

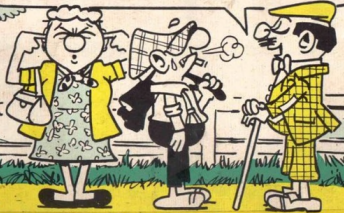
ANDY CAPP

No
32

drawings by

REG SMYTHE

YES, THERE IS A PUB NOT FAR FROM
HERE. WHICH ROUTE WOULD YOU LIKE
- THE SHORTEST OR THE PRETTIEST?



Handwritten pink note with illegible scribbles.

22p

Most people look forward to this time of the year, but Andy Capp isn't one of them. He dreads it. I suppose it's understandable, really. He has his own way most of the time, but in the Spring Florrie gets some very funny ideas. You know the sort of thing; how they need some sea air or how nice it would be to go for a long walk in the country. Now, I ask you, what is the point of trudging for miles to find a country pub when there's a perfectly good boozier at the end of their street? You see what he's up against.

That's not the worst of it, though. The thing that Andy hates most about Spring is spring-cleaning. Why is it that, at this time every year, women decide to throw away things a bloke has treasured for half his life? Do you remember a couple of years back when Flo threw out his old army shaving mug just because the handle was missing? Now, that mug had served him well all through North Africa—Mersa Matruh, Tobruk, Alex...you just can't buy that kind of loyalty. This year it was his Scout's knife. She actually threw away his Scout's knife! It's true the blade was missing, but what happens when he wants to open a can of beer or get a stone out of a horse's hoof?

Anyway, it's the principle of the thing. It never seems to be Flo's stuff that's thrown out. She's got clothes in that wardrobe she's had for twenty years. Mind you, she still has to wear them, so perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned it. I don't want to start another row.

Hope you enjoy the book.

Smeyth



ER... WILL YER BE HAVIN' YER
DINNER 'ERE OR AT THE PUB
TODAY?



ER... WHAT TIME D'YER
WANT YER DINNER TODAY?



I'LL 'AVE YER DINNER READY AT
THREE IN CASE YER DON'T 'AVE
IT AT THE PUB, OKAY?
.... THAT'S
IT!



YOU 'AVE T' PHRASE EVERYTHIN' IN
A MORNIN' SO'S 'E CAN ANSWER
WITH A NOD



WHERE DID YER GET TO
LAS'NIGHT, ANDY?

WE WERE AT
THE WIFE'S
MOTHER'S -

OLD SKINFLINT! WE SAT ALL NIGHT
WITHOUT A SINGLE DRINK - I WAS
GASPIN'

TCH! MEAN, EH?

YER NOT
KIDDIN' -

SHE'S THE KIND O' WOMAN
WHO SWITCHES THE GAS
OFF WHILE SHE TURNS
THE BACON OVER

I KNOW
THE TYPE

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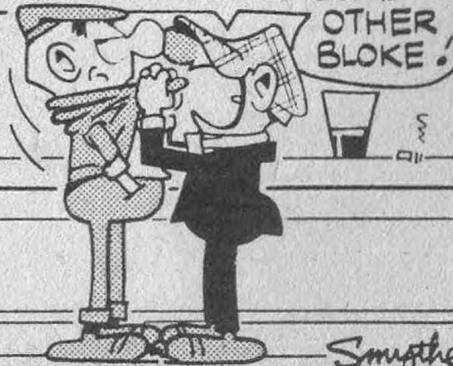
TAKE IT FROM ME, YER COULD
TRUST 'IM WITH YER LIFE -



