

### SCHOOL DAYS

—an please don't let her find that three busted flower pot, or if she does find it please don't let her lick me for bustin' it. I guess that's all. Amen.



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### NOT OLD BOYS' LUCKY DAY

At That, It Must Be Admitted He Got Out of Tight Situation Rather Neatly.

He was the picture of sedate middle age, from the broad-toed shoes to the pincenez suspended by a broad black ribbon. He gazed long and longingly at the portrait of a maiden in rather skimpy attire which adorned the lobby of a theater. He entered the lobby. He came out again. He was met by an equally sedate middle-aged woman. "What are you doing in there?" she demanded. "Why, my dear, I thought it was the entrance to the bird store, but hurried out as soon as I discovered my mistake," was his rather halting reply. As they started away, the man drew something from his pocket and dropped it surreptitiously to the sidewalk. A newsboy quickly picked it up. "Gee," he muttered, "an orchestra seat to the..." The sedate gentleman and his wife strolled on.

### ANSWERS CALL OF FRIEND

Deer's Remarkable Attachment to Man Who Had Cared for It in its Helplessness.

A two-pronged buck deer answered the calls of Jerry Shine, employed by the municipal water district at Alpine Vista, near San Raphael, Cal. Long ago Shine one day came upon a dead doe in the trail of the forest, and standing beside the mother was a fawn. It was miles to Shine's cabin, but he carried the fawn home with him, fed it and gave it the name of Billy. After a time Shine left the district. He returned several days ago and asked his fellow workers the whereabouts of his deer. They laughed at him; the deer had gone back to nature, they said. Shine mounted the parapet of the dam and called for Billy. The deer, now the proud possessor of two-pronged horns, bounded out of the forest. A photograph was taken of the man and the animal, as the latter rested his forefeet on the shoulder of Shine.

### "Old Hickory" Plant Is Sold

Old Hickory powder plant at Jackson, Tenn., one of the most noted of the munition factories in the United States used in the European war, has been sold for \$3,000,500. The name of this establishment has been much in the public eye recently on account of the extensive platinum thefts there, which led to sensational arrests.

The government, however, has not let go of the plant entirely, as it has reserved a large amount of space there for the storage of smokeless powder and other material, as well as of powder-making machinery. It also retains possession of numerous concrete foundations which will assure the nucleus of a smokeless powder plant for completion and in time of national emergency.—Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry.

### American Razors in Demand

Despite the increasing popularity of the safety razor, the old-fashioned straight razor has more than held its ground, according to the American cutlery bureau of information. In the first six months of 1920 exports of straight razors alone amounted to more than \$500,000, and with later figures now available, it is safe to report that the total export turning over will be \$1,000,000 for the year. Our total straight and safety razor exports for the fiscal year to June 30 amounted to more than \$6,000,000, the highest amount in one year ever reached by the industry. In former years safety razors were exported almost entirely, but the high quality of the American straight blade has awakened a new appreciation in the foreign trade.

### Out of Place

A book-lover was seated in his library, surrounded by scattered volumes. Encouraged by the reports of discoveries of valuable fragments of manuscripts in other people's books, he was having a little search of his own. His small son was on the floor assisting in the enterprise. "Father," said the child, solemnly, "suddenly breaking the silence, 'does every book have a flyleaf?'" "Certainly," replied the father, "unless it has been torn out." "Well," said the child, in a tone of deep concern "I've just found a fly-squashed on the wrong page!"

### Central Japan Prosperous

The people of central Japan, where some of the principal agricultural districts are located, appear prosperous and contented and crop prospects are favorable, due to the fact that the farmers had money with which to buy fertilizers and have given their crops excellent care. Rice, millet and vegetable crops are in splendid condition, while the silk crop is the best in years. Fine, large cocoons are the result of well fertilized mulberry trees and favorable weather. It is believed that American silk manufacturers would do well to lay in a supply of the better grades.

### Where It Happened

"He loved her, but never made it known and remained a bachelor because she was very rich and he was poor." "Where did that happen? In this town?" "No, in a book."

### PINOCHLE GAME CAME FIRST

Enthusiast Naturally Annoyed at Being Interrupted While Engaged in His Favorite Pastime.

However deplorable the fact may be, playing two-handed pinochle at 25 cents a hand is one of the favorite diversions of commuters between this city, New York, Atlantic City, Cape May and other commercial outposts of Philadelphia. One man, who carries his pleasure as well as his worries home from work, was playing pinochle in his library the other evening with a cronny, when the butler entered and handed him a telegram. He returned it unopened. "I'll look at it later," the butler respectfully remonstrated. The financier read the telegram. It said: "Struck 8,000-barrel gusher today. Everything fine." "Confound you, Thomas, why did you spoil my game?" he cried. He didn't care nearly so much about the fortune he had made, as about the 25 cents he was in danger of losing.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### CAMERA DOING GOOD WORK

Its Uses in Industry Estimated to Save the Country Millions of Dollars Annually.

