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O COME, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel
before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are
the people of his pasture.—Psalm 95:6, 7.

Family Reunions

A family reunion at Lille, France, which was attended
by 377 persons, was regarded as so extraordinary an event
that the news has been cabled to American newspapers.
It is stated that if all the relatives had been present they
would have numbered 951. But the impressiveness of it is
diminished for us when we learn that the number includes
the descendants of a man who was married in 1865.
Almost anybody could claim a family connection equally
large if he numbered among his kinsman all the descen-
dants of an ancestor seven or eight generations back.

However, this French reunion was notable in that it
was held at the home of a couple with 19 children. France
is much interested in this big family because small fami-
lies are the rule there and apprehension is felt over the de-
clining birthrate and the fact that the population is al-
most standing still.

Family reunions in the United States with attendance
of 300 are by no means uncommon. Moreover, our reu-
nions are generally of the descendants of an ancestor not
more than three or four generations removed; for most
Americans know little or nothing of their family trees
beyond their great-grandparents.

It may be that a hundred years hence we shall be as
much excited as the French over a gathering of 300 blood
relatives. For among the native American stock the birth-
rate has shown a remarkable decline in recent years. Ben-
jamin Franklin said in the eighteenth century that the
average number of children in an American family was
eight. An investigation that has been made of the number
of children in the families of college-bred Americans shows
an average of less than two children. And more and
more our youths are going to college. In England, too,
families have become small, the average number of chil-
dren in the families of the upper and middle classes now
being 1.9 in the families of skilled workmen 1.53, and in
the families of unskilled workmen 2.13.

Whatever may be the case 50 or 100 years hence, prob-
ably a majority of the older Americans of today have a
few brothers and sisters, a few uncles and aunts, a dozen
or more of first cousins, and scores of second cousins. This
is the season when they should get together, and if it is
available the ideal place for the reunion is grandfather's
farm. At any rate the gathering should be held in the
open.

Is Mussolini Slipping

The report that Premier Mussolini of Italy had offered
his resignation to King Victor Emmanuel as the result of
a political scandal arising over the kidnapping and slaying
of a Socialist deputy may be an exaggeration, but it
nevertheless raises the question as to whether this latest
so-called "iron man of destiny" has reached the place in
his career where the slipping begins.

Statesmen of the old school never doubted that the
amazing power of dictatorship that came to Mussolini so
swiftly was "too good to be true or to last." They gave
him only a short period of rule, with his fall to come about
as swiftly as his rise. They pointed out that despotism
was not for his day. He might check the forces of de-
mocracy for a time, but could not hold them back for long.
Now there is included in the rumors that a number of the
older statesmen of Italy are to be called back as advisers.

Mussolini lifted the country out of a chaotic condi-
tion. But was he of the type who "could stand prosperity?"
Did he overestimate his strength and go too far? Certain-
ly he found world sentiment against him when he started
to deal high-handedly with Greece. He had to tone down.
This also may have contributed to the breaking of the
spell of his power at home.

The answer, however, will have to be left to the com-
ing weeks or months. If Mussolini again triumphs over
opposition his hold may be assured for some time. But
stories of resignation will not contribute to his reputation
as an "iron man."

Some of the "dark horses" in the Democratic conven-
tion are likely to turn out to be hobby-horses.

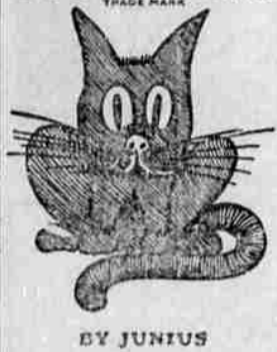
Mussolini is discovering that even a dictator may run
against conditions wherein it is difficult to dictate.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

THIS IS DEEP.
An optimal flapper is a bow-
legged one who wears pretty gar-
ments.

He never really understood what
was the matter with China till he
took up the Sui Shih Jung game. Now
he knows.

It is generally referred to this as
a materialistic age, he means that
he isn't making much money.

In good golf weather, it isn't so
difficult for investigators to find
an executive on as to find him in.

When the cover came home, com-
ments a Karma editor, the main
thing is that there's someone at
home to milk them.

Some radio machines look like
phonographs. And some paintings
in some houses look like something
the cat dragged in.

A constabulary is a man who has
come to the age where he can't
reach an upper berth without a
ladder.

The ordinary wife never gets sus-
picious until her husband gets fas-
tidious about his nails.

From the "Frontview Palladia-
nism" Party or parties who left
basket of onions and carrots on
editor's front porch Sunday is
known, if they will come and re-
new them, or exchange for straw-
berries and new pointies, no ques-
tions will be asked.

The big little woman with the
horizontal display on her head
nipped about the pay-eight-noon-
whites-yes-get-you-out.

The conductor held out his hand
for his fare.

"You'll have to wait until after
I get inside," she told him.

"Oh, no," insisted the fare-taker.
"You have to pay right here on
this card."

"But I tell you I can't pay you
until after I get inside," repeated
the little woman.

"Yes, till—"
"Here!" interrupted a big man
who had jumped on behind the
woman. "Just take her face out of
this. I know how it is. My wife
carries her money that way."

OLD STIFF
"Night. It's a wonder anybody
can still find 'em. You see have no
business jobs left to crush."

Mike: "You're right, there. But
they'll probably be cracking all the
more, now the business has turned
into a chattering."

Some who claim to know why
that belched hair will come women

London Dancing Girls Interesting to Europe

DANZIG (AP)—English dance-
ing girls, who disappeared like
mud from the stages of Con-
tinental Europe in August, 1914,
have begun to return to their for-
mer fields of activity and have
even invaded Russia where they
were always popular prior to the
war. It has been nearly ten years
since the London dancers have
been seen to any extent in the
cities of central Europe, although
at intervals during the war there
were a few troupes appearing in
Paris, Madrid, Rome and some
other places.

