AW, WHAT'S THE USE

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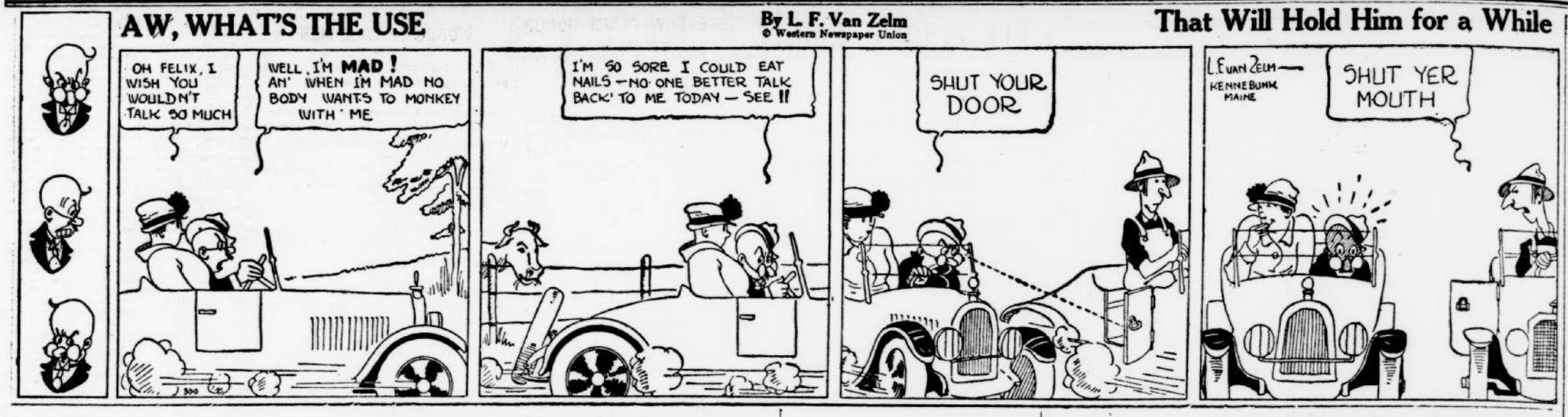


That Will Hold Him for a While

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

In summer evenin's, calm an' still, we used to hear the whippoorwill send forth his plaintive note; we heard the twitter of the frog—the baying of the old coon-dawg,—the gruntin' of the shot. . . . The glory of the summer night, when cricket's chirp an' skeeter's bite, lent sperit to the hour,—delightful in its warp an' woof, the rain-draps on the clapboard roof, grew dreamers full of power. . . . But now, alas! The modern way commences when we hit the hay, an' scorns the midnight bell. . . . We hear the squawks from Timbuctoo—the dismal groans from Waterloo,—the frenzied shrieks from hell! We gather in all noise that's made,—the devilish rot of every grade—broadcasted through the air. . . . We tune our dingus up at night, and ketch the hymns of hate an' spite, that's let off—everywhere! I used to use a poultice hot, for all the innard pains I got—to draw 'em to the skin,—but I ain't got no keen desire fer rigs that draw without no wire, an' fetch hysterics in!

WIRELESS

Yr. own Uncle John

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1922

AUTOCASTER

HALF of us don't begin to think before we're thirty-five. We just think we think. When we get to forty we're still fools but some of us know it. We have a right to expect twenty-three years of life. At forty-five we may expect to live twenty years, at fifty we can look forward to sixteen years and at fifty-five, thirteen years and the bell will ring if it don't ring before. Fancy a fellow having thirteen years to live taking time fault finding. He sleeps half the time. That cuts him down to six and a half years. Chop out holidays, Sundays, time for three a day and he's just got time to start what he hopes to finish. Come to think of it, some of us had better quit picking on the other fellow and get busy.

Men Who Will Run Grain Growers, Inc.

The complete reorganization of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., has been made, E. H. Cunningham of Cresco, Ia., secretary of the Iowa Farm Bureaus, was elected president of the Board of Directors and chairman of the Executive Committee. J. R. Reed of St. Paul, president of Minnesota Farm Bureaus and R. A. Cowles of Bloomington, Ill., are the other members of the executive committee.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

Kiddie Chicken for Burbank

The Corn and Garden Club boy and girl winners of California at Petaluma recently posed in a living tribute to Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, who was out to greet them. Their grouping built up the monster chicken, as shown in the photograph.

VERY HEAVY

"I suppose the servant does all the heavy work in your house."

"No, not all of it. My wife makes the bread, cakes and pies.

WHY, OF COURSE

Wifey—Do you suppose there ever was a person who didn't talk about his neighbors?

Hubby — Certainly. Robinson Crusoe.

ON THE CLUBHOUSE VERANDA

Mrs. Cleek—Don't you think golf tends to make the men forget their home training?

