

IMPOSING UNIQUE PUNISHMENT

Forcing a cigarette smoker to give up for one year the use of cigarettes is the novel sentence a judge in Pennsylvania has passed upon a young man brought before him for obtaining goods under false pretenses. While the course of this court could not be followed exactly in many cases there is something in the spirit of its ruling that will appeal to all who condemn indiscriminate punishment. The young man might have gone to prison for a year, but that would have marred his life. Besides there may have been members of his family dependent upon him for support, who, during his absence, would have suffered quite as much as he. Always pursuing conventional lines of punishment some of the shadow of the punishment falls upon innocent persons. This is inevitable. But in this case the offender is the only sufferer, and no one doubts that he will be very unhappy and sincerely sorry that he ever went wrong. And what other ends can punishment have in view?—Boston Transcript.

A GIRL WITH GRIT

These ministers who draw the line at performing marriage services for persons who have been divorced could very appropriately make an exception in the case of an Appleton, Wis., woman, who deserted her husband half an hour after the ceremony. This specimen of the lords of creation, immediately following the performance of the ceremony, made the following speech to his bride, so she claims: "A Lutheran minister comes to my house any time he wants to, but no Methodist minister need enter. Furthermore, since we have been going together I have been obliged to crawl a good deal, but now that we are married I want it distinctly under-

stood that I am boss. Every time I snap my finger I want you to jump. I'll be boss or I'll know the reason why."

The girl showed her independence, the true American spirit, when she "quit" then and there. She is evidently a girl of good common sense and no minister should refuse to perform the ceremony should she seek union with a man worthy of her.—Cedar Rapids Gazette.

PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE

Some friend asked Col. John Allen, of Mississippi, in the Willard last evening whether he approved of the ideas of the president favoring the limitation of wealth, as set forth in his latest speech.

"Yes," said the gentleman from Tupelo, with great solemnity. "It has now been all of twenty years since in a public speech in my district I announced that no single human being ought to be possessed of more than \$1,000,000, and I have been carrying out that sentiment by my own personal example ever since."—Washington Post.

HIS ONE HOPE

"You'll find, my boy," said the wise old man, "that this world is full of quicksands."

"Yes," replied the bright youth, "as I expect to go into the sugar refining business I hope I'll find it reasonably full of get-rich-quick sands."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

NO IMPROVEMENT

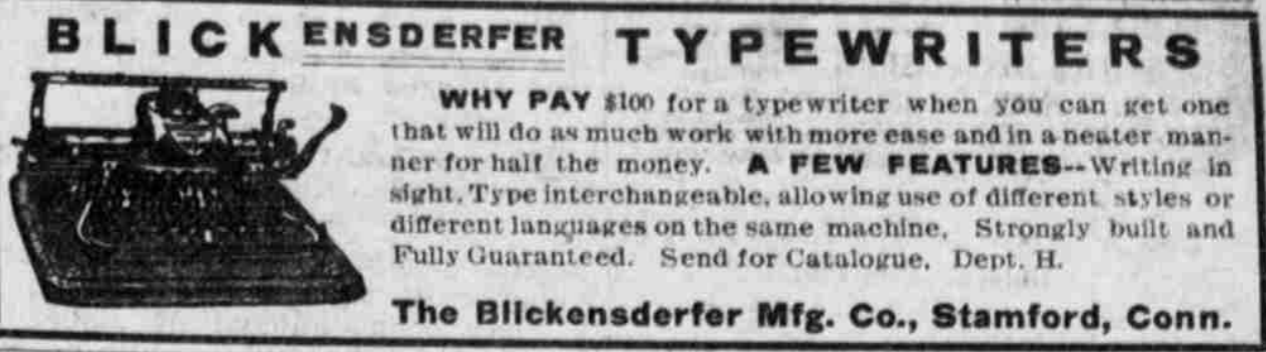
Miss Blue—I don't like my Easter gown and am going to change dress-makers. What kind of a fit does yours give you?

Miss Green—A connoption, usually.—Detroit Free Press.



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