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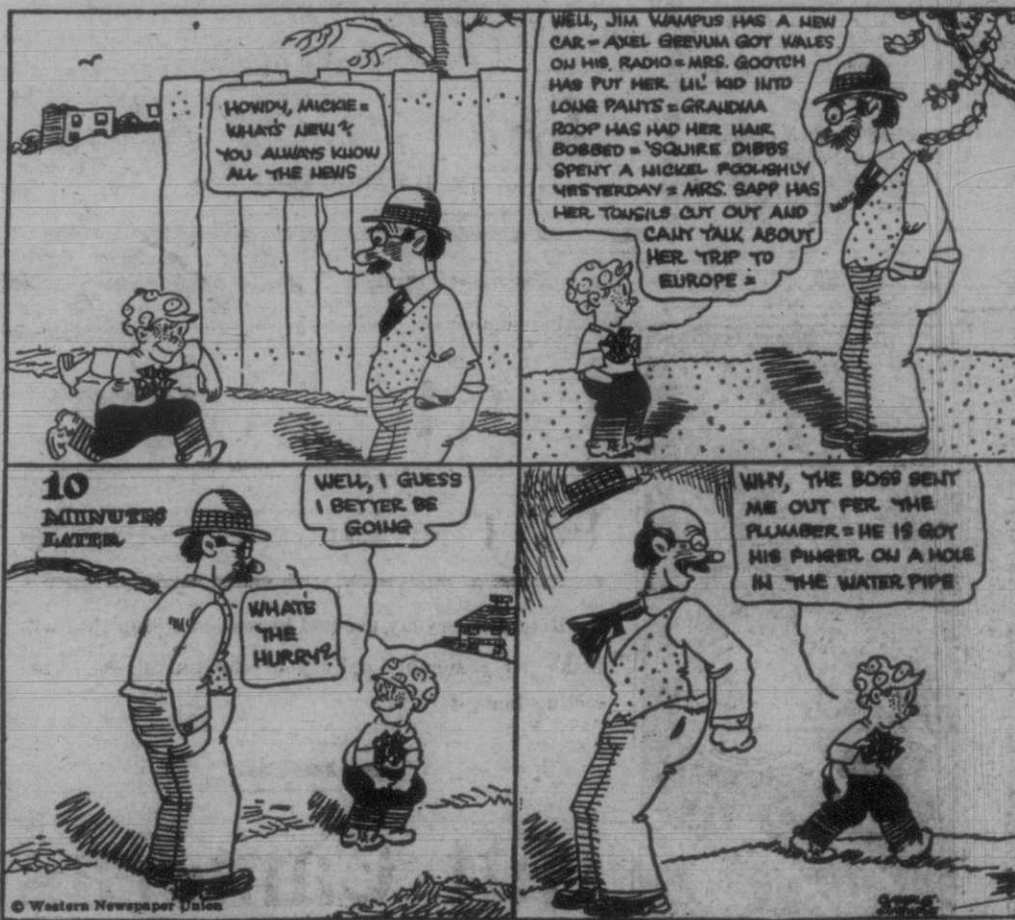
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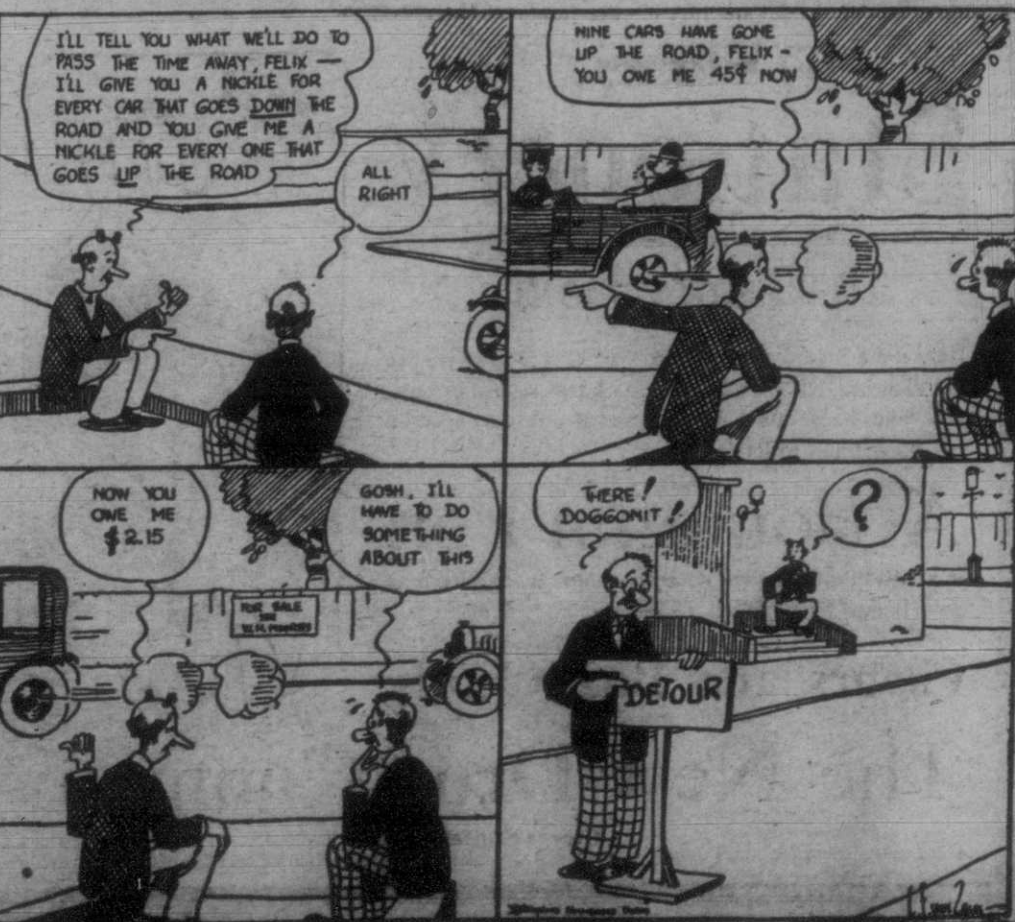
What's the Hurry?



