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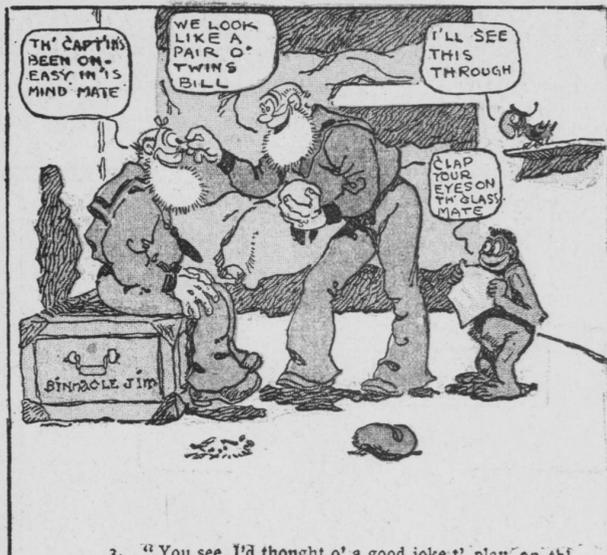
BINNACLE JIM APRIL FOOLED THE SKIPPER---BUT



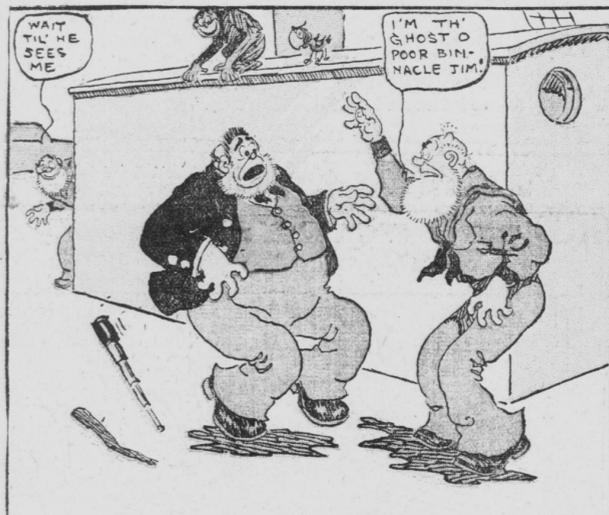
1. "It'd take a purty smart chap t' fool old Jim here, bein' around as I hev an' riggin' up jokes m'self, more or less, but th' first o' April allus recalls th' time old Cap Walrus knocked me overboard 'ith a belayin' pin fer sumthin' or uther, an' I 'us lost at sea.



2. "Yes, sir! When he gave me that whack I went over th' bow like a bale o' ship's biscuit an' th' 'Dancin' Sal' ran me down like I was keel-hauled, but it wasn't my time, as th' feller says, an' I caught a line at th' stern an' laid low. Arter they'd give me up, I climbed into th' dory an' when Bill took th' dog watch I made signs t' be hauled aboard.



3. "You see, I'd thought o' a good joke t' play on th' skipper, an' when me an' Bill went below I took a bunch o' angory wool 'at I'd been savin' in my chest, an' made Bill a set o' whiskers jest like they do in th' the-aters ashore, an' arter I'd spliced his nose 'ith a bit o' dough from th' cook's galley you couldn't tell us apart.



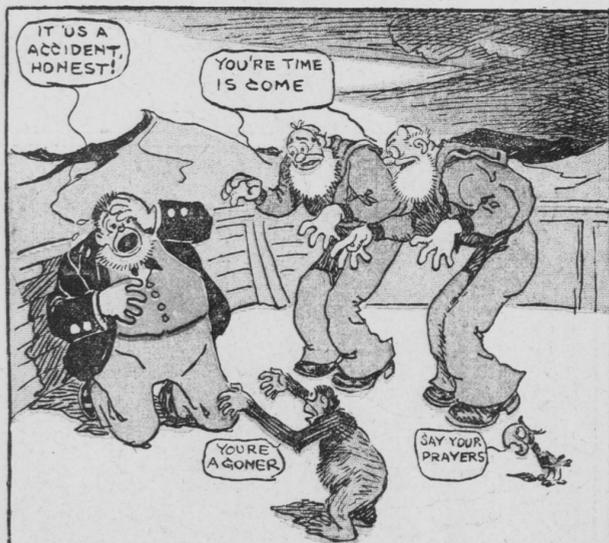
4. "Cap Walrus was a rough man, but knowin' he'd played me foul, was more or less on-easy in his mind, as Bill said. So th' next mornin' when I surprised 'im on deck--him thinkin' o' course I'd gone t' th' bottom--you never saw a feller so taken abaft, not you. I couldn't hardly keep my face t' th' wind fer laughin' at th' way he cut fer th' cabin.



5. "Th' capt'in never believed in superstitions, but when Bill steps out at th' uther end o' the deck house, he was plum stove in, thinkin' o' course that Bill was another spook. I never see old Walrus skeered afore, but what he wanted 'us sea room, an' when he come down th' deck 'ith Bill follerin' in his wake, I jined in pursuit.



6. "Davy Jones an' th' parrut took up th' chase, an' you'd ha' laughed t' see th' way that old skipper navigated that deck 'ith th' pack o' us at his heels; figgerin' all th' time on jumpin' overboard, but knowin' as how that wouldn't be no protection from spooks, especially as they was a high sea runnin'!



7. "Th' old man give us a good chase fore an' aft, an' back again, an' Bill an' me didn't have enough wind left t' fill a handkerchief, when all o' a sudden down flops th' skipper in th' stern sayin' as how it was all a accident on his part an' wantin' t' make terms.



8. "That's jest where Bill an' me made our big mistake. Instead o' goin' t' th' fo'c'sle an' keepin' mum we stood there conspicuous in broad daylight, till Bill's whiskers came unfast, an' his nose, which had become warm by exercise, slipped off an' then th' jig was up.



9. "Th' capt'in 'us a uncommon smart feller, an' scared as he was when Bill's disguise went by th' board he saw through th' whole game, an' overhauled us afore we could make th' fo'c'sle. I tried t' explain as how it was jest a harmless April fool joke, but I want t' state they's a time an' place fer April fool, but that ain't on shipboard."

