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We can't enthuse over the tails of the two tickets.

One of Mr. Hughes' most serious faults is his whiskers. Many people believe that whiskers harbor germs.

Mary Ann can make an excellent salad, thanks to the domestic science in the high school curriculum. But Mary Ann would make a better hit with us if occasionally she spelled a word correctly, could add three rows of figures the same day she started and had learned that El Paso is not the capital of Mexico.

Tuxedo's Grip
by Walt Mason

Tuxedo is the gripping smoke, a boon to every buyer; you take your pipe of English oak, of meerschaum, clay or briar, and fill it with the fragrant weed, the choicest man can gather; and then you have a smoke, indeed; and are you glad? Well, rather. Tuxedo has no kick or bite, suggests no "morning after," its mission is to bring delight, and fill your heart with laughter. It caught the sunshine of the south, when it was green and growing, and brings that sunshine to your mouth, when out the smoke you're blowing. "Tuxedo's in a class alone," its smokers are declaring; "it has a fragrance all its own, that baffles all comparing." And thus it grips the men who smoke, and holds their true affection; their trusty briar pipes they take, and never know dejection.



METHODISTS MAY UNITE CHURCHES

Union of Branches Would Give Nearly 6,000,000 Members.

SLAVERY CAUSED THE SPLIT

Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church South and Methodist Protestant Church Now Have Total of 27,425 Ministers and 47,615 Churches.

The prospect of Methodist union, possibly as early as 1918 and in any case not later than 1920, has aroused widespread interest among the members of Protestant churches as to the size and rank of the Methodist church when reunited.

The Methodist general conference, which just concluded its session in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., unanimously endorsed the proposed union of American Methodism. If the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1918 also endorses the plan the union can probably be put into effect to some extent at once.

The union proposed is of these two denominations and one other, the Methodist Protestant church. The numerical results will be imposing. The new Methodist church, for that will probably be the name, will have almost exactly one-third of the 17,742,509 communicants of the thirty church bodies which are now members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. It will have more than a third of their 139,001 churches and more than one-fourth of their 103,113 ministers. The next largest body will be the southern Baptist convention, and after that will come the negro Baptist, with the Presbyterians following.

When to Bend Your Knees. Here is a hint for you. In case you should happen to be caught in a falling elevator bend your knees. One day an elevator in a sixteen story building became disabled and fell from the seventh floor to the basement. There were seven passengers in the car. Alive to the danger, the car operators shouted: "The car is going to fall! Turn your backs to the door and bend your knees!" Six of the seven passengers obeyed and escaped injury, although the car landed with a crash that sounded all through the building. The seventh rider failed to obey the order and suffered fractures of the right thigh bone and of the right knee and lacerations, because he was facing the door and the broken glass showered upon him when the car struck.—New York Letter in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Real Envy. A considerable mingling of social classes occurs in our hill village, writes a correspondent, owing to the town-folk's practice of renting summer cottages in our midst and living there neighborly with the real working people for whom the places were built. In one such case the resident from town was an unmarried lady; the "genuine" cottager next door had a husband who, to put it mildly, was notoriously no blessing to her. Making a friendly call one day the wife was greatly impressed by the pleasant air of comfort and well being achieved in a cottage otherwise the duplicate of her own. She looked round with a mildly envious air and earnestly remarked on a little sigh, "Ee, Miss X—, you ought to be 'appy—no 'usband nor nothin'!"—Manchester Guardian.

The Portuguese Rebanadas. A dish as much eaten by the Portuguese as mince pie by Americans is the rebanadas. It is of Moorish origin and is easily and quickly prepared, as befitting the habits of a nomadic race. Thick slices of bread are soaked in new milk, fried in olive oil and then spread with honey and eaten hot. The result is something delicious, and those who have once tasted the rebanadas will want to taste it again.

Smart Boy. A teacher was taking a class of boys on the subject of war, and the following statements were heard.

Teacher—A bullet is driven out of a gun by means of exploding gunpowder.

Small Boy—I always thought a bullet was lead, not driven.

A Spanish Custom. It is customary throughout Spain for the waiters of cafes to fill a glass of wine or liquor so that it overflows upon the saucer. This custom, in which it is desired to show an appearance of liberality, is called "the foot bath."

Depends on Circumstances. "Pa, what does mother mean when she calls you a matrimonial misfit?" "My son, she never means the same thing twice. I cannot answer your question."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Regular Order. Collector—Did you look at that little bill I left yesterday, sir? House Member—Yes. It has passed the first reading.—Boston Globe.

All Arranged. "Say, pa, I bet Bobby Smith 10 cents today you could lick his dad in fifteen minutes, so be sure and keep Saturday afternoon open."—Puck.

Want of care does more damage than want of knowledge.—Franklin.

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