

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



THE FEATHERHEADS

Felix Isn't Superstitious



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

Make-believe Sympathy



MISUNDERSTOOD

A colored woman, stout and mature, was waiting in the railroad station to be met by relatives whose address she had forgotten. In the course of questions, the agent of the Travelers' Aid society casually inquired: "Did you come to the city for good?"

An interval of silence followed, then the woman, bristling with indignation, replied emphatically: "I is here to tell you I come fo' no bad puhpose."

Making the Most of It

Squire's Daughter—Mother is so sorry to hear you've been ill while she was away. Mrs. Hodgen, and she has sent you this bottle of wine to aid your recovery.

Mrs. Hodgen—Thank'ee kindly, miss. An' if y'll excuse an old woman's question, did your mother mention if she's givin' anythink back on the bottle?

UGHT TO BE PEPPERED



First Bandit—No use holding up that man—he ain't worth his salt. Second Bandit (drawing gun)—Let's pepper him then.

Crossing the Road

He tried to cross the road—Impatient! A motor came—In-patient!

Probably Not

"What sort of an interview did you get with Mrs. Flubdub about her garden party?"

"When I arrived she was quarreling informally with her husband."

"I don't suppose we can put that in the society news."

Not Well Placed

She—I don't fancy her cast of features, do you?

He—Well, it sure looks as if the caster had made a wild throw.

BEEN MARRIED BEFORE?



Flowers Missing

He used to send her flowers Before he was wed— To get any nowadays She'd have to be dead.

Owlsh

First Negro—Whaffo' you lookin' so unnecessary. Glutinous?

Second Negro—Ah feels like a dumb owl. Predicament.

"Reveal yo' meanin', man."

"Ah jes' don't give a hoot."

Girls!

Julia—And at the end of his letter he put a couple of Xs. What does he mean?

Hilda—Simple girl! It means he's double-crossing you.

Exchange

Neighbor—What's all the loud talk in your house?

Child—Oh, father and mother are swapping animals.

Neighbor—Swapping animals?

Child—Yes, mother passed the buck to him and got his goat.

Lots to Learn

Van Blow—Well, I must say that I have a pretty good opinion of myself.

Millicent—Yes, you have never studied yourself very much, I suppose.

Community Building

"Hick Town" Birthplace of Nation's Greatest

The so-called hick town has lately become a source of great inspiration to our professional humorists.

A hick town, say the various users of this convenient formula, is a place where a backfire is never mistaken for a pistol shot; where bed-time is orthodox; where woodpeckers eat up the depot; where central can tell you whether it was a girl or a boy; where the neighbors will supply you with a conscience if you lack one; where there is no parking problem; where a curfew disturbs the residents' rest; where fine-cut tobacco is no handicap socially, and so on and on.

With no intention of becoming terribly heavy over the matter, we want to add that a hick town is a place where twenty-six of our twenty-nine Presidents were born and where seven out of ten of the immortals in New York's national hall of fame originated. A hick town that didn't have a name produced Lincoln. Hick towns gave us most of our great literary figures of the past and practically all of those now living. Hick towns produce our Edisons.

If we may, then we would like to suggest that a hick town is a place where a boy has an excellent opportunity to lay the foundation of future greatness.—Camus (Wash.) Post.

City Planning Makes Headway in Country

More than 500 cities and towns in the United States ranging from the largest to communities of less than 5,000 population are "planning their growths and are growing according to plan," Mrs. Theodora Kimball Hubbard, honorary librarian of the American City Planning Institute, reports in the annual survey of city planning during 1926 which appears in City Planning.

This is the largest number yet reported as being active in municipal planning. Mrs. Hubbard says, and it includes all of the largest cities in the United States, including three-fourths of the 60 larger cities, and nearly 140 towns of less than 5,000 persons.

The institute's map of states also shows pronounced planning activity in 27 states and the District of Columbia, fair activity in 16 and slight activity in the remaining 5. "At last," writes Mrs. Hubbard, "there is no state nor any one of the 60 largest cities in the country to be reported entirely lacking in some form of city planning or zoning work."

Home Value Praised

One authority on home ownership says: "Half the pleasure and satisfaction of owning a home of your own is in entertaining relatives and friends. These gatherings of the clans—these old-home weeks, when birds fly from many points of the compass to meet at the home nest—are precious events, and unforgettable memories come to life and scenes endeared by recollection are re-enacted."

"Will the home smile a cheerful welcome? Will it suggest prosperity and comradeship? Will it be the sort of home you can be genuinely proud of? Then, too, your house should be rather beautifully 'human' and possess its own personality as a reflection of your own."

Industries and Taxes

A most excellent example of what industry means to a community is shown in the town of Rowe in Massachusetts, where increased holdings by a power company have enabled the assessors to cut the tax rate squarely in half, from \$30 to \$15. This should attract more industry, which would mean more citizens and a trend to a still lower rate. Low taxes seem to bear about the same relationship to a community that high wages and mass production do to industry.—Christian Science Monitor.

