

The MELODY GIRL

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BERYL BORDEN, secretly in love with TOMMY WILSON, discovers that he is the man she's been in love with all along. With her half-sister, IRENE EVERETT, she's come to terms with her "gang." Edmunda him.

Tommy, though he's in love and not break the heart of his wife, is financing him. Failing to convince him, IRENE, with the help of friends who, enraged at the delay, refuse to listen and postpone the elopement.

Tommy, who has come on the beach. One of his friends, ANGUS REED, is asked out by the tide, and TOMMY and BERYL rescue him.

It's hard to bear the reproaches of MRS. REED and the sneers of her jealous sister.

"We'll come again, Mrs. Irene to marry him," she says. "She will not let me if she will wash her blouse, and informs her that she is to have a shake her.

CHAPTER NINE

"Probably nothing but the truth," her father retorted. He was in an irritable mood this morning, due very likely to his haddy-cooked dinner the night before.

"If you women would stop arguing and fighting all the time and pay more attention to—"

"Your meals," his wife added, "or him. You're just like all men—thinking of your stomach all the time. You used to be different."

(That usually got him.) "I declare," she began to cry, "I don't know what to do," and her husband's habitual meekness was quickly restored.

"There, there, mother, I know you have a hard time," he soothed, "but BERYL's a great help to me; you aren't going to let Irene disappoint her like that, are you?"

"I HAVE to think of my voice," Irene answered for her mother. "BERYL irritates me. I'd be a nervous wreck before I got to the studio if she went along."

"Then why did you tell her she could go with you?" her father asked.

Irene shrugged. "I had a weak moment, I guess."

"H'umph. Seems to me I heard BERYL saying something about buying a ring-side seat," Mr. Everett remarked.

Irene turned to her mother. "There, you see!" she cried. "She's always making fun of me! And I won't stand for it!"

Mr. Everett began to sniff again.

"Oh, I guess she didn't mean to make fun of you," Mr. Everett declared hastily. "That's just BERYL's way—to joke. It helps a lot with the cranky customers."

"Poor child," her mother muttered as Irene stalked out of the room. "Why do you upset her so, Henry? You know she's high-strung and delicate—a real artist."

Mr. Everett was contrite. "I didn't mean to spoil her breakfast," he apologized. "Guess I'll be getting back to the store. Never mind pouring any more coffee for me." He got up and walked over to a peg on which hung his hat.

His wife hesitated a half moment, then spoke out boldly. "You'd better keep BERYL at the store," she advised. "Tell her you need her there."

Mr. Everett fidgeted from one foot to the other. "She'd know I was doing it for a reason," he objected. "You can't fool BERYL."

"Well, you keep her there just the same," she ordered, with a smile in her tone that left no room for further argument. He went away, muttering that he didn't like it.

And as he expected, BERYL laughed at him when he clumsily attempted to detain her at the store.

"I suspect you've been getting a load of Irene's impression of a prima donna," she said to him. "I had a hunch she'd try to renege on me and I'm prepared for it. Don't worry; I'll tell mother what a chance you had to hold me here."

