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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD that he gave his  
 only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should  
 not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



EDDIE POINDEXTER, TRADED OFF FOR A SHOT GUN FOR A JACKKNIFE. BY NIGHT EDDIE HAD CARVED HIS INITIALS IN SIXTEEN PROMINENT PLACES.

## OFFICE CAT



Laugh, and the world laughs with you. Kicks—and you sleep alone.  
 Everything comes to those who wait except the time they lose.  
 A scientist predicts that in ten years, time there will be no servant girls. This scientist is just ten years behind time.  
 Never could a married man for failure to attend church on Sunday, Sunday may be his only day to now on his buttons.  
 Don't let the sun go down on your wrath, or the American flag, either, if you have it displayed.  
 Another wealthy American woman has been granted one of those easy divorce decrees, but poor people just have to stay home and fight it out.  
 The average man's idea of cooperation is other people doing what he tells them to.  
 Not all the Chinese bandits are looting up tin cans, some of them are shipping mah jong outfits to America.  
 Unless a man can get excited about what he believes, he can't make anyone else believe it.  
 America is becoming more sophisticated, but still there are people who believe in political platforms and special delivery stamps.  
 Friends are people who like you in spite of what you are.  
 When people say that a girl is vicious, they mean that she's what concerned to call fatigues.  
 About the time a man is near-ly ready to give up, he has been all set up to put down some modern living improvements, and he has to go back to work to pay for them.  
 THE RIGHT OF MODESTY.  
 "Just run along, son," said the cloud, "while I have my shower."  
 Everything But.  
 North America's public eyes have been turned to watching every-thing. No, it isn't running tin canners business.  
 "The hard to part with those we love."  
 When our hearts are full of love.  
 But "the hardest still to find a towel when our eyes are full of soap."

## Tom Sims Says

A swelled head is easily broken. Paste this in your hat.  
 Some men lie to their wives while others only think they do.  
 Some people let a telephone ring as if they don't know anybody.  
 Our idea of something not to lose sleep over is losing sleep.  
 Among the painful bills presented at summer resorts those of mosquitoes lead the list.  
 If you are well loved, after eating onions you will keep your mouth shut about them.  
 Doctors say vegetables will make one slender, but elephants are strictly vegetarians.  
 A smile goes a long way some-thing when it is most needed at home.  
 Count that night lost when the slowly rising sun shows no mosquitoes or bedbugs have perished at their fun.  
 Movie star need a mirror to see how to shoot himself, instead of why.  
 Our objection to decided blondes is they are seldom decided about anything else.  
 The living the world owes us is pain on the installment plan.  
 The man who can't remember isn't as bad as the one who can't forget.  
 People who really think kisses have germs usually look the part.  
 When you tickle a man's vanity the laugh is on him.  
 When you act like a live wire the conservatives are always shocked.  
 Only way to keep up with rising expenses is by making them walk.  
 War Strength of Russia.  
 MOSCOW, (AP)—According to Leon Trotsky, commissar for war, the present strength of the Red Army and navy is just under 600,000. The leader of the Red Army denied a statement made by the British war secretary that Russia now has a permanent army of 1,200,000.  
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## Let Parents Decide

Opposing forces are now mobilizing for a battle to the finish on the constitutional question of child labor. The storm will probably center around the next congress. There is strong pressure for the adoption of a constitutional amendment prohibiting child labor. Counteracting this pressure is an organized movement against constitutional restriction of the employment of children. It is too early to foretell the outcome.  
 Child labor, although being made a national issue, is nevertheless a local problem. It is unknown in many of the northern manufacturing centers and does not concern the greater part of our agricultural territory. The situation is said to be acute only in the mill towns of the south. The majority of the states have legislation limiting the age at which children can be withdrawn from school and at which they can enter the mills or enter other full-time occupations.  
 We must look upon the issue from a humanitarian and economic viewpoint. First the welfare of the child must be considered. Then that of society. If making a child self-supporting the first fifteen years of life is going to make it dependent upon society the remainder of its life then child labor is economically and morally wrong. If child labor stunts the physical and mental growth of the child then it is viciously inhumane. On the other hand if child labor is conducive to the present and future well-being of the child and society then it should not be prohibited.  
 Those opposed to the child labor amendment contend that the public schools by confining the children and over-taxing their minds have a greater deteriorating effect upon the little bodies and minds than the mills or the fields. They cite many instances of brain fever, physical breakdown and other ills allegedly brought about by school work.  
 Let the parents of the United States talk for themselves and their beloved off-spring and you will find it universally believed that a little work now and then is good for all children of school age and that cases of over-studious children in the public schools are extremely rare.  
 Child labor is probably less a subject for constitutional amendment than for education among certain limited classes of our population. Many thousands of boys and girls are gainfully employed on the farm and in the city without harmful results to them because their parents and their employers and the state know there is such a thing as overwork.

## Cause of Accidents

If the term "shocking" were applied to the statistics of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, showing that 8,100 persons lost their lives in motor accidents in this country during the first six months of 1924, some cynic might inquire, "Shocking to whom?" and proceed to demonstrate through the processes of cold logic that neither motorists, the authorities nor the general public seemingly have been sufficiently shocked by the situation to take any steps for its amelioration. However, it is appalling to most persons to consider this accident death toll of forty-four daily, on the average for a half year.  
 A Boston paper reports the result of an analysis of the causes of automobile accidents made by a Massachusetts expert. Of 550 fatalities, 218 were caused by "unjustified speeding, too fast for conditions," and 122 by "inattention." Of 1,000 non-fatal accidents, speeding caused 412 and inattention 159. There are drivers who proceed on the principle that because the law permits thirty miles an hour, except in the downtown district, therefore it is safe to go at that rate, at any time, everywhere else. Such failure to exercise common sense and adapt the speed to conditions of traffic and roadway is responsible for many dis-  
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 Standard. While the conditions represent the rights of insurance and ought to be obeyed, but there are pos-sibilities that should be considered by those who are not.

## Guess Who?



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 Some children don't lie, which discounts the theory that parents can teach by example alone.

**Pipe Smokers Consider Their Activities Slighted**  
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**Capitol Cost \$25,000,000**  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—The Capitol building of the United States, which houses both branches of congress and the supreme court, has been valued at \$25,000,000. This figure represents actual cost. Were current real estate values taken, it would be much higher.  
 Fathers Arouse Diplomats.  
 WARSAW (AP)—Shavers in Poland are meeting members of the diplomatic corps far too much. The American, British and French legations have just lodged a complaint with the government department responsible for trade conditions in Poland, complaining that Warsaw barbers are charging three times as much as their brother welders of the razor in Paris and London.  
 Frenchman Speaks in Germany.  
 HAMBURG (AP)—Henri Barbusse, French writer, poet and communist of the drawing room variety, addressed in his native tongue a communist meeting here recently and was well received. The address was translated to the audience by a German woman.  
 At Moscow, however, the speaker indignantly protested the mayor and chief of police to prohibit a speech by Barbusse, which had been advertised.

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