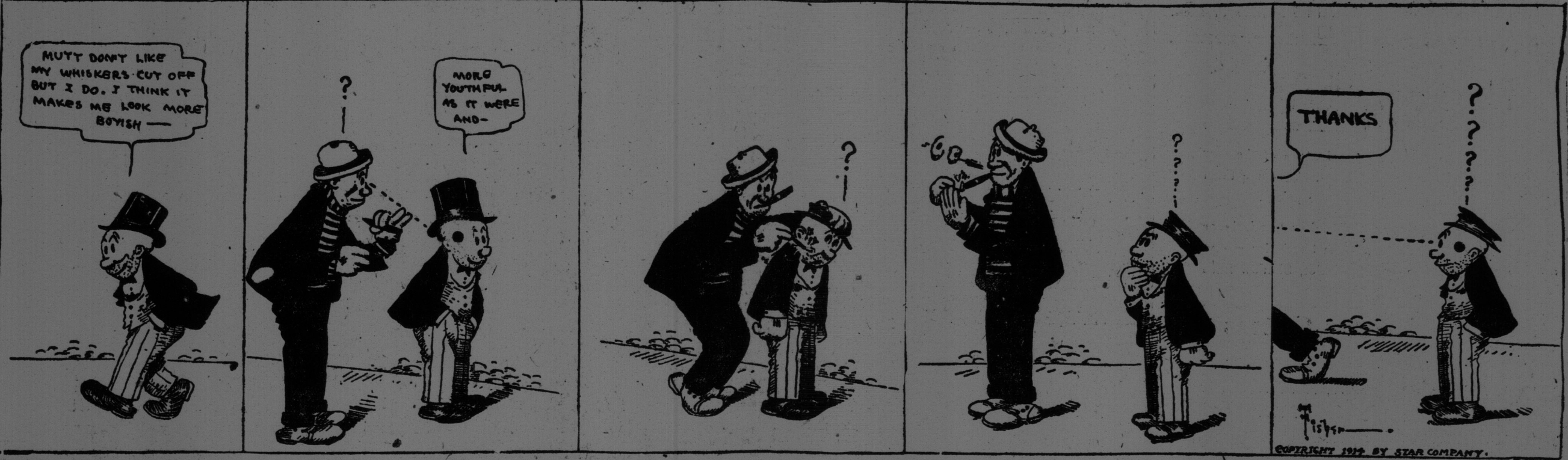


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Four Fingers Missing But He Is Back In Ring Again

(FROM T. S. ANDREWS)

Milwaukee, Feb. 22—Willie Hoppe, through the legislature, they would never stand for such a bill as is now operating in Wisconsin. The writer points out that some boxers have not been paid for contests in which they took part and that the commission has picked out certain boxers to vent their spite against, meaning the action in suspending Peckey McFarland for one year.

The Wisconsin bill is all right and will work out to the satisfaction of every one if given a proper chance. Many laws have been passed and found wanting at first, but have come out all right. As to boxers not being paid for their services, that is true in a measure, but not where the old clubs in Milwaukee are concerned, for it can be said that during the last fifteen years there has not been an instance where a Milwaukee club ever failed to pay every cent due a boxer for services rendered.

When "The Derby Winner" the first Drury Lane melodrama with which Mr. Raleigh was ever connected, was being played at the great national theatre, Lord Durham and his brother went behind the scenes, to see Mr. Raleigh and the latter brought them both on to the stage to introduce them to Mrs. Raleigh.

At the moment a scene was being set representing the paddock at Epsom on Derby Day. The visitors were very interested and rather amused by the realistic crowd that began to assemble about them on the stage, and by the horses that were brought on. Mr. Raleigh noticed that the scene was rapidly approaching completion, and he suddenly stepped forward and said to the prompter, "Clear, please!" and up went the curtain.

Lord Durham, glancing over his shoulder, discovered suddenly that he was in full view of the great audience. "Good gracious!" he gasped, "What shall we do?" Mr. Raleigh whispered, "Don't move, and the audience will think you are ordinary supernumeraries." Raleigh added, "They did as I suggested; the audience did as I expected!"

Many people fail to understand the significance of a lame, weak, sore or aching back. When the back aches or becomes weak it is a warning that the kidneys are affected in some way. Take notice to the warning and cure the backache on the first sign, for if you don't do this, serious complications are sure to arise and perhaps develop into Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's Disease, the three most deadly forms of kidney trouble.

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AMONG A HUNDRED DWARFS

A Newspaper Man's Visit to the Land of the Lilliputians

(London Trib-But)

"Become a modern Gulliver and spend a day with the dwarfs." For a moment the terse editorial instructions puzzled me, until I was suddenly reminded that London has just been invaded by a community of a hundred of the smallest people in the world, whose singing, dancing, scrobatic feats, and skilful training of the Lilliputian animals are attracting huge crowds to the London Opera House.

The task seemed to present no difficulty, but I quickly learned that diplomacy must be exercised in approaching these little people, who have come from all parts of the European Continent—Russia, Germany, France, Hungary, Austria, and Italy.

