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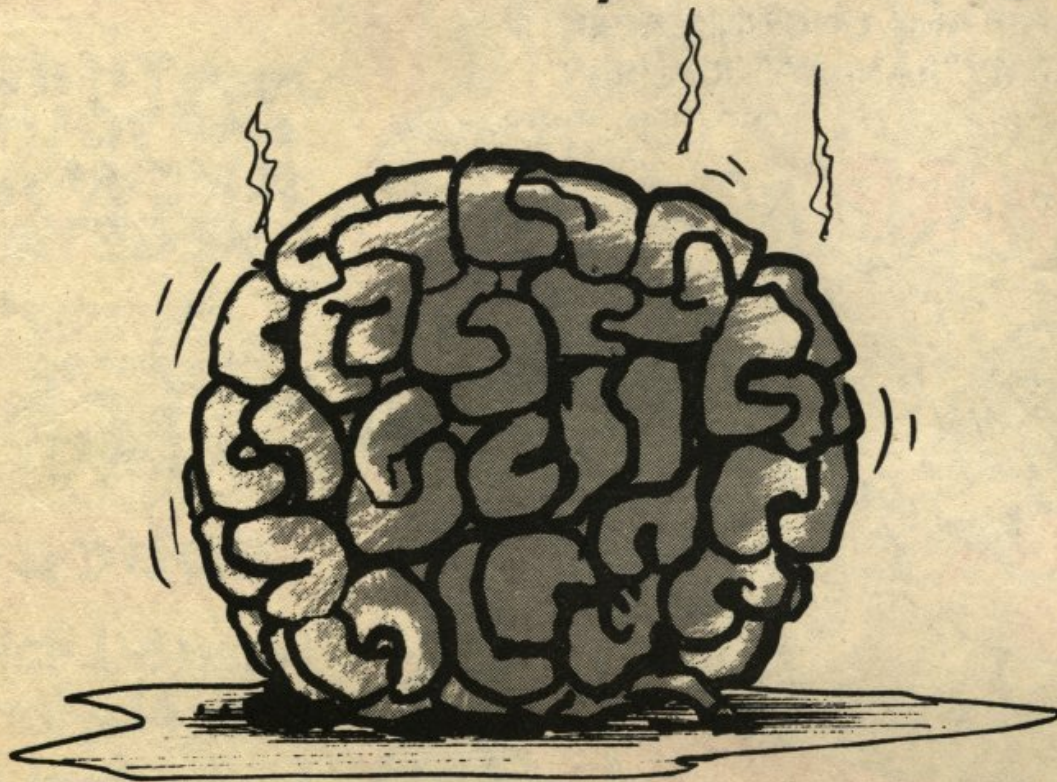
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DIG UNEARTHS ELECTRIC SHOCK!

I followed electricity cables leading from our meter. To my surprise they ran underneath the garden and into a neighbour's house. Eventually, after much digging, I discovered that every house in our street is connected to the same cable.

No wonder the Electricity Board make such fat profits when they have every house in the street paying the same bit of electricity. No doubt the Gas board use the same trick.

Fred Dickinson
Cardiff

I got a surprise last week when I plugged in our new lawn mower. It exploded, breaking every window in our street.

"Hardly surprising", explained a fireman as he extinguished our blazing house. "It was a petrol mower".

P. Liddon
Peterborough



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Britain's No. 1 Letters Page

I was really looking forward to a five course Chinese meal which I ordered in our local takeaway restaurant. But after an hour of waiting, my order still hadn't arrived.

I felt a proper fool when I realised I had walked into a neighbour's sitting room by mistake. The takeaway was next door!

Mrs E. Harton
Luton

At our local supermarket a loaf of uncut bread costs 31p — five pence cheaper than a sliced loaf.

What they don't tell you is that it costs another £5.25 to buy a bread knife to cut the loaf with.

Mrs E. Forcett
Birkenhead

Potato shock

I got a shock the day I went into the bank and asked for fifty pounds. I had walked into a nearby potato shop by mistake.

Imagine my surprise when I was handed a sack of King Edwards.

Mrs E. Harton
Luton

Last week council workmen built a wall at the bottom of our garden. Who said British workers were lazy?

Mrs Jefferies
Wolverhampton

The young record shop assistant looked puzzled when I asked for the latest single by 'Shakin' Stevens'.

Hardly surprising. I was in the butchers.

Mrs E. Harton
Luton

When out shopping, I would always forget to buy the last thing on my list. I managed to overcome this problem by writing 'Jumbo Jet' at the end of the list. I now buy everything I need except of course the aeroplane.

G. Swankie
Fife

Coal and goldfish shock

My 6-year-old son is a loveable scatterbrain. The other day I sent him to the shops to buy some coal and a goldfish. I was pleasantly surprised when he returned with exactly what I'd asked for, but before I could stop him he'd put the coal in the fish tank and the goldfish on the fire. Luckily my husband and I saw the funny side.

