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### EXIT CHARLIE CHAPLIN

It has been said "Give a calf enough rope and he will hang himself." That saying has been proven in the case of Charlie Chaplin, erstwhile film comedian, whose wife, Lila Gray, is suing him for a divorce in the California courts. Mrs. Chaplin, in her complaint, alleges that her husband took advantage of her under promise of marriage, and delayed the consummation of that rite until compelled to do so. The marriage occurred in Mexico, and upon the way to Hollywood from the southern country Chaplin is said to have stated that he would make things so unpleasant for his wife that she would be glad to leave him. Two children have been borne to them, Mrs. Chaplin having them in charge. The plaintiff in the divorce action tells many things which, if true, should cause all moral show houses operators to bar Chaplin films from their shops. Chaplin has never been other than a comedian of the cheap kind. His god is mammon, and his morals those of Satan himself. Compared to Fatty Arbuckle, Chaplin stands out as black as night, while the adipose comedian should shine as a bright angle.

Portland people are objecting to the construction of an interstate bridge connecting Longview, Washington, and Rainier, Oregon. Wonder if they would have found fault with the construction of the original "Bridge of the Gods?"

When Senator Borah objects to acts of this government such acts are not in strict keeping with law. His recent talks on the Nicaraguan situation should be taken seriously by Secretary Kellogg and acted upon immediately.

President Calles of Mexico denies the report that "Reds" have anything to do with the present conditions in his country. Maybe not, but at any rate trouble clouds down there bear no other color than that of red.

Governor Patterson has named Hall Hoss as his private secretary. Which shows that Mr. Patterson knows just what kind of a "hoss" to employ in the state house as well as on his farm—the best to be had.

## Dance Dates Legion Hall

- DECEMBER 21—
- JANUARY 15—
- JANUARY 22—CARNIVAL
- JANUARY 29—
- FEBRUARY 5—BENEFIT DANCE
- FEBRUARY 12—MASK BALL
- FEBRUARY 26—
- MARCH 17—ST. PATRICK'S DANCE
- APRIL 2—SPRING DANCE

## Santa Claus' Sugar Plums

Mary Graham Bonner

IT HAD always been such a nice, deceptive way in which to speak of specially delicious and delectable sweets—sugar plums.

Her grandmother had called candles and candied fruits and luscious bonbons "sugar plums." And she had always, because she liked candied fruits so particularly, called them "sugar plums."

It had been seventeen years since Rose had first remembered hearing of "sugar plums." She had been three then, and her grandmother had said



Rose Had Been Very Busy Getting Ready for Christmas.

In the wise, wise way that grandmother always had of knowing what was what, "Yes, only Santa Claus knows how to get the choicest of sugar plums."

Rose was very busy getting ready for Christmas. It was a busy time in the family. There were mincepies to be made and plum puddings, and almonds to salt, and fudge to make, and wreaths to make, and bells to fix, and fresh candles to put in the candle-sticks—red candles at this time of the year.

It was a time for general cheer, and from Rose's family a great share of this cheer went forth.

It was not that they were wealthy. They were, in fact, the opposite.

But it was their great satisfaction that by hard work and great energy of spirit they could do a great deal in a small way for every one with whom they came in contact at this season of the year.

Every present no matter how simple, was prettily wrapped. There was no condescension in their giving. To them it was a big part of their Christmas delight that they knew so many people with whom they could share their Christmas sacrifices and the result of the late hours they kept for weeks before Christmas in their innumerable small preparations. Saving was always such fun throughout the early autumn. Of what fun was saying if it were all to be forever hidden?

There were two presents awaiting Christmas morning for Rose to unwrap. They were for her and she had taken them in when they had arrived, but she had not opened them.

She was curious about these presents. She knew they would be quite simple, but one was from Billy and one was from Joe, and both Billy and Joe had lately been running a race, as it were, for Rose's acceptance of engagements, for her favors.

She liked Billy much better than she did Joe. She knew that Billy liked her. She knew that Joe liked her, too. She felt that Joe would always make her very comfortable, would always be very kind, very dutiful, and that she would always have to be dutiful, too.

Of course, that was all right. But she felt that with Billy she would want to make him so very happy, and with Joe, that it would be so much more of a duty.

Yet Joe was more reliable, he was less irresponsible, less spontaneous, and so much more exact. But Billy was such a dear!

