



THAT'S WELL, I WISH YOU A BAD VOYAGE AND I AM SURE YOU WILL HAVE ONE

GOOD-BYE FOREVER, I HOPE

WHOP

WHAT DO YOU SAY POPEYE?

IF I MIGHT BORROW ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS I'LL SHOW YOU HOW STRONG I AM

I AM A NYMPH I HAVENT ANY YES, A SEA NYMPH

SUSIE



SEA



NEVER SAW A MAN WITH MUSCLES

NYMPH

Starring in

I AM A NYMPH

YES, A SEA NYMPH

VERY WELL

VERY WELL

YOU ARE NOT MUCH BUT YOU'LL DO ... STAND STILL

SPINACH

YES

NEVER SAW A MAN WITH MUSCLES

JUICE

DO YOU WANT SPINACH JUICE POPEYE?

SPRINGS



Some people spent their self-isolation during the global COVID-19 pandemic working on culinary arts or exercising. I have spent an untold number of hours since May 2020 looking through historic newspaper databases trying to find as much of the post-Segar, pre-Sagendorf run on the *Thimble Theatre* daily strips (1938-1955) as possible.

What follows is the first full *Thimble Theatre* storyline after E.C. Segar passed. "Spinach Juice Springs" ran from December 12, 1938 - March 25, 1939. 88/89 of the following strips come from ProQuest Historical Newspapers's copies of *The Austin American Statesman*; the 89th came from NewspaperArchive: Texas Collection's copies of *Port Arthur News*.

I hope y'all enjoy!

~Steph

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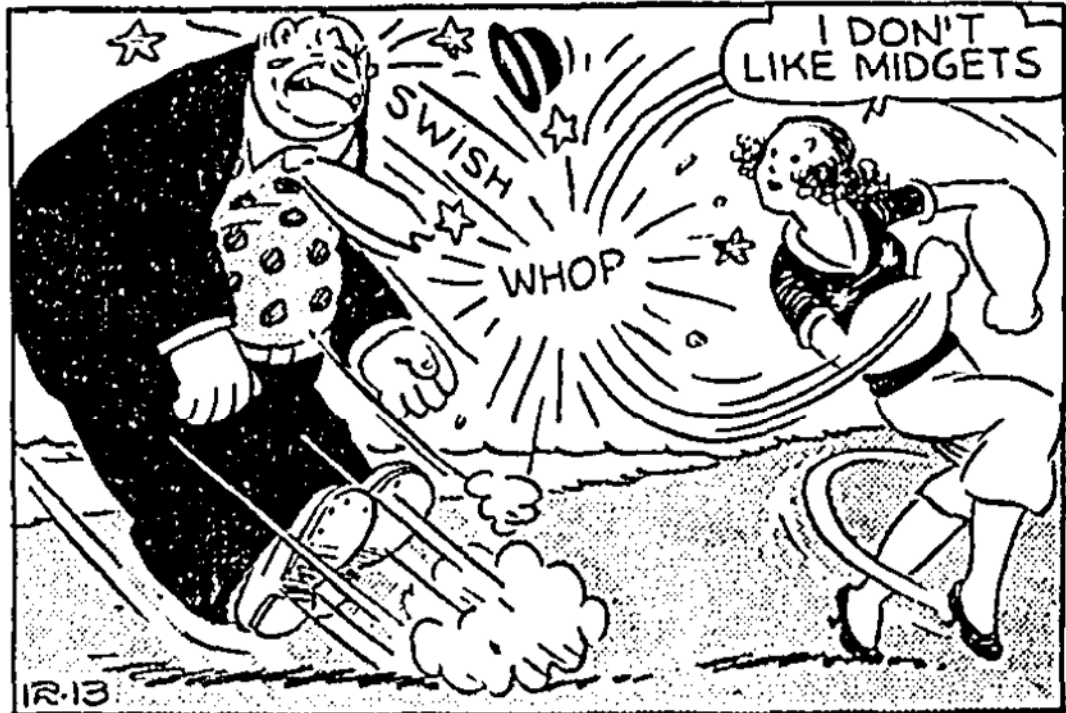
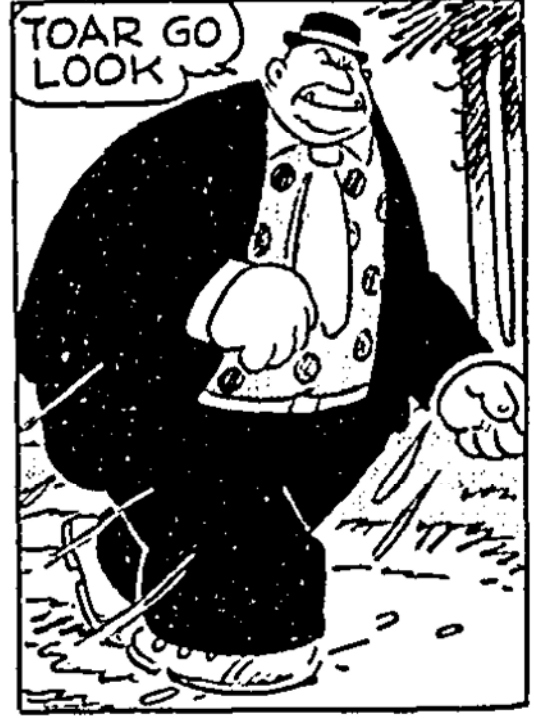
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A NEW STORY
"SPINACH
JUICE
SPRINGS"

WEEKS PASS AND
THERE IS BAD
WEATHER



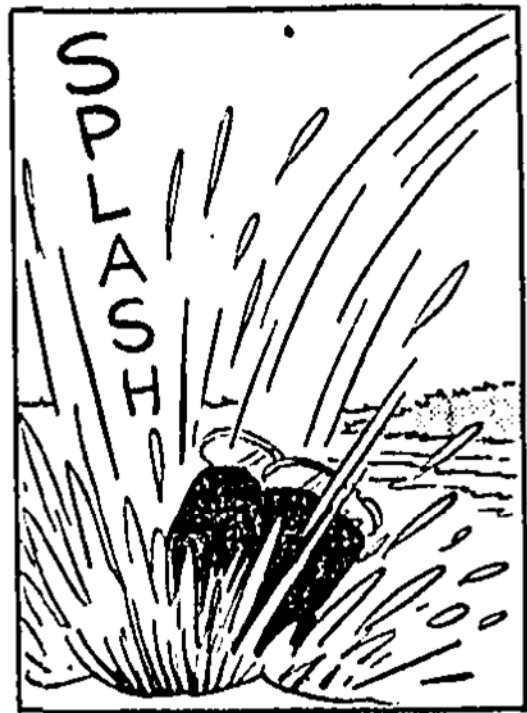
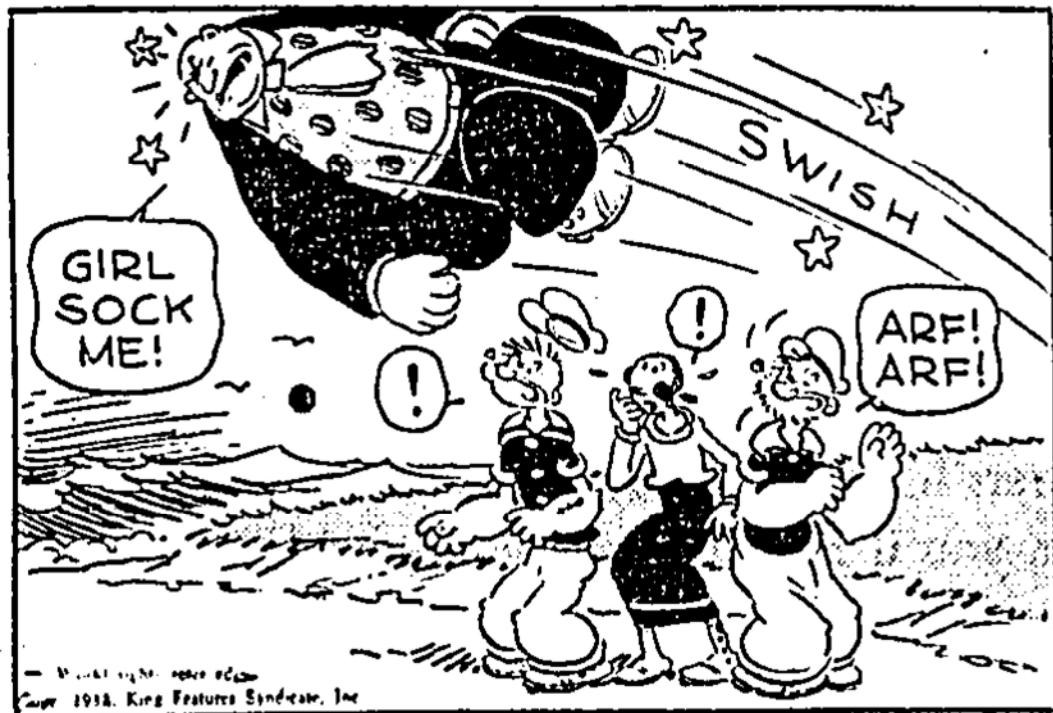
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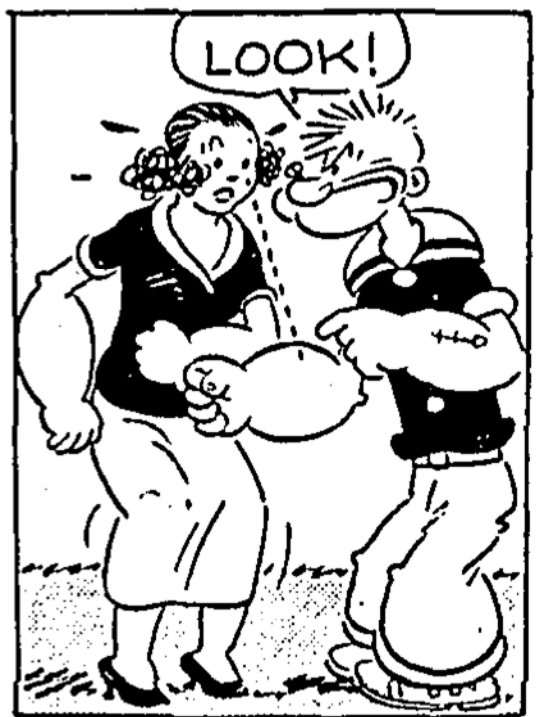
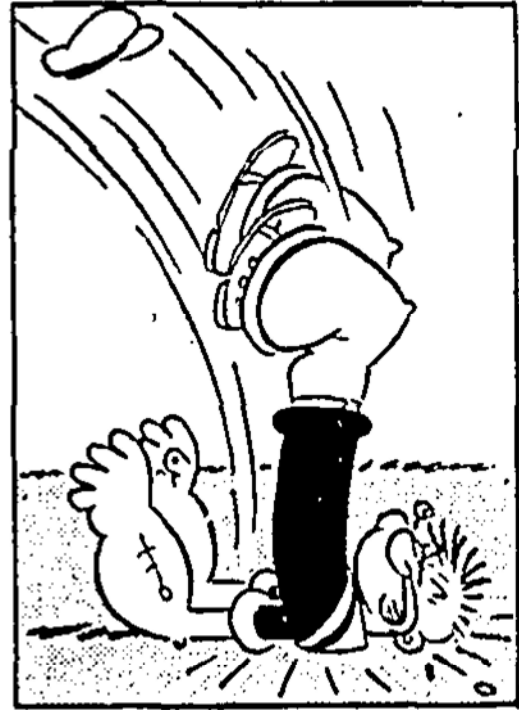
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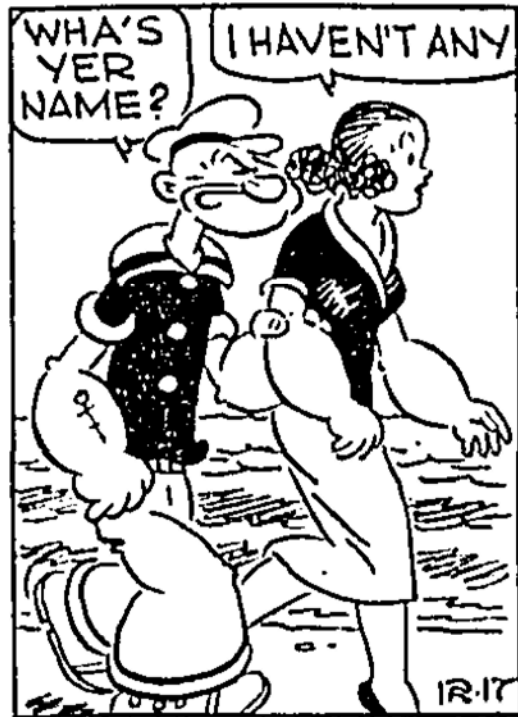
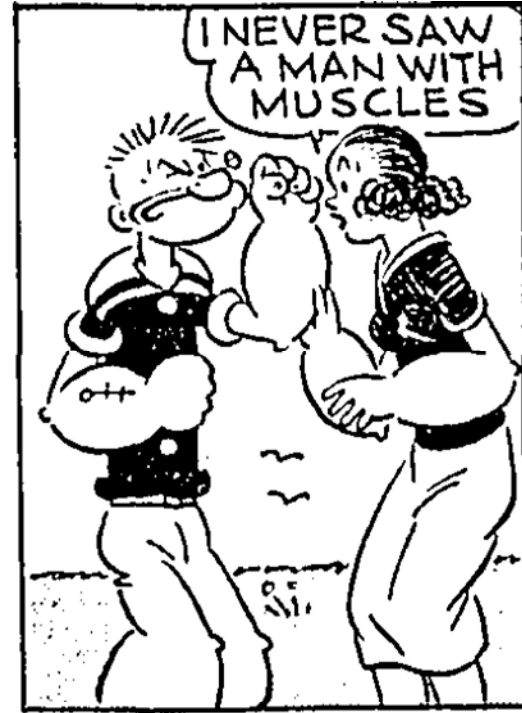
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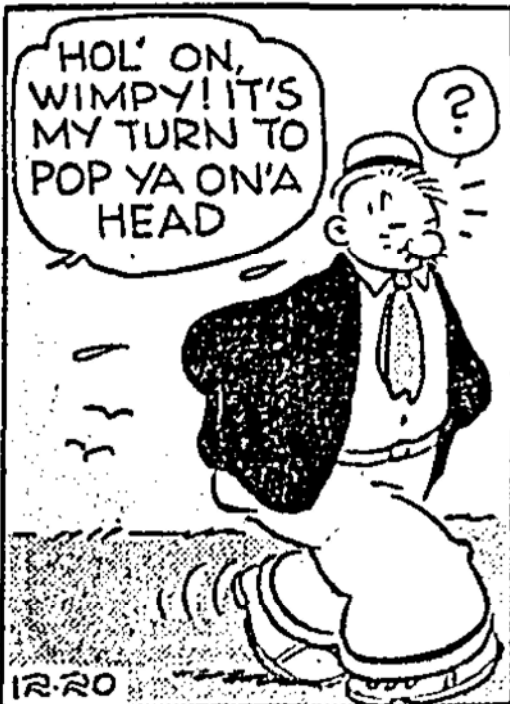
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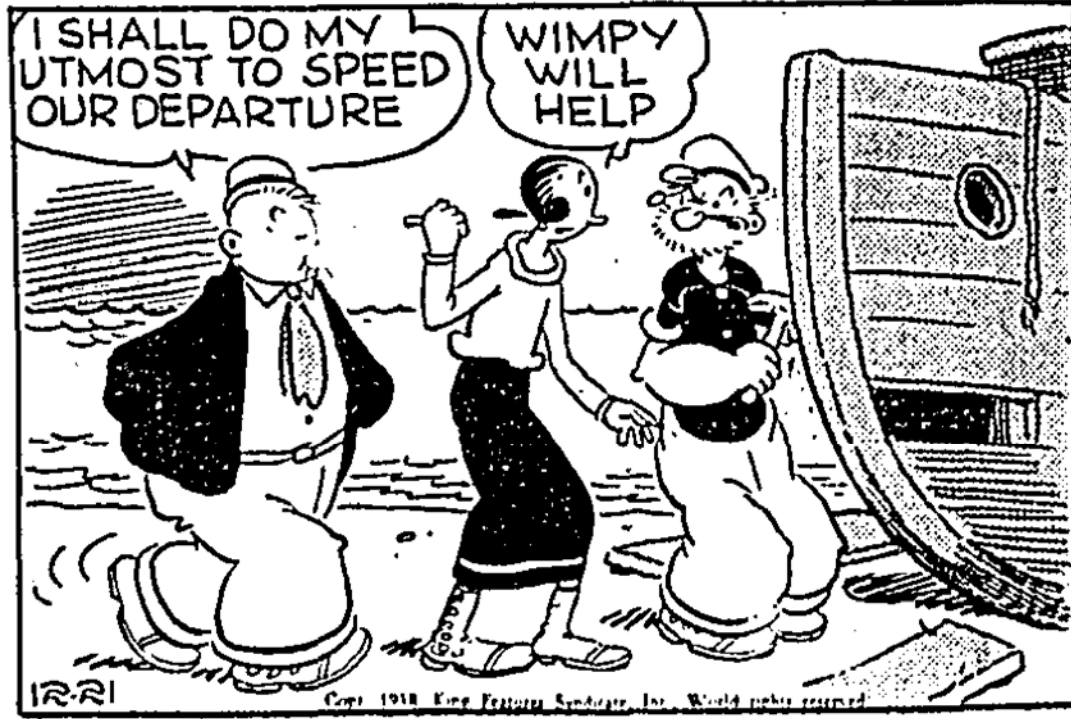
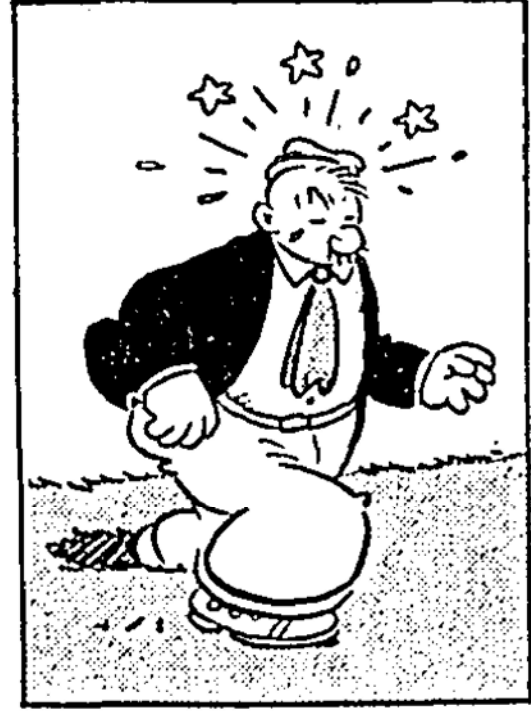
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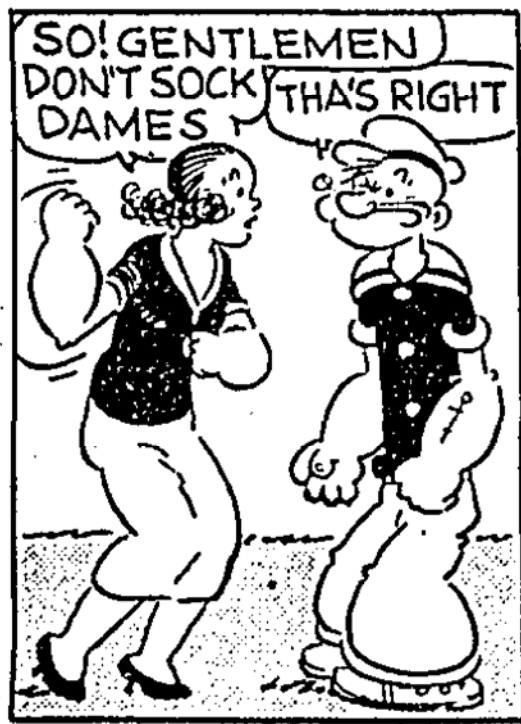
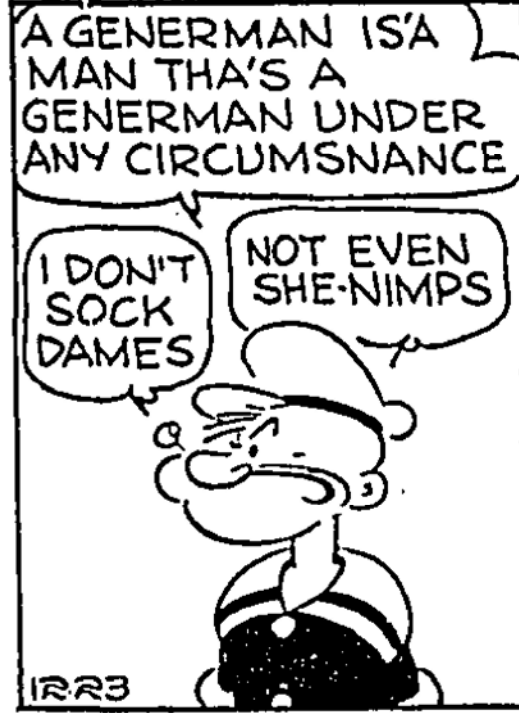
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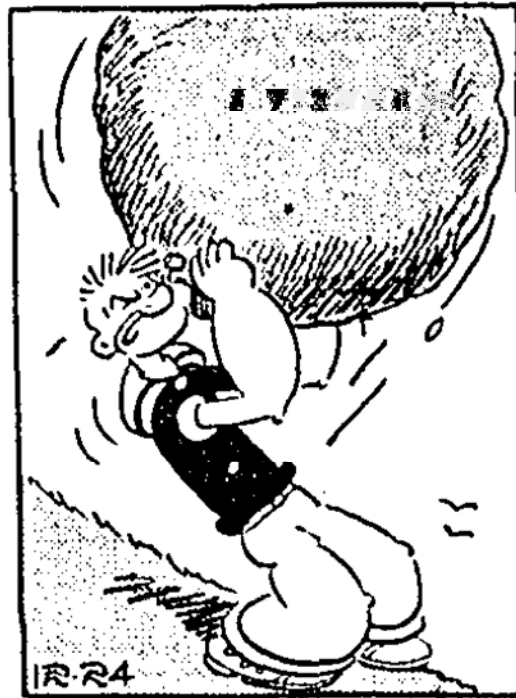
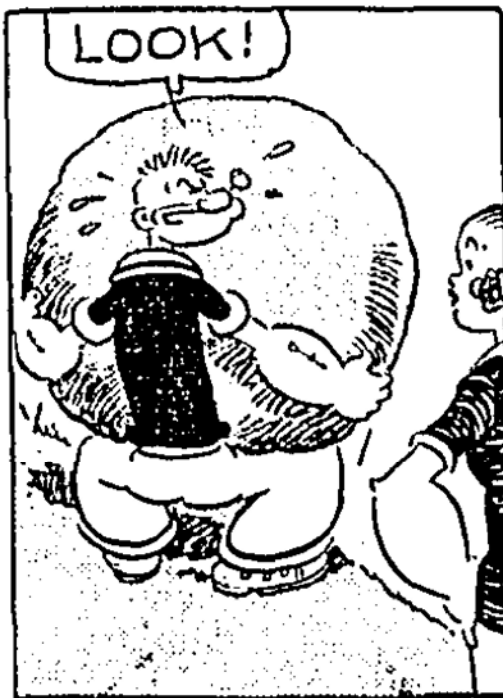
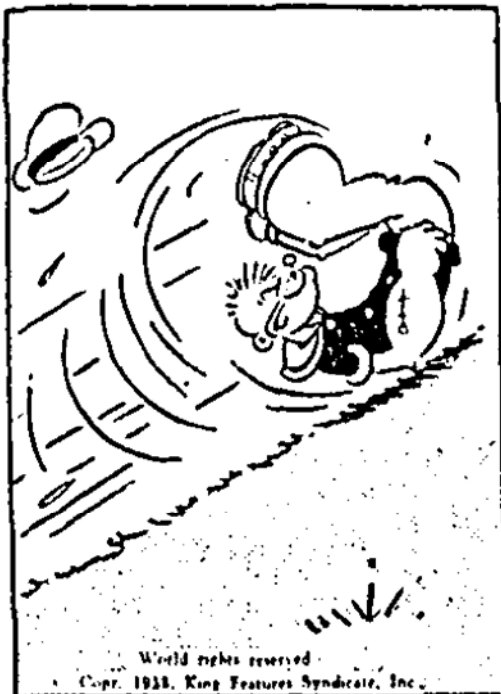
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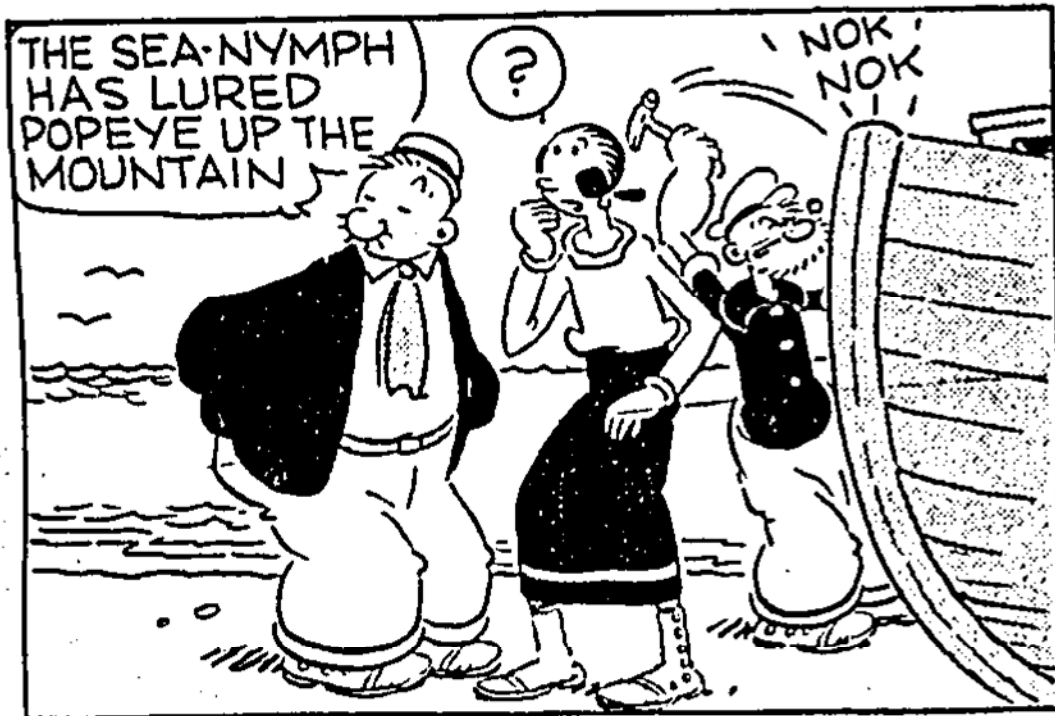
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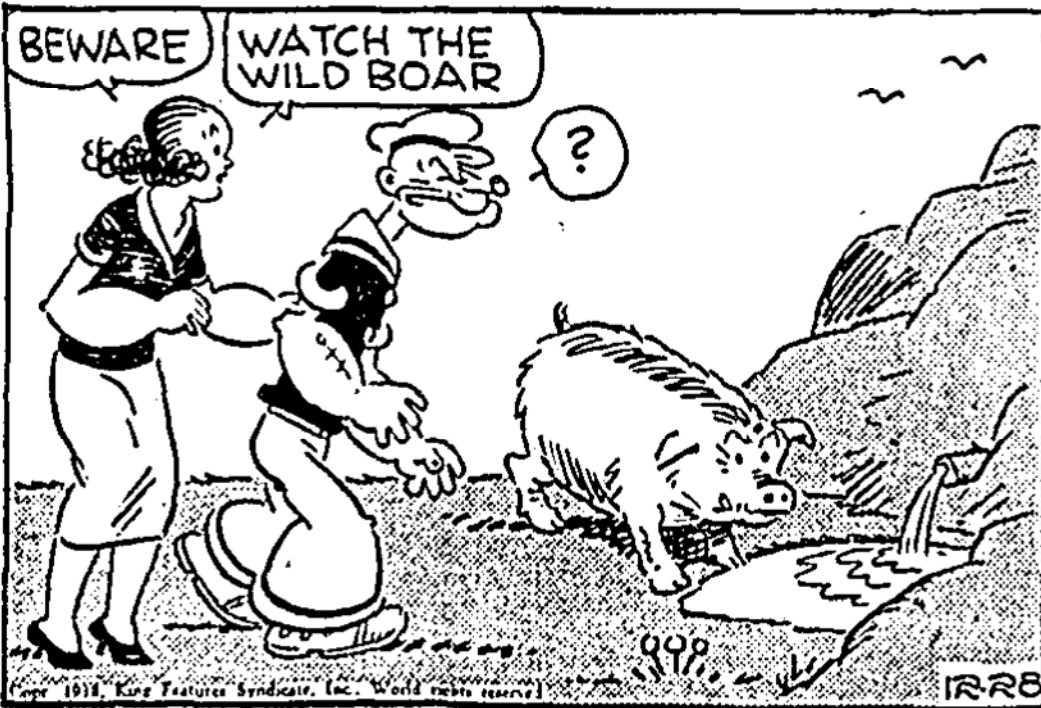
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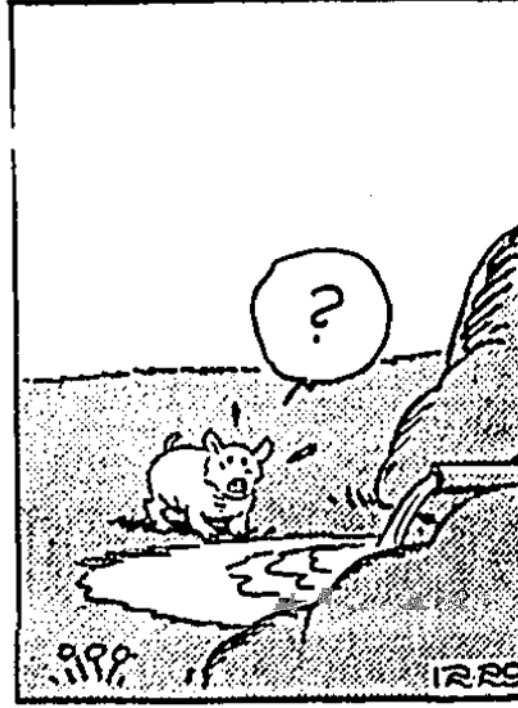
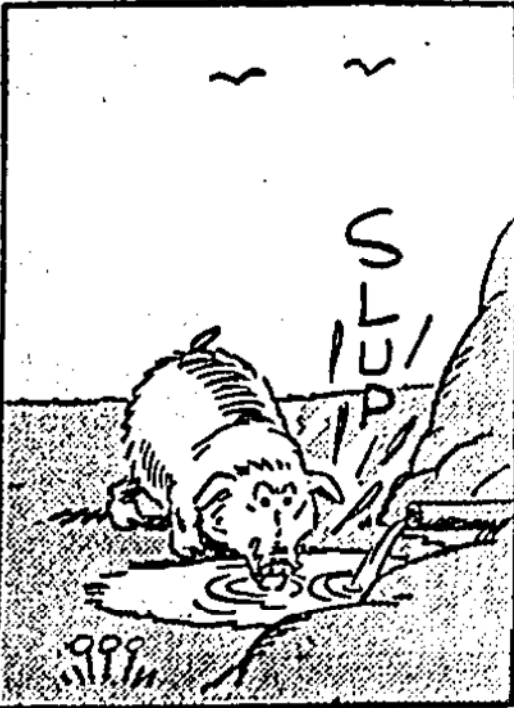
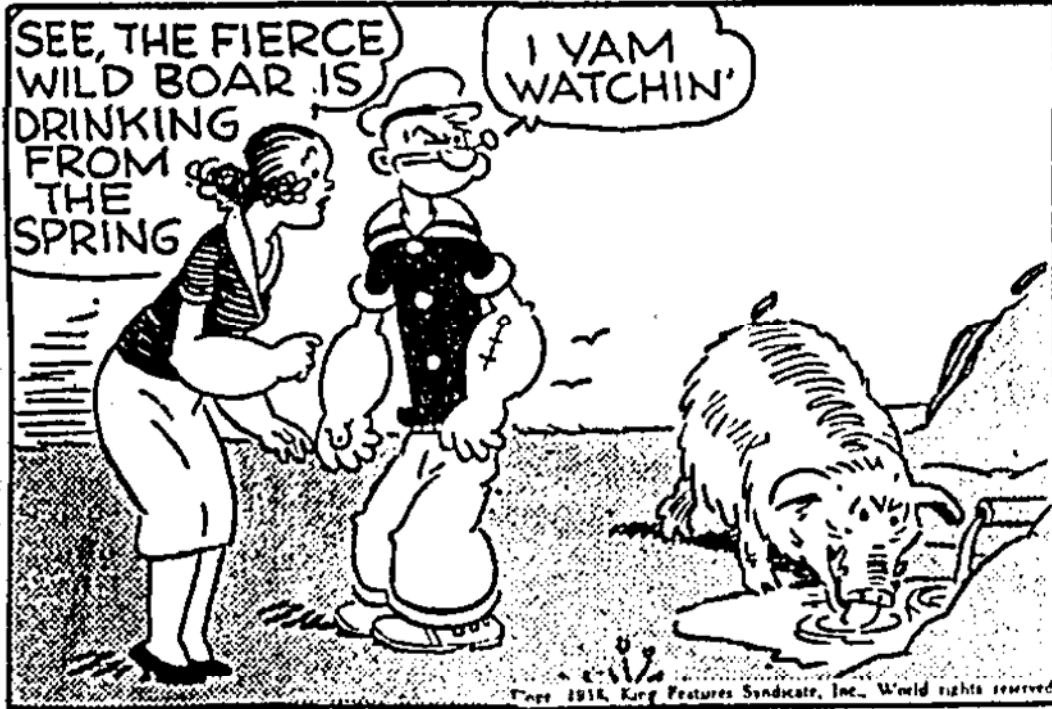
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THE MORE YA DRIN
FROM'A FOUNTING
YOUT' THE YOUNGE
YA B'COMES?



