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COMEDY OF LOST NUMBERS

A Woman's Shrewdness Unlooks a Mystery.

"Oh, Maria, I'm ruined! Our wedding will have to be postponed." "For heaven's sake, George, what's the matter?"

"I've lost twenty \$100 bills." Where?"

"Where? What nonsense! If I knew where wouldn't I go and find them?

"One of the customers of the house came into the office last evening when I was alone and insisted on paying me \$2,000. I told him that I would not receive it, as the safe was locked and didn't know the combination. Then said he had to take a night train for New York and I must receive it, he wouldn't carry it with him. Searing he would report me to the irm and they would blame me, I conented and gave him a receipt. After he had gone i put the bills in my inside pocket and started for home. I can remember leaving the office and walking a short distance. Then my The El Dorado, Bandon, Ore. I was lying on the sidewalk with a memory stops. At the end of a blank growd around me. The first thing I did was to put my hand in my pocket to feel for the bills. They were gone."

"Gone? Oh. George!" "A couple of policemen took me home, and mother persuaded me to go

"But what was the matter with

"Why, the policemen say that I was undoubtedly followed by some person or persons who sandbagged me and took the money. Any one could see into the office, for the gas was on and the curtains not drawn. They may have seen me counting the bills and making a memorandum of their numbers after the customer had gone."

"You have the memorandum?" "That's what troubles me. If I had that the bills could be recovered. I can't remember what I did with it." "Don't distress yourself, George, dear. Since you remember making it, we must find it. First the office must be ransacked."

"The office has been ransacked and nothing found. I don't believe I left

"Nor I. It would be more natural for you to take it with you. I hope you didn't put it in with the notes." "I don't know whether I did or not. My head aches yet, and I can't re-

member much of anything." "Do they blame you at the office?" "Oh, yes. They say that I had no business to receive the money under the circumstances.

"And do they intimate—have they shown any disposition to suspect

"They don't say so, but they look it." "George, that memorandum must be found. You may have put it in some safe place in the office so unusual that it will be very hard to find it. You will find it, for I will go home with drink the first two words of the Third you and turn them all inside out.

Palm, for a Scriptural toast for once "Cheer up. Come; let us go to your

home, and I will make a search." "First give me your coat."

"Here it is."

"Now your vest and trousers."

"Here they are." "Your hat. You may have put the money in the lining. No; it is not in

any of your pockets nor your hat. Did you have on gloves?" "No." "You wouldn't have put it in your

shoes. I've examined all your outer clothing. I don't suppose you have any pockets in your underclothing?" Not except in my nightshirt, in which I have a pocket for my handkerchief, but," contemptuously, "I didn't

"Certainly not. Have you got on the shirt you had on when you were robbed?" "No. Mother gave me a clean one to put on this morning."

have on my nightshirt on the street."

"What did she do with the soiled

"Oh, my dear, you are wearing me

"If you will get me the solled shirt

I'll not trouble you any more." "Here it is in the closet. But I must say that it seems very ridiculous to overhaul a shirt to find a memorandum. But father gave me a long lecture the other night to serve me after being married about the singular ways women have of getting at things, and it may be that, after all," very contemptuously, "there is some connection between \$2,000 and a soiled shirt. Here it is.

Where is the collar?" "Oh, that's in the closet too. I suppose you want the cuffs?"

"Yes, I do." "Well, here's the whole thing. By thunder!"

"These marks in pencil on the cuff -what are they?

"The numbers of the notes." "Thank heaven!"

"You mean 'thank you.' Father's right. Women do have queer ways of getting at things. Give me a kiss-another, another, a thousand."

Extract from newspaper item: A Quick Recovery.—A man attempting to change a hundred dollar bill yesterday on which was a number known to the police was arrested, and nineteen other similar notes that had been stolen were recovered. George Randell, from whom they were taken, is to be married this evening. Mr. Randell's employers have given two of the bills to his bride as a wedding present. wedding present.

ALL OF ONE NAME.

So They Had to Tag Each of the Many Tom Hazards.

Perhaps no community more carefully and frequently set forth its erratic fancy than did the early settlers of Narragansett, R. I., of whom W. B. Weeden tells in "Early Rhode Island." There were so many of one name that prefix lest he be lost in a concordant two Tom Hazards living at one time and thus illustrates a few:

College Tom, because he had been at college. Bedford Tom was his son and lived at New Bedford. Barley Tom, because he boasted how much barley he raised from an acre; Virginia Tom, because he married a wife there; Little Neck Tom, from the farm of that name; Nafler Tom. the blacksmith; Fiddle Head Tom, an obvious resemblance; Pistol Tom, wounded by an explosion of that arm; Young Pistol Tom, his son; Short Stephen's Tom. the father low, against Long Stephen's Tom, the father tall; Tailor Tom needs no explanation

The Georges were not so numerous, but they were distinguished as Beach Bird George, of little legs; Shoestring George, an opponent of buckles; Wig George, Dr. George and Governor

A LIFE FOR A LIFE.

Cheerful New Guinea Custom Which

Causes Frequent Murders. Everywhere in New Guinea traveler is continually brought face to face with death, and the natives are devoid of the slightest pity or respect for the dead or dying, although after a death they will often wail and mourn for a considerable time.

Murder is an everyday occurrence, and nothing could be worse than the morals of the natives. In fact, they have none. They thieve and lie with a persistence and cunning which are The Papuans have a cheerful cus-

tom which demands a life for a life. Should any one die at the first opportunity they kill some one-they are not very particular whom-to make up for "While we were at Humbold bay," says Professor Pratt in the Wide World Magazine, "a Malay died of dropsy. He was the first Malay who had ever come to that part, and the

Papuans greatly respected him. "'Very well,' they said, 'we must shoot a Malay with our bows and arrows to pay for his death.' And sooner or later some innocent person would be killed to square the account, when everybody-except, presumably, victim's friends-would be satisfied."

