## Comb Honey

By EDWARD BLACK.

Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa. One would think, and naturally. that one of the last places in the world to look for humor would be at a murder trial, particularly one Chapter XXXII-Art. wherein a man is on trial for killing sight persons with an ax. .

The people of Montgomery county have heard so much of this affair dur-

ensations in connection with the rime, the result being that the peovie are divided against themselves. It s not uncommon for a husband and wife to hold different views on the

The husband will say, for instance: I know that Kelly is innecent. How sould a little man like Kelly kill eight ersons and then go to preachin gain?" And the wife will reply: "I mow that Kelly is the man. Didn't e make a confession?"

"Gee, I'd just like to have a photo-traph of Attorney General Havner haking hands with Kelly," remarked village cut-up the other day. Say, did you hear that Havner said ie would make Montgomery county

pay \$1,000,000 in court costs before he s through with this case?" asked an-

Moines newspaper man every time organize an art club till twenty years somebody started an argument about after the first house was built.

eral times, and the judge threatened to send the crowd "on about their business" if they laughe again. The "decoy ducks" were so named by Attorney Mitchell of Council Bluffs.

These ducks were two men of Council Bluffs. These ducks were two men of Council Bl uffs and Missouri Valley. They were placed in a cell with Kelly at of the activities of life may be per-Logan to hear what he might say formed with gentleness. He exercises when he sent for Havner prior to making the signed confession. This down was garbed in overalls and hand-cuffs were placed on their wrists and praise a situation at its real value. He was a station at its real value. He was a situation at its real value. He was a situation at its real value. Kelly thought they were automobile highwaymen, whereas they were newspaper men. "What's the difference?" asked one of the attorneys of real crisis occurred in his city on an the case, whereupon a newspaper man rejoined by saying that if the fitness of things had been observed for the task.

door when they crossed the street to

"the Johnson hotel.

"My goodness, if they aren't eating at the same table!" exclaimed a woman. "They must have made up again," referring to Hess and

Imperturbability.

I know a man who has been suc
Keep himself in leash at all times.

We have read that "whom the Gods would destroy they first make tessful in business and who is regarded as one of the substantial citiens of a progressive western city.

The substantial citients of a progressive western city. He came to my mind just as I was starting these lines. He is a gentle-man—a gentle man—in every sense of the word. He is a member of a firm and his work requires that he money.

day to a man who made a show of temper because his hat had blown off and he missed his street car.

Cultivate an even temperament and always keep cool. It's worth real to the art lo

How They Once Looked

Groh's History of Omaha
All the truth and untruth that's fit to know

By A. R. GROH.

should be treated in a chapter of this great and comprehensive history.

The individual offering the suggeswas called the "Sketch Class," and it



and live only for their art. The historian himself has lived in that part It engaged in social activities and of Paris, though he did not study there. His ability to write history members was offered for sale. Some

is a natural gift.

Small-fry histories do not give any Small-fry histories do not give any chapter to art, but this history, being broad and comprehensive, will In 1888 Mr. G. W. Lininger erect-

s through with this case?" asked another villager who wears bonerimmed glasses and calls himself
Sheriff Dunn "Bob."

"Kelly Trial News," calls a small
printed bulletin which contains an
abstract of the day's proceedings.

"For further particulars see the
Kelly Trial News," remarked a Des
Moines newspaper man every time

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guments, if you want to start an argument just go to Red Oak.

Judge Boies is averse to laughter in the court room. A "decoy duck" selves. They built homes first and scouted around for some way to make a living and protect themselves from the Kelly case. Speaking about ar- How unjust such criticisms are

real crisis occurred in his city on an Easter Sunday four years ago. A tornado cut a path six miles long through two lawyers would have been selected his city. He was one of the first men to respond when the call came for real men to guide the people through Attorneys Hess and Mitchell, on opposing sides, were in several legal tilts during the trial, but they left their differences at the court house hour of death and destruction. There were other men, too, who were equal to this crisis, but I mention this particular man as a concrete instance. In the business world imperturbability is a "consummation devoutly to be wished." It behooves the em-ployer, as well as the employe, to

Indians. They found they could get The subject of art has been sug- along without art clubs, at first. gested to the historian as one that us not be critical of the pioneers be-

ng a period of five years that the wilding the individual offering the suggestion is an artist, having gone over to period of the matter has worn off. The individual offering the suggestion is an artist, having gone over to period of the matter has worn off. The individual offering the suggestion is a curtain over the sketches. They were not such as to compare favorable in the "Quartier Latin," ably with the old masters. One of living in a garret and rating his heir shoes half soled.

