

HUMOROUS SIDE TO WARFARE

Glory, Tragedy and Farce All Can Be Mixed Up, as in Recent Russian Maneuvers.

The humors of war share places with the tragedies and military movements in the news.

When General Bogaevsky was executing the retreat of Wrangel's troops in the Taknak region of Russia, he found his train surrounded by the rapidly advancing Bolsheviks.

The bridge collapsed as the general's car rolled into it, and the automobile tumbled into the river.

Northeast of Alexandrovsk, where there had been fighting, two newspaper men, Charles River of the Paris Temps and Guy Beringer of Reuters, J. D. the British Press association, captured 600 Reds.

CATERPILLAR IN HARD LUCK Nature Seems to Have Exercised Cruelty in Making the Creature Victim of SpheX Wasp.

The sphex wasp is assisted by nature to an act that seems as cruel a thing as if invented by man.

Death has not come to the caterpillar, and it continues its motionless existence until the larvae are born, and is still helpless when the young wasps proceed to cut him bit by bit.

While the Getting Was Good. "You know Jack Carter?" "Oh, yes. Jack? Finest fellow you ever met."

"He seemed to be all right, but I don't know him so well, and before lending him the \$100 he has asked for, I thought I'd just inquire a bit."

"Well, as a great personal favor to me, I'll ask that you let him leave it."

"Well, Jack owes me \$50 and if you lend him \$100 and I tackle him before he has a chance to get rid of it, there will be an almost even chance that he will settle up with me." Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Question of Speed. "Has the automobile revolutionized farm life?" "It certainly has," replied Mr. Cobles with a sigh.

"It has made farm work easier to do, I suppose."

"Yes, but harder to get done. After a hired man has discovered he can travel 50 miles an hour in a fiver you can't convince him that driving a tractor bears any resemblance to a joy ride." Birmingham Age-Herald.

Must Hire His Own Help. A man who was house hunting discovered the kind of home he wanted. The door was opened by a pretty parlor maid. He asked her some questions nervously, for he was a timid man.

"And are you to be let with the house?" "No," answered the maid; "if you please, sir, I am to be let alone." London "Punch."

Would Be Time Wasted. As one of the laboring class (Ye gods, how the money rolls in!) we are not keen personally for the idea expressed in the following lines, even though we print them:

"I would like to get a few days off to get married, sir."

"Why didn't you get married during your vacation?" "I didn't want to spoil my vacation in that way, sir." Boston Transcript.

His Method. "Why do you encourage your boy to send his verses to the magazines? Do you want him to be a poet?" "No; merely want him to get the conceit knocked out of him."

Its Class. "My cake is dough!" cried the ruined baker of the show. "That is what angel cake is supposed to be," explained the manager.

The Explanation. "Somebody says there is a great shortage of small change." "Somebody's wife must have been going through his pockets."

NOT THE GIRL OF HIS HEART

For a Moment Lonely Youth Had Hopes, but Alas! Joy Was Not for Him.

It is not good that a man should live without a woman in his heart. And on this particular spring day, one of blue and gold, there a strange, sorrowful heart because of my utter loneliness.

There was no one in the house but the landlady, myself and the landlady's daughter, a beautiful, brief thing whom I called the "Ponce Princess" by reason of her blonde hair, an acquisition precipitated through a reckless use of penicillin.

She was calm, pretty and silent. The more I thought of her, the more she intrigued my fancy. I remembered she was down stairs at this very minute rearranging the pillows on the divanport that seemed to have spent a sleepless night. I thought to myself: "Ah! if she were only here by my side she might pass her cool, white hands over my eyes, my depression would be lifted as if by magic."

I was interrupted by a timid knock on the door. I was startled for a moment. It was foolish to think that—and yet—

"I called eagerly: 'Come in.' It was the landlady with my waste-paper basket." Iowa Fryol.

NOT HARD TO WIN SUCCESS

Mistake to Imagine It Calls for Extraordinary Skill and Ceaseless Endeavor.