She could label all Joe's good points. Billy's were less tangible, but they were there, all right, even if she couldn't name them.

she missed her mother with the last Christmas Eve touches, covered the fire over with ashes, put out the lights and finally went to bed.

The next morning she opened Joe's present first. Somehow she wanted to keep Billy's to the last, the way she had done with things when she was a child.

There was a little note with Joe's present, telling her what she knew he had been wanting to tell her for a long time—how much he thought of her, what a good wife he knew she would be—of that, he said, he was confident. And he hoped she would be of the same opinion about him. He would make her, he was quite sure, a good husband.

Then there was a word about the present. He had not known what to give her this year; he knew she had all of those things which, as their positions now were, were the only things he could give her, but his mother had suggested a very complete sewing-box.

There was no note with Billy's present. Just a card upon which he had written:

"I think you like these 'sugar plum' things. Merry Christmas." It was a wholly unreasonably large box of candied fruit.

Later Billy himself came around. What a dear he was! Oh, yes, Billy



"Crazy Present I Gave You," Billy Was Saying.

was a dear. And they had mistletoe, too, and Billy was grabbing her and was saying:

"Crazy present I gave you, but I know you like sugar plums; and, anyway, I had in mind a diamond ring, but just thought I'd speak to you about it first."

Billy had his own ideas. "Sugar plums." Joe had consulted his mother and there had been a sewing box. Oh, she couldn't tell just why, perhaps, but she did love Billy and she didn't love Joe. Perhaps it was because Billy was just a dear.

"The 'sugar plums' win," she said, and I'd love the diamond ring." Billy didn't quite understand the first part of her sentence, but he did the last—and, after all, that was all that was necessary!

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## Band Music in All Schools, Aim

### President of Federation of Music Clubs Outlines Plans of Her Organization.

Elkhart, Ind.—A band or orchestra in every public school in the country is the goal of the Federation of Music Clubs, according to information received by the Conn Music Center here.

"Music has too long been considered a mere accomplishment rather than a necessary part of our educational system," said Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley, national president of the federation, in outlining the plans of her organization. "Fortunately the delusion is now beginning to give way and the true value of tone in educational work is being more generally acknowledged. The value of teaching instrumental music in all schools can scarcely be overestimated. The Federation of Music Clubs is working enthusiastically for the inclusion of bands and orchestras as well as glee clubs in the schools because the officers of this, the largest musical organization in the world, are convinced of the worth of this procedure."

"The public schools are preparing our business leaders of the future, why not our musical leaders? Welcome will be the day when every school in the land will give credit for executive as well as theoretic music. We will then be training the men and women who will later give America a great music of its own. Not every child so trained will make music their life-work but all of them will be bettered by the training."

Mrs. Kelley.

MANY STATES HAVE BAND TAX LAWS

### Question Put Up to Voters With Provision for Repeal.

Elkhart, Ind.—Only 22 of 48 states in the Union are without laws, allowing taxation for the support of municipal

bands, it is shown in a survey by the Conn Music Center. Even in states without such laws the survey shows that a number of cities have of their own volition appropriated funds to provide free band concerts for their citizens.

The 26 states having laws under which municipalities may appropriate funds for music either by action of the common council or after authorization of voters are: Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Movements for similar legislation are now under way in Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky and New Mexico.

Iowa was the pioneer state in band legislation, and the laws of many of the states now having such statutes on the books are modeled after the Iowa plan. That law provides that the band tax may be levied only after it has received the sanction of the voters. The question is submitted for vote upon petition of a certain percentage of the qualified voters of the towns and cities. Provision is made for repeal of the tax in the same way.

That the school children of the poor are just as eager to learn music as their more wealthy schoolmates is shown in a survey of school music in the high schools of Springfield, Mo., by the Conn Music Center. Three per cent more pupils were found to be studying music in the Reed Junior high school, located in the poorer section of Springfield, than in the Jarrett Junior High, in the more wealthy section of the city.

The survey also brought out that in Springfield high schools, pupils studying music are twenty-five per cent more efficient in their school work than children who have never taken music lessons.

### Balky Waffles

An electric waffle iron should never be greased. If your waffles stick perhaps you have not put enough melted shortening or butter into the batter. One or two extra tablespoons of melted shortening in the batter will often prevent sticking. Also when the waffle is brown and crisp and ready to take out of the iron, thrust a fork firmly into it and lift the waffle straight up. If you work around the edges with a knife attempting to loosen it in that way the waffle will break and be almost impossible to get out whole.