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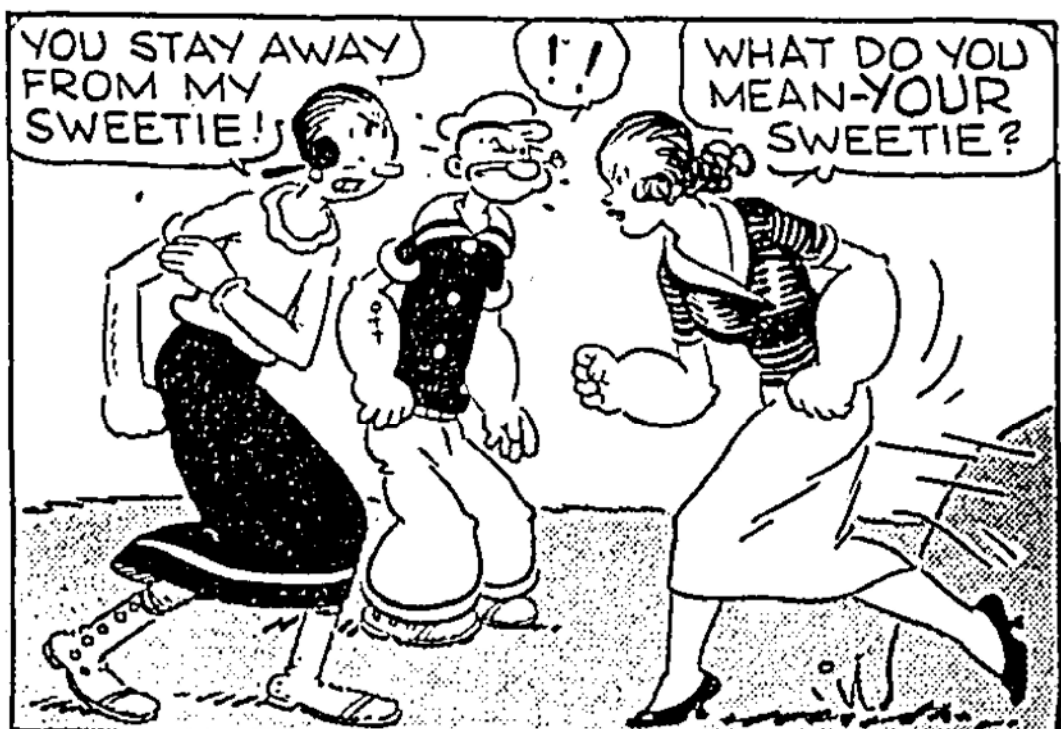
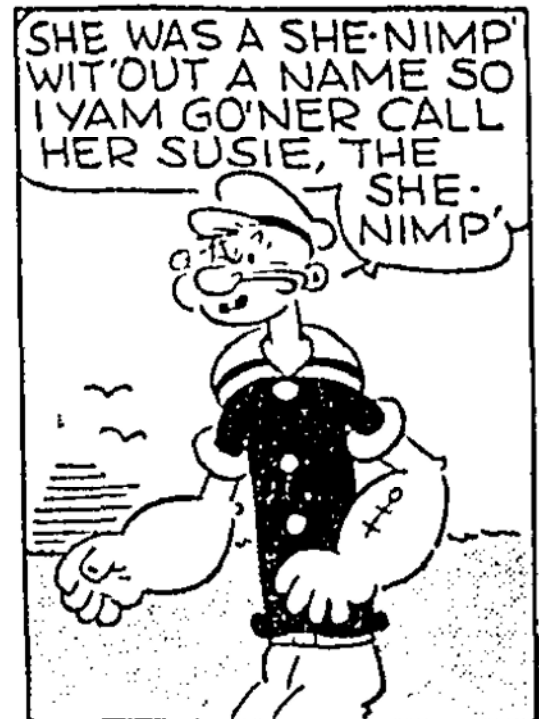
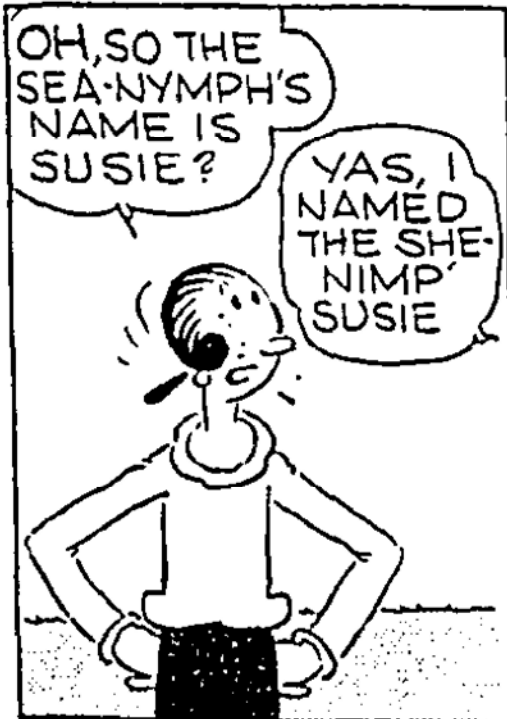
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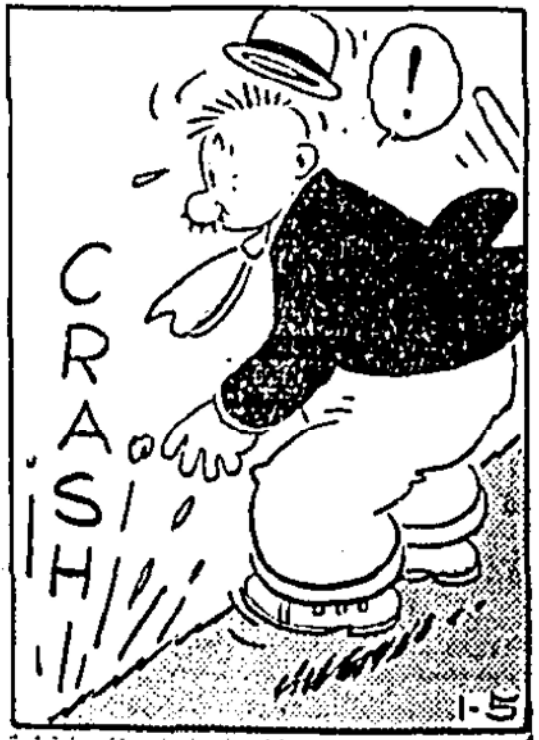
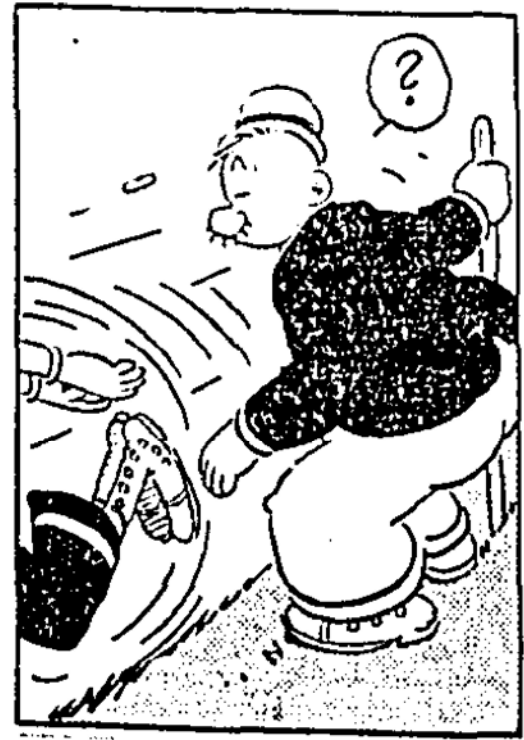
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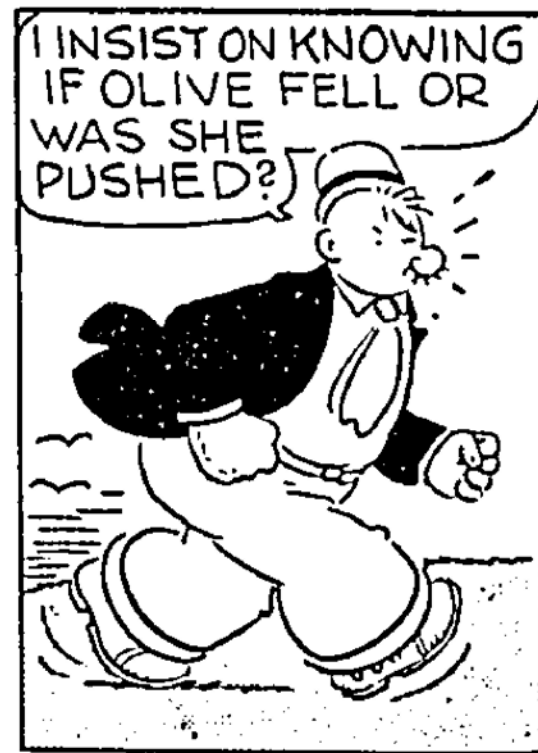
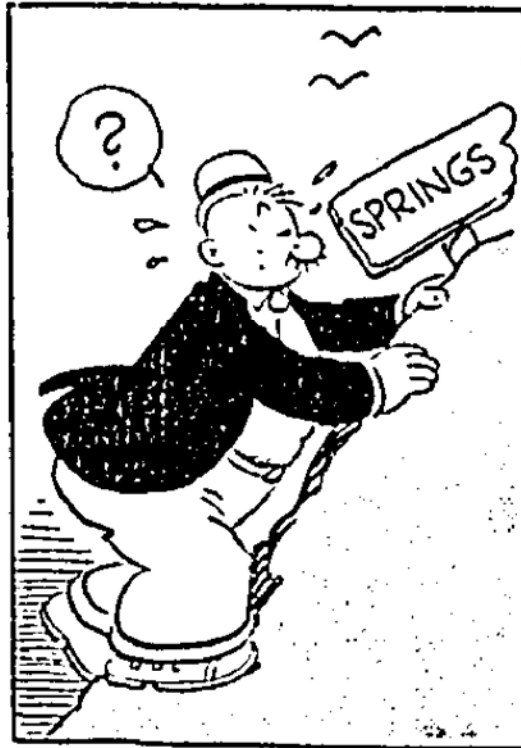
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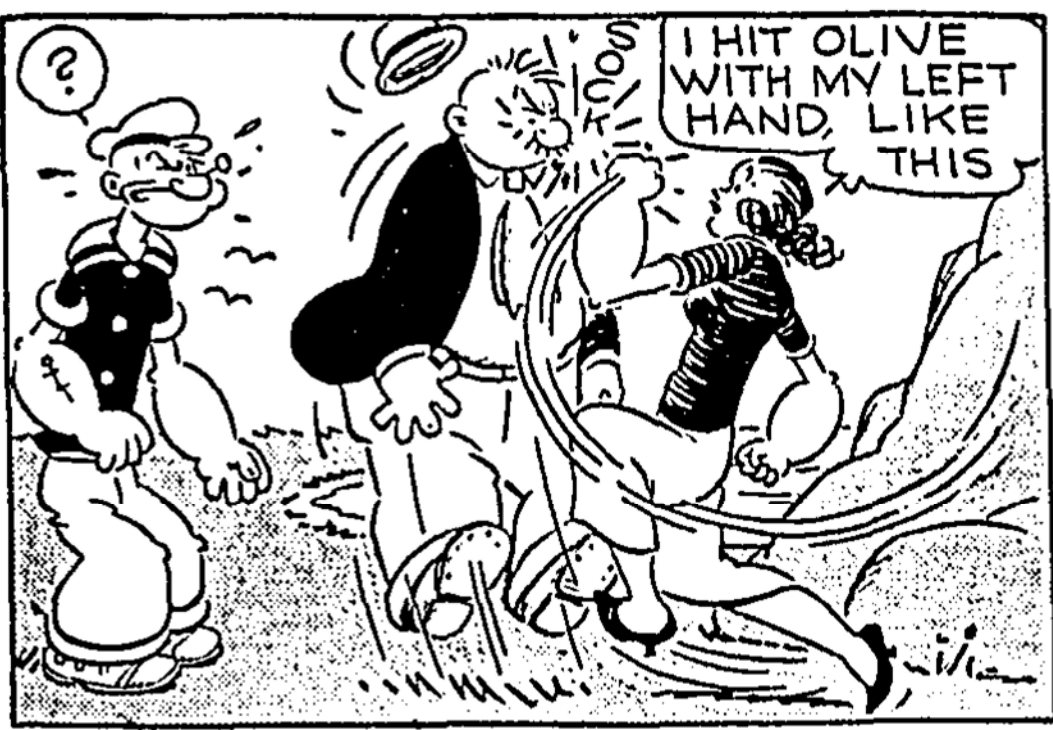
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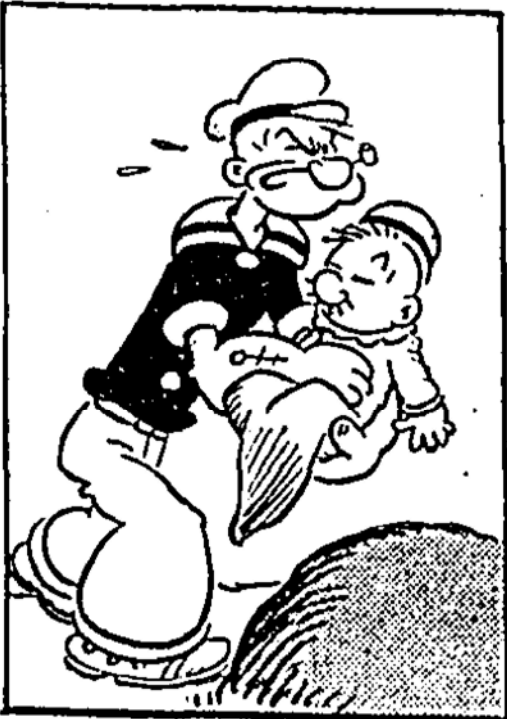
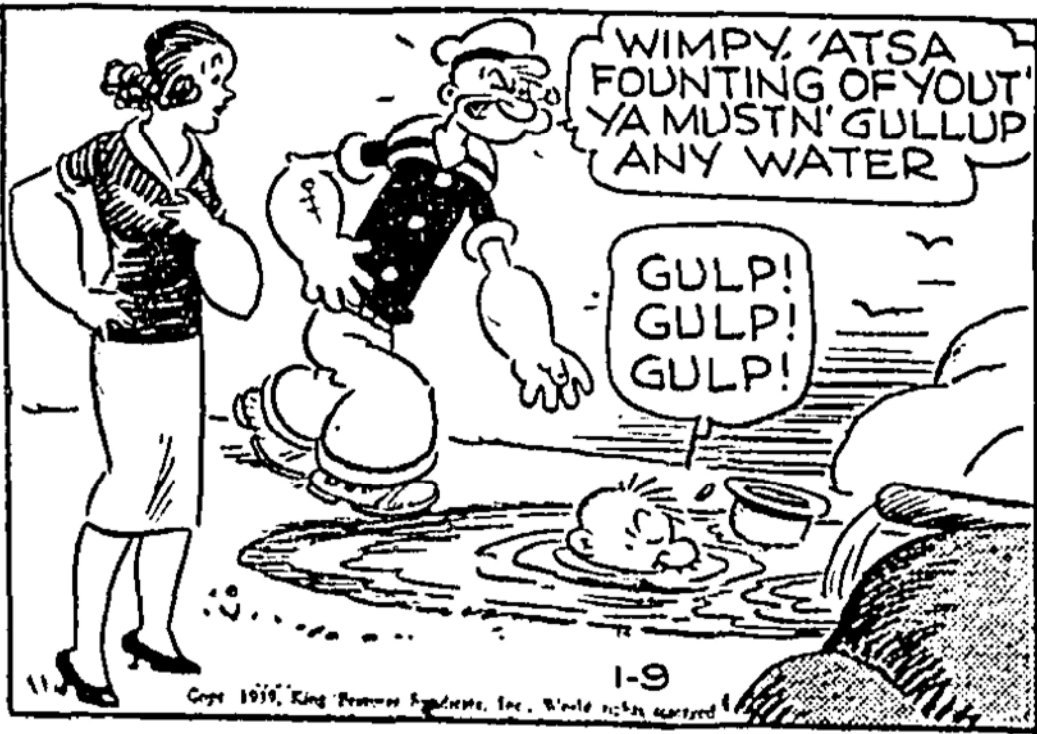
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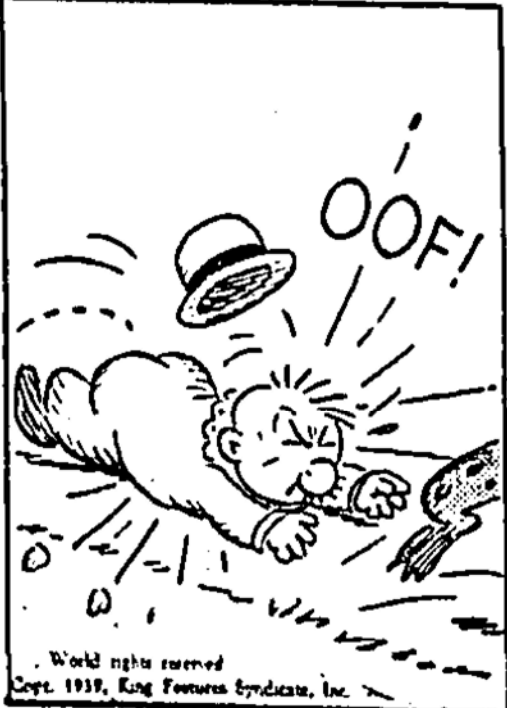
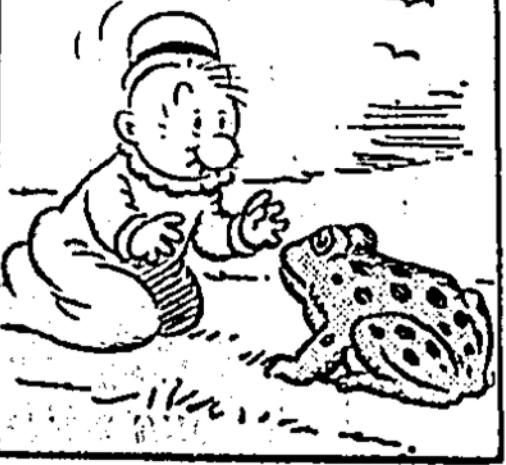
WIMPY DRINKED FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUT' AN' NOW HE'S A INFINK