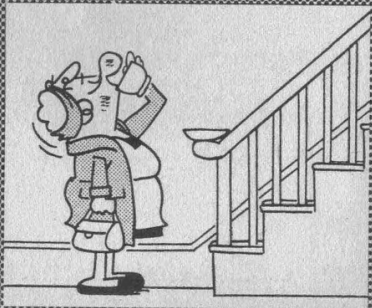
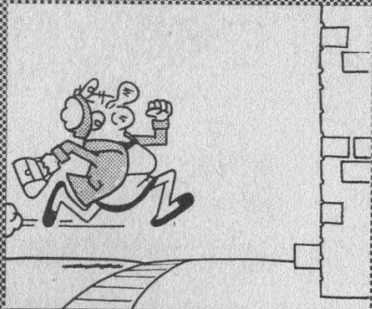
HONEST, HARDWORKIN',
A THOROUGHLY
DEPENDABLE
MEMBER OF
THE COMMUNITY

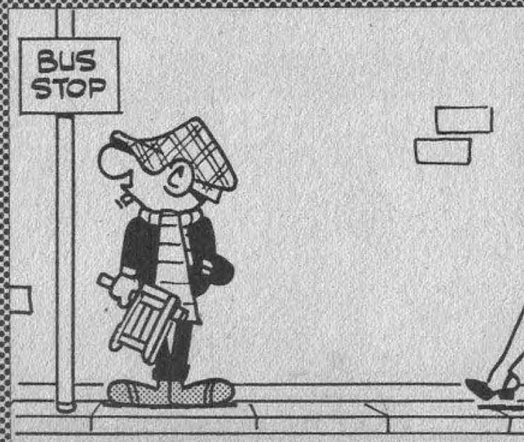
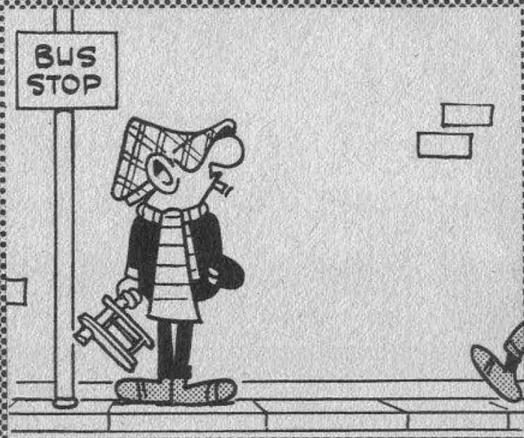


CHARMIN'. I BUY YER A DRINK T'
PUT IN A WORD F' ME, AN' THERE
YOU ARE, TALKIN' ABOUT SOME
OTHER BLOKE!



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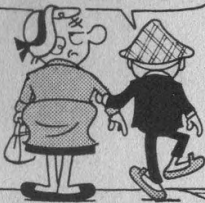
TCH! COME ON,
'URRY UP - THE
WEDDING 'LL
BE OVER BY
THE TIME WE
GET THERE!



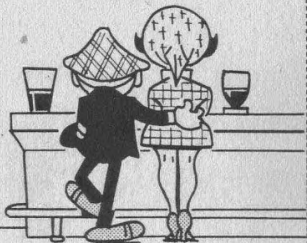
YER'VE STILL GOT YER
SLIPPERS ON--!



RELAX, WOMAN - GIMME
YER ARM AN' I'LL LIMP



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MIND TELLIN' YER FRIEND NOT
TO STAND SO CLOSE?
- EVERYBODY'S
STARIN'!

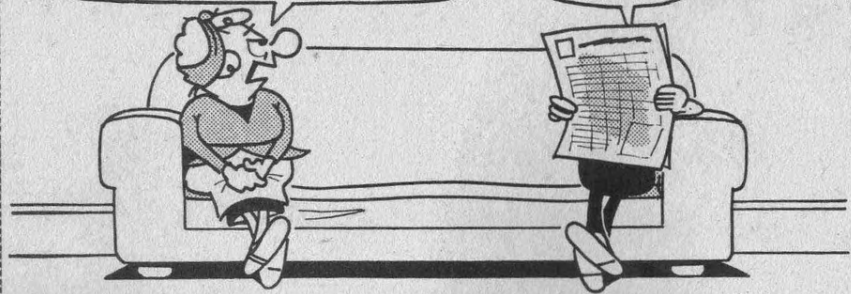


YOU'D BETTER TELL 'ER, PET
- I DON'T EVEN KNOW
THE LITTLE 'USSY



LET'S BE FRIENDS AGAIN, EH?

