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DUTY OF THE STRONG:—We then that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.—Romans 15:1

OFFICE CAT

Junius delighted the entire Observer staff yesterday. Emerging from the terrific gloom that is settled around the "funny" desk whilst a mad attempt is being made to manufacture or re-paint something funny, Junius pulled this one. According to her version of the story she was walking down Adams avenue yesterday and met another lady—the following conversation ensuing: Junius—during an interview. "What is your son?" Lady—"He's an artist." Junius—"What kind of an artist?" Lady—"He makes umbrellas." Junius—"But that isn't art." Lady—"It isn't! Make one yourself and you'll find out." Junius conceded the point.

ogy, this is a mistake if he pays his bills.

BLANK VERSE

The streets were wet But Mary Dotted in her Easter bonnet Sartorially perfect Sallied forth, rubberless. Mary fell! Her top is now served On the buffet.

There are three women in congress now. The next thing to expect is a style department in the Congressional Record.

Handle This On Your Honker I turned the plea of a beggar down He gave me a look that was mean and black. He got even with me as I walked down-town. For he ran me down with his Cadillac!

A man should rejoice that he is married to a woman who can make him miserable. No other kind can make a man happy.

We can't believe that Mrs. Mallory is through. Even Samson was out of form while his hair remained bobbed.

Rolling stones often get that way because of rolling pins.

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Quite timely is the comment made by a La Grande man to one of his regular monthly creditors—"It's always darkest just after the dawn."

A bad, bold burglar got the surprise of his life when, after entering the home of one of Wallowa's county editors one night recently, he was compelled to subscribe for the paper before the enterprising newspaper man let him off.

Many a rose was born to blush unseen, but the girls get theirs at the corner drug store, gargles Amos Tash.

How Does He Know? Someone told us yesterday that you can't always estimate a woman's avoirdupois by her sigh—or by looking at her.

The postoffice department says the average man gets 112 letters per year, but, in the opinion of Cy Kol-



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The Bootery

Postal Savings

The circumstances which led to the issue of the first formal statement made by the present postmaster general since his assumption of office were regrettable in themselves and in some aspects even tragic, but they contain a highly salutary lesson, which Mr. New drives emphatically home, and which it is to be hoped will sink deeply into the minds of the people all over the country, and especially into the minds of the poorer classes.

The closing of a private bank in New York and the absconding of its owners brought ruin and misery to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of forlorn men and women, principally Italians, who had entrusted to the concern all the savings of a lifetime. No one could contemplate without pity the spectacle of a poor old woman who by work in laundries and the practice of the strictest economy, had managed to save \$5,000 as a stay and support for her declining years and found it all gone in one fell swoop in the wreck of the defunct depository. And her case was typical of scores of others.

Spurred to action by so heartrending a catastrophe, the postmaster general has directed that \$25,000 circulars in Italian, giving particulars of the postal savings system, be distributed on the East Side of New York. He points out that for those who do not desire to maintain active banking accounts the government affords, through the postoffice departments system of savings, an ideal plan for the gradual accumulation of small sums, which earn a fair rate of interest and are returnable at any moment on demand. Moneys so deposited can never be lost, for the security behind them is co-extensive with the entire credit of the United States.

Strange to say, postal savings deposits steadily declined each month since January, 1921, but they took an upward turn in February, 1923. The total amount on deposit February 28 was \$132,072,000. If the system were as well known as it deserves to be, that figure would be far greater. The New York financial disaster and the invitation of the postmaster general to small investors will probably result in a rapid growth of postal savings.

Spoiled in the Making

An interesting story comes from Mexico City to the effect that Thomas Alva Edison, the world's greatest inventor, is a descendant of the Aztec kings. Senora De Alva of Mexico City claims to be a second cousin of the inventor.

According to the researches of Senor De Alva, the Edison family name before the Aztecs were conquered was 'Ixtlixochitl', and Thomas, the founder of the family, was baptized by the Duke of Alva after the conquest. It appears that the third son of Thomas De Alva married an English woman named Edison.

Pictures of Thomas Alva Edison and Senor De Alva, printed in Mexico City newspapers are said to have caused considerable comment as to their resemblance. Persons who profess to be judges of physiognomy say the general likeness of the two men is such as to credit the belief that they are relatives.

Guadalupe De Alva, who lives near Mexico City at the age of seventy-five years, is reported as saying that she often heard her father speak of his nephew who lived in the United States and who was an inventor. She added that in 1916 a number of Americans visited her home in search of information respecting the connection of Edison and De Alva families.

This is a rather interesting story in relation to a well-known American. The only defect it appears to have is that it is not true. William H. Meadowcroft, private secretary to Thomas Alva Edison, who has written a biography of the electrical wizard, says that there is neither Mexican nor Spanish blood in the veins of Mr. Edison. It does seem a shame, though, to spoil a good story.

The American government is pretty good in extracting money when it really goes after it, but many will watch with no little anxiety its efforts to collect \$10,000,000 alleged to be due in income tax from those Missouri mule traders. Before it gets through the traders may have \$10,000,000 more.

An Oklahoma woman shot a neighbor woman whom she believed was listening on the telephone party line. She was entirely unreasonable. How would the other woman learn the gossip if she did not listen?

The old-fashioned idea of a goodly land was one that "flowed with milk and honey." Cheaper gasoline would make a popular hit at the present time.

The public is not especially interested if a man loses money in Wall Street—unless he happens to be cashier of a bank.

Even the most pronounced pessimist probably retains some confidence in the dependability of the planetary system.

A Londoner claims the honor of having danced continuously for 18 hours and 34 minutes. Every man to his tastes.

A woman who feels that she is as temperamental as a motion picture star has no business getting married.

Some men fail because they use too much breath in telling how easy it will be to win the race.

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Some senators refuse to quit talking when they have the opportunity.



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