SUSIE, THE SHE-NIMP, KIN DO SUMPIN' ABOUT IT, I WON'ER WHAT?



FROGBURGER!



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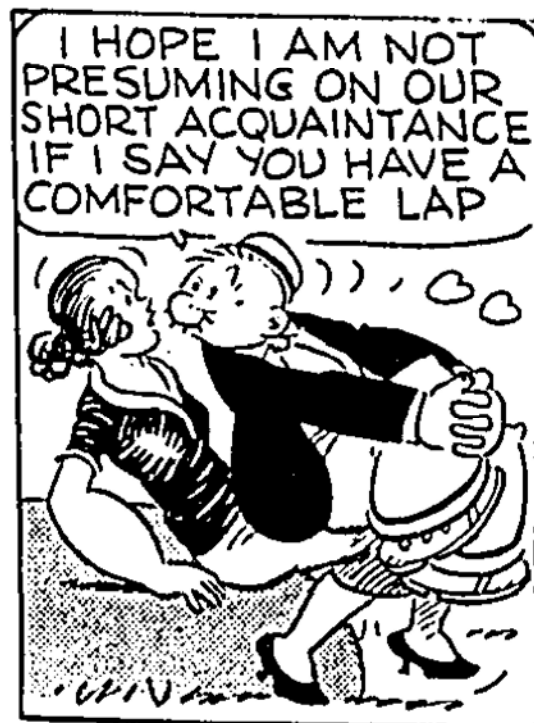
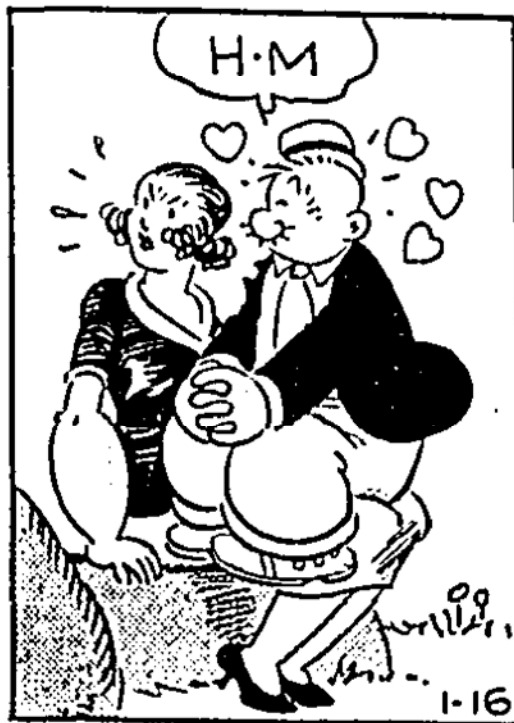
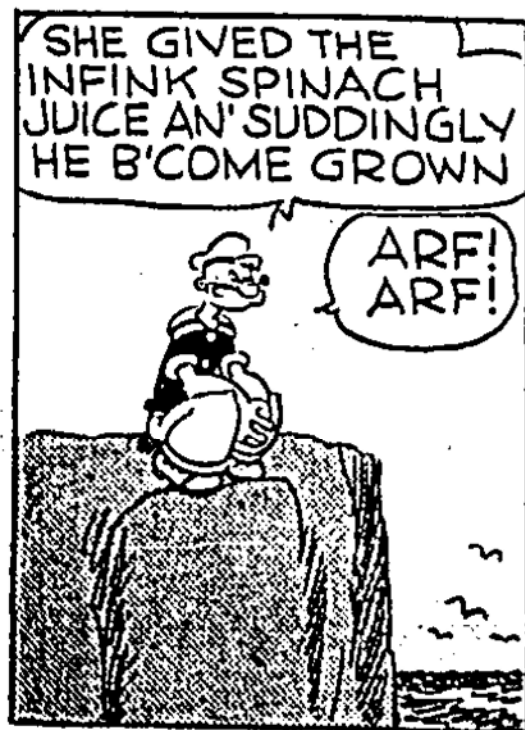
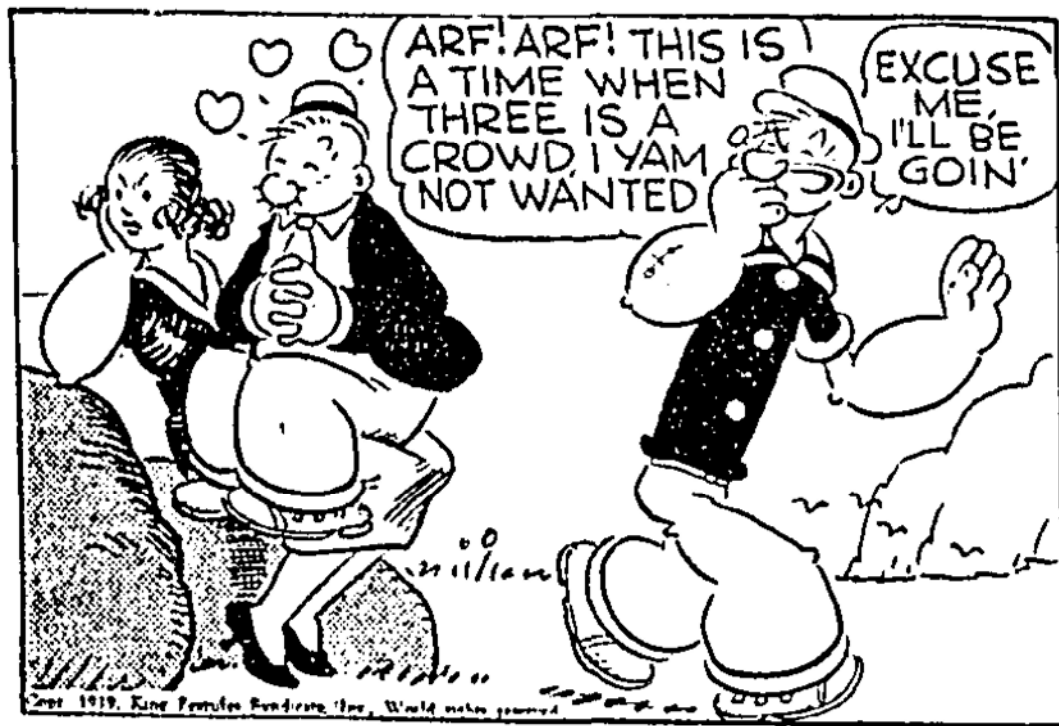
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SUSIE, MY DARLING,
DO YOU LIKE TO HOLD
ME ON YOUR LAP?



