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Lloyd's Column

A Scandinavian Topsy
A small Norwegian had presented himself before a Minnesota school teacher who asked him his name. "Pete Peterson," he replied. "And how old are you?" was the next question. "I not know how old I bane," said the lad. "Well, when were you born?" persisted the teacher. "I not born at all. I got step-mutter."—Illustrated World.

Explained
After reading the regular lesson one afternoon a young woman who was teaching a class of youngsters in a Sunday school folded the paper and began to ask questions. "What little boy," she persuasively remarked, "can tell me the difference between the 'quick' and the 'dead'?" "I can, Miss Mary!" exclaimed a small boy named Tommy, excitedly wriggling his hand. "All right, Tommy," responded the teacher. "You may tell the class." "The 'quick' is them what hops out of the way of automobiles; them that don't is dead."

Still on Earth
The sick man had just come out of a long delirium. "Where am I?" he said feebly, as he felt the loving hands making him comfortable. "Where am I? In heaven?" "No, dear," cooed his devoted wife. "I am still with you."

He had been calling upon the Widow Smithers for some time, and it could not be said that he had made an impression, although he had failed to realize the fact. She decided to speed him on his way at the first opportunity and it came that night. He heaved a sigh and said, "I have only one friend or neighbor—my dog." "Well," she answered calmly, "if that isn't enough, why don't you get another dog?"

The kindergarten had been studying the wind all week—its power, effects, etc.—until the subject had been pretty well exhausted. To stimulate interest her kindergarten said in her most enthusiastic manner: "Children, as I came to school today in the trolley car, the door opened and something came softly in and kissed me on the cheek. What do you think it was?" And the children joyfully answered, "The conductor!"

Solomon Beach has a pretty wife, though sometimes, he admits, her wit is a little too sharp for comfort. He went home early one evening last week feeling out of sorts for his hot corn was throbbing a million beats to the minute, causing him to limp queerly. His wife stood at the door eyeing him suspiciously. "What makes you walk so funny?" she said. "Corn!" he snapped, grumpily. "Oh," she said, turning away. "I thought maybe it was eye."

The Rev. J. H. Jovett said not long ago to an audience: "Deliver me from the too-good, too good, the straight-laced, from the too-broad, the too-good become narrow and cruel. I know a too-good Sunday school superintendent at who said one Sunday in the course of his usual address: 'Our attendance is very, very good today. In fact we are all here but little Catherine Simmons. All here but little Catherine! What obstacle has kept our little friend away? Let us hope she is ill.'"

A Highlander who prided himself on being able to play any tune on the pipes perched himself on the side of one of his native hills one Sunday morning and commenced blowing for all he was worth. Presently the minister came along and, going up to MacDougall with the intention of severely reprimanding him, asked in a very harsh voice, "MacDougall, do you know the ten commandments?" MacDougall scratched his chin for a moment, and then, in an equally harsh voice, said: "D'ye think ye've beat me? Jist whistle the first three or four bairs, an' I'll hae a try at it."

He had a frayed, though theatrical look and appearance, and he stopped a man on the street and asked for some slight financial assistance, qualifying his request with the information, "I am a professional singer." "Ah," murmured the other, "and I suppose the war has affected the stage to such an extent that you can't get an engagement." "I love had many," he replied, sadly, "but I have lost them all." "Your songs were not popular?" "On the contrary, they were too good. You see, I specialized in drinking songs, and whenever I sang a drinking song the entire audience was so moved that it all got up and went out for a drink."

The railroad crossing was equipped with a safety device in the form of a big electric gong which rang at the approach of the train. It was a particularly noisy gong and nothing else could be heard when it started. An old farmer came driving down to the crossing one day just as the gong began to demonstrate. Not a bit of attention did he pay to its clamor, and so he happened to be right on the track when the train arrived. There was a crash and a cloud of flying bits of wood and harness. The farmer crawled out from the wreck of his wagon and shook his fist at the gong. "If that darned thing hadn't been makin' so much noise, I'd have been able to hear the durned train comin'," he grumbled.—San Francisco Argonaut.

