

HIS JINX AT WORK

Traveler Felt It When He Saw Those Whiskers.

But, That Didn't Prevent Him From Being Probably the Oldest "Suck-Game in Existence, and Then Kicking."

"Hey, hey!" said the stout man as he looked himself on the seat beside me in the day car with a parlor-car look. "Nice!" I remarked just to humor him, although I must say that I always try to avoid a man who wears whiskers. This man was wearing a No. 5 face fungus with ear flaps. I thought at first of asking him if he had to take out a license for his face trimmings. But, after all, I felt that he had a kind face—what I could see of it—behind the shrubbery, as it were.

"Are you a commercial traveler?" he asked, stroking his beard to starboard. "No," I replied, "but I once had a fourth cousin who did seven years in jail for another offense. That was the only member of my family who strayed from the narrow path of virtue."

"Lucky for you!" he snapped out, pushing his plantation in my face. "It's a dog's life. Everywhere you go people talk about the peace."

"Ah!" I interposed, "there is a peace on, then? I thought I saw something about it in the press."

"Are you an American?" he rapped out, getting nasty. "Yes," I said. "Are you? Or do you live in Hoboken, N. J.?" I felt I would like to have struck a match and started a bush fire around the wooded portion of his face.

"I see you have some cuts on your face," he remarked.

"Yes. My tonsorial artist illustrated me with some funny cuts."

"Ah!" he slipped in. "You should shave yourself and you would never have a face like that."

I should like to have told him that his was no oil painting. Especially did I hate his face mats. I detest a man who tries to look venerable by wearing face mats, when underneath he may have the chin of a criminal.

"Do you wear those germ traps on purpose?" I asked curiously. "There's camouflage," he said. "Just to show what people look like when they don't shave. I travel for Raxro's safety razors, \$2.50 each, and seeing you're a nice sort of a boob I can do you one for \$2. Here is the last one I have."

I took it. If it had been a scythe I should have had a harvest with his beard.

Then I fell to thinking of his whiskers again. They were the most vile whiskers I had ever seen. They stood out at all angles from his face. I couldn't make up my mind whether I should like him better with or without them. But I was quite prepared to get a lawn mower and try.

"Seeing you are a good business

man," he went on, "what about a nice pipe lighter? I have a really good line at 25 cents each. Sorry I haven't got one with me, but I can send it on. Never fails, and always lights a pipe or cigarette. In fact, it is one of the best pipe lighters ever invented. Just give me 25 cents and your address and I will send it along."

Of course I fell. I handed him the quarter and got out at the next station. Some days later a package arrived at my villa. Here was the pipe lighter. Breathlessly I opened the package, eager to see the contrivance. It was a match. I guised two months of fresh air and threw my cigarette in the porridge.

And that is why, then I meet a man with a full set of face mats, I always say—(Oh no, you don't. Not here, at any rate.—Editor.)—Walter Stuart Marsden in Pennsylvania's Grit.

Bolsheviks Get Diamonds.
Diamonds, rubies, radium and just ordinary gold have been discovered in the Kola peninsula, Russia, it was said by James Patrick Woods, a sailor, who arrived at New York recently on the Matroslina. He was booked by the transport officials as "a destitute seaman."

Woods says he went to Russia on a cargo vessel and was left there on account of illness. He went prospecting at a place called Kendalaska. In a creek, he says, he found "pecks and pecks of diamonds." He also found rubies, and sat down on a rock only to find the rock was pure gold. He also discovered coal veins and radium. "I had my pockets full of diamonds," he said, "but the bolsheviks took them away from me. I am going to organize a company and go back."

Munition Work Not Injurious.
Dr. Rhoda H. B. Adamson in an article recently published in a London periodical undertakes to prove that the work done by women during the war in the engineering trades has not injured their health. Her conclusions are drawn after a year and a half spent as medical supervisor of several thousand women working in munition factories. The applicants for work were given a thorough physical examination and assigned to work commensurate with their strength. Other examinations were made from time to time, which showed no bad results from the work the women were doing.

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Few May See Her Face.
The Mohamudan woman may show her face only to men whom she may not marry. This means that a man may see the face of his mother, wife, sisters, daughters, aunts, and none other of the women of his clan.

Few Late Come.
A monthly holiday, closed all day every Wednesday is also to be observed from April to September.—Glasgow Evening Times.

Preparations for 1921 Auto Show New Being Made

Automobile manufacturers are unanimous in their agreement that the national automobile shows are of tremendous value to the automobile industry as a whole. The national show is the opening broadside fired by the combined automobile companies of the country in the yearly campaign. It really starts the new season's business. These gigantic exhibits, with their lavish decorations and beautiful productions of America's foremost artists and engineers, are the mecca for all automobile enthusiasts. Without this doubt, the idea of the national auto

mobile show has its inception in the jangle involved in the big fashion shows, such as are held in Paris where the styles for the world's garment are featured. In Paris, the clothing representatives and buyers from the leading companies rendezvous and spend days and weeks examining the new fashions.

In the same way, the lovers of fine motor cars attend the national automobile exhibits and spend their time scrutinizing the products of the different European—the new designs, the new fittings, and the changes in body styles.

Just as Europe, and especially Paris, heretofore have led the rest of the world in the creation and adoption of the new styles in clothing, so America today is said to be the universal dictator in automobile fashions and styles.

"The sales heads of the automobile companies derive a great benefit from the national automobile shows, aside from the stimulation of public interest," states Mr. S. M. How, general sales manager of the Haynes Automobile Company, Kokomo, Indiana, in a letter to C. A. McCrary of the McCrary's Garage, the local dealer for the Haynes. "This is the direct contact between the sales manager and the dealer. The dealer is the outlet through which the cars are marketed, and a large and efficient dealer organization is absolutely essential to the success of a company producing cars in any quantity. Through this direct contact of dealer and sales man-

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"The Haynes Automobile Company is a member of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and has been a participant in the national automobile shows ever since they were inaugurated. Our company, realizing the value and importance of the na-

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"Observations for the 1921 national shows at New York and Chicago are already made and preparations are now under way at the factory to make the Haynes exhibits the finest in the history of the company. The new Haynes models will be a revelation to the automobile world."

Job Printing, The Observer, Men 27.

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