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Two can keep warmer than one.
Some optimists are just too lazy to kick.

There are now 10,000 known varieties of orchids.

Some of these song hits should have been missed.

Umbrellas are like men; usually the poorest are left.

First savings bank was established in Hamburg in 1778.

People who buy oil stock invest and then investigate.

Washington is full of peace and the roomers of peace.

In Liberia, smoking, drinking and dancing are forbidden.

American Indians originated the game of la crosse.

Money must be tight when a man is shy of loose change.

A person who cannot sing should not be made to prove it.

In Germany the goose step has made way for the side step.

Some husbands are happy; others' wives won't stay home alone.

America's chief market for rosin and turpentine is Savannah, Ga.

We have many philanthropists when it comes to giving advice.

Only way to keep the hatchet buried is to put the hammer with it.

The orange blossom is the maiden's favorite for decorative purposes.

A household hint is one of those things that is all a husband dares to offer.

Well, compared with what the apple cost Adam the price of fruit is comparatively cheap.

Prayers for the man who prays for himself alone probably never got higher than the roof.

If wives only knew what stenographers think of their husbands they would cease to worry.

William finds the Krupps will make typewriters. That's what all wars should be fought with.

About the only difference between us grown ups and children is that we weigh more and ain't so happy.

Every man on the globe has his faults and his good points. The obituary emphasizes his good points. All the rest of the time we jump on his faults.

Scientists have finally decided that the moon is not habited, but we'd like to know what has become of the man in it.

There is only one motor law that is necessary to the pedestrian, and that is to jump as quick and as far as he can.

Somebody has gone to the trouble and expense of cabling the news that everything is quiet at Lisbon. Had anybody inquired?

The old fashioned women wept for the things she desired, but the new woman gets them by walking in her husband's sleep.

Former kaiser had 10,000 copper cooking utensils in his Berlin palace, although all copper had been called in for war purposes.

"Why wasn't the treaty clear?" inquires Frank Simonds. Well, Senator Lodge seems to be the only man who knows, and he won't tell.

As a matter of fact, the United States has been strong for disarmament ever since we decided not to dominate the world with our wooded fleet.

Who remembers when about half the men in the audience went out between acts and came back looking bright and cheerful and chewing gum?

Another unfortunate thing about this midsummer of ours is the difficulty of dividing our uneasiness equally between the coal dealers and the fruit buds.

If Postmaster General Hays is going into the movie business, as reported, he at least ought to be a good authority on what films are unfit to go through the mails.

The prize for optimism to an ex-service man who was heard to say on a train recently: "The Germans got my leg and a slacker got my girl, but the man doesn't live who can get my goat."

A man never knows how worthless his earthly possessions are until he goes to pawn them or is forced to sell them. About that time he really discovers how much they are worth to him, too.

The superintendent of West Point wants the cadets increased from 1,334 to 2,500. This increase might not be disarmament, but it undoubtedly would give needed help to the army's football team.

A professor wants to abolish the word "gent" from the language; which everyone would be glad to do, provided all the specimens whom that term peculiarly describes are abolished from the population first.

A newspaper picture of the queen of Spain shows her dressed tastily in a Red Cross nurse's outfit, but a picture of her in the act of nursing would be more impressive. Imagine her scrubbing the floor of a sick soldier's room!

Marshal Foch took his wildcat back to France after all. And in the cage with the cat are five white mice which Governor Allen of Kansas might have borrowed for use in dispelling the woman mobbers in the coal mine district.

Hiawatha's reputation in southern Nebraska, according to the Falls City Journal, is that it has more churches and gives more dances than any other town in the neighborhood. And yet it can't come up to Plattsmouth in this line of pleasure.

The Chicago police chief declares we will make the town dry if it takes five thousand new cops. It's not a simple problem in Chicago, on account of the danger that when the police force is doubled, the bootleggers strength of the town may also be doubled.

A member of congress has introduced a bill providing a fine of \$5,000 against any member on conviction of belonging to a "bloc" organized by any sectional or industrial interest for the purpose of affecting legislation. Very interesting, like anti-trust laws—tempting, but hard to enforce. To prove a man is active in a secret bloc is like arresting a man for what he thinks of somebody.

Love is blind. Help the blind.

Christmas itself was quite a gift.