Mrs C. Harcourt
Surrey

Telly shock

While watching T.V. the other night my husband pointed out that the screen was blank.

Hardly surprising, as we had forgotten to switch our television on. Luckily we both saw the funny side.

Mrs A. Dunn
Colchester



Can any of your readers help us to trace our grandmother Mrs Ethel Stubbs of Waterloo Place, North Shields.

She was last seen at Preston Cemetery being lowered into the ground in a coffin.

Robert and Peter Bertram
Liverpool

No lawn shock

My husband was delighted with the electric lawn mower which he queued up to buy in the sales.

He wasn't so pleased when I reminded him we don't have a lawn.

Mrs. J. Appleyard
Suffolk

Who said cats have nine lives? It only took one sharp blow with a mallet to send my little 'Tiddles' to that great feline graveyard in the sky.

Mrs A. Ford
Chipping Sodbury

What a brilliant idea it was from 'Your Sinclair' magazine to give away this free copy of 'Viz Comic'. I haven't stopped laughing since I opened my copy! It certainly goes to show what a terrific mag 'YS' is — ten times better than all the other computer magazines put together.

I've been a 'Your Sinclair' subscriber since issue number one, but now I intend to buy six copies of every issue instead of my usual one. And what's more, I intend to buy ten copies of every Viz Comic, and recommend that other readers do the same.

B. Bloggs
Fulchester



IT'S HOORAY HENRY!



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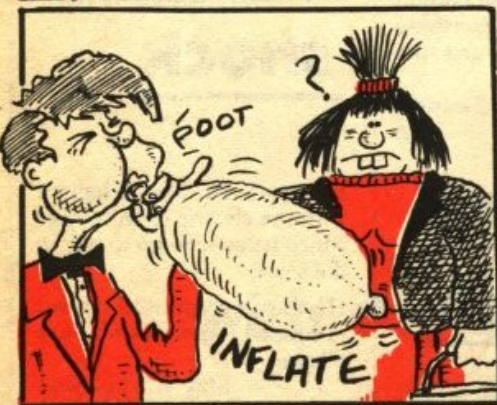
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REEBLE WAVE!

COOEE HENWY!!

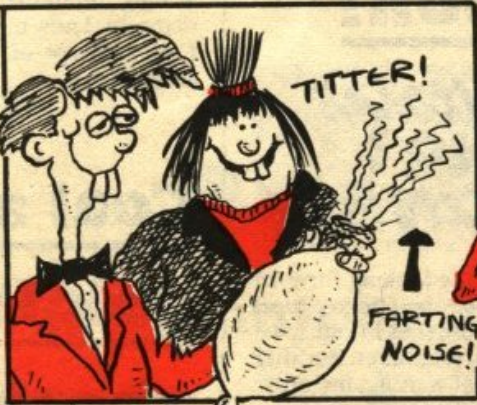


ONE WILL IMPRESS HAR WITH THE ELD WABBER JORNEE WHEEZE!



POOT

INFLATE



TITTER!

FARTING NOISE!



HAW-HAW-HAW!! OH HENWY WHAT A WIZARD!

PLWANG! CHINDER!

CHORTLE

PHTT!



LATER.....

HOW FWEIGHTFUL, A WALKING CLARS TYKE!

ONE WILL TEACH HIM A LISSON!



WATCH THIS! PLEB!



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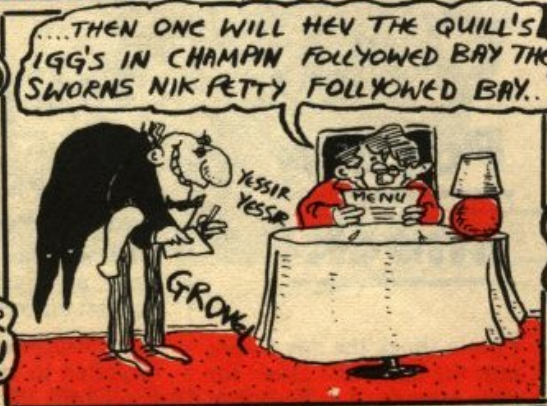


HE IS IN FACT THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR

HAW-HAW! THAT SHEOWED THE OIK!

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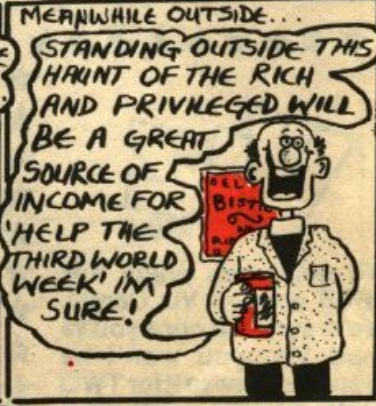
NEOW FOR SAM GWAB!



