

# OUR COMIC SECTION

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### POP

By J. Millar Watt

### S'MATTER POP

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### NOT TELLING

"Papa insists that I wait until I am thirty before I get married."  
"In other words, he insists that you never marry."

### Strong Man

A man was boasting of his strength, and how he had once felled an ox by a blow from his fist.  
"That's not bad," said a listener, "but I once saw a chap knock down a factory with one blow of a hammer."  
"Some Samson, that chap!" sneered the boaster.  
"No," replied the other. "He wasn't much of a chap to look at, but he was a swell auctioneer!"

### ON THE ROOF

"How much do you think Brown's worth?"  
"Are you asking about his efficiency or his financial condition?"

### The Once Over

H.I. Phillips

#### GASOLINE CRISIS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—When I get into a filling station can I get all the gas I want?  
A.—It will depend on how many cars have been ahead of you.  
Q.—If I drive into a station and say "Fill her up," what answer will I get?  
A.—No answer; just a laugh.

Q.—Will I be able to buy gas at any hour of the day or night?  
A.—That depends on your luck.  
Q.—My luck when out of gas has never been hot. So what?  
A.—So you'd better realize that under the new orders no gas station may be open more than 12 hours a day, and there is no telling which 12 hours a station may choose.  
Q.—You mean that if I run short of gas between six at night and six in the morning I may find the nearest pumping stations only operate during the day, and if I run short during the day I may find the nearest stations only run nights?  
A.—It's wonderful how quickly you grasp an idea.

Q.—Isn't this a little screwy?  
A.—How so?  
Q.—I mean isn't it better for all gas stations to keep open certain specific hours as under the previous ban, so that any autoist may plan his travels intelligently?  
A.—What makes you think autoists plan their travels intelligently?  
Q.—May dealers stagger their hours; that is, open from 10 to noon, close from noon to 2 p. m., reopen from 2 to 4, etc.?  
A.—Yes.  
Q.—What would be the sense of this?  
A.—Well, it would add a speculative appeal to the whole thing.  
Q.—Would it appeal to the American public?  
A.—Look how bingo is doing!

Q.—What is the guiding rule for gas sellers?  
A.—The whole idea is to fill simply the minimum requirements of essential users.  
Q.—What is an essential user?  
A.—An essential user is an autoist whose driving is necessary.  
Q.—For instance?  
A.—Doctors, army and navy men, nurses, government officials, etc., are people whose use of a car is necessary.  
Q.—Then can I get all the gas I need if I take a nurse out for a ride?  
A.—Yes, but it will be smarter if you use her car and get her to take you out for a ride.  
Q.—Would it be all right for me to have ten gallons now?

A.—Have you stopped to think that ten gallons of gas might be the deciding factor in a vital tank battle at the front?  
Q.—Should I make it seven gallons?  
A.—Don't you realize that seven gallons of gas might get the valiant men out of a tight spot in India?  
Q.—I'll take five.  
A.—Do you realize that with war engulfing the whole civilized world every gallon of . . .  
Q.—Stop. I get it. Lemme have a half pint!  
A.—You're hopeless.

#### INSPIRATION

The more I study the "heathen Chinese"  
The less I seem to think of me;  
The patient way he takes his lot  
Convinces me I'm not so hot.

And as I watch that Russian bear  
My cockiness seems quite unfair;  
As I see Stalin and his brood,  
I ask myself, "Am I THAT good?"

J. Dorsey's reaction to the President's war budget is to rise and exclaim that fifty billion dollars can't be wrong.

Darned clever with women, those Van Steeds.

In this rubber shortage, has nobody, looking for a rubber substitute, thought of looking through all luncheon portions of turkey a la king?

#### TODAY'S PATHETIC CASE.

A citizen in front of a closed gas station with two flat tires, a cup of coffee, one lump of sugar and a set of rules from Washington!

#### BREVITY IN THE AIR

A naval flier sent this laconic report to his commander: "Sighted sub; sank same." Had he been a "versifier" he might have put it: "Sighted Sub; sank same—Sought more; none came—All gone; can't blame—This life too tame."

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