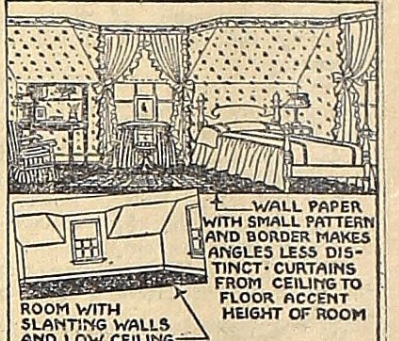


Fun for the Whole Family

ON THE HOME FRONT
with RUTH WYETH SPEARS

IF IT ever seemed to you that the walls and ceiling of an attic room were coming down on your head you know how the owner of this room felt before she began to experiment a bit with wallpaper and furnishings.

Large samples of wallpaper were thumbtacked in place to test them. Stripes only accented the slant of the walls. Plain papers brought out angles with sharp shadows. Large designs made the room seem smaller. Wide borders made the ceiling appear to be even lower. But when a paper with tiny



evenly spaced pattern and narrow border was tried all these defects seemed to melt away. The long curtains with ruffles on three sides also helped to make the ceiling seem higher. Pink and white striped material to repeat the wallpaper color was used for the chair cover and dressing table skirt. The chair is a remodeled rocker and the orange crate dressing table has hinged arms. Directions for them may be found on pages 4 and 19 of SEWING, Book 5.

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Potato Breeders Make Test Plantings

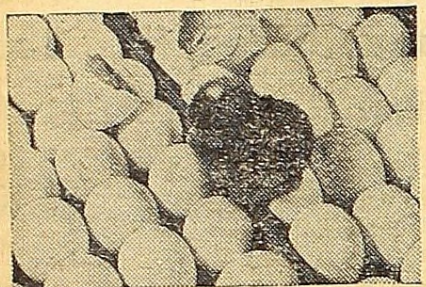
Disease-Free Potatoes Only Control of Ring Rot

How new knowledge of plant science can lift some of the load from the mind of a worried farmer is illustrated by results of test plantings reported by potato breeders of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Ring rot is a serious potato disease. It appeared in Canada in 1931, in Maine in 1932, and spread rapidly causing serious crop losses. The only effective control is to plant nothing but disease-free seed potatoes. Traces of the disease in seed stock are difficult to detect and may lead to serious losses. Ring rot has been reported from 37 states.

If scientific knowledge had not advanced in the last 100 years, says Dr. R. M. Salter, chief of the bureau of plant industry, the potato industry and the country generally might well worry over the possibility of a potato famine such as Ireland had in the Hungry Forties.

Potato specialists do not know of a gold commercial variety that will grow in spite of ring rot. But authors of the article report a trial of



"Come on out, guys and gals, see what's cookin'," says this newly hatched chick waiting for pals.

54 varieties artificially inoculated to insure a thorough test. Nearly all were severely diseased, but a precious few came through uninjured.

Various Spuds Tested.

These include two imported varieties "not commercially promising" and several seedlings. Half the hybrids of the cross between "President"—imported from England—and the valuable American variety, Katahdin, showed no infection. Several other seedlings showed signs of resistance.

These tests indicate that resistance to ring rot can be inherited by the potato. The "President" variety is not commercially valuable, but from a breeding standpoint it looks to be almost priceless. Based on these tests and their experience it should not be very difficult to produce varieties resistant to ring rot with good commercial qualities.

Agriculture in Industry
By FLORENCE C. WEED

Alfalfa

Although alfalfa is a fairly recent arrival in the fields of the United States and Canada, it is one of the oldest crops known to man and flourished in Asia and Europe for centuries. For the last 20 years, our farmers have given it great preference and the acreage has nearly doubled.

Being especially rich in vitamins, it seems to offer good possibilities for industrial uses. A pilot plant is soon to be set up to extract pigments from dried alfalfa leaves. These will be used in coloring soaps and foods and in preparing medicines.

Some experiments also have been made in extracting alfalfa juice for human consumption so it may sometime appear on our breakfast tables. At Michigan State college, scientists have been working on the problem on making plastics out of alfalfa in the same way that soybeans are utilized.

At present, the chief industrial product is alfalfa meal which is merely hay ground into coarse particles which can be fed to animals without loss, and can be shipped more cheaply than baled hay. It can be used in mixed feeds for such small animals as rabbits and poultry. Some of the meal in refined form has been used in breakfast foods for humans and experiments have been made to add carotene extraction to tonics and candy.

Rural Briefs

Fruit should be fully grown, well colored, but not overripe for good storage.