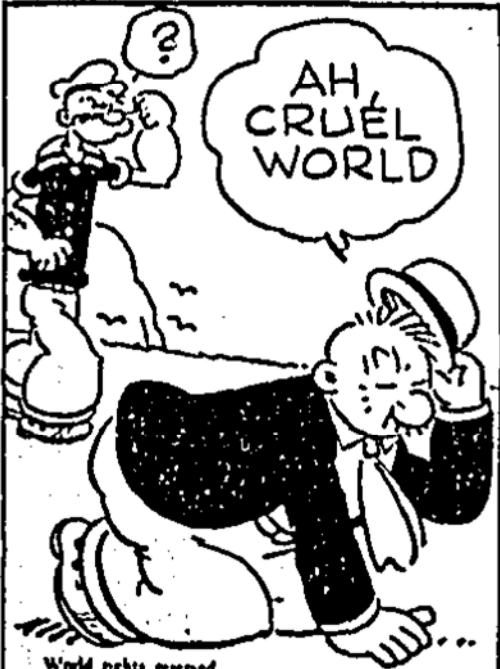
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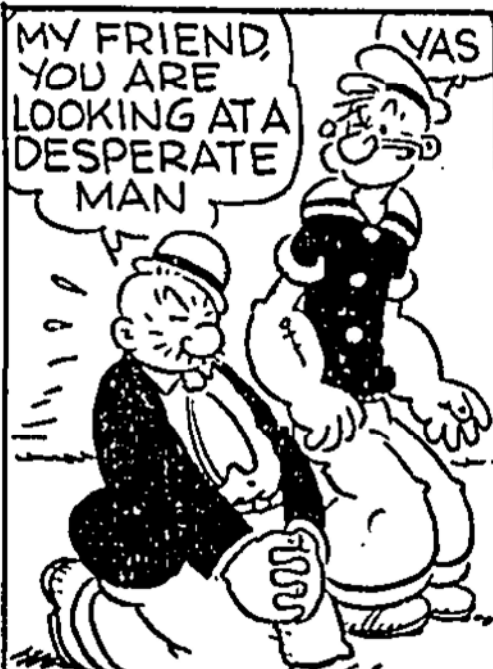
AFTER THIS
YOU STAY
OFF MY LAP



AH
CRUEL
WORLD



MY FRIEND,
YOU ARE
LOOKING AT A
DESPERATE
MAN

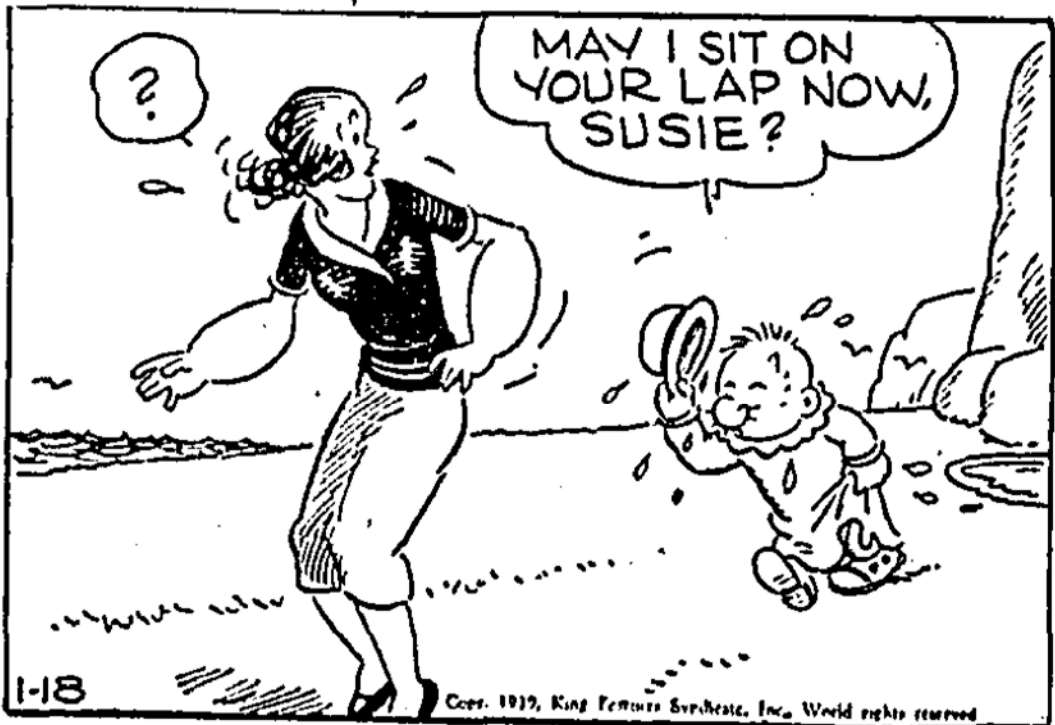


THE GIRL I
LOVE HAS
ORDERED
ME TO STAY
OFF HER LAP



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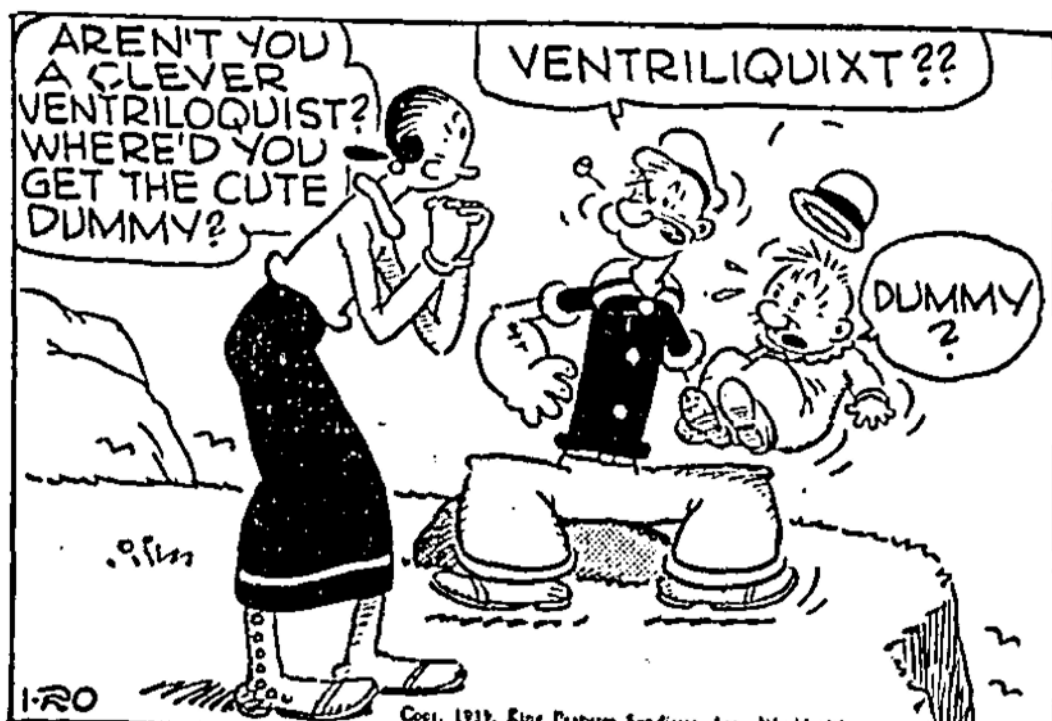
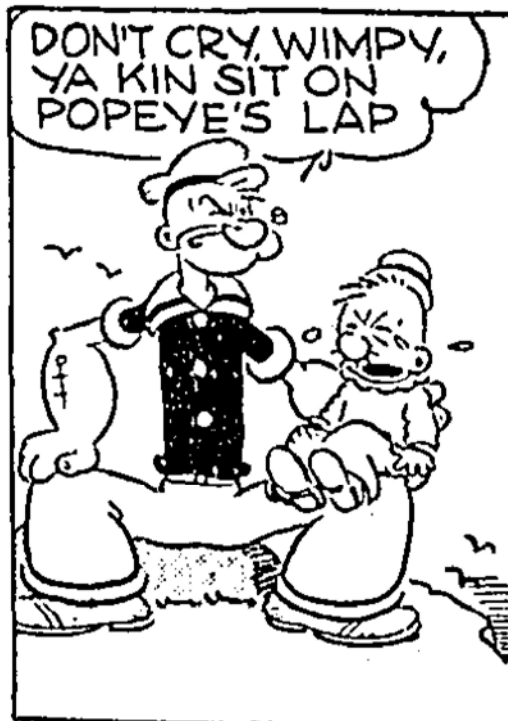
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POPEYE WAS FOOLING ME, THERE IS NO FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

GULP!

THIS IS ONLY SPRING WATER

GULP!

GULP!

GULP!

GULP!

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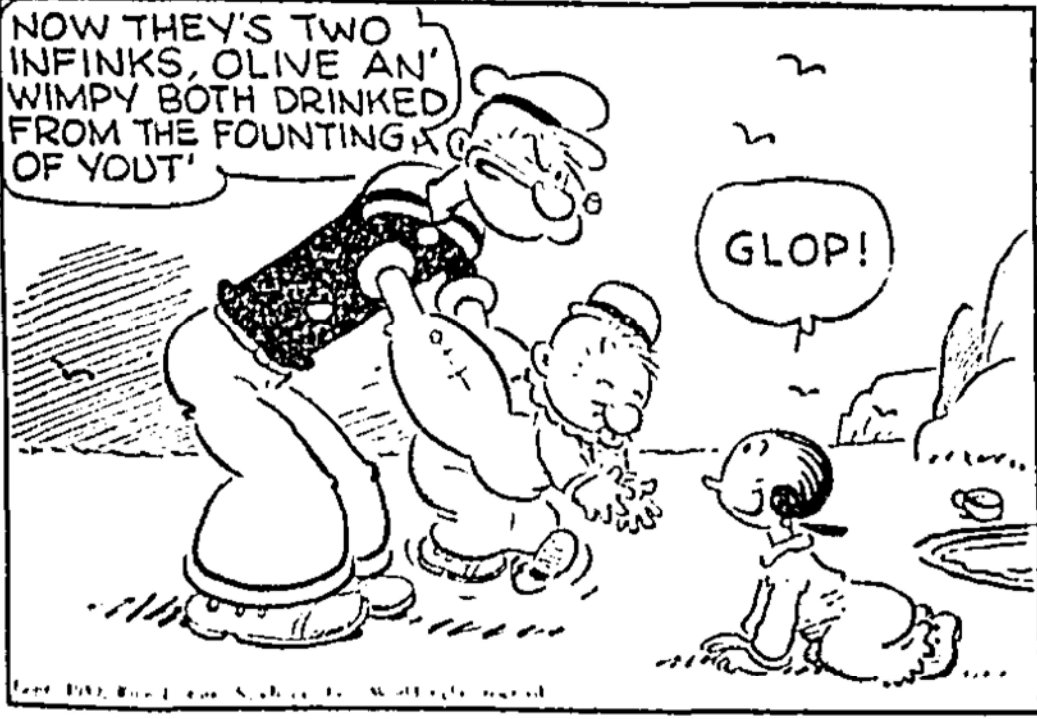
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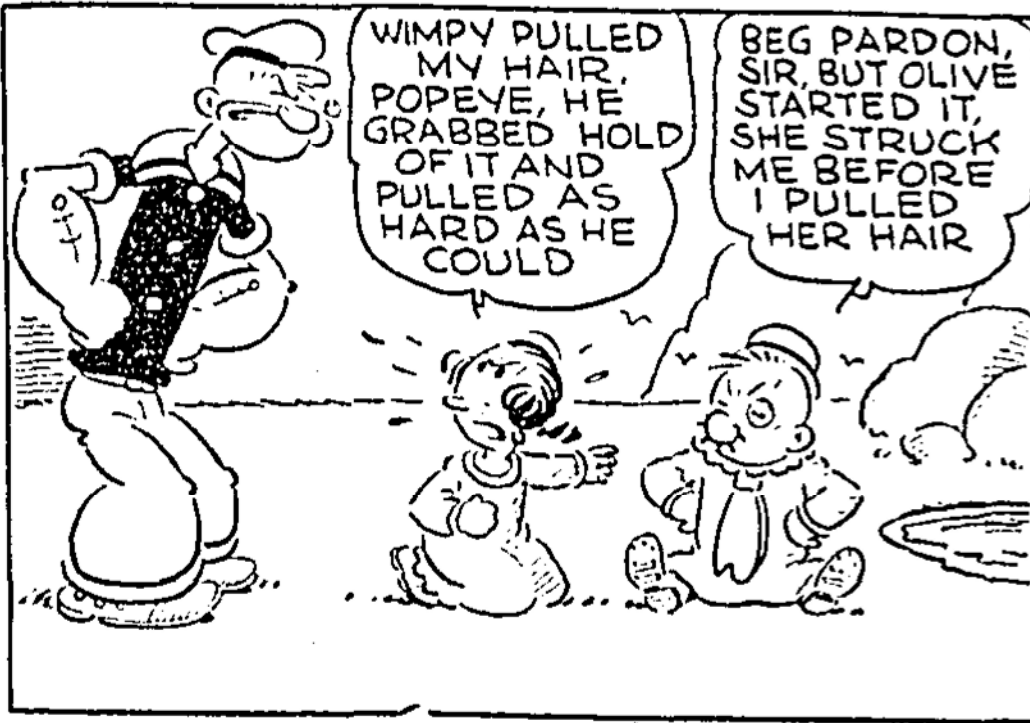
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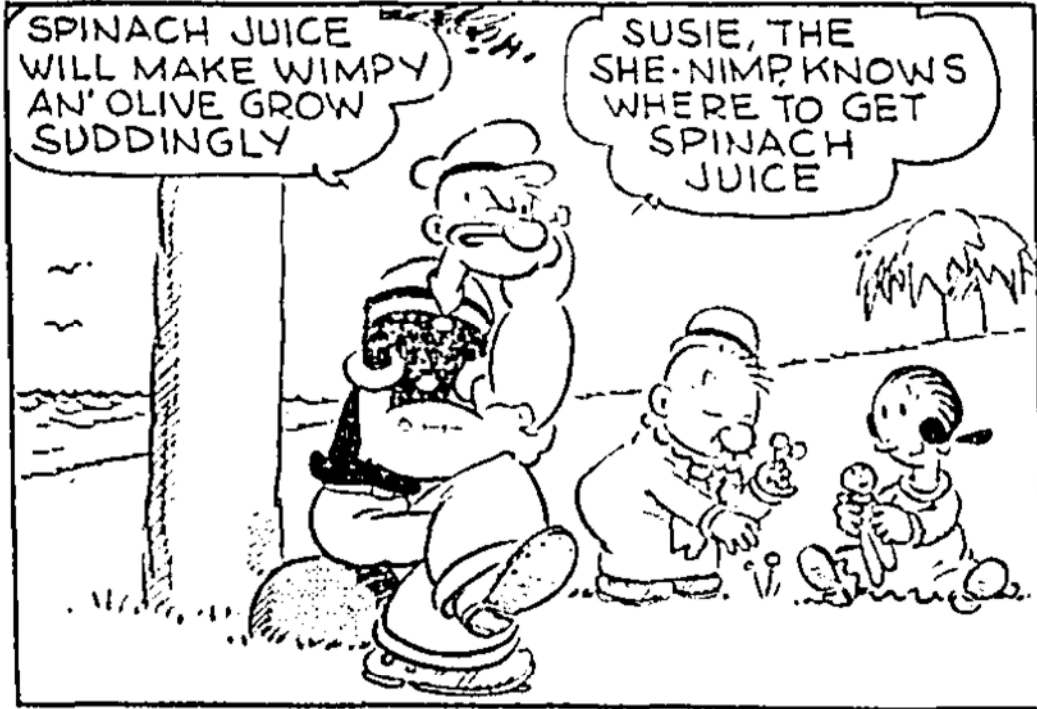
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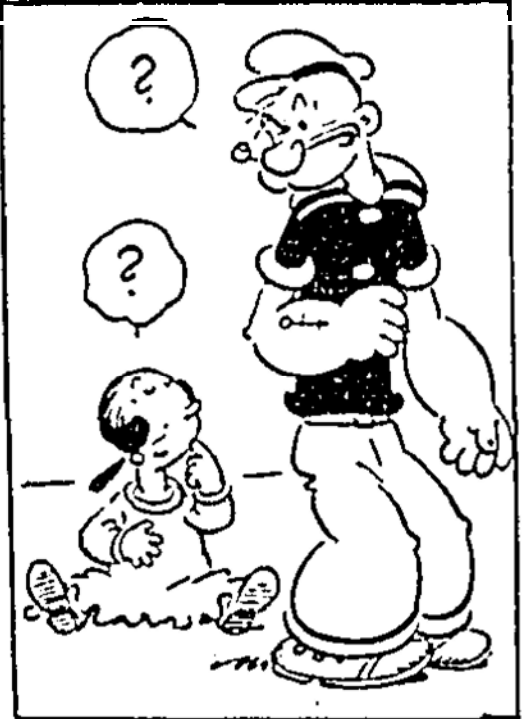
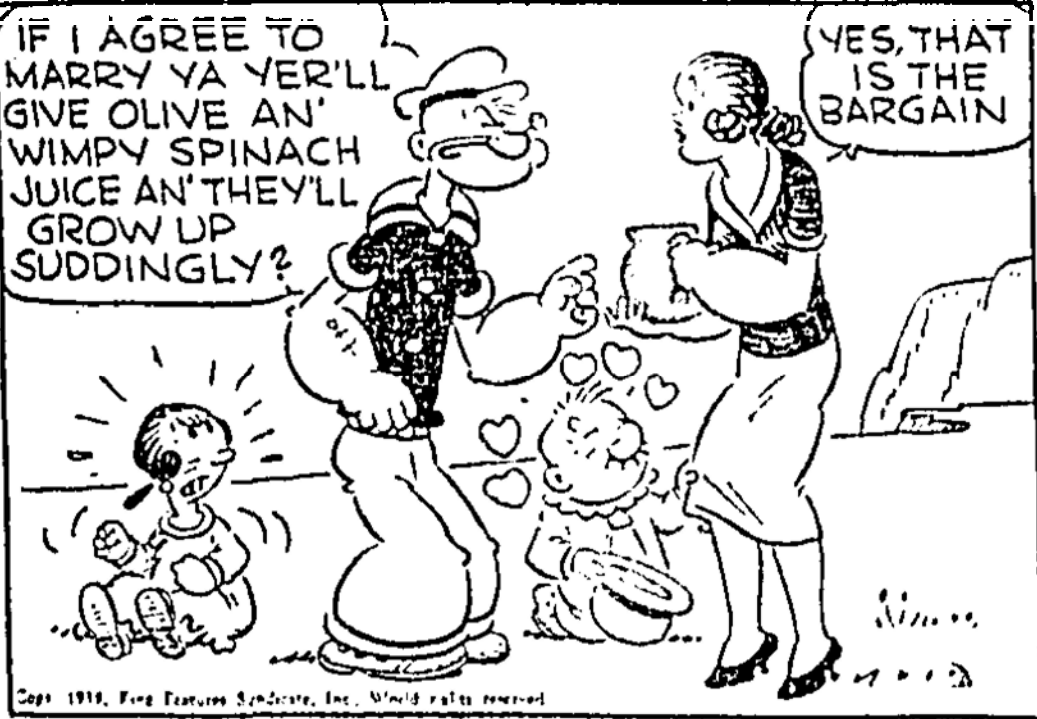
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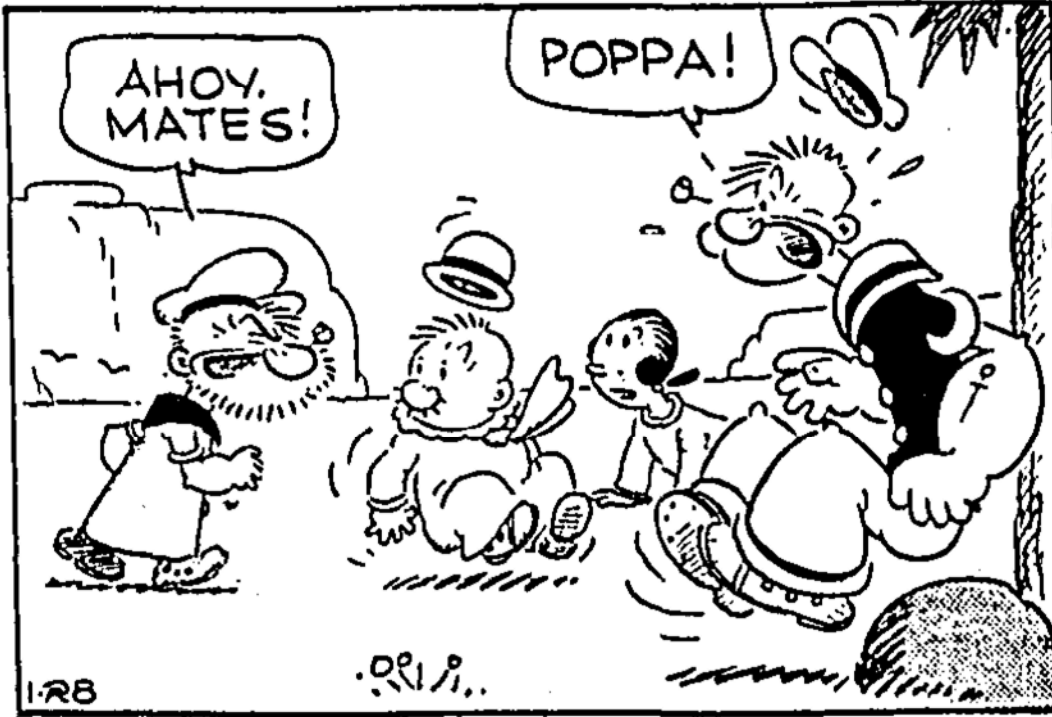
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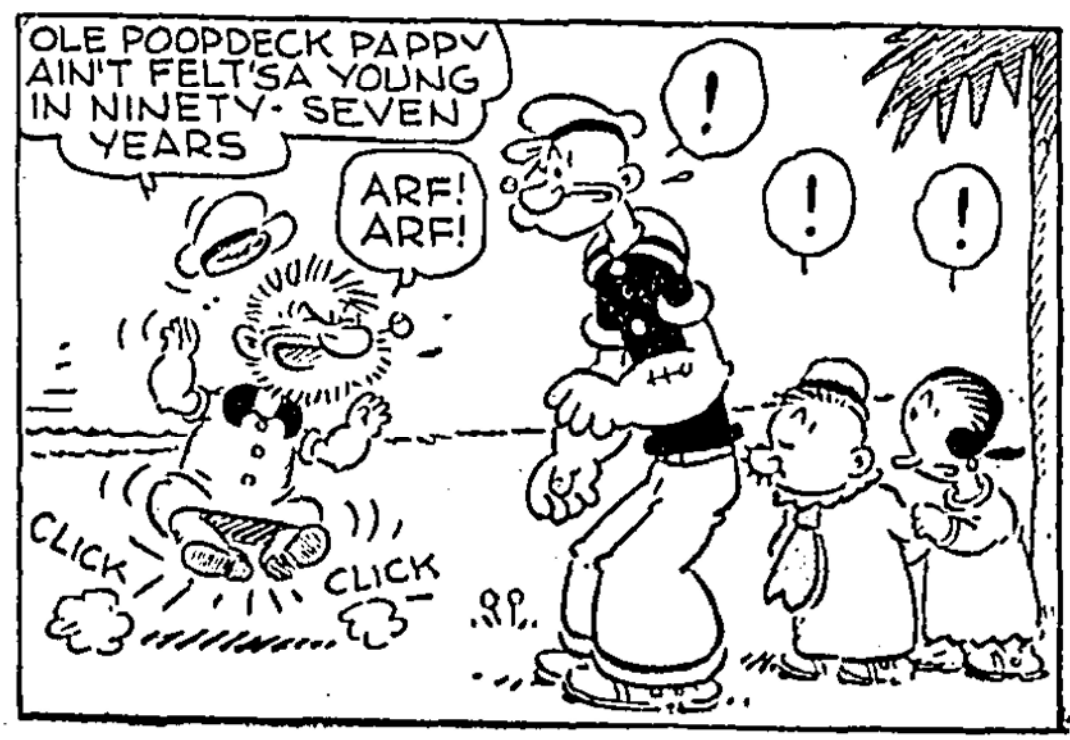
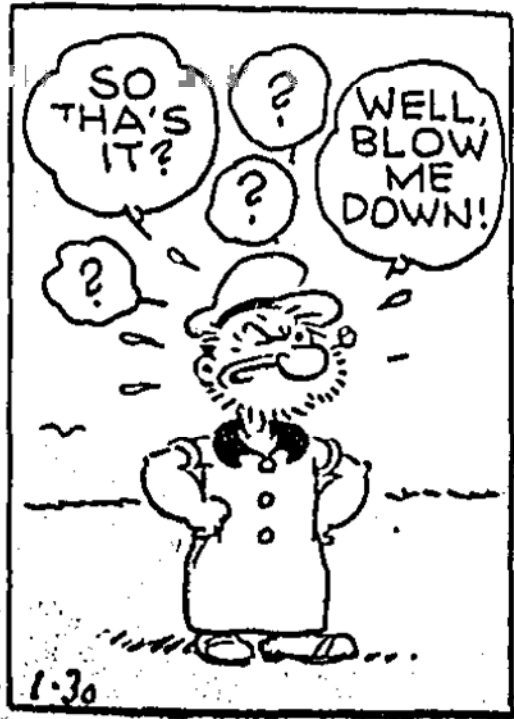
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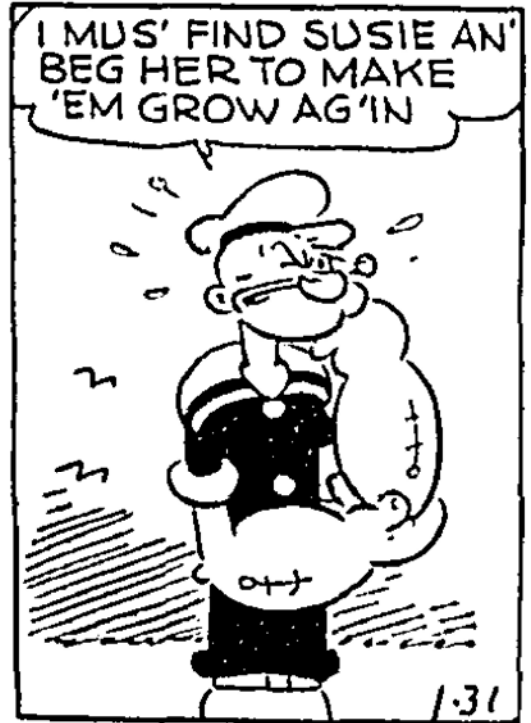
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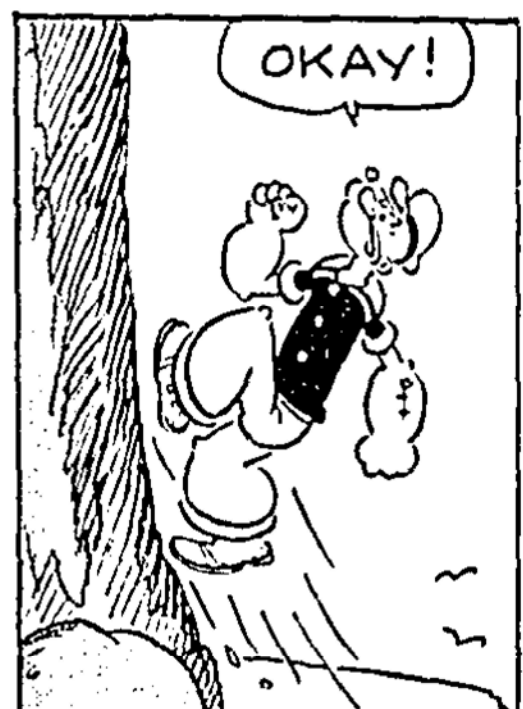
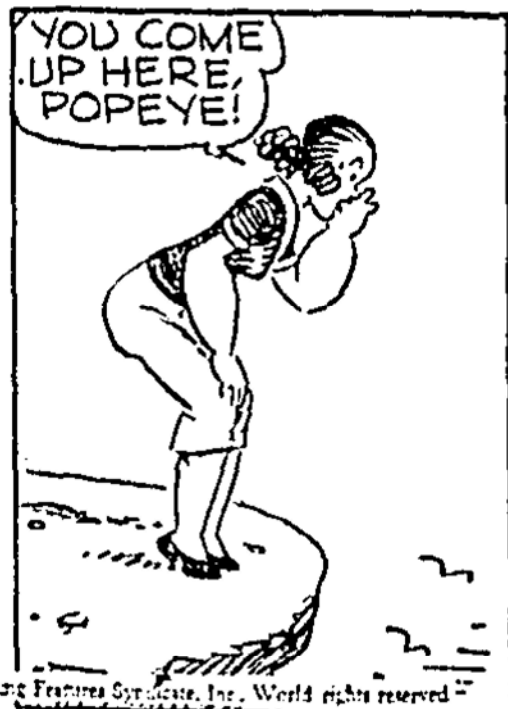
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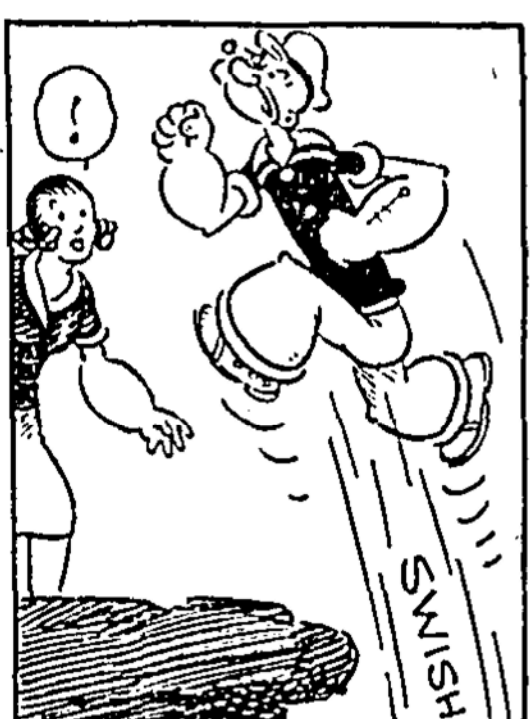
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I ASK ME POPPA
TO WATCH AFTER
OLIVE AN'
WIMPY