SUITS ME

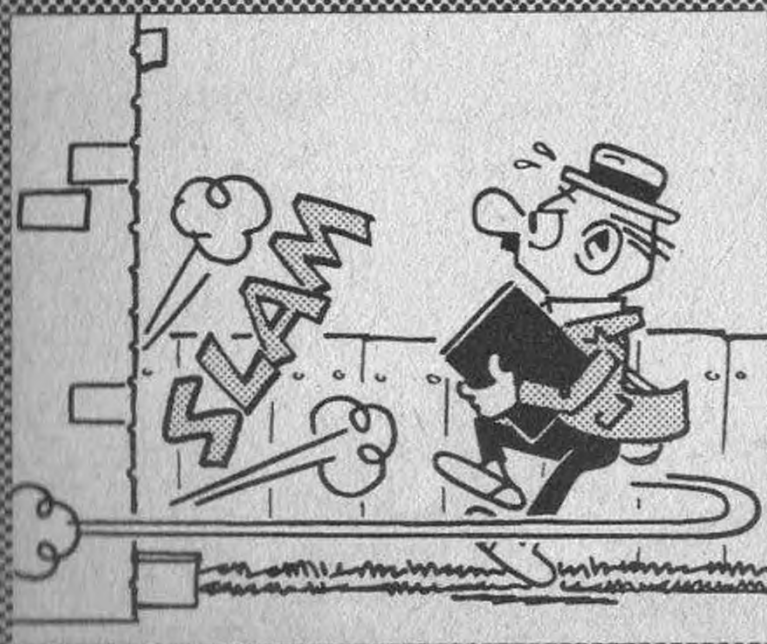
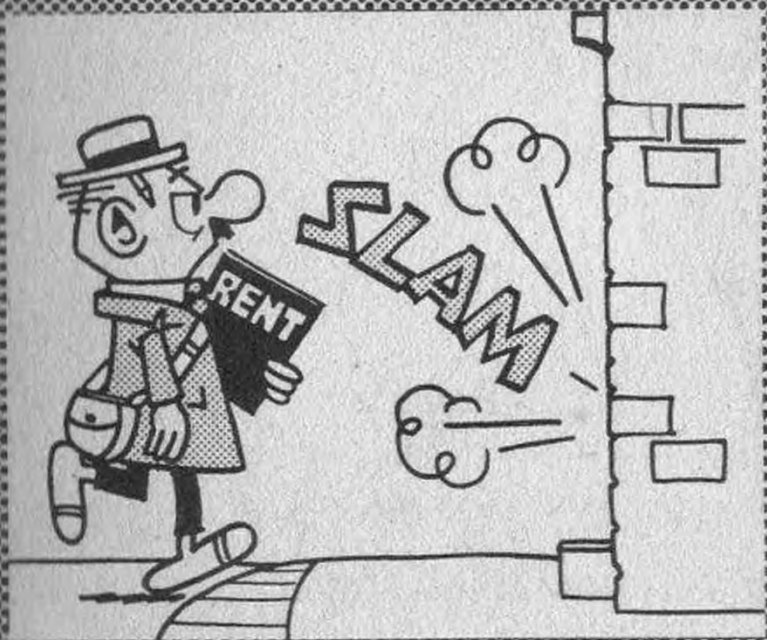


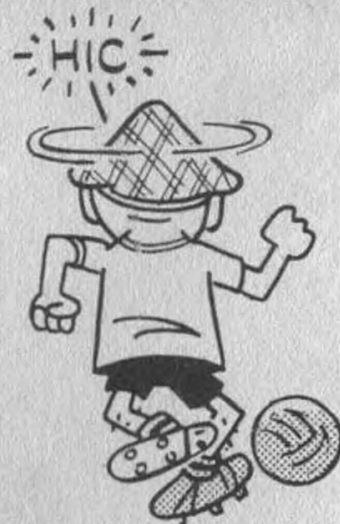
ANYTHIN' INTERESTIN'
IN THE PAPER?

