

THE GUMPS

GOOD FISHING AT SHADY REST

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The Bee's Short Story

The Trial of Tom Tolivar

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"So Hilda Tolivar's boy forged a check for \$500 you say?" Will Sherman asked the little group of men who had gathered outside the courthouse. "Poor boy. How can Hilda bear the disgrace alone? She was such a beautiful girl 20 years ago."

"Funny thing that none of us have ever been able to spot the right man," interrupted old man Wilson. "I can hear that Sanford Rogers has been engaged to defend Tom Tolivar. Sanford Rogers loved Hilda. That is why he has never married. I remember how gray his hair turned that year Hilda went away with that little baby in her arms."

"Here comes Judge Brown. He is a little hard on young folks, a little too hard I think," exclaimed Sherman, biting his hat to the dignified, white-haired man who passed them. "I am afraid he will not be very lenient with Hilda's boy."

Thinks of Little Girl

Then Sherman began thinking of pretty little Hilda Tolivar and the sad day when her nameless baby had been born. He recalled how her father had employed detectives in an effort to find the father of the child but that she had never given them the slightest clue. When the baby was eight months old, she had gone a few days and nobody in the town had seen Hilda Tolivar since. When her father died, she had sent the boy to live with her mother.

Asks For Leniency

"Honorable judge, gentlemen of the jury," began Rogers in his closing speech. "I ask the leniency of the court for this 20-year-old boy, suppose he were your son?" The attorney put his hand to his throat as if his emotions were choking him. "Gentlemen," he said, "let him who is without sin cast the first stone. You are striking this boy through his mother. Let that fair? Is the boy to be blamed because the chance that his father kept from him when he denied him a name. He is young. Let the boy go! It is his first offense. Col. Tolivar was one of our most respected citizens. For the sake of his widow, let this boy, her grandson, go free! I ask it again for the sake of the boy's mother, homeless, a wanderer, for 20 long years!" The pause was dramatic. Men nodded at each other in the court room. It was the first sign of friendliness that Roger had felt. "Who knows," he resumed, "but that this boy's father is in our midst, respected, honored and influential! Again a ripple stirred the court room and men looked at each other wonderingly, almost accusingly.

Has Had Enough

"Let the boy go! This boy has enough ignominy to bear through life, stain put upon him without his knowledge, without his ability to control. Why add the prison stripes? In a moment of weakness, the boy forged a check to pay his gaming debts, debts contracted while he played with your sons and yours! I have the name of half the well-known young men in this town, associates of this boy who worked on his youth and ability, and robbed him. Convict and tomorrow, some of you will have to save your own sons from prison. Let his maw be without sin at the first stone!"

When He Concluded

When he had concluded, the judge briefly charged the jury and the men filed out while a profound silence filled the room. The jury disagreed and late that afternoon Rogers made the bond for the boy's appearance at the next term of court and walked with the young prisoner out of the courtyard. During the following six months, before court convened again, Rogers did everything possible to turn public sentiment in favor of Tom Tolivar. But when he rose in the courtroom to try to save Tom Tolivar from prison, he found the judge apparently still hostile and another unfriendly jury. He made the best speech of his life in his mighty plea for the boy who sat pale and haggard in the prisoner's chair. The lawyer had talked to him many times during the months that had passed and he had at last made the boy realize the enormity of his sin as well as the sorrow of his mother's life. Rogers felt reasonably sure that if he pulled the boy through that time he would have a chance to make of

WHY?

Is S. O. S. the Wireless Distress Signal?

(Copyright, 1920, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.) Various explanations of these letters, ranging all the way from "Save Our Ship" to "Suspend Other Service," have been made, but, as a matter of fact, the signals have no significance other than that of a hurry-up call for help. They are not abbreviations of a phrase, but merely a danger signal, to be used only when the ship which sends them out is in imminent peril of being lost.

During the early days of the wireless it was seen that one of the greatest uses of the new invention would be to announce the presence of danger at sea—to enable a ship, hundreds of miles from land and off the beaten track of navigation, to call for assistance. A number of experiments were made, such words and phrases as "Help," "Come at once," "Imminent danger," and the like, but all of these were too long and there was too much likelihood of their being fogged in transmission. It was finally found that the letters "S. O. S." could be snapped out in a clear, unmistakable manner, flashing their way across hundreds of miles and registering the fact that the ship which sent them was in great peril. Accordingly they were incorporated into the wireless code—not as an abbreviation, but as a symbol which could be picked up, understood, even when atmospheric conditions rendered it difficult to transmit any other message. (Tomorrow—Why Do We Have Toothache?)

him a man well worth while. He felt so keenly that he pleaded as if he were attempting to save life instead of pride, and the boy was the son of the only woman he had ever loved and loved her ever since.