ALL THREE DRANK
FROM THE FOUNTAIN
OF YOUT'AN' ARE
INFINKS NOW



OH, MY GORSH,
THEY'A
GONE!



THREE LITTLE
INFINKS
LOST IN A BIG
MOUNTAINS

WON'ER
WHICH
WAY
THEY
WENT?



DON'T WALK
SO FAST,
YOU OLD
GOAT!

GNATS TO YOU,
MADAM, I BE'A
YOUNG GOAT



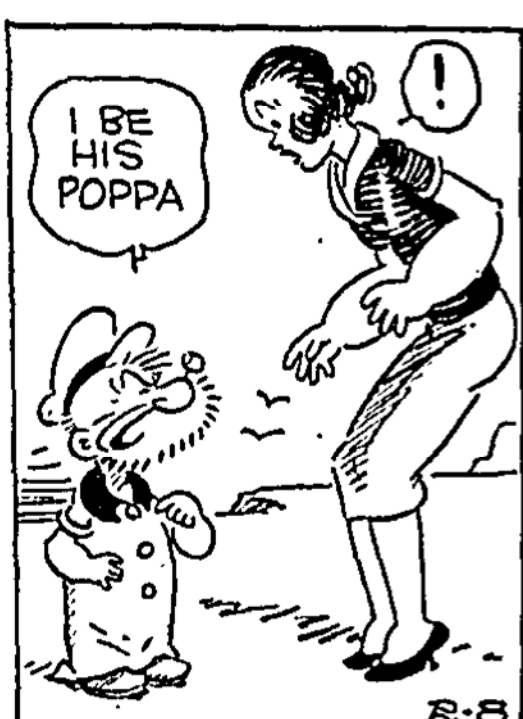
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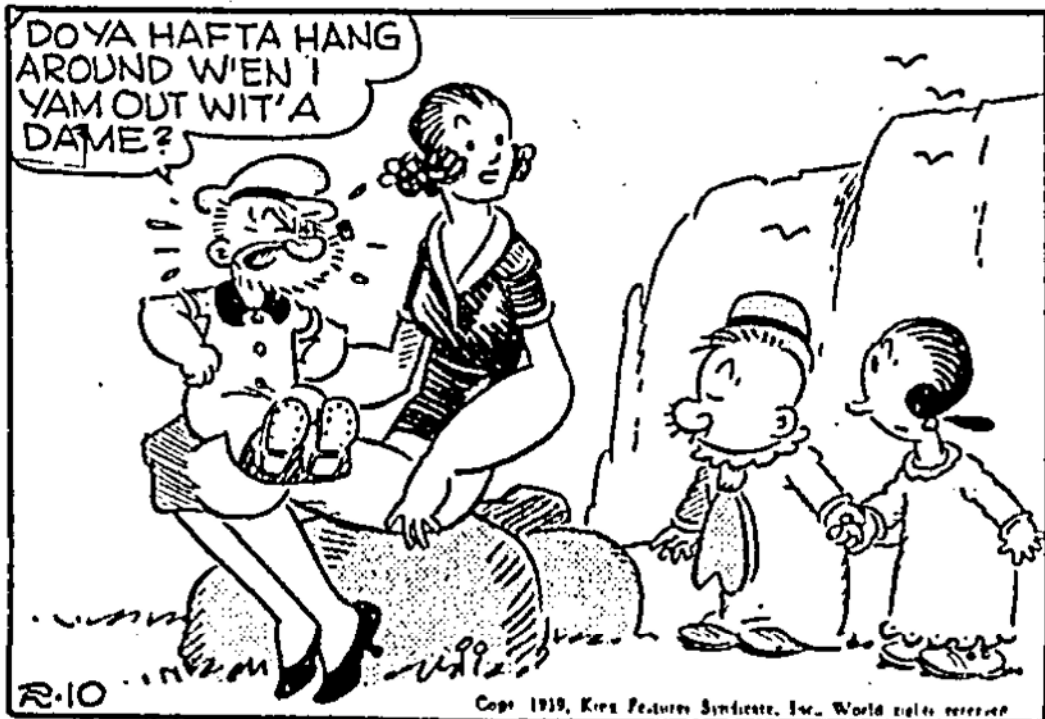
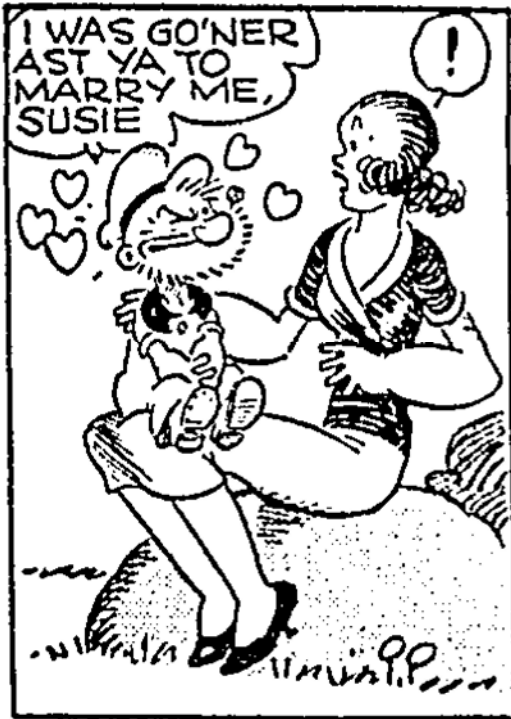
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WE SHALL
HAVE
SCHOOL,
SIR?

YAS WIMPY, AN'
I YAM'A TEACHER

AW,
SPINACH
JUICE!

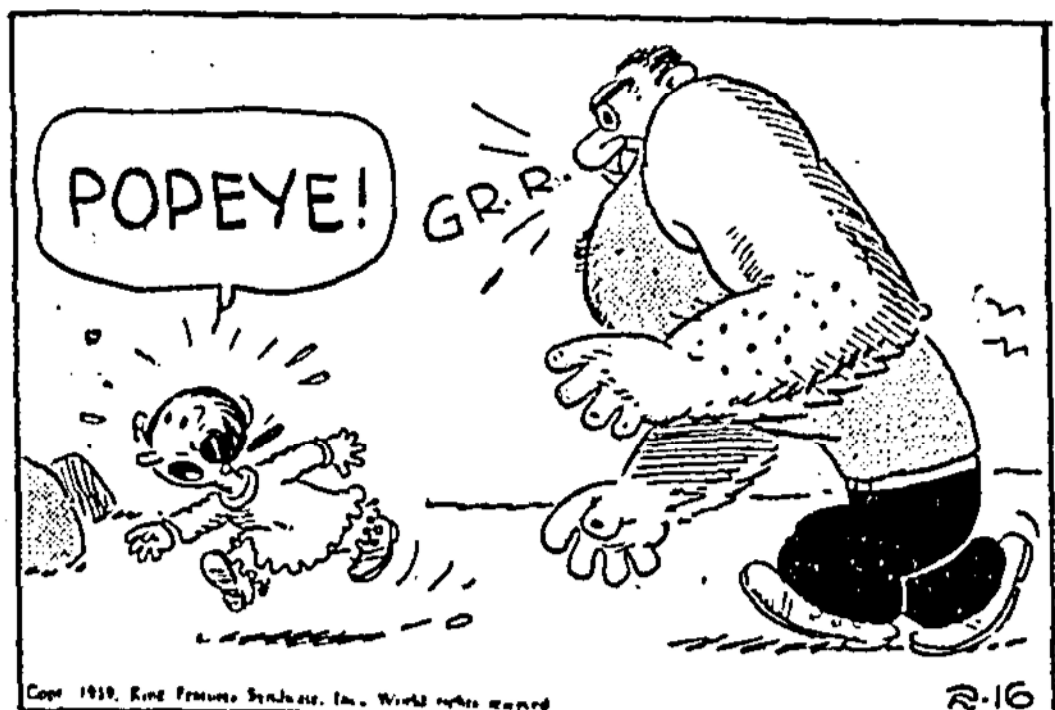
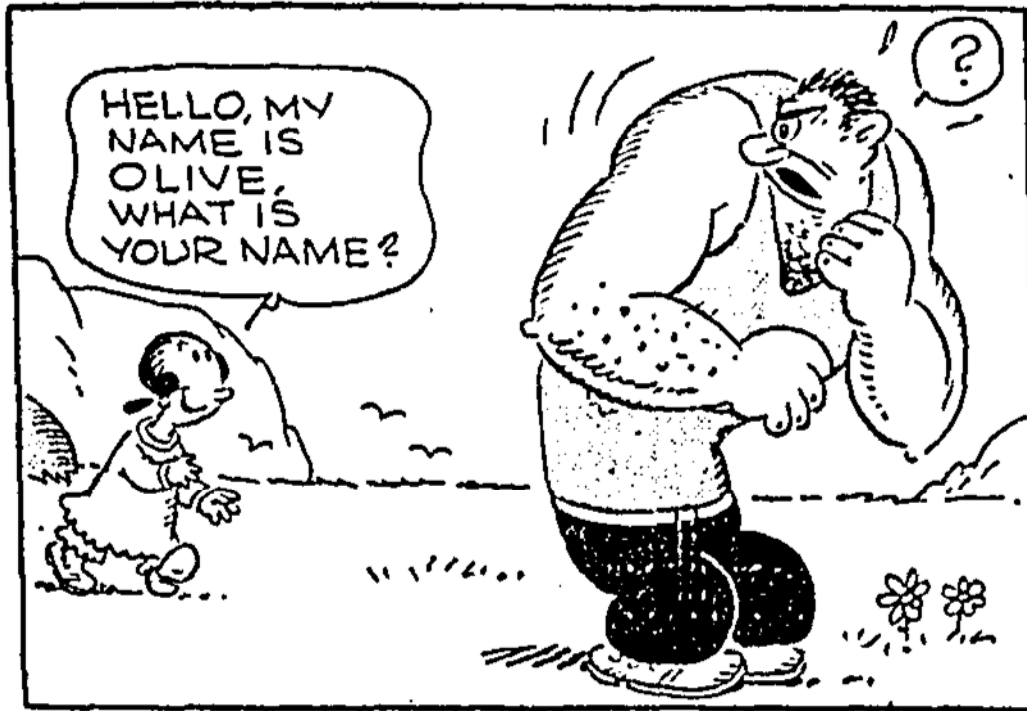
I'M PLAYING
HOOKY FROM
SCHOOL

HEAVENS!

BOO!