Throughout Europe before the
war, wherever there were variety
theaters or music halls, there were
English dancing girls, known for
their sprightly dancing often com-
bined with singing stunts. Even
in old St. Petersburg and Moscow,
the home of the Russian ballet,
the dancing girls from London
were always well received.

This spring a troupe has been
touring the Scandinavian cities
and the Baltic states and from
Danzig goes on to Leningrad,
where there have been no English
performers since the soviet came
into power. Later the dancers
will visit Warsaw, Bucharest,
Budapest, Vienna and numerous
other cities.

Troupes from London also took
the road this spring and have
been appearing in Rotterdam, Stock-
holm, Copenhagen, Berlin and
other northern cities.

Noble Hands Sailed Daily
As Duke Labors in Fields

INVERARY, Scotland. (AP)—
The idea that "iron" can't
and won't do manual labor is dis-
proved by a visit to Inverary castle, in the
grounds of which the owner, the
52-year-old Duke of Argyll, is
working as a stone mason's laborer.

He carries heavy stones, takes or-
ders from the foreman, and keeps
strict trade union hours.

The duke, who is also keeper of
the Great Seal of Scotland, is help-
ing to erect a battery. He wears a
kilt and a grey woven shirt, and
rolls up his sleeves to tackle his
job.

Our fathers divorced church
and state; some of the moderns
seem equally determined to di-
vorce church and religion.

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EDUCATION IS ONLY ANSWER

LONDON (AP)—Despite the
fact that in Great Britain there is
today one insane person in every
200, contrasted with one in every
650 in 1870, there is no justifica-
tion for the theory, so often ex-
pressed, that a process of racial
degeneration is under way, in the
opinion of E. J. Liddell, of the
Eugenics Education Society, ex-
pressed at the recent conference
of the National Union of the Pro-
fessional and Industrial Blind of
Great Britain.

Despite the increase in the num-
ber of insane, Mr. Liddell said
nature herself was constantly
striving to regain the normal av-
erage, even in the highly organ-
ized and complex communities of
the present day. Those of weak
mentality he said attracted each
other, and eventually brought
about their own extinction in this
way.

Discussing sterilization, which he
said had been acclaimed a suc-
cess in some portions of the United
States, the speaker asserted that
it did not serve its purpose al-
together, because many insane per-
sons had first been parents, their
insanity appearing later. Although
he suggested that both steriliza-
tion and segregation would pre-
vent the birth of many undesi-
rables, he advocated education both
of the individual and the public in
general, as the final solution of
the problem.

BULGARIANS TO STUDY
WILSON'S 14 POINTS

SOFIA, (AP)—A chair for the
study and explanation of the late
President Wilson's 14 points will be
established this fall by the Free
University of Sofia. Special at-
tention will be given to the eleventh
point, which deals with the free-
dom of minorities and self-deter-
mination. These lectures are to be
delivered at the special request of
Dimitr Kononoff, who has given
500,000 leva to the Academy of
Sciences to endow the chair.

Blackfoot Indians to Have Bible
Printed in Their Own Language

SASKATOON, Sask. (By Associa-
ted Press)—Blackfoot Indians in
Canada will have the first Bible
ever written in their language, in-
fact the first book of any kind,
when Canon H. W. G. Stocken, for
many years a missionary to the
tribe in the Canadian prairie, com-
pletes the work at his home
in Victoria, B. C.

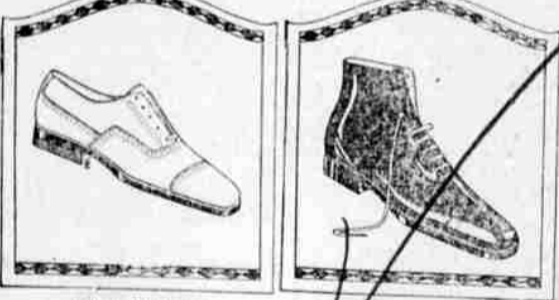
Canon Stocken is printing the
Blackfoot Scriptures on a small
press built for the purpose. He
originated the language characters,
which are syllabic and resemble
 shorthand. He started with 72
characters, but has reduced them to
46. They are so easy to master
that some members of the tribe
learned to write in a few evenings.
These Indians soon began to write
letters to each other and to Canon
Stocken. Silas Wolf Culler, an old
hand, helped the missionary in his
task.

Job earned the day he was born.
So the new-born infant in that
day probably faced heavy tax bur-
dens, also.

HERE IT IS-- JULY SHOE SALE

Perhaps you have waited for it; many men do.
The first announcement of our July Sale each
year finds them waiting to lay in a year's sup-
ply at rock-bottom prices. To those of you who
know our July Sale, we say—"More for your
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Leave	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Leave	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
La Grande	9:00	1:00	5:00	Wallowa Lake	8:30	12:30	4:30
Imbler	9:20	1:20	5:20	Joseph	9:00	1:00	5:00
Egin	9:50	1:50	5:50	Enterprise	9:15	1:15	5:15
Minam	10:20	2:20	6:20	Lostine	9:45	1:45	5:45
Wallowa	11:00	3:00	7:00	Wallowa	10:00	2:00	6:00
Lostine	11:15	3:15	7:15	Minam	10:20	2:20	6:20
Enterprise	11:45	3:45	7:45	Egin	11:10	5:10	7:10
Joseph	12:00	4:00	8:00	Imbler	11:30	5:30	7:30
Arrive Wallowa Lake	12:30	4:30	8:30	Arrive La Grande	12:00	4:00	8:00

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