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MICKIE SAYS

IT DON'T PAY TO OHT IN BAD WITH TH' EDITOR. FER SOME DAY YOU'LL HAFTA GO TO HIM FER A FAVOR 'N IF YOU'VE ALL THE TIME BEEN THROVIN' TH' HARPOON INTO HIM, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE OUTA LUCK. FER EDITORS IS ONLY HUMAN, 'ATS ALL!



CHAS. L. SUNDAY

Maybe the overalls suggest "Who's pantaloony now?"

How long has it been since you saw a patch on a pair of pants?

Nothing pays such huge dividends as the gullibility of the public.

The war on profiteers in Germany has failed. Just like everywhere else.

This wireless music won't be so bad if you can turn it off when you don't want it.

Another reason for shipping by truck is that the driver does his own switching.

About all that's left for poor old D'Annunzio is a job on the Chautauqua circuit.

What has become of the optimist who used to remark: "It's a good old world, after all."

Not even a war profiteer can get as much joy out of life as a small boy out of the circus.

Among modern conveniences is that of being able to dismiss argument by calling it propaganda.

Nobody feels called upon to reduce the price of anything on account of the scarcity of money.

Charity covers a multitude of sins, but it has nothing on the so-called law of supply and demand.

What has become of the old-fashioned diner who used to say: "I have had a great sufficiency."

Bonehead was never as brilliantly descriptive as "numbskull," but the latter is nearly obsolete.

"Certain grades of coal advance," the uncertain grades already having been high enough, no doubt.

While the war is over, profiteers have yet to make peace with their conscience and with the public.

Pirates robbed two American women on a French ship, proving that you can't escape them on land or sea.

The man with a garden can afford to be somewhat indifferent to the perplexing problem of moving the crops.

Perhaps the peak of high prices has been reached, but there appears to be a disposition to hang round the peak.

The way to get ahead of the depreciation of your Liberty bonds is not to sell them until the price goes back to par.

Practice Punctuality.
No man can be successful who is forever late. The habit is born with some. Others acquire it by trying to save time. They say: "Oh, the others won't be there," and so continue the thing they are at until they think everybody else is on the job. Now that might be excused if the one late were so important a person as to justify his being late at the expense of all others. But who is that important person? We believe that appointments should be kept to the minute if possible. You have no right to squander another's time while trying to save your own. An observation shows that as a rule it is not those who are really important who are forever late. Big men have just estimates of time and try to live up to them. It's the little fellow who wants to impress you who comes blowing in after the preliminaries are over. You can't afford to develop a habit that will discount your welcome.

"Kist of Whistles."
The first organ ever used in a Scotch Presbyterian church was built by the famous inventor, James Watt. It was a small chamber affair set up for his own use. Upon going to Birmingham to live he left it behind him in Glasgow. There it came into the possession of the minister of St. Andrew's church. For some time the organ was used for weekday choir practice only. On a Sunday in August, 1807, however, an organist of the Episcopalian faith earned that denomination the name of the "whistling kirk." The shocked presbytery declared the use of the "kist of whistles" contrary to the kirk law, and it was ignominiously cast out after a single service. Not until 1800 was the organ tolerated in St. Andrew's. The ancient instrument ejected by the Presbytery of St. Andrew's is said to be still in existence in the house of a Scottish squire near Biggar.

African's Attitude Toward Work.
The African male has peculiar ideas of his own dignity where work is concerned. He will work for a white man but he will never do anything for himself if there are any women about. It is beneath his dignity to work. He will fish and hunt, make nets and crude implements and canoes, or pass away his time smoking strong tobacco and dozing, but he would not think of lending his wife a helping hand. He compels her to cut down the trees for firewood and for his dugout canoes, and when they arrive at the spot in the forest or jungle where he decides to build his town the women must clear away the tangled forest. To civilized minds tree felling, wood carrying and jungle clearing are certainly laborious work for women, but an African woman knows nothing else, yet hers are much more healthful tasks than the white woman's.

Inventions Suggested by Nature.
The ram of the modern man-of-war is the device of the swordfish of the Indo-Pacific ocean. Its upper jaw has a long beak or ram by means of which it can pierce not only fish but the sides of timber-built ships. Even the plants have forestalled human inventions. Nearly everybody perhaps has wondered why the stems of nearly all plants and the trunks and branches of trees are round instead of any other shape. The existence of tall plants and trees depends largely on the wind force. And a tree with a square trunk and branches would offer so much resistance to the wind that it would be continually having its branches snapped. It is for the same reason that engineers build tall chimneys and piers for bridges round in section in preference to any other form.

Not Appreciated.
At one of the chaplaincies abroad the chaplain was a somewhat dour elderly Scotsman who persistently resented an innovation in the service. A generous and wealthy member of the congregation, thinking it would be desirable to have the lesson read from a lectern instead of from the prayer desk, presented the church with a handsome brass one in the form of an eagle. The minister, however, did not take kindly to the lectern, and declined to use it the first morning, but toward evening he relented, and at the close of the service he astonished and entertained his congregation by solemnly making the following announcement: "I give notice that on Sabbath next the gospel will be read from that burred."—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Short Rations.
In an English school the penny savings bank had been introduced to encourage thrift among the children. Mrs. Higgins had given little Arthur 3 cents to put in the bank, but on the way to school Arthur had been tempted and had fallen. On his return home his mother looked at the entry and said: "Why, Arthur, there's only 2 cents marked down here; how's that?" "Aye, mother, said the boy, "th-that's all the in't the teacher had!"



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"Anatomy of Melancholy."

This was written by Robert Burton (1577-1640), an ecclesiastic, a recluse, an eccentric. After 30 years of reading and study, it is said that he wrote to amuse himself, and it is an enormous medley of ideas, musical, medical, poetical, mathematical and physiological, every page garnished with Latin, Greek or French from rare and unknown authors. It is the only book which interested the famous Doctor Johnson to such an extent that he arose two hours earlier than his wont in order to read it.

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