

The Scrap Book

SOMETHING NEW TO TOMMY

Youth Found It Somewhat Hard to Realize They Were Simply Talking About Trousers.

The reading lesson was droning on its most unhappy way, and when Willie Smith's turn came to spell out his paragraph he stumbled over the word "helroom."



"Please, teacher, what is the meaning of 'helroom'?" inquired that hopeful and somewhat inquisitive youth.

"Oh, Tommy," was the reply, "I am glad to see you take such an interest in your lesson. 'Helroom' means something that is handed down from father to son—in other words, a relic."

"Oh," replied Tommy, thoughtfully, "that's the funniest name I ever heard for a pair of trousers!"

WHERE WORDS DON'T COUNT

Indians Who Know Nothing of Each Other's Language Easily Converse Together by Signs.

Most of us visiting a foreign land find it difficult to make our most ordinary wants known. The red Indian has no such difficulty; the problem of a universal language was solved centuries ago.

When the language was invented no one knows, but every Indian learns it in addition to his own. Once two chiefs of different tribes met in Washington and held a conversation that lasted nearly three hours, yet neither one knew a word of the other's language.

This universal language is, of course, made up of signs.

An Enthusiast. "You run across all kinds of champions nowadays." "Quite so." "I have just met the champion artificial limb salesman."

The Right Idea. A colored aspirant for a commission was being examined. "And supposing you were in command of a regiment in the field of battle and, in some manner, your men should be scattered over a territory of several miles. How would you collect them?"

RUBBING IT IN. Doctor Green—Your father insulted me. Said he wouldn't have me attend a cat for him. Miss Keen—The idea! I don't see why papa should fear to commit a cat to your charge—a cat has nine lives.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Tap and Bottom. "I'm glad I'm not a Hindu soldier," remarked the private who was always late to formations.

Helped Where Help Was Needed. "You told him to diet," said the young doctor's wife.

Hard to Forgive. Miss Pansy Pyetta has worn a look of superior gloom and refused to allow home to be happy for several days.

Little Cause to Worry. "Better be careful." "What for?" "The worm will turn." "What can a worm do if it does turn?"

Both Alike. Miss Spinster—As you know, a beautiful woman can make a man get down on his knees.

FOR SUNSHINE LAND.

I want to hear the steamboat blow for sunshine land away, I want to hear the whistle sing for blue leagues down the bay.

I want to watch the bugoye's sail spread snowy in the light, I want to lie beneath the sky in the starry autumn night.

I want to leave the winter world and all the storms that fret, I want to go to a summer clime and play I'm a youngster yet.

I want to hear the steamboat blow, I want to go to sunshine land When she shows her heels and her old side wheels.

Throw the spray high in air. —B. B., in the Baltimore Sun.

WOMAN DIVER "MAKES GOOD"

Her Record in Tobermory Bay Compares Favorably With That of Male Companions.

Since 1914 it has become quite the usual thing to find woman invading what had always been regarded as man's own special domain in every direction, and now comes the news of a woman diver being employed in the salvage operations in Tobermory bay, which lies off the west coast of Scotland, near the Isle of Mull.

TOO LATE. I'm going to the ball game this afternoon. I'm anxious to see our new ball player.

The Curved Line. The curved line has more than one meaning in music. When placed over two or more notes of different pitch, it means that the notes are to be played smoothly, the first note generally has an accent and the last note played lightly.

Now Prefers Home. "How is it that Arthur never takes you to the theater nowadays?" queried Marie.

Could Holler That Far. "Here's a gent says his name has been heard from ocean to ocean."

Time's Changes. Mrs. A.—How do you manage to keep your maid? Mrs. B.—I'll tell you. In the old days we used to give the maid Thursday evening off. Now she takes the rest of the week and Thursday is our night out.—Boston Evening Transcript.

It's Not Being Done. Her Mother—If you don't like Mr. Gaulk and his attentions annoy you, why don't you send him about his business. Instead of keeping him on the string?