There is a clamor about success and the men who have succeeded, but both also have a dark side, which is too often emphasized. It has been our observation that from their elders, the young men and women of today have received the impression that success is difficult to attain and comes only as the result of extraordinary skill and ceaseless endeavor.

Most of our leading men and women are ordinary people who have done all these things well and have borne their responsibilities to the best of their ability.—Detroit Free Press.

ALL HE HAD IN HIS HAND

Pat Certainly Held No Weapon of Offense, but It Was Deadly for His Case.

In the courthouse an Irishman stood charged with stealing a watch from a fellow citizen. He stoutly denied the accusation and brought a counter-charge against the accuser for assault and battery committed with a frying pan.

The judge was inclined to take a common-sense view of the matter, and regarding the prisoner said:

"Why did you allow the prosecutor, who is a much smaller man than yourself, to assault you without resistance? Had you nothing in your hand to defend yourself?"

"Bedad, yer honor," said Pat, "I had his watch, but what was that against his frying pan?"—London Idens.

Balky Pegasus.

An attendant perspiring freely from sundry trips to the flying field to carry gas and oil for the planes, had reached the end of his patience. Each trip he had been delayed by impatient persons who bombarded him with foolish questions.

"Young man," she said "what do you do when a machine gets up in the air and runs out of gasoline?"

"Confidentially, ma'am," he replied, "that's just what's happened now. There's a couple of them stalled up there and we've got to take 'em down." American Legion Weekly.

Transgression.

The youthful Soffleigh seemed so depressed that his friend Moreleigh was moved to ask the reason.

"Alice has broken our engagement," said he of the downcast look.

"Sorry to hear that," said the friend. "Because I stole a kiss?" "What! A fiancee object to her fellow stealing a kiss from her?" "The trouble was," Soffleigh explained, "I didn't steal it from her."

Information Bureau.

A man sent his humpious son to college and in a month or so wrote inquiring how he was getting along in the realm of knowledge. He got this characteristic reply:

"Fine. Write often and ask me anything that puzzles you."—Everybody's Magazine.

Spelbound.

"Why don't you go on writing my speech?" said the orator.

"I am spelbound," replied his typist. "Has my eloquence such an effect?" "Yes, sir, I never worked for a man who used so many words I can't spell."—Boston Transcript.

HAVE TRAITS ALMOST HUMAN

In Their Primal Instincts, the Beasts Are Not So Greatly Removed From Mankind.

Susette, former star chimpanzee, now in the New York Zoological park, who recently gave birth to the second of the species ever born in captivity, gave evidence of a joy in motherhood closely akin to human.

And although Papa Boma did not pass cigars, to celebrate the arrival, he showed hysterical joy that mother and child were doing as well as could be expected. Papa Boma acted very much like the human father under similar circumstances, only the human father has conventionalized his expression of joy.

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FEW ALLOWED TO WEAR FURS

In Early England the Privilege Was Confined to the Nobility and High Ecclesiastics.

Important traditions were the "pel-lejars" or "skimmers" of London 600 years ago; for these fur dealers, as one should call them, could not deal with ordinary citizens, however prosperous. The wearing of furs was then a special privilege, royal, aristocratic or religious.

The pampered merchants upon receiving their first charter were addressed by Edward III as "our beloved men of our City of London called skimmers" and Henry VI described them more respectfully as "The Master and Wardens of the Guild or Fraternity of the Body of Christ of the Skimmers of London."

Next Course.

The lawyer was finishing his last lecture to the class of women voters. He had been led as a lamb to the slaughter by this class by his domineering and ambitious wife. She, too, was a member of the class, but perhaps one should be truthful and say she was the critic of the class.

He happened to catch her gaze as he spoke his last sentence, and a brilliant thought came into his mind. "Now that you ladies have finished with civics, and know how to run your country, I would suggest that next you take up domestic science and learn how to run your homes," he said and sat down.

