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Those Fickle Fashions

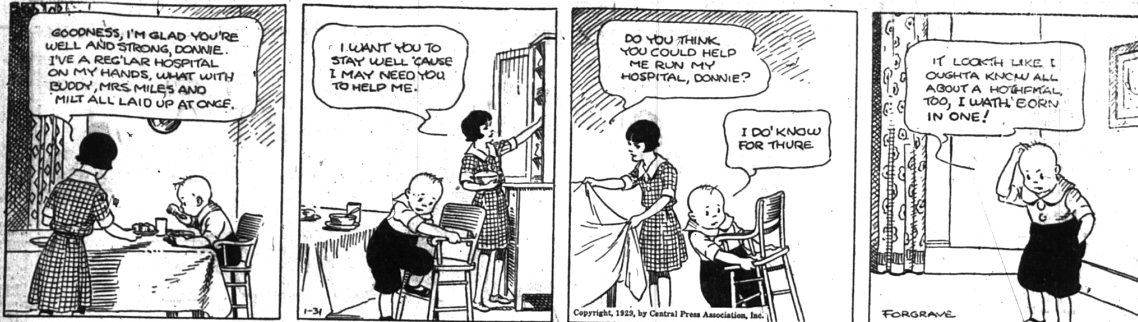
By Paul Robinson



BIG SISTER

Grounds for Authority

By Les Forgrave



HIGH PRESSURE PETE

Job Wanted

By Swan



THE OLD HOME TOWN

Stanley



SIDESWIPE

In the World of Humor

"The time will come," shouted the speaker, "when the women will get men's wages."
 "Yes," said a little man in the corner, "Next Saturday night."
 The Pitchfork.

A Disappointment
 At a small station in the South the daily passenger train was getting ready to leave.
 "All right back there?" bawled the conductor.
 "Hol' on! Hol' on!" shrilled a feminine voice from inside the waiting room, "Jess wait till I gets mah clothes on."
 And then, as the occupants of the train craned their necks expectantly, she appeared with a basketful of laundry—Santa Fe Magazine.

War Talk
 A young Jewish private was assigned to picket duty. He walked the "dog watch," a solitary, lonely watch and had a sharp eye out for prowlers. A shadowy, indistinct form approached. The young Jewish sentry shouted, "Who comes there?" A voice replied: "A Friend." The young Jewisher rejoined: "Advance and give the discount!"
 On another occasion a stranger approached the line and Ikey was on guard.
 "Give the password," demanded Ikey.
 "Matzo," (unleavened bread), was the reply.
 "Passover," said Ikey.—The Pitchfork.

Teacher (to class of small boys): "Which of you boys can give a sentence in Twain's words containing the words Defence, Defeat and Detail?"
 Johnny promptly replied: "When doo goes over defence, defeat goes over before detail."
 On another occasion going along a corridor saw a kneeling bootblack cleaning a pair of shoes outside a

When to Be Nonchalant

By CLIFFORD McBRIDE



When your bride refuses to cook because the steam takes the curl out of her hair.

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Engelman Gardens

One Of America's Most Beautiful Citrus Developments

Engelman Ranch, near Edinburg, Texas, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, of more than 9,000 acres being sub-divided and sold in separate tracts for Orange and Grapefruit Orchards. Building of Concrete Canal System is Permanent solution of irrigation problem.

Continued from Last Week

By EVERETT LLOYD

SOLVING THE IRRIGATION PROBLEM

There are twelve large irrigation systems in the Valley, representing as before stated, an investment of \$30,000,000. Some of them are privately owned and operated and others are owned and operated by the respective irrigation improvement districts or local bond issues.

The Engelman drainage system, by which the water for irrigation is to be distributed through canals lined with concrete, and through concrete pipes, according to the contours of the land. The primary source of the supply of water will be the drainage waters from the present irrigated lands in Hidalgo County, including the lands in the Engelman District and those to the west in the County of Donna. These drainage waters are to be recovered and carried to the Engelman District by means of a drainage canal. The drainage system of the Engelman District has already been constructed and connected, and the water supply will be increased as other drainage systems may be connected to the west. The supply of water will be pumped into a huge drain ditch, now already constructed, from about the northeast corner of the Pharr County Water Improvement District, across the north part of the Donna Irrigation District, and thence on through the Engelman Gardens lands, to the huge Hidalgo-Cameron large reservoir has already been constructed for impounding a sufficient amount of water to provide one irrigation for about 2500 acres of land. Ordinarily the water will be pumped directly from the big drain ditch into the distribution canals, but the reservoir will be kept full to provide a reserve supply. By utilizing these drainage waters, a new principle of water conserving in Texas is introduced. These drainage waters arise largely from seepage from irrigation canals, so that these waters are not only pure and beneficial use, but the drainage system providing these waters relieve the lands of the burden of the lower Rio Grande Valley, which is an increasing problem in the lower Rio Grande Valley. These waters have been thoroughly tested by competent chemists and pronounced satisfactory for irrigation. It has been estimated by competent engineers that these drainage waters will provide an ample supply for the irrigation of the Engelman Gardens. However, as a safeguard against any deficiency in the supply from these sources, the Matanzas Water Company, which is constructing the irrigation system, has procured from the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, a permit for the diversion and appropriation of waters from the Rio Grande River, to make up any shortage of drainage waters. According to present plans, the Matanzas Water Company, a private corporation, will own and operate this irrigation system, but a moment's thought among the land owners concerned to create a water improvement district under the laws of the State of Texas, to take over and operate this system. Water improvement districts are municipal corporations which are controlled by the land owners concerned, and means the land owners not only own and operate their own system, but the water is furnished at cost, at least as far as a citrus grove is concerned, without necessity for producing profits for private ownership.

Another interesting feature of the Engelman Gardens is that they are being sold—not to small general farmers, but to business and professional men—merchants, manufacturers, lawyers, doctors, teachers, capitalists and investors who want and will appreciate an income-bearing citrus orchard, improved with modern homes, and within easy access to the finest fishing and hunting preserves in the southwest during the winter months. The Rio Grande beach in summer for Texas has every variety of recreation and climate one could desire.

The buyer of a citrus grove in the Engelman Gardens has other advantages. The Company owns its own nursery, and in selling the young trees to the new owner he gives the service of an expert in planting and caring for the trees in his absence. This service was irrigated by Mr. Engelman, when a prospective visitor goes to the Engelman Gardens he is first shown the Rio Grande Valley, after which he is taken over the Gardens and shown the raw, un-cleared lands as they exist in their natural state. Every stage of development is shown to him—the clearing of the land, plowing, harrowing and finally the actual setting out of the citrus trees. All the new home owner has to do is build his home and make such improvements as he desires, and by the time three or four years have elapsed he will have a commercial bearing orchard, and the land will be worth several times what it cost when all improvements should one desire he can take up his business or professional duties in his new location where there are splendid opportunities, or he can return home and resume his usual work.

The Valley is a country of new blood. The people are from everywhere and are progressive and alert. Regardless of what state one is from he will find acquaintances in the Rio Grande Valley. This probably explains why this section is far ahead of the rest of Texas in good schools, good roads and modern homes.

The winter is the ideal time to visit the Rio Grande Valley. The J. C. Engelman, Inc., with offices at 1228 Arcade Bldg., St. Louis and at the Engelman Ranch, Edinburg, Texas, make up their excursion parties at St. Louis, the visitors making the trip as guests of the company at less cost than the usual tourist rate. After reaching the Valley a trip into Mexico to Brownsville or Reynosa provides an additional pleasant feature of the visit.

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