LOOK, A FRIEND
IS SOMEBODY
YER DON'T
'AVE T'
TALK TO!



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HEY! YER'VE GOT
YER SHIRT ON BACK
TO FRONT - THE
SPECTATORS LIKE
TO KNOW WHAT
POSITION YER
PLAYIN'!

SO DO I, MATE
- SO DO I!!




SmugThe







THE CHURCH TEAM'S DUE
T' KICK OFF AN' THEY'RE
ONE SHORT
— WHO'S
THE BEST
FOOTBALL
PLAYER
IN THERE?!



ME, WHEN
I'M SOBER.



WHO'S THE SECOND
BEST?!



ME, WHEN
I'M DRUNK.

Smitty

I HOPE YOU WON'T BE OFFENDED, ANDY, AND IT'S ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE -



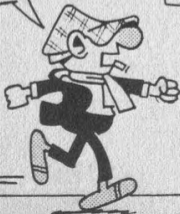
WOULD YOU BE WILLING T' PLAY LITTLE BO-PEEP'S DRUNKEN STEP-FATHER IN OUR PANTOMIME?



ANYTHIN' TO OBLIGE, VICAR -

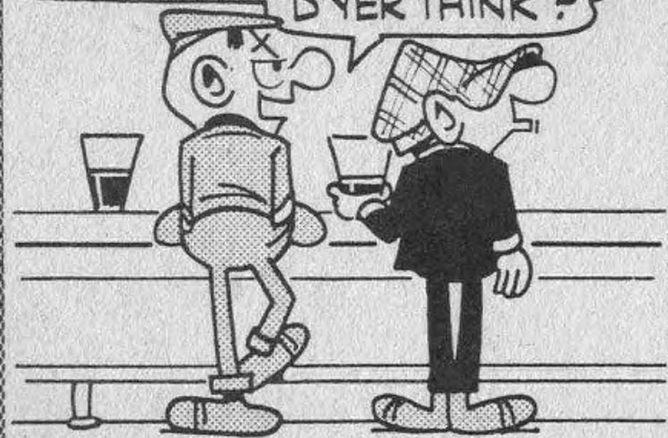


I'LL START REHEARSIN' IMMEDIATELY!

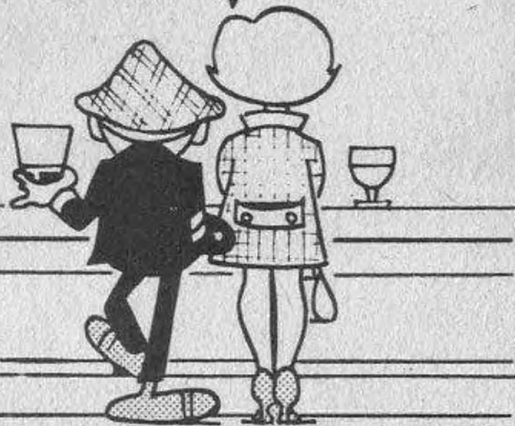


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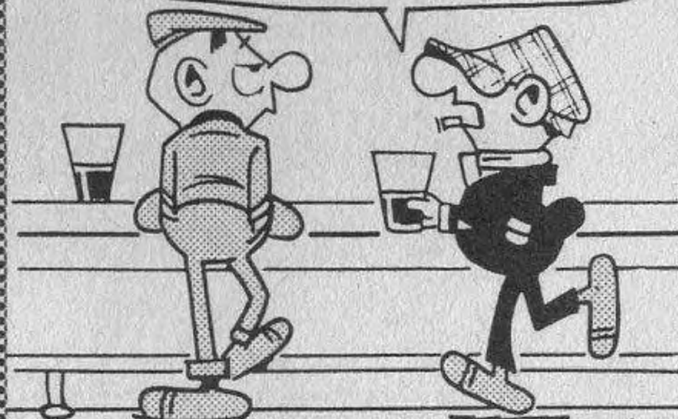
SHE'S THE VICAR'S FOREIGN
AU-PAIR GIRL, ANDY - WHAT
D'YER THINK?



