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Loganberry Laughs

By Robert Quillen.

Normally will also mean a return from the limousine to the wheelbarrow.

If it is impossible to reform taxes, why not give up in despair and abolish 'em?

Some girls smile to reveal their good nature, and some to reveal their good teeth.

Why worry about suitable gifts for Christmas when the land is full of ten-cent stores?

Annus is at the end of his rope, but unfortunately his feet are not yet clear of the ground.

The wife will spend \$38.50 for a five-dollar hat and then worry because bread isn't two cents cheaper.

A normal married woman is one who thinks her husband could easily spare more time from the office to help with the household.

If truth were told, it is the mirror in the back of the show window that really attracts the ladies.

There was a time when an ankle was supposed to be that territory between the show top and the ankle bone.

The films that slip through indicate that those rejected by the censor must leave little to the imagination.

It may be, as reported, that there is no strike on at present, but the foolkiller is still looking for the job.

They say when a Italian gets full of rum he doesn't fear God or devil, or any other thing except a marine.

We are told that nearly all of Europe's diplomats enjoy chess. They enjoy it most when played with cannon fodder.

There will be little talk of "glorions" war while a strand of backwire remains half the world of cooties.

The reason the gambler in the lottery of marriage is never a cheerful loser is because he has no chance to forget it.

The profiteering age accomplished one reform. It disposed of that extra annoying yard of cloth in the tail of a shirt.

If you have ability, there are two easy ways to wealth: Discover a gold mine, or get a job with some branch of Big Business.

John Bull will never be happy until he can perfect a plan to sell the Slay goods with one hand and spank him with the other.

It is easy to believe that man is related to the monkey after reading the published love letters of wayward middle-aged husbands.

Why so cheerful about Wilson's promise to establish the boundary of Armenia? He once established the boundary between the Italians and the Jews-Slavs.

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST
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Luck.
Luck had a favor to bestow
And wondered where to let it go.

"No Lazy man on earth," said she,
"Shall get this happy gift from me.

"I will not pass it to the man
Who will not do the best he can.

"I will not make this splendid gift
To one who has not practiced thrift

"It shall not benefit deceit,
Nor help the man who's played the cheat.

"He that has failed to fight with luck
Shall never know the Goddess Luck

"I'll look around a bit to see
What man has earned some help from me."

She found a man whose hands were soiled
Because from day to day he'd toiled.

He'd dreamed by night and worked by day
To make life's contest go his way.

He'd kept his feet and daily saved,
And something of his wages saved.

He'd clutched at every circumstance
Which might have been his golden chance.

The goddess smiled and then, keep-
step!

She dropped her favor in his hand
And said: "You've earned it, man."

Concervation Comedy a Trout Tragedy

No subject has been more discussed and no campaign accomplished less in Oregon than that for trout concervation. And no subject has been handled less intelligently and resulted so meagerly. After years of agitation creation of numerous commissions and a multitude of officials, the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, the erection and operation of numerous hatcheries, our streams are more depleted of trout than ever and the situation grows more hopeless annually.

Our fish and game mountain labors, and it brings forth fry, but it destroys fish or sanctions their destruction, which is the same thing, by permitting the ruthless extermination of spawning fish. The commission has recently issued a ukase, permitting the taking of "salmon trout" over ten inches in length in all the streams of Oregon during all months of the year—thereby abolishing a closed season for trout.

The fish and game commission knows, or should know if it knows anything about trout, that there is no such animal as a "salmon trout," which is a local name applied to any trout in salt or brackish water. The "salmon trout" is, as the commission knows, either a sea-going cut-throat or black-spotted trout, or young steelhead or rainbow trout, whose appearance is altered by sojourn in salt water. That the commission is well aware of this fact, is shown by its order permitting the taking of spawning steelhead in the Rogue river over ten inches in length, during the winter months as "salmon trout."

