Little One's Innocent Remark That Left the Deacon Gasping.

Every Sunday some one threw a button into the contribution box of the little church. The annoyed pastor confided to his wife that he suspected the button thrower to be stingy old Deacon G., who had so strongly opposed his "call" to the pastorate, but that he dare not accuse him of it for lack of evidence.

At a church "sociable" that week some one suggested the playing of games. Deacon G. had just partaken of oyster soup at some one else's expense and felt warmed and expansive. Why not play Button, button-

who's got the button?' he inquired of waiting children.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed his youngest daughter with enthusiasm, "And you lend us the button, papa!" Then she drew back, timorously. "Unless you want to save it for next Sunday's contribution," she added, considerately.

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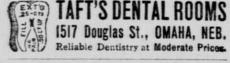
Up to Him.

"Do you think you can manage with my salary of \$12 a week, darling?" he asked after she had said ves-

"I'll try, Jack,' replied she. "But what will you do?"-Universalist

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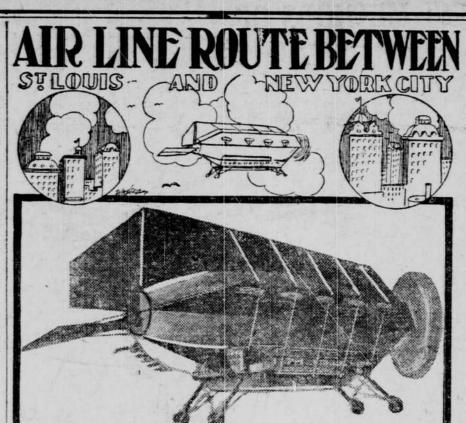


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This original air liner will sail, acfriends that some of the best singers cording to present plans, between New out deteriorating, or need of renewal. at Covent Garden, London, are large- York and St. Louis. Because of the ly indebted to her for their success frequency of travel between the two whole problem, and once our ship is this season. Mrs. Neave is the daugh- cities it is probable that the route will in the air she will float there, out of ter of a man of title and the widow of an army officer.

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Railway officials claim that a 14hour run between Chicago and New the capitalist backers and the builder ball. of the leviathan which is going to plow ocean liners push their way through

have a carrying capacity of 1,000 pas. copters." sengers, and which, if the experiment proves successful, will some time dur-

go and St. Louis. men who have faith in the future of through the air at a 40 mile clip.

parts of the United States and else can partly "coast" in these circum-York banker; Arthur Lewis of the way locomotive does when descending Standard Oil Company: James H. Rob a grade. the Allis-Chalmers Company; George insure safety in case of puncture.

THE PENNINGTON AIRSHIP

A. Taylor, a banker: John Chisman and Clarence H. Bennett, capitalists. of New York; T. R. White, a real estate owner and builder: George Kennedy, a Boston capitalist; Arthur Scofield of New York: Frank Damron president of the Bridgeport Realty and Trust Company, of Bridgeport, Ala.; George Howard of Washington, D. C .: J. H. Underwood, a civil engineer of Buenos Ayres, and J. Lamair, president of the Lemair Construction Com-

Thurlow Weed Barnes of New York is credited with the getting together of this galaxy of moneyed men who are willing to take a substantial risk in furtherance of commercializing air travel. The plans of the new vessel have been worked out through a number of experimental years by Edward J. Pennington. As much as 15 years ago Pennington attracted a great deal of attention by his airship inventions.

This new airship that Mr. Nixon has undertaken to build is the result of 17 years' study on the part of Mr. Pennington, the inventor. He is generous in acknowledging his indebtedness to Count Zeppelin, whose exploits with his dirigible balloons last year were one of the spectacular developments of aerial navigation in a wonder-working year. Pennington believes, however, that his own idea of discarding silken bags in favor of what he calls a "buoy-Fact is stranger than fiction. A two ancy chamber" made of steel will, with

"The great advantage of our ship." never need to bring her to the ground to renew her gas. Pure hydrogen gas as a lifting force will be used in the buoyancy chamber, and this gas, prop-"That is the real solution of the

The plans for this wonderful air lin-

er contemplate a steel vessel 1,000 feet long over all. The cigar-shaped buoyancy chamber will measure 700 feet from tip to tip and eight feet at its greatest diameter. The principle upon which the levia-

than of the air is operated is that upon which all the later dirigibles, including Count Zeppelin's, are constructed. This is the principle of the annihilation of gravity.

