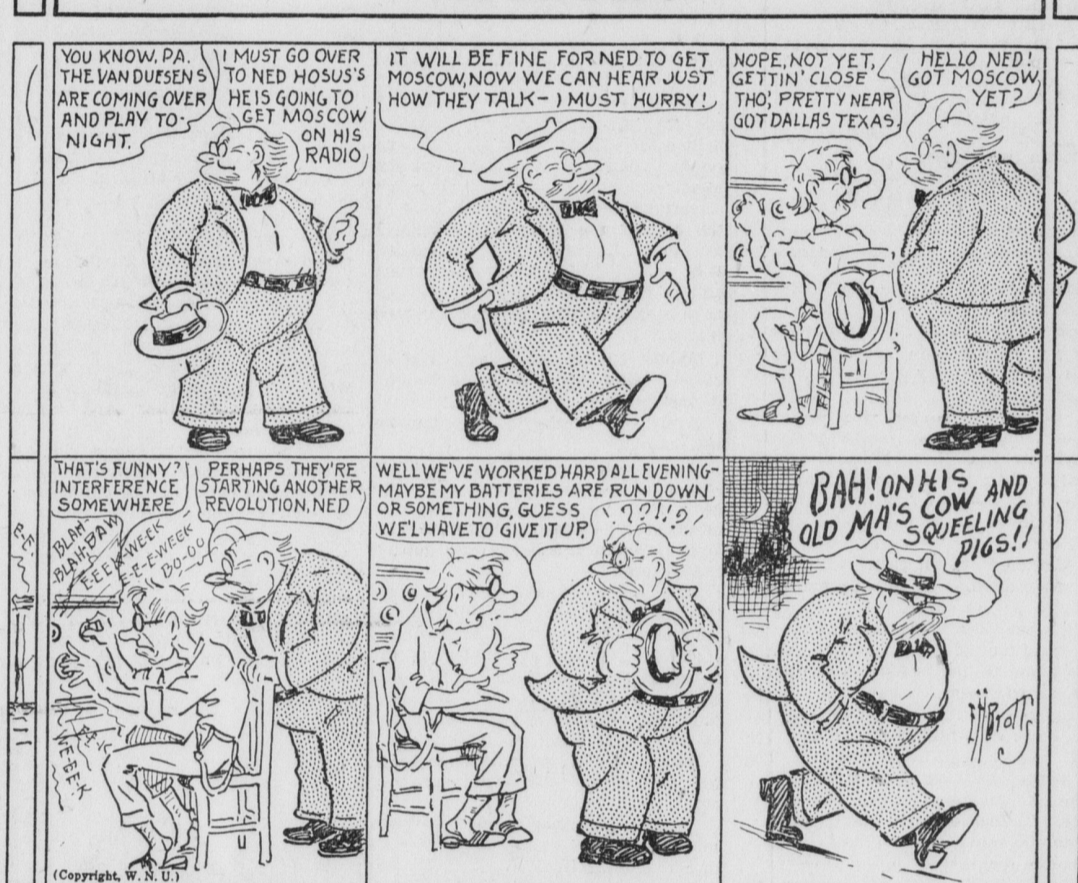
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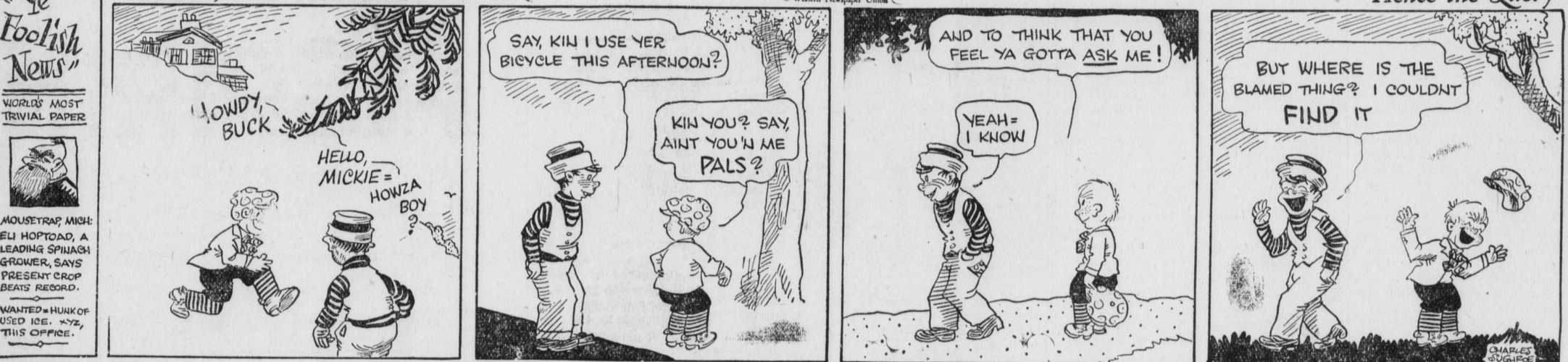
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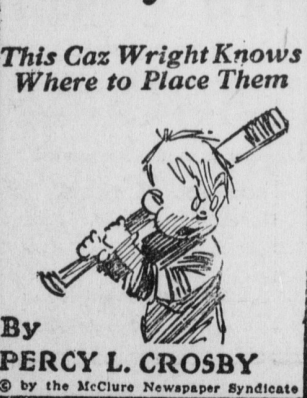
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MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



