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- For the 3rd best - - - - \$10.00
- For the 10 next best - - - \$5.00 each
- For the 20 next best - - - \$2.50 each

The opportunity to compete for these prizes is open to boys and girls in over 2500 towns in all parts of the United States where the Munsing Underwear is sold.

Second: Our own prize essay contest. We want every boy and girl in town under 18 years of age to compete for the above cash prizes offered by the Northwestern Knitting Company. In order to stimulate your interest and make certain your chance of winning a prize, we offer additional prizes as follows:

- First best essay - Merchandise to the value of \$5.00
- Second best essay - Merchandise to the value of \$3.00
- Third best essay - Merchandise to the value of \$2.00

The above prizes to be given to the boys and girls who send in the best essays through us. The essays should be in our possession not later than Nov. 15th. Only essays received by us before 6 p. m. on that date will be considered in awarding prizes.

### RULES OF CONTEST

The essay should contain from 100 to 200 words, should be written on one side of the paper and should be put in envelope marked "Munsing Underwear Prize Essay Contest" and mailed to our address not later than, November 15th. To avoid favoritism or any appearance of it, all essays must be submitted under an assumed name. Enclose with your essay a sealed envelope containing your correct name and address, also the name assumed for the purpose of this contest. On the outside of this envelope only your assumed name should appear. The essay that wins the first prize offered by us will be published in this paper when the prize is awarded.

# GRAY'S

Columbus  
Nebraska



## HIS VOICE

In the cellar stood Bertha, cream pitcher in hand. In quest of cream for breakfast, she had stopped, transfixed by the appalling sounds which pierced through the cellar walls.

For reasons which doubtless could be scientifically explained, the song emanating from a young man in the front room of the house next door, while it could be heard in all parts of Bertha's home, burst forth in fullest volume through the stone foundations in a way both apocalyptic and comic. Bertha did not know whether to be affected to tears or laughter, but as she had been on the verge of collapse for weeks, the tears prevailed and she leaned against the cold stone wall to weep.

When she returned to the breakfast room, where the family was assembled, her father could be heard grumbly: "Tom Goodloe is in pretty business disturbing the peace of the neighborhood this way every morning. He deserves to be muscled."

Tom had told Bertha often that he could not afford to marry on his present salary, yet now he was rushing headlong toward matrimony with the music teacher, regardless of consequence. Bertha was so nervous that she took frequent walks in the park to ease her feelings.

She was sitting on a bench one day when she was accosted by the music teacher with a demand for a few minutes' conversation.

"Tom Goodloe," began the music teacher, "used to be fond of you and now I want you to coax him back. He has proposed to me and will not be refused, he says, unless I confess that I love another. Well, I do; but to confess it to Tom is impossible, because to have the engagement known now might injure the prospects of my intended husband, who is studying for the operatic stage. He writes the most pathetic letters, begging me to take pity on his loneliness and marry him. But we must wait until he has proved himself a success, as I shall convince him when he comes here next week for his vacation. When he arrives, I shall have my hands full without Tom to complicate the situation."

Bertha's eyes flashed. "And you made Tom a neighborhood jest for the sake of the few dollars you received for his instruction!" she cried.

"A poor music teacher must hold her pupils as best she can," returned her former rival coolly. "I have no father and brother to support me as you have. If I have not taught Tom to sing I've made him a more tractable man than he was when puffed up by your adoration."

Bertha rose, disdaining a reply, but she heard the music teacher say: "My secret is safe with you, I am sure. Now that you know I will not have Tom Goodloe you can be trusted to do the rest."

