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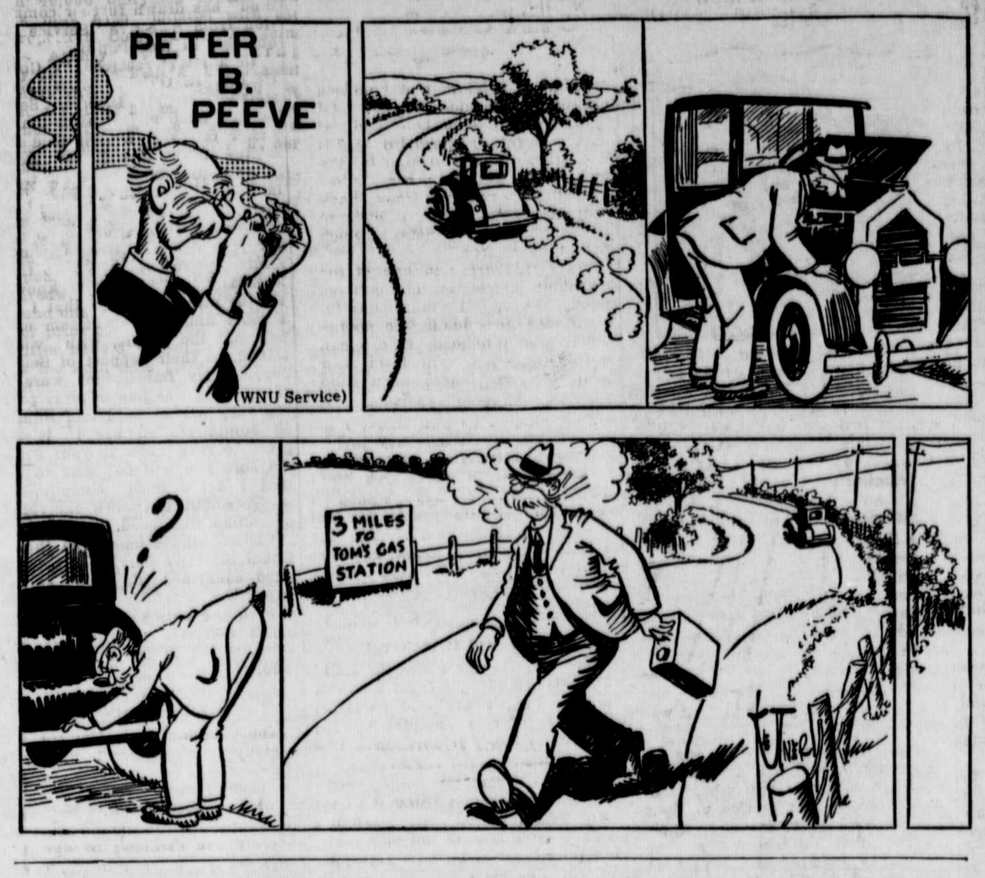
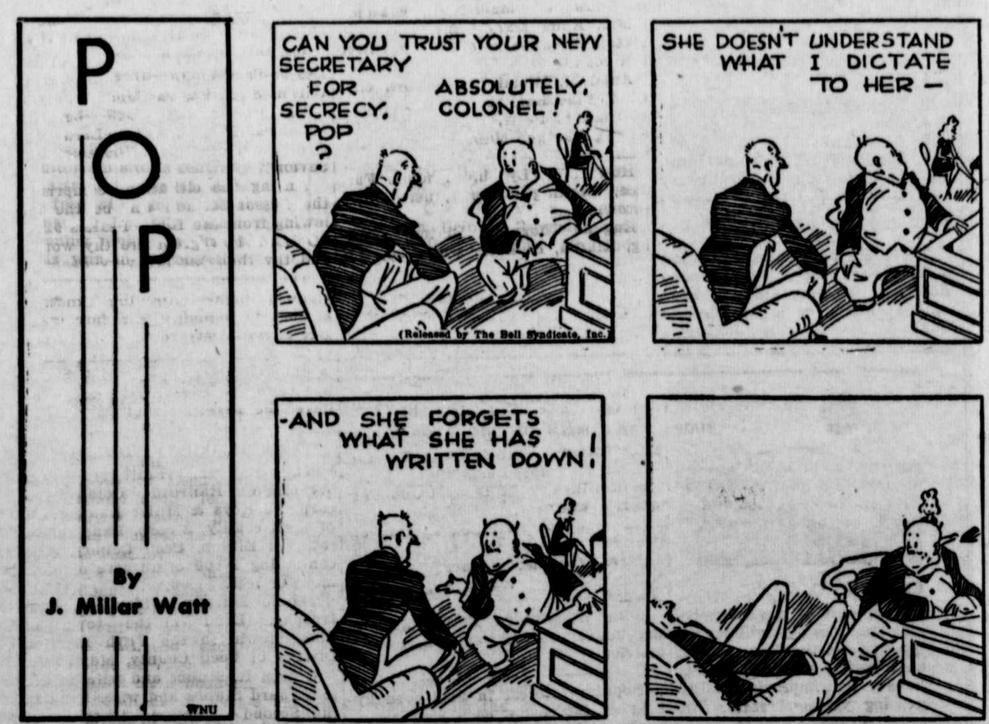