In other words, the ship is given a buoyancy just sufficient to counteract its weight. That is to say, Mr. Pen-York is perfectly feasible. Their claims | nington's airship, with its buoyancy have been substantiated in actual run. | chamber filled with hydrogen, will, for ning. Fancy, then, reducing this record all its 1,000 feet of steel, weigh almost by four or more hours! That is the nothing. A child could lift it with one claim set forth by the inventor and finger or toss it aloft like a rubber

The ship will be equiped with 11 the air, just as the wonderful, swift propellers, five on each side and a larger one, as shown in the picture, in front. The side propellers revolve on This prognostication is not an idle a horizontal plane when it is desired dream of a novelist. Actual work has to raise or lower the craft, acting, in already been started on an airship to the parlance of aeronautics, as "heli-

When, however, the ship has reached a proper altitude and it is ing the early summer be launched with desired to drive her ahead, the "heliimposing ceremonies and undertake its copters," which work on swivel joints, maiden trip from New York to Chica are adjusted to the vertical plane and propel the ship on her chosen course. The material for this air-going ship Or, similarly, they may be reversed to is now being forged and collected in drive her astern. Two or more or all the shipyard of Lewis Nixon, on Stat- of these propellers may be used at any en Island, N. Y. It is to cost roundly time. Eight propellers will drive the \$2,000,000, and the capital has been ship at an average speed of 30 miles furnished by a number of wealthy an hour; 11 propellers will send her

aerial travel as a profitable invest. It is not necessary to use all the propellers at the same time when go-Among these men, located in various ing with the wind, and the big craft where, are Oscar B. Bergstrom, a New stances, just as an automobile or rail-

erty, ex-comptroller of the state of The buoyancy chamber, as before New York; Walter G. Allison, a Phila- stated, is to be constructed of steel, delphia capitalist; H. W. Denison of and will have many compartments to

#### Fishes in Dry Streams

of Thousands Each Year.

at the surface. This is particularly true of some tropical fishes found in regions subject to drought, where it is a pond depression that has been baked by the sun's rays for days or weeks, will, immediately after a heavy rainfall, afford good fishing. The ability of certain tropical fishes to endure

How the Government Saves Hundreds | beasts-often night prowlers-have been there first. One of the most important lines of work carried on by When brooks, streams, and ponds the fisheries branch of the governbecome dry, most fishes die. Some ment, says St. Nicholas, is the rescue kinds, however, like eels and catfishes, of food and game-fishes from the overare able to survive for considerable flowed lands in the Mississippi valley time by burrowing into the wet or After the floods subside, shallow pools moist bottom, which may be quite dry are left that are wholly disconnected with the streams, and in these the fishes gradually perish as the drying of the pools progresses. By sending a matter of common observation that men to seine these pools, the government each year saves and returns to public water hundreds of thousands of valuable fishes.

Siberia is destined to control the drought and to remainout of the water | butter trade of all Europe. The value for a long time in the markets depends of the butter shipped from Omsk on the possession of an accessory gill alone amounts to 43,000,000 rubles on the under side of each gill cover, (\$22,145,000) annually. It is transportby means of which oxygen may be ed in refrigerator cars furnished by taken directly from the atmosphere. the railway company to large firms Failure to notice dead fish after the in Denmark and Germany, where it is drying of brooks or ponds simply repacked in tins, jars and firkins and means that birds and four-footed distributed throughout Europe.

# With the World's Great Humorists

Selections from the Writings of the Best Known Makers of Mirth.

### His Billiken

By Judd Mortimer Lewis.

"I have got to get me a Billiken." | has one and he always guesses the said Jinx, as he stooped to kiss his market right and fills any kind of a make his toilet Mrs. Jinx was tactful wife good-by before starting for his poker hand he draws to."

office last Monday morning. So far as Jinx' remark went- it a Billiken?" landed properly, but as Mrs. Jinx at | "If I were to buy one it would spoil certain if it was possible to see her- rate of one cent a year, payable in ent affair." self in the mantel mirror across the hall, the kiss drew a moist line across her starboard cheek, dodged beneath her ear, and exploded innocuously in her back bair

"And what in the world is a Billiken?" queried she, turning in a lightning effort to catch the already unpuckered pucker of Jinx' lips.

