

Merry Moments With Humorists

Cheops and the Pyramid Contract

By Fred C. Kelly.

Cheops was the first of the Egyptian rulers to see the full possibilities of pyramids in booming Egypt.

One day after he had finished looking over his morning's mail Cheops called in the assistant king and his private secretary, intimating that he desired to carry on conversation with them.

"Boys," says he, as he slammed shut the door marked "Private," and placed his sandaled feet on top of a small filing case, "what we need here in Egypt is some first-class pyramids! Not any little two by four pyramids, but good ones, pyramids that'll compare favorably with any that will be put up anywhere."

He paused a moment, scratching his left tibia with the great toe of his right foot and looked at the others to see how they were taking his suggestion. They shook their heads doubtfully.

"Oh, I know what you are thinking," went on Cheops; "you're thinking they won't pay. But I tell you I've thought the whole proposition over and it looks to me as if we can't ever hope to draw trade and tourists to Egypt unless we've got some pyramids to show 'em. People sort of expect to see pyramids when they come to

Egypt, and if we haven't got them they will go away and knock.

"Lots of people would kick about it, though," spoke up the assistant king



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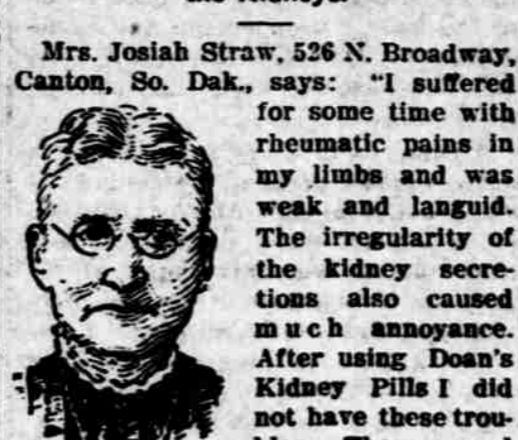
hesitatingly. "They will say that we can get along without them for a year or two and the papers will accuse the

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A Slight Misunderstanding.

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"How inspiring!" rapturously exclaimed Mrs. Windfall. "Who built that castle?"

"The Moors," explained the guide.

"The Moors?" repeated the near-cultured lady, "yes (turning to her husband), some of their descendants are particular friends of ours, aren't they, George?"—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

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Pat had been at work for three days digging a well, and as the foreman wanted it finished within the week he had promised Pat another man to help him. It was getting on for 11 o'clock, and Towser, the foreman's bulldog, was looking over the edge of the pit, when Pat said to himself, "Smoke."

He had just filled his pipe, and was about to light it when he glanced up and beheld Towser's handsome features.

Slowly removing the pipe from his mouth, he said: "Be-egorra, Ol've wor-kerd wid Germans and Hengarr-rians, and Ol've wor-kerd wid Ottalians and nayers, but if a man wid a face like that comes down here to work beside me, I gets up."

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Irad Biglow's Primeval Camera

By Hugh Pendexter.

Old Irad Biglow's cousin was vehement in his activity as he yanked the trunk down the stairs. Irad had no place to rest his aged head and appreciated that only the most unusual utterance could lengthen his stay in Irad's home.

"Don't bump it too hard," he cautioned, "or you'll smash my plans for that Primeval Radio Camera that Jim Witham and Cousin Freeman want to put a little money into."

Edgar walked unsteadily to the door and breathed heavily. "Will you explain this danged camera of your'n?"



"Focus the Camera on Some Far-Away Star."

"You're in such a hurry to sell to Witham for a mere pittance?" he sourly demanded.

"Cousin Freeman is in on the project," reminded Irad. "It is simply a camera run by radium that will photograph an object or a picture at any distance. Light travels a certain distance per second. The light that left the earth on the morning of the creation is just arriving at some distant star. On a star that's nearer is arriving at this moment a later flight of picture. If the people on that star had strong enough eyesight or proper glasses they now would be seeing the creation of the world. But my camera can always see. Focus the camera on some far away star and turn on the radium. Whiz! it overtakes the ether-wave containing the reflection of what happened here at a given time and photographs it. Then we have a simple picture of whatever the radium waves overtake."

"Real photographs?" muttered Edgar. "Worth \$5 a piece, probably."

"Worth \$5,000 a piece, ye mean," cried Irad, sliding down another step. "We'll settle every dispute in history, whether a year or a million years ago. Think of taking a picture of the nebular hypothesis!"

"Of which?" shuddered Edgar.

"Of the beginning of things," elucidated Irad. "Now we'll hustle this trunk—"

"Any one would think the house afire by the way you try to tear out of

Medium-Sized Journeys

By Strickland W. Gillilan.

