

Gideon Planish

by Sinclair Lewis

DR. PLANISH kept from tackling Hamilton Frisby about the heira till May, two weeks after his return to Chicago. Before the scene, he studied all the possible interpretations of his role: the tender and sensitive, the manly and courageous, the aloof and slightly amused, then decided upon the brusque man of business. In that mood he played to Frisby: "Ben making a lot of investigation and looking into things pretty sharply. We mustn't be prejudiced or sentimental. Much though I like Chicago, for the sake of usefulness, it's about time to move the Foundation headquarters to the Atlantic seaboard. Like the proverbial homing pigeon!"

Frisby looked at him a long time. "Yes, I've been hearing from Chris Stern. So Chris and you think you can take this racket away from me! Planish, you're fired!"

"Illegal? Of course it's illegal. But the directors eventually do what I tell 'em. You won't be re-elected at the annual meeting. So you have from now till summer to find a new job—if any, Planish, if any."

THE two of them sat down to dinner with Peony—the compulsory self that told him he must speak up and get it over, let him know that he was discharged, and the physical self that was so tired and timid it could scarcely lift this burden of confession.

When he spoke he dodged up a dozen alleys. He told her that he had gone out to Evanston, and that Dr. Kitto certainly wore a toupee. While she was giggling, "let's throw him out of the Foundation," he was sharply calculating that he had no notion what-

to get ahead and be somebody. And we will. You watch us. This is just another break in the market—prosperity is just around the corner for us—with bells on! We'll hit New York so hard!"

"Wouldn't it maybe be better to ask Austy Bull for some kind of a temporary college appointment while I try to make connections in New York?"

"No, no! I couldn't stand even a month in Kimmick. I'll tell you what. I'll make up for the financial hole I got you into. We'll store the furniture, and I'll go back and live on Mr. Whipple K. Jackson, Esquire, till you get a really swell position with a high-class salary."

"I'd worry so about—"

"Don't you worry about my worrying! I know when I got a good thing. Say, I'll bet if you'd been a preacher you could have prayed circles around Jim Kitto and Chris Stern. And do good—why, say, I'll bet you've already done rural education more good than William Jennings Bryan put together!"

HE was on the train to New York, and for the first time in his life he was sitting up in a day-coach all night. Dinner would have cost a dollar or more on the diner, so he had been picking at two chocolate almond bars for hours now, and he was pleased to find a couple of tin-foil-covered crumbs in his pocket.

His seat-mate, a shifty-looking man, hinted, "How about gettin' up a game of poker?"

"No—no thanks—don't play."

"What's your racket, Brother? School teaching or book agent?"

"Book agent."

"How 'bout me for a prospect?"

"No—no," drarily. "I'm off duty just now."

Mr. Planish, Mr. Gideon Planish, a jobless vagrant, had no desire to sell books, to communicate ideas about rural education, or to abuse the public.

He wanted to be let alone, he wanted to sleep, and he wanted to contemplate blowing in an entire quarter for coffee and eggs at breakfast in New York tomorrow morning.

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
WILLIAM'S CARD AUTHORITY

(Second of a series of six articles selecting the All-American bridge team for 1943.)

Second place on my All-American contract bridge team goes to Mrs. A. M. Sobel of New York. Her record for 1943 includes the winning of three national championships, the women's team, mixed teams and open board-a-match teams. In addition, she finished second in the world championship Masters pair event. She accumulated 232 Master Points during the year.

Here is one of Mrs. Sobel's best hands in 1943. She won the opening heart lead with the ace, and

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♥ 7 3					
♦ 9 5 2					
♣ A J 10 4					
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		♥ A			
		♦ A K 7 3			
		♣ Q 9 7 3 2			
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South	West	North	East		
1♣	Pass	2♠	4♥		
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass		
Opening—♥ 2.			25		

New Shatter-Proof Windows For Gunners

LONDON (AP)—Several thousand Flying Fortress waist gunners now will be able to blaze away at Germans from behind protective shatter-proof windows instead of through open ports with gales and temperatures of 50 or 60 below often freezing their hands.

