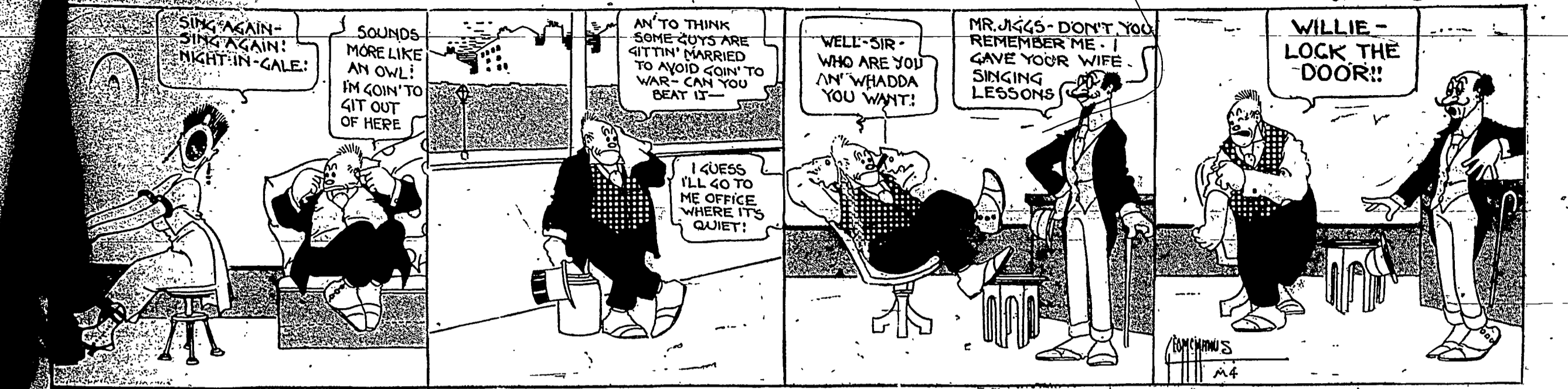


**Bringing Up Father**

By George McManus



**Rifle Club to Meet on Range**

The Johnson City Rifle Club will hold its first outdoor shoot of the season tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon if the weather is favorable. The members have been shooting on the indoor range with the small calibre rifles all winter and are now anxious to again try their skill with the regulation arm. The indoor shooting has been highly gratifying to the officers of the club the past winter. The scores have run higher than at any previous time and new records for the club have been set and several of the National Rifle Association of which the club is affiliated have been equaled. Last summer was their first year on the new outdoor range which adjoins the state range at East Union. The pits and targets have been repaired and put in fine shape for tomorrow afternoon's battle. This year both targets will be employed so as to facilitate faster shooting and thus giving a larger squad an opportunity to use the range each afternoon.

**SHOE TOWNS WILL HAVE AT LEAST THREE TEAMS IN THE CITY LEAGUE**

Johnson City to Furnish One Nine While Endicott Association and Time Recording Company Will Enter Two More—Two Diamonds Available in Magic City

A meeting for the purpose of forming a city baseball league was held at Norval Douglas' store in Binghamton Wednesday evening. As Mr. Smith, the manager of the I. T. R. team was unable to be present no definite action was taken except to arrange for another meeting to be held next Tuesday evening at the same place. Present indications are that a fast league will be organized which will probably consist of six teams; two from Endicott, one from Johnson City and the others from Binghamton. Such an arrangement would be the best possible combination because of a scarcity of suitable fields for more teams. Endicott

is fortunate in having two good diamonds. At present there are two at Ideal Park besides the I. T. R. field on North street, but as soon as the race track at the Park is completed it is proposed to change the location of the baseball grounds and eliminate the western field. This would effect a material improvement in the new diamond as it would allow for a larger and better outfield.

This will probably not be done before the middle of the summer, but the organizers of the league are figuring on every possible contingency that may work upon the future of the revived combination. Another thing that they point out is that to many games in a city the size of Endicott is not advisable because of the attendance, which necessarily would be divided. While the league would be run as an amateur organization and purely as a sporting proposition, the financial end must be seriously considered for an enterprise of that size must have a heavy expense account. Binghamton has only one good location for City League games, the State Hospital grounds, and there is much objection to that place as no collection is allowed. If more teams are admitted to the circuit the ball grounds in the rear of the tanneries may have to be pressed into service. At the next meeting representatives from the Endicott Athletic Association, the I. T. R. from Endicott, the New Scout factory from Johnson City and the Dunn-McCarthy factory, the Warriors Club and the State Hospital from Binghamton will be present to organize the league and draft a schedule. The association will be represented by F. V. Parton, baseball manager and Art Smith will care for the interests of the I. T. R. team. The association has been getting in a workout each evening this week and indications are that a clever team will be developed. Many men have not yet reported because of the weather, but about 25 have been at the park several nights. Smith is working out his crew lightly and skirmishing for new men to replace those who have quit the game, or think they have. Amateur players are like big leaguers in that respect.

**Many Boats Now Seen on the River**

Canceled promises to be one of the leading sports of the "Magic City" this summer. The Endicott Athletic Association elected a manager of aquatic sports for this season and has been planning several interesting water events. Already there is much boating. Many boats, motor boats and canoes are now anchored along the shore of the river at the park and many more will be found as far down the river as Round Hill. Scores more will make their appearance as soon as the warm weather seems to have come to stay.

Although wanting in the language of gallantry, Lincoln was not incapable of turning a neat compliment. The artist-Carpenter has told me of one that would have pressed Chesterfield hard. An enthusiastic lady gave the president an entirely superfluous bouquet. The situation was momentarily embarrassing, but "with no appearance of discomposure he stooped down, took

the flowers and, looking from them into the sparkling eyes and radiant face of the lady, said, with a gallantry I was unprepared for, 'Really, madam, if you give them to me and they are

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