

Cut Your Fuel Wood During Slack Periods

Release Transportation, Improve Forests That Way

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Woodland owners can release transportation for war purposes by burning their own wood and supplying wood for similar use in towns and cities.

Fuel-wood cutting according to a definite plan to correct poor forest conditions resulting from mistakes of the past is suggested.

Fuel wood can be obtained from misshapen trees, dead and insect-ridden trees, other cull trees, from tops of trees cut for saw logs and from suppressed or unthrifty trees cut in thinning or woodland improvement operations.

Trees suitable for lumber, veneer logs, box bolts or other special products should not be taken for fuel. Large quantities of oak are needed for ships, hickory and ash for handles and lumber and pulpwood for other war industries.

These products can be obtained only from well-formed trees, and cutting them for fuel is a waste of valuable resources.

During Slack Periods.

Fuel wood can be harvested during slack periods on the farm, but some time must be allowed for seasoning. Cutting should also be planned to promote a better stand of thrifty growing timber by removing "wolf" and "weed" trees.

For seasoning, the wood should be stacked, not heaped, on bed pieces over dry ground, and preferably in an open yard to get greatest air circulation. Fuel wood burns more efficiently and yields much more heat when it has dried at least six months.

Labor-Saving Device

Farmers will have to work more hours to reach their 1942 production goals unless they adopt electricity as a labor-saving device, just as tractors are being used to speed up field work.

It has already been demonstrated that much labor can be saved at a little expense in the use of electricity for lights, for putting water under pressure, for processing and handling feeds, for electric fencing and for operating milking machines and brooding pigs and chicks.

Electricity will play an important part in making the development of rural industries possible. On farms where secondary agricultural production is not practiced, the extra time resulting from the present system of mechanized farming may be used to advantage in the shop operating a wood lathe or other wood-working equipment, or on an electric welder making some part or a complete item of commercial value.

Vegetable Insect Control Is Not a Difficult Task

Follow a few simple rules and control of vegetable insects is not difficult.

A duster may be obtained for a dollar up, but one may be made at home with a tin can, a stick and a piece of cheese cloth. Ask the county extension agents how it's done. Next, have ready a supply of insecticides for use at the first sign of insect injury. These are cryolite for control of bean beetles, cucumber beetles, cabbage worms and other insects which feed upon the fruit and foliage of the plants; rotenone and sulphur to control tomato fruit worm, flea beetles, plant lice and leaf hoppers; and concentrated pyrethrum dust for squash bugs, stink bugs, and harlequin cabbage bugs. Watch the garden for the first sign of injury and dust both sides of leaves.

Apply poison bait late in the afternoon for control of cut worms, grasshoppers and adult wingless May beetle, or June bug. Poison bait also will control mole crickets which frequent sandy soils.

A bait made of cryolite, finely chopped carrots or turnips and wheat bran will control the adult weevil.

Agricultural Notes

Adequate curing of the hay crop reduces the danger of a barn fire.

Government purchases now take four-tenths of all pork and seven-tenths of all lard produced in federally inspected packing plants.