Sealed windows have been developed through which the guns can be operated with no sacrifice in maneuverability.

Toeless Shoe Is Poor Place To Hide Money

KOKOMO, IND. (AP)—A woman has asked police to help her find \$90 she had placed for safekeeping in her shoe—one of those open-at-the-toe styles.

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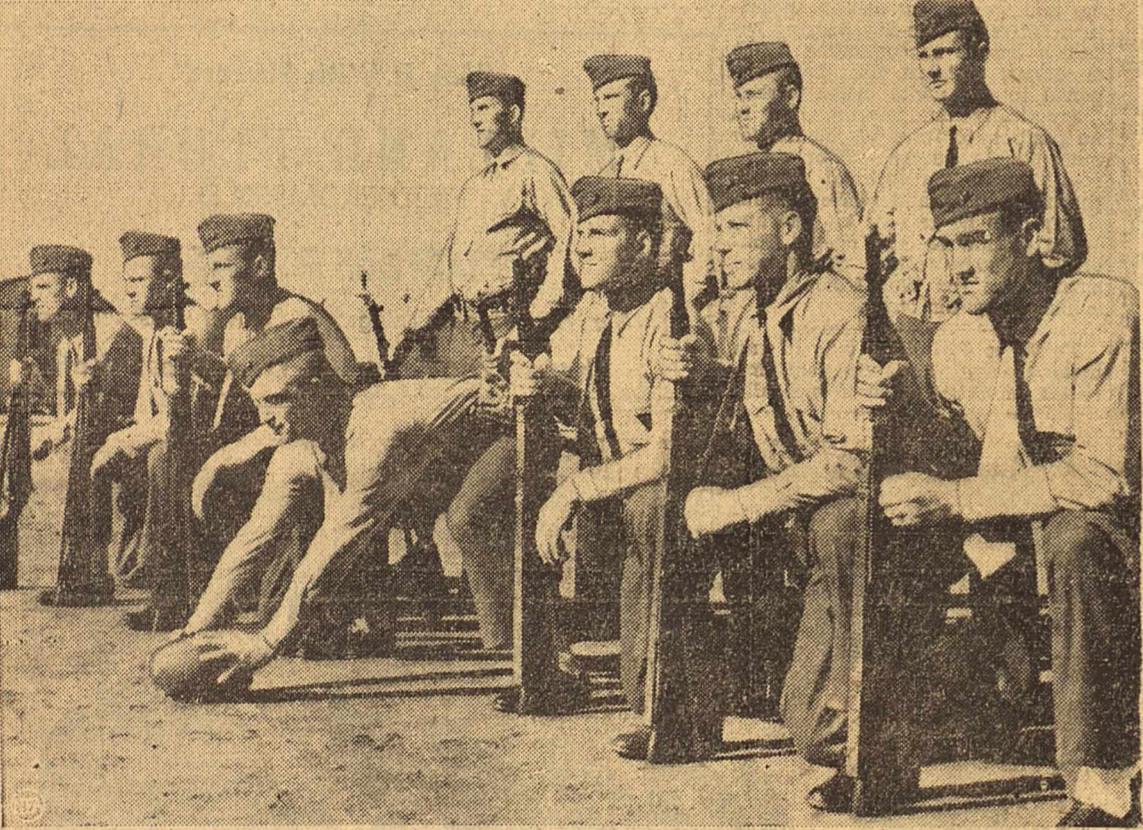
—By J. R. WILLIA

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



—By EDGAR M.

