

FAST AND FURIOUS

A Picture Story from the Farce Comedy by Reginald Denny. Scenes from the Universal Picture.



Dumont, accompanied by Tom, hurried to the auto show opening, eager to witness the unveiling of his race driver statue. At the en-

trance they encountered Smithfield, who, at sight of Tom, threatened violence. Dumont pacified him and told Tom to keep in the background while he "fixed things." From behind a pillar Tom watched his glorious Dorothy unveil the statue; then at a signal from Dumont, nervously he joined the group gathered there. Dumont held up his hand and asked for silence. He then introduced Tom as the "great George K. Billings, who had posed for the statue." Tom turned upon him angrily with his good right fist doubled. But before he could get into action Smithfield had grasped both his hands, expressed his delight in meeting him, apologized for his former rudeness to the great Billings, and introduced him to Dorothy with the suggestion that they stroll about the show together. Tom covered his confusion in a happy manner, all the time wondering how he could explain the deception to Dorothy. They met a man looking for "G. K. Billings." For all Tom knew he might be exposed then and there, but he lured the stranger to a telephone booth on a fake call, and hurried Dorothy away. He turned down an offer to drive in the race next day made him by Hodge, a rival of Smithfield. He was more than glad to escape at last with the blessed privilege of taking Dorothy home alone.

(To be continued Monday.)

Keep Out of Politics Shumann-Heink

TULARE, Cal., March 8.—(AP)—Women should not meddle in politics, according to Mme. Schumann-Heink, famous contralto.

"I may be old fashioned," the prima donna admitted here recently, "but I believe a woman can serve humanity best at home training and educating her children—a task that is the real power behind the world."

"No woman, no matter how intelligent, will stick to her original opinion. It is against her nature. Her fickleness would create turmoil."

Mme. Schumann-Heink declared that women, although given the right to vote, have not taken advantage of that fact.

"She is like a child crying for a toy," she said. "When she gets it she doesn't want it any more."

Financial Note.

Alimony is something that begins where love leaves off.

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DO YOU KNOW?

Questions—13

- 1—What famous novel was written about a whale, and by whom?
- 2—Which is the largest salt water lake in the world?
- 3—Who is the national woman tennis champion?
- 4—What is an electron?
- 5—What is the ratio of workers to population in the United States?
- 6—How much did the United States pay Panama for the Canal zone?
- 7—What famous American explorer was once imprisoned in Mexico?
- 8—What was Shakespeare's professional work other than poet and playwright?
- 9—Who said: "The public be damned?"
- 10—What proportion of the words in the present English language are derived from Norman French?

Answers—18

- 1—"Moby Dick," by Herman Melville.
- 2—"The Caspian Sea."
- 3—"Mrs. Mollie B. Mallory."
- 4—"The smallest known part of matter."
- 5—"Every third person works for a living."
- 6—"10,000,000."
- 7—"Gen. Zebulon Pike."
- 8—"Actor and theater manager."
- 9—"William H. Vanderbilt."
- 10—"About three-fourths."

Lilac Always Blossom of Love and Lovers

The lilac is an oriental blossom, coming to us originally by way of Turkey and Spain. It is supposed to be the flower of love and lovers, marking the heyday of spring. The "loveliness of the 'laylock'" to give it an old-world name is varied and pleasant. A spray of white lilac, buried on the eve of a May moon, is a midland charm which maidens practiced, believing that by the time the lilac died they would have the heart of the man they desired. If as many lilac petals as composed the name of a lover were strung on triple threads of white silk, and worn in a little bag next to the heart, before next lilac time came the lover would be won by this secret charm. If you have lilac in your garden no ghost can enter your house; if white lilac grows beside your door you will never be without love and luck; if you pluck a spray of lilac without your lover's knowledge when walking with him, put one of its petals in his drink; if he swallows it, he is yours forever and a day. A "lucky lilac," usually found on white lilac, has five divisions of the petal instead of four. If you are in love, look for a lucky lilac, swallow it, and your loved one will be faithful for all time! Thus love and lilac are irrevocably related.

