

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

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Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

"THESE SORT," "THOSE KIND."

A COMMON error, and one that grates with especial harshness on the ear of a person who has been trained in the correct use of English, is the use of such phrases as "those kind" and "these sort." How often we hear, "I cannot bear those kind of people."

The words "these" and "those" are plural in number—that is, they denote more than one; the words "sort," "kind," etc., are singular in number, indicating one group, one class of persons or objects. According to a simple rule of grammar, the adjective and the noun, when used together, must agree in number—that is, when the noun is singular or plural the adjective must be singular or plural. Therefore do not say, "I do not like those kind of people," but say "I do not like that kind of people," or, better, "I do not like the people of that kind."

A LINE O' CHEER

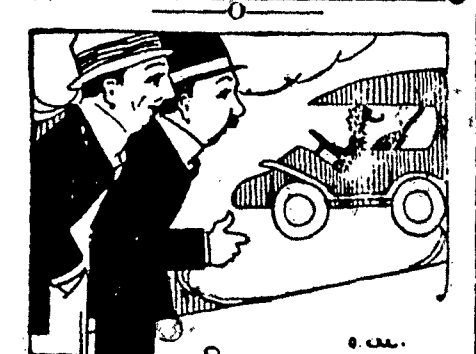
By John Kendrick Bangs.

FAITH—

BECAUSE a thing's a Mystery Does not destroy the FAITH of me or of that.

There's lots of things on sea and land I don't pretend to understand, And yet I see them plain and flat In spite of that.

'Tis so with LIFE and You and Me. We don't know how we came to be. But I've a sort of faith supreme That we're not all an idle dream, And that some time long, long ago, Just when, or how, I do not know, Some Mind with purpose true and clear, Created Earth and put us here, And gave us life, and love and wit, To make a fatter place of it, To call it CHANCE some folks delight, I call it GOD—and know I'm right. (Copyright.)



A PEDESTRIAN ONCE.

"I see Bradley riding on the street cars. I thought he owned an auto."

"He does, but he made the mistake of teaching his wife to drive."

There Are Exceptions.

"A woman is more graceful than a man," observed the Sage.

"Not when she's getting off a street car," commented the Fool.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Pre-Lenten Festivities.

With all the authority of the church, in the early Christian centuries, it was impossible to lure the masses entirely away from pre-Lenten festivities and in some districts the period was extended from the twelfth day of Epiphany to Ash Wednesday. This period presently gained title as the "carnival" period, the word being derived from the Latin *carnis*, flesh, and *vale*, farewell, signifying: farewell to the flesh. According to another authority the derivation is from *carnis* and *levamen*, so-called meaning, the sojourn of the flesh, but the former seems the more probable origin of the term. In modern Rome these festivities are limited to eight days in several southern cities of the United States, as New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile and Galveston, short carnival celebrations are held each year beginning on Monday before Ash Wednesday and continuing through Shrove Tuesday. Mardi Gras is applied to this carnival in America.



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HAD BEEN GREAT TRAVELER

Philadelphian Who Recently Passed Away Probably Held Record for Number of Ocean Passages.

America's "unofficial ambassador" to Great Britain has made his last crossing of the Atlantic. Death claimed T. H. Van Ingen, wholesale buyer of woolen cloth, in his eighty-first year, after his having made 182 trips across the big wet. His round-trip crossings were made twice a year. He was in many respects the most remarkable ocean traveler in the world, writes a New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger. His trips were business journeys, yet no one who was fortunate to be on the same ship with him will ever forget his rugged personality; as a scholar with a fresh point of view, full of wit and anecdote, he was the life of every company of passengers he entered.

Throughout the great war he kept going, just as if there were no such pesky annoyances as submarines. He told me once on the steamship Lapland that he should have been a sailor; in fact, to the officers and stewards of the Atlantic he was always addressed as "Commodore Van Ingen." His hobby was better relations between the two English-speaking nations. The way he conducted his business, which grew until it was the leading wholesale woolen house patronized by our merchant tailors, was his best contribution in the direction of better relations between the United States and England.

His rival in business and close personal friend, William P. Willis, succeeds him as the champion voyager of America. Mr. Van Ingen's last earthly voyage was westbound in November. He came off the Olympic saying that he was "feeling fine." He died a few hours before Christmas. In the woolen trade he is known as the man who stabilized that industry. A thoroughly American, intensely patriotic, he could always find much to admire and praise in our "British cousin," and his friends were legion up on both sides of the ocean.

Recent Discovery Important.

Interesting, though technically incomplete, reports from Denmark signal the recent discovery, by two engineers, that an electric current passed through such a substance as lithographic stone sets up attraction phenomena of an apparently new order, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine. A novel form of electroscope of extreme sensitiveness and simplicity has been built, and a number of curious wireless experiments performed. Use of the new principle in constructing radio apparatus is declared to increase the speed of both transmission and reception about twenty times, and a special receiving instrument developed a capacity of 600 words a minute. Wireless-telephone messages were made to record themselves on paper, and a loud-speaking wire telephone was arranged with two violins as the transmitter and receiver, one of them loudly repeating the words spoken into the other.

Duelling Safe Outdoor Sport.

Duelling in Mexico is much less dangerous than a jaunt through the streets of New York. As a harmless outdoor sport it is in a class with croquet or Lenox avenue pool. Not a week passes in Mexico City but that some one is insulted and demands a duel. "Pistols at twenty paces in the Bosque de Chapultepec" is the watchword.