They'll Hold That Line



Holding line in Marine olive green instead of football togs, these stars are taking boot training at Parris Island, S. C. In line, left to right, are Tommy Davis, Duke; Mike Micka, Colgate; Bert Gianelli, College of Pacific; Elmer Jones, Franklin and Marshall; Alex Agase, Purdue; Pat Preston, Duke; and Ralph Heywood, Southern California. Backs, left to right: Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame; Johnny Podesta, College of Pacific; Tony Butkovich, Purdue; and Mickey McCardie, Southern California.

Woman's Purse Stolen From Seat In Church

DENVER (AP)—Nila McAndrew told police her purse, containing \$20 and ration books, was stolen from her church seat while she was taking communion.

LARGE BATTLESHIP TO BE LAUNCHED SATURDAY

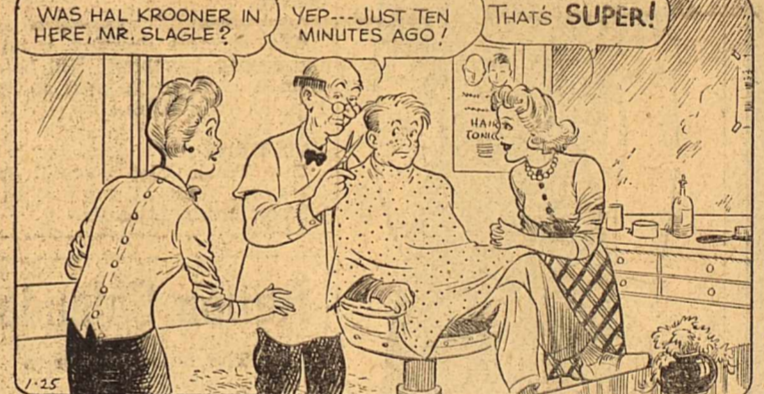
NEW YORK (AP)—The battleship U. S. S. Missouri, described by the Navy as the world's "most formidable craft," will be launched next Saturday at the New York Navy Yard.

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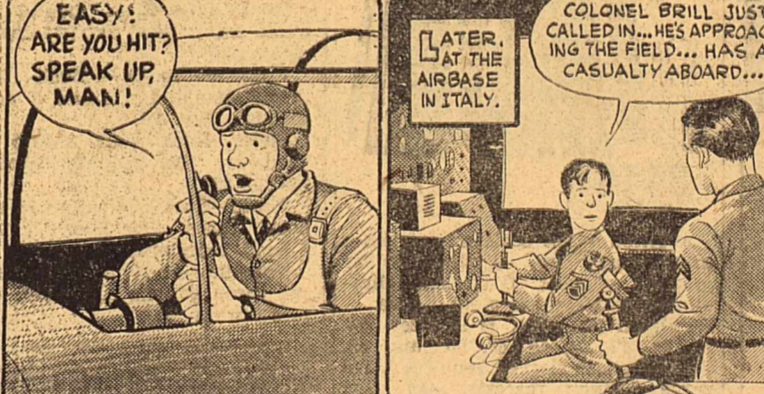
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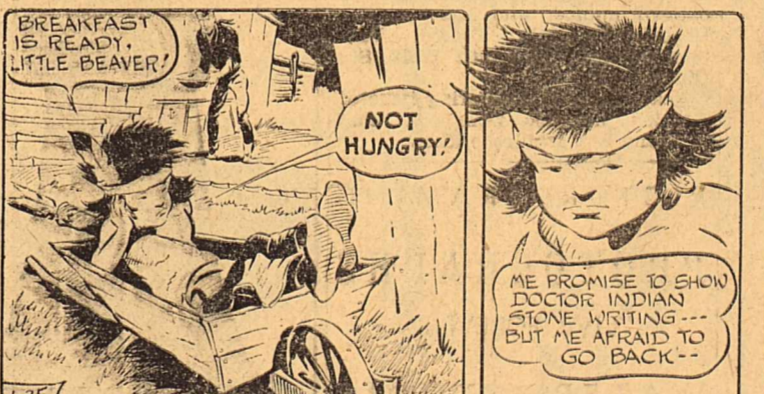
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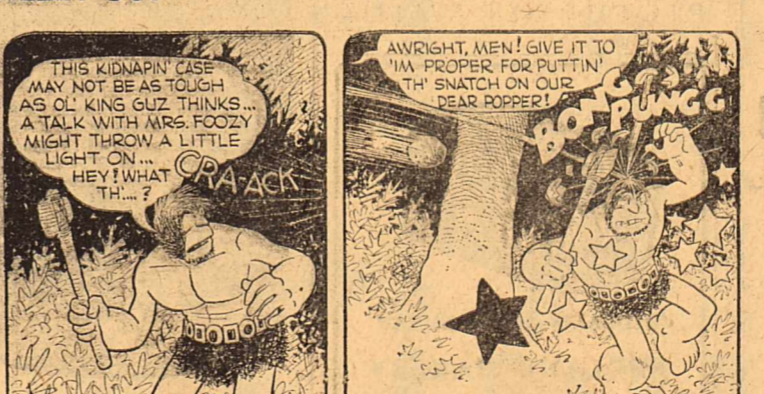
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RED RYDER