An auto is a necessity unless you get run over by one.

Anybody can swear off smoking after Christmas cigars.

To forgive and forget is fine; to give and forget is finer.

As far as we can see, they have quit rolling their stockings.

To keep your wife away from the office hire an ugly stenographer.

There may be merchants who don't advertise, but you never hear of them.

Ford says Muscle Shoals is good for 1,000 years. A regular little ten-century plant.

That pavement of good intentions in hell won't last long after the speeder get there.

There is no limit to how funny Charlie Chaplin can be. He is quoting Tennyson now.

Why worry? Only one person in 1200 is murdered and less than that get into the movies.

The most important step some people take is the shimmy and even then they feel shaky.

Germany says she will pay by January 15. We have told many creditors the same thing.

A Frenchman has made gold out of lead. We saw a plumber make \$50 out of a lead pipe once.

As we understand it, Russia's main needs are natives with brains and foreigners with capital.

Just when everyone hoped there would be no crime wave this winter Christmas neckties appeared.

A movie star who hires a "double" for risky stunts can't get one to go home for him late at night.

Wonder if indigestion makes people grouchy or if being grouchy makes them have indigestion?

The war veteran who shot a Chicago packer must have discovered who invented canned corned beef.

We have laws to keep crazy people from marrying. But they never know they were crazy until too late.

A Kansas court has issued an injunction against a man to restrain him from killing his wife. More and more the courts are taking away our personal liberties.

Will Hays has been offered a \$100,000 position with the movie industry but hates to leave the post-office department, tho it pays only \$12,000 a year. Perhaps Mr. Hays should go to Judge Landis for legal advice.

One writer says the girls, having enjoyed the freedom of going without corsets, will never go back to them. Well, their ancestors also enjoyed corsetless freedom, and they went back to them. Logic is a fine thing except when put into things like corsets.

A friend back from New York reports that longer skirts really are "catching" on back there. You see one woman out of about every nine hundred thousand wearing one, and that indicates considerably more popularity there than the long skirt enjoys out west.

Men are merely on a lower stage of an eminence whose summit is God's throne, infinitely above all; and there is just as much reason for the simplest man being discontented with his position, as respects the real quantity of the knowledge he possesses.—John Ruskin.

He didn't molest women or children, and in a half apologetic way went through the men passengers in a very gentle manner, so the man who held up the B. & O. flyer near Chicago the other night is called a cultured bandit." Without doubt, if there was a Nobel prize for train robbers this man would be a formidable candidate.

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FOOD AND BRAINS

The world's largest captive snake—a python 25 feet long—is brought from the Malay jungles to the National Zoological park in Washington.

You can watch it safely in its glass cage, for it has no brain to tell it that it could smash its way to freedom by hurling its 250 pounds against the glass.

No trouble on the journey across the Pacific. Snake slept all the way. Its last meal in the Orient was a large pig, crushed in the python's powerful coils and swallowed whole.

After its meal, the python sleeps three weeks.

Are you a python? Do you eat too much at noon, then feel loggy and drowsy for hours?

Employers may not know it, but the real reason they want office workers down early in the morning is because breakfast is a light meal. With stomach lightly burdened until noon, efficiency runs high.

In the afternoon, with several pecks of corned beef and cabbage and pie a la mode in the stomach, there is a tendency to yawn, gaze translike out the window and manifest general fog in the head.

Like shoveling too much coal in the furnace, it puts the fire out.

An empty stomach and a keen brain are Siamese Twins. That is why poverty produces so many geniuses.

Dryden's stomach was habitually so empty that he sold 10,000 verses to Tanson for \$15,000.

Tellier, inventor of cold storage, starved to death. His invention probably came from wondering how he could preserve a lot of food if he ever managed to get it.

Camoens, Portugal greatest poet, died of starvation in a Lisbon hospital.

Tens of thousands of similar cases. From them came the popular notion that fortune frowns on men of genius without the empty stomach of poverty.

Writers and business men often say they can think better late at night. That is because midnight finds their food partly digested, their stomachs lightly burdened.

Receipt for stupidity and failure: Stuff the stomach.

THE VENOMOUS MAN

Every important community has him, few escape his poisonous darts, most people fear him and everybody tries to shun him.