GET LOST!



NOT BAD, IF IT WEREN'T FOR
THE LANGUAGE BARRIER



Smythe

LOOK AT ME - EXHAUSTED!
'OW Y' CAN LET A WOMAN OF
MY AGE GO OUT T' WORK, I
DO NOT KNOW!



PET, WHEN WE MET - DIDN'T I
PROMISE T' KEEP YOU IN THE
MANNER TO WHICH YOU WERE
ACCUSTOMED?



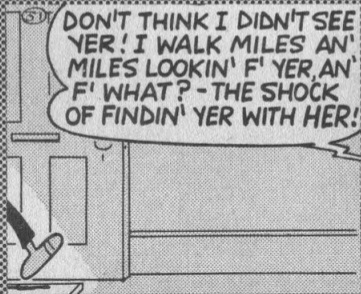
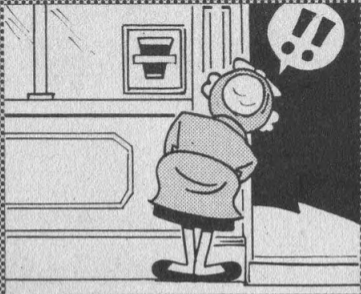
AN' WHEN WE MET,
WERE YER WORKIN'?' I WAS



THEN SHADDUP!!



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CONGRATULATIONS, MATE,
THE BEST TEAM WON



SOME BLOKES ARE
GOOD LOSERS -

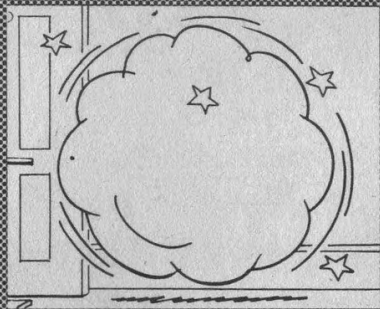
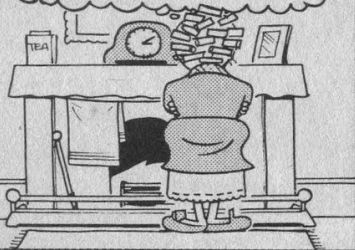


OTHERS CAN'T ACT
FOR TOFFEE!



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TEN PAST THREE! JUST
WAIT TILL 'E GETS IN 'ERE!



'OW YER CAN BEAR
T' LEAVE YER POOR
DEFENCELESS WIFE
ALL ALONE IN THE
'OUSE, I DO NOT
KNOW!



JUST FIVE BOB, FLO,
IT'S A **CERTAINTY**
- IT CAN'T LOSE!

COME 'ERE, LAD,
I WANT TO
ASK YER
SOMETHIN'



WHERE DID WE GO
ON HOLIDAY?

YER MOTHER'S

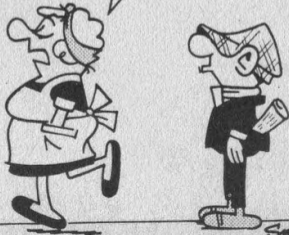


WHERE DID THE
BOOKMAKER GO?