—By FRED HARMAN

ALLEY OOP



—By V. T. HAMLIN

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

County Buys \$11,500 Worth Of War Bonds

Midland County commissioners at their meeting Monday invested \$11,500 in War Bonds. County Judge E. H. Barron was authorized to purchase the bonds promptly.

READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS

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HAS BECOME EVEN MORE POPULAR AS HOBBY SINCE THE WAR! SOLDIERS IN FAR AWAY PLACES HAVE TAKEN TO IT AS A WHOLESOME RELIEF TO BATTLE STRESS AND STRAIN.

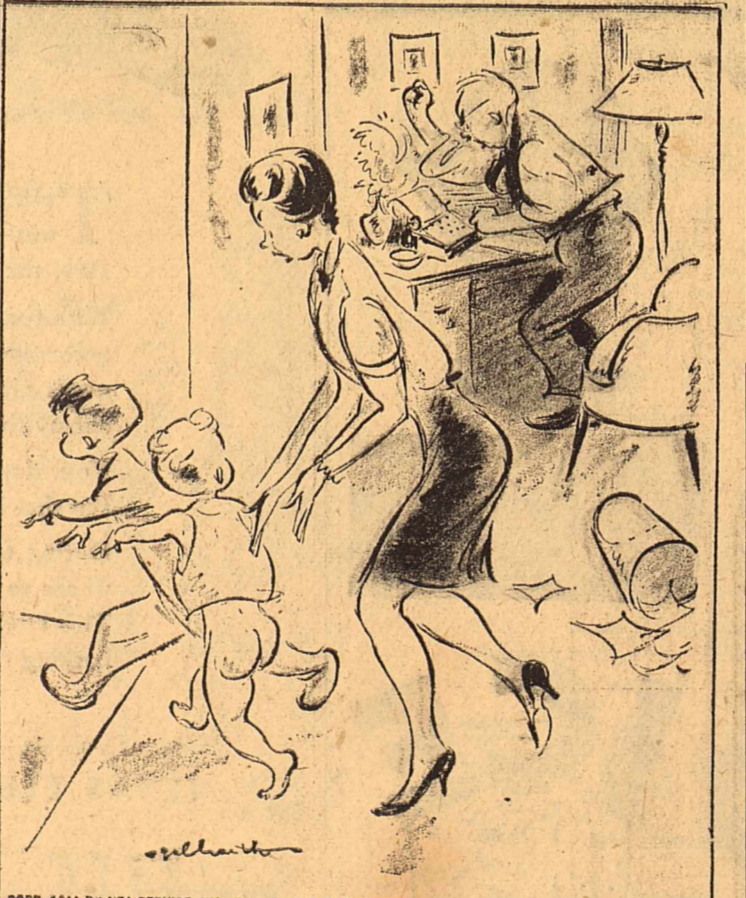
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