Neither the rainbow or steelhead, nor the black spotted or cut-throat trout spawn in coast streams nor in valley streams or lakes until they are ten inches or more in length. The warmer the average temperature of the water the greater abundance of natural food and the faster the growth of the fish and the earlier its maturity. The only trout under ten inches that spawn are those stunted by the cold water and scarcity of food of mountain streams. The net result of the commission's ruling is therefore a year around open season for trout old enough to spawn and a winter closed season for trout too young to spawn.

The so-called open season for trout, meaning those under ten inches as well as all others, opens April 1 in Oregon. Spawning season begins in coast streams in the winter months and extends until early summer in the mountain streams; the colder the water, the later the spawning. In most streams the trout spawning period is during the months of March, April and May. The trout season therefore opens in the midst of the spawning period and practically every fish caught in April and May is spawning or "spent" from spawning and does not furnish either good sport or good eating.

The game and fish commission endeavors to please the sportsman by going along the lines of least resistance. The "sportsmen" clamor for their winter sport and demand their spring fishing and the commission falls for it. If a real protective law is enacted, anglers secure its repeal, to satisfy their greed. They catch out the big fish in the spawning period and the little fish during the summer and fall and vainly expect the hatcheries to replenish their ravages. It can't be done, and unless some protection is afforded the trout, propagation is wasted and complete extermination is in sight.

It is not the commercial fishermen that are depleting Oregon streams. It is the anglers, now some hundred thousand or so strong, that fish for the meat, use any methods, fair or unfair, take any sized fish and in any quantity. Of true sportsmanship, of giving the fish a chance, either to reproduce or to fight, there is little. And the proof is the fact that every stream that can be reached easily is depleted and only in inaccessible places does the trout still lurk in his native abundance. Year by year the invading horde completes its work of extermination, even in remote places, and, unless the anglers themselves practice concervation, the only trout left will be found in mountain lakes.

Oregon trout protection may be a farce to anglers but it is a tragedy that spells the doom of the trout. If the sportsmen are wise, they will insist at once upon an open season beginning about June 1 and continuing until October or November. If they procrastinate, they face a closed season of years duration as the only practical way of restocking our streams.

The Restless Sex

By Robert Chambers Author of "Barbarians," "The Dark Star," etc. (Copyrighted 1913 by Robert W. Chambers)

Stephanie is a beautiful, willful, intelligent, and I fear slightly erratic woman, alive with physical and mental vigor, restless and sensitive under pressure of control, yet to be controlled through her affections first, and only afterward through her reason.

These are unconventional times; a new freedom is dawning, and to me the dawn seems threatening. I am too old, too near my end not to feel that the old regime with all its drawbacks, was safer for women, productive of better results, less hazardous, less threatening.

But I don't know; I am old-fashioned except in theory. I have professed the creed of the new feminism; I have in my time—and very properly—denounced the tyrannical and selfishness and injustice of man made laws which fetter and cripple my sex.

But—at heart—and with not very many days left to me—at heart I am returning rather wearily along the way I came toward what, now to me, seems safer. It may be only the notions of an old woman, very tired, very sad, conscious of failure, and ready to rest and leave the responsibility where it originated and where it belongs. I don't know. But I wish Stephanie were not alone in the world.

Miss Quest died before the letter reached him. Stephanie's next letter informed him of all the details. She continued:

No use your coming back until you are quite ready, Jim. There's nothing for you to do.

I've taken a studio and apartment with Helen Davis, the author's sculptor. I don't yet know just what I shall do. I'm likely to try several things before I know what I ought to stick to.

Don't feel any absurd sense of responsibility for me. That would be too silly. Feel free to remain as long as you like with me. I also feel absolutely free to go and come as I please. That's the best basis for our friendship, Jim, and, in fact, the necessary and vital basis. My affection is unaltered but, somehow, it has been such a long time that you seem almost unreal to me.

Chapter XVI
He called in April. When he called, he knew he would not come back for many years if ever. His business here was done, the dream of Europe ended. The circle of Gethay awaited him in all its acid cruelty.