The camera saves American industry millions of dollars annually, says the Nation's Business. A wink of its eye, taken in one millionth of a second by the light from a single crack of electricity, told engineers how to build turbine wheels that would stand terrific strain. A crack in a laboratory workshop and some idle scripping on a wall helped defend a valuable patent. The ordinary photograph preserves records, helps keep stock, is a bulwark of investigation, aids materially in cleaning up sales, figures in establishing patent rights, teaches lessons in safety as they can be taught in no other way, puts punch and pull in advertising and helps make good citizens out of aliens in the schools of plants which conduct Americanization classes for their workers. These are a few of the things the camera is doing in industry.

### WANTED ONLY MINOR CHANGE

Youth Had No Desire to Interfere With the Existing Chronological System, Only—

Ten p. m. There was a lot to do at the office, and, despite the lateness of the hour, the staff still at work. The head of the firm looked sternly at the young man over his gold-rimmed glasses. Then:

"So you've a complaint to make, have you?" he asked fiercely. "Not exactly a complaint, sir," said the other, "but there's just one little matter about which I should like to speak to you."

"I gave you more money the other day," growled the chief. "What's it you want this time? Shorter hours—eh?"

"Oh, no—no sir! I do not feel it incumbent on me, I assure you, in any way to tamper with our present excellent chronological system. For my part, I am perfectly content that the hours should retain their present length. All I wish is—er—fewer of them as applied to my daily period of work."—Houston Post.

### What Next?

At an English school examination the examiner asked one child:

"What are the products of our Indian empire?"

"The unhappy infant began nervously to reel off the list she had got by heart:

"Please, sir, India produces curries and pepper and rice and citron and chillies and chutney, and—and—and—"

"Yes, yes," said the examiner impatiently. "What comes after all that?"

Another infant's hand was raised. "Well, you tell what comes after that."

"Please, sir, India-gestion."

### Youthful Discernment

The teacher in one of the grades asked her young pupils to write essays, character sketches.

Up went one little hand. "May I write about you, Miss Brown?"

"Certainly," said Miss Brown, politely. "The essay when completed read as follows:

"She is my teacher. She has amber-colored hair and green beads. She is smart, and she does not like you if you are not smart. She has nice manners; and pretty clothes and is soft of speech when not mad."

### Provisions Provided

Social Workers—Isn't your husband a good provider? Poor Woman—The best ever! Social Worker (after recovering from her astonishment)—Really, I'm glad to hear it. Poor Woman—I ain't lady. He's always going to do something better for me.—Buffalo Express.

### GULL WAS ON THE ALERT

Army Captain Suffered for Discomfence of Orders Issued by Hero of Mexican War.

Gen. Winfield Scott, hero of the Mexican war, was a strict disciplinarian, as strict, perhaps, as any officer that took part in the late World war, says the Kansas City Star. He was most particular that an officer on duty should be dressed to the last particular. The general's headquarters in Mexico comprised two rooms, one opening into the other. General Scott slept in the rear room. One night after the general had retired a member of the staff wanted some water. The hour was late, past midnight. In fact, and the weather was very warm. The officer started for the water in his shirt sleeves. He was cautioned that it was dangerous to go so attired, for if the general caught him without his coat he would be punished. But the officer thought he would take the chance. He opened the door softly and tiptoed for the water pitcher. But he had scarcely reached the middle of the room before he heard the tinkle of the bell and the sentinel outside entered. "Take this man to the guard house," was the brief order from the ever-vigilant general, and the coatless captain spent the night on a hard plank under guard.

### DISCOVERY CAME TOO LATE

Detective Forced to Admit He Was Slow in Ferreting Out Gross Case of Fraud.

While they waited for the train two passengers got into conversation. Presently one disclosed the fact that he was a detective, and the other was naturally greatly interested.

"I suppose you have an exciting time!" he exclaimed. "Yes, I must say I have had my share of it," owned the sleuth.

"Discovered a great many gigantic frauds, I suppose?" invited the other, hoping for strange yarns to while away the time.

"I should say so," the detective replied. "Between you and me, the most complete case of fraud I ever saw was a woman, young and pretty. I would have been ready to swear she was an angel. But she has a temper like a whirlwind, and is as cunning as a serpent."

"How did you discover her true character?" "I married her!"