BERMUDA

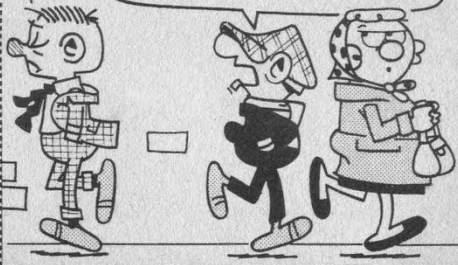


THINK ABOUT IT

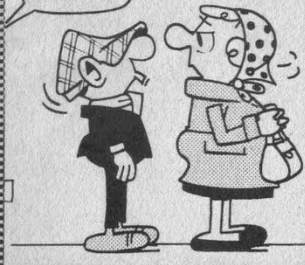


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WATCH IT, SON, YER HEADIN'
STRAIGHT F' THE CANAL



THAT'S THE
IDEA!



I BET IT'S
WOMAN
TROUBLE,
EH, SON?



LOOK, SON, WOMEN
CAN BE A 'ELLUVA
LOT O' FUN - YOU
JUST 'AVENT MET
THE **WRONG**
SORT YET!



Smother

I BUMPED INTO ME MOTHER,
PET, SHE'S POPPIN' ROUND
FOR A CUP O' TEA AS SOON
AS SHE'S PUT
'ER SHOPPIN'
AWAY

AGAIN?!

START PACKIN'
- WE'RE
MOVIN'!

I'D MOVE SO FAR AWAY THAT
WHEN SHE DROPPED IN TO
BORROW A BOB F' THE GAS
WE'D 'AVE TO PUT 'ER UP F'
THE NIGHT!

Smagthe

THEY'RE RIGHT, THE ANSWER
IS TO ASSERT MESELF MORE

MARRIAGE
GUIDANCE



ABOUT TIME!
I'M FAMISHED!



LOOK, MATE, I'M NOT SLAVIN'
FOR **YOU!** I'M GOIN' TO 'AVE
A WELL EARNED NAP,
THEN I'M GOIN' TO
BINGO, AN' GUESS
WHO'S GOIN' TO
SERVE ME A NICE
BREAKFAST IN
BED TOMORROW-!



A WARD ORDERLY
- RIGHT?



Smyle

BLIMEY! IF IT ISN'T
ANDY CAPP! WHERE
'AVE YER BEEN
HIDING? IT'S OVER
FIVE YEARS SINCE
I LAST SAW YER!



REMEMBER THAT TEN BOB I LENT
YER? Y' NEVER KEPT Y' PROMISE TO
POP ROUND TO THE HOUSE WITH IT
THE VERY
NEXT
DAY—



I COULDN'T, LAD — LOOK
WHAT WEATHER WE'VE
BEEN HAVIN' YEAH—



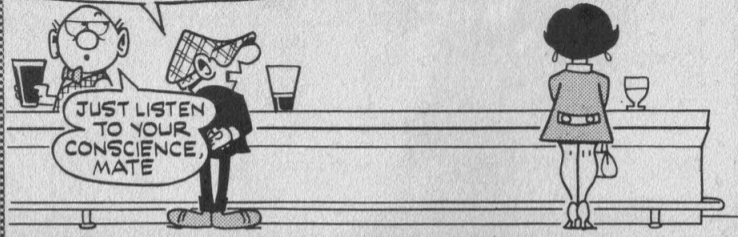
EH??!



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WHAT D'YER THINK, GAFFER?
I KNOW I'M MARRIED, BUT-

JUST LISTEN
TO YOUR
CONSCIENCE,
MATE




'OW'S IT
GOIN'?

TURN THE
TELLY UP
LOUDER







COMIN' TO BINGO, FLO?



NOT TODAY, RUBY



YER CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YER, FLO



PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT 'AVEN'T PACKED UP THIS BLOKE FOR AN AWAY MATCH!

Smyle



REMEMBER, NOW,
DON'T 'AVE TOO
MANY — I KNOW
WHAT YER LIKE
WHEN YER GET
THE TASTE



MAN'S ALREADY
NINETY PER
CENT WATER,
AN' STILL
YER NOT
SATISFIED!