Beds of Clay Reveal the Passage of Time

Geologists can follow the tracks of the sun and tell the time, year by year, in geological ages, so ancient that even by millions of years they are hard to count.

Not far from Stockholm there are some remarkable beds of clay, regularly arranged in alternating bands of sand and clay. These turn out to be the layers deposited by the melting glaciers of the ice age, each one laid down in spring and summer when the sun was hottest. And as there was a freeze-up each winter and melting each summer, the layers become almost as accurate an index to the antiquity of the ice age as the annual rings of a tree are to the age of the tree.

Moreover, the same system of measuring geological time has been extended over all Scandinavia, and parts of India and South America. Everywhere the layers appear to correspond so closely in the variations of their thickness, year by year, that there seems no doubt they were laid down in corresponding years.—Baron Gerard de Geer.

Gas From Oil Wells

Vapor that rises from oil wells and which has hitherto gone to waste is now being bottled and sold as fuel. This vapor is obtained from wells that are in production or from wells that have been pumped out, and burns with an odorless gas some finer it has gone through various processes.

It is first refined and compressed until it becomes a low-pressure liquid that reassumes its gaseous form on being released from the steel bottles in which it is stored. These bottles are attached to heating appliances by pipes and tubes. When the valve of the jet is turned on the pressure of the gas forces it through an air mixer similar to that of any gas range.

Confucius Great Sage

The man whose memory has for 2,000 years aroused signal respect and honor in China was a sage, not a saint nor a founder of a religious faith. Confucius took the best of the various Chinese philosophers of his day and formed a cult of his own, using as a basis five cardinal virtues—righteousness, knowledge, sincerity, politeness and discrimination of good. The wisdom of the Chinese Solomon so delighted the people that temples were built in his honor, his wise sayings were widely quoted and came to be taught in the Chinese schools.

The Hobo Instinct

One of the primal instincts of man which refuses to be eradicated is the wandering urge. It originated, undoubtedly, from necessity. The need for changing hunting grounds and camp sites was always present in prehistoric and early historic times. Later, when people settled down, founded towns, and agricultural districts became established, the necessity for this urge ceased to some extent. The instinct of wishing to see new land, however, has continued and undoubtedly that is one of the reasons for the present popularity of motor camping.—Field and Stream Magazine.

His Preference

A Scotch member of a golf course near London took a business friend for a day's golfing. After the morning round they lunched very sparingly on biscuit and cheese. "Man," cried the enthusiastic Scot as he gazed through an open window. "this is my favorite course. Isn't it yours?"

"Er—not exactly," replied the starving guest. "I should have preferred a good steak and onions."—London Answers.

"Old Style" Women Left

There are a good many of the new-fashioned women who deny most of the lessons taught by the best women for thousands of years; but when I do meet a good example of the old style I hang around her and admire her as much as I dare. . . . And a good many of the admirable old style are left.—E. F. Howe's Monthly.

We're Poets at Heart

Though we may believe ourselves intensely practical, we think in terms of poetry. The efficiency expert and the statistician in us will, at unguarded moments, make way for the poet.—American Magazine.

Almanac Traced to the Ancient Saxons

In the early days of Greece it was customary to announce the first day of the month either through a herald or placards posted on the city walls. These placards were known as kalends, or kalendae from the Greek, "I call or proclaim." The book of accounts referring to the days of the year was known as a calendarium, hence the word calendar. Excavators at Pompeii have discovered a square block of marble that served the Greeks as a calendar. Each side served as a record of three months. Each month was headed by the proper sign of the zodiac, and contained astronomical, agricultural and religious information. Versteegan, early lexicographer, tracing the origin of the word almanac, says:

"Our ancient Saxon ancestors used to engrave on certain squared sticks about a foot in length, sometimes more, sometimes less, the courses of the moons of the whole year, whereby they always certainly tell what new moons, full moons and changes should happen, as also their festival dates; and such a carved stick they called al-mon-acht; that is to say, al-mon-heed, to wit, the regard or observation of all the moons, and hence is derived the name almanac."—Detroit News.