### Announcer Was Right

Harry Pollard, movie comedian, was at the ringside of a Los Angeles boxing show when a little bantamweight was introduced as "The California Cata-mountain."

"What do they want to call a little kid like you by such a long handle?" asked Pollard. "Why don't you use your real name?"

"I wanted to," answered the midge, "but the announcer would not let me use it."

"What is your name?" asked Pollard. "Soltz, Mlotkowski," chirped the youth.

"That announcer was right," said Harry.—Minneapolis Tribune.

### Score One for the Professor

A well-known professor has the reputation of indulging in rather sharp repartee in his classroom. One of his pupils, a star at football but not at rhetoric, had spent most of the hour in looking at his watch, yawning and sighing. At the close of the lecture the professor spoke:

"Mr. Smith, why have you looked at your watch every few minutes during the last hour?"

Smith got out that he had kept looking at his watch to assure himself that it was still running.

"I suppose," retorted the professor, "that you have been sighing every few minutes to assure yourself that you are still breathing."

### Not a Question of Hours!

The local railway never had been known for its punctuality, but lately it had surpassed even its own record.

One train, for instance, was nine hours late, and a passenger became wearied.

"Get me something so that I can figure out when I will get to London," he said to the dining car attendant.

"Yes, sir; I'll get you a time-table," replied the official.

"Thunder, no!" roared the passenger. "What I want is a calendar!"

### New Crop

She had been visiting on a farm for a week, and was letting the world know it. Her companion also, apparently, had seldom been off the brick streets.

### SNAPPY

The great war... When it comes to appreciation...

Take care of the same as you and the dollars will take care of themselves.

There is hope for any man as long as his dog doesn't eat his acquaintance.

Nothing boils so unhappy as a man waiting for his change in a dry goods store.

Aromatic honey, extracted in some locality, is produced by the honey bee.

Twenty usually constitutes a team, but sometimes it's 2 to 6 in the short run.

The successful thief plays safe. He is willing to take everything as a chance.

Success begets success, unless the successful party is unable to count prosperity.

A large nest of wasps will account for at least 24,000 flies a day, says a naturalist.

If a man doesn't die after returning from a fishing trip, his word is as good as his bond.

There is absolutely nothing new. Elijah of biblical fame rode in a horseless chariot.

Never attempt to kill time unless you are satisfied it ought to be put out of its misery.

Even the prodigal son should employ an advance agent to make sure of the fatted calf.

Australian M. P.'s have recently raised their own salaries from \$5,000 to about \$6,000.

Even when a fellow tells a girl he would die for her he talks at having her fix the date.

The former king of Bavaria is said to own a table service of solid gold, including 400 pieces.

Red-haired people are said to be less liable to baldness than those with hair of any other color.

Don't accuse a man of stinginess just because he succeeds in keeping all his meanness to himself.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, but the wise man lays in a supply of both.

Trample on a man's good intentions and he will consign you to the platform that is paved with them.

A woman does as she pleases during courtship, and after marriage her husband does as she pleases.

The man who makes trouble between two women gets more enjoyment out of it than they do.

The Hinghis makes a native of South Africa, can throw a spear of jolison a distance of 15 feet.

French Women Good Workers. The French woman is, on the whole, a more capable and competent person than her English sister.

She is better educated intellectually and she is certainly better trained commercially, and she is more industrious. Even before the war domestic servants in Paris were paid at a higher rate than in London, and they are today. But they get through far more work, and they know their job. It is difficult to find an ordinary charwoman who is not capable of cooking in a way which, measured by English standards, is excellent; and her appetite for work and for cleaning is such that in a couple of hours a day she will keep in good order the whole of a small flat.—Chicago Tribune.

Ultrasonics. France is against the Bolsheviki because the Bolsheviki repudiate the enormous French loan.

The speaker was Count Georges de Kellner, a millionaire Belgian manufacturer.

"France," he went on, "doesn't openly admit this, but the fact is well known. Indeed, they do say that the wife of a French cabinet minister declared to her recalcitrant husband the other day:

"Here are all my bills—new Habsburgs, six hats, a pearl necklace, and gowns for Denuville and so on—and I warn you, Gaston: I won't recognize your government unless you recognize my debts."

New Illuminator for Microscope. Professor Alexander Silverman has invented a new illuminator for the microscope, whose special advantage is that it gives a very strong light upon the object examined, so that opaque and translucent bodies can be as readily studied as transparent ones. The top of the object or the slide, once seen with all the variations of its surface. It is particularly valuable for testing samples of metals which show the presence of blow holes, pits and much detail not hitherto visible. It is likewise useful to textile experts since it shows the threads of fabric from every angle and is much appreciated by bacteriologists.

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