Since 1912, when the ax crime tirred the nation, Red Oak and the county have gone through a series of studied art in the Quartier Latin, living in a garret and taking his breakfasts in a neighboring "laiterie," ket of fruit. Some claimed it was a basket of apples and others held that it was tomatoes. This threatened to break up the class. But the discussion gradually died down and peace was restored.

In 1879 an art loan exhibition was secured for the city and a large num-ber of paintings of great refinement were brought here, including a num-ber of Indian relics. It was greatly enjoyed by all who saw it. Admission was 50 cents. Children under 12 were admitted for half price. It is pleasant to record the fact that it was a financial success. The year 1881 saw the organization

of "The Social Art Club of Omaha." sales were made, it is said, to public-

ed the first art gallery in Omaha. He



built it in connection with his home at Eighteenth and Davenport streets. Mr. Lininger came from Illinois to Council Bluffs at an early age. Though a business man, he was a lover of art and, as he made money, he bought pictures until his house was full of them. Then he found it necessary to build the gallery because the house was so full of pictures it made it inconvenient, especially in

So he built the gallery at the rear of his residence. It is in the Italian renaissance style, thirty-five feet wide and seventy feet long and cost \$15,000. The historian himself has viewed the paintings there. Several depicting "beauty unadorned" have been especially commended, though unartistic person once threw chait through a picture entitled "Spring." It was an allegorical picture, a lady taking the part of

We now have about three associations devoted to the study and appreciation of art. They are the Omaha Art Guild, Society of Fine Omaha, perhaps, may never rival

Arts and Friends of Art. Paris and Rome as an art center, but it is forging right ahead and the city has plenty of art for a young city.

2. What caused the dispute in the "Sketch Class"? 3. What was the admission price to the art loan exhibition?

housecleaning time. green slopes every day and bring them back to be milked in the even-

The cowboy ambition never gripped him, even with this splendid start to prompt him. No, it was the circus parade that struck ten with him. It was dull business, too, driving out the mere cows, for what he really longed to drive was horses. He pictured himself with a multi-

tude of reins in his hand and a long line of plumed horses caravaning ahead of him, and himself perched either on a high seat, or on a magnificent black charger.

Being very certain this day of circus life was coming, Willie had to play

hookey from school many a day to see the circus parade, and to curry the zebra for a ticket. Certainly, every great man had to would fall.

By A. EDWIN LONG.

parade is more interesting than shoul-

dry goods concern in Omaha.

thought so, too.

called him, "Bill."

first-class parade driver.

down the street there was so much it up. to learn about his future profession? as he Willie's father had other plans for the boy. The senior gentleman was in the general merchandise business up town. On Saturdays and in the evening after school he kept Willie

counting eggs, putting them into? Any boy knows that driving a long crates and juggling boxes. This was string of stylish horses in a circus! ter than this.

Intended to Drive a Circus Bandwagon but Took to Merchandizing

Sometimes the lad got away, rolled up his trousers, and splashed around in Salt creek in search of "craw dabs" and other aquatic wonders of dering the responsibilities of a big Years ago there was a boy named the submerged slime.

Willie" at Ashland, Neb., who The greatest feat of his aquatic adventures was the spearing of a big catfish in the mud of that creek, The No, he didn't even make the comfish had mistaken Baxter's big toe parison, for "dry goodsing" never oc- for a piece of salt pork, and was makurred to him at that time. That was ing unrequited advances upon this long before he became known as member, when the lad, who had a William F. Baxter. He was then just pitchfork with him, plunged it hard and true through the fleshy part of 'Willie, Baxter," or as the "fellers" the tail and pitched the slippery tenpounder on the bank

It was on a farm near Warren, R. I., So when Omaha got William F. Baxter, Barnum & Bailey and Ring- F. Baxter, There he roamed all over ing Brothers lost the prospect of a the immense area of the ten-acre plot, which was a good-sized farm for that For some years, while he barefooted it around Ashland and vicinity, this chap had circus ambitions. He had a pony and a job. The job was to drive his mother's lap until his father went that I had been working exceptionally hard for many days."

The company was succeeded in 1887

The company was succeeded in 1887 a number of town cows out to the into the merchandise business in green slopes every day and bring Woonsocket.