...THEN ONE WILL HEV THE QUILL'S IGG'S IN CHAMPIN FOLLOWED BAY THE SWORNS NIK FETTY FOLLOWED BAY..

YESSIR YESSIR

GROW



MEANWHILE OUTSIDE... STANDING OUTSIDE THIS HAINT OF THE RICH AND PRIVILEGED WILL BE A GREAT SOURCE OF INCOME FOR 'HELP THE THIRD WORLD WEEK' IM SURE!



AN HOUR LATER

WOULD YOU CARE TO DONATE SOMETHING FOR THE STARVING OF THE WORLD?

ER...



...TO PAWAPHWASE MAWIE ANTONETTE... LET THEM EAT...



SICK!!

BLERCH!!!

BUT WILL IT TRAVEL?

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RECORD REVIEW

YES! THIS IS
DEFINATELY
A RECORD



READ & LEARN

WITH NAYLOR HAMMOND, Bsc.



Railways

As you probably know, railways as we know them today are a thing of the past. The first railway was the Liverpool to Manchester canal, running all the way from Stockton to Darlington in Scotland, and back again. This was a special kind of underwater railway built by the 'railway pioneers' (sort of Irish cowboys), and the waterproof "tube" trains which they used featured in the Rev. W. Audrey's Ivor The Engine' books.

The first steam train was invented almost by accident in 1066 when Charles Darwin, brother of Robert Louis Stephenson, welded several kettles together while burning his cakes in Scotland, earning him the nickname 'The Flying Scotsman'. However it is the Wright brothers who are regarded by most as the fathers of modern railways because of their many 'railway children'. One of them, Casey Jones, died at the wheel of his express train after it struck an iceberg during its maiden voyage to Japan. Many people lost their lives in the accident as discovered by Miss Marples in the film 'Murder On The Orient Express'. It was railway disasters such as this which prompted the famous railway engineer Isambard Kipling Burnett to build several bridges over which trains could travel, the fourth of which is in Scotland.

Nowadays accidents are rare and all train drivers are accompanied by firemen in case of emergency. Sir Arthur Baden-Powell, a notorious 'Great Train Robber' of the nineteenth century, vastly improved railway safety when he invented the semaphore signal, a sort of railway traffic light kept in a cupboard or "signal box".

Faster trains like Henry Ford's 'Rocket' enabled Britain's railway network to grow rapidly, linking the many stations from which people had previously had to walk. Indeed, early stations were primitive affairs, one of which, Kings Cross in London, was named after the then monarch had become annoyed at the lack of facilities available. Other stations also took their names from famous events, such as Waterloo, Cliff Richard's winning entry in the 1973 Eurovision Song Contest, and Liverpool Street, home of Paddington Bear.

Many great advances have been made in railway technology over the years. Most trains now offer dining facilities, hence the expression 'fast food', and British Rail's new Advanced Passenger Train is designed to tilt to one side, making it easier for old people to get on and off at stations. In the future, special long wires will enable electric trains to travel from London all the way to Edinburgh without the plug coming out.

Further information is available to 'railway enthusiasts' (people who prefer trains to buses) from British Rail's new-look 'radio stations', including Piccadilly in Manchester, and also from any travel agent or 'ticket inspector' as they are also known.

See you next time!

Naylor Hammond Bsc.

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HECTOR THE COLLECTOR and his METAL DETECTOR

© AWARD WINNING CARTOONS, 1983



NEXT WEEK HECTOR FINDS A PHONE BOX BELONGING TO THE POST OFFICE

ROGER IRRELEVANT HE'S COMPLETELY HAT STAND



MORE REFRIGERATOR LAUGHS NEXT TIME!

20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT VEGETABLES

Tasty, boring, good for you or just plain food. Whether you like them or not, vegetables are here to stay. In restaurants, supermarkets, sandwiches and soups, there's simply no avoiding them.

Some folk eat nothing else, others hardly touch them. But are we all being told the full story about vegetables? Did you know that

① All vegetables come from plants which grow in the ground. The potato, for example, comes from the Potato Plant (planto potatum)

② The artichoke, a globular, leafy herb, is the first ever vegetable. (In alphabetical order).

③ There are two types of swede. One is a vegetable, the other is a person who comes from Sweden.

④ Among top personalities who eat vegetables are pop singer Simon Le Bon and footballer Gary Lineker.

⑤ There are two kinds of mushroom. As well as normal mushrooms there are Chinese mushrooms. Chinese mushrooms cost more than normal mushrooms in Chinese restaurants.

⑥ Bamboo is a kind of wooden Chinese vegetable.