"You don't mean to say that you don't know what a Billiken is? A Billiken is a sort of a good luck idol carved out of ivory or celluloid or soap or something-I never examined one closely-and it perches on your desk and grins perpetually with so contagious a grin that everyone near its perch grins in sympathy. It is an insurance against a fool woman turning her head just as her husband is about to kiss her. If a Billiken had been perched on my desk vesterday when we went to visit our folks in the country I would not have been butted into the hog lot by the goat, chased beneath the barn by the old boar, nor would I have played a hole in the advance. I shall rent one this noon ground for a cotton-tail and drawn a when I go out to lunch." polecat; and you would not have purchased another merry widow last ward toward the steps he landed on a week. week when you already had a pillbox the cat, and, in an effort to be as easy and a sun-kissed that you had scarce- on pussy's ribs as possible, got his ly worn. I certainly need a Billiken feet pied and caromed off the steps if any man ever did! Clemens has into the rose-tree which he neatly one and his mother-in-law is as tame split by striking it smartly in the and gentle as a sucking dove; Tips crotch with his chin. Then as his

glasses flew from his nose and he made a desperate grab for them. slipped on the dewy grass of the lawn and pushed his face viciously into the soft loam of the flower bed. As he marched into the house to reenough to refrain from all remarks.

"Gracious! Why don't you buy you "I must get a Billiken or take out some accident insurance!" gritted he when once more on his way. "With the moment of the aiming of the kiss the charm. The person who wants a a Billiken on my desk this morning took a sudden notion to turn and as- Billiken rents it for 100 years at the would have been an altogether differ-

As Jinx slipped into his office coat and approached his chair he stopped

at the sight of an impish little figure perched by the side of the letter tray. "Mister Dingbustit, where your wife trades sent it to you with his com-

pliments Saturday after you went home," explained the office boy. "And it has been on my desk since

Saturday?"

"Yes. sir.' Carefully Jinx lifted the Billiken between the thumb and forefinger of his right hand tintoed to the window and dropped it on a momentum gathering

flight of 14 stories to the sidewalk below; then turning to retrace his steps he fell over the wastepaper basket, knocked a hundred-dollar typewriter from its spider-legged desk to As the wreckage was being restored

to order the elevator boy left his cage long enough to run across the hall and inform Jinx that a concealed assassin had hurled a Billiken at his, Jinx', partner as he was about to enter the building, and had hurt him so badly that he would probably be laid up for

Jinx looked at the gazelle-eyed stenographer for a moment, considered the youth and purity of the office boy, clinched and unclinched his hands, and said: "Oh, fudge!" (Copyright, 1909, by W. G. Chapman.)

## A Medium-Sized Journey

By Strickland W. Gillilan.

come the hero stories and the men sor in office: I see robust constitutions I see fashions running their eccentric who sell dusty candy on the street following the flag into cannibal islands, course—beauty one year depending on corners, lived George F. Socrates, the champion heavy-weight philosopher of Parthenon county. When he came into the grocery of the Miltiades Bros. rica and other places on the rural free and reached into the cracker-box, all delivery routes; I see childless women Miltiades' grocery store for 20 years the other hands were hastily with- who are proud of it, carrying poodles dressed up and making a big hit on

One evening when Soc returned strange vehicles that leave a wake of as humorists-Say, Xan, is there anyhome from his daily toil at the store smell; I see people with enough mon- thing to drink about the house?" and began to pare his stone-bruises on ey to feed the people of a whole state "Nothing but some old hemlock the front stoop, he said to his wife, for ten years, struggling and deceiv- tra dry.'

"Xan!"

"Hush up, you old loafer."



"I've Been Looking Into the Future and Figuring Out How Things Are Going to Be Hereafter."

to be hereafter. In the language Tennyson has not vet used: "I have dipped into the future far a human eyes could stand,

Seen the folly of the world and other things to beat the band. "I have glimpsed a finish for old Aunt Grundy that is a fright. Of course, looking through the pages of future history, I have found myself an immortal-

"What's her name?" asked Xanthippe, reaching around for a stove lid. "I mean I have found myself to be an immortal. But I don't choose to be one. I don't want to live forever in this ravine of snivels. There'll be too much to try a sane man's patience along about 1900 Anni Domino. I see-" and here he forgot entirely his delicate task of sole-paring, and his eves became clairvoyant. "I see directoire gowns and wireless telegraph and affinities; I see everybody dodging automobiles and occasionally a poor dodger that doesn't make it; I see monkey dinners and thumb-print to post up on Kansas law of late and signatures; I see great fortunes won by some men because the others were too dense to see how to keep them from it; I see the autocratic ruler of an empire told by his popularly-elected parliament to keep still except under proper surveillance, while the head of a certain republic dictates to the engine. his popularly-elected law-makers such laws as they are permitted-nay, com- east?" says I. pelled!-to make, and tells his people

At a meeting of physicians in Ber-%-

even as red liquor and millinery foling and crushing others to get more and wisdom, while some of those same to marry again, so somebody will be writer men are themselves half-fed, sorry I'm dead." erratic and personally worthless: I

"The Kiss Drew a Moist Line Across

Her Starboard Cheek."