Then the son was / years old. He

The Tootle-Maul company of dry goods wholesalers in Omaha gave know the prices of things. this lad a job when he had all but outgrown the circus ambition. This was learning this list. company let him sweep the floor, scrub the stairways and unpack boxes. He had his first regular job. He hurled some of the boxes around so hard that he shook the plastering

off the walls of the old building. Every day a patch of plastering start learning early. So why should he suffer dull hours in school untangling compound fractions when

was so tired that he could have slept to look big eastern salesmen in the upon a bed of spikes, Mr. Maul came eye and battle with them over the up and administered a rebuke. price of goods.

"Mr. Maul was a tall, dignified When in 1895 this became the man," says Baxter. "He came up and Thomas Kilpatrick company William that the light of day first saw William saw that plastering. He told me he F. Baxter was made secretary. would bet if he had been in my place he would have swept up that plasterpublic movements here. He was ing if it had taken him all night. That chairman of the public affairs comard for many days."

aged a splendid program of noted
The company was succeeded in 1887 speeches for the club members. He

by Kilpatrick-Koch company. Bax- is now chairman of the governing ter remained.

But Baxter had an ambition to do the organization which advertises was old enough to do the business some good, so Willie was sent out to peddle "Yankee notions;" namely, needles, pins, thread and a lot of business busyer of the house went to lunch made Omaha a real conventions to the lunch busyer of the house went to lunch busyers and the organization which advertises of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which advertises of the organization which advertises of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the organization which has positively needles, pins, thread and a lot of the lot of the organization which has positively needles, pink the organization which has positively needless and the organization which has positively needless and the organization which has positively needless and the o little trinkets of that kind. Soon after that the parents brought the boy to Ashland, Neb., where the circus ambition developed.

Baxter bored into his desk and studied the price lists. The buyer would have taken both his ears off if he had known this, but Baxter knew

His Hobby! Wat's Yours? it could do no harm and he wanted to

job and left town. There wasn't a man in the house that knew what these goods cost or what they should cost. Soon young Baxter began to talk

prices and the boss found this lad knew even more about the price lists than the former buyer himself. Right there he quit sweeping and and dale may be all right, but not for

He worked as fast and as hard began to do the firm's buying. In-

committee of the bureau of publicity,

He has been identified with many

His Hobby! Wat's Yours? David Cole has a hobby. He enknow the prices of things.

No one in the house knew that he was learning this list.

Then suddenly the buyer quit his skill he commends the ivory spheoids and the green cloth.

For the tired business man, he contends, there is nothing quite so soothing as a game of billiards or pool. He avers tha this indoor sport quiets the nerves and gives one a keen vision, as well as a steady hand. "Walking fourteen miles over hill

me. Just give me a cue and a piece as he could from morning till night stead of coming down in the morning of chalk and I won't say a word," he handling boxes, and then, when he to look up his brooms, he came down said.

## THE WEEKLY BUMBLE BEE

Did You Guess Any of 'Em Right? They're One OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1917. and All Leading Real Estate Men, as You See THE BUMBLE BEE. Wild Life in Omaha Stirs Some

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How They Look Now



George G. Wallace . Charles W. Martin . H. H. Wolf . c. T. H. Myers .



Asserting that enough food to feed Belgium is wasted in Nebraska each year sounds a terrifle indictment. It has some basis in fact, too, more's the pity. Economy in use of food is not so much the remedy as care in its preservation. Economy has been enforced by high prices, which also should stimulate conservation. Food is too valuable now to permit any that valuable now to permit any that can be saved to go to waste for

SILENCE.

Our school board announces an intention to ask for an issue of \$2,000,000 bonds, and the taxpayers take it, as Villa would say, "segura que si,"
What's the matter? Have or
folks gotten so accustomed to
talking in billions that they
cannot even think of millions? Somebody will have to pay the interest on those bonds, you

No consumer is going to complain, especially as to what sign is on the wagon that brings the fuel to his bin, so long as the price is set right. If the dealers cannot do it, let the city

COMMENCING. Now that a special grand jury is to be called to look into alleged jury tampering by the bootleggers, the campaign for enforcement may be said to be fairly started.

Local booze hounds are be-coming quite adept in ferreting out the hiding places of the Rum Demon. Somebody will have to dope out a new sys-tem, or the town really will go

Serry for those poor council-men who find the cobblestones hard on their feet. They should stick to the city machines and

Test of endurance: Which can hold back the longer, the coal man or the man who has to burn it? Umpire: Jack We'll wager that the squir-reis will not run out of food as long as some folks we know are left.