Irritating Service. "Why is Fludub sputtering so about the service at that cafe?" "Some slick lawyer persuaded a waiter to serve Fludub with a subpoena."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Wonderful. Wife—How do you like your new radium watch, dear? Husband—It would be wonderful if I did not have to light the lamp every time to find my glasses.

The Municipal Leg.

In a small town in Scotland the town clerk, who was a bit of a "character," had the misfortune to lose his leg in a railway accident. As a mark of appreciation and esteem for his long services the council unanimously agreed to replace his loss with an artificial limb, which they did as soon as he was sufficiently recovered.

Not Improptus. The prosecuting counsel in a lawsuit had waxed especially indignant with the defendant, whom he characterized as "abandoned, baneful, cynical, diabolic, execrable, felonious, greedy, hateful, irresponsible, jaundiced, knavish, lazy, meddlesome, noxious, outrageous and prodigal."

Troubles of Church Ushers. "Did you ever notice how some people treat church ushers who try to be nice to them?" asked W. A. Currie.

Could a Whale Live on Land? A naturalist has been asking if a whale could live on land, and he declares that it would be quite impossible. If we watch an elephant walking, and notice the ungainly swing of its flesh, we realize that for such an animal as a whole to move about on land would be beyond its powers.

George Eliot and Her Heroines. To each of George Eliot's heroines she gave a daily companion—usually a sister or cousin—who is plainly intended to serve as a foil.

Wise Conservatism. Cultivate a just moderation. Learn to reconcile order with change, stability with progress. This is a wise conservatism; this is a wise reform.

Desire. And how like the hungry deep is desire in human experience! It has its hours of calm in which on the surface all is peace and beauty, while underneath its currents are flowing steadily hither and thither, and constantly the ripples of small wants made, for small actions, small efforts, break the hush of satisfaction.

Elderly Fathers Have Eminent Sons. Statistics quoted in the Unpopular Review show that other things being equal, the children of older parents "exemplify in a striking way the inheritance of acquired characters."

The Challenge. "I can make any boast that my husband can make," said the equal rights lady. "All right," said a man in the audience. "Go ahead and do it. I just heard your husband say that he's a man of few words."

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Open Confession. In a study of what's wrong with clothes, Kenneth L. Roberts admits in the Saturday Evening Post that women, so far as his limited knowledge of the subject permits him to speak, dress primarily for intriguing effect—that is to capture the men—and succeed admirably.

Dante. To get a faithful English transcript of the great Florentine we should need a diction of the fourteenth century molded by a more fiery and potent genius than Chaucer. Not the thoughts solely as in every true poem are so often virgin thoughts; the words, too many of them are virgin words.

Beautiful Biblical Story. The story of Ruth, in holy writ, is as refreshing as a thrush's note heard when a gale drives in from the east. She is the epitome of love and trust and fidelity. She lived in 1222 B. C. Clinging to her adopted mother when all else forsook Naomi, the youthful widow, Ruth comes with that broken mother in Bethlehem, for a famine was in their land of Moab.

Almost Foresaw Airships. Benjamin Franklin, who closely reported the aerial experiments he viewed in France in 1783, wrote: "The improvement in the Construction and Management of the Balloons has already made a rapid progress; and one cannot say how far it may go. A few months since the idea of Witches riding thro' the Air upon a Broomstick, and that of Philosophers upon a bag of Smoke, would have appeared equally impossible and ridiculous."

Promised to Play Safe. Our little boy, aged 5, wanted to go to a circus that was soon to exhibit in a neighboring town. In this town only a few weeks previous a case of smallpox had been reported.

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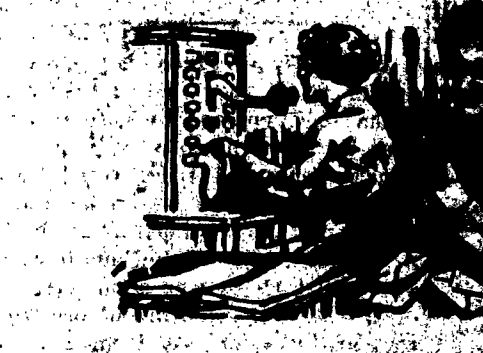
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