Not Guilty.

Mr. Sanders desired the job he was applying for. He needed it badly. He and the prospective employer were coming to satisfactory conclusions when Mr. Sanders was asked about his habits.

"I never had any," said Mr. Sanders positively. "Never had any?" "No, sir, I never had any habits. I can get you a written guaranty that I never had a single habit."

Nice Baby.

The perfect baby had reached the age when he could coo, an accomplishment in which he indulged most of the time when not otherwise engaged.

"He is the most welcome visitor I ever had," said the mother, proudly. "He just lies and talks to me by the hour."

He Was Right.

The Sunday school teacher was testing the children's knowledge of the Scriptures. The answers were generally satisfactory until he put the question: "Where does the word 'holly' first occur in the Bible?"

"Please, sir," piped up one little fellow, "on the cover."—Boston Transcript.

An Improved Method.

An American inventor has devised a scheme for lassoing enemy submarines. This is a decided improvement on the method of just sticking a pin into them as they whizz by.—London Punch.

His Species.

"That fellow is always swelling himself out to call attention to his remarkable development. What kind of a nut is he?" "I guess he must be a chest-nut."

Significance in Dream.

To have your hands manacled by a maid, you will fall in love. To see others being manacled, you will lose a friendship you value highly.

In the Game.

"I pitied that poor pitcher. When he made a blunder, the crowd bawled him out."

BROKE HEART OF SCIENTIST

Learned Man, Victim of Thoughtless Practical Joke, Proved Unable to Live It Down.

What is believed to be the greatest hoax in the history of science was played over a century ago by students of Prof. Bartholomaeus Adam Beringer, holder of the chair of natural philosophy at the University of Wurzburg.

Students designed a score or more of fossils from clay representing the most absurd boasts their imaginations could conceive, and hid them in the ground in a spot where the old paleontologist was known to frequently dig.

He discovered them and accepted them as real, and when a little later the students hid other designs, showing stars and suns and even inscriptions in Hebrew, Syriac and Babylonian, the old man was delighted and was sure he had proven his grounds.

STORING WORDS IN MEMORY

What May Be Described as Mental Photography Is Especially Valuable to Theatrical People.

The photographic memory is found most frequently in actors and actresses, who have to study a variety of parts in a very short time. After a time these people form a habit of getting a mental photograph of the words. They look at the page, read the lines, and then, shutting their eyes, endeavor to "see" the words.

It may be said at once that not everybody can acquire this species of memory. Only those possessed of great powers of concentration can achieve the results described. But, providing that a person has anything of this gift, he can build upon it until it will serve him to an almost unlimited degree.

The photographic memory usually finds its best development among people with what are called "bumpy" foreheads. They have unusual powers of visual concentration. Exchange.

Two Atomic Theories.

An atom is a part so small as not to be divisible. It is an ultimate particle of matter. Two opinions, directly opposite to each other, have long had currency with regard to the constituent particles of material things: the one, that matter is composed of an assemblage of minute particles, or atoms, incapable of further division; the other, that there is no limit to its divisibility, the smallest conceivable particle still consisting of an infinity of parts.

Whence Electric Lamps Come.

A little consideration of the materials that enter into the making of lamps would be a revelation to the large majority of electric lamp users. California, Colorado, Nevada and South Dakota lead in the production of tungsten ore, the important material of which the filament of the modern electric lamp is made.

First, there is the filament of tungsten, then the glass bulb into which enter silica, soda, nitre from Chile, potash, manganese from Russia, arsenic, borax, feldspar, lead, aluminum, cryolite from Greenland, cobalt from Canada. The base of the lamp is made of copper and zinc from Utah and Missouri, while the basing cement is a mixture of marble dust from Vermont, whiting from Ohio, shellac from India and pine resin from Georgia.

Wonderful Is Human Skin.

