

NINETY IN THE SHADE

CHARACTER SKETCHES BY A. RUSSELL



"THE WEATHERMAN MAKES ME TIRED - NINETYTHREE - THE IDEA - OF COURSE, WITH THE BUREAU UP ON TOP OF A SKYSCRAPER - BUT WE DON'T LIVE UP THERE, DO WE? MY THERMOMETER'S BEEN REGISTERING 114 IN THE SHADE ALL AFTERNOON, RIGHT HERE, ON MY FRONT PORCH, AND THAT'S CORRECT AND I DON'T CARE A RAP WHAT THAT OLD WEATHERMAN SAYS."



BEING FAR TOO INTELLECTUAL TO SPRING THE OLD PLATTITUDES ABOUT THE WEATHER, PROF GRIDDLE AND DR. BURNS, WHEN MEETING ON AN EXTREMELY HOT DAY, MERELY GLARE AT EACH OTHER AND SAY NOTHING, NOT EVEN D-H.



"ALMOST AS POPULAR AS SANTA CLAUS AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME AND QUITE AS WELCOME IS THE ICEMAN IN THE ALLEY THESE WARM DAYS."



"THE OFFICE IS SO COZY AND COOL, BUT PERHAPS THE BOSS HAS FOUND A COOLER PLACE TO SPEND HIS AFTERNOONS."



"KNOCK THE COVER OFF 'N IT, BABE, ATTA BOY"



WITH THE THERMOMETER UP IN THE NINETIES THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE JUST A MOMENT, WE TAKE THIS ALL BACK; WE WERE MISLED, MISLED BY THE PRESENT DAY STYLE OF CLOTHES - YES, WE WERE QUITE MISTAKEN.



"NO SIR, THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE"



"THIS PRESENT AWFUL HEAT RE MINDS ME OF BACK IN '62 WHEN 'ETS."



THE ELECTRIC FAN IS ALLRIGHT IN ITS WAY BUT FOR A MOST EFFECTIVE PURVEYOR OF COOL BREEZES GIVE US THE FLYVER.

WHY NOT?

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THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF LARGE CITIES SHOULD STRIVE FOR MORE EFFICIENCY. WHY CAN'T WE HAVE A NUMBER OF MEN WHOSE SENSE OF SMELL HAS BEEN SO HIGHLY DEVELOPED BY INTENSIVE TRAINING THAT THEY LL DETECT THE ODOR OF HOME BREW OF WHITE SUZE INSTANTLY



TRAFFIC COPS SHOULD BE ARMED WITH LANS HOOKS TO BE USED ON INDISCREPANT CHAUFFEURS.



POLICEMEN WHOSE DUTY IT IS TO SECURE PAID SIGHTSEERS ACROSS BUSY STREETS SHOULD BE DRESSED IN THE MIGHT OF FASHION

MISDEEDS COULD EASILY BE APPREHENDED BY HAVING A NUMBER OF POLICEMEN, DRESSED IN FEMALE ATTIRE, PATROL THE STREETS.



THE GUMMING SQUAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CARRY LADDERS SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO REACH THE SECOND STORY WINDOWS OF HOUSES. MANY CASES OF CHANCE SUCH AS PUNKER AND REIKHLE COULD THUS BE EASILY STOPPED.



POLICE IN FULL ARMOR SHOULD BE DETACHED TO GUARD MEN HANDLING GEAR ROLLS.



THE VOLSTEAD LAW IS NOT BEING PROPERLY ENFORCED. ALL MEN CARRYING BAGGAGE SHOULD BE STOPPED AND THE CONTENTS OF BAGGAGE EXAMINED



POLICEMEN TOO OLD FOR STRENUOUS DUTY COULD BE EMPLOYED AT THE BEACHES TO ENFORCE THE LAWS REGULATING BATHING SUITS.



A PERISCOPE WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO THE PARK POLICEMAN IN DRINKING SPOONERS TO JUSTICE.