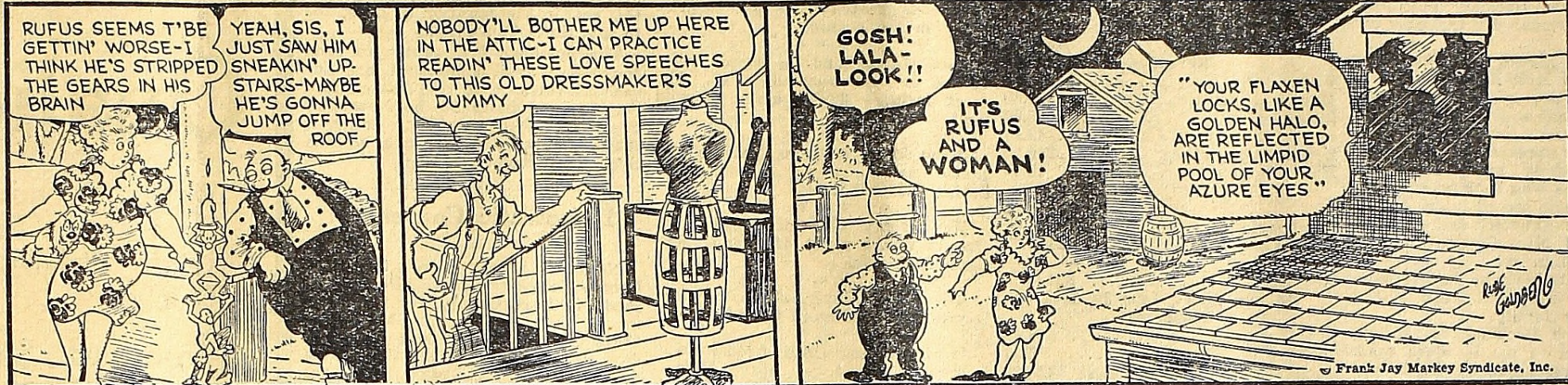
Production of crimson clover seed this year is expected to be about twice as large as the previous crop record of 1941.

By taking good care of eggs on the farm, especially during the summer months, poultrymen will get better returns for their product.

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RAISING KANE—Spunky's Conclusion

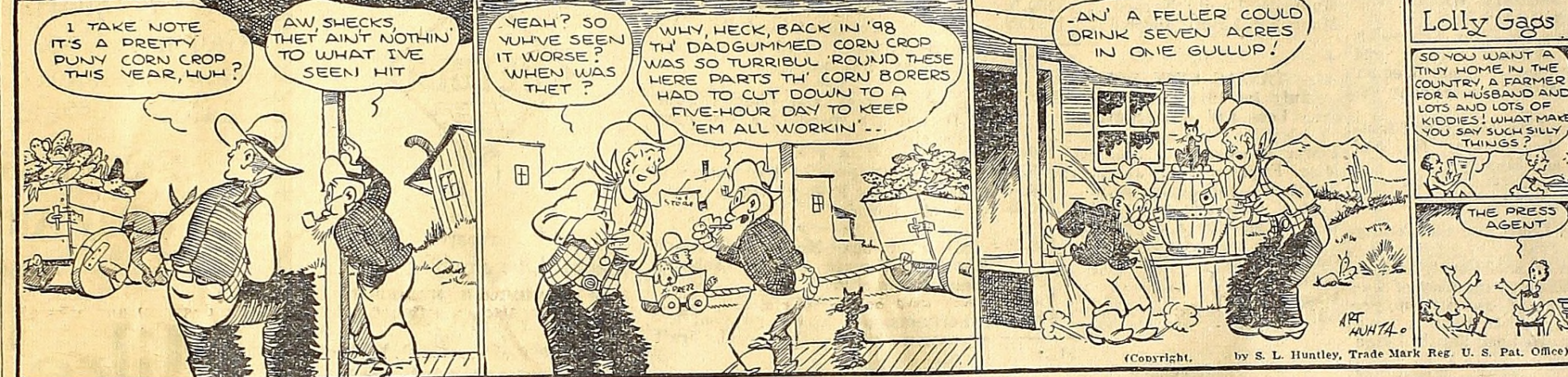
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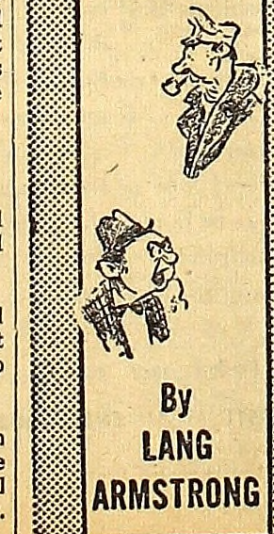