He is not an aggressive man. He does not fight in the open. He is known by his whispers and innuendoes. His poison is in the heart—infectious words and stealth deeds are the fangs through which it passes into the lives of his victims.

Ask him his opinion of a neighbor and it is impossible for him to make a frank acknowledgement of that neighbor's good qualities.

"Yes, I have known Henry for a great many years," he will say, while his shifty, serpentine eyes betray the mental search for a vulnerable spot in his record. "He never bothers me," he continues in a voice that suggests charity toward a culprit.

"but then, I tend to my own business, and don't meddle with the affairs of others."

By the time he has completed his "friendly" discussion of Henry, a stranger would reach the conclusion that Henry is an extremely undesirable citizen, though in fact he is known to be as square and decent a man as the community possesses.

Whether the subject be society, business or politics, the venomous man is the same. Anything that he touches with his slanderous fangs is, in the eyes of anyone who believes him, damaged goods.

Fortunately for the small communities in which he winds his reptilian way, the people get to know him and, as a rule, in the larger cities, his influence is fettered by his obscurity.

Occasionally he gains financial power. Then he becomes a public menace, extending the blight of his evil genius as far as money can reach into the lives and affairs of the nation.

It is a source of gratification to know that the venomous man rarely gains his point. His select victims are saved by the safeguards which intelligence and intuition throw about the general and individual well being.

When you find a man habitually given to sly thrusts at persons under discussion; when you have observed his colling silence, on occasions calling for friendly comment; when you have seen the sullen darkening of his eyes as he listens to the just praise of another; when you have known him to injure and defame and studiously guard against exposure by covering his tracks with the dust of falsehood—you will know that you have met the venomous man.

Thereafter, to associate with him or give him your confidence, is to

IGNOBLE ART OF FLATTERY

Perhaps the surest test of strength of character is the degree of one's susceptibility to flattery.

A man may have a reputation for great ability and, to superficial acquaintances, may bulk large in the affairs of the world; but if willingly he accepts flattery, he is riding to a fall.

As for flattery he is a menace to friendship and his companionship is a blight.

It is true that you can catch more flies with molasses than you can with vinegar, but beware of the man who makes this his motto and persists in smearing you with the saccharine speech of insincerity.

It is one thing to prefer the pleasing philosophy of the optimist to the acidulated cynicism of the pessimist, and quite another to give willing ear to the hypocritical compliments of flattery.

Love of flattery is a weakness, fatal to leadership. It has dethroned more political leaders than all other influences combined, and yet how few have benefited by the lesson!

Go to a political headquarters in a great city and observe the performances of the hanger-on, the place-hunters, and the so-called lieutenants!

Too often the men who obtain recognition are the ones most persistent in obsequious self-abasement in the presence of the "boss."

They never disagree with him, endorse every opinion that he expresses, withhold the benefit of honest disagreement, kow-tow meekly and greet him with "good morning, chief," and never hesitate to curry favor by tale-bearing and poisonous insinuations against the really honest men of the organization who in sincere friendship for the leader have expressed disapproval of his erroneous decisions.

And while these flattering panders are forming an impenetrable circle around the susceptible leader, the men of real worth, whose cooperation would be valuable, are elbowed to one side, relegated to the rear, and eventually alienated and driven to open hostility.

Occasionally you find a real leader of men—and when you do, you find one of sufficient mental strength to know the difference between a flatterer and a friend.

The rule applies to every walk of life.

The business man who resents the honest opinions of the employe who disagrees with him, is bound to be surrounded by flattery, the drippings of whose sugared speech are found along the easy road to bankruptcy.

Those who succumb by flattery, walk over the prostrate remains of reputation which they have slain. With the flattery is an art—but oh, what a base and ignoble art!

The persons who flatters you has given you—not a compliment, but a slap in the face.

Shun him as you would the breath of pestilence.

Everybody we suppose, is more or less changeable, and there are times maybe the next morning he feels better toward the world and guesses that merely amputation of both hands and ears would be punishment enough.

Paste this slip in your hat and see if it doesn't come true: By the first of next March every line of business and industry in this country will be booming, and there will be plenty of work for everybody who is willing to work.

STRAYED

Strayed from my pasture, southwest of Cedar Creek, one light red muley steer. Weight about 450 or 500 lbs. Anyone seeing same please take up and notify—

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