### T. B. Declines

Coincident with the decline of tuberculosis among cattle and hogs is an official report of a decreasing human death rate from the disease, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The low mortality of children under four years may be attributed to the aggressive campaign for testing tuberculous cattle and disposing with animals affected with the disease.

### Sold 130 Ewes.

Hugh Wood has disposed of 130 ewes at his Tygh Valley ranch, they having been purchased by Manuel Karlen. Hugh still has about 200 fine lambs, which he will range on Tygh Creek the coming season.

### WANTS WHEAT LAND FOR 'POSSUM FARM

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him? indeed not! for he deftly has slid aside with the celerity of a meteor and the grace of a gymnast, and has landed upon the tip of your nose in which he instantly proceeds to tap for more blood. Under such a condition it is needless, very needless to contend with this southern breed of mosquitos when there are but a few that have surreptitiously entered within the enclosure of the bed netting. The only rational course is to let them gorge themselves upon your suffering flesh, and heroically stand the agony of the process until they have become so full that they are rendered powerless to receive any more. When this results they hie themselves to the top of the screen netting where, as you awake from your fitful and agonizing slumber, you gaze upwards and see the culprits quietly reposing within the meshes of the netting, but with an eye ever upon the victim ready to begin the attack when their digestive processes have sufficiently eliminated the substance of their gluttony. These rapacious insects are not the only pests that imperil the life of a man. The rattlesnake, scorpion and centipede lend apprehension to the scene and which arouse the natives from the lethargy of mind as induced by this enervating clime.

From the foregoing description relative to this southern realm, and the repellent denizens, in the form of insect and reptile life, which inhabit it, it is evident that there is always an incentive for action. While such action, Friend McCorkle,

## No Argument

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may not be to your taste it were better to have a little forced action than to have no action at all. The former tends to conservation of life, whereas the latter results in premature death.

While this man's farm, as most southern farms of like character, is devoid of the essential properties necessary to the growth of vigorous plant life, there is, however one consoling factor that you could rely upon in the event of impending starvation as an incident of failure of crops, which is the succulent opossum. The man who desires to obtain an Oregon wheat farm informs me there is approximately 300 pairs of opossums dwelling within the confines of his low lands. He further informs me that the average female will produce a litter of 16 or more. As they bring forth young twice a year, it is evident, on the basis of 200 females meandering his lands, that there would be an approximate increase of 6,400. Considering the price of opossum meat at 50 cents a pound it is evident that a fortune awaits the man who is anxious to enter that line of work. The southern palate is extremely sensitive to this quality of meat. Therefore, were you impelled to exchange farms with this man of extensive acreage and ardent desire, I have no doubt that if the impoverishment of the soil will not admit of sustaining you, you can have recourse to commercializing this prolific marsupial.

But the point is, Friend McCorkle, whether the money you could derive from your association and destruction of these smiling creatures would compensate you for the AWFUL misery, both of mind and body, you would have to endure in your ceaseless and nerve-racking conflicts with the venomous reptiles and the virulent mosquitoes is for you to determine. This I leave to your calmer reflections and mature judgment. I have performed my duty in writing to you as promised, but I advise you to ponder well the proposition of an exchange of abodes for a corner of opossum raising. Such a venture might result in your enrichment but at the sacrifice of your life.

Sincerely your and Mrs. McCorkle's friend,

LAFAYETTE WINTER.

### TAKEN UP

Came into my enclosure last July one brindle cow with white face, bears brand DC on left flank; half crop on left ear. Since being here has had calf. Owner is notified to prove property, pay charges and take same away, otherwise the cow and calf will be sold to cover same. Dated December 30, 1926.

Albert Hill,  
Six miles southeast of Wannic. 8-4\*

### HORSES STOLEN

On or about November 1, 1925, 40 head of horses were taken out of the pasture. Branded T or lazy 6-6 on left flank. Anyone at any time hearing of or knowing anything about these horses please address

J. W. Williams,  
8-4f Gateway, Oregon.

ESTRAY NOTICE—Came to my place about a month ago one bay mare about six years old; bears the following marks or brand -6 on right shoulder; white hind foot; little white on right hind foot. Owner is notified to call prove property, pay charges and take same away. If this is not done I will advertise same and sell according to law. C. B. Dahl, Badger Creek Ranch, Tygh Valley, Oregon. 9-4f

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