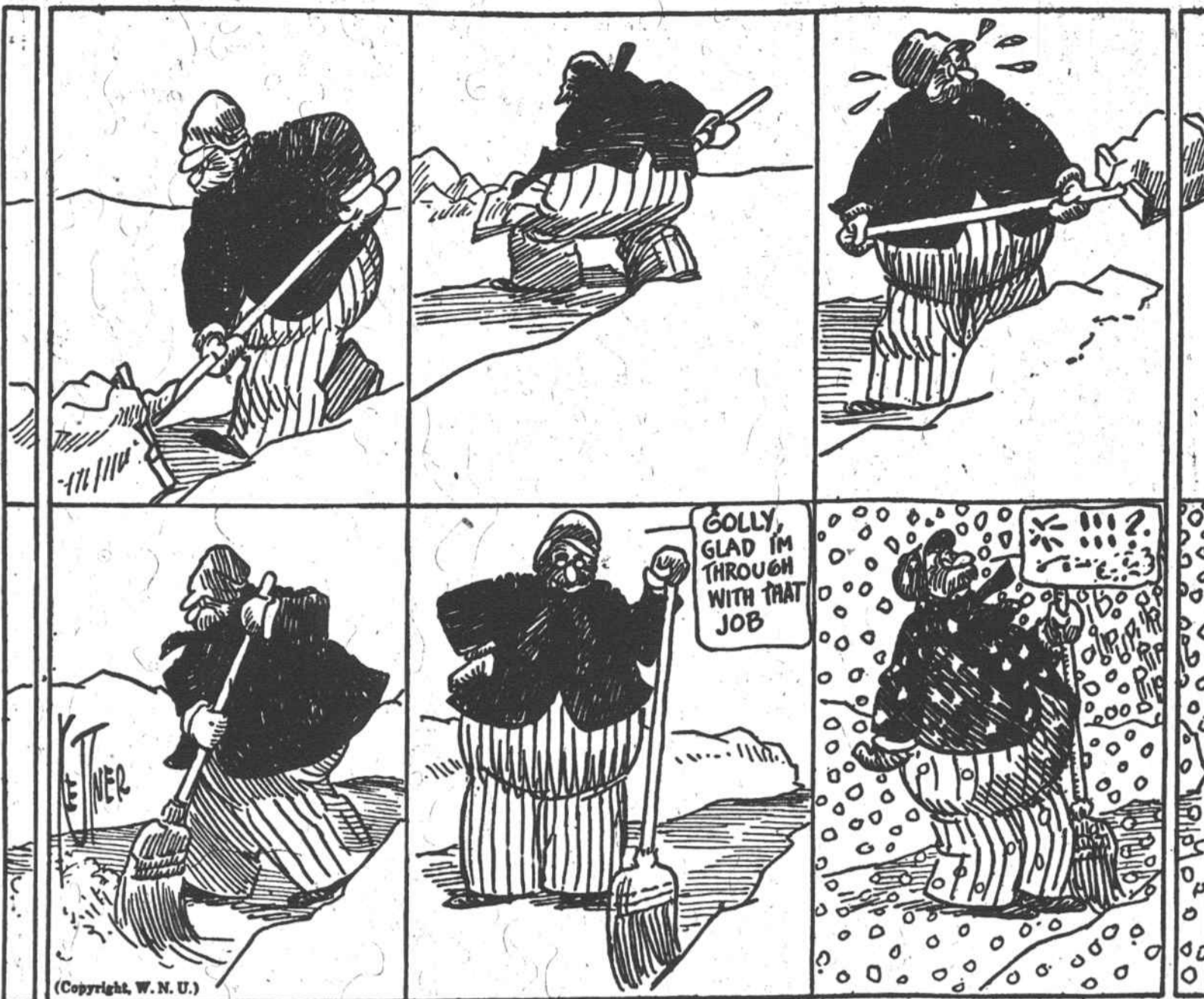


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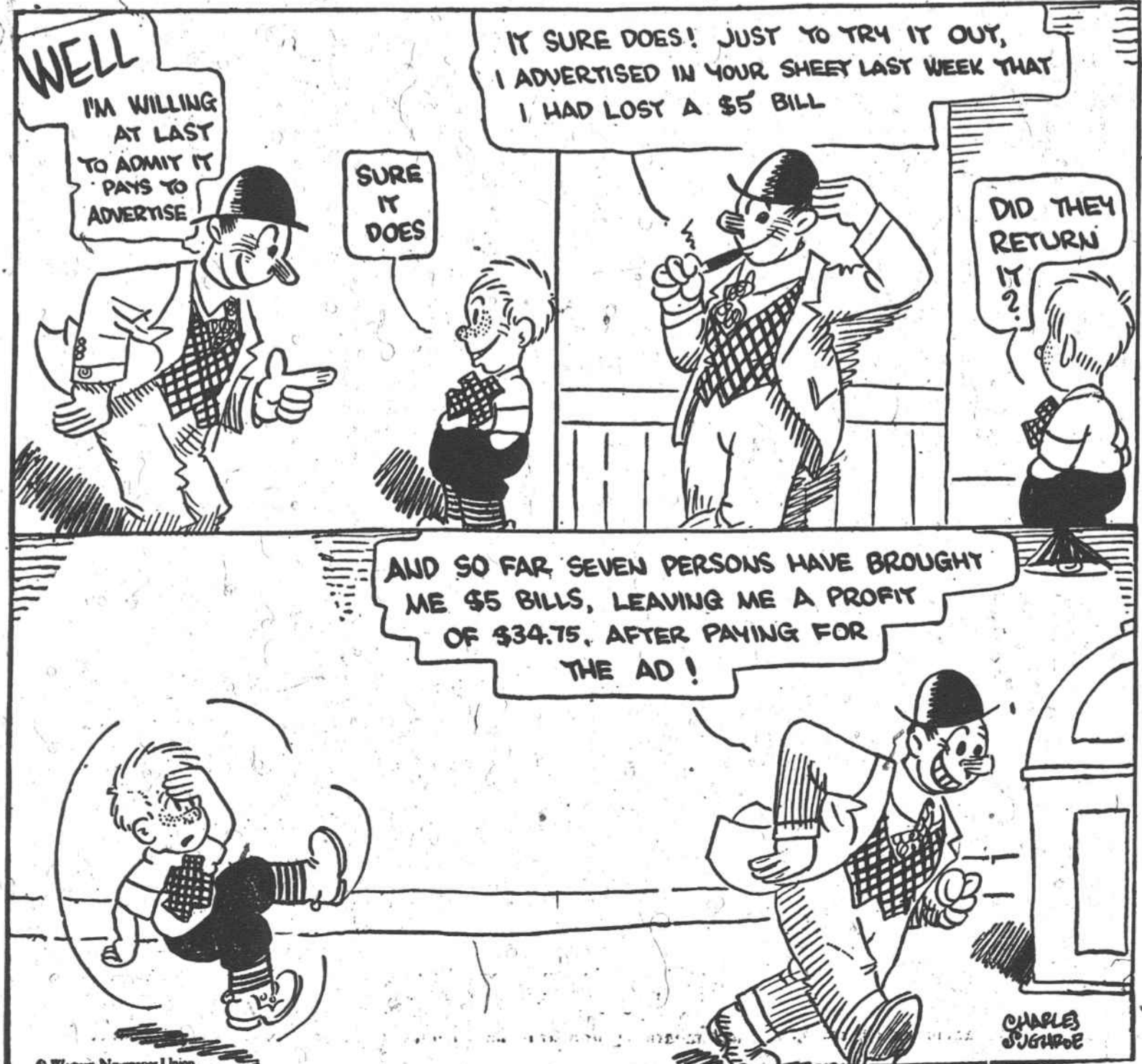
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FARM STOCK

STEADILY INCREASED INTEREST IN HORSE

Steadily increased interest in horse breeding has been apparent in the past year. With lowered prices for farm products generally, many farmers have come to appreciate the fact that the raising of a few foals yearly entails a minimum of labor and a fair market for feed produced on the farm.

However, a note of warning may not be amiss—there never was a worse time to raise scrubs and skates than now, says Farm Life. There is a demand for quality drafters. Such a demand will not only continue but increase, provided that the right kind of horse is available. The discouraging condition of the horse market has been caused, not so much by lack of market as by overproduction of something the market does not want at any price—the misfit horse, lacking type, quality and weight.