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THE FEATHERHEADS

One Way Out of It



Slants on Life

By J. A. WALDRON

Fatimah and the Merchant

ALA-UD-DIN, the Merchant, and Ghiyas, the Wise, his friend, foregathered to thresh out a momentous matter. And as they spoke, a veiled woman, safe from eyes, listened for a space.

"It is thus," said Ghiyas. "Not in all Hyderabad Sind is there one so rich as thou art, Ala-ud-din. Thou tradest in alien lands, and the fruits thereof are thine. Thou art a worshiper of the serpent, and thy habit is in accord with thy faith; yet like some adventurer of the Far West to whom religion hath no meaning, thou puttest welfare and inclination first. Is it not so?"

"Truly," replied Ala-ud-din. "Why should it be otherwise? Whoso alteth with folded hands when that which he desireth is within reach deserveth unhappiness."

"But why shouldst thou covet this woman? She hath a husband, one trusted by thee, and one who looketh up to thee."

"Asketh thou why? It is true I have many wives. But no heir have I but in my wish and my prayers. I would take this woman Fatimah in hope of a son. Thou hast seen her only as her self discloseth her. Thou knowest her eyes are like the stars. I came upon her once in the harem. She is a favorite with my wives, though of a strange faith. Her skin is the color of wild honey, and her grace surpasseth that of the gazelle."

"I see thou art smitten with the beauty of this woman."

"Even so. And may I not also desire an heir?"

"Yet would she be a favorite of thy wives if they knew thy wish and design?"

"What mattereth it in my harem, though another come?"

"But as to Jafar, the husband of Fatimah. He who soweth thorns cannot reap grapes. Jafar is young and fond, even as is Fatimah. It is true that thy wealth is great, as her honor in thee might be. But when an ass



"And as They Spoke, a Veiled Woman Listened for a Space."

climbs a ladder then shall we find wisdom in a woman. And in two measures of dates there is one measure of stones. What, I ask, of Jafar?"

"It is thus, O Ghiyas. Jafar knoweth not that I trust him in many things. He guardeth my treasure—the store of rare jewels I have gathered among those who little knew their worth. I shall send him alone on a journey to farthest India, to a point where is one who oweth to me all he hath. To that one shall I send beforehand word that Jafar is to tarry with him until my wish for his return, and that it will please me if Jafar marry some woman of great beauty and worth."

The veiled woman withdrew from her concealment as Ala-ud-din and Ghiyas still argued.

"And so thou wouldst have Jafar carry with no desire to return," continued Ghiyas. "But can he forget Fatimah? It is said he so loveth her that he will not take another wife."

"He would tarry until my wish bore fruit. And should he start before time to return I have other means, though I desire him no ill."

"It would be better otherwise. It is written that while thy shoe is upon thy foot thou canst tread upon the thorn. Yet..."

"Good hap cometh to him who taketh fortune in hand."

And Ala-ud-din and Ghiyas sat long together, turning the matter this way and that. And when they rose and Ala-ud-din sought the trusted Jafar he was on no hand. And when Ala-ud-din sought Fatimah the beautiful she also was missing. So Ala-ud-din cried aloud to servants, and among them came Kassim, keeper of the camels. And none but Kassim had intelligence for Ala-ud-din.

"Jafar, O master," said Kassim protesting himself, "came to the house of the camels with Fatimah, his wife, prepared for the journey upon which thou sentest them. And Jafar demanded the two fastest camels, and upon them he and Fatimah disappeared eastward in a great dust."

And Ala-ud-din sent Kassim to be beaten, while others were dispatched in pursuit of Jafar and Fatimah. But they found them not. For going eastward upon the two swiftest camels for a space, Jafar and Fatimah changed their course.

And with them they took the store of rare jewels Ala-ud-din had gathered among those who knew not their worth.

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Giant Statesmen,

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