

WRITTEN IN MIRTH

The Last Straw
Femais Bandit—Here, mister! Hold the baby while I hold you up!—Saturday Evening Post.

Unkind Thrust
Mrs. Bragg—My daughter's music cost a lot of money. Mrs. Tugg—In deed. Did some neighbor sue you?

Couldn't Be Helped
Sportsman—Your last shot just missed my wife a few inches!
The Other—Sorry, old man.

On the Same Order
Judge—Fine for speeding.
Prisoner—So was that paved road, your honor.

Father Gander
To Wall street, to Wall street to buy a few stocks. Home again, home again, minus my socks.—Life.

One of the Rejected
"Are you related to her by marriage?" "No, I'm her brother by refusal."—Columbia Jester.

Caught
Rose—"Do you believe in love at first sight?" Mary—"Where did you meet him, dear?"

Quite Right
Teacher—Name some product of which the supply exceeds the demand.
Pupil—Trouble.

Anti-Santa
"What is an atheist?"
"One who does not believe in Santa Claus."—Texas Ranger.

Enough
Home Economics Teacher—Name three things which contain starch.
"Two cuffs and a collar."

Explained
Instructor—Our bodies are made up of thousands of different cells.
Betty—Oh, I see—a sort of a jail.

FRANK BRIBERY IN ENGLISH ELECTIONS

Bribery and corruption are no new things in connection with elections. The wife of a congressman is said to have boasted that her husband was honestly elected, as they paid every man who could be bought \$2 for his vote. The story has a certain analogy with the petitioners' recorded story of an English election, held in 1842. It reads: "During the morning of Tuesday, the day of polling, some two hundred voters passed upstairs at the Black Boy, whence each received two sovereigns, and was told, 'You know where to go for the rest.' They then went to the hustings, and polled for the sitting members, and thence to the committee room at the Swan. After their voting had been checked, they received tickets and . . . passed along the gallery to the window of the bedroom occupied by Mr. Dyce Souche's servant. The window stood partially open, and a hand being put out (the rest of the person remaining concealed) delivered to each of the voters four sovereigns in exchange for his ticket."—Montreal Family Herald.

Apartment in Log
A hollow fir log, 22 feet long and 8 feet in diameter, mounted on a large truck, was introduced to motordom by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cave of Longview, Wash. They proposed to show Easterners what a real fir splinter from the Northwest woods looks like. The interior of the log is divided into a combination bedroom and parlor, kitchenette, breakfast nook, bathroom with shower and other conveniences, such as electricity and running water.

Let's Make It Easy
Teacher—The trouble is you boys don't know simple arithmetic. Now, if I were to give you six rabbits, then six more, and then multiply by six, how many would you have? Answer quickly.
Willie—Let's use pigs. They don't multiply so fast.—Berkshire World.

Find New Disease
A new disease has been discovered by an American physician. Scientifically it is called "subcostalgia," but its popular name is "housewife's rib." It was formerly confused with appendicitis, neuralgia, pleurisy, etc.

Like Tennyson's Brook
Mrs. W. H. Crook of Marysville, Cal., has in her possession a clock which has ticked off the hours for 200 years, with a cessation only when it was packed and shipped out from the East 45 years ago.—New York World.

More or Less Gentle Hint
Head Walter (to business man making figures on the tablecloth)—"Pardon me for interrupting you, sir, but the management provides adding machines free of charge. Shall I have one wheeled in?"—Life.

Motor Ships Favored
For the first time in history the tonnage of motor ships being constructed throughout the world recently exceeded that of steamships.

Foxy
Elizabeth—Would it be too naive, mother, if I believed in Santa Claus just one more time?—American Legion Weekly.

His Mistake
She (who has just been kissed)—How dare you?
He—My mistake; I'll swear there was a bunch of mistletoe there last Christmas.—London Punch.

Was!
Rastus—Dat am a savage looking dog.
Rufus—Yas, she 'uz. So savage looking' dat dog am he am plumb sheered to growl.—Judge.

CONVERSATION NOT TAKEN FROM LIFE

"Good-morning, Missus Primm. I trust I have not chosen an unseasonable moment for my delivery this morning?"