The Clancy Kids



Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

DEXTER'S DAY

The days were talking. Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday and Saturday, were all talking, and Father Time and the Years and Months were talking, too. Sunday was not with them, as Sunday had gone off, dressed up in his best clothes to be the day on duty. There is always a day on duty, and not one day ever takes the place of another day. Each day is always sure of doing his part. He never asks another day to take it for him, and another day never asks him. Tuesday was the most excited of all. "Day me," said Monday, "you'd think it was your turn next—you are so excited." "So you would be, too, if you were in my place." "What is going to happen?" asked Monday. "What is going to happen?" asked Wednesday. "What is going to happen?" asked Thursday. "What is going to happen?" asked Friday. "What is going to happen?" asked Saturday. "What is going to happen?" asked Father Time, and the Years and Months, all together. They were all having a jolly time back where the days and months and



The Clowns.

years live when they're not busy. The old years always talk over old times, the new ones plan ahead. "When it is time for me to go on duty this very coming week, right after you, Monday, are through, it will be Dexter's day." "Dexter's day," repeated all the others. "Yes," said Tuesday, "the circus is coming to us that day, and so I call it Dexter day. He loves the circus better than anything. "I'll see a lot of Dexter this week. Last week I didn't see much of him. He slept so late and he didn't seem to be much interested in anything. "But it won't be like that this week. He'll get up bright and early and see the circus trains unload. He'll go with them to the Fair Grounds where the circus is to be held. "He is going to help, too, and I've been told he is going to both the afternoon and evening shows, and then he'll watch them pack up. "He'll be around all day. "And what treats are in store for him! I've heard all about them. "The circus is going to be finer this year than ever before. "There is going to be a marvelous white elephant with it, and the horses are going to do more amazing tricks than ever before. "The clowns have so many new jokes, and they will do all their most popular tricks, too, and the band has lots of new tunes to play, and the bareback riders are going to try new jumps. "The trapeze performers are going to do more daring stunts up in the air. "The costumes are going to be simply dazzling. "Oh, you may laugh, because we've all known wonderful circus days and wonderful performances, but the one that is coming this year is finer than ever before. Much, much finer and more wonderful and more amazing and more staggering and more gorgeous and more brilliant and all the other lovely things that a circus can be. "I can't help but call it Dexter day rather than circus day, for in all this whole world I don't believe there is anyone who loves the circus more." "That's saying a great, great deal," said the others. "There are so many who love the circus, almost above everything." "I know," said Tuesday, "but Dexter leads them all, and so when I'm on duty next, it will be Dexter day." And they all shouted: "Hurrah, hurrah, "For Dexter's day."

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Down on Approval

Son John was being punished by his father. "Put that down and sit on theavenport until you can behave yourself." In a short while, upon the promise of being a good boy, John was allowed to get down, but the discipline had had little effect and in five minutes he was ordered back again. John settled back among the pillows, drew a long breath, and said forlornly, "H'm, daddy, I guess I was just down on approval."