⑦ Many vegetables can be cooked from frozen by placing them in a pan of boiling water. Add salt, return to boil and then simmer for around 3 minutes.

⑧ The tomato is not a vegetable.

⑨ The potato is.



⑩ Eastenders stars pick their vegetables from Pete Beal's market stall. Unfortunately there isn't a cockney rhyming slang expression for vegetable, because nothing rhymes with it.

Cinders 'went to ball' in a vegetable

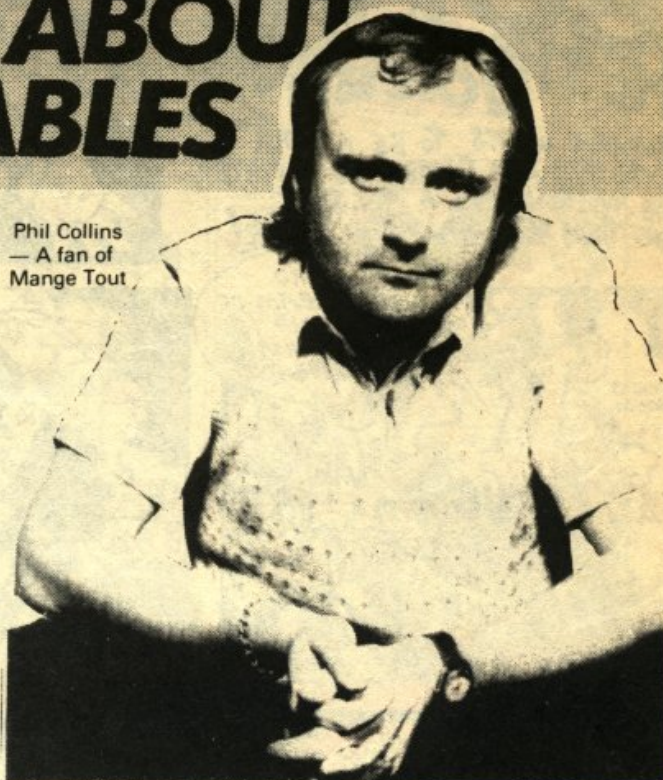
⑪ The common abbreviation for vegetable is "vege". But in shops vegetables are usually referred to by their own names, like "cabbage" and "turnips".

⑫ Rock superstar Phil Collins who has had chart hits with songs like 'Easy Lover' and 'No Jacket Tonight' names mange tout as his favourite vegetable. "It's a small, sweet, premature, unripened peapod", says Phil.

⑬ There are probably more than 100 different kinds of vegetable altogether. The smallest, the pea, only has three letters in its name.

⑭ Cinderella, in the pantomime of the same name, went to the ball in pumpkin.

Phil Collins
— A fan of
Mange Tout



⑮ The word 'vehement', meaning ardent or passionate, immediately follows vegetable in the dictionary.

⑯ 'Vehicle' is the next word.



A vegetable

⑰ Ask for vegetables in a French restaurant and the waiter will give you a long

blank stare! That's because in France, vegetables are called legumes. And in Germany they don't say cauliflower. They say blumenkohl!

⑱ Square vegetables are here at last! Although rather difficult, it is now possible to grow cubic marrows, using special equipment.

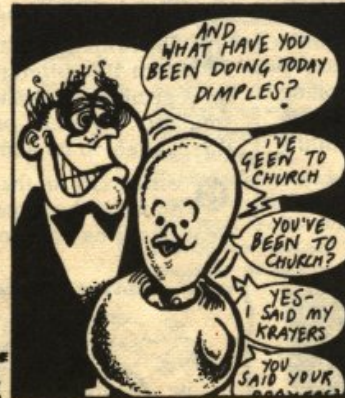
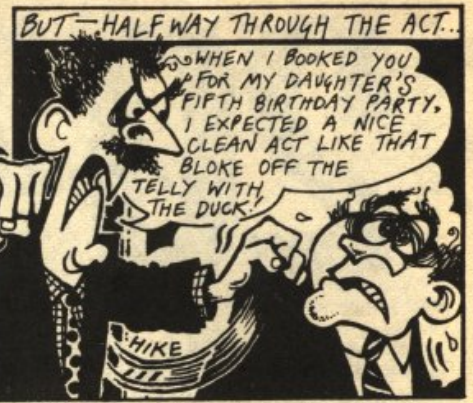
⑲ Vegetable derives from the Latin word 'vegetatum', meaning 'to eat with the main course'.