Yes, the golden web was rent, across, destroyed. The shock to his American mind left nothing of the lotus eater in him. He was returning where he belonged, and return to the clear, shadowless skies and the pitiless sun of the real world where he belonged and where alone, as knew, was the workshop for which he had been so laboriously preparing.

Then the shock came—the bolt out of the blue.
The cablegram said:
I married Oswald Grismer this morning.—Stephanie.

Panic Was Not Caused By Coal Men, Is Claim

Washington, Dec. 22.—George P. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, today before the senate coal investigating committee, entered a denial that coal men had "planned" the series of government statements and actions which he said caused a coal shortage panic this year.

"Some of the coal men got the high prices," he said, "but I want to absolve them from bringing about the steps which five government organizations took that caused the panic."

"Just what was your association doing with Mr. Tumulty, secretary to the president?" asked Senator Kenyon, after reading a section of a speech made by D. H. Wentz, former president of the coal association, to operators referring to "constant visits" made to the white house by its officers.

"I went to Mr. Tumulty from time to time to advise him upon the situation and the interstate commerce commission order," the witness responded. "We kept Mr. Tumulty currently informed."

"You were fighting the idea that a fuel administration might be necessary?" Senator Kenyon commented.

"Yes, we thought the fuel administration could not be installed in time to meet the emergency and that the existing agencies could meet the service," was the reply.

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SLEEPY-TIME TALES

THE TALE OF PADDY MUSKRAT

BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

One evening Paddy Muskrat was eating a dainty morsel on the bank near his home. He had dug a sweet tasting root from the bottom of the pond and had swum to the shore to enjoy it.

As Paddy sat there, a wagon came clattering down the road. But Paddy paid no attention to the sound, it happened too often, every day, to cause him any uneasiness.

The wagon stopped. But that, too, had happened before. And will Paddy Muskrat continue his meal?

Then several stones came sailing through the air. Some of them splashed into the pond. And some of them struck the bank near the spot where Paddy Muskrat crouched over his tidbit.

He dropped the root at once and plunged into the pond.

"It's Johnnie Green!" he said to himself savagely, as he dived out of sight and swam toward his doorway. "I don't know how he could see me from the road. But he did!"

Paddy stayed in his house until he thought Johnnie Green had had plenty of time to grow tired of throwing stones and drive on again. Then Paddy crept out of his house; for he intended to go back to the bank to finish his meal.

To his surprise the shower of stones was still falling into the pond. And since Paddy was hungry, he had to swim under water some distance from his house and find another root, which he took home to eat—though it was far pleasanter dining upon the bank, where the air was fresh.

If Paddy Muskrat was angry then, he was much angrier the next evening when the same thing happened again. He was on the bank, eating a fresh water clam, when a wagon stopped in the road close by. Paddy paid little heed to it. Several wagons had passed while he was eating.

"I'm glad it's not that horrid Johnnie Green!" Paddy remarked between nibbles.

The words were hardly out of his mouth when a stone lanced within an inch of his nose.

Paddy didn't stop to say another word to himself. He dropped the clam quickly and dived into the water, while stones went crashing all around him.

"This is a little too much!" Paddy Muskrat told his friend Mr. Turtle, whom he met on his way home. "If Johnnie Green is coming here every evening to throw stones at me I shall have to move to some other neighborhood."

"Now, Mr. Turtle did not want Paddy to go away."

"It's quite safe here," he said. "I've lived in this pond for almost a hundred years and nothing has ever hurt me. To be sure, I've had plenty of stones thrown at me. But I pay little attention to them!"

"You must remember—" said Paddy Muskrat—"you must remember that you have a very hard back. If I had a back like yours, under which I could draw my head, I wouldn't care how many stones Johnnie Green threw at me. I'm afraid I shall have to look for another place to live."

"Nonsense!" said Mr. Turtle. "There's no danger at all! And just to prove to you what a safe place this pond is, I'm going where the stones are falling!"

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"For days at a time I couldn't retain a thing I ate and I had a burning like a coal fire in my throat and chest. There were so bad moments that neither lie down nor get up brought me any comfort.

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