"We have your honor," he answered. "Judge Browne ordered the prisoner to stand in his low, metallic voice began, 'I sentence you—' 'Wait!' a voice cried in the back of the court room and all eyes turned to follow the figure of a beautiful woman as she made her way down the aisle. The woman was Hilda Tolivar.

Sentence Own Son

"Before you pass sentence on Tom Tolivar," she said clearly, "I want the men in this room to know that you are passing sentence on your own son, Peyton Brown, with blood, your cowardice, made him a criminal." The woman seemed to tower above the men who had risen to see her as she made her accusation. "I have carried your secret and mine for 20 long years, but with what measure ye meet, it shall be measured to you again. Now, sentence your son."

Judge Browne Caught at the Desk

"Oh, yes," came the cool response of the woman, "you did know. You threatened to ruin my father politically if I told the truth. One old juror shook his fist threateningly. 'It's the judge who ought to wear the stripes, not the boy!' he cried. Men were whispering together ominously when Judge Browns, with shaking fingers, slipped a small crystal of cyanide of potassium from his vest pocket and dropped it into a glass full of water that stood on his desk. The water became purplish in color, and he drained the glass eagerly. Years before he had known that he must take the coward's route when it should come his time to go. He must die, he knew, as he had lived, a coward to the end.

To Start Again

Late that afternoon, Sanford Rogers stood pleading with Hilda in the old Tolivar home. "I will take you and the boy and we will go away, dear, far away and begin life over again. Will you go? I have always loved you, Hilda. There has been no other woman. Will you go?" "It is too late," she sobbed, closing her eyes to the vision of love and home and happiness. "It is never to late," said the lawyer, folding her close in his arms, "when we love each other."

Outside a scurrying newsboy

All about the suicide of Judge Peyton Brown! To serve as a curtain for a coiled spring has been invented that is held on a window or door frame by ornamental claws at its ends.

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



ONLY HUMAN

When Jones misreads his Oujize (As often he has done) And bets upon a Gee-gee That never learned to run, The nitch in his resources Moves Mrs. Jones to say, That betting on the horses Will starve them both some day. Says she: "I hate to scold you, But many and many a time, As well, you know, I've told you That gambling is a crime."



SINCE THAT RAILROAD ADVANCE

Once we didn't understand what the British press meant by the word "Rate-payers." Now we do.

FOREVER AND EVER

People that left their money with Mr. Ponzi never suspected that they were making permanent investments.

TOO LATE NOW

If the great parties had known that Babe Ruth was going to make so many home runs they'd have been after him to take the vice-presidential nomination. (Copyright, 1920, By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

What Do You Know?

(Here's a chance to make your wit worth money. Each day The Bee will publish a series of questions. They cover things which you should know. The first complete list of correct answers and the name of the winner will be published on the day indicated below. Be sure to give your name and address in full. Address "Question Editor," Omaha Bee.)

- 1. What was the first declaration of war in the recent world war? 2. What is the largest cemetery for American soldiers dead in France? 3. What is the state motto of Nebraska? 4. Who first flew by airplane across the Atlantic ocean without a stop? 5. On what date will Easter fall in 1921? (Answers Published Friday.)

FRIDAY'S ANSWERS.

- 1. Which is the largest ocean? Pacific. 2. Which is the smallest ocean? Arctic. 3. What is the world's largest lake? Chad, in South Africa. 4. What is the highest point in North America? Mt. McKinley, Alaska. 5. What is the lowest point in North America? Death Valley, Cal. No correct answers received.

Detective Chief Denies Charge of Mistreating Boy

Attorney for the defense of Walter Davidson, 22 years old, arrested last week as a suspect in the theft of \$3,000 worth of tires from the Goodrich Rubber company, alleges that Chief of Detectives Anderson beat the prisoner when he made the arrest.

Real Estate Market Again Active, Says Omaha Realtor

After three months of calm, the real estate market has opened in full blast, according to I. Shuler, president of the Omaha real estate board. "People are coming back from their vacations and have a gun to buy," said Mr. Shuler. Not only are there more home buyers, but acreage plots and residence lots are moving well. Investment ads in the newspapers are bringing prompt response.

Carnations with stems sufficient strong to support their heavy blooms without assistance have been bred by French horticulturists.

