

**Cuckoo's Queer Conduct**  
**Due to Big Appetite**

The habit of the European cuckoo of laying its eggs in other birds' nests and thus forcing the care of its young upon unwilling foster parents is not as unnatural as it has been given the discredit of being, according to Doctor Dobay, a Hungarian zoologist.

Doctor Dobay points out three facts that may help to explain the cuckoo's peculiar conduct.

First, the cuckoo is a great eater. He devours hundreds of insects and worms in a day. This forces him to be a great hunter, constantly on the move. He would probably be kept on short rations if he and his mate had to stay close to a nest, not to mention the necessity of getting enough additional food for a hungry family.

Second, Mrs. Cuckoo is strongly against race suicide. She lays from 20 to 25 eggs in a season, as against a modest six or ten, produced by other birds. No birds going, no matter how industrious, could feed a family like that. Better make orphans of them, and trust to providence and the bounty of strangers.

Finally, no bird ever sits until she has laid her whole "clutch" of eggs. If the cuckoo waited until all her eggs were laid, the first ones would be spoiled before the last were produced and she was ready to incubate them.

It appears, therefore, Doctor Dobay concludes, that the apparently heartless behavior of the cuckoo is the only practical method open to provide for the continued existence of the cuckoo species.—Kansas City Star.

**Device Clears Spray**  
**From Ship's Lookout!**

One of the most responsible positions in the world is that of the man on the bridge directing the course of a great ship. For him, clear, certain and unobstructed vision is imperative at all times, and especially so in a driving storm when sight is most difficult. His eyes must be protected as he looks out, and a clear sheet of glass is the obvious suggestion. But rain and spray and snow drive against the glass and accumulate upon it, and the most constant wiping of the surface, even by the most untiring mechanical devices, is often of little avail. Suddenly and quite recently there has come a solution of this perplexity and, as usual, a very simple one. A polished glass disk, rotated by an electric motor at such a speed that nothing can be deposited on it that will adhere for an instant, is the solution of the problem. The device is being manufactured by a responsible English firm and distributed on both sides of the Atlantic.—Compressed Air Magazine.

**Grouse Moors in Scotia**

Scotland's grouse moors were recently opened to hunters. Philadelphians were among those leasing a moor. The British grouse should really be styled ptarmigan. The chief difference between it and the ordinary grouse is that the toes are thickly feathered. When winter comes on the claws grow long and tough, to enable it to scrape away the ice and snow of the northern habitat and find its food. The ptarmigan nest on the ground in the heather, or in thickets where these are to be found. Their food comprises insects, berries, nuts and even leaves they are not hard to satisfy. Laying brown eggs, highly mottled with black the ptarmigan when winter comes assume a protective hue of white in place of summer's defensive coloration of reddish brown. Their domestic habits are exemplary, for they are monogamous, nor does the male strut about in a vain parade of his peacocks and his feathers for the admiration of the female of the species.

**Human Nose Imperfect**

The human nose is not perfectly trained and its powers are not developed to the point of providing accurate information when one depends on the power of smelling for guidance. In fact, scientists say smelling is far the most imperfectly developed of the senses. It is vastly inferior to the power of sight, as by sight the average individual is able to identify many thousands of different articles and objects. While if one tries the sense of smell on a dozen odors and perfumes, there will be a poor record made, and many perfumes taken from known flowers will be perfect strangers to the human nose.—Ohio State Journal.

**The Real Culprit**

The dusk was gathering over the little market town when Tammas MacPherson emerged from the inn door cranked up his ear, and, slightly over shooting the mark, planted himself solemnly in the back seat. The watchful village policeman approached him, and said in kindly tones: "Now, Tammas, ye'll need to come out of that ye're nae fit to drive." "Blind yer sin business," was the rejoinder, and then in magisterial tones Tammas proceeded: "It would suit ye better I catch the chief that's stolen my driving wheel."—Argonaut.

**Too Many Tricks**

"Listen!" he said. "I've spent three weeks teaching a girl how to ride a bicycle. Three weeks! Talk about patience—Job was a novice at the game. And what is my reward? I've just been to a music hall and—"  
"Seen the girl with another fellow?"  
"No! A thousand times worse! I saw her on the stage. She's a tricycle!"—Tit-Bits.



**CUT-PRICE COMPETITION**

Wife—The price of the alarm clock was \$1.50, but I got a discount, so it only cost me 98 cents.

Husband—Yes, but you know very well you could have got the same thing at Brown's for 75 cents.

Wife—That may be, but then Brown's wouldn't have taken anything off.—Good Hardware.

