

The World Living Better
(Cleveland Leader.)

The widespread movement in the direction of higher wages will have an important bearing on the foreign trade of the United States. If the adjustment within our own territory goes on evenly and reasonably, the wage-earners of America will be given more money, and all other classes will get more for their services, or for the use of their property. The standard will be raised throughout the country, and one man's position about the same that it has been.

But if the scale of wages and prices is to be higher in the United States and not in other countries, then there will be increasing difficulty in making headway against foreign competition in neutral markets. The tendency of improved machinery and methods of production will be to make merchandise from other great industrial centers cheaper, whereas a marked upward change in the American price level will have the opposite effect in the United States. If this difference should go far enough it would have the effect of checking exports sharply and stimulating imports. That cannot happen without causing more or less congestion in home markets, and if such difficulty in disposing of important staples should be experienced the natural result would be cutting of both prices and wages. For these reasons it is apparent that the interests of American workmen would be well served by a general advance in wages in other industrial countries.

Mr. Cassatt's Ambition
(New York Press.)

"Do you know what President Cassatt's ambition is?" said an old friend of the pulchritudinous head of the "Standard Railroad of America." Mr. Cassatt counts on 13 more active years before he shall call himself an old man. His age today is 64. Thirteen more will put him at 77—still young. He looks as if he might live to be 100. "In the next 13 years," says his friend, "Mr. Cassatt will put the Pennsylvania all through New England, Long Island, New Jersey and New York city. Not an ounce of coal will be burned between Philadelphia and the more eastern points. The entire system will be electric. I expect to see electric trains running between New York and Philadelphia in 1904. We will have a six-track road, with a speed of 100 miles an hour. Experts have been at work more than a year testing the various methods of electric propulsion. It is possible that automobiles may be used instead of the trolley or the third rail, which are physically different but practically the same."

Endorsed by Both Parties
(Washington Post.)

The only man who ran for the next Congress with the support of both political parties was on the floor of the House yesterday—Mr. Robert N. Page, of one of the North Carolina districts. The Republicans endorsed his nomination by the Democrats, but when Mr. Page insisted on making Democratic speeches the Republicans were a little scared, and on the morning of election day put up a candidate. He was nevertheless elected by a handsome majority.

Mr. Page is a brother of the editor of World's work, who has acquired quite a reputation as a magazine writer.

Of all the sad and sorry words
That mankind ever writ,
The saddest are—to most of us—
These two: "Please remit."
—Chicago News.



"Were you ever hurt in your automobile?"
"No; but I broke three ribs when I was thrown out of it."



The Doctor—My poor boy! I'll tell you the worst! You'll be well just at the time school opens again!"



"Why did you throw him in that snowbank?"
"Cause jest 'cause he's eight years old, he's always tellin' us about the heavy snowstorm dey had when he was young."