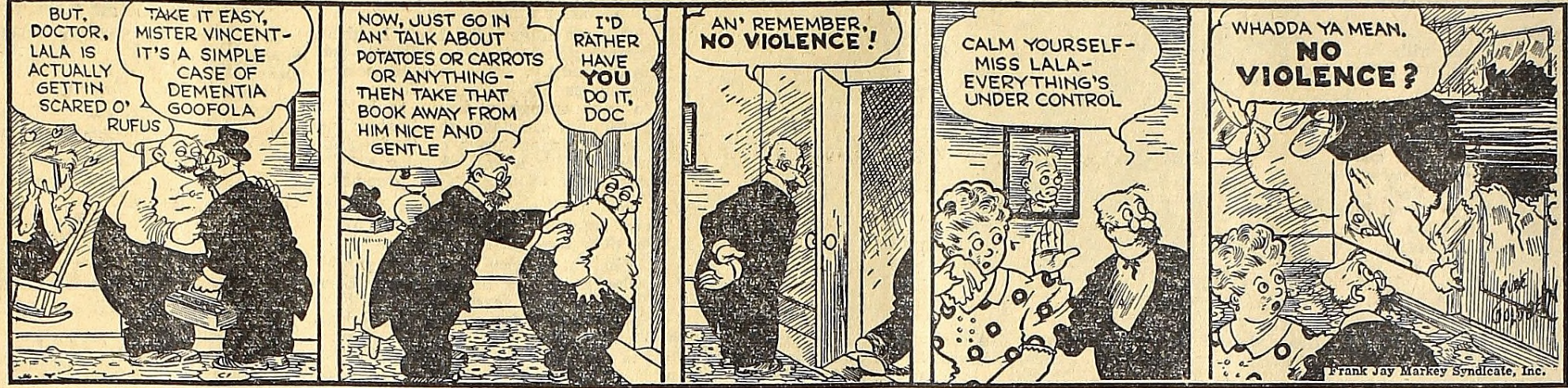
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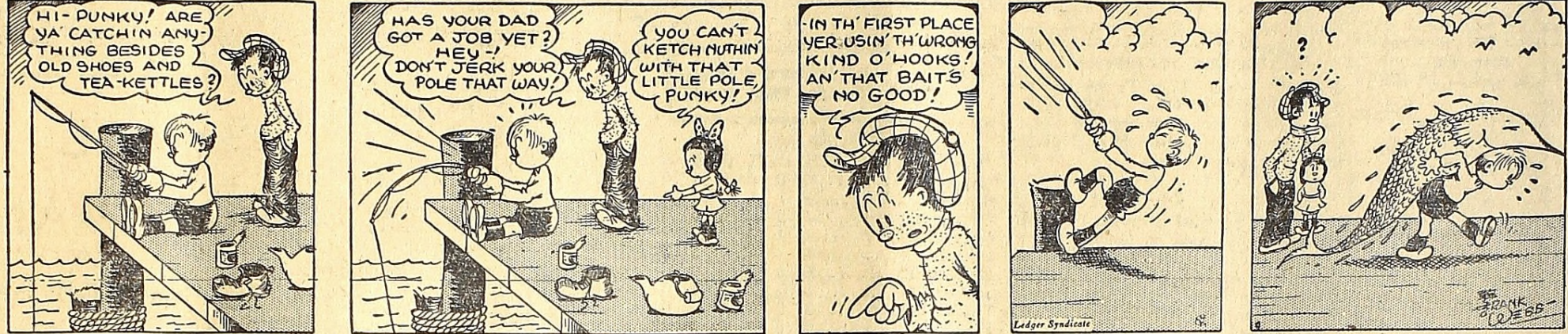
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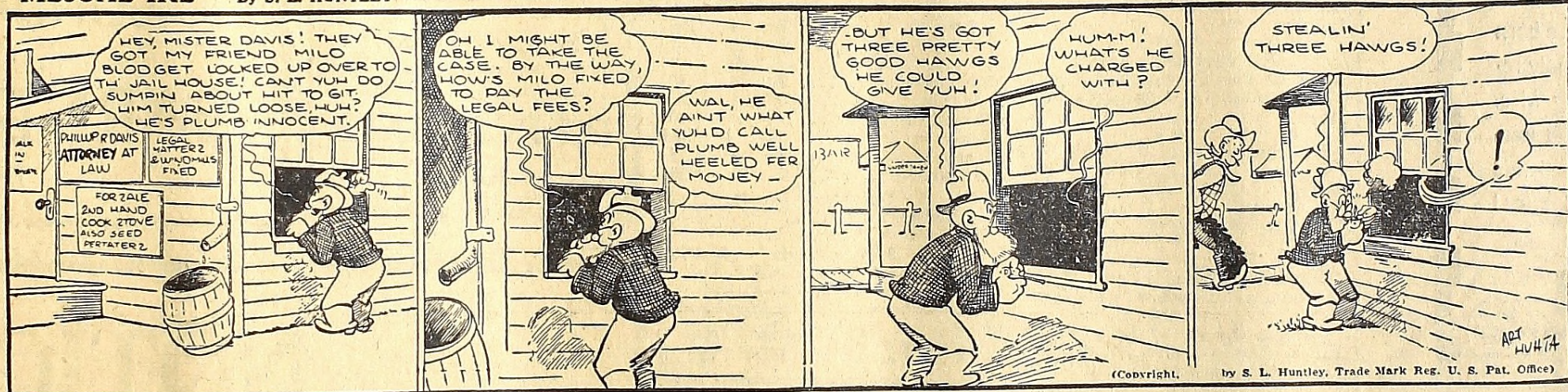
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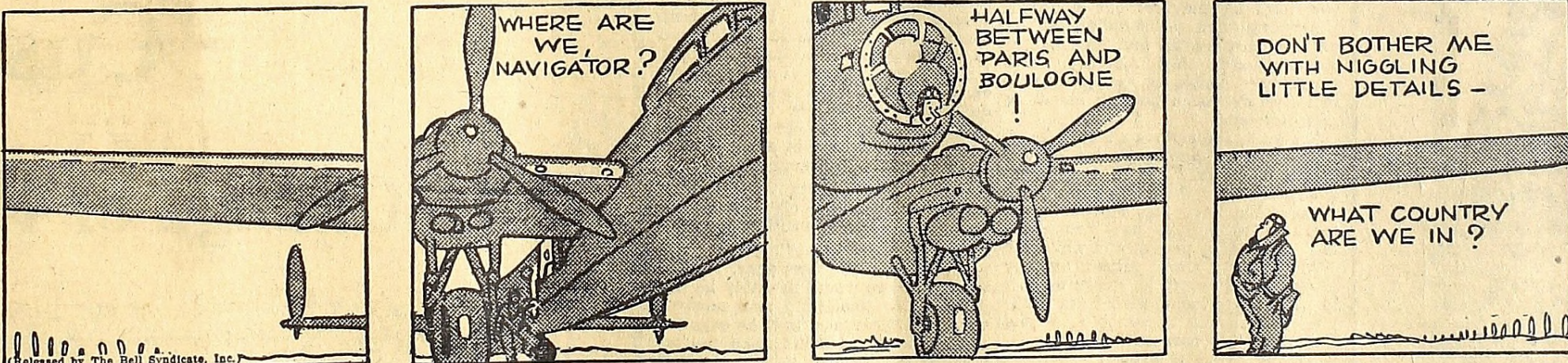