LETTER FROM A SOLDIER BOY
Phil W. Fraker of the Thiele drug store has received a letter from his brother E. L. Fraker, who is at the front on the Texas border. An extract from the letter will be of interest: "I sure am having some time and am feeling fine. Would like to go

hunting with you and may be able to do some time. "We are within ten miles of the Rio Grande and about three miles from Mercedes. As to routine, we rise early and have plenty to do till taps, this is all I am permitted to disclose. We have good eats and several theatres. "I will try to come by way of Alliance, though confidentially I do not think it will be very soon."

Enclosed with the letter was an article entitled "The Gentle Art of Catching Tarantulas." The text of the composition follows: "To those who have enjoyed a close observation of this creeping, crawling inhabitant of the sunny south and golden west this article should bring back some wriggling memories. "Mr. Tarantula generally, at least in this neck of the woods, chooses a rather sandy place, beneath some dead wood or bush to dig his hole. This hole varies in size from a dime to the diameter of a stove pipe. He has no sense of regularity as some times the excavation drops two or three feet straight down and again it will wander in and out completely. He also considers wisdom to be the better part of valor, therefore you must dig up his domicile and detain him at the end of a stick until you can obtain a grip on him with a pair of wire tongs and place him in a glass jar, which beats a game bag or one's pockets for a captive of this class. "While every bait does not catch a fish, neither does every hole disclose a tarantula and one must dig into many holes and tramp several miles before bagging even one of the wily wigglers."

"EDWARD L. FRAKER."

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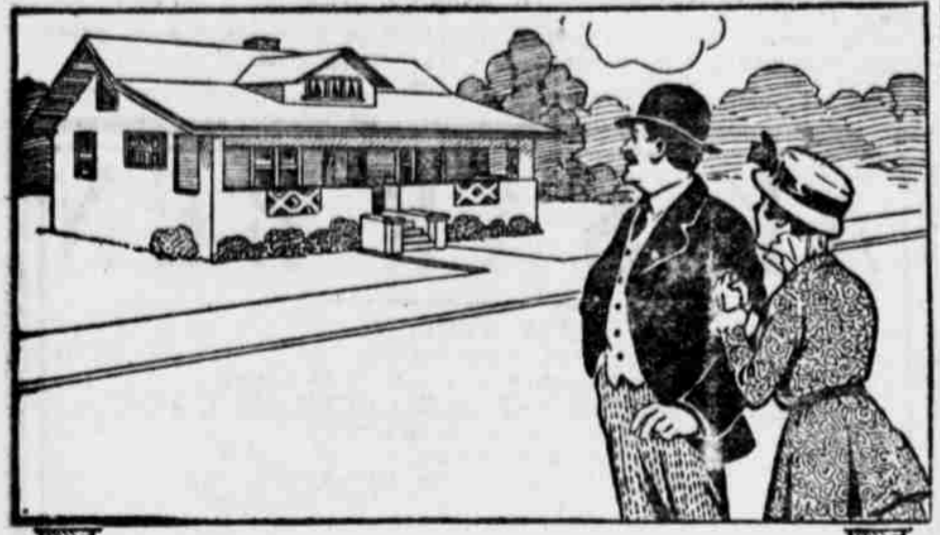
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and its passage urged by the state board of control. It became a law without the signature of Governor Morehead. He declined to either veto or approve it and under the constitution it became a law without action on his part. The state board of control will soon receive a formal report as to the operations of the law from a board of examiners appointed by it to examine defectives. The board comprises one physician at the state institute for feeble minded and one physician from each of the two state hospitals for the insane. As a condition precedent to parole from the institute for feeble minded or hospitals for the insane, penitentiary, reformatory, industrial home or industrial school, or other state institution, inmates found by the board of examiners to be insane or feeble minded and capable of begetting offspring must be sterilized. The written consent of the husband, wife, parents or guardian, and the assent

of the inmate applying for parole or discharge, so far as the inmate is capable of assenting, must be obtained. The state board of control will incorporate in its biennial report to the governor and legislature a report of the workings of the law. Many other states have similar laws, some of them applying to criminals who are not feeble minded or insane. Both men and women wards of the state have subjected themselves to the provisions of the Nebraska law. Calling cards for the ladies are printed promptly and neatly at The Herald office. The prices are reasonable. Phone 340 for samples and prices, or call at the office. Sherman Graf, a representative of the Western Nebraska Observer, at Kimball, was an Alliance caller Monday and made The Herald a call. Mr. Graf was on his way home from a trip to Chadron.



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