WRONG ANSWER

"Can you let me have that little bill today?"

"Certainly; you are very welcome to it. I didn't ask you to send it in the first place."

Best Man Wins

An Irishman obtained leave from work to attend a wedding. He returned with two beautiful black eyes.

The foreman asked him what had happened.

"When I got there," replied the Irishman, "I saw a fellow all dressed up like a peacock. 'An' who are you?' says I."

" 'I'm the best man,' he says, an' begorra he was too!"

COMPARISON

"The height of a woman's joy is contained in three words, 'I love you.' "

"The three words that suit me best are 'Pay to Bearer.' "

Sportlight

By GRANTLAND RICE

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.—Watch those Cardinals! This is still the war cry from the Southwest where they have turned out more good ball players than any other single sector in recent years.

Grantland Rice

As a rule, Brooklyn is the public's and the people's choice around the big map—but along the cottonwood highway the Cardinals have again moved back into the picture with a pennant chance.

"Sure, those Dodgers are O.K.," they'll tell you. "But they can't hit, pitch or field with that St. Louis bunch. They are just as good as the old Gas House Gang, outside of Dizzy Dean."

But Dizzy is a lot to leave out—a pitcher good enough to win 58 games in two successive seasons.

"The Cardinals have too many good hitters," an old-time scout told me. "They have too much power. And they are getting good pitching, just as good as Brooklyn, or anyone else."

St. Louis has always been the southwestern stronghold. Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas have been responsible for a flock of stars, including the Deans, Pepper Martin, Lon Warneke and several others. The Gas House Gang has passed to other pastures, but the Cardinals still have their share of color and fire.

The Rougher Road

The rougher road in these two pennant races is still on ahead. July and August are the test months in which class and reserves count. These are the months when consistency tells its story.

So far there has been a woeful lack of consistency in both leagues. The Dodgers lose six straight and then win eight straight. Cleveland's down with a seesaw effect. Just as you pick the tribe to win the pennant by eight or ten games, they suddenly turn into a second-division touch until Feller pitches.

Bob Feller would have had Yankees, White Sox or Red Sox well in front at this stage. He is still the most important single factor in baseball.

Bob Feller

The Southwest is still wondering about Bill McKechnie's Cincinnati Reds. There is a feeling among Cardinal rooters around the Texas range that Deacon Bill will still have something to say about the pennant in the next two months.

"From now on," another scout told me, "I figure Bill will get a lot of good pitching from Walters, Derringer, Vander Meer, and Thompson. Two pennants in a row—plus the world series—softened the Reds up. All this success turned them from champs into chumps. But the dust they have taken from St. Louis and Brooklyn should get them going again. They are too good a ball club to be where they are."

I was talking with President Ford Frick of the National league about baseball attendance.

"Weekdays have been off," Ford said, "because so many now are working on defense. Saturdays and Sundays have taken a big jump. So have night games. I am sure there is greater interest in both pennant races than ever before. We should have at least three clubs in the running before August—and that will also help."