**Diogenes and His Lantern**

"How do you use a lantern in your search for an honest man?" asked the citizen.

"I lend it to a man," answered Diogenes; "and if he returns it I know he's one in ten thousand. You see, the lantern test is the best available. The umbrella has not yet been invented."

**Stove's Gone Out**

"Please, mum, the stove's gone out."  
"No, Nora, you don't mean the stove. You mean the fire's out."

"Indeed I don't. The installment men just came an' got the range!"

**Sharp-Eyed Blind Man**

Old Lady—Now where did that quarter drop that I was going to give to the poor blind man?

Poor Blind Man—There it is, lady, right by your foot.

**WOULD, NO DOUBT**



Nuttywed—Why not have split peas for dinner?

Wife—So we might. But—er—wouldn't it take a long time to split the peas?

**The Motorist's Lament**

Of all sad words  
Of tongue or pen  
The saddest are these:  
It's flat again.

**A Slam**

Landlord (of the Soakem hotel)—When a poor fellow asks for a night's lodging I invariably take him in.

McCaustic—Then you treat him like a regular guest.—Boston Transcript.

**The Sacrifice**

Jennie—But, Bill, I can't marry you just now. If I did I'd have to give up my job, and I'm making \$17 a week.

Bill—No, dear, I wouldn't think of askin' you to do that. I'm only gettin' \$15 a week—I'll give up mine.

**Misery?**

"I like the springtime."

"Why?"

"Well, you see, I don't care for work at any time, but it is only in the spring that the attitude gets any sympathy."

**NOT SO WONDERFUL**



"Don't you think it's wonderful to see a man with a wooden leg dance?"

"Not when you see so many men with wooden heads doing it."

**Had Enough of Those**

The landlord had at last agreed to repair several of the rooms. "What kind of paper would you like?" he inquired; "something with large figures?"

"Decidedly not!" answered the tenant. "They would be a constant reminder of the rent I have to pay."

**Man and Woman Equal**

Mrs. Benham—Man and woman are equal.

Benham—Then how is it that, when it takes nine tailors to make a man, it takes more dressmakers to make a woman?

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*Will Rogers*

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**Some Help**

"Did the war really do us any good?"

"Yes, many public speakers got the habit of talking only four minutes."

**Running to Form**

"Come on, now! You have to go with me," said the Grim Reaper.

"Just a minute," said the flapper. "I'll have to get my eyes put first."

**Studious**

The Young Man—I read your daughter like a book.

Her Father—So that's why you hold her in your lap?—Progressive Grocer.

**The Point of View**

Hub—What extravagance! You buy two hats to match that one dress.

Wife—Oh, no, I haven't. I've only one dress to match the two hats.

**NOTICE**

Budget covering estimated expenses and proposed tax levy of the city of Ione, Oregon, for the year of 1925

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the first day of December, 1925, at the hour of 8 P. M., the Common Council of the city of Ione, Oregon, will meet at the council chambers in said city, and any taxpayer of Ione, Oregon, will be heard in favor of or against the tax levy as hereinafter proposed: which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of chapter 18 of the general Laws of Oregon, of 1921, showing an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation by the City Government, to cover the expenses of said city during the ensuing year, also, showing the probable receipts of said city other than by direct tax upon the real and personal property for the year 1926.

**EXPENDITURES**

**SALARIES:**

Marshal	\$1500.00
Recorder and Treas.	120.00
Interest on Bonds	1020.00
Electric Power	2388.00
Miscellaneous, labor and supplies	418.00
Total	\$6446.52

**RECEIPTS**

Light and water	\$5000.00
Licenses	60.00
Estimated Taxes	1386.52
Total	\$6446.52

It is estimated that it will be necessary to raise by taxation the sum of \$1,386.52 as shown by the above, after deducting receipts from other sources.

- City of Ione**  
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Mayor  
E. J. Bristow  
J. H. Bryson  
G. W. Ritcie  
E. R. Lundell  
P. J. Linn  
W. S. Smith  
Councilmen

State of Oregon,  
County of Mor-

row ss.  
We the undersigned, the duly appointed Budget Board of the city of Ione Oregon, do hereby certify that we have examined the above budget for the city of Ione, and after such examination believe that the amount therein estimated is necessary, and that it will require the same for the fiscal year of 1926 to finance the city.

- Budget Board:**  
F. Engelman  
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Attest:  
F. H. Robinson  
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**Extension of Yellowstone Park Planned**

Washington, D. C.—Addition of more than 300,000