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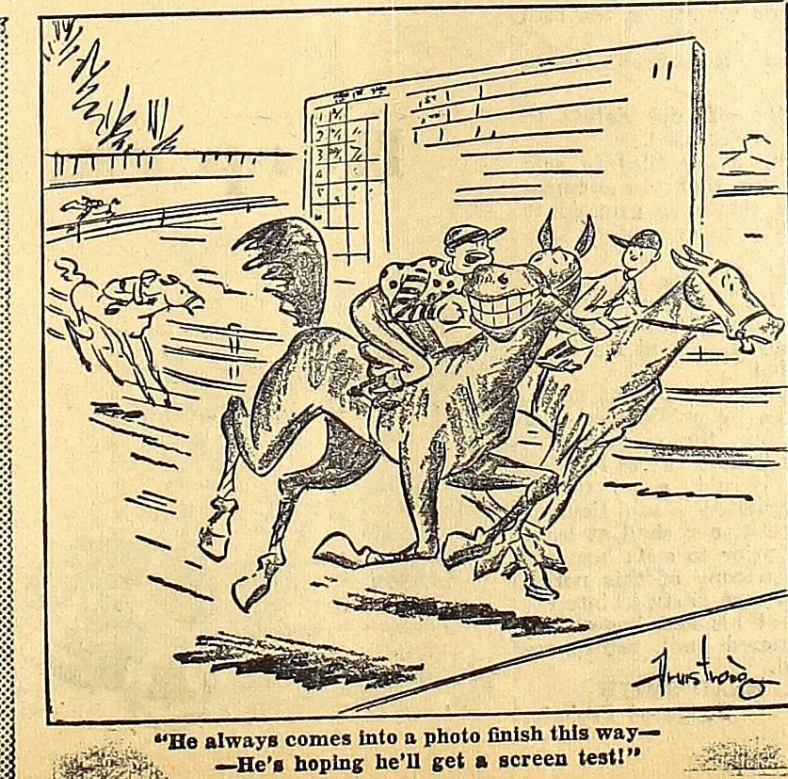
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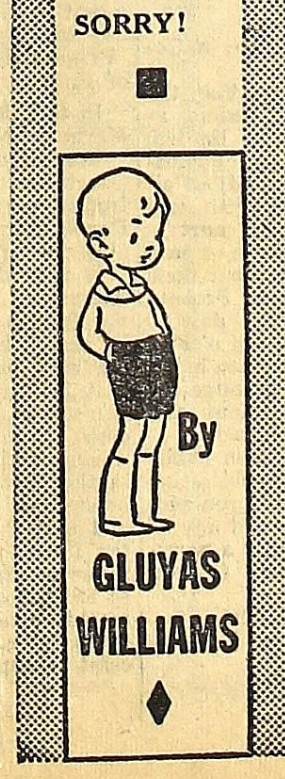
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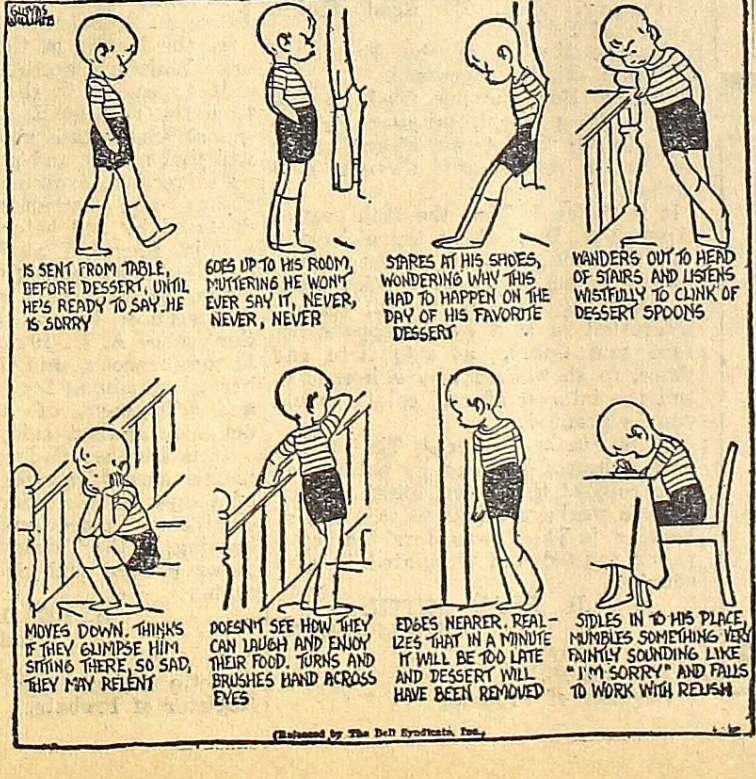
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"He always comes into a photo finish this way—
—He's hoping he'll get a screen test!"



SORRY!
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