The Loss of Lou Gehrig

I doubt that the passing of any ball player in the history of the game, not even Christy Mathewson, brought along as much genuine sorrow as the recent death of Lou Gehrig.

Texas is far away from the Sidewalks of New York, but they are still talking about the Yankee star who had such an abundance of courage, skill, stamina and sportsmanship.

Here was baseball's greatest tragedy. Lou was a great ball player, one of the greatest, but he was something more. With his great physique, his amazing physical power, he also had the gentleness of a child.

No one like Lou will come our way again.

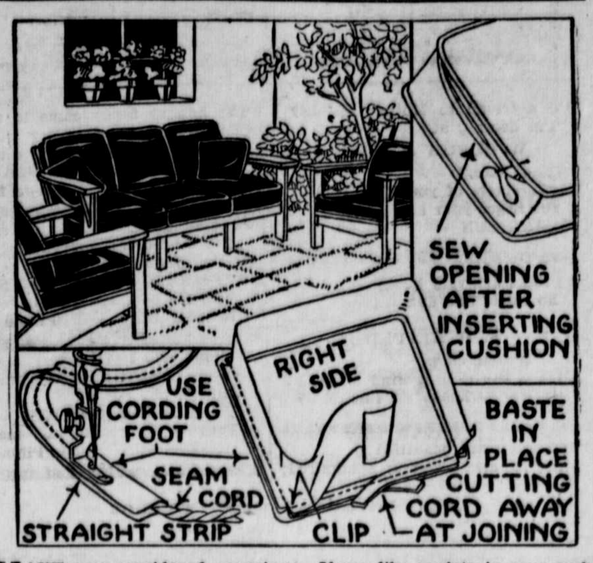
Cheering for Dickey

The Southwest is also cheering for Arkansas Bill Dickey, who was supposed to be all through. But in his sixteenth season the famous quail hunter came bounding back with the rush of a coyote.

So far this has been Dickey's best season. The lanky son of Louisiana and Arkansas told me back in early March that he would pass .330 this season at bat, and so far the drum beat of his bat has made his promise seem too conservative.

NEW IDEAS for Home-makers

By Ruth Wyeth Spears



HAVE you considered covering your out-of-door cushions with water-resistant artificial leather? It may be cut and sewn the same as any heavy fabric. The colors are all so fresh and gay that you will be inspired to try striking combinations. Use a coarse machine needle; a No. 5 hand needle; No. 20 or 24 sewing thread and regulate the machine to about 12 stitches to the inch.

The cushions shown here are green with seam cords covered in red. The sketch shows how they are made. The cotton seam cord should be about ¼-inch in diameter. It is covered with a straight strip 1¼ inches wide stitched with the machine cording foot to allow the sewing to come up close to the cord. The raw edges of the cord covering are basted around the top and bottom of the cover on the right side, as shown, and are then stitched in with the seam.

If you like variety in your cushions, there is an idea for sturdy ones made of burlap and silk stockings on page 23 of SEWING, Book 5.

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Dear Mom:

Well, here it is another weekend and I'm not a General yet. But give me time.

The nearest village is 5 miles away. All you find there is a general store, a garage and a canning factory—nowhere to go for any good clean fun, unless you drop in at a smoke-filled juke joint on the way.

Well, Mom, there's a big favor you can do me. The U. S. O. is trying to raise $10,765,000 to run clubs for us, outside of camp. Places with lounge rooms, dance floors, games, writing rooms. Places you can get a bite to eat without paying a king's ransom.

I know you don't have an idle million lying around, but if you could get the family interested and some of the neighbors, and if that happened all over the country, the U. S. O. could raise $10,765,000 overnight.

I'd appreciate it a lot, Mom, and so would every other mother's son in the U. S. Army and Navy.

Love,

Bill

They're doing their bit for you. Will you do your bit for them? Send your contribution to your local U.S.O. Committee or to U.S.O. National Headquarters, Empire State Building, New York, N.Y.

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These organizations have joined forces to form the U.S.O.: the Y.M.C.A., National Catholic Community Service, Salvation Army, Y.W.C.A., Jewish Welfare Board, National Travelers Aid Association.

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