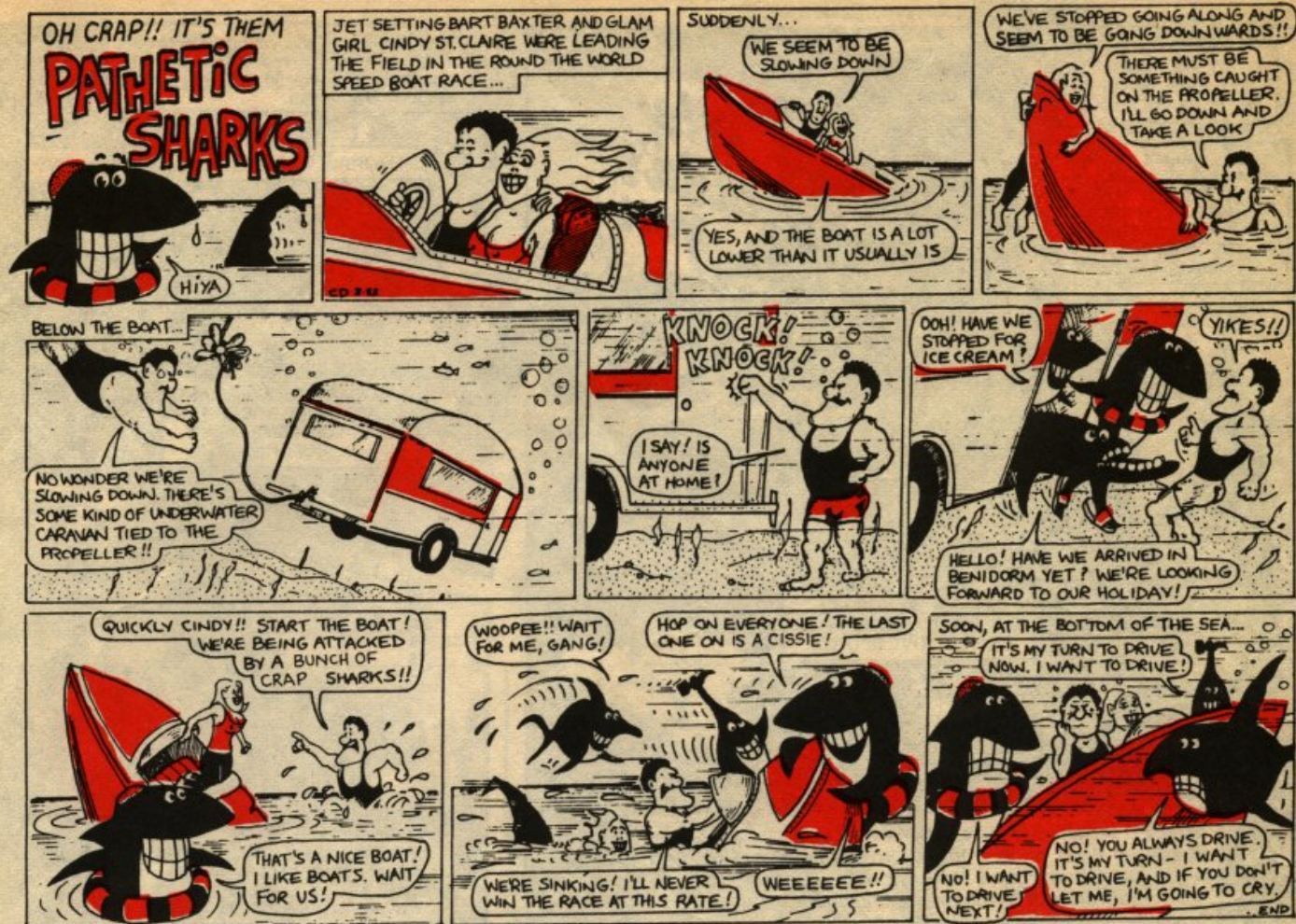
⑳ The first vegetable soup was onion, served in Paris in 1876. Dozens of vegetable soups are available today, in boxes, tins and packets. These include Florida Spring and Farmhouse Country.



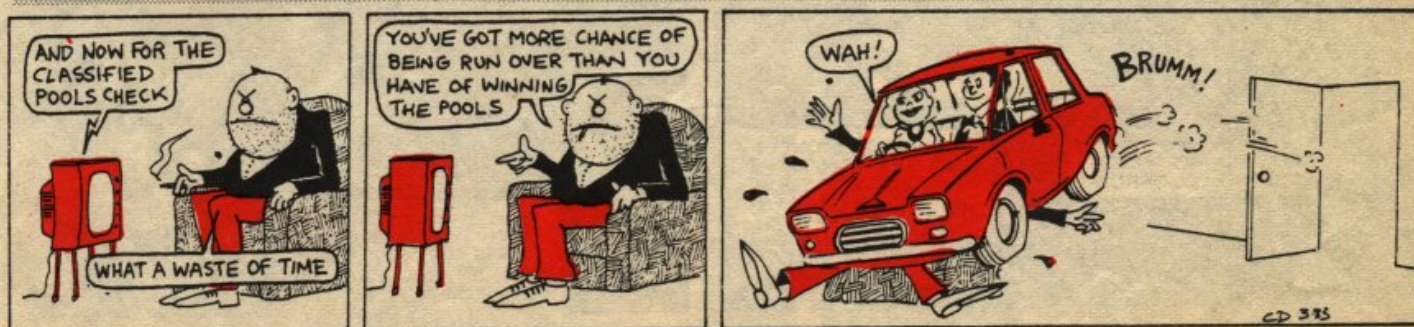
BOSWELL BOYCE HE THROWS HIS VOICE!!

