



## Whether Common or Not

By Will M. Murphy

### Wanted—A Name

Wanted—A name for the baby;  
That sweet little mite of a miss,  
With pink hands and feet, and puckered lips sweet.  
Held up for a fond parent's kiss.  
Rosie, or Josie, or Mary;  
Or Margaret, Lilly, or May;  
Priscilla or Prue—does any suit you?  
We've just got to name her today.

Wanted—A name for the baby  
That's nestling there fast asleep;  
A precious wee mite on her pillow  
of white.  
God gave us to guard and to keep.  
Annie, or Carrie, or Hazel;  
Or Annabel, Oral or Jo;  
Anetta or Sue—does any suit you?  
We've just got to name her, you know.

Wanted—A name for the baby,  
That little pink image of love  
That came with the year with a message of cheer,  
Straight down from the mansions above.  
Maggie, or Katie or Flora;  
Or Amethyst, Kittie or Bess;  
All good, I suppose—but dear goodness knows  
We'll just call her "Sister," I guess.

### But—

The orator spoke in thunder tones.  
However, thunder never makes a hit.

### Makes It Even

"Uncle Remus" Harris says he never heard of "pumpkin pie." Well, we never heard a rabbit talking, either—and that makes us even.

### Not So!

"Everything in Georgia has gone dry!" shouts an excitable exchange.  
Not so! We're still getting our Georgia exchanges, and nary a one of the lot is dry. Fine readin' an' cheerful, an' don't you forget it. All Georgia is not dry—not by a page full.

### Comforting

Dodging hastily the hunter sped down the slope, the grizzly close behind.

Not noticing the precipice the hunter fell over. However, his belt caught on a projecting spur of rock, staying his descent.

"Well, at any rate," said he, gazing into the abyss below, "this hunting lodge of mine didn't cost me much, even if it isn't up to the Adirondack style."

### The Mean Thing

"That is my truly first loaf of bread, dear," cooed Mrs. Nuwife.

"Mighty good, too," said her leige lord. "But don't throw any of it on the water."

"Why, what do you mean, lovey?" twittered Mrs. Nuwife.

"Well, we don't want any of it returning after many days."

The case will be heard by Judge Grump at the next term of court.

### What He Wanted

"Miss Giggerly," murmured Mr. Lonelyman, "will you—

"Pause, Mr. Lonelyman," interrupted Miss Giggerly. "I would not hurt your feelings for the world. But before you go any further I must say that I can only be a sister to you."

"Ah, that's a relief!" exclaimed

Mr. Lonelyman. "I was just about to ask you to sew these blamed suspenders together. They busted when I stumbled up the steps. I guess it's a mighty mean sister that wouldn't fix her brother's suspenders."

### Last Night

Last night a friend hailed me and said, "Once when the clouds of gloom were spread You helped me out. Now I'd repay The help extended me that day. Here is five thousand dollars. You may freely take—it is your due." I reached my hand to grasp the cash When suddenly there was a crash—It was a bedslat and it broke, And when it gave way I awoke.

### Futile

"I see that DeClosephiste and Miss Bright have made up their quarrel. "Yes, and there's where DeClosephiste made one of his worst bad financial plays."

"How's that?"

"With a view to avoiding the purchase of a Christmas present he picked a quarrel with Miss Bright about the middle of December. The first week in January he tried to make up, and it cost him a half-karat diamond ring. He could have got away with a two dollar calendar or a seven dollar cut glass perfumery bottle at Christmas."

### You Can Live It Down in Time

(The following verses were written by one of the "detained" at the Nebraska state prison. For obvious reasons the name of the writer is not given.)

When a young man has his freedom  
Not one thought has he of care,  
As the downward path he travels,  
Thinking not how much the fare,  
Till he lands himself in prison—  
Not a thing as a defense—  
And is sent from there to Lincoln  
On circumstantial evidence.

There, as dreary months roll onward,  
Then he thinks of his past life;  
Of the anguish, grief and sorrow  
Caused his mother or his wife.  
'Tis disgrace to be in prison  
If convicted of a crime;  
But if you put trust in Jesus  
You can live it down in time.  
—F. G. F.

### In Doubt

"This is a grave conspiracy against the welfare of the community," declared Judge Booster. "You nine men have banded yourselves together to do an injury, and because of it you should be punished. What have you to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?"

"Your honor," said Mr. Touch, "we discussed the legal phases of this proposition thoroughly. We sought legal advice on every side and studied every point. By a vote of five to four we decided that we were clearly within our rights."

"Well, that doesn't have any bearing on this case," snapped Judge Booster.

"Only thus far," replied Mr. Touch. "If the eminent justices of our supreme court can not agree on what the law is or means, how can you expect laymen like ourselves to decide it rightly. We merely followed precedent."

And so binding is precedent Judge Booster was fain to suspend sentence until he could find something.

### Brain Leaks

Too many doctors may spoil the war prospects.

The pulpit often fails to get the pew's viewpoint.

The woman who wills has no need to wait for leap year.

A full grown man is seldom as young as he thinks he is.

It's mighty seldom that the sex of the baby disappoints both parents.

A big, fat man always has a hard time trying to make people believe he is sick.

If you ride long enough the seat on the water wagon will be quite comfortable.

If you overlooked it on January 1 you might try making a good resolution today.

It is better to make one reform and stick to it than to scatter on a dozen and miss all of them.

A year with fifty-three pay days in can not be so worse—if we can only manage to keep employed.

The best way to avoid the January 1 feeling is to keep your Christmas shopping within your cash means.

Thirty years ago everybody started off a new year by keeping a diary. What has become of that old habit?

When a country woman moves into a large city it is awfully hard for her not to be welcomed by the woman of the house next door.

Some members of the Don't Worry Club leave their certificate of membership at the office when they start home.

The man who tries to put up a brownstone front on a second-hand lumber capacity usually meets with failure.

By the way, did any family ever accumulate so many babies that the last arrival was not considered the best of the lot?

When a man fails to think that his home town is the best town of its size in the country it is time for him to seek another location.

We have noticed that the people who live comfortably in a small town do not wear the worried look of people who claim that a city is the only place to live.

Modern progress has its drawbacks. How is the boy of today going to be proud of his first boots when boots are no longer sold in the market places?

February, 1908, will be a remarkably busy month. It will contain twenty-nine days, Washington's birthday, Lincoln's birthday, St. Valentine's day and five pay days.

### THE LONGFELLOW HOUSE

No attendant at the old Wadsworth-Longfellow house but realizes that the fame of Longfellow's old home in Portland is now world-wide. Few there are of houses of its character in which the people of the world take more interest. People go year after year to see it and speak loud in its praise. It has surely become that for which Portland is noted most with travelers, and our people are becoming proud of it. The library of the Maine Historical society has become most popular with our visitors and many visit it every day. They are astonished at what they find on exhibition without price. The patronage of the house for the past week was large. The admissions numbered 730, which were eighty-seven more than the corresponding week last year. The total this season has reached 2,303. This is 257 more than last year for the same time. This is beyond expectations. Besides most of the states and Canada, visitors during the past week have registered from Hupah, China, Norway, England, Barbadoes and Bogota, Republic of Colombia.—Kennebec Journal.

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