

RANDOM SHOTS

A pungent paragraph of our acquaintance points out that the more men knock short skirts, the shorter they get, and draws the conclusion that it may be just as well to keep on knocking, if one happens to feel that way.

DAILY LESSON IN ETIQUETTE.

If a man draws you into a quiet spot and moves his hand to his hip pocket, stand perfectly still until you know whether he is a bandit or a bootlegger, or simply a man with a big heart who wishes to share a drink. Watch your conversation carefully. It is better to speak on some ordinary subject until he makes his intentions clear. Remark that it is a fine day, or the coming boxing bout may prove a whiz or a flivver, or refer to the condition of the roads. This is important. It may save you embarrassment. We once knew a man in a similar circumstance who began right off the bat to smack his lips and make inane remarks about the prospective kick. The man who had segregated him from the multitude then reached into his pocket and took out a bill case. The ready conversationalist quickly changed his tune and began to talk about hard times, but he only succeeded in getting in deeper. For the friend drew out a snapshot of his girl.

So, you see, it depends a great deal upon the intentions of the man who has singled you out as the object of his intentions. Do not appear thirsty until you see not only the bottle, but the label, or, if there is no label, have sniffed the contents. It is well, in these cases, to be polite, especially if no drink has been taken from the bottle. Have the liberal man take one first, and if possible, while he is excited, encourage him to drink all of it. You will then be able to make your escape with your stomach lining intact, first kissing him for his mother and then turning his face to the wall.

We have been compensated for the horrors of diet. A reverend gentleman with whom we visited for a half an hour about a year ago drew nigh the editorial sanctum yesterday. "I wish to see the editor," he said. We told him that he was gazing right at him. He looked puzzled. "Perhaps I was mistaken about the editor part," he said, "I am looking for the one they call George." We acknowledged the name. His look of perplexity increased. "It's the fat one I want," said he. And we arose and bowed, and the pride of Cato was nothing to the look on our face.

We explained as much as he would listen to, and although he accepted our explanation, there was a hurt look in his eyes when he left that made us wonder if he didn't think we were spoofing him.

But we don't care.

Only 12 more pounds to lose and we eat again.

Ah, if mother could only see us now.

One of these fellows who is always trying to discover something new declares that Columbus was an Armenian, and that his real name was Kholumbian. Those who want to believe have our permission to go as far as they like.

Los Angeles claims a citizen by the name of Lieueiussesszess Hurruzzistizizil. We understand they call him Mr. Sodafountain for short. If so, we'll gamble he's the only man in the world who approves of his nickname.

THE NEW NATIONAL FLOWER
(Boilerplate Joke)

The goldenrod has been dethroned and the dandelion has been crowned as the national flower, according to a Pennsylvania observer, who names Mr. Volstead as the king-making Warwick in this instance. If any one doubts, says the authority quoted, let him go into the rural districts and note the wide and even "tender interest" in the dandelion. "Natives are not only admiring it, but they are actually gathering it and taking it home in great quantities. They are bathing it in warm water, feeding it with sugar and treating it with kindness hitherto unheard of."

TODAY'S BEST STORY

A couple of years ago Ted Winkley was an enthusiastic graduate from the school of journalism at a western university. He bought a country weekly and settled down to reform the county. The first issue of the paper brought out under his control flamed with promising announcements. The dean of the school of journalism received a copy and read this editorial announcement:

"We aim to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

Nearly a year later the dean received another copy of the boy's paper, with this proclamation circled with blue pencil:

"We aim to tell the truth—but not so blamed much of it as heretofore!"

PERSISTENCY PAYS

Persistency in inserting the same advertisement, with no change of wording or illustration, is a trait of some advertisers.

A prospective customer wrote to a firm whose advertisement never seemed to change:

"Have noted your picture of one pair of corduroy pants in 'Home Magazine' for past four months. More I see of them the better I like them. If not sold as yet, please enter my order for same."

Health Hint for Today: Cussing the cops is a good way to reduce.

