



By Thornton W. Burgess

REALLY OUT IN THE GREAT WORLD

In the Great World all alone, One is wholly on his own. —Jerry Muskrat.

Jerry Muskrat had left home in the Smiling Pool, gone down Laughing Brook until he reached the Big River, and there he had climbed out on a box that had floated near shore. The box was still floating. Jerry had told Longlegs the Heron that he wanted to see a little of the Great World, and that was why he had left home. He had been tired when he had climbed out on that box, and he took a little nap. When he awoke, he was out in the middle of the Big River. The current had floated that box away from the shore, and now Jerry really was out in the Great World.

Once before, in the spring the Big River was flooded, he had been swept away, but he had been carried out on the flooded meadows. This was very different, very different indeed. He was out in the middle of the Big River, and he didn't know what to do. He wanted to swim ashore, but shore looked so far away that he was afraid.

Jerry is a wonderful swimmer, but all his swimming had been done for short distances. Jerry had a sudden change of feeling. He no longer wanted to see the Great World. He wanted to be right back home in the Smiling Pool. He wanted to be right under cover of some sort, scramble into a hole in the bank, or under bushes hanging over the edge of the water, or among the bulrushes, where he was not likely to be seen. Never before had he been out, completely out in the open so far from any possible hiding place.

Graywing the Gull, who spends much time flying up and down the Big River, had been the first to spy Jerry floating out in the middle. For a while he circled around above Jerry. Sometimes he seemed to float in the air right above Jerry while he talked to him. He asked Jerry how far he expected to go. Of course Jerry couldn't answer that. Presently Graywing lost interest and flew away. Jerry watched him until he was only a speck in the sky. Just before Graywing disappeared Jerry saw another speck in the sky. This speck grew bigger and bigger. Jerry knew that it must be a big bird, and his heart began to beat a little faster. What if it should be one of the big members of the Hawk family? Bigger and bigger grew the speck. Now it was no longer a speck. It was a Hawk, a big Hawk. Jerry shivered. Would that Hawk see him? He tried to make himself as small as possible on that box.

Never had Jerry Muskrat been more frightened than he was now. The great Hawk was sailing in circles right overhead. He was high in the air, but Jerry knew that those keen eyes up there saw every little thing below. Jerry almost for-



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got to breathe. High above him the big broad-winged bird seemed to hold his place in the air without moving. Jerry felt as if those sharp eyes so far above him were boring right into him. Never in his life had he felt quite so helpless. Suddenly those big, wide-spreading wings so far above him, were closed, and the big Hawk seemed to be shooting straight down at him. "Oh! Oh!" squealed Jerry.

NEW GLASGOW W. I.

The September meeting of New Glasgow W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Houston on Sept. 14. Roll call was responded to by 16 members and two visitors.

New committees were appointed: school and lunch Miss M. E. Campbell, Mrs. R. L. Dickieson, sick, Miss Elsie Leard, Mrs. P. L. Richerson; program, Mrs. Chalmers Leard, Mrs. Harland Hill.

Mrs. Melvin MacLeod invited members to her home for the Oct. meeting when roll call will be answered with presents. One member gave a dollar for the chicken supper and a donation of \$1.00 from a visitor. Program consisted of contest by Mrs. Earl Houston; jokes by Mrs. Melvin MacLeod followed by sing-song.

An important industry of Australia's Northern Territory is export of buffalo hides and crocodile skins.

Contract Bridge By Josephine Culbertson

OBSTACLE RACE The declarer had to overcome two serious obstacles in the following hand — the non-break of a side suit, and the off-side position of an ace.

Bridge hand details including South dealer, North-South vulnerable, and card layouts for both hands.

The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 2 4 Pass 2 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass Pass Pass

North had something of a problem on the second round of bidding, but his actual double raise in diamonds was almost the worst solution. Two notrump, with nothing in spades, was unattractive (though still better than four diamonds) and so the true choice lay between three diamonds and two hearts, either of which would invite a notrump contract. (Two hearts a though fancy, was probably the best call.)

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Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwinia



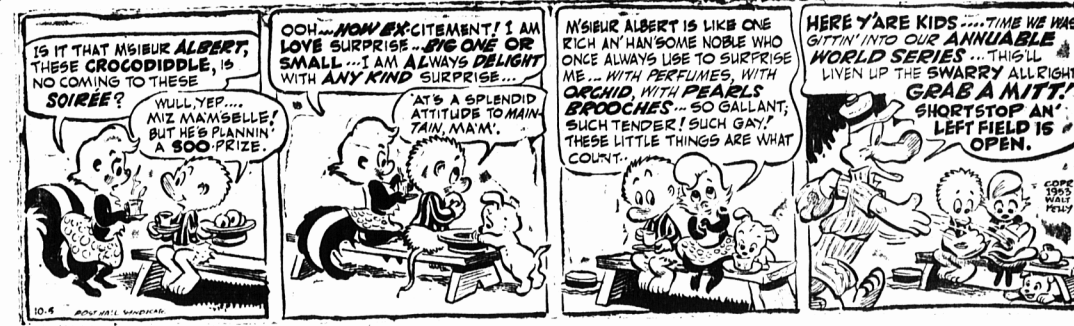
Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