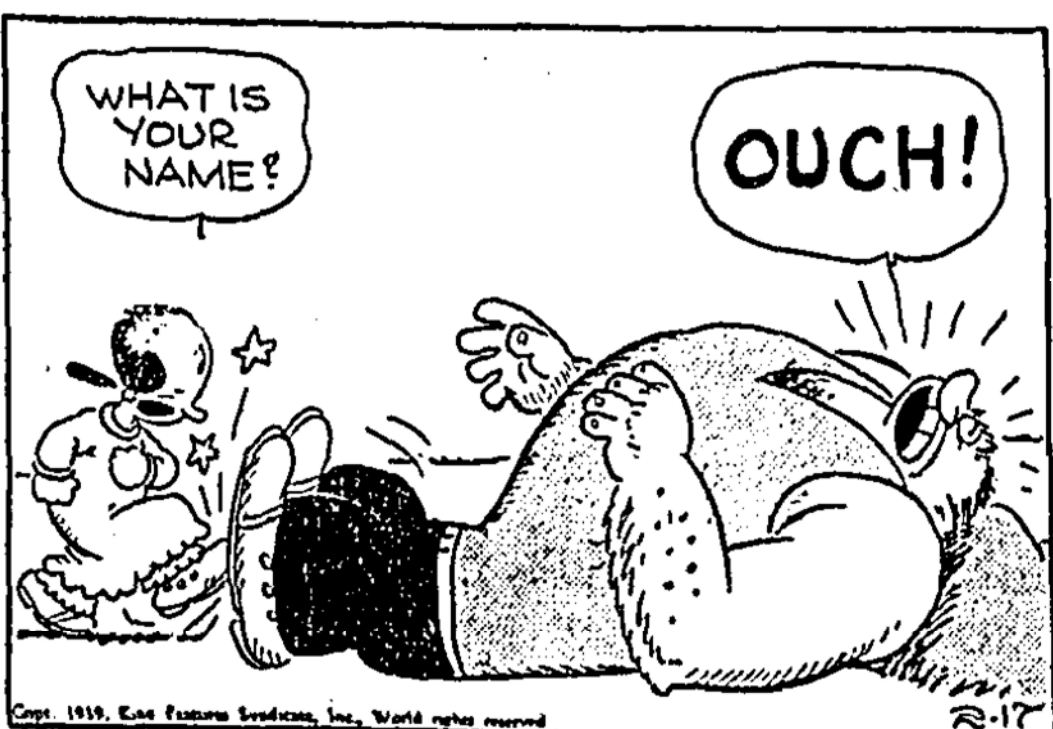
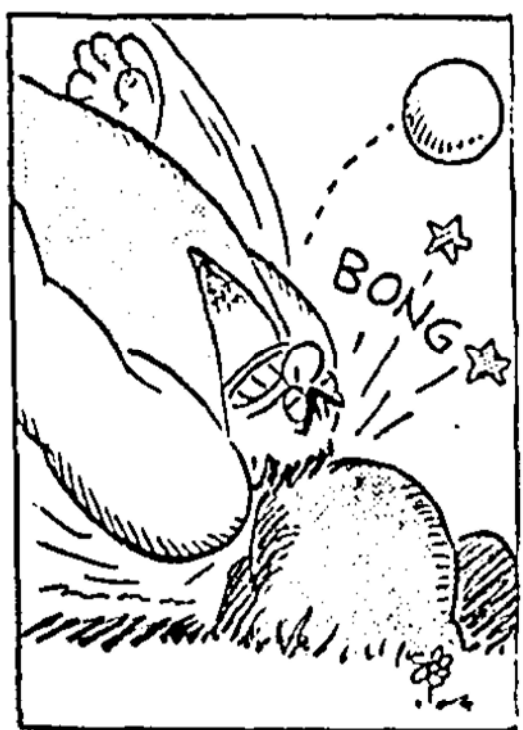
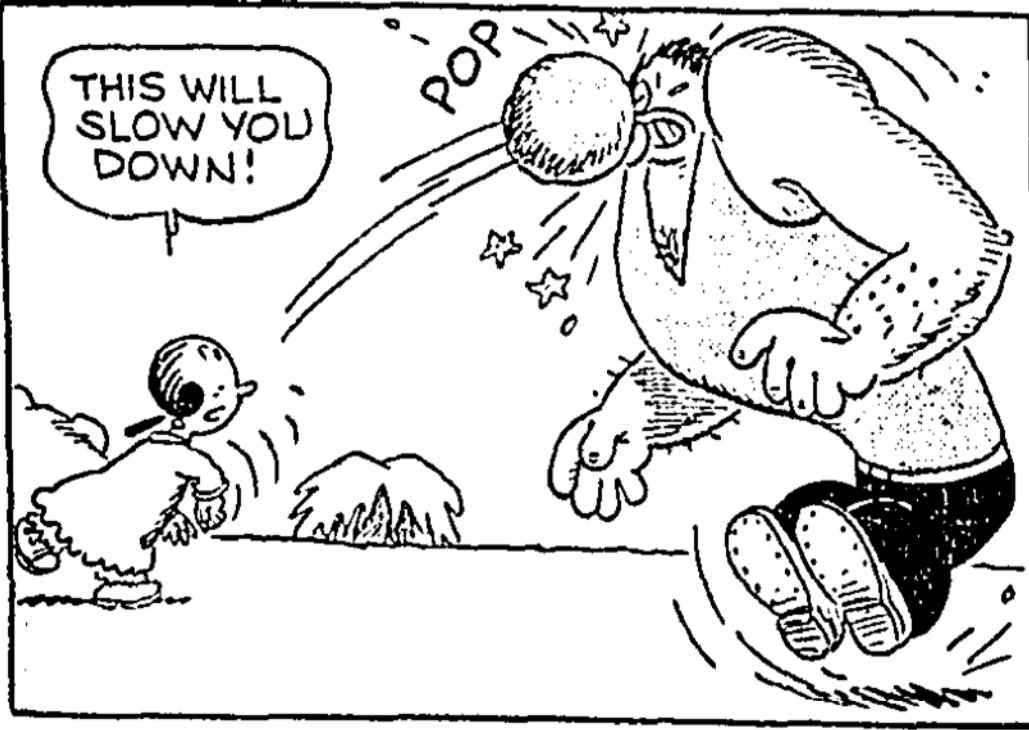
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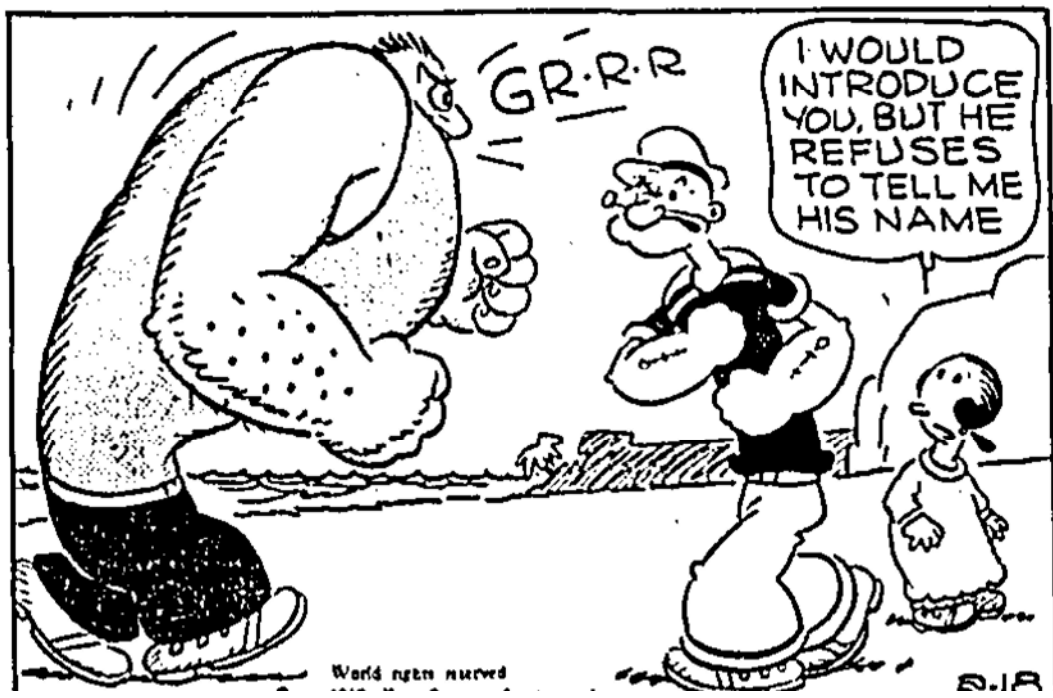
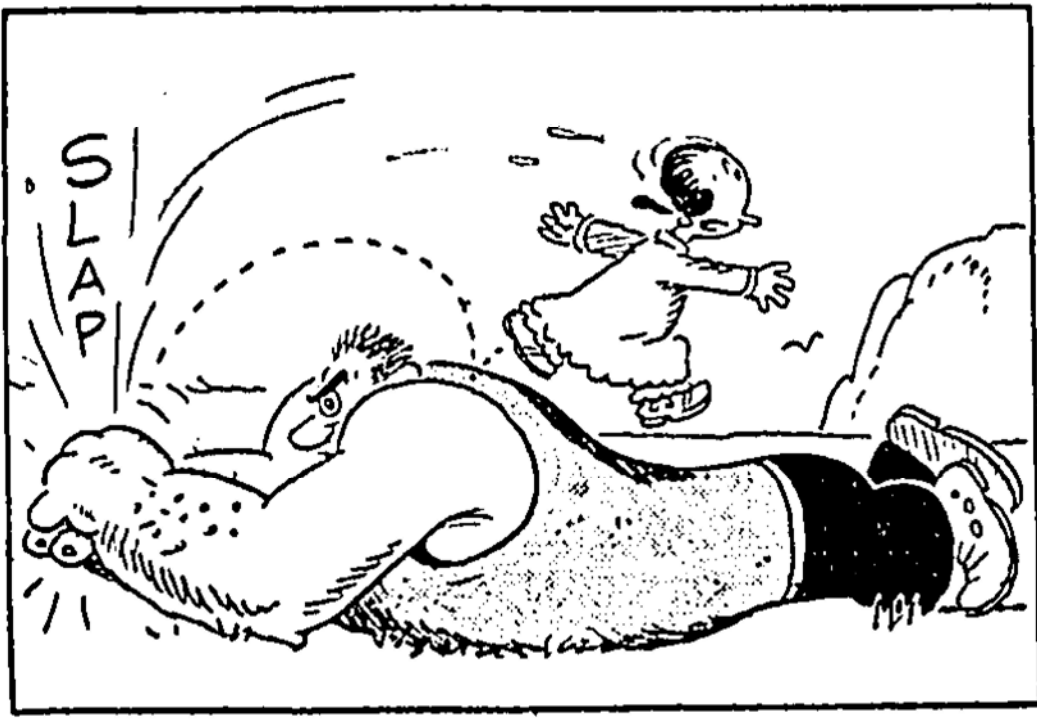
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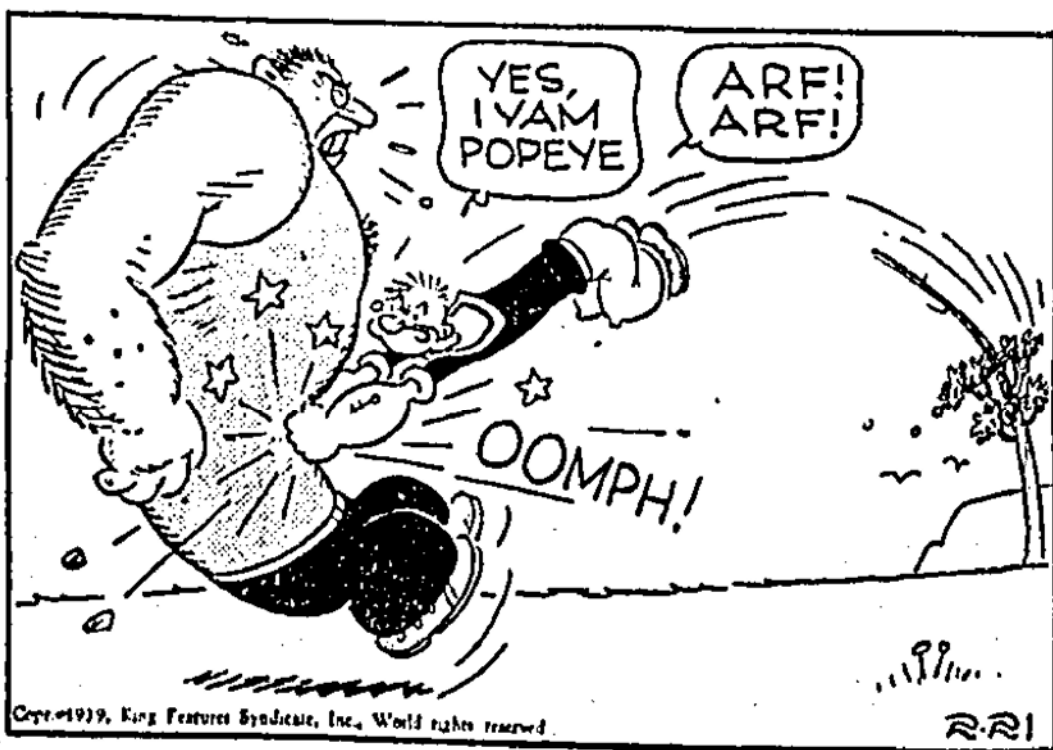
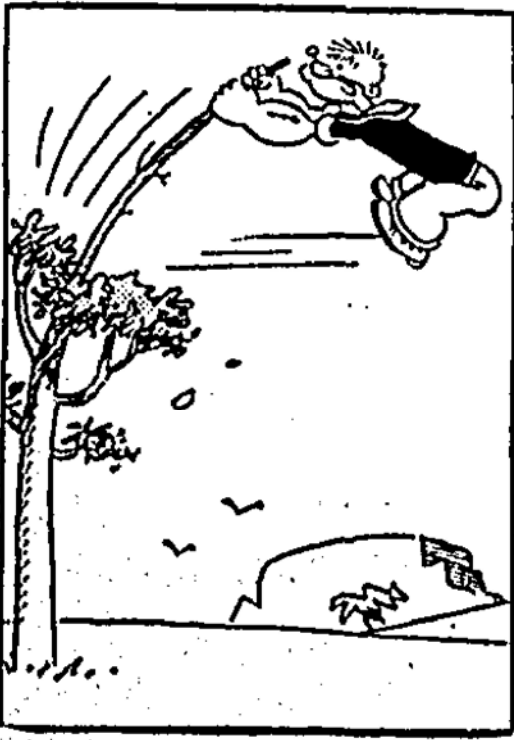
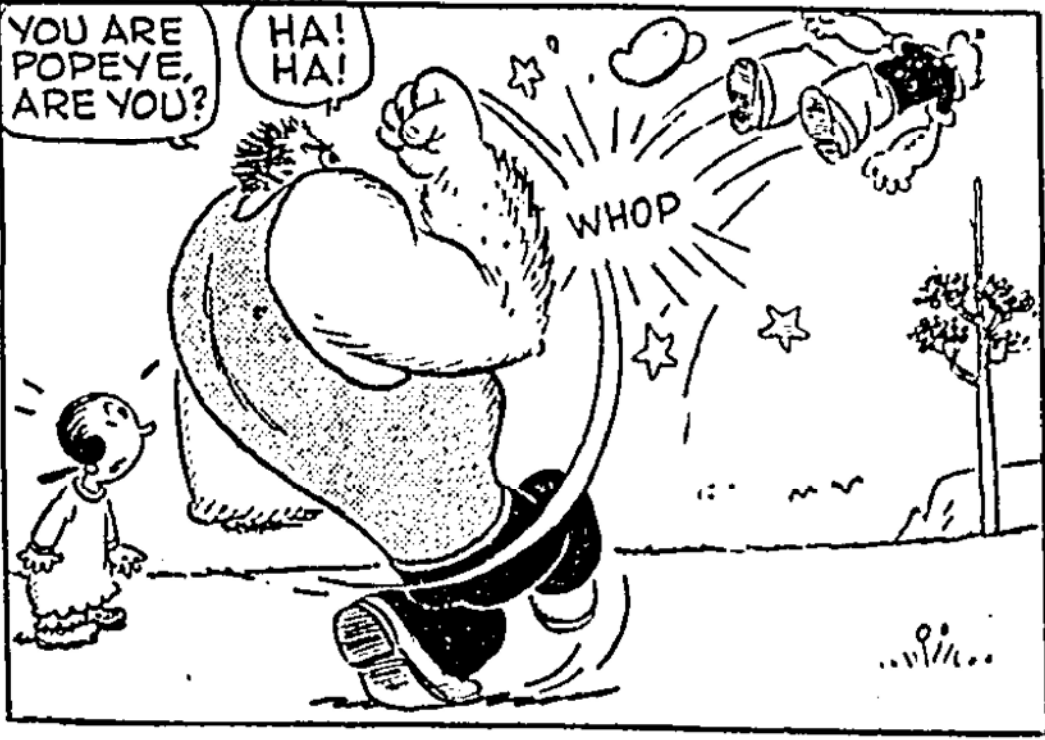
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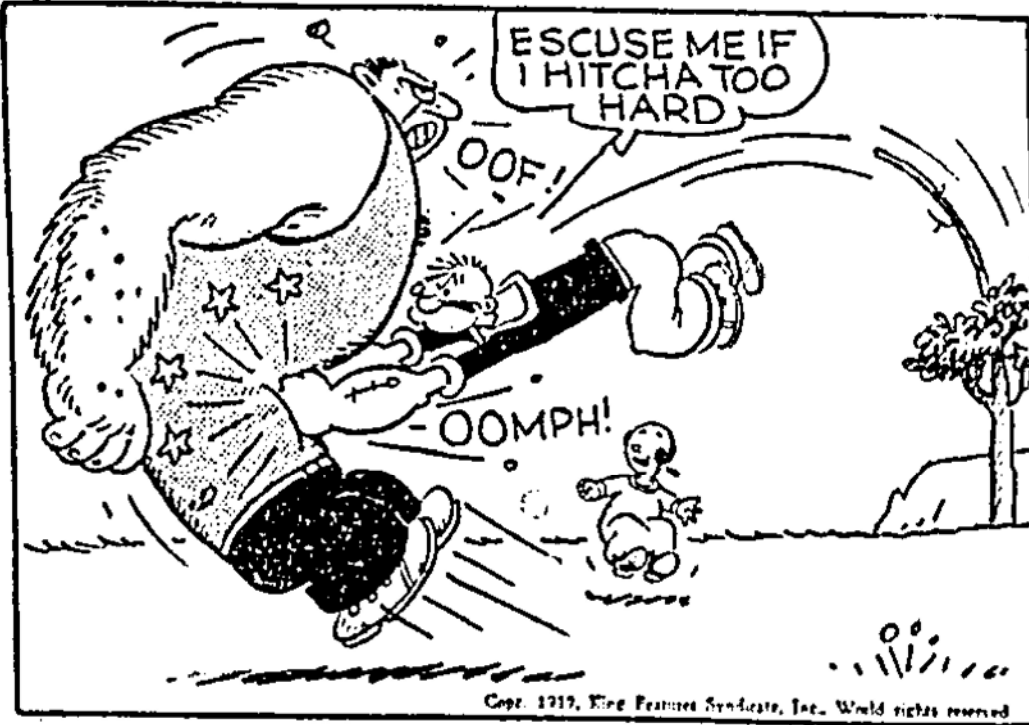


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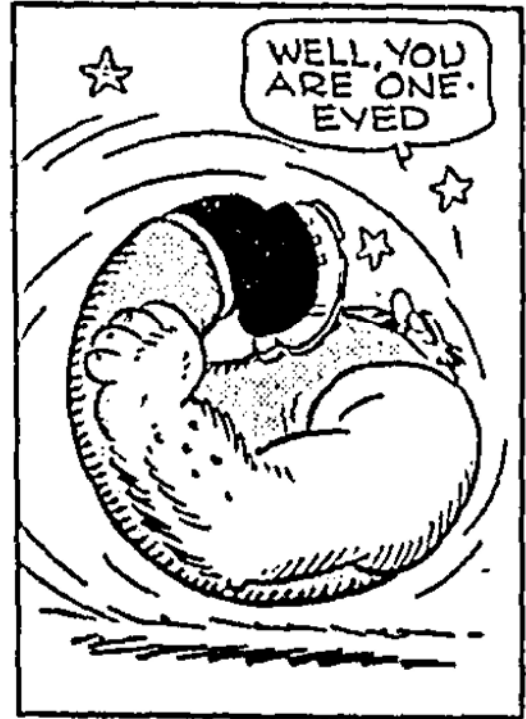
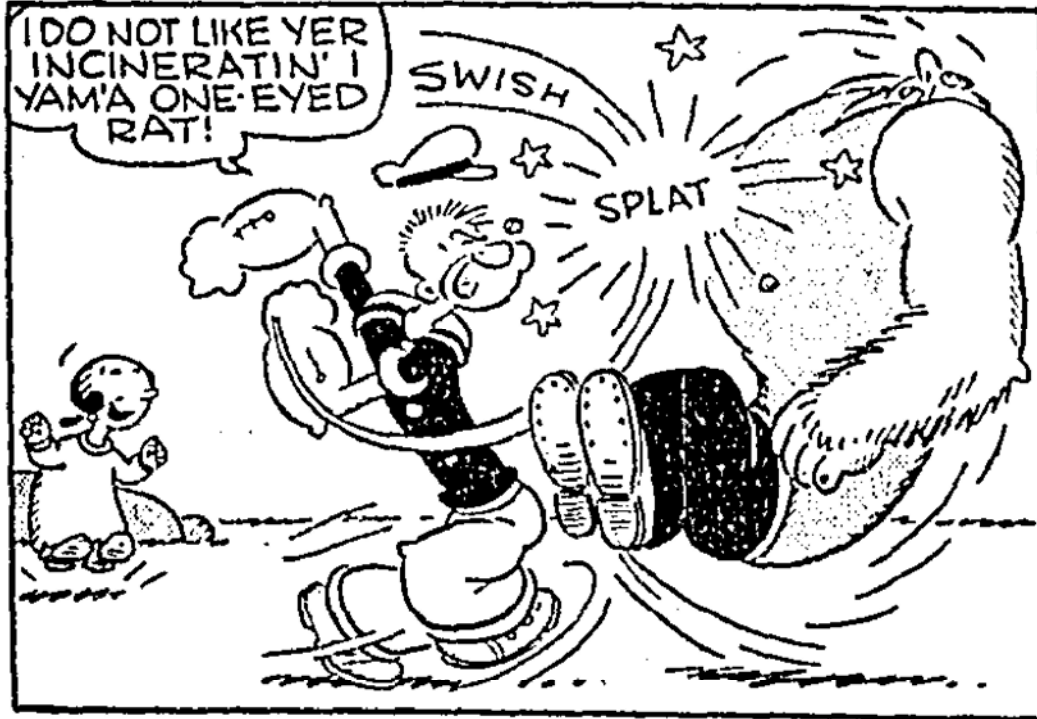
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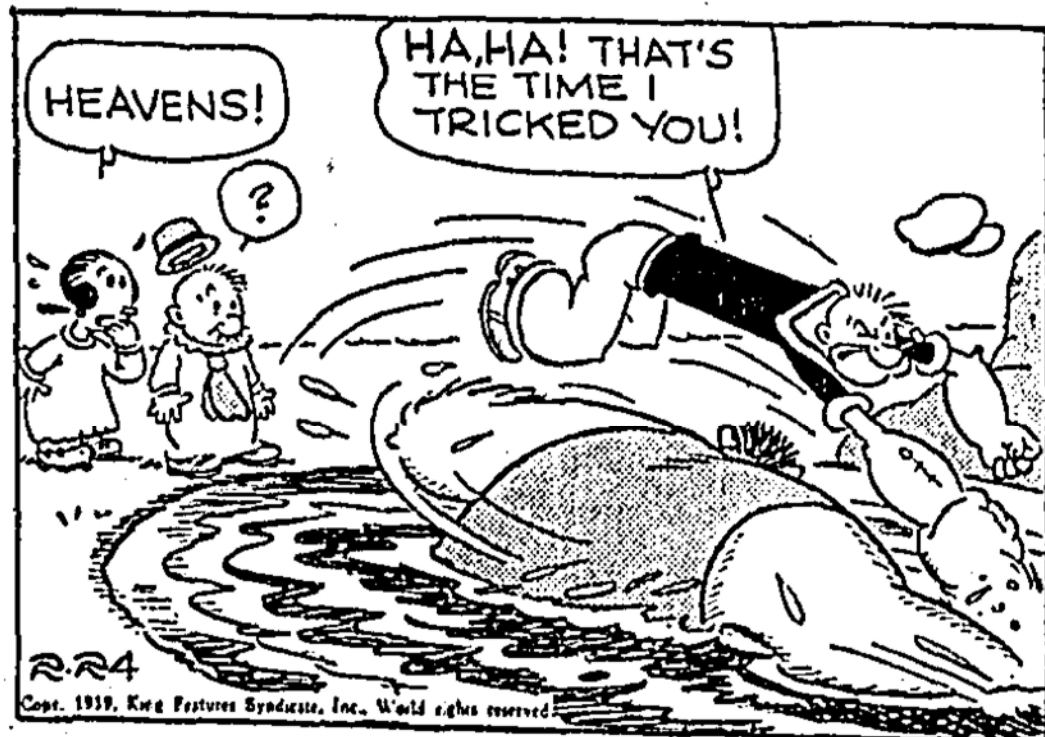
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MERCY! THE MONSTER HAS PULLED POPEYE INTO THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!