Fashion notes from Philadelphia and New York city are to the effect that they're wearing their two inches longer now. Thank Heaven the girls are moderate in their reform and are not going to extremes. Two inches won't even hide the roll in the hosiery.

It is recorded that Sir Isaac New-

ton, a great pipe smoker, on a certain occasion ab-ent-minutely used his sweetheart's finger as a tobacco stopper. What in nades is a tobacco stopper?

OUR COURSE IN POETRY
Lesson II

On this occasion, we shall touch on humorous verse as the second step in our campaign to educate Leo Lloyd and Lily Begin. This is not properly the second lesson. The next step, after the sad-eyed ballad, should be obituary poetry, but we haven't been in the mood to dig up examples. Leo may now spend the next few days in covering reams of paper with stuff of the following sort. Recent attempts of his have convinced us that he is weakest in this line, and he must bear in mind that practice makes perfection. The example submitted is short, but good. Leo will do well to remember that the merit in a poetical composition bears absolutely no relation to its length, provided it is well done. Please observe carefully, Leo, for in this hurried course we shall not repeat:

Little Willie from the mirror
Licked the mercury all off.
Thinking in his childish way
"I would cure his whooping cough.
At the funeral Willie's mother
Pertly said to Mrs. Brown
"Twas a cold day for Willie
When the mercury went down."

**Next Monday
Is Circus Day
For Alliance**

Monday is show day. The dawn will break as the long gaudily painted special train comes to a halt in the Burlington railroad yards, and the working army of Christy Brothers' monster four-ring wild animal exposition will be unloading the wonder of the big top and all the smaller tops before many of us are out of slumberland.

The wagons will roll towards the Third street grounds. Elephants, camels, bison, dromedaries, sacred oxen, zebras and other "led" animals will lumber, waddle, pad and walk in their wake, and the clatter of six and eight-horse teams will resound through the streets. Work-a-day will have become a show day, and the true American fiesta spirit will grip us.

And, after the great tents are raised against the sky and the hundreds of people, horses and animals have been fed, groomed and garbed for parade, that mile long procession will head glitteringly toward the heart of the business district. It leaves the show lot at 11 a. m. promptly, and much of novelty is promised, together with a world of color, gorgeous tableaux wagons, floats, four bands, two calliopes, and all cages and dens open to view.

The performance, which opens with stirring and opulent pageantry, will start at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. Hundreds of arenic artists, clowns and trained wild animals will do almost impossible thrills in the four rings, the air and the steel arenas. All will be the best that there is to be seen in the land, from the big elephant act to the last monkey races.

OLD STUFF

It was after taps but a certain private had taken a chance and was caught walking down the village street with his latest affigy by a sergeant in his own outfit.

"My sister, sergeant," began the terrified youth as a matter of introduction. "You see, she—"

"That's all right, my boy," interrupted the sergeant genially. "She used to be my sister when I was your age. 'Lo, Maggie."

RAILROAD NOTES

First Trick Dispatcher H. E. Marvin of the Alliance-Ravenna wire left last week for a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Marvin was relieved by Second Trick dispatcher R. V. Cox, who in turn was relieved by Vacation Dispatcher C. J. Hitt, formerly of Lakeside. Mr. Marvin visited with former Alliance Relay Operator Tony Nelson, now living in Chicago, arriving there Wednesday morning just in time to take breakfast with Mr. Nelson.

First Trick Operator A. H. Newman of Broken Bow was relieved by S. E. Stewart of Ellsworth Thursday morning. Mr. Newman must appear at Cheyenne soon as a railroad witness for a law suit. He expects to return the first of the week.

Middle of the week business has been very good due to extra business coming in from the Sterling division. Additional stock shipments and also the usual if not more than average oil movement has given several extra crews work for several trips and several freight way cars have been temporarily used. A special shipment of twenty-six cars of stock for Seneca and Lakeside also will receive twenty-eight cars this week has been in addition to the through stock business.

