

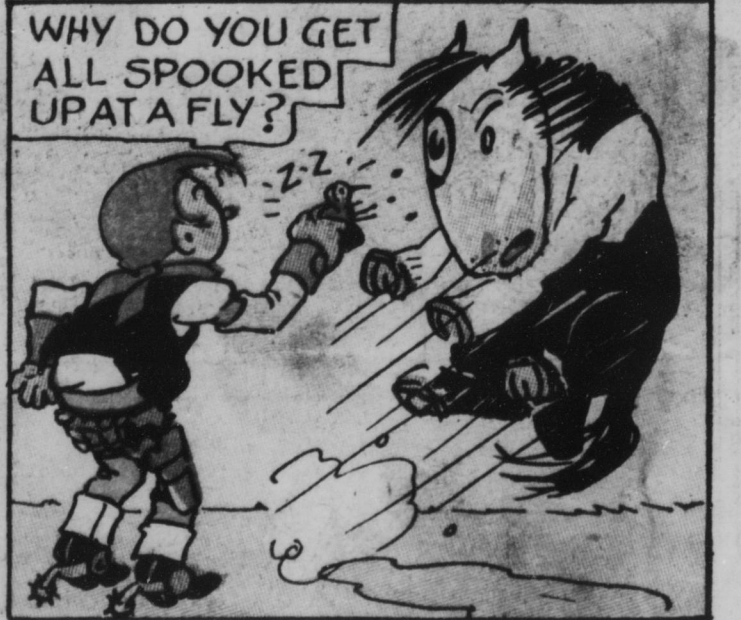
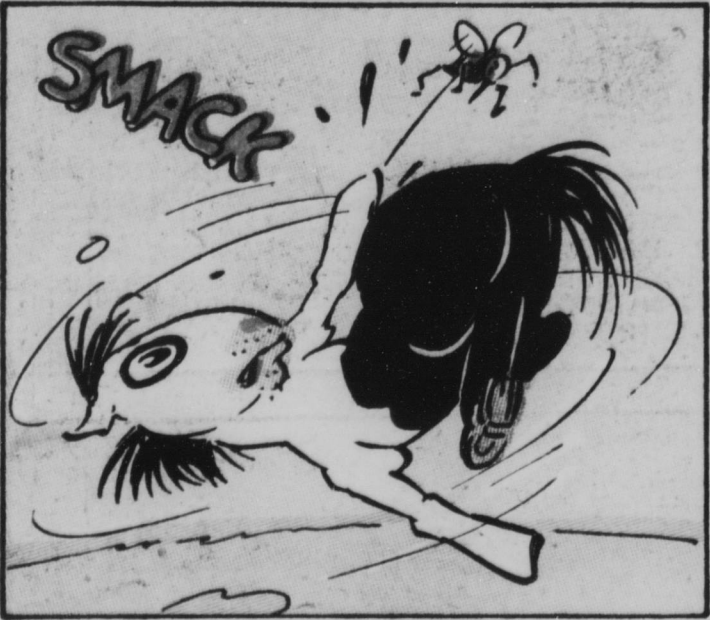
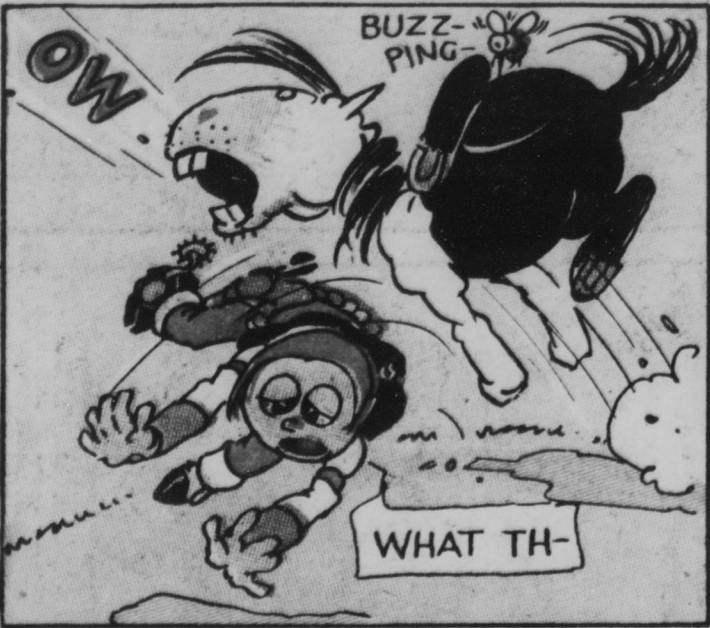
LOCO LUKE

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SPRING ROUND-UP IS OVER, ALL THE LITTLE-SLEEPERS COUNTED, SLICK-EARS NOTCHED, AND THE DOGGIES-BRANDED



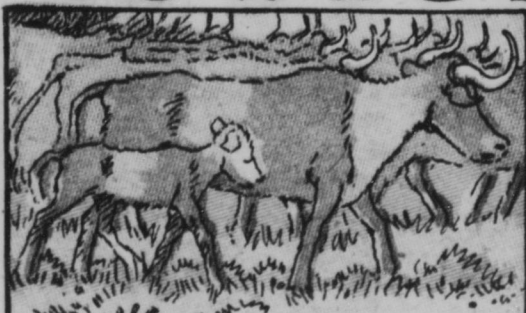
HO-HUM! SPRING WORK ALL DONE AND NOTHIN' TO DO UNTIL THE FALL ROUND-UP



COWBOY PRIMER



A SLEEPER-IS A NEW BORN CALF TOO YOUNG TO FOLLOW ITS MAMMY ON LONG TRIPS TO WATER, MAMMY HIDES HIM AND HE SLEEPS UNTIL SHE RETURNS



A SLICK-EAR IS A YOUNG CALF, OLD ENOUGH TO FOLLOW ITS MAMMY AND THE HERD-AND HE HASN'T HAD HIS EAR MARKED OR NOTCHED YET

THIS BRAND IS READ BAR W.R.



The ear notched to correspond to the brand



-SO, ON THE SPRING ROUND-UP HE GETS HIS EAR NOTCHED THIS IDENTIFIES HIM WITH THE BRAND HIS MOTHER IS WEARING. HE IS NOW A LIL'-DOGGIE



AND WHEN HE'S GOT HIS GROWTH, HE GETS THE ("HOT IRON") BRAND OF THE OUTFIT TO WHICH HE BELONGS HE IS NOW A FATTENING STEER, "A BEEF" -