MY HEAVENS! IF HE DRINKS HE WILL BECOME A CHILD THE SAME AS THE REST OF US!



OH, GOODY! THEN WE CAN PLAY GAMES TOGETHER



SPLASH!



DRINK, POPEYE!
DRINK!
DRINK!
DRINK!

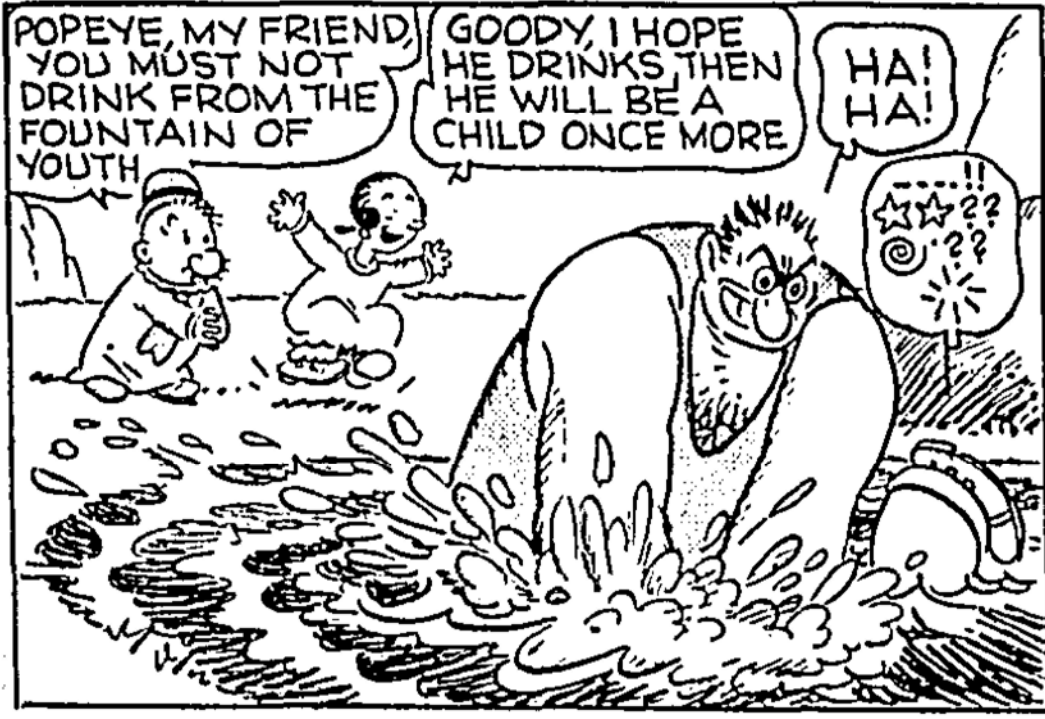
DO NOT DRINK,
POPEYE!
DO NOT DRINK!
DO NOT DRINK!

HA!
HA!



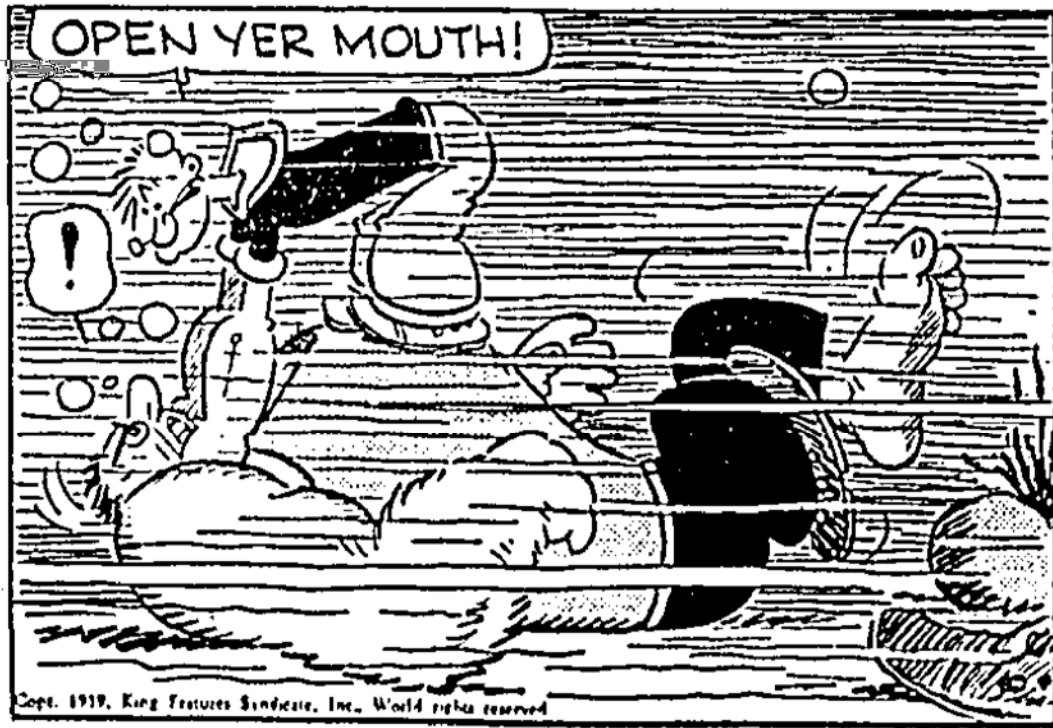
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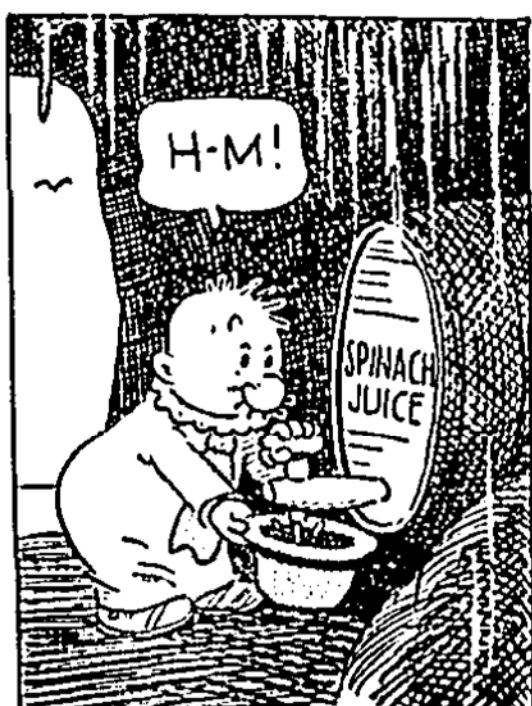
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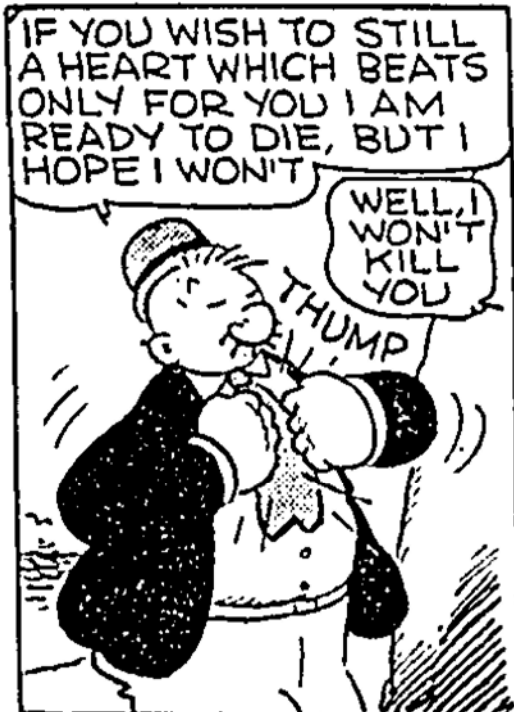
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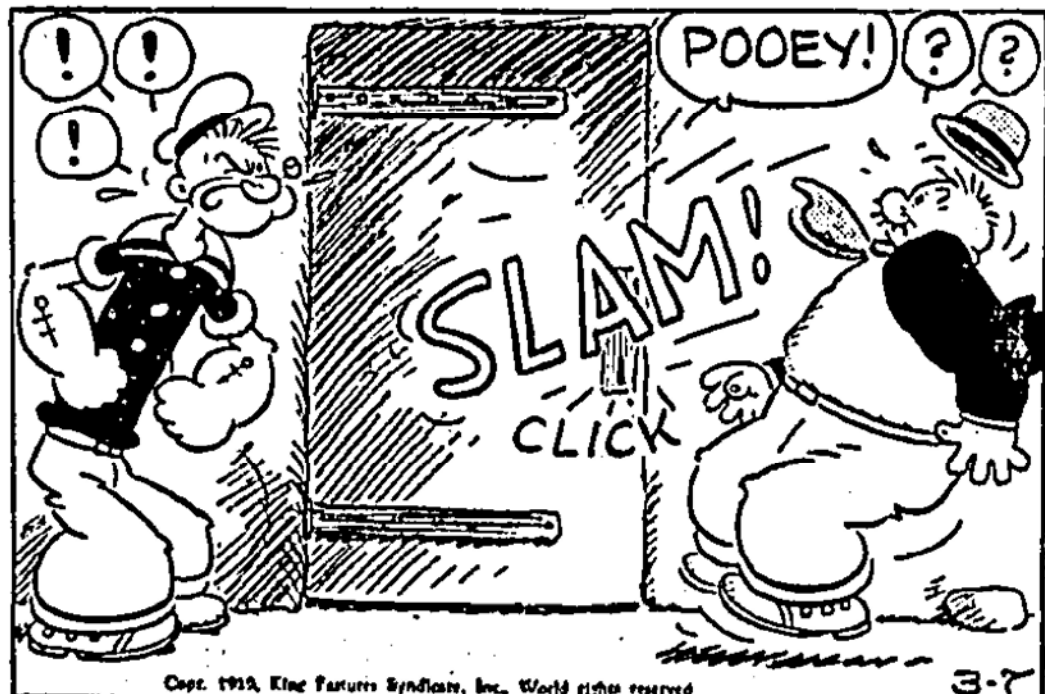
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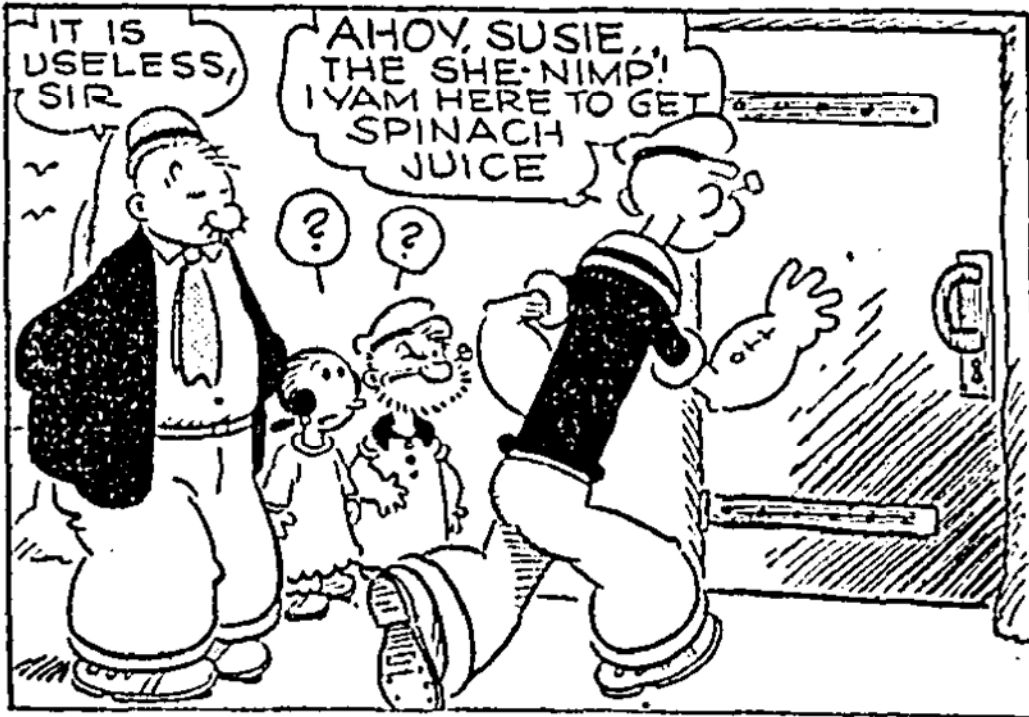
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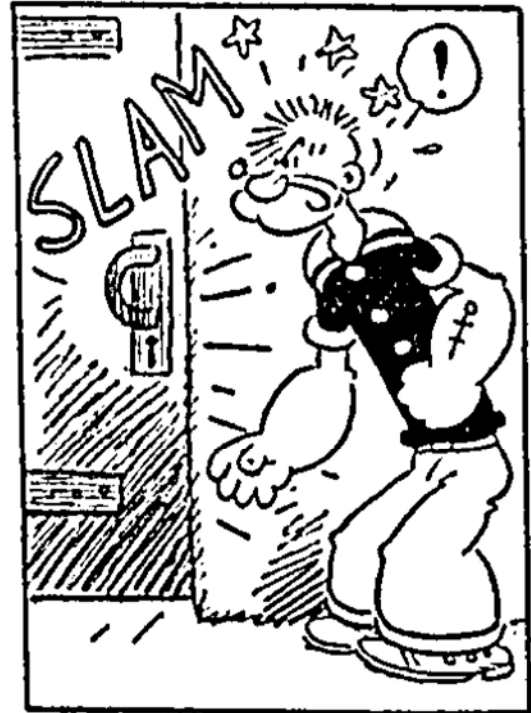
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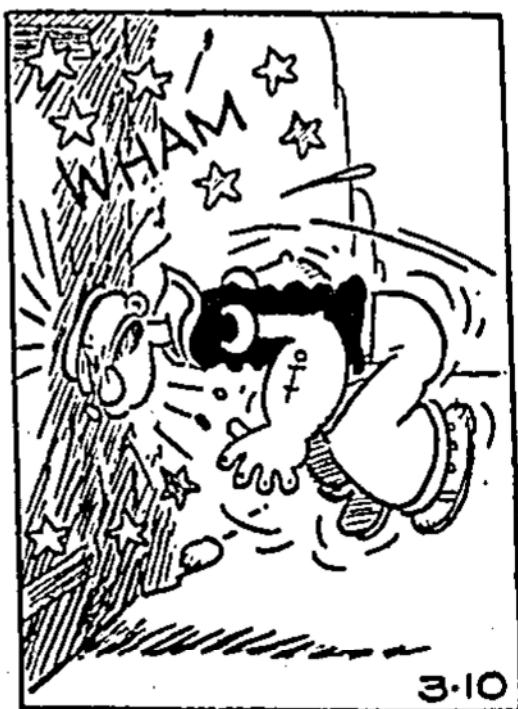
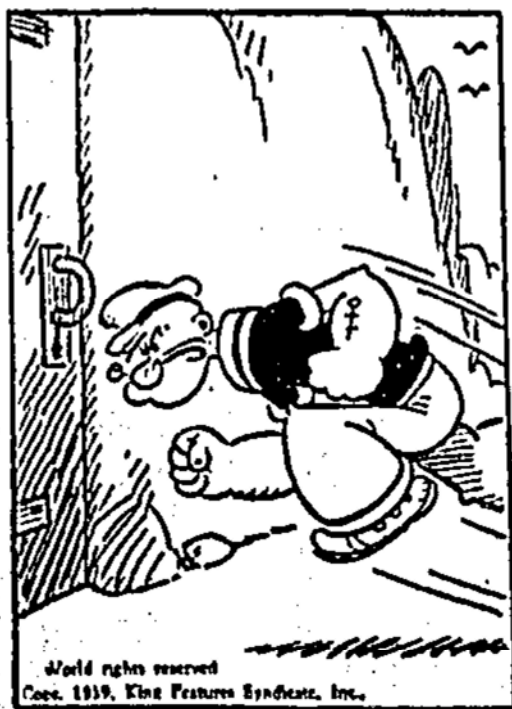
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MY FRIEND, I FEAR THE SITUATION IS HOPELESS, NO HUMAN CAN CRASH A GRANITE DOOR



IT AIN'T THE GRANIKE DOOR, WIMPY, IT'S ME, I YAM WEAK ON ACCOUNT OF I AIN'T HAD ME SPINACH



SPINACH?

THERE WAS SPINACH JUICE IN THIS KEG



COULD YOU SQUEEZE OUT ENOUGH SPINACH JUICE TO GET BACK YOUR STRENGTH, POPEYE?



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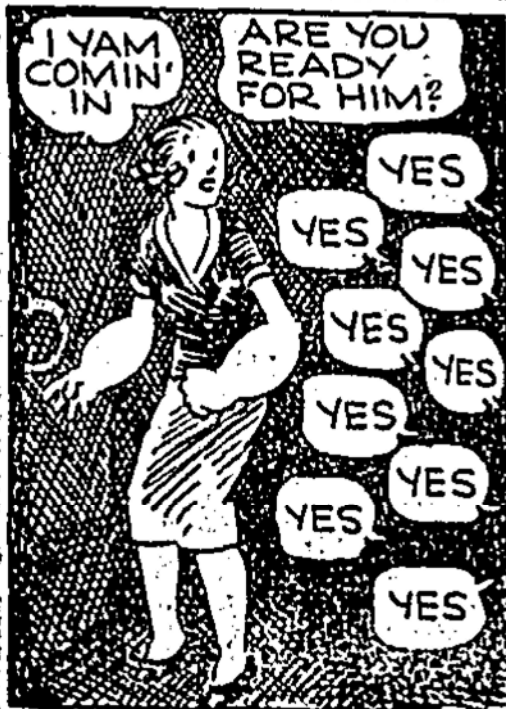
ALL I NEEDS IS JUS'A FEW MORE DROPS, WIT' ENOUGH SPINACH I KIN BUST'A GRANIKE MOUNTING



OH, GOODY!

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I SEZ I YAM
COMIN' IN

THEY'S A
THOUSING
--!!@?☆
BLARSTED
☆☆?....!!
IN HERE

RUN ALONG. YOU
SHOULD NOT
LISTEN TO SUCH
LANGUAGE

YA
@?..!
☆☆??
YA..!!
☆☆!

ARF!
ARF!

AW,
GNATS!

HEAVENS!
..CAVE MEN!!

YES, WHAT DID YOU
EXPECT TO FIND
IN A CAVE?

