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Comment--and Discomment

Good old Doc Bixby is working aimself into a sweat over the failure of the American school system in its bounden duty of promoting good English. He holds no brief against slang, seemingly, but cries out against what he calls "a deplorable slovenliness of speech and written composition." He prints a number of excerpts from letters received by the bureau of war risk insurance in Washington from relatives of men in the service, which were good for a laugh before every newspaper in the country printed them, but which are getting pretty stale now. Here are some of the more familiar examples -and by "more familiar" we mean that we have seen them in print at least seventeen times:

"You ask my allotment number; I have four boys and two girls."

'Please send me a wife's form." "Please let me know if John has put in an application for a wife and one child."

"I was discharged from the army for a goiter which I was sent home

"He was inducted into the serface."

"I have a four months baby, and he is my only support."

"It is bad English, if in the use of it you fail to make yourself under-This is Doc Bixby's definistood." tion, and according to its terms, only one of the above is an example of bad English, which shows that the good doctor is a poor hand at making definitions.

The doctor maunders on at considerable length after pulling this definition. He advises those who would attain better English to read Emerson, Carlyle, Dr. Eliot's five-foot shelf of books and even Robert In-

Universal Casseroles and Baking gersoll. It's an inspiring prospect-Dishes are of such distinctive pat- but if we might venture a suggesterns and attractive design as to tion to the doctor, we would say that win the enthusiastic approval of trifle lower than the stars. The all who see or use them. They people who write the letters which add to the table service just that he cites could gain very little from modern touch which tempts the the authors that he mentions. To appetite and satisfies the most re- them these same authors would, unfined taste. A Recipe Book free der the Bixby definition, be guilty of bad English.

with each one.

a better companion for a kid than a the two used a two-dollar bill for the preacher. If the average dog could same purpose. speak, he could tell more interesting secrets than any schoolgirl. It's the ability of the dog to fit into moods Scot, filling up his briar pipe again, planning her new frock. that makes him so great a success- took a check book from his pocket

would be one in every home where sand dollars. Then, scratching a there is a child growing up. And match, he applied it to the check and even in homes where there are none calmly lit his pipe with it .- The but grownups, a dog often makes a Northern. difference.

One of those whose dog is now chasing butterflies in a happy hunting ground where bones are buried every half yard has real blood in his eye. The Herald carries an advertisement this week offering a fiftydollar reward for informatoin on which prosecution may be based. The dog probably wasn't worth any such sum in his palmiest days-at least he was never taxed on a third that valuation. But the children in that family wouldn't have taken a thousand cold dollars for him, and it will be years before something will be found to fill his place. Just what crime could that kind of a dog have committed that would make him deserve a dose of polson? What sort of a man must he be who would take pleasure in so contemptible an act?

It will probably be argued by friends of the dog poisoner-maybe by that estimable gentleman himself -that the dog annoyed him or barked at his chickens, or snapped at his heels, or was up to some other disagreeable trick that dogs occasionally are guilty of. What of it? Lots of children are pert and sassy - throw snowballs at you - are guilty of crimes that only impudent and heathenish hoydens can imagine. But you don't poison children who annoy you. You may be itching to wring their necks, but you never even turn them across your knee and paddle them in the place made and provided. There are even insolent

and disagreeable grownups-some of whom you would enjoy watching attempt to digest ground glass-but you let them live. It takes a brave man to poison an unsuspecting dogfriendly creature which is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of cats and fleas.