BOSWELL WANTS TO BE A STAR WITH FUN AND GAMES AND LAUGHTER HE AUDITIONS FOR A T.V. SHOW AND THEN GETS BOLLOCKED AFTER!





misérable sod





WHY AREN'T YOU OUT PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH THE REST OF THE KIDS INSTEAD OF SITTING AROUND ARRANGING FLOWERS LIKE SOME KIND OF POOFER?

Why, didn't you

ASK

FATHER. I'M SHY AND SENSITIVE. I DON'T PLAY COMPETITIVE SPORTS.

Shy and sensitive Morris Smith lived the life of a recluse, spending days on end locked in his bedroom reading non-fiction books and writing poetry. Occasionally he would venture out to the local park where he would pick flowers and search for inspiration.

His main inspiration was young Mary Martin, whom he often met in the park. The two would walk together and observe flowers. They seemed to have a lot in common.

OH MORRIS. AREN'T THE FLOWERS PRETTY.

YES MARY. FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES ARE OFTEN THE SUBJECTS OF MY POETRY.

WORDS ARE MY TOOLS. WITH THEM I TEND THE FLOWERS. POEMS ARE MY GARDEN SHED - I PUT MY WORDS INSIDE THEM.



I AM A FLOWER, ANGRY, BLOWING IN THE WIND. YOU ARE A VEGETABLE, HAPPY DANCING IN THE SUN.



ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE. HERE ARE SOME FLOWERS WHICH I PICKED FOR YOU.



THANKS MORRIS. MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.

OH MARY. IF ONLY I COULD EXPRESS MY REAL FEELINGS FOR YOU. IF ONLY I COULD ASK YOU... TO GO OUT WITH ME.



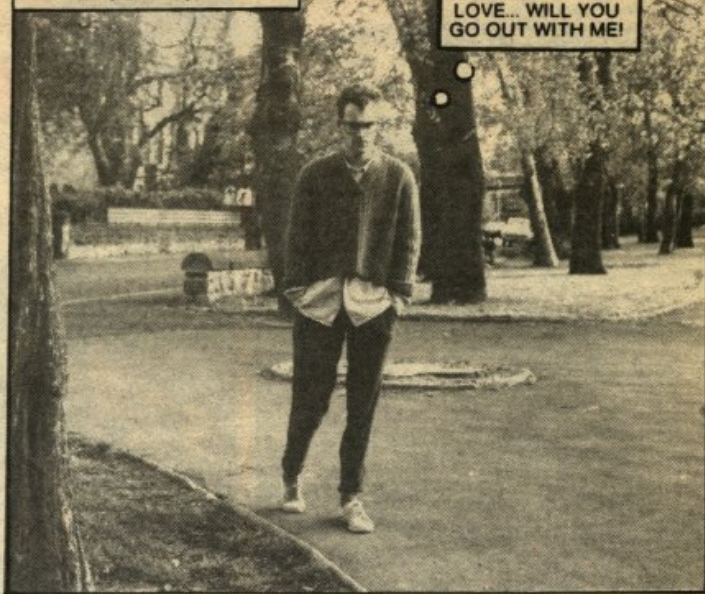
OH, IF ONLY MORRIS WOULD ASK ME FOR A DATE. WE GET ON SO WELL... I THINK I LOVE HIM. BUT PERHAPS HE DOESN'T FANCY ME.

Whenever he was upset or emotionally confused Morris would turn to nature for guidance, and he spent that evening pondering over a bunch of pansies.



SHE LOVES ME... SHE LOVES ME NOT

In the morning he returned to the park, determined to ask that all important question.



MARY... MY TRUE LOVE... WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME!



Soon.

HELLO MORRIS

OH, HI



MARY, I CAN'T GO ON ANY LONGER. THERE'S SOMETHING I SIMPLY HAVE TO ASK YOU.

YES? WHAT IS IT?



IT'S... EM... WELL ACTUALLY... EM...