When deputies in the chamber make trades against others, the offended parties agree to meet. The event is widely advertised and the participants meet on the field of prospective carnage. Just then a messenger steps up and declares that the duel is forbidden by the government. All are satisfied.

Cows Highly Prized.

The cows of Perigueux, France, which serve not only as milk givers, but as draft animals, are highly prized by their peasant owners, and nothing that can add to the comfort of the valuable animals is neglected. They are protected from the annoyance of swarms of flies which infest that part of France by quilted hand-crocheted veils which cover the entire head and hang down almost to the ground. The veils themselves are works of art, with long silky fringes of varying hues, or borders of crocheted lace. In schools which are aided by the Junior Red Cross of America, French children are taught to crochet, and so can make these useful veils.

Steel Airplane.

According to a recent report from Reuter's Paris, a giant airplane is being built by the Breguet company which, when completed, will be a veritable aerial ship. It is constructed with an engine room in the nose of the machine, the total motive power being 1,600 horse-power, and a comfortable saloon for passengers has been placed in the fuselage. The wings are of a new design, and the machine is being built entirely of steel.

Some Flying.

During the year just passed pilots of March field have flown a distance equal to forty-six times around the globe. Jules Verne's hero accomplished the feat of going once "around the world in 80 days." According to March field statistics, this record would be far and away bested, as forty-six times around in 365 days would reduce the time for one circumnavigation to 7 days 26 hours and 26 seconds, to get down to minute details

THE SUIT CASES

By MARION E. LEIGHTON.

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Bessie flung an old waist on the little pile of cast-off clothing in the open suit case, jammed the bunch shut savagely, snapped the cover shut and indulged in a discontented monologue while she tested the weight of it.

"I may be foolish; I probably am, but I don't care. I'm going to have one day off, and go somewhere—like other folks: You're not heavy enough!" to the rather battered suit case.

"I want you to feel as if I were going somewhere for a month's vacation."

She put the case down again and threw in an old sofa pillow. Bessie was doing her packing in the attic. She continued the one-sided argument:

"I don't care! Fay and Laura go to places and have pretty clothes and meet nice people," punching the pillow viciously, "and I stay home and cook and scrub for them"—more punching—"and get found fault with if I scorch the biscuits or get too much starch in their white waists—and everything! I'm going for an outing and make believe it's a vacation at the seashore or some place. Fay and Laura can get their own dinner for once."

Unconsciously Bessie was stating a deplorable fact that had long been a subject of heated discussion among the neighbors.

"Why did Bessie—sweet little Bessie—drudge for her frivolous and thoughtless sisters and receive hardly a kind word of thanks? Why didn't she rebel?"

And now Bessie had rebelled—a sort of mild little rebellion, truly—but it might lead to better things.

Thoughtful and kind-hearted, even in a state of rebellion, Bessie left a note for her sisters telling them there was plenty of food cooked and assuring them she would be home that evening. Not a word of discontent appeared in the note.

Then, with a whimsical little smile, she labelled her suit case with her name and address and took her scanty savings from the jar in the kitchen cabinet. When counted the grand total was one dollar and seventy-three cents.

With another little smile she pocketed the money, picked up her suit case and took a suburban car for "The Lake."

She spent one delightful day watching the motor boats and listening to the gentle lapping of the little waves; then at dusk boarded the car for home.

The only vacant seat was near the rear door and Bessie placed her suit case in the space between her seat and the next and prepared to enjoy the ride across country.

At a stop beside the highway a young man swung aboard with a suitcase, very much like Bessie's and in a very pleasant voice—Bessie thought it very, very pleasant—asked the conductor if he could make the 9:15 train West. Being assured that he could the young man dropped his suitcase beside Bessie's and hung to a strap.

"Car broke down," she heard him tell the conductor—"take the chauffeur an hour to fix it and I've got to make that train."

Bessie furtively watched and admired him during the short journey to town and when he seized the suitcase and rushed for the train, which was already in when they arrived, she breathed a sigh of regret.

Tired, but happy, she trudged homeward, to answer the questions of her amazed and indignant sisters, and listen to what reproaches might be thrown in for seasoning.

The suit case reposed in the attic unopened, and Bessie lay a long time, and thought of her wonderful day.

"I don't care," she finally murmured sleepily. "It was a great way to break the monotony."

One month later the door bell rang and there stood the pleasant-looking young man with Bessie's suitcase. There was nothing for poor, confused Bessie to do but invite him in while she resurrected his own case from the attic, and that gave her time to re-gain some of her lost composure and realize that she must explain the sofa pillow and cast-off clothing.

His hearty laughter put her more at ease and he stayed a few minutes chatting.

"It was my own fault," he said while taking his leave, "but it really caused me a lot of trouble and I think you owe me something. I'm coming around with my roadster this evening and take you for a ride in the fresh air. Will you go?"

Bessie would—and did. Not only that evening, but many others as well. Then one day the young man told Bessie's sisters they would have to look for another housekeeper as he had spoken for Bessie himself.

Now Bessie doesn't have to make believe and that old suit case is still packed with old clothes and a sofa pillow. Fred tells his wife he wouldn't throw it away for the world, for it also helped "to break the monotony" for him.

Just Shopping.

"Yes," I can fix you up for California all right," said the ticket agent after spending an hour looking up berths and timetables.

"How nice!"

"When are you going?"

"Some day when I can afford it," replied the lady. "Thank you so much."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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