All of us grow old too fast-and some of us have never had the right sort of a childhood. The writer can't remember a time since he was old enough to dress himself when he didn't have at least one dog-and oftener it was two or three. Every day or so we'd meet a friendly pup uptown and coax him home and

The daily newspapers tell of the swipe meat out of the refrigerator to arrest of six sailors at Boston on a feed him. One time Eddle and I charge of rioting, and, further, that found an awfully nice dog which was they have received a sentence of six just as friendly as could be, but months' imprisonment as a punish- wouldn't follow us. We tied a rope ment for their attempt to muss up a around his neck and dragged him few officers. Things have changed for thirteen blocks, and then told since the editor was in the navy. For mother that he had followed us all a few weeks the writer was stationed the way home and we couldn't make at Boston, and there were nightly him go back. We had another dog, riots in the South station in which but she let us keep him. She didn't very man in uniform joined. The particularly like dogs--they tracked Boston American howled for law and mud into the house-but she found order and demanded that the sailors out early that when a kid was playbe confined to their barracks unless ing with a dog he was out of misthey behaved themselves, but the chief. Somehow, we feel sorry for newspaper's demands had no more the man who can't find something to like about any dog. He must have had a lonely childhood and youth. effect than the gentle east wind. For the people of Boston like the sailors. They have a warm spot in TWO STORIES their hearts for the national guardsmen from Massachusetts-in fact. The first story illustrates the point they will tell you in Boston that it that price usually determines the was the Massachusetts division that quality. It is about an Indian named really made possible the winning of Big Smoke who was employed as a the war-but any sailor is welcome. missionary out in Oklahoma. It used to be no uncommon thing for A tourist once asked him what he some Boston gentleman to sieze a did for a living. sailor by the arm and march him "Umph!" said Big Smoke, "me into a big limousine, force a huge preachum." cigar into his trembling fingers and "Tat so? What do you get for take him for a ninety-mile ride, endpreaching?" ing up with a big feed at which the "Me get ten dollars a year." sailor was the guest of honor. Why, "Well," commented the white in Boston it used to be that when man, "that's d-n poor pay." the citizens found a drunken sailor "Umph!" replied Big Smoke, "me they'd put him to bed, place cracked ice on his brow and say soothingly: d-n poor preacher." "Poor fellow, he's been led astray." The second story is about a When they found a soldier in the Scotchman, and shows how you may same fix, you could hear: "There's sometimes get the same, or better, another one of those drunken bums." results with less cost. Three men went into the smoking compartment of a Pullman. They Of course, there were a good many towns where conditions were regot to talking and relating their experiences in various parts of the versed, and where the soldier would world, and one, seeking to make an be put to bed and the sailor perimpression on his companions, lit a mitted to cool his heels in the bastile. eigar with a dollar bill.

over and play dead. A dog makes Not to be outdone, the second of

The third traveler, who was a and if we had our way about it, there and wrote out a check for a thou-

Worse and Worse

Miss Greene had been invited to be a bridesmaid at quite a smart wedding, and spent much time in

At last it was ready, and when she tried it on, she asked Mrs. Jones, from next door, to come and see it.

"It's sweet, my dear!" said the good lady admiringly. "And certain- tised-and I have lots of company" ly you look a lady, whatever you in that respect .-- Buckshot.

are." Mrs. Greene's face told her she had made a mistake, so she corrected herself hurriedly:

"No. I mean you are a lady, whatever you look!"-London Answers.

There are some things in my past that I wouldn't care to have adver-

This Year if Ever

Thanksgiving should be celebrated, in fitting style. And it can't be done right unless you please the kiddies. Ask them what they want and they'll not hesitate a minute. Right out they shout:

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But Boston has put up with sailor antics for so long that the arrest of these cheerful rioters comes as a blow. When Boston, where even the police have gone on strike, takes so stern a stand for law and order, what's a poor sailor to do for amusement. It's getting so a man has to join the striking miners in order to have excitement and have it safely.

Some blood brother to the ancient house of Borgia has been at work in Alliance the past week or two, and several harmless, tail-wagging dogs have been the victims of his operations. There are a lot of people in this world that we can't work up any great enthusiasm over, and the fellow who will offer a friendly dog a piece of meat soaked with arsenic heads the list. All of us will admit that the city is not the best place in the world for a dog, and occasionally we have cursed some lumbering pup which yelped at us from the porch, nipped at our heels or chased our automobile. But the dogs that have been poisoned in Alliance have been, without exception, the playfellows of children.

It is the inalienable right of every boy to call some dog his own, to teach him to chase sticks and to roll

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