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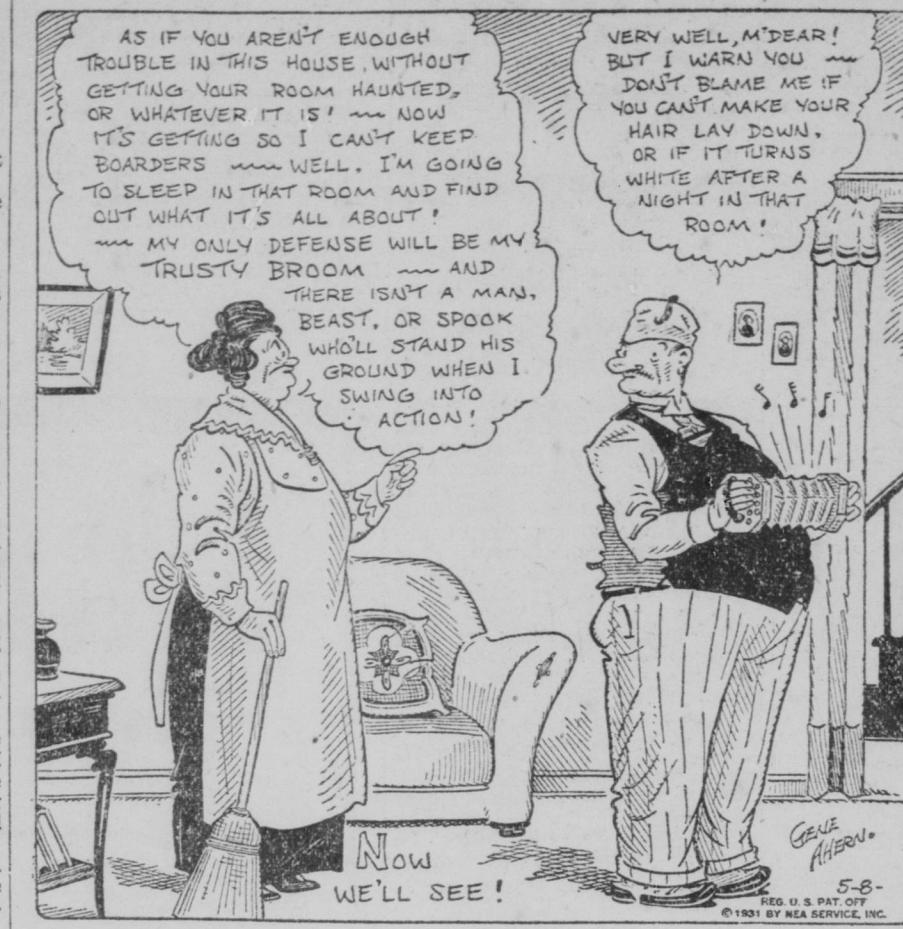
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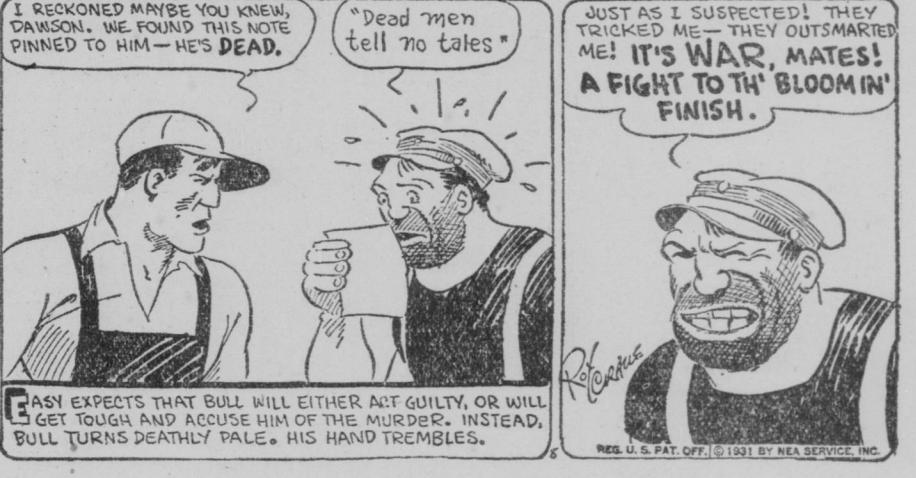
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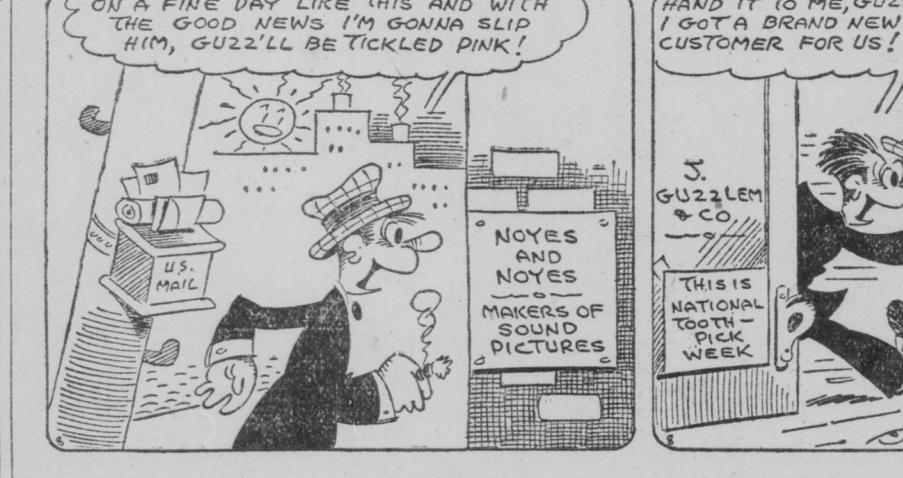
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