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## New Stories By O. HENRY

### A GOOD STORY SPOILED.

A few nights ago, in a rather tough saloon in a little town on the Central Railroad, a big, strapping desperado, who had an unenviable reputation as a bad man generally, walked up to the bar, and in a loud voice ordered everybody to walk up and take a drink. The crowd moved quickly to the bar at his invitation, as the man was half drunk and was undoubtedly dangerous when in that condition. One man alone failed to accept the invitation. He was a rather small man, neatly dressed, who sat calmly in his chair, gazing idly at the crowd. A student of physiognomy would have been attracted by the expression of his face, which was one of cool determination and force of will. His jaw was square and firm, and his eye gray and steady, with that peculiar gray glint in the iris that presages more danger than any other kind of optic.

He repeated it in a louder voice. The small man rose to his feet and walked coolly toward the desperado. "Excuse me," he said, in a low but determined tone, "I'm a little deaf, and didn't hear you the first time. Gimme whiskey straight."

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## THE ETERNAL QUESTION by Felice Davis

MRS. JONES—Why, Cynthia, you don't mean to say you're going to leave me?  
CYNTHIA—Yes, Missie. Ah hates to, but Ah jest busts out.  
MRS. JONES—Why, Cynthia—and you've been with me ever since I was born!  
CYNTHIA—Dat's right, Missie, and you was de sweetest baby angel Ah ever did see!  
MRS. JONES—And you've nursed every one of my brothers and sisters.  
CYNTHIA—Ah sho' did—and dey all was jest like mah own babies!  
MRS. JONES—Yes, you were a mother to us all. You do love children.  
CYNTHIA—Dat's right, Missie. Ah sho' does and dere's de trouble—  
MRS. JONES—And when I was married and came North you came with me and I thought you would always live with us.  
CYNTHIA—Dat's what Ah thought, too, Missie, but Ah's given up hopes of staying.  
MRS. JONES—"Given up hopes"—what do you mean?  
CYNTHIA—Wal, it am jest like dis: You all knows Ah loves babies.  
MRS. JONES—Of course—  
CYNTHIA—So Ah sho' was happy when you got married, Missie.  
MRS. JONES—Yes—  
CYNTHIA—And Ah kept on being happy and waiting and dreaming—  
MRS. JONES—Dreaming?  
CYNTHIA—Dreaming 'bout all dem baby angels Ah was going to take care of.  
MRS. JONES—Baby angels?  
CYNTHIA—But den you all got