Omaha Banks to Resume Old Hours Beginning Sept. 1

Daylight saving by the banks of Omaha will end Wednesday, when banking hours will be returned to from 10 to 3. The time during the summer months was advanced an hour, mainly to allow the clerks to get through sooner. If it were not that merchants dislike having to make their deposits by 2 o'clock the system would not be changed, winter or summer, in the opinion of some bankers.

Captains Appointed for C. of C. Golf Tournament

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce have appointed M. C. Peters and Everett Buckingham captains of the opposing sides in the golf tournament to be given by them at Lakoma Friday. Dr. Thomas Cassidy of the All Saints Episcopal church will speak at the dinner.

Ask Aid of Omaha Police To Locate Missing Woman

Authorities of Sheldon, Ia., yesterday asked the police for aid in locating Mrs. O. H. Wood, who left that town with her 4-year-old child. It is believed she is in Omaha. If Mrs. Wood is in Omaha she is asked to communicate with Grace Pharris, Sheldon, Ia., at the Myers hotel.

Bee Want Ads Bring Results.

BRANDS ALL NEXT WEEK STARTING SUNDAY - SEPT. 5 COMPANY OF FIFTY SONORA GRAND OPERA COMPANY I. del Castillo Conductor

Sunday, "Rigoletto" Monday, "Il Trovatore" Tuesday, "Lucia" Wednesday, "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci" Thursday, "Faust" Friday, "Traviata" Saturday Matinee, "Rigoletto" Saturday Night, "Carmen" THE BIG CAST OF PRINCIPALS INCLUDES: Bice Pizzorni of La Scala, Milan; Consuelo Medina of the Colon, Buenos Aires; Speria Castel of the Reggino, Torino; Rosa di Corti of Cigaret Garden, London; Alfredo Graziani of the Metropolitan, New York; Giuseppe Dori of the National, Havana; Eduardo Lejarazu of the Boston Opera; Soto-Mayor of the National, Havana; Francisco Cruz of the Lyric, Rio Janeiro. Prices: \$2.50 to 50c—Plux Tax. Mail Orders Now Box Office Sale Thursday, September 2.

Pardon Us if you were among the thousands who were unable to gain admission to the "Sun" theater yesterday to see "Parlor Bedroom and Bath." We made every effort to accommodate the thousands but the crowds were so great that it proved an impossible task. There are six days left in which to see this picture. A word to the wise—Come early. SUN THEATER, Harry Goldberg, Mgr.

SUN OPENING FALL ATTRACTION Now Playing PARLOR BEDROOM and BATH A Little "Frisky" But Not Indecent

GO and GET IT any time UNTIL SATURDAY IN THE RIALTO Bee Want Ads Bring Results.

COUNCIL BLUFFS—RIGHT NOW Where the Goers Go—Where the Joyers Joy Central Labor Union CARNIVAL ALL THIS WEEK—UPTOWN MONDAY Everybodies Day TUESDAY Children's Day All Children Admitted FREE to the Grounds WEDNESDAY Omaha Day THURSDAY Fraternal Day FRIDAY Council Bluffs Day SATURDAY Farmer's Day Admission to Grounds THIS INCLUDES WAR TAX 10c

S. W. BRUNDAGE SHOWS 20—JOLLY, JAZZY JOY SHOWS—20 MERCHANTS' AND MANUFACTURERS' DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS NOON-TILL-MIDNIGHT

Orpheum Circuit Orpheum Omaha, Neb. Another of These Class A Shows JAMES E. Roseland Girls MUSICAL COOPER'S ATTRACTION "The Little Wonder" featuring Shirley Mason, Ben Turpin Comedy, Pathé Weekly. Ladies' Dime Matinee Every Week. St. Mat. & Wk. Low Hill & Girls of U. S.

EMRESS Two Shows in One AMERICAN DESERT CAFE; HINKLE & MAE; JIMMY DUNN; MONS HERBERT. Photography Attraction, "The Little Wonder" featuring Shirley Mason, Ben Turpin Comedy, Pathé Weekly.

Strand She was a stay-at-home; efficient, yet thoroughly "home-ly." But when she found that friend husband was "stepping out"—how she did go. See ENID BENNETT in "HAIRPINS" Also Showing the Picture That Made CHARLES CHAPLIN A Much Copied Man "THE CHAMPION"

BASE BALL PARK OMAHA VS. JOPLIN MON., TUES., WED. AND THURS. Game Called 2:30 P. M. Double-Header Tuesday and Wednesday. First Game Called 2:15 P. M. Box Seats on Sale Barkley Bros. Cigar Store, 16th and Farnam. A POLLO 'The Coolest Theater in the City!' ANITA STEWART in "MIND THE PAINT GIRL!"