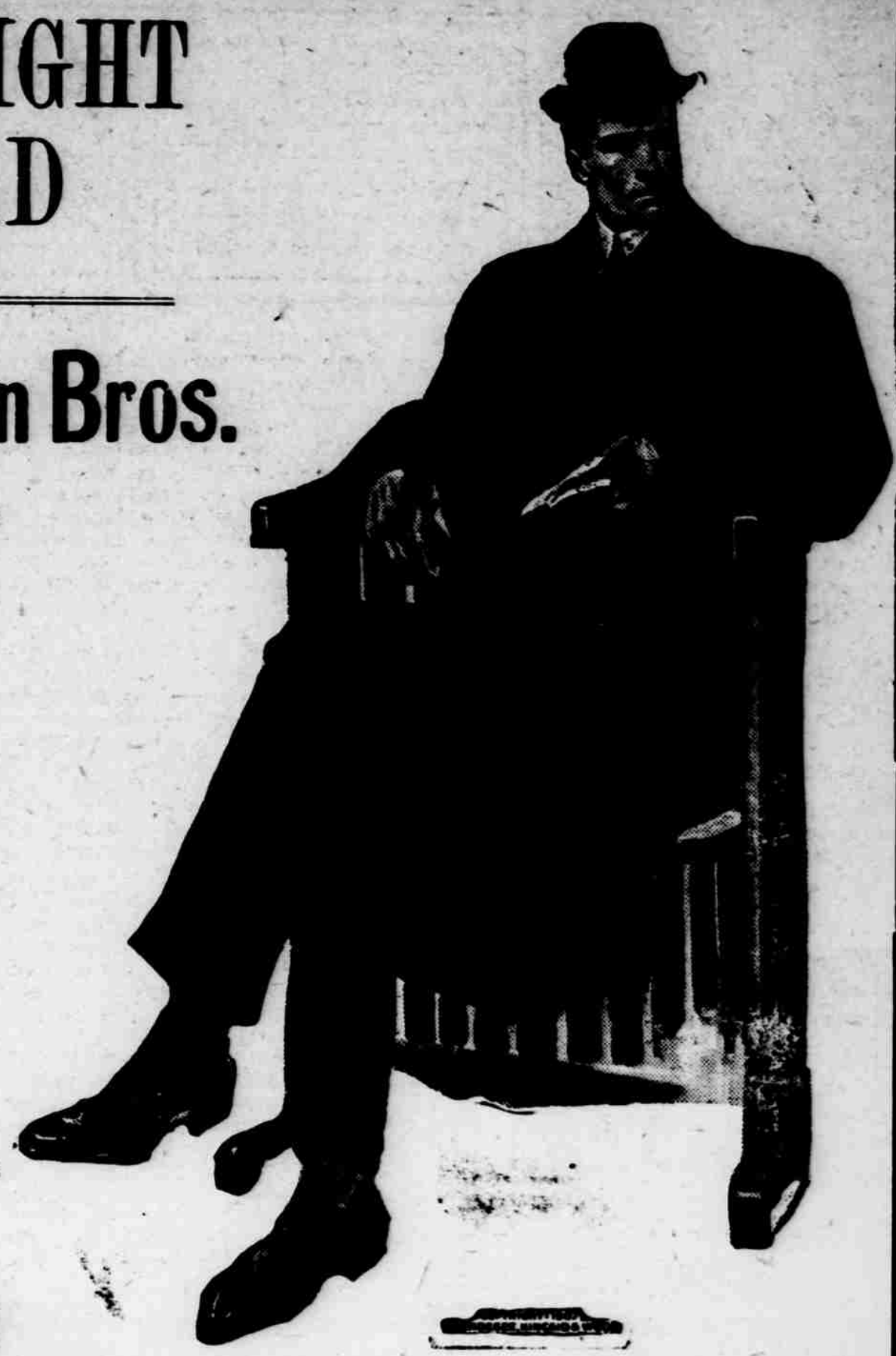
While Bertha was forgiving Tom for his period of hallucination he was, as the music teacher had predicted, very tractable, so Bertha worked out an idea which had occurred to her in one of the dark hours which she disliked to recall. She induced Tom to try comic songs, and his imitable accent

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**Nature Reclaimed Island.**  
King Island, between the coasts of Tasmania and the Australian mainland, has always been an arid waste of sand and other non-arable soil. Some years ago, however, a vessel was wrecked off the island and a number of the sailors' mattresses, stuffed with the yellow-flowered clover, a kind of grass, were washed ashore. A certain quantity of seed was contained among the stuffing and in due course these took root and in the space of a few years covered the sandy stretches with rich verdure. Clover and other leguminous plants have the peculiar capacity of fertilizing a waste soil, owing principally to the action of bacteria, thereby enabling the plants to draw nitrogen directly from the atmosphere. King Island, previously a waste stretch of sand, is now one of the richest grazing districts in the Australian continent.

**And Yet, They Make Fun of Them.**  
Mr. Foggy London—What causes the delightfully clear weather you have in New York?  
Mr. Man Hattan—Skyscrapers, dear boy.—Life.

**Mount McKinley's Difficulties.**  
In mountain climbing the world over the climber usually arrives fresh and un-fatigued at the base of the peak he wishes to storm, and as a rule begins his ascent at a high altitude. On Mount McKinley, as described by a writer in *Outing*, it is the opposite. There are 25 miles of rugged foothills and glaciers to be crossed—with heavy packs—before the base of the mountain is reached, and then the climber is confronted by 12,000 feet of rock and ice.

