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Whether Common or Not

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

Yes, But When?

O, what will take place in this country so grand

When Knox sets to running amuck? And what will become of our beautiful land

When Knox sets to running amuck? We'll gather sweet figs from the sharp thistle weed;

When turnips are sliced they will shudder and bleed,

And turtles will travel at 2:30 speed,

When Knox sets to running amuck.

O, what will take place in the centers of trade

When Knox sets to running amuck? And where shall the head of the magnate be laid

When Knox sets to running amuck? We'll get kerosene at a price that is fair;

All stocks will be purged of water and hot air,

And magnates for woes of the public will care,

When Knox sets to running amuck.

O, what will take place in Dame Nature's domain

When Knox sets to running amuck? And what shall we see o'er vale, hill and plain

When Knox sets to running amuck? Hot water will freeze as it boils on the stove;

The bark will grow inside of trees in the grove,

And mountains will over the wide prairies rove,

When Knox sets to running amuck.

Squelched.

"Mr. Bildad," remarked Mrs. Bildad, as soon as the supper dishes were safely put away, "I want to talk with you a few moments."

"Uh-huh!" grunted Mr. Bildad from behind the evening paper.

"I have figured out, Mr. Bildad, that during the month of March your cigar bill amounted to an average of 40 cents a day, or \$12.40 for the entire month."

"Well, haven't I got a right to—" began Mr. Bildad, but the wife of his bosom interrupted.

"And an average of \$1 a week for billiards, or \$4 for the month."

"Great Scott, Mrs. Bildad, don't you think I am entitled to a little recreation from bus—" began Mr. Bildad, only to be choked off again.

"And I have investigated a little and found that your noonday cinch game costs you an average of \$1.50 a week, or \$6 for the month."

"See here, Mrs. Bildad, I've got to have a little recreation from business cares or I'll—" shouted Mr. Bildad, but he didn't finish.

"And after investigation I have found that it will require not less than \$10 a month to pay for the other little extras you indulge in."

"Mrs. Bildad, what is the meaning of all this? You have some motive for this sort of thing. What is it?"

"Only this, Mr. Bildad. Here is the bill for my new spring hat, \$18, and I want you to pay for it without making any kick."

And although Mr. Bildad restrained his tongue, the way his pen sputtered as he wrote the check conveyed a world of meaning to Mrs. Bildad.

Partisan Prejudice.

Everything herein related is true, with the exception of the names, and they are suppressed for several reasons—the chief one being that the joke is rather personal.

Mr. Armstrong, resident of a Nebraska town, is a very radical repub-

lican and inclined to the belief that populists and democrats are little less than anarchists and traitors. He has two sons-in-law, one of whom is a prominent populist, and the other a democrat who is engaged in the newspaper business.

A neighbor of Mr. Armstrong's met the populist son-in-law on a train not long ago, and arriving at home thought the father-in-law would be interested in hearing from a member of the family. Meeting Mr. Armstrong on the street the neighbor said:

"By the way, Armstrong, I met that politically foolish son-in-law of yours on the train yesterday."

Armstrong smiled; then grasping the arm of his neighbor inquired:

"Which one?"

Parentetically it may be remarked that the relator of this incident enjoys relating it much more than he enjoys hearing it.

Plain English.

"I note with regret," said Judge Bostonbeans, surveying his cornfields with some admiration and considerable gloom, "that the maize is badly choked with numerous specimens of the genus Xanthium."

"Uh-huh," replied Jed Plowem, the hired man.

"I suggest, therefore, that you secure a hoe and proceed to eradicate the said superfluous and harmful plants and give the maize an opportunity to arrive at maturity."

"As the judge hiked out to catch the train at the suburban station Jed scratched his head.

"Well, if th' judge meant fer me t' clean out them cockleburrs, why'n thunder didn't he say so."

Precaution.

The watchdog bayed ferociously, but did not rattle the chain.

"Now, if I were only satisfied that the blamed dog would not run amuck," whispered the prospecting burglar.

Then the burglar tossed over a large quantity of fine dog meat and watched the canine greedily eat it. When the dog had finished the burglar climbed over the fence and the dog crawled to him and licked his hand with evident affection.

"That's the idea," whispered the burglar.

So saying, after an affectionate pat of the canine's head, the burglar proceeded to put his jimmy and skeleton keys into operation.

Brain Loaks.

Gossip is not a matter of sex. Time here means eternity there.

Seeds of doubt never fail to sprout. Sin is always willing to compromise.

A fool and a slot machine make a good pair.

Happiness is best when it comes from within.

Sowing a crop of tares means harvesting a crop of tears.

Booze and business make fine pace-makers for bankruptcy.

Wide open towns are the fruits of wide open consciences.

It is easy to talk about political reform the day after election.

There is nothing quite so tiresome as the man with a grievance.

We pay men to make us laugh, but we can be grouchy for nothing.

Every dog has his day, but only the foolish man makes a night of it.

Kind words are cheap, but often they accomplish more than money.

The wise preacher will not try to exhaust a good text in one sermon.

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acuteness by always laughing at another's stories.

Of course boys will be boys, but that is no reason why they should not also be gentlemen.

Some men can give a dozen excuses for doing wrong and overlook the one reason for doing right.

In these days the office that seeks the man is usually the office without either honor or emolument.

A near neighbor is six feet tall and weighs less than 150 pounds. He is always as happy as a fat man looks.

Would a highwayman be excusable for beating his victim if he kindly bought salve for the victim's wounds?

There seems to be a growing belief that a man has a right to rob his fellows if he will only pay the victims a commission.

The man who will turn a dishonest trick to get public office will turn a dishonest trick at the expense of his constituents.

Somehow or other we never have much confidence in the progress of a church that is forever trying to eat itself out of debt.

There is more happiness in a humble home paid for than there is in a fine mansion whose roof sags with the weight of a mortgage.

Some men who take great care to tie their neckties straight pay very little attention to the straightness of their business methods.

Most churches lose valuable time trying to take care of the members who insist upon being rocked in a cradle and lulled to sleep by fattery.