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THE ADVENTURES OF WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHARLIE... CHARLIE'S CHORUS GETS A NEW MEMBER



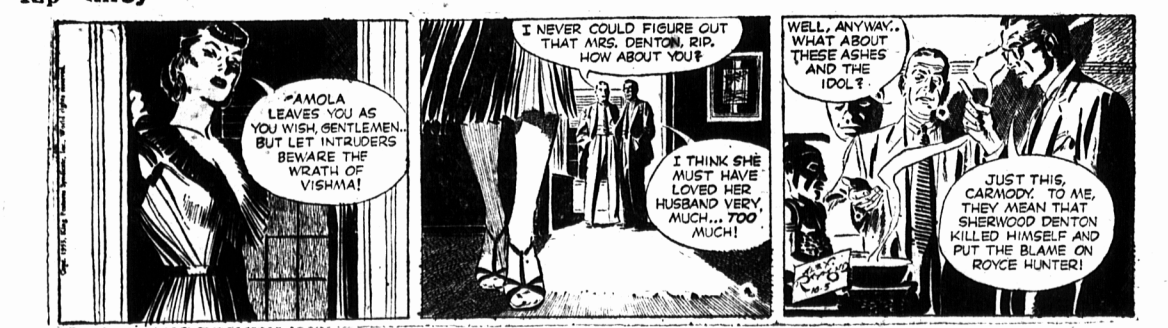
Lil' Abner

By Al Capp



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



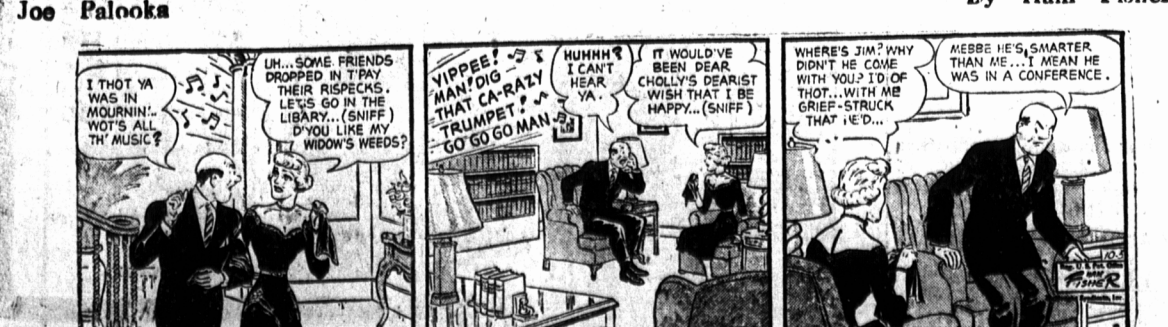
King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



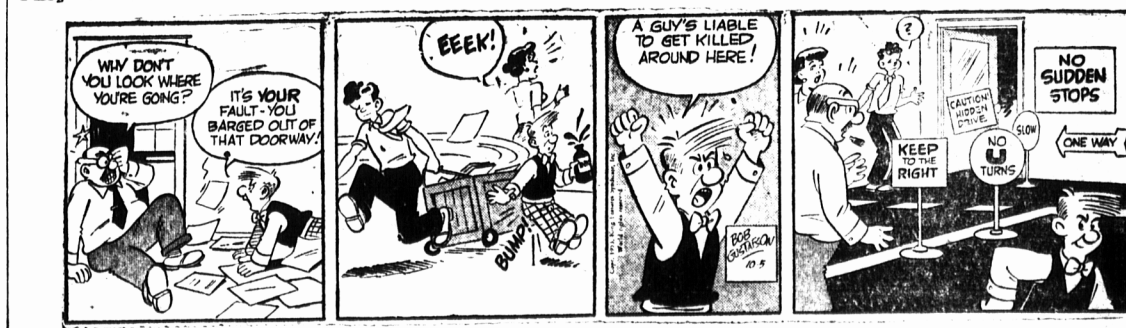
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



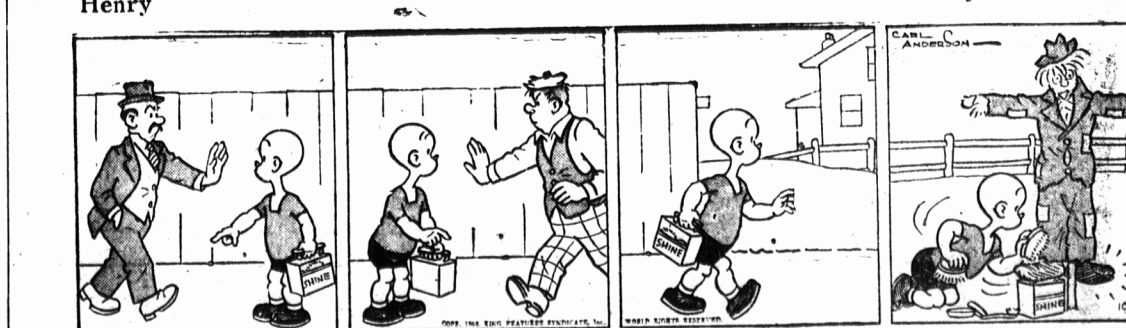
Filly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



Henry

By Carl Anderson



PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