**Surely Heated.**  
Blotbe—He's a hot-headed individual, isn't he?  
Slobbe—Hot-headed? Why, that fellow is so hot-headed that he has to wear a stove-pipe hat in midsummer.

**A Misconception.**  
"Your reputation is gone," the capitalist graffer was informed. He brightened up instantly. "Good!" he exclaimed. "Why, do you know, it was my reputation that made me take to tall timber."  
Whistling merrily, he began to study a time-table.

**Route No. 4.**  
D. D. Bray was erecting a new windmill Tuesday.

Gerrard and Willis are making preparations to build an extensive hog shed 30x100 feet.

School district No. 25 received twenty-five new books and a nice book case for use in the school.

Mrs. R. E. Childers and son Ernest went to Genoa last week to visit with her mother, Mrs. Larson.

**Route No. 6.**  
J. Blodgett is building a new barn.  
John Krzycki is building and addition to his barn.

Thomas Lees, who lives near Dunoon, is building a new corn crib.

Albert Haspel departed this week for North Platte, Neb., with a view of buying land in that locality.

One day last week Matt Jarochi's team, while hitched to a hay rack, took fright and ran into a grove of trees, demolishing things pretty bad.

**Route No. 2.**  
Mrs. Gory Zimer is having her dwelling house treated to a new coat of paint. It looks good.

Road Overseers Ernest and Morgan are doing some much needed work in their respective districts.

The thump, bump of the heavy ears of corn against the throw boards can be heard in nearly all the corn fields on this route.

J. H. Drifain not only has one of the finest farms on the route, but also one of the most convenient mail boxes, and the other day he filled it with home grown peaches and a kind invitation to the carrier to take them. The Lord loves a cheerful giver and so does the carrier.

**Route No. 5.**  
Fred Kraeger was building a hog shed last week.

John Coffey and Oha, Podraza threshed Monday.

Oha, Podraza has been losing a number of hogs lately.

M. Kampoytz and John Spitz sold their cattle Tuesday.

Albert Kummer bought two new wagons last week, and has been marketing his old corn ever since.

Mrs. H. J. Brian went to Silver Creek Monday, on account of the death of her grandmother, which occurred at Grayville, Tenn. Mrs. Brian expected to go to Grayville, but her father, D. F. Davis, made the trip instead.

**Walker**  
Corrupting will be the order of the day from now on but it will soon be done in the hail district.

The dedication of the Methodist church at Looking Glass last Sunday drew a big crowd from the surrounding country and towns, and \$600 was raised which cleared the church of all debts.

The John Bloomquist farm in section thirty-one and thirty-two was purchased last Tuesday by a man from Albion for \$70 per acre. It is the intention to locate the new town there when the new railroad comes through, very I can almost hear the whistle blow now.

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**In Shakespeare's Time.**  
The big yellow moon climbed above the trees.

"Be careful, Romeo," cautioned the fair Juliet, "if papa hears you there will be trouble."

"But what objection has he to me?" said Romeo, somewhat piqued. "Didn't you tell him I move in the best of society?"

"Yes, dear, but he insists that you are only a climber."  
And then there Romeo decided to cut out the balcony scene and make love out on the lawn.

**New Answers to Old Questions.**  
Restaurant Patron—What is good to-day, Otto?  
Waiter—Nothing, sir. The table d'hôte is a rehash of yesterday's menu, and the à la carte has been in the icebox since Thursday. But you can get some nice chops and steaks up at Smith's cafe. Going, sir? Good day, sir.—Puck.

**Atmospheric Changes.**  
Prof. Milne, the great British seismologist, has demonstrated that at least part of the weather and changes in the atmosphere's temperature seems to come from below instead of directly from the sun. He has been in the habit of leaving an ingenious photographic arrangement in quarters at night. The photographic paper, when examined later, was found to be marked from time to time by dark bands, black spots and what are called singeing. Some of these markings occurred at the time of earthquakes, but by no means all. Scientists say that most minerals become luminous at frequent intervals. The cliffs of Dover have been seen suddenly to gleam and hillocks become visible in the darkness. The conclusion is that the disturbing forces which go on even at the very center of the earth are converted before they reach the surface into heat and light and make all manner of difference in climate and weather.

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