



Comics

BINNACLE BILL AN' JIM SAIL UNDER A SPREAD OF CALICO



1. "You can't most generally allus tell, as Bill says, wot a feller'll do when he's in love, but when ol' Walrus, who's a batchelor, made an app'ntment through a fr'en' o' his t' meet a woman 'ith a marriageable darter at Bristol, you never see sich a change come over a mortal seaman. Yessir, he used ter joke 'ith Bill and me jis' ter brighten up his wit fer th' occasion."



2. "As soon as we got wind o' what 'us up an' learned th' skipper'd planned t' sarve mess on board fer a couple o' petticoats we put our two heads t'gether, an' when the 'Dancin' Sal' dropped anchor we set out t' find a rig, which we did 'ithout no trouble much, except gettin' into th' duds."



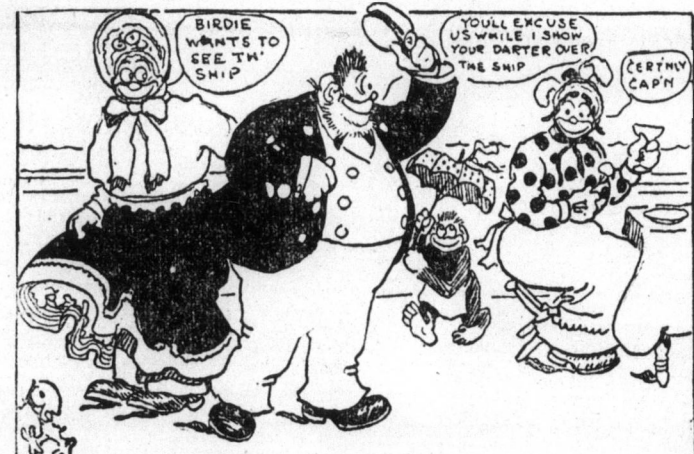
3. "Bill argied 'at our whiskers stood in th' way o' th' scheme an' 'us in fer trimmin', but none o' that fer Jim here, an' arter some pullin' an' haulin' o' th' jib ribbons across th' shin an' stowin' o' our beard away in our collar, we looked as pearst as schoolgirls, as th' feller sed wat runs th' place."



4. "You'd a thought so yerself ef ye could a seen th' way ol' Walrus bowed and scraped when we walked up th' gangplank. Th' Cap't'n wasn't much of a judge o' females fer that matter, never havin' mingled considerable in th' society o' th' fair sex."



5. "Bill an' me ner no other A. B. seaman ever afore tasted sich a mess as th' skipper sot out ther' on th' deck, an' plenty o' private stock t' wash it down you'd better think, I 'us actually ashamed o' Bill's table manners an' had t' apologize more'n once durin' th' meal."



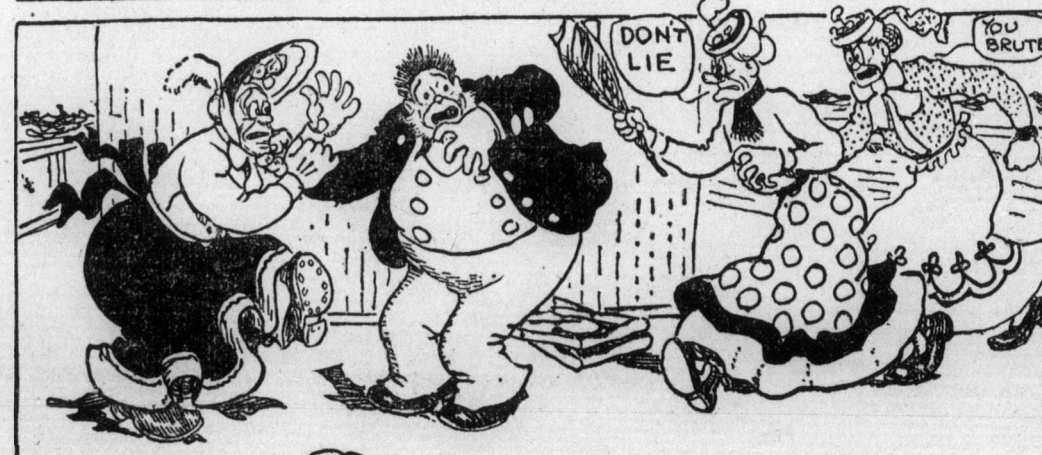
6. "I 'us th' skipper's fancy, je understan', an' afore long he excused hisse'f t' mother, that 'us Bill, an' took me over th' vessel. You'd better think Bill 'us glad t' be left alone fer he kep' Davy Jones' on th' run bringin' up the Cap't'n's private stock."



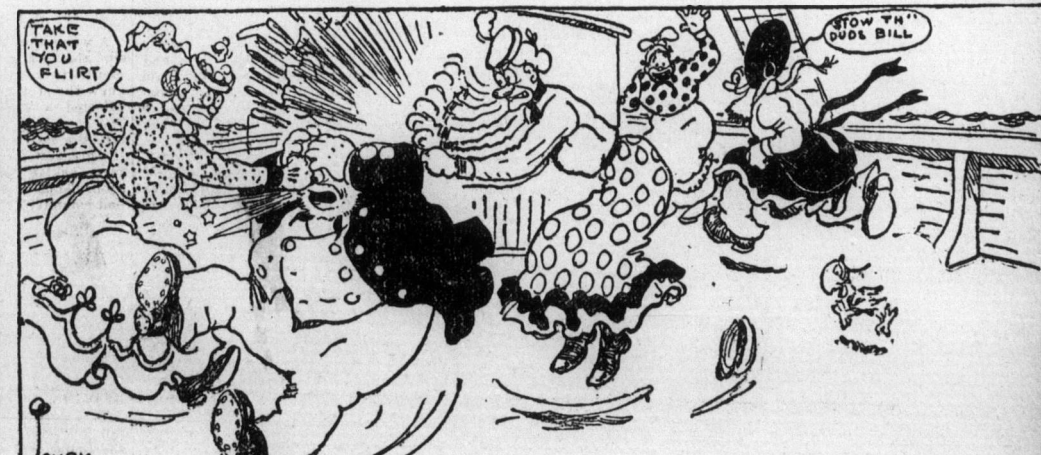
7. "Well, sir, th' cook's galley wasn't between us afore th' Ol' Man started in makin' advances, an' when he made me sit on his knee I near'y bust out laughin', partiklar when I caught Bill's eye takin' a look out through th' cabin porthole."



8. "Th' skipper 'us dead gone, as anyone could see with half an eye, an' jis' askin' me t' name th' day an' shucklin' me under th' chin when wot does he do but run afoul of them bloomin' whiskers o' mine."



9. "I can't say who's th' most surprised, me or th' cap't'n, when th' accidant occurred, fer who pops around th' corner jist then but the real misses and her darter, who'd come aboard in th' meantime, en' th' way they lit on th' Ol' Man 'us a caution."



10. "Well, t' make a long story short, in the fracas that follered me an' Bill 'us able to furl them female duds an' go to th' Cap, who was flyin' distress signals. Arter we'd fixed th' Ol' Man up he called us aft an' made a speech. He sed 'at he'd been in many a blow, he sed, but that 'us th' closest shave he'd ever had, he sed, an' if it hadn't been fer me an' Bill he might ha' been married that livin' minute, he said. 'Wot'll you fellers have?'"

