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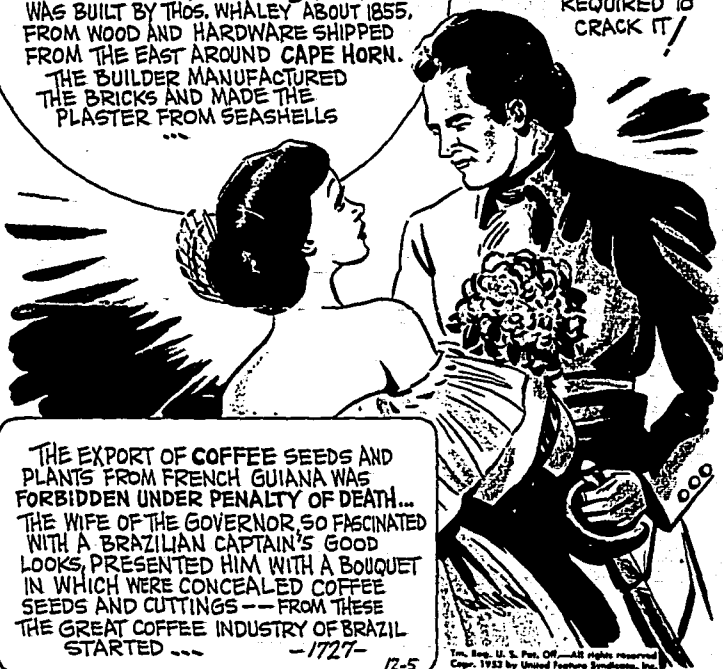
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WHALEY HOUSE, *San Diego, Calif.*,  
WAS BUILT BY THOS. WHALEY ABOUT 1855,  
FROM WOOD AND HARDWARE SHIPPED  
FROM THE EAST AROUND CAPE HORN.  
THE BUILDER MANUFACTURED  
THE BRICKS AND MADE THE  
PLASTER FROM SEASHELLS



THE SHELL OF THE  
SOUTH AMERICAN CONUNE NUT  
IS SO HARD THAT A  
MINIMUM PRESSURE OF  
1,800 POUNDS IS  
REQUIRED TO  
CRACK IT!



THE EXPORT OF COFFEE SEEDS AND  
PLANTS FROM FRENCH GUIANA WAS  
FORBIDDEN UNDER PENALTY OF DEATH...  
THE WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR SO FASCINATED  
WITH A BRAZILIAN CAPTAIN'S GOOD  
LOOKS, PRESENTED HIM WITH A BOUQUET  
IN WHICH WERE CONCEALED COFFEE  
SEEDS AND CUTTINGS --- FROM THESE  
THE GREAT COFFEE INDUSTRY OF BRAZIL  
STARTED ---

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