

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



NO HOPE

When grandma's minister decreed The minut a revel, Which, if persisted in, would lead Directly to the devil, Although she hastened to obey, Her feet she didn't fetter; She knew that waiting would display Her ankles better.

When mother's parson aired the view That hugging and embracing, Which those who wait are prone to do, Is utterly debasing, She vowed that she would dance no more A measure so besetting; And, her decorum to restore, She took to trotting.

When dominies of yesterday, In phrases tense and torrid, Denounced the trot as too risqué, And trotting folk so horrid, And solemn resolutions drew With horrified wheezing, Girls saw that trotting wouldn't do, And fell to jazzing.

And though the jazz may be a crime (As moral persons view it), We know until the end of time The modern maid will do it. For while we look on her askance, We know no way to stop 'er, Because we cannot find a dance That's more improper.



LISTEN TO IT ALREADY

If money talks, this is going to be a garrulous campaign. AS LENIN HAS DISCOVERED Poland appears to be a buffer state in a rebuffer state. PROUD ACHIEVEMENT Our merchant marine is developing. It can now carry about a quarter of our own freight tonnage. (Copyright, 1920, By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF RUSTY WREN

BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER VII. A Neat Housekeeper.

Rusty Wren's wife was a very neat housekeeper. Every day she carefully cleaned her house, chirping while she worked. Sometimes her voice was sweet and pleasant. But at other times—though it was still sweet—it was not pleasant at all. And whenever Rusty heard that second kind of chirp he was always careful to find some errand that took him away from home. You see, Rusty Wren was not so orderly as his wife. Often he scattered things about the house in a very careless fashion. For instance, if he happened to notice a bit of moss—or a burr—clinging to his coat, just as likely as not he would brush it off and let it fall upon the

ted. "But it's certainly not tobacco smoke," she exclaimed. "Then you've been smoking corn-silk, or hayseed—and that's almost as bad." But Rusty said that it must be the smoke of a pine stump that she noticed. "Farmer Green is burning some old stumps in the pasture," he explained. "And I flew through a cloud of it." Just then he happened to notice a bit of something or other clinging to one of his tail feathers. And though his wife was looking straight at him, he flicked the tiny scrap upon the floor, without thinking what he was doing. "There you go again!" Mrs. Rusty When cried. "Here I've just finished cleaning the house and you're littering it all up! You don't care how much work you make for me. And she pounced upon the brownish bit, intending to pick it up and throw it out of the house. Rusty had already decided that he had better go away from home for a little while, until things were pleasant, when his wife suddenly faced about and fixed him with her glittering eyes. "Ha!" she cried, holding up the scrap in her bill for him to see. "Tobacco!" she screamed. "And what, pray, have you to say to me now?" (Copyright, Grosset & Dunlap.)

WHY?

Why Do Objects at a Distance Appear Smaller?

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Examination of the structure of the eye shows that the lens—the part through which we see—is convex in shape, thus bending the rays of light from all sides inward toward a central point. As a result, the lines of sight which start from the small image of the object made by the eye-lens of the retina, passing through the central or "nodal" point, must continuously diverge as they approach the real object, and this diversion naturally becomes greater with increased distances. If our eyes were constructed without these convex lenses, and the rays of light touched the retina in parallel instead of converging or diverging lines, the apparent size of an object would not be altered by distance and we could not see all of any object which was larger than the diameter of the pupil of the eye. Our eyes would furnish us with no basis for judging distance, and we would be conscious of nothing about us except circular patches of varying colors and brightness, which would have to join together in order to understand the color and form of the world.

With our convex lenses, however, a small circle, held some two feet from the eye, appears to be of the same size as the moon, which is 2,160 miles in diameter, and our forefinger, when held close to the face, is apparently as tall as the Washington monument.

Tomorrow—Why is a portion of the fall known as Indian summer?

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What "Made in Omaha" Means By PAUL GREER.

Time was when a traveling salesman could come into a Nebraska town, say "I'm representing an eastern firm," and be sure of a profitable sale. That has changed—is changing more every year. Omaha is developing factories of its own to supply the middle west. Their output this year will reach a total value of half a billion dollars. In five years Omaha's manufactures have doubled.

Western-made goods signify good workmanship and solid quality that too often is lacking in the products of the eastern factory districts. Business men explain it in this way:

Sweatshop goods are almost invariably bound to shoddy. Made in poorly lighted, crowded loft buildings, good workmanship is scarcely to be expected.

Where men and women are ill paid, discontented and go their daily round from dingy workshops to barracks-like tenements, with nothing to lighten their lives, they cannot put their best into their work.

"You can't get efficient work out of people that are not efficiently housed," is the way one of the biggest manufacturers in Omaha views this situation. "The incentive is lacking, and they haven't even the energy, let alone the will, for first class craftsmanship."

Here in Omaha the welfare of the men and women who do the work is one of the first considerations. That is one big reason why western-made goods are quoted better than those of the east. Therein, too, may be found the explanation why Omaha-made shirts are sold in Chicago and New York, and Omaha working clothes throughout the east. Did you know that one of the big packing houses has given the contract for working clothes used in its plants all over the world to an Omaha factory?

Workers in Omaha manufacturing plants as a rule are better paid than those in similar occupations of the east. Their surroundings, both at work and at home are higher class. There are no sweatshops, the hours are short, and the output has that moral force behind it that can be obtained in no other way.

There are other advantages that serve for the up-building of the manufacturing business in Omaha. Out here we understand the western needs. The man who tried to sell Palm Beach suits to Eskimos was not more misguided than some easterners who try to produce for the markets of the middle west without the closeup view of our requirements. Taking it by and large, the east makes goods to meet prices—to see how cheap an article can be turned out. In the west the question is one of quality—we see how good it can be made.

One of the things that makes for the excellence of Omaha-made products comes through the tendency of jobbers to turn to manufacturing articles of their own. One of these wholesale houses will start selling something made elsewhere, learns the demand for it, and then perceives that it can turn out the article itself and be assured of standard quality and prompt delivery. This is the beginning of many a local factory. We see this in the grocery jobbing warehouses that now put up their own spices, pickles, flavoring extracts, blueing, and are considering refining their own syrups from Nebraska corn. Several thousand girls and women are employed in the needle trades at good wages by dry goods jobbing houses and other plants making such things as overalls, jackets, work pants, shirts, bags, tents and awnings.

Omaha is unquestionably destined to become a great manufacturing district. Our people are more efficient, for one thing. Then, also, we have sprouting under us the great areas of production. The raw material is at our doors. Already one alfalfa mill here is doing \$5,000,000 worth of business a year selling its feed all over America. Starch, breakfast food, flour, syrup, butter, meat, macaroni—these are only a few of the multitude of products that naturally will center here.

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