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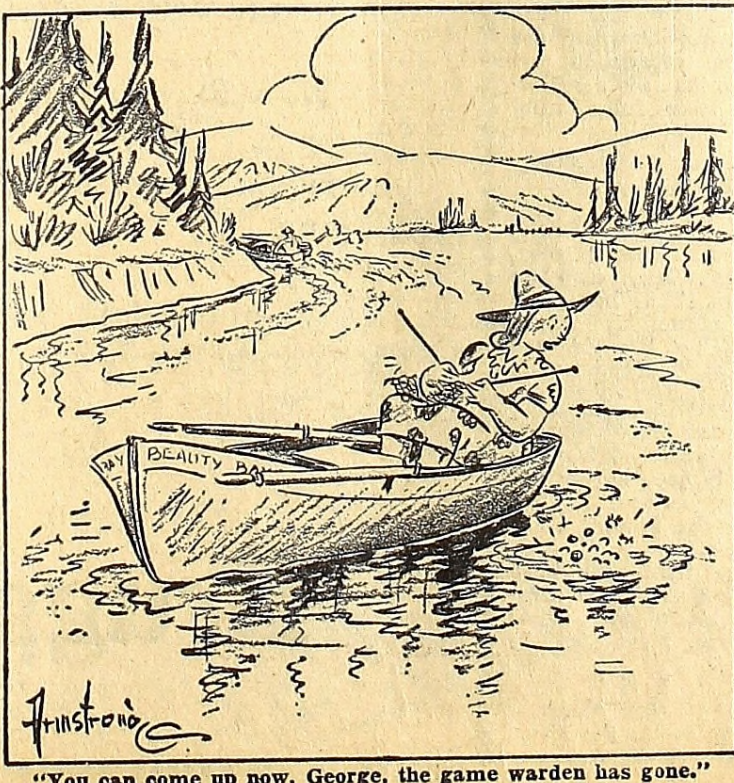
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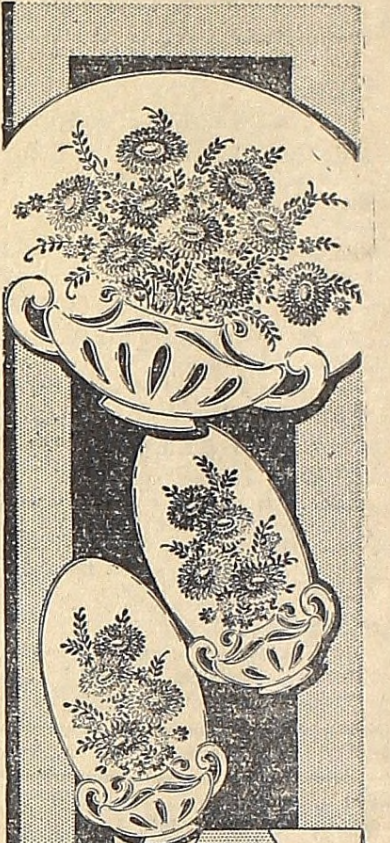
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