

WHO'S CRAZY

There are but few bright spots, if any, in the life of a Paving Crew foreman, and some of them are short lived.

The other day Ivan Dakin had just about decided to shoot himself rather than continue trying to get his hot stuff shoveled when along came a husky looking prospect who asked for work. Ivan explained all of the features of the job, including the bad ones, and to his surprise the man picked up the shovel and fell to work with a zeal that went out of style about 1936.

"The man must be nuts," mused Ivan, demonstrating perspicacity that surpasseth understanding.

After Ivan had relaxed and decided that the war was over and brighter days had arrived, who should enter the picture but two stern faced gents wearing white coats and a look of determination. They gently but firmly surrounded Ivan's hero and led him to a closed wagon that bore the legend "Oregon State Hospital" on the sides.

As the wagon drove away, the ex-shoveler leaned far out the rear and gave a hearty "Haw! Haw! Haw!"

Ivan thinks that there must be a moral to this story, but he can't make up his mind between the old saying "One doesn't have to be crazy—but it helps," and the title to this tale.

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the money was put in for the drawing at the next meeting.

While rummaging through the files one day we ran across the following report written by J. F. Waller who gave permission to print it.

"BATES AND PLATES"

When I got up from eats last eve, I hadn't et so much,
A spoonful out of this and that, a dab
of such and such,
And after eating I went out to clean
my lower teeth,
The damned things slipped from out
my hands upon the floor beneath.

They hit just wrong, they broke in two
and busted so completely.
Now what to do? I can not chew, must
I drink food, discretely?
Please send me full instructions in
words I'll understand,
How I can gum these pork chops,
though lima beans work grand.

J. F. Waller

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