Miss Frances Gadiet of Whitman returned to work the latter part of the week from a week's vacation. She was relieved by Mr. Moore of Mullen who was later relieved by T. V. Gorman of Lakeside.

The practice of running engines through from Alliance to Lincoln and vice versa has been quite a success for the present. The increase in business has called into service all available engine power and Havelock has been shooting out several the past week. A train with four overhauled engines was hauled Wednesday evening for the Sterling division.

Trains No. 39 and 40 which were discontinued west of Broken Bow into Seneca some time ago will be operated regularly as before commencing May 28. Also two more Alliance division trains will be resumed, 35 and 36 Alliance to Edgemont handling Deadwood-Denver equipment. These trains will be operated as the passenger traffic requires. Resuming of these four trains will give several Alliance division crews work, also other trains all over the Burlington lines west will be resumed for the summer passenger traffic. Trains 41 and 42, also 43 and 44 will after discontinuing several local and flag stops which were made in lieu of 39 and 40, Broken Bow to Seneca, however, the schedule will be same as before discontinuing of those trains. No change in schedule will be made in passenger stops from Alliance to Edgemont as 35 and 36 were run expressly for reducing 41 and 42 tourist equipment.

An extra gang was added to Alliance division maintenance of way forces last week and it is expected that local section forces will also be increased in the near future.

WELL, OF COURSE—

They were sitting in the hammock. "If I should kiss you, would you scream?" he asked cautiously. "Well," she answered coyly, "I don't see how I could if you did it properly."

THE MODERN NATION

"And so," concluded the Sunday School teacher, "Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden."

"Couldn't Adam drive his own car?" queried the pupil whose dad owned a Rolled Rice.

**Much Interest
In the Summer
Training Camp**

Want to have a free vacation, with all expenses paid by Uncle Sam? If you do, here's your chance.

U. S. Army officials have announced a series of military training camps for young Americans. One thousand picked young men from Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas will be sent to Fort Des Moines, Ia., for the month of August. No previous military experience is necessary and there is no obligation for subsequent service.

All expenses will be paid. Uniforms, housing and railroad fare is furnished. Military instruction, including out-of-door sports will make up the bulk of the work. There will be wholesome recreation and definite improvement in your physical condition is assured. Only one thousand names will be accepted. Applications are coming in daily, army officials declare.

The chief of the staff of eighty-ninth division announced today that widespread interest is being manifested throughout the division area (South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas) in the enlisted reserve corps. Inquiries in regard to enlistments are being received in large numbers from former service men, all of whom signify a desire to identify themselves with this component of the armed forces of the country.

The points about which the greatest number of inquiries are received are, eligibility for enlistment, and attendance at camp during the training period. Any man who served in the army or marine corps for at least four months between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, is eligible to be enlisted in the highest grade honorably held by him during that time, physical examination only being necessary.

In referring to the attendance at training camps, Col. Hopkins, chief of the staff, was emphatic in his statement that it was his policy to excuse from such attendance any man upon whom this absence from home and business would work undue hardship. Continuing, Col. Hopkins said: "It is realized that we are located in the heart of a great agricultural district and that the period of summer training will conflict somewhat with the harvest season. It is not and will not be our purpose to interfere with the civil pursuits of members of the reserve corps. War department regulations provide for just such contingencies by directing us to give due consideration to the occupations and other civil duties and responsibilities of reserve officers and enlisted men."

Reservists are not required to attend weekly or monthly drills, nor are they subject to call for active duty in case of strikes, riots etc. The reserve forces constitute what the man implies—a reserve force to be called to the defense of the country in case of a national emergency. Where citizens of military age have the time, and desire more active duty in time of peace, it is contemplated that they will serve either in the national guard or regular army. It is hoped that world war veterans, who have not the time for service in the national guard, and who desire to enlist in the regular army, will identify themselves with the organized reserves. Any inquiries addressed to us at the Army building, Omaha, will receive prompt attention."



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