Jonathan K. Coriolanus was a Roman duke of uncertain date. He was so much of a purple-violet Jimmy Hyde by proclivities that his unpopularity was tremendous. He wouldn't even hire a valet that hadn't spent three seasons at Newport, and he had all his clothes made at the baggiest English tailor's he could locate. When he came out on the street with his monocle and spats everybody thought there was a sundog, and were certain of a cold snap.

He was so downright sore at the plebeians that once when the Kansas corn crop was hit by drought and there were some supplies in from Sicily, he got right up in the senate and made as big an ass of himself as Congressman Willkie of New York dare make, by opposing the distribution of this feed except among the people who had engraved calling-cards, smoked a private brand of cigarettes, and wore silk underwear.

Did they let him get away with that? Ask yourself. You know the answer. Hi! Swat! They impeached him and banished him and wished he was back so they could see it all over again.

So he went over to the Volscians and raised an insurrection against Rome. It was quite an army he had when he came back to attack Rome. The folks at home weren't quite sure they could stand off him and his mob very long.

One man who, when the story came out, was justly ostracized, at the urgent request of the women, got up and said:

"As the cackling of geese saved Rome once, why not try it again?" Let's send the women folks out to talk him out of it.

Coriolanus' wife and mother were at the head of the delegation, and they talked and talked. Finally his wife, at a given signal agreed upon beforehand in case he was stubborn, turned on the tears and cried awhile. At this Coriolanus threw up both hands and said:

"If this is what I'm coming back to,

it," hotly protested Edgar. "You don't budge an inch till next Friday. Lawd knows you'll git poor feed when you git to Freeman's."

"It's my duty to stay, stay I will," surrendered Irad. "But to think of delving back to the cretaceous period! Museums will pay any price for that picture. I'll wager a good half tone of the Ark would fetch—"

"When can we begin work?" feverishly asked Edgar.

"Just as soon as I can figger out a Pro-Radio-Reflex with an automatic dodging adjuster. And to think of learning who lived here before the Mound Builders. Isn't that thought a grand—"

"But this Reflex? What's that?" anxiously inquired Edgar, his brows bunching.

"Of course if you come up behind an ether-wave and skulk in its rear no matter what picture it contains our photo will be a blank. I've tried it lots of times. But by merely using the Reflex we can overtake a wave, or picture, and then have the radium current dodge around in front and snag it face to face and—"

"Is it figured out yet?" cried Edgar.

"Not yet," sighed Irad, moving toward the veranda.

"How long will it take?" This he tween clenched teeth.

"Not more'n eight years at the most. I'm positive—"

"I'll see you go Friday," muttered Edgar. (Copyright, 1908, by W. G. Chapman.)

I don't want Rome. Where would I live if I took it? She may do this very once in awhile. Come on, Volscians; let's beat it."

There is also a very fine press-agent story about Coriolanus and a lion. The old version of it is that he took a bribe out of a lion's toe in a desert cave, and that the same lion afterwards, through gratitude, refused to kill Coriolanus in an arena at Rome. But this is the truth of the yarn, as discovered through careful investigation by me and Plutarch:

Once in the desert Coriolanus had gone into a cave for rest, when a large lion limped in. Seeing he would be eaten anyway, Coriolanus went to the lion and held out his hand. It was the "king of beasts," he consoled himself, so he wasn't coming down so awfully much in the social scale. The animal felt his fever subside as Coriolanus' chilly paw touched him, so he stood still while Cory gouged a honeycomb thorn out of his foot. Then Cory made tracks and didn't see the lion any more.

Afterward, when he was taken prisoner and had been scheduled to be eaten by a lion to make a Roman holiday, the same lion, or one almost like it, was turned loose in the arena. Seeing Coriolanus he shivered, saying to himself:

"What will that bunch of ice do to my hollow tooth that's been bothering me so much lately?"

Just as the lion was trying to solve this dilemma and figure some way to make good, the humane society officer entered and took Coriolanus away, saying:

"He might poison the lion if it should eat him. Turn Coriolanus loose and feed the lion something wholesome."

And everybody gaped and threw pop bottles.

Thus do the common people, who usually hold all the offices, hand out citrus fruit to the swells who have ever shown an inclination to extend to the proletariat the frozen mitt.

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Called.

When they drew near an ice-cream soda sign he started up an animated conversation to divert her attention. However, she was wise to the trick.

"Darling," he whispered rapturously, "you are the prettiest girl I ever met. You are as pretty as a picture postal card."

She smiled sardonically.

"Indeed!" she responded. "And do you know, Percy, that you remind me of a picture postal card."

"Ah, because I am so handsome?"

"No, because you are so cheap."

And after that there