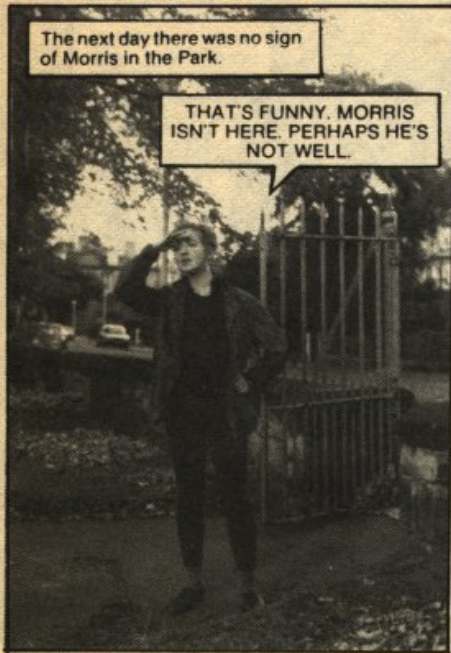


HAVE YOU GOT THE TIME ON YOU?

OH GOD, IS THAT ALL?

Dejected and miserable, Morris returned to his room and locked the door. He was a failure, unable to ask that one small question. That night he set about expressing himself in the only way he knew how, sewing together his words and emotions in a poem.





Darling Mary,
I love you, I love you, I love you so much,
I'm like a rabbit who is trapped in
a hutch.
Oh Mary, how I long to go out with
you,
Maybe to the pictures, or even
the zoo,
But now I know that I never will,
Because myself I'm about to kill.
Farewell Mary
I will love you forever
Morris xxx

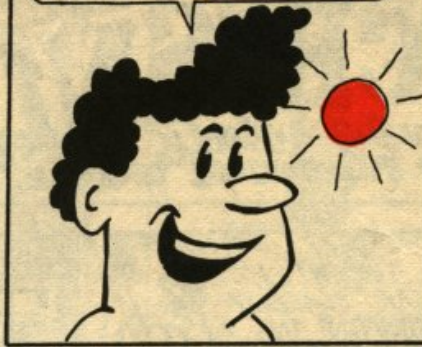


FELIX

★ AND HIS ★
AMAZING
UNDERPANTS

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I LOVE THIS HOT WEATHER



I CAN MAKE A FORTUNE SELLING ICE CREAM OUT OF MY UNDERPANTS



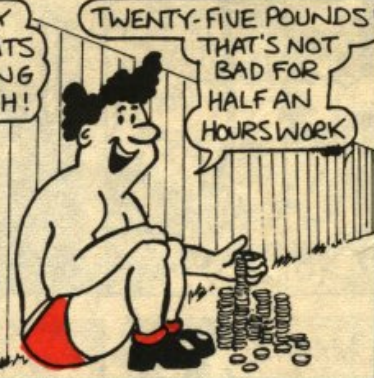
SOON...

I'VE SOLD OUT ALREADY

NOW MY UNDERPANTS ARE BULGING WITH CASH!



TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS! THAT'S NOT BAD FOR HALF AN HOUR'S WORK



LATER...

HMMM...

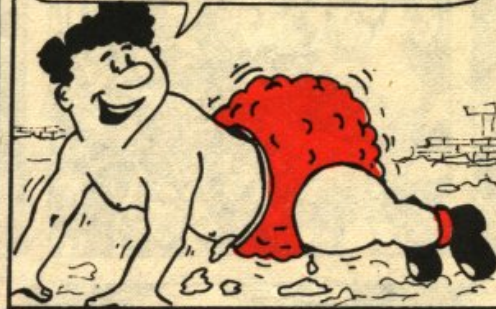
OH DEAR. OUR CEMENT MIXER HAS BROKEN DOWN



IF YOU GIVE ME £10 I'LL MIX YOUR CEMENT FOR YOU IN MY UNDERPANTS



BY THE TIME I'VE FINISHED ONE HUNDRED PRESS UPS THE CEMENT SHOULD BE WELL AND TRULY MIXED!



THANKS FELIX. HERE'S THE CASH



SHORTLY...

OH NO! THE CROSSBAR'S BROKEN. THAT LOOKS LIKE THE END OF OUR GAME.



MY UNDERPANTS MAKE AN IDEAL CROSSBAR.

HOORAY FOR FELIX



BUT... SNAP

PTTANG!!!

FELIX'S DAD'S GREENHOUSE

OOOOPS!

CRASH!!!



WELL FELIX, I'LL TAKE THAT £35 YOU MADE TODAY TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE. AND YOU CAN SPEND THE NEXT TWO WEEKS HERE IN THE GREENHOUSE...



GROWING THESE TOMATO PLANTS FOR ME... IN YOUR UNDERPANTS!



More breath taking adventures with Felix and his underpants in future issues. Don't miss them!

SCRATCH & SNIFE

...Laughs a-plenty
with our sub-normal twosome!!



TOMMY 'BANANA' JOHNSON

HE'S GOT A BIG BANANA!