"Not at all, Joseph—not at all. And please don't bother to wipe your shoes; the linoleum is easily scrubbed. Step into the living room and make yourself comfortable for a moment or two—you must be tired after your maternal exertions. Help yourself to my husband's cigars, and there is a late issue of a magazine on the table."

"Thank you—but I must first deposit this ice in the refrigerator. Business before pleasure, you know. To paraphrase a popular expression, 'One must sell ice while the sun shines.'"

"Yes, to be sure. What is a small piece of ice that size worth?"

"I'm charging you 70 cents for it."

"Really, I don't see how you can be so reasonable and yet make a living."

"Frankly, I don't; this is merely a side line. I write movie scenarios for a living. I am something of an altruist, however, and get a great deal of satisfaction from the knowledge that I am doing my little bit to make this old world a cooler place to live in. That is my only reward. I am not mercenary. I—whoa! My horses are restless. I must be off. Good morning."

"Good-morning." — Robert Cyril O'Brien, in Judge.

Dad's Warm Welcome to His Soldier Son

When the call for recruits to bust the Hindenburg line reached the ears of folks in Hendy Hollow, a husky lad was in the field plowing the soil of his father. The lad in his idle moments between milking and chopping wood had read much and filled his head with the doings of one Cincinnatus, a Roman farmer of early days who left the plow in the furrow at the call of duty. Here was an appropriate time to pull off the same stunt that Cin did, so he slapped himself on his manly bosom and ejaculated in a wheezy Yankee dialect: "By gosh, when duty calls, I must go!"

Well, he went. And he became one of the very marines that put the veto to the Dutchman's progress, and when he returned, covered with glory and medals, he held out his hand to his grumpy old pa and asked: "Well, dad, ain't you got nothin' to say to me on my return from the war?"

"Yes, I got a lot to say to you," replied old grumpy, "and that's this: I told you afore you left for the trenches to put the plow and drag under the shed and ye didn't do it, so you got right out and do it afore you step foot in this house!"—Eugene Zimmerman in Cartoons and Movie Magazine.

Qualities of Nitrogen

Nitrogen is an invisible gas without odor or taste, which neither burns nor supports combustion. It forms 70 per cent of the atmosphere, diluting the oxygen, and making normal and comfortable life possible, says the Scientific American. It will not easily combine with other substances except hydrogen, magnesium and a few metals, but though so inert itself, some of its compounds are quite the reverse, for all explosives are compounds of nitrogen. Nitrogen is one of the chemical elements; it is non-metallic, and plays an important part in the lives of plants and animals.

Valuable Catch

Sixty thousand dollars was realized from a single day's catch of fish just off the beach near Cape Charles, Va., when 12 refrigerator cars moved to the markets 1,500 barrels of gray trout that averaged the fishermen \$40 a barrel. It was the biggest catch of the season and possibly in years of any of the seaside fishermen and came at a time when the season is about to close, which will serve to stimulate the fish industries along the coast of the two eastern shores of Virginia counties, which have had a comparatively poor season throughout the year.

Beating Time

A New York newspaper placed a loud speaker alongside a linotype machine in its composing room during the world series games. The compositor cast the type describing the plays as they came to him over the radio. In this manner the newspaper beat its contemporaries on the street by several minutes with a complete detailed description of each of the games.—Collier's.

Planes Link Cities

Airplane passenger lines now are operated from Vienna, Austria, to Prague, Paris, Budapest, Constantinople and Munich, the last named connecting with Zurich, Geneva and Berlin services.

Natural Power Utilized

A lateral canal from a point near Basel, Alsace, to one just below Kembs, will utilize the natural fall of the river there so that it will produce 100,000 electric horse power.

Buses Traverse State

Motor vehicles in North Carolina are proving to be the residents' chief means of travel. Passengers can journey from one end of the state to the other, by bus, the vehicles making regular schedules on routes between 75 and 100 miles in length.—New York Herald-Tribune.

A Last Accessory

"We give a bicycle with each car we sell," remarked the auto salesman.

"How's that?" asked the prospective purchaser.

"So you can park your car in the suburbs and ride into the office."—Life.

So It Seemed

The Boss—And what have you been doing all this time, Miss Montgomery?

New Typist—Typing the letter you dictated, sir.

"Really! I thought you might have been working it up in embroidery or something."—Judge.

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