fashionable wid your political and sassycity parties—  
MRS. JONES—My—my—  
CYNTHIA—And so Ah jest done give up hope.  
MRS. JONES—You—er—you mean you're going to a family where there are children, Cynthia?  
CYNTHIA—No, Missie. Ah would not do dat. Dis time it am going to be mah own angels.  
MRS. JONES—What do you mean?  
CYNTHIA—Ah's going to git married mahse!  
MRS. JONES—Why Cynthia! This is a surprise. Where you going to marry?  
CYNTHIA—Mistah Lafayette dat am butler at de Morgans.  
MRS. JONES—You mean the butler they call George Washington?  
CYNTHIA—Dat's him. His whole name am George Washington Lafayette.  
MRS. JONES—Well, Cynthia, he's named after a good man. George Washington was de father of his country, you know.  
CYNTHIA—Dat's what he's been bragging about all de time—until Ah got a history book and shet him up.  
MRS. JONES—Shut him up?  
CYNTHIA—Yas, Missie. Why dey called him de father of his country Ah doesn't know—he didn't never have a child in his name!  
MRS. JONES—But—  
CYNTHIA—So Ah jest told Mistah George Washington dat he was crowding under false pretences.  
MRS. JONES—Yes.  
CYNTHIA—And dat Ah was going to be it mahse—cose dis am de day of de emancipation of women—  
MRS. JONES—Yes.  
CYNTHIA—And dat Ah was going to be a real sho' nuff mother of mah country 'cause Ah can't live widout de little angels around!  
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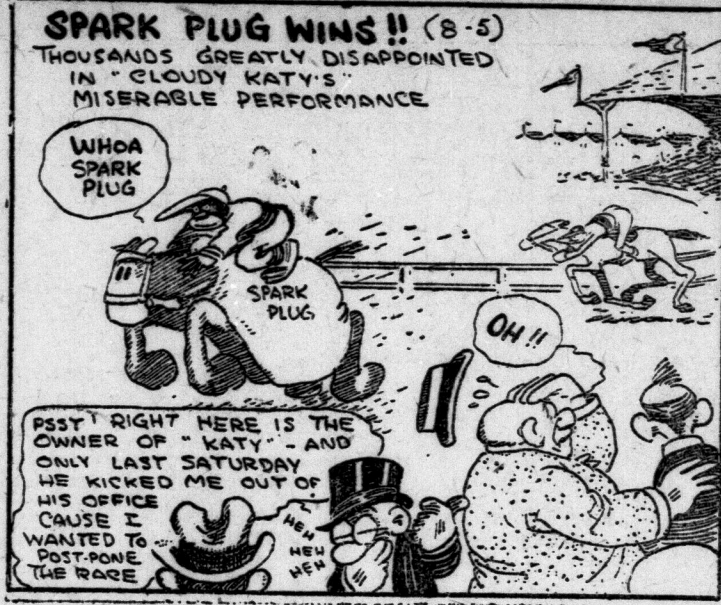
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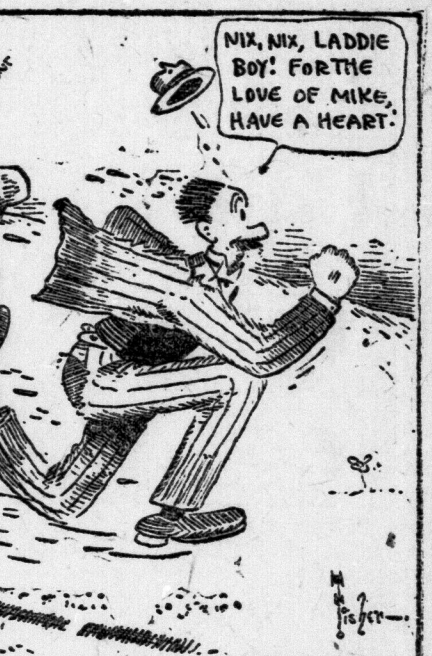
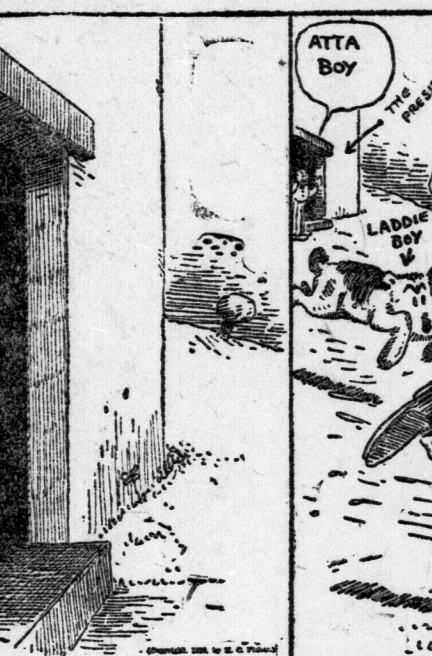
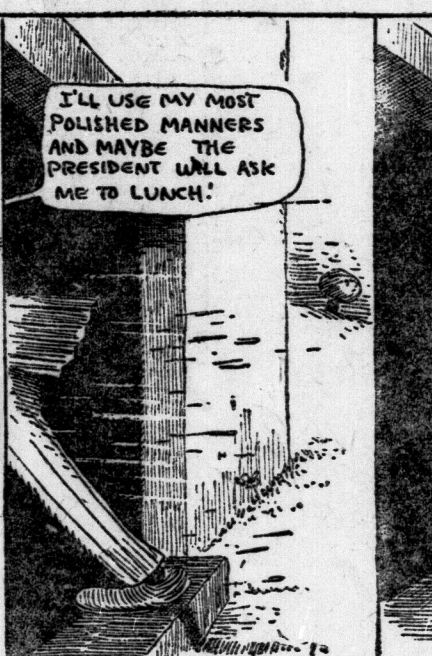
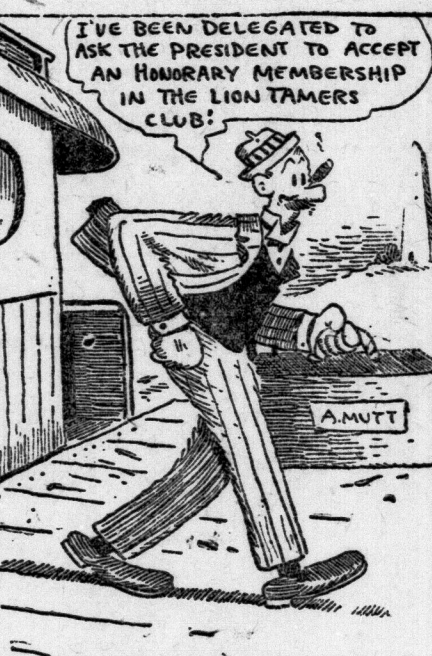
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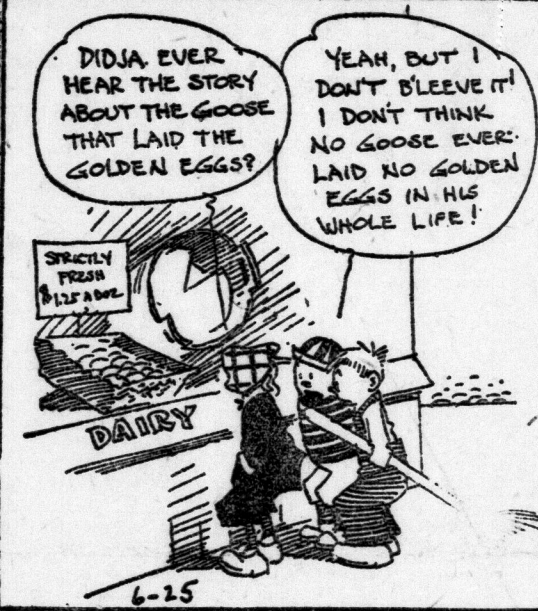
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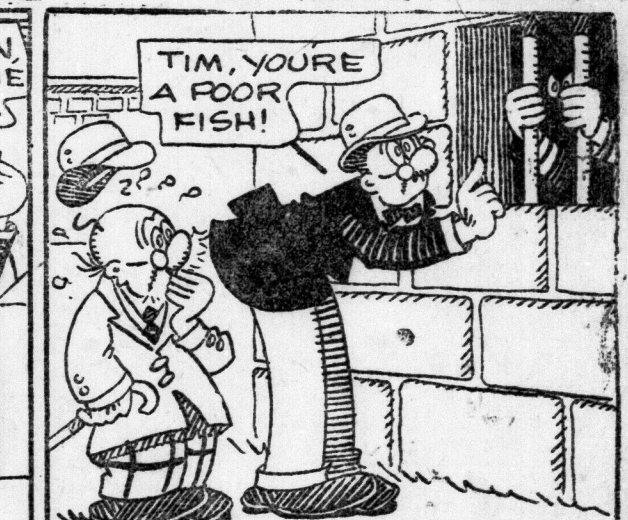
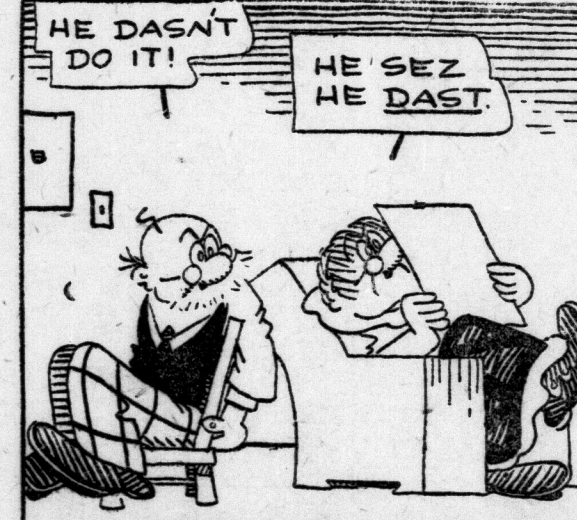
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