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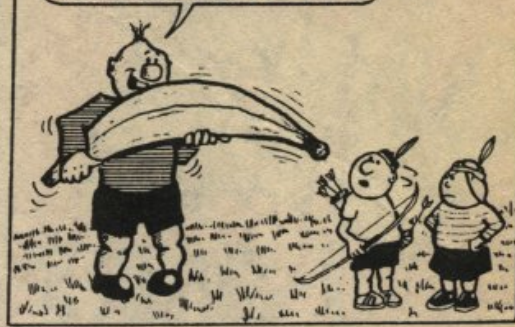
HI EVERYBODY. I'M TOMMY 'BANANA' JOHNSON, AND THIS IS MY BIG BANANA



TODAY I'M PLAYING COWBOYS AND INDIANS, AND I'M USING MY BIG BANANA AS A HORSE



IT ALSO MAKES A TERRIFIC RIFLE. HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, REDSKINS!



THAT'S NOT A RIFLE. IT'S A BANANA! JUST GET LOST WILL YOU, WE'RE NOT PLAYING WITH YOU



STUPID SOD!

NEVER MIND. I'LL GO AND PLAY BY THE LAKE. MY BANANA MAKES A PERFECT BOAT.



AHOY THERE SHIPMATES! MAKE WAY FOR A PIRATE SHIP, 'THE BIG BANANA'



GET LOST, JOHNSON. THE LAST TIME YOU PUT THAT BLOODY RIDICULOUS BANANA OF YOURS IN THE WATER YOU SANK ALL THE OTHER BOATS!



OH WELL, I HOPE NOBODY OBJECTS IF I SIT ON MY BANANA FOR A MOMENT



TOMMY, HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BALL ANYWHERE? WE CAN'T PLAY FOOTBALL WITHOUT IT

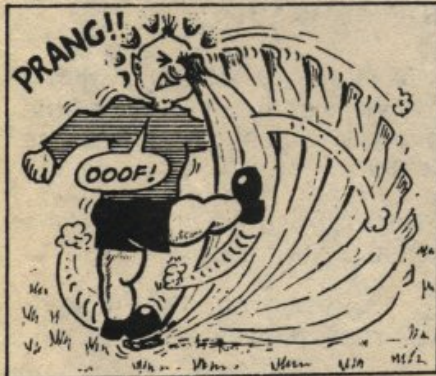


NO, BUT YOU'RE WELCOME TO USE MY BANANA AS A REPLACEMENT, ON ONE CONDITION: - YOU LET ME PLAY!



RIGHT, I'LL PASS IT TO YOU!

OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE...



I THINK WE'LL GIVE YOUR 'FOOTBANANA' A MISS IF IT'S ALL THE SAME WITH YOU TOMMY



LATER...

NOW WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE? MY BANANA WOULD MAKE A BRILLIANT BOOMERANG!



HERE GOES!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

OH DEAR. IT LOOKS LIKE MY 'BANANA BOOMERANG' ISN'T COMING BACK

EXCUSE ME!



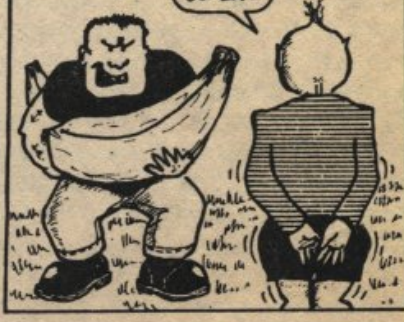
I TAKE IT THIS IS YOUR BANANA?

WHY YES! I KNEW IT WOULD COME BACK EVENTUALLY



THREE GUESSES WHERE I'M GOING TO STICK IT, READERS!!

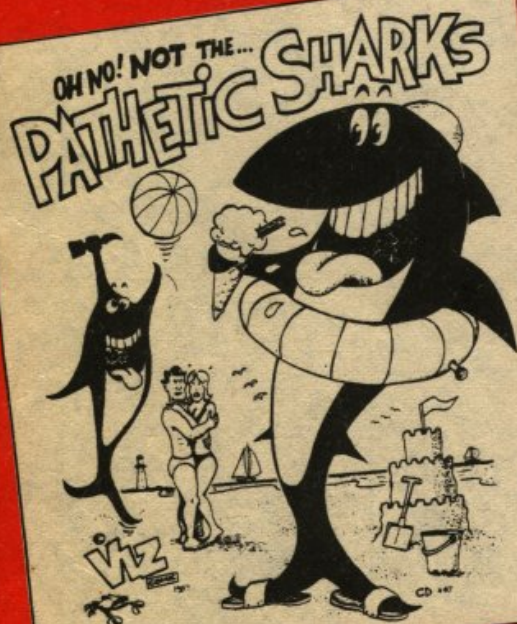
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