

WALRUS WAYS

"We'll tell of 'our ways," said Mother Walrus. "Yes, we'll let them know about us."

Billie Brownie was wearing his warm, warm coat which Old Man Winter had given him. It was made out of the same material that Old Man Winter had his wardrobe made of, for no matter how cold it is, it is never too cold for Old Man Winter.

He is protected from the cold by his regular winter clothing! But he won't tell anyone just how it is made.

And Billie was wearing the shoes and the cap and the earmuffs Old Man Winter had given him, too.

"There are many of us about, as you can see," said Mother Walrus. "But, though we love to go about in big groups, we have a nice family life and are devoted to our own.

"We are great, huge creatures, aren't we?"

"Enormous," said Billie Brownie. "If it wouldn't be rude," he added after a moment, "I would like to know how much you weigh."

"Not rude at all, Billie Brownie,? said Mother Walrus. "Not rude at all. Now my Mr. Walrus is one of the grandest and most superb of creatures. "He's a Walrus after my own heart and, of course, why wouldn't he be?" Mother Walrus laughed a great, deep laugh.

"Of course," she repeated, "why wouldn't he be, considering he is the Walrus of my own heart?

"He weighs three thousand pounds, and I weigh two thousand pounds.

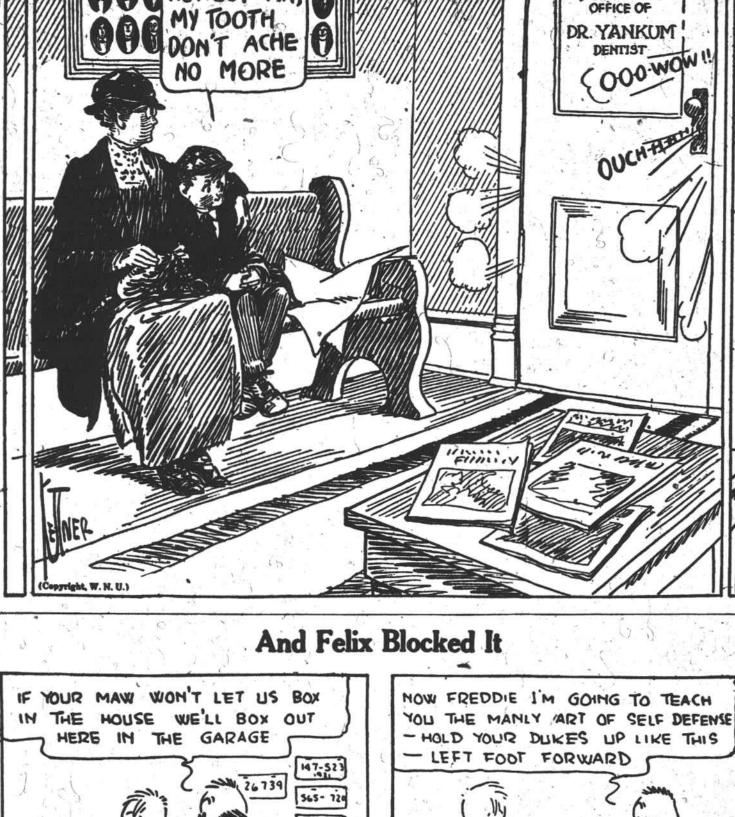
"Ah, Mr. Walrus isn't one of your skinny gentlemen. No, he is fat, good and fat, and full of wrinkles, for the fat all wrinkles up, as there is so much of it.

"There is plenty of fat to spare, you see, and it just folds up and wrinkles up and lets you know that there is nothing stingy about the fatness-it's all there-plenty of it!

"His two lvory tusks are the most beautiful I have ever seen. "We are slow creatures when we go

over the ice, but we're good swimmers."

"Gracious," said Bille Brownie. "To



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think of weighing three thousand pounds." "It's a majestic thought, isn't it?"



"A Walrus After My Own Heart."

said Mother Walrus, with a Walrus smile:

"Ah, yes," she continued, "we're not small or dainty. We go in for size and little else.

"We have so much fat that there isn't much room for brains. We're not very bright. In fact, we might almost be considered stupid.

"But we're as sociable as sociable can be, and we're all very friendly with one another.

"And, as I said before, though we are so friendly with one another, our own family always comes first.

"I'm not much of a fighter. I will do no one any harm.

"But-if any one should come after my baby-then, it is very different! I should be so excited then, to protect my big little one, that I'd be afraid of no one and I'd fight, fight, fight.

"The Mother Walruses will fight for their young. They are afraid of nothing, nothing, nothing if their young are in danger.

"Such are the ways of the Walrus creatures," ended Mother Walrus, as the bellowed a good-by to Billie Brownie.

RIDDLES

What has no mouth, yet can whistle? The wind.

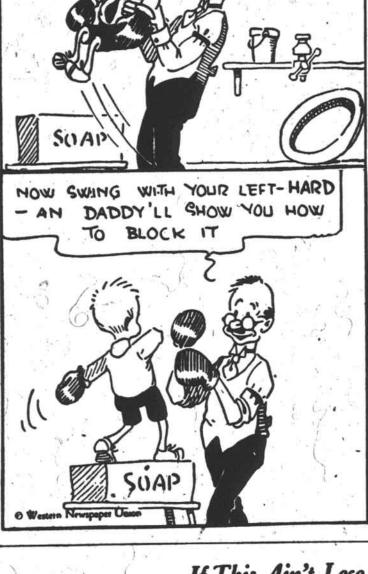
What is most like a cat's tall? A kitten's tail.

What has three feet but no legs? A yardstick.

What is the best land for young children? Lapland ...

Why is a clock so bashful? Be-Cause it always has its hands over its Iace.

It a bear went inte a dry goods store what would he want? Muzzlin' (muslig).





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