BOZZ
ZOR

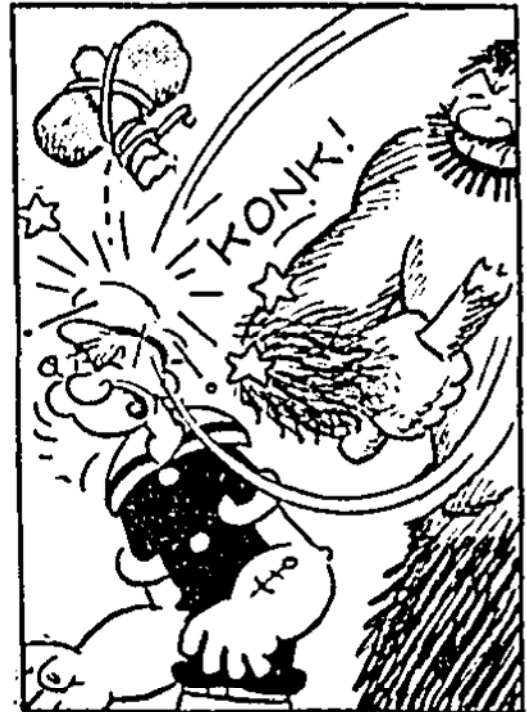
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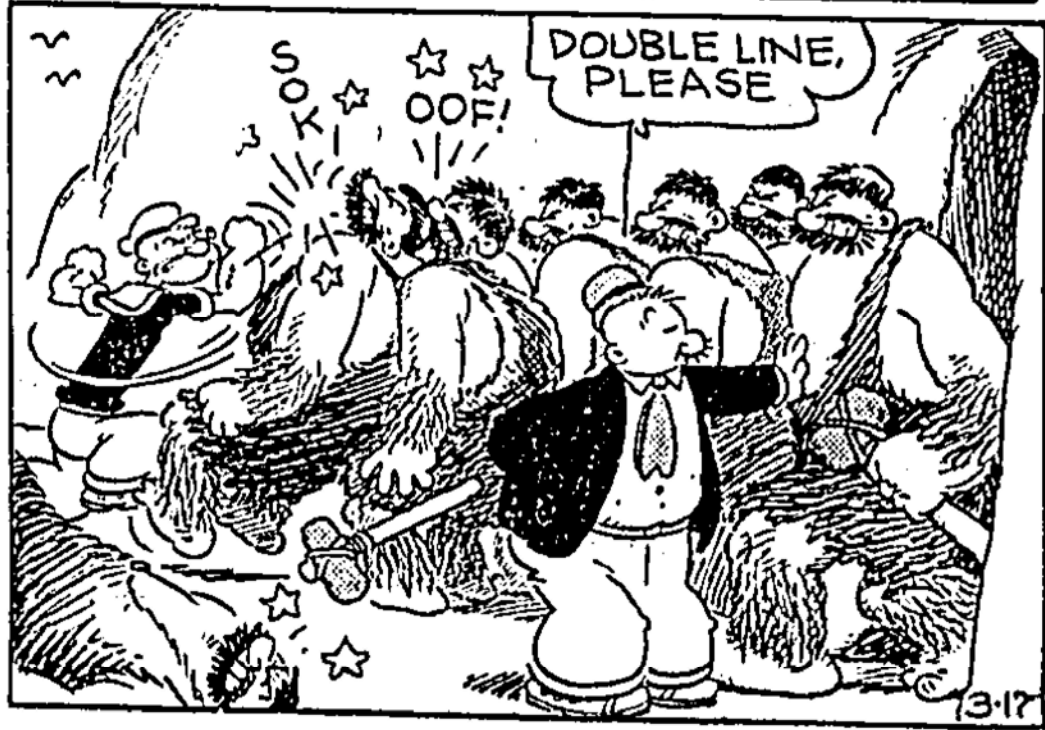
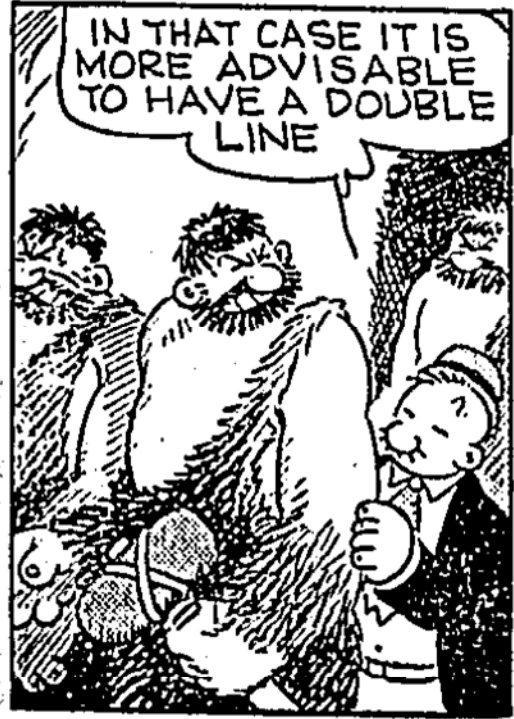
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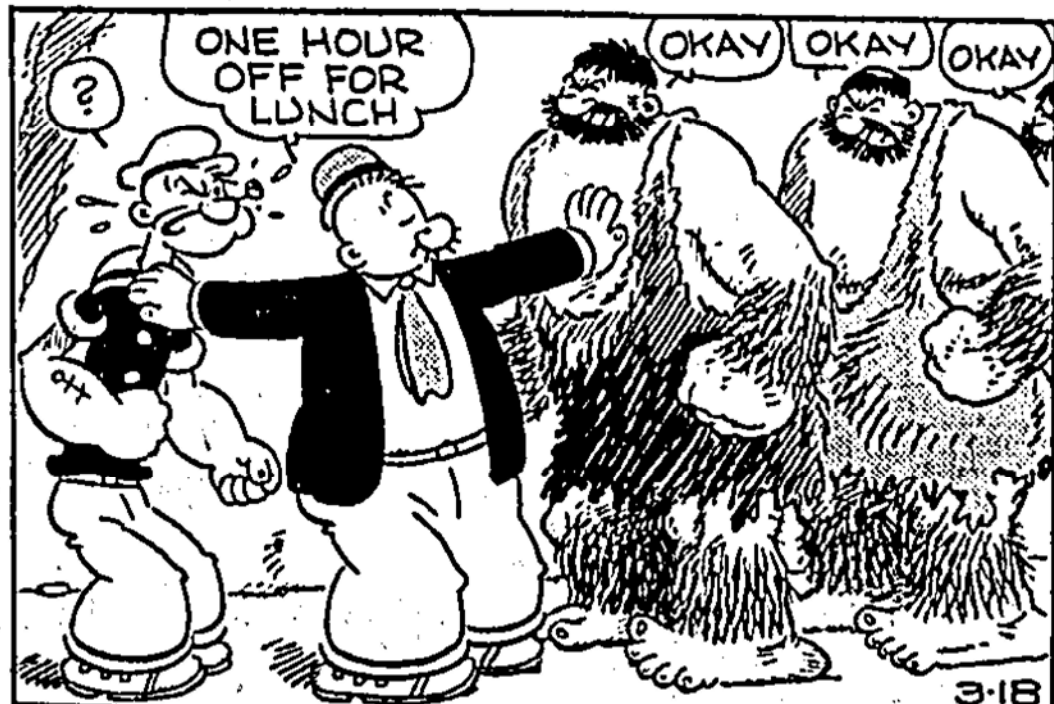
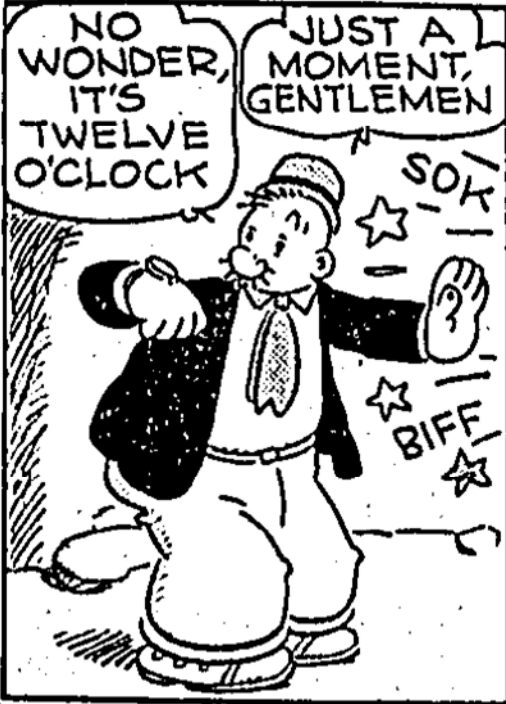
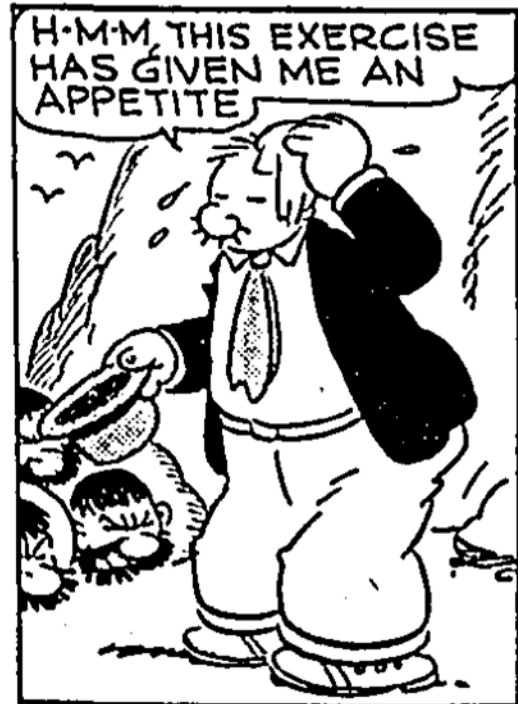
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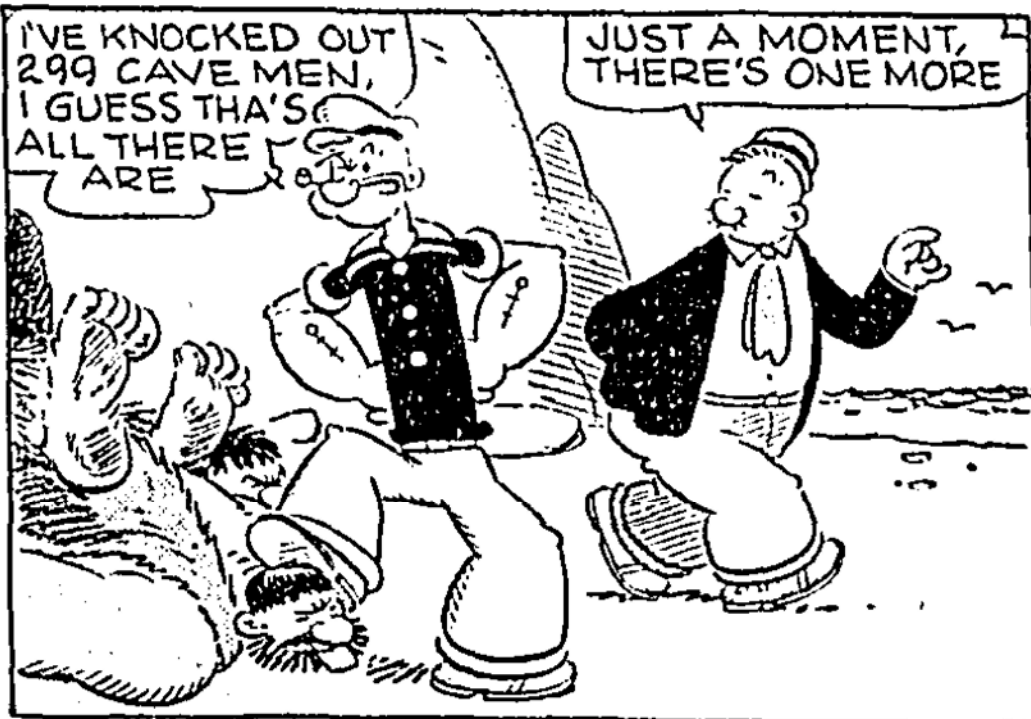
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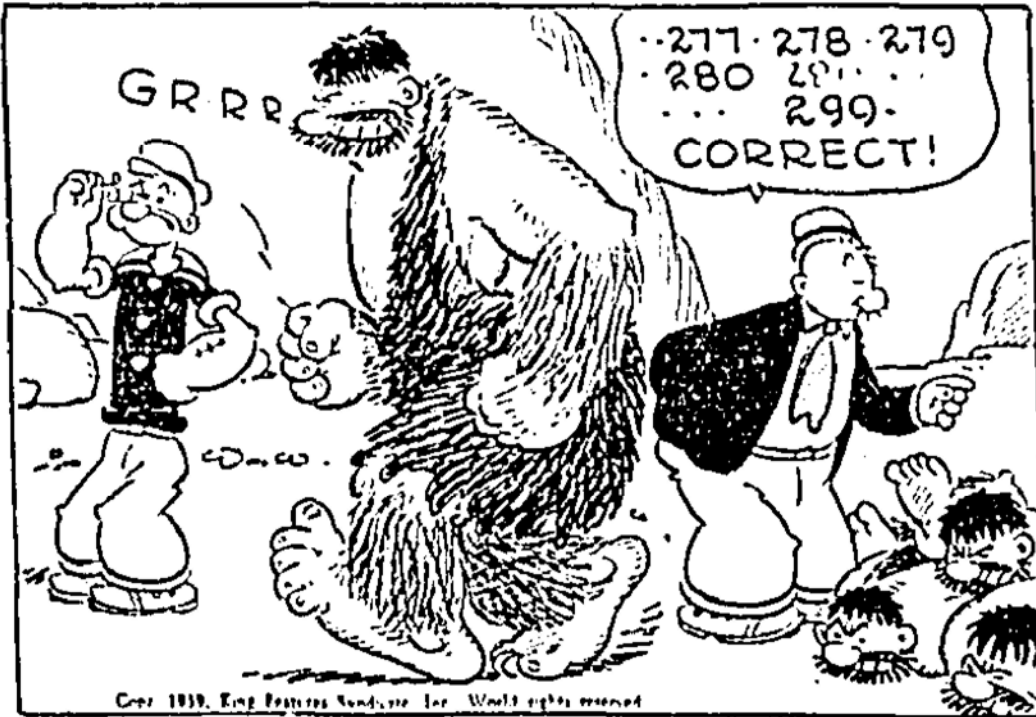
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SOME WEEKS PASS

H-M-M



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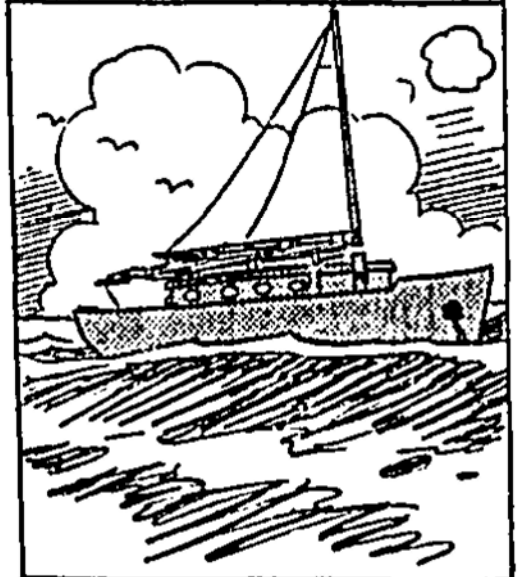
THANKS TO SPINACH JUICE OLIVE AND POOPDECK PAPPY ARE GROWN ONCE MORE

ACT YOUR AGE, YOU OLD GOAT

GNATS TO YOU, MADAM



REPAIRED BY TOAR.. THE SHIP RIDES AT ANCHOR

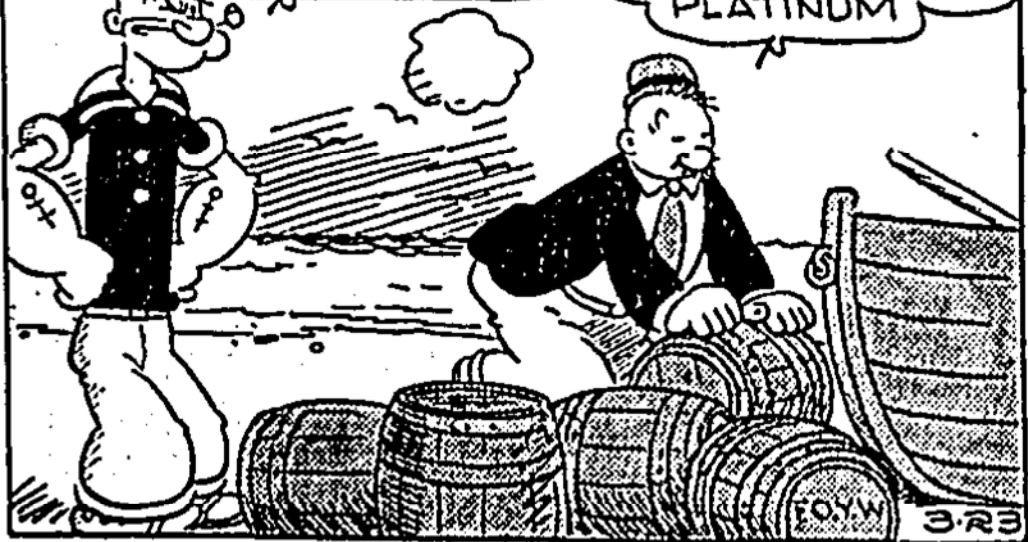


ITS CARGO WILL BE SPINACH JUICE FROM THE SPINACH JUICE SPRINGS AND WATER FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH



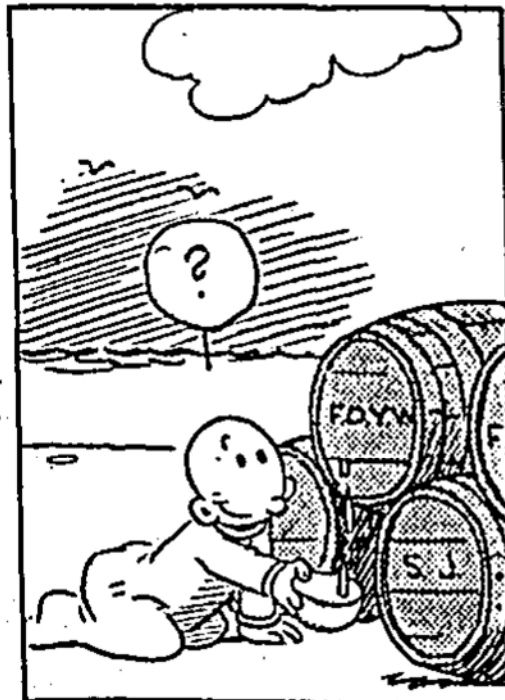
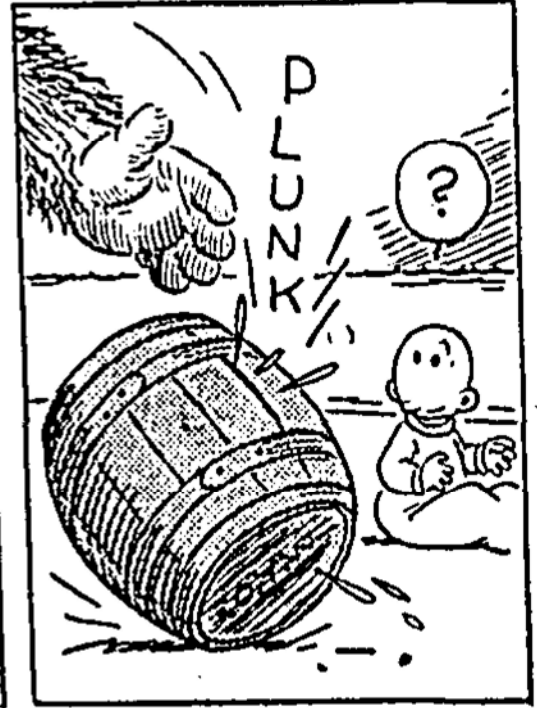
THE SPINACH JUICE MAKES LITTLE KIDS GROW AN' THE WATER MAKES OLD PEOPLE YOUNG

YES, IT IS THE MOST VALUABLE CARGO EVER LOADED, MORE PRECIOUS THAN PLATINUM



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Lost Popeye Zine, Volume 1:
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I just really wanted other
people to know more about
Popeye's history, please
don't sue me!
~Steph