Sensitiveness is out of their chief characteristics. To regard them as children is to draw attention to their lack of stature and to give offence. One must forget that they are real men and women, clever, quick-witted, humorous, and, above all, in the majority of cases, perfectly formed. The ladies indeed are just like beautiful dolls.

"Ah, monsieur," laughingly said Mile. Felicy, who dances the Tango and sings "Hilichy-Kool" in a manner that has made her the darling of every audience, when I complimented her upon her charm and vivacity. "I am pleased with your remarks. I like you Englishmen. I have several big sweethearts in London, who, in spite of her twenty-two years, is only 2ft. 6in. in height, talking of her illness in my life. She could well understand the "Big-Englishmen" falling in love with the beautiful dark eyes, fair hair and brilliant complexion, and perfect figure of this delightful French Lilliputian.

There are, however, many pretty ladies among the troupe, some being married to the little gentlemen who perform wonderful acrobatic feats and display their skill on musical instruments in the miniature circus which forms part of the performance.

Perhaps, however, one of the most attractive characteristics of the ladies is the exquisite manner in which they dress of the stage, and I afterwards learned that they often spend quite as much on their clothes as the average musical comedy actress. And very daintily, although somewhat quaint, figures do charm in their long dresses, real-skin coats, pretty patent shoes, and the very latest styles in hats.

Mile. Felicy, who said that she valued her wardrobe at nearly £200, very kindly introduced me to a number of her colleagues and it was a very merry party which left the Opera House, after one of the rehearsals, to proceed to a West-end hotel for luncheon, to which I had been very cordially invited. Our particular party consisted of twenty-four, but a couple of taxis held us all, quite a sensation being caused in Kingsway as we crowded into the vehicles.

On the way I had a chat with Ernest, the leader of the Lilliputian band. I found him to be a very intelligent, well-read and well-travelled German of thirty years of age. He is 2 ft. 8 in. in height. Ernest is an excellent musician and composer, and a talented performer on the cornet, violin and piano. We talked about the latest London fad—Tango dancing—and he confessed that he, too, was bitten with the craze. "But what I like best," he said, "is roller skating. I have had some bad falls, but there is nothing like it," he continued, enthusiastically. "Ernst, who is a great admirer of female beauty also confessed that he liked

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Ernst confessed that he was not married. "At any rate, not yet," he said, "but I have a little sweetheart in Paris who is waiting for me."

"A Terrible Glutton"

Any fears that I may have had regarding the limited lunch which might be provided were soon dispelled when I saw my little friends at the table. Perched on raised chairs, they tackled the hors d'oeuvre, soup, fish, poultry, and joint in the manner of seasoned epicures. As a matter of fact, these little people ate in most cases quite as much as the average person, and this remark applies also to the ladies. One of Mile. Felicy's tiny French companions, whose soprano voice has created quite a furore, candidly confessed that she was becoming a terrible glutton.

"Your eggs and bacon, beefsteaks, pies, and puddings," she said, "are, I think, delicious, and you seem to cook them so beautifully." Even the little Hercules of the party, a diminutive individual about 2 ft. 6 in. high, who performs prodigies of strength with a barbell almost three times as big as himself, and struts about with an air of superiority that Jack Johnson could not excel, confessed in other words that he lived like the proverbial fighting-cock.

"You must eat well to keep well," he sagely remarked. "And if there is one thing I have a weakness for it is your tripe and onions. No, I don't train on tripe and onions. I am pleased with your remarks. I like you Englishmen. I have several big sweethearts in London, who, in spite of her twenty-two years, is only 2ft. 6in. in height, talking of her illness in my life. She could well understand the "Big-Englishmen" falling in love with the beautiful dark eyes, fair hair and brilliant complexion, and perfect figure of this delightful French Lilliputian.

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think that such diminutive people, the smallest of whom is 26 in. in height, must necessarily be somewhat delicate. As a matter of fact, however, the general health of the whole troupe is really remarkable. It is seldom that the dwarfs have to consult a doctor, and the fact that the oldest member of the troupe is sixty-five years of age shows that longevity is quite compatible with shortness of stature.

Another curious fact in regard to these Lilliputians is that in every case they are the children of normal parents. Some, it might be mentioned, are men and women of considerable wealth in their own countries. Cigarettes and cigars and even pipes were promptly produced after lunch, and it was one of the quaintest experiences imaginable to sit chatting and smoking among these wonderful little

people, who had all the appearance of animated dolls. Many of them have traveled all over the world, and many were the stories they told me of their own experiences on boat and train. But the time for the afternoon rehearsal was fast approaching, and my Lilliputian friends soon departed again for the London Opera House, while I wended my way back to Southampton street to give an account of the hours spent in Midget Land.

"Would you start off on your vacation on a Friday, Bob?" "You bet your life I wouldn't," Bob replied. "What a superstitious fellow you are, Bob!" "Superstitious be hanged!" said Bob. "I wouldn't start off on Friday because Saturday's pay day."

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