As Jinx took a backward step back-

see spinsters and bachelors writing learned treatises on the care and discipline of children and those same childless ones changing their residences because a family with young Once in Athens, Greece, whence whom they are to select as his succes- progeny has moved into the same flat; the narrowness of one's headgear and low the missionary into darkest Af- the next upon getting a top-piece too large to go into a cab door; I see jests that we have swapped around and Teddybears with goggles on in Broadway and giving men reputations

"Bring me the bottle. Thanks. Now money, though they do not intend to get me that vial of prussic acid as a feed more people with it; I see men chaser. After seeing all those things "I've been looking into the future of literary aspiration telling other in the future. I want to make a sure and figuring out how things are going folks how to acquire wealth and merit job of it. Ta, ta, Xan. I want you

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## Some Pumpkins

By Norman H. Crowell.

The drummer placed his hand on his | "Yes, some saphoaded idiot threw bald spot and caressed it reminis a squash seed poultice out on the

right for raising vegetables in a hur- -Hubbards at that! We've got a hunry, but if you want to see crops get dred dagoes up ahead trying to keep right up and hump themselves go to the line clear, but we'll run this plow Kansas. Trains runnin' through Kan- a week to be safe!" sas have big signs up in the cars warnin' passengers not to throw any- up chap with a goatee coughed thing off the car. Why? Because slightly. they've found it ain't safe. Cook on a diner threw off a hunk of bologna one hot day last June and next day the train went through a pack of a hundred and fifty-two mongrel dogs at the identical spot.

"I was traveling through there last July and was standin' on the rear platform with an old fellow from Pawpaw Junction, Tennessee. When he thought nobody was looking the old fellow peeled off a big squash seed poultice from his shoulder blade and tossed it overboard. Just then the conductor came out and saw it. "Hi, there, what was that?" says

the conductor. "Nothing but a squash seed poultice," says the old gent.

"Great Scott!" yells the conductor. "A squash seed poultice! Don't you know that is a penitentiary offence? The law says distinctly that any man, woman or child who throws, heaves, casts, hurls or otherwise dumps a squash seed poultice upon, into, under or about the right of way of any railroad in this state stands liable to con-

the pen. Did you know that, sir?" The old gent said he hadn't thought couldn't say positive.

viction and sentence to five years in

"That's the law, sir," said the con; "but we'll say nothing this timeproviding you lay low and sneak out of the state inside of three days.' Well, next day I went back over the same route. They had a snowplow on

"What's that for? Had a bllizzard "Worse!" says the conductor.

MOST DEADLY BACILLUS

German metropolis was groundless, a remedy. I refer to the fear bacillus.

adding: "But we have much to fear It embitters the lives of those whom it

from another source. A bacillus has attacks, for it marks as poison the

track yesterday and now the tracks "Florida and California may be all are under a three-foot layer of squash

The drummer sighed and a wizened

"Things do grow amazin' in Kansas



'The Tracks Are Under a Three-Foot Layer of Squash."

for a fact! I recollect how my wife's first husband came blame nigh bein' killed by a pumpkin one afternoon down there. Seems like he'd got in its way when it started growin' good and it run him a quarter of a mile. He saw it was goin' to land him so he dodged an' th 'infernal thing went right through the side of a new barn and killed th' best heifer on the place! Yes-Kansas is no slouch when it comes to growin' crops lively!"

After a brief wait the drummer arose and went outside where he was heard communing with himself se-

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tacked, and it is a sad spectacle to see these fellows drinking milk while they sing 'Gaudeamus igitur.' In its virulin a practitioner in that city said that | mail and by public press. No class is lent form there is no disease so diffiall fear of a cholera epidemic in the exempt and no physician has devised cult to conquer."

Rachel, who was four years old, was recently been located here which pros- things that are most toothsome, it admiring her baby brother, who was trates those whom it attacks, increas- banishes cigars and beer from the three months old before his father rees with alarming rapidity, enters and homes of men to whom smoke and a turned from a trip abroad. Looking up works havor despite cleanliness and drink are essential, and it converts the at her mother, she said: "Mamma rational diet, spreads not only by con- ordinary kitchen into a laboratory. won't papa be sorry he isn't any relatact, but is communicated through the Even medical students have been at- tion to this baby?"

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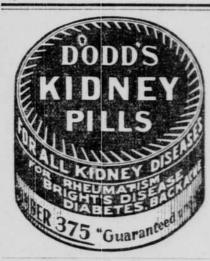
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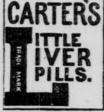
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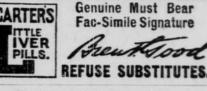


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