Almost time to hear folks bragging about their spuds,

Villagers to Protest; Birds and Beasts Get Warm Support Here Some little controversy has | wouldn't have them labeled law-

ished tree, but that is their na-tural provender; and the spar-rows may chatter and disturb somebody's hours of meditation,

muffler cutout open, or te have some unregenerate cuss select a home.

A lot more can be said on this subject, but we'll bet if the birds and the squirrels were gone, the man who now says be a man who is seeking slumber, but for all that we back.

FIXED. Percy came back from his vacation with a smile on his ing line, which has reached the face and went about softly fury of a rush in some places, humming to himself. Asked for

Ak-Sar-Ben will start his big doings this week and everything is ready, except that Dad Weaver is still tied down with his broken bones. If the king can stand this blow, nothing can stop him.

While thousands of young men have gone from Omaha to war within the last six months, not a pool hall nor a dance hall has been closed on this account.

CAMOUFLAGE. Saw Matt Gering at the Boyd Thursday night, in disguise. He looks almost human.

been engendered during the last ful prey for boys with slingshots.

few days over the relative value of squirrels. English sparrows, and the like. One very earnest gent is emphatic in his demands that they be spurlos versenkt and without delay, while another takes his pen in hand to uphold the right of those things to live, and the battle is warm.

The Bumble Bee thinks the Ancient Mariner had right in the message he gave the Wedding Guest: "He worketh best who loveth best all things, both great and small." The squirrels may eat the nuts off the cherished tree, but that is their na-

sessions. Then the squirrels are sociable little fellows, too. We never heard of their tearing down a somebody's hours of meditation, but they are only following nature's dictate. We know how exasperating it is to have a covey of these excitable little scamps set up a discussion about the day's work just before sunup in the morning, right outside the window of the room in which we are trying to get a little much-needed sless. But it is not a bit more bothersome than it is to have a flend in human form come galloping aid. g on his motorcycle with the muffler cutout open, or te have some unrepresentate cuts as lettle much-needed specially in the morning of the little much should be a sund feed. And some of these simple minded folks even tolerate the squirrels coming into the home.

humming to himself. Asked for the reason, he replied:
"I've got twenty-two bushels of potatoes in my cellar, all dug out of my own patch. They are in fine condition, and I'm sure of pienty to eat, no matter what else happens this coming winter."

And Percy is only one of a good many thousands who felt the urge last spring and acted on it.

PRACTICE.

When you see a group of doctors with their heads together, don't imagine they are talking war. Ten to one they are, trying to dope out how Arthur Byron got onto so many of the secrets of the profession.

ANOTHER,

Add street car nuisances;
The chump who crosses his legs
when he sits down and sticks
one hoof out into the aisie to
he wiped off by the clothes of
his suffering fellow passengers.

NUT.



IN OUR TOWN. Harry O'Neill is going to work for the government for a while.

Lee Spratlen was ever from Chi last week, looking like ready money. Ran Brown is making arrangments for a big dance to be held next month. Art Mullen would save a lot of

railroad fare if the state house were moved to Omaha. "Tom" Byrne expects to take a hand in a bond sale shortly. He is looking the ground over

Lu Wakeley also walks up and down Farnam street in preference to riding these fine Jim Dahlman made a trip to the cow countles last week, just to see if it is anything like what he used to know.

Louis Nash wants to take Ak-Sar-Ben to France; says it would stop the war quicker than anythin he knows. Cadet Taylor is back from California for a short stay. He reports the crange grove going finely, but is more interested in

OMITTED.

A convention of landlords and landlord's agents met in Omaha last week and spent much time debating how to get more out of the tenants. In fact they go, so busy on this they forgot to say a word as to how they should go about to do a little something for the man whose money they take for rent.

OMINOUS.

The holy calm that broods over the city hall is too good to be true. Somewhere under that disguise—note we didn's say. "camouflage"— there smoulders a rumpus of some kind. It isn't natural for Joe Hummel and Dan Butler to keep the peace so long. the peace so long.

ROADS.

Still the mystery surrounding the paving of the country roads in Douglas county is not cleared up. Some folks are mean enough to think the impregnation system was not alone applied to the Lincoln Highway, However, Judge Redick's decision helped some.

Omaha's navy still is safe. Beyond this we can not go without in a sense violating the voluntary censorship; but we can assure our readers that the Julius F. Silber is still doing business "Somewhere in Nebraska."

ENOUGH. In favor of the school board, it may be said that it asked for enough the ?rst time,