The human skin, which forms a protective covering over the whole of the body, consists of two layers, an outer one and an inner one. The epidermis, or outer skin, is so constructed that no moisture from outside can penetrate it so long as the skin itself is not torn or cut. At the same time the pores of the skin are so formed that the sweat is freely discharged through the skin, thus ventilating the body and keeping it at an even temperature.

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ESTABLISHED 1831 Look Forward--Not Back If you are wise, you will save money, and wait. Are you looking forward to five, ten years from now? When a man begins to save, he begins to be rich. A man is rich when his income is larger than his expenses—and he is saving the difference. A dollar, at compound interest, doubles itself in 17 years. A dollar a week saved, in a savings bank, will give a nice little working capital in much less time. Better start now. ROCHESTER SAVINGS BANK WEST MAIN AND FITZHUGH STREETS

NOT THE ORDINARY ROMANCE

Happily Married Man Has Something Different to Say About the Darling of His Heart.

She wasn't exactly handsome, and yet you couldn't call her plain. Her features were irregular, but interesting, as I heard one of her friends remark.

For instance, one pearly ear of matchless beauty was an inch or so lower than the other.

And her teeth were so splendidly different from the usual, the absence of two of them in front relieved the monotony of the faultless rows of molars that most girls have.

Then again she had a habit of holding her mouth open so that if there were the slightest breeze stirring it would whistle weirdly in and out of the space between her teeth.

Her eyes were fishy blue, and slightly crossed, so that in walking she could not help tripping over her own feet.

She also toed-in a trifle, and when she sidled down the road, daintily tripping in her own charmingly original way, people stopped to look at her.

It used to gratify my vanity to be stared at so whenever I went out with her.

In fact, I may as well out with it, I found her so fascinating that I married her. And out has been the happy union.

She never bores me. She is a continual source of interest, I keep finding new things wrong with her every day.—London Answers.

HONORS NOT EASILY EARNED

Japanese Wrestlers Who Rise to Fame Are—Deserving of the High Position They Attain.

Training for a Japanese wrestler is not easy. The training of our college boys for an athletic event is child's play in comparison. It is not unusual for a novice to be gashed and bleeding after being knocked about the hard gravel of a private arena.

Wrestlers are classified into nine grades, of which only the first three or four have professional importance. In each camp there are three leading lights. The champion, the Ozeki, or second champion; the Seki-waki, or second assistant champion; the Komusubi; the assistant to the second assistant champion. The supreme champion is called the Tokedzuna, but there have only been a score of these since Japanese wrestling started in the prepagoda period.

How Burmese Women Smoke.

Merchants smoke their pipes from dawn until dark. In Korea, writes a correspondent, they squat down when they smoke, and as the stems of the pipes are 3 feet long, the bowl can rest on the ground. In Bethlehem the hookah is very popular among the women and it accompanies the morning and afternoon coffee-drinking hour.

Several tubes extend from the water bowl through which the smoke passes in a cooling process, and the women gather about the hookah, each selecting a tube, and all drawing smoke from the common bowl.

Burmese maidens smoke a cigar 10 inches long and as fat as a good-sized candle and with a white paper covering. The longest pipes known are those used by natives of the Belgian Congo. These pipes have stems 10 or 12 feet long, with small bowls.

Matches were used to light them, a friend would be needed to apply the flame, but the native gets his light by merely thrusting the bowl into his camp fire.

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MEDITATIONS

Conduct is three-fourths of life.

Intoxication is the thief of time.

A happy man needs no philosophy.

Joy is a sunbeam 'twixt two clouds.

The perfect man is a terrible pest.

Ancient Greeks were very fond of hare hunting.

Happiness consists in the mind's contentments.

Obedy orders first, and, if still alive, kick afterward.

Many a full dress suit covers an empty stomach.

Eden, as history proves, was too big a job for Adam.

He who makes me think better of myself is my friend.

Even the tallest man in the world is not above criticism.

There are a thousand good talkers to one good thinker.

Common sense would abolish a great deal of the fun.

Woman's sphere nowadays seems to be the big round earth.