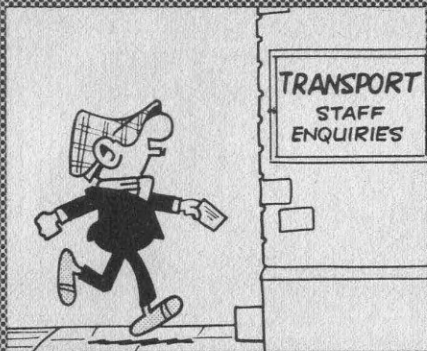


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THERE'S ONE 'ERE,
MISTER CAPP,
TRAINEE BUS
DRIVER, SITTIN'
DOWN ALL DAY—

LABOUR EXCHANGE

MMM...YES, I
LIKE THE
SOUND O' THAT

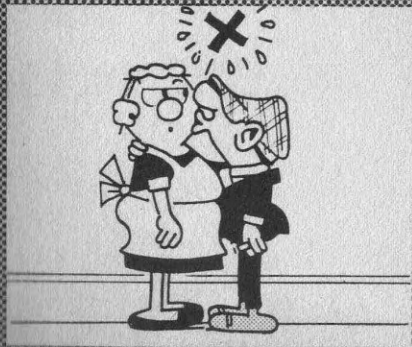


NOW, IF YOU WOULDN'T
MIND ANSWERING A
FEW QUESTIONS — DO
YOU DRINK?

TRANSP
STAFF
ENQUIRIES

THANKS, SQUIRE, I
DON'T MIND IF I DO.
BUT LET'S GET
THE QUESTIONS
OVER WITH FIRST—







HI'YER, KID - I'VE
BROUGHT A
BOTTLE O' STOUT
BACK FOR YER



INCIDENTALLY, THE
PUB'S HAVING A
COACH OUTING
NEXT WEEK - 'OW
ABOUT GOING
WITH ME, PET?



COME ON, OUT WITH IT! WHEN YER
NICE TO ME FOR NO REASON
THERE'S GENERALLY
A REASON!







BOY! I COULD GO FOR *HER*!
D'YER THINK THEY'RE GOIN'
TOGETHER, ANDY?



HEY—ARE
YOU TWO
MARRIED?

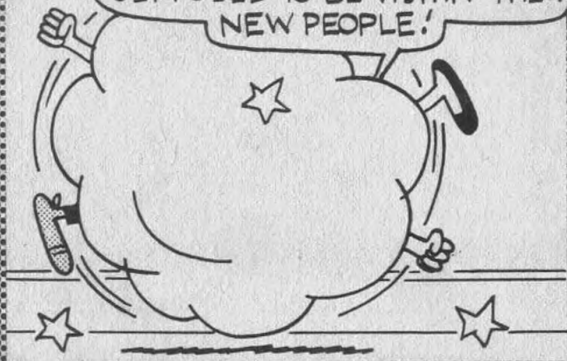
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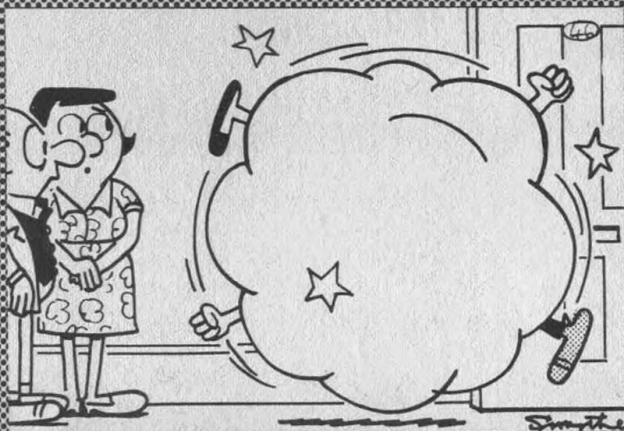
NO



HEY! LOOK AT THE TIME - WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE VISITIN' THEM NEW PEOPLE!



COME IN, MAKE YERSELVES COMFORTABLE, TREAT IT LIKE IT WAS YER OWN 'OME -



AN' ANOTHER THING
— I'LL 'AVE MY
RING BACK!