Mrs. Niblick—On the contrary, I have heard my husband talking to the ball and he uses the same language he does to me when dinner is late.

FOR NATIONAL BEAUTY HONORS

The Annual National Beauty Pageant at Atlantic City, N. J., already has two winning entries. Above is Miss Gertrude Shoemack, who folks of Harrisburg, Pa., selected as their prettiest girl. Below is Miss Loraine Faskey, who will represent Toledo, O. These are the first two entered. All states will be represented.

Uncle John's Josh

The Cashier.

A young woman went to call on a lady who had entertained her. The latter's five-year-old daughter, who was playing on the lawn, said: "Mama isn't at home."

"I am very sorry," replied the young woman, "for I have come to pay my party call."

"Oh, I'll take the money," said the child promptly.

USED IT FREELY

"They say that alcohol is a food.

"You aren't very strong on food conservation, are you?"

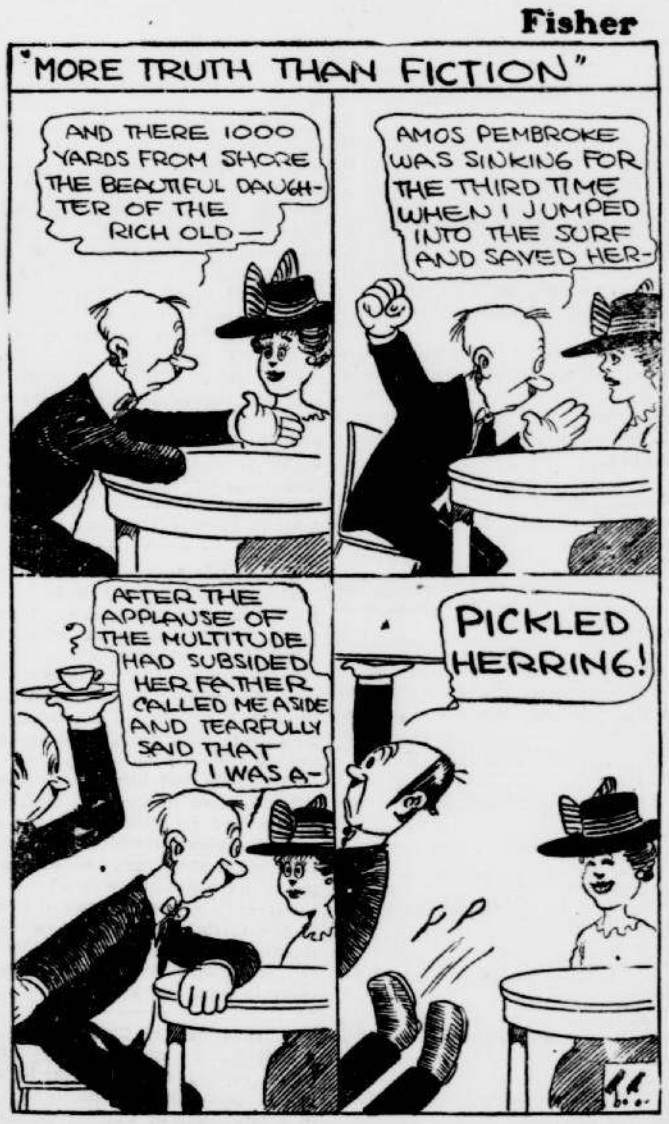
ONLY HER

She: But papa says you don't earn enough to support two.

He: What gave him the impression I wanted to support more than one?

"MORE TRUTH THAN FICTION"

Fisher



WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN

Patient: Wow! I thought you said you extracted without pain.

Dentist: Well, it don't hurt me a bit.

APTLY TERMED

The Salesman: Something new in shirts? This pattern is the last cry in gentlemen's wear.

The Customer: Last cry, is it? I thought so. It reminded me of a death wail.

HOME SWEET HOME

To Pump or not to Pump? —the Question

by Terry Gilkison

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TRUTHFUL TO

Father—Tommy, you laugh because that old lady Tommy—I didn't! I cause she couldn't get up

KNEW BY EXPERIE

Niece—Violet and I are ing to marry. We are go in the country and keep Aunt—You'll find it very same thing, my dear.—La

YOU MAY CALL H

Messenger—My employe quested me to present you for settlement.

Lieutenant Briggs—Fi May I congratulate you on tained a steady job?

A HIGH MARK, BY

"An egg of the great auk $500 today."

"A high mark, but the bi of the running by any mean

PERTINENT QUESTI

"Which would you rather knave or a fool?"

"I don't know. What your experience?"

ACCORDING TO HIS CUSTOM.

Horse Buyer: What makes you so positive that that old horse is good for another year's work?

Horse Dealer: 'Cause he always has been.