A Disguised Toast.

At one time the officers under Lord Howe refused to drink his health at their mess, for, though a splendid admiral, he was not popular in the navy on account of a certain shyness and want of tact with those about him. The chaplain, who was a protege of his lordship, was mortified at this and determined that the officers should drink to Lord Howe. When called upon for a toast one day he said, "Well, must attend to that. I can't help you. gentlemen, I can think of nothing bet-If you put it in any of your pockets I ter at this moment than to ask you to Psalm, for a Scriptural toast for once may be taken from one of my cloth.' The toast was drunk. Not one of the officers indicated by word or look that he was ignorant of the words alluded to. On referring to the Bible it was found that the Third Psalm begins, "Lord, how are they increased?"

> Worth Her Weight In Butter. Curious customs still prevail with regard to marirage. In some parts of Uganda the custom is to offer six needles and a pack of india rubber for a wife. Some of the Kaffirs sacrifice oxen. The Tartars of Turkestan give the weight of the prospective wife in butter. In Kamehatka the price varies from one to ten reindeer. Some savages require a certain amount of labor. Among the aborigines it is said the current rate for a wife is a box of matches, which prompted a Paris contemporary to speculate whether one of the French government boxes would be accepted.

Light on a Dark Subject.

Caller-There's one question I should like to have answered. When a thought flashes across the intellect does it effect any molecular changes in the cellular or muscular tissues composing the material substance of the cerebral mass, or does it operate merely in the realm of the spiritual ego, thereby leaving no trace subject to detection or classification in the domain of substantiality? Information Editor (turning again to his desk)-There is no premium on the coin.-Chicago Tribune.

Swell Set Credentials. Mrs. De Butt (making out a list of invited guests for dinner)-Can you think of any others?

Mrs. Von Setter-There is Mrs. Kum-"I had thought of her, but she did not try to smuggle." - Philadelphia

Ledger.

One Exception. Nearsighted Old Man-I say, did you break the record?

Aeronaut-No, but I broke everything else.-Judge. Mrs. B .- Is she a Mary of the vine clad cottage? Mrs. M .- No. a Martha

Thoughts never lack words. It it words that lack thoughts.-Joubert.

of the rubber plant flat. - Harper's

NO WORK ON SUNDAY.

Six Days of Labor Should Be the Maximum Wack.

President James M. Lynch of the International Typesraphical union gives his views on Sunday work as follows: "The seven day week obtained for years in the newspaper end of the printing trades. We got over it by enacting a law which requires our the bearer must have a descriptive members employed on seven day situations to give out one day each week multitude. Mr. Updike cites thirty- to the first obtainable substitute. As a result our wages for six days are now in excess of the wage formerly received for the seven day week. The subject was forcibly impressed upon me by a paragraph appearing in the report of a sermon delivered by a lo

cal minister, who said; "'It seems to us that the worst enewho wantonly removes the sacredness of his one day of rest, commonly called Sunday, for if one line of amuse ment makers be allowed to pursue their regular line of business on Sunday on what logical basis can we prevent hundreds of other lines from opening up also? I have in my possession a most urgent appeal publiched by the actors of this country, in which they request the clergy to assist them in keeping theaters closed on Sunday.'

"One of the local newspapers in discussing this matter truthfully said that not a tithe of what will come is included in the labor of those thus called on to minister to the selfish enjoyment of Sunday amusement seek-The same license that acquiesces in lawbreaking for this purpose will break it for other purposes, and, unchecked, we shall come on a time when there will be no Sunday free from work for the average man, and, what is more, the equation will settle itself so that in the run of things the workingman will get no more for his seven days than he now gets for six.

"Labor has come a long way from the almost unremittent toil that bound the worker to his task for practically all of his waking moments to a time where it has been discovered that the worker can do really more work and better work in shorter days than longer. This has been followed by the movement against child labor to give the child a chance of an education and a time free from body breaking toll in its tender years.

"Our German members during a pe riod of industrial stagnation decided to work five days a week, giving one day for the relief of their less fortunate brothers. Then they continued the practice. Today they receive as much for the five days as they formerly received for the six days. day should be a day of rest and not a vehicle for the imposition on the workers of the seven day week."

The Real Cause of High Wages. It is a familiar adage in the business world that an efficient man is cheap at high wages. Yet in its application to larger questions this adage is never

thought of. In discussing the tariff and wages people assume as a matter of course that the employer who pays high wages must therefore sell his goods at a higher price. The fact is that if the labor is well fed and intelligent and is applied under good nat ural conditions and with skillful leadership the employer can turn out as abundant product or a product of high quality, sell it cheap and still pay his laborers well. And the real source and cause of general high wages, says the economist, is precisely in these conditions-efficient labor, good natural resources, skillful industrial leadership. Given these and you will always have higher wages and need not fear com-

petition from cheap and Inefficient la-

bor.-Professor F. W. Taussig in At-

Union Haters Boycotting Buck's. It is charged that the anti-unionists desire to inflict all punishment possible on the new management of the Buck's Stove and Range company on account of having made peace with organized Recent actions on the part of certain union hating individuals indicate that the charges are based on facts. Therefore it is the duty of all trade unionists to keep the general public well informed of the fact that the Buck's company and organized labor have settled all grievances and that the relations between the two are of the most friendly and satisfactory nature. In fact, Frederick W. Gard ner, the present head of the concern, has always been of the opinion he holds to at present-that collective bargaining and trade agreements are the only sureties for industrial peace

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