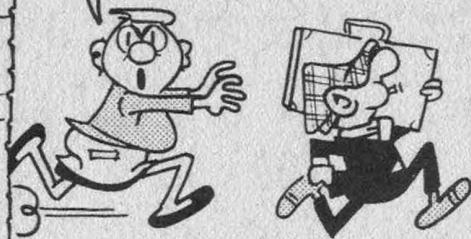
OKAY, IF THAT'S 'OW YER FEEL
— TAKE THE FLIPPIN' THING!



WHAT AM I DOING-?!



I BOUGHT IT!!

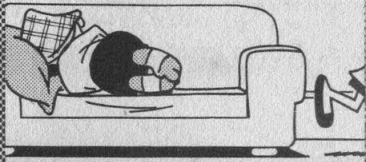


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THERE'S TALK AT WORK
OF LAYIN' SOME OF
US OFF, PET—



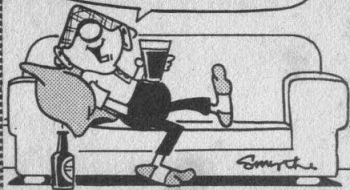
DUNNO 'OW WE'RE
GOIN' TO MANAGE
IF THEY DO



IT'S NOT AS IF I COULD COUNT
ON YOU — YER A FAILURE AN'
ALWAYS WILL BE



ONE THING ABOUT BEING
A FAILURE, YER NEVER
'AVE T' WORRY ABOUT
MAKIN' A COME-BACK



**LABOUR
EXCHANGE**

MISTER CAPP! THERE'S
A NICE LITTLE JOB
GOING AT THE
FISH MARKET-

WHAT SORT
OF HOURS?



**BOUR
IANGE**

YOU START REAL
EARLY BUT FINISH
MID-MORNIN' -

SOUNDS
GREAT



IF I OVERSLEEP
I'LL BE THROUGH
F' THE DAY!

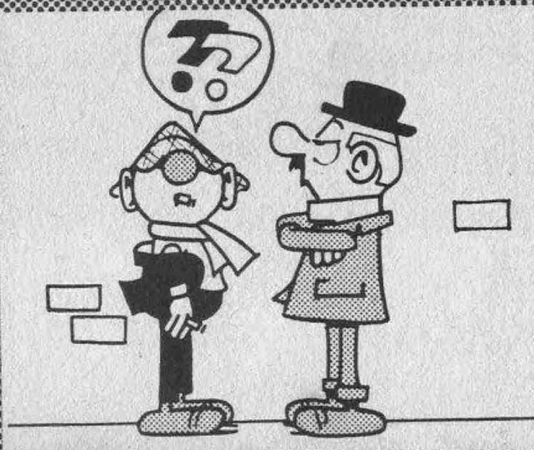
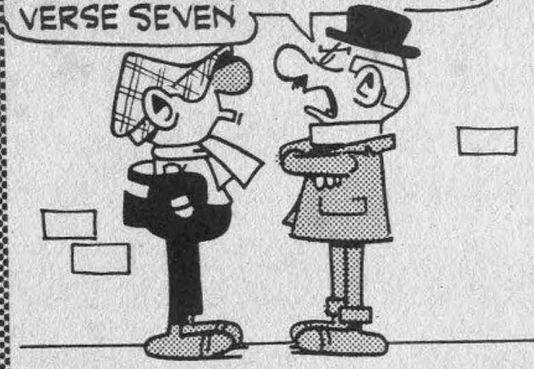


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YER KIDDIN' ME,
VICAR! HEH! HEH!



I'M NOT KIDDIN' YER! CHECK IT
- GALATIONS, CHAPTER SIX,
VERSE SEVEN



YOU MEAN, IF I SOW BOOZE AN'
LITTLE DARLINGS - I'LL REAP
BOOZE AN' LITTLE
DARLINGS?!



Smother