Pavements Tell Story

It is quite remarkable how much can be accomplished, especially in the smaller civic centers, by the encouragement of community spirit, and as one tours the country those towns and cities where community spirit is dead are at once noticeable. Streets that should be paved are not paved, boulevards and parks are ill-kept, schoolhouses do not have that fresh and inviting appearance which they should have. In fact, there's even a crack in the town clock!

Helping Out Motorists

One of the latest aids to motorists in California is a special patrol service to remove bits of broken glass from the highways. A man with motorcycle and sidecar keeps constant vigil over the roads, sweeping up fragments of glass, etc., that are likely to puncture tires. The plan will, no doubt, save motorists thousands of dollars annually.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Trouble With the Town

The trouble with so many of our "town boosters" is that they want the paper to do all the boosting and the Ladies' Aid society to do all the work.—Glen Elder (Kan.) Sentinel.

The Kitchen Cabinet

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"Life's such a round of little things. How can we stop to see The vast, still splendor of the sky, The high stars' mystery?"

"For all our days are filled so full Of little fretting cares, Of little unexpected joys, And sudden small despair."

FOR THE FAMILY TABLE

Here is a nice pie that may be served the children. Slice a few apples in a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with sugar, nutmeg or grated lemon rind. Butter a few slices of bread and plunge them into cold water, then place over the apples and bake in a slow oven. Serve with a thin custard.

Supreme of Chicken.—Chop the meat from the breast and second joints of uncooked chicken. Put through the meat chopper three times, to make it very fine; there should be a cupful. Add four eggs, beating well after adding each one, then beat again. Now add gradually one pint of thick cream, salt and pepper to season and turn the mixture into buttered molds covered with buttered paper. Set in a pan of hot water in a moderate oven for twenty minutes.

Orange Pie.—Cream one-fourth of a cupful of butter, add three-fourths of a cupful of sugar, the juice of an orange and the grated rind of half, and the juice of half a lemon; beat until light, then add the beaten yolks of three eggs, the white of one beaten stiff; bake in one crust. When cool, cover with the meringue, using the egg whites and three tablespoonfuls of sugar.

English Date Pie.—Beat two eggs, add three-fourths of a cupful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-fourth teaspoonful each of nutmeg, allspice and cloves, one cupful of sour cream, one tablespoonful of fine bread crumbs, one cupful of dates cut into pieces and one-half cupful of coconut. Bake in one crust, using the coconut for the top.

Smoked Salmon Relish.—Cut very thin slices of smoked salmon, dip into boiling water and place on rounds of toast. Slip a poached egg on each, season with butter, salt and pepper and serve at once.

Prune and Lettuce Salad.—Soak fine prunes over night, then simmer in the same water until tender. Cool and remove pits and cut into quarters, arrange on lettuce with a sprinkling of pecan meats; serve with French dressing. Peanuts are good with a little shredded onion, in place of the pecans.

Good Things to Eat.
A salad is one dish which is included in every luncheon or dinner menu.

Frozen Tomato Salad.—From a can of tomatoes take all the large pieces of pulp, press them through a sieve and season highly with salt, pepper, onion juice and a little tarragon vinegar. Put this mixture into a freezer and freeze as for water ice. Take out the dasher, work down well into the can, repack and let stand for two hours. Chop, not too fine, a half cupful of walnuts and serve the tomato on lettuce sprinkled with nuts and garnished with mayonnaise.

Tomato and Onion Salad.—Peel and slice ripe tomatoes, peel and cut into thin slices one mild onion. Put the onion in the salad bowl and pour over four tablespoonfuls of French dressing. Mix with a salad fork or spoon, then add the sliced tomato and turn them carefully in the bowl to keep their shape. Add some heart leaves of lettuce and serve at once.

Fruit Salad.—Prepare some grapes by skinning them and removing the seeds; cut into halves. Add a few pecans, a half dozen quartered marshmallows and a cupful of whipped cream to which two tablespoonfuls of good mayonnaise has been added. Mix well and heap on slices of pineapple which have been well drained.

Cabbage Salad.—Chop a small head of cabbage with one good sized onion. Try out two half-inch slices of salt pork cut into dice, let the pork dice brown well, then pour the hot fat and dice over the cabbage; mix well. In the frying pan add enough vinegar to moisten the salad. Heat to boiling and pour over the cabbage; season well with salt and cayenne or white pepper.

Coffee Jelly.—Soak one box of gelatin in one cupful of cold water until soft. Add one cupful of sugar and one pint each of boiling water and strong coffee. Stir until the sugar is dissolved and add the gelatin with one teaspoonful of vanilla. Strain through a double cheesecloth into wet molds. Serve with a soft custard.

A hot egg sandwich is also much liked. Fry some sliced onion in butter, then drop in the eggs, seasoning well. Spread the bread and butter, place a bit of onion with the egg and cover with another slice. This will be a most filling meal with a cup of some hot drink.

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