Are Stevenson's Books to Stand Time's Test?

The bishop of Durham in his oration at the Stevenson commemoration dinner indirectly raised the question whether physical disabilities are a handicap to individual distinction in life. His observations suggest that weakness in one sense may be the path to greatness in another. Robert Louis Stevenson was an only son and a chronic invalid. His physical weakness, like Scott's lameness and Byron's club foot, the bishop remarked, tended to induce in him an almost morbid cult of virility.

The bishop wound up his address with a question to which Stevenson enthusiasts of the present day would admit of but one answer. When his books had to stand naked by on their merits would they be able to hold their own against the rival claims of new works armed with all the subtle appeal of direct relevance to the time present? When we think of the furor over the Waverley novels for long after they were published and of the apathy regarding Scott in the present generation, no one can answer the bishop's question dogmatically.—Weekly Scotsman.

Bad but Usable

Verlaine, the French poet, once sold a sonnet to Gil Blas. He took a cab to the offices of the paper to collect the money. It was one cent a line. Sixteen cents. Not that there are sixteen lines in a sonnet in Paris, but that the title and signature were paid for.

On another occasion he sold a poem to Art et Critique for 5 francs, money down. Next day he returned to the editor and complained that he had been given a bad five-franc piece. The editor instantly gave him a fresh one, and then discreetly demanded the bad coin. "Monsieur," said Verlaine, departing, "I have passed it; but I assure you I had considerable difficulty in doing so."

Counted Out

Jacqueline Spencer was told by her old-fashioned grandfather, who once followed the sea, that she must walk to school herself every morning on her two legs and must rely on nobody else—that to bank on being offered a lift in the motors of neighbors and acquaintances was a cheap and unbecoming policy for a Spencer.

"Rely on nobody else," finished the old man, an expert at weekday preaching.

"I can rely on two people," quoth Jacqueline.

"Who?"

"On God and myself."

"What about your parents?" asked he, fishing.

"Oh, they're 'else.'"

Schools in Old Prisons

School is being held in old Spanish fortresses as the first step in Americanization processes being carried on by the United States in Porto Rico. Cells where once prisoners paced to and fro now contain desks. Many of the classes are conducted behind barred windows and heavily grated doors, installed more than 400 years ago, and the somber walls are decorated with modern blackboards. American officers are learning to speak Spanish and Porto Ricans, who are also enrolled in the Sixty-fifth Infantry regiment at San Juan, are learning the English language. The schools are maintained in El Morro and San Cristobal fortresses.

New "Sun" in Tropics

A machine whose function is to replace the sun is being used on a large tea estate in Ceylon. Even in the tropics sunshine is too unreliable to stay on the job withering tea, an essential process. A natural wither by the sun takes 20 hours, whereas the machine can do the work in 30 minutes equally as well.

He Couldn't Get Along

In mythology it is said that Pluto and his council appointed his arch-demon Belphegor to undertake an earthly marriage. Female companionship, however, soon became unendurable and he fled back to Pluto.

The Sandwich Industry

One of the leading industries of the country is making and selling sandwiches. The revenue from this first aid to the hungry approaches that from motor cars and movies.

Down in California where men are realtors first, and most anything afterwards, a filling station proprietor has a banner swung across the highway in front of his fuel dispensary which shouts:

Promotion.

"Of course," said the bachelor girl, "I am lonely, but I am afraid."

marriage would be out of the frying-pan into the fire." "It is more likely," answered Miss Cayenne, "to be out of the chafing-dish into the gas-stove."—Washington Star.



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