The stallion gets most of the blame for a poor colt, the mare gets little and the mare's owner blames himself not a whit. Admitting that the stallions are not, in all instances, what they ought to be and that, to many farmers, choice is limited—the assertion still holds good that, with many of the mares bred, the expectation of a good colt, even with the service of the best draft stallion in the world, resolves itself into a friendly little game of dice with nature's dice box—the laws of heredity. In such cases, nature uses loaded dice—nearly every time. As to the other member concerned in the production of scallawag horses—the owner—it must be admitted that many undersized, poorly developed three-year-olds are the result of hot summers, flies, bare pastures, trudging after hard-worked mothers—and of winters where, in so far as the foal is concerned, a little grain, choice hay and a few roots are conspicuous by their absence.

Even if a man has no pride in a horse for the horse's sake, it pays to have part of the working complement made up of good work mares with size, quality, few hereditary objections and no hereditary unsoundness.

Most foals come in May and June. If the mare is not worked after foaling, the colt gets a good start before the heat and flies of late summer. The tendency to trouble at foaling time is much greater, however, with the early colt, there being a greater percentage of joint ill or general weakness than in the case if mares foal later, say in July or August. The reason for this is that the late foaling mare spends the spring and early summer at hard work (reasonably hard work rarely killed an unborn foal) and spends some of her time on grass. Her system is cleansed, hardened and rebuilt, and her functions are keyed up. The condition is reflected in a hardy, rugged foal that dies only through acts of violence.

Sheep Are Inclined to Be Finical About Feed

Sheep are naturally of a cleanly nature and will not eat anything that they, themselves, have fouled. It is poor policy to try to make them eat off the floor of their fold. After lying and tramping upon the straw, they will not readily eat it up clean. By scattering the stuff outside, however, about what they will pick up each day—the straw does not become dirty.

Sheep readily respond to feeding with grain. Breeding ewes should have corn and oats mixed during the latter part of the winter. Oats make the best grain for lambs. One man said he always gets the sheep all inside the pen and shuts the door before he strews the grain along the feeding trough. Let all the animals get to the grain together and each one will get her share.

By having the grain trough along the side of the pen raised a foot from the bottom, the animals will not be able to get into it and soil it. If it should become soiled, it should be cleaned before grain is scattered. Sheep require a large amount of fresh water during the winter.

Proper Housing Is Big Factor in Raising Hogs

Some successful hog men make it a practice to shut their brood sows out of the sleeping quarters for a couple of hours each day, thus encouraging them to move about considerably. Possibly the most practical method is to arrange for the feeding of alfalfa hay in an outside rack. Brood sows have been observed to spend from one to three hours each day feeding under such conditions regardless of the weather.

Such a system has many distinct advantages. If strong litters are to be developed, the sows must get plenty of exercise.

Best Remedy to Get Rid of Worms in Young Pigs

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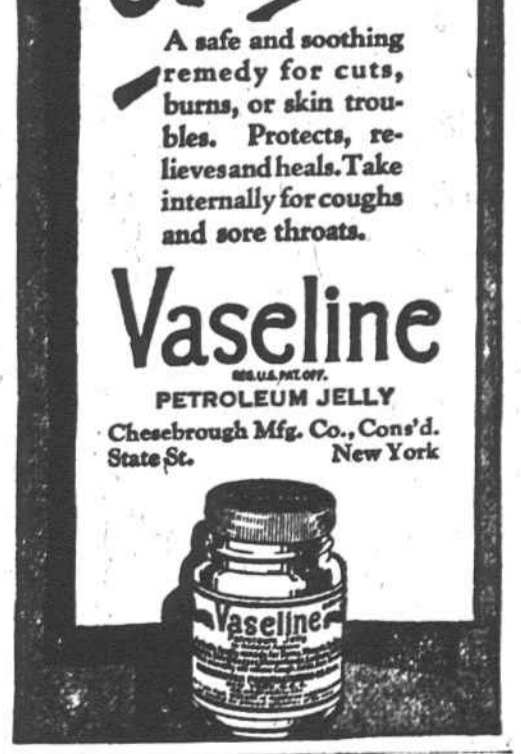
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