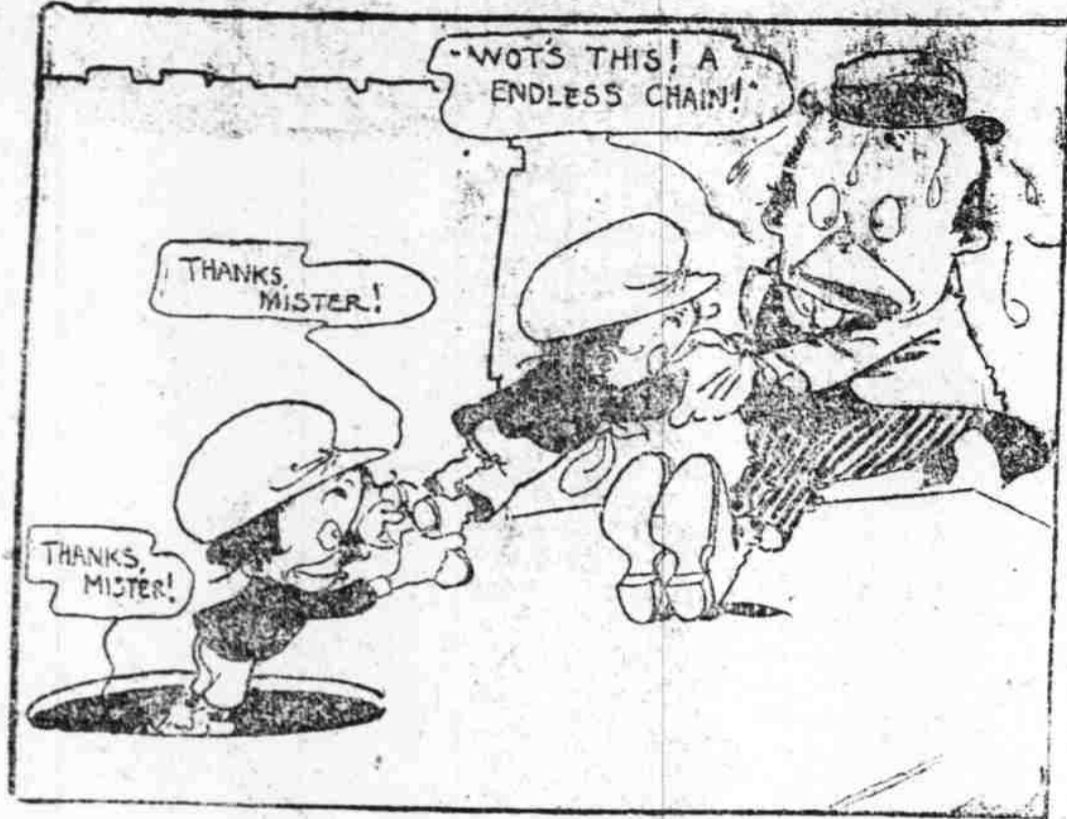
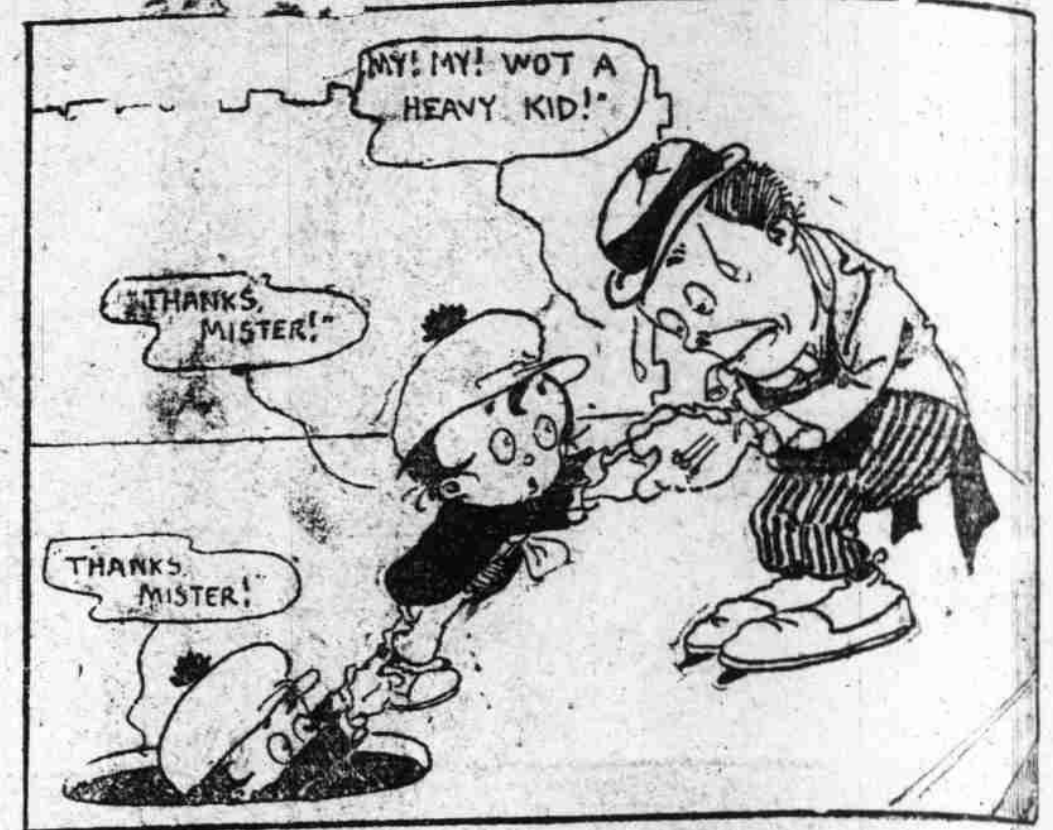


First Hunter—I can shoot more crows than you.
Second Hunter—You always could beat me crows."



"There's one thing I like about our new minister; he doesn't jump at conclusions."
"No; it usually takes him about an hour to reach a conclusion."

TWEEDLEDEE, TWEEDLEDUM AND THE OTHER TRIPLET.
They are rescued by Mr. Finnigan.



Maisy—That is taken from Wagner. What do you think of it?
Cynicus—Well, Wagner seems to be giving it up mighty hard.



Miss Ruyter Lotte—I am gathering material for my new book. Will you please tell me why you carry an anchor out here on the plains?
Native—Why, certainly; do you see that thing a-comin'?"



"Well, that'll give you full particulars."



"Brother promised to take me skating. I wish he'd hurry. Where is he?"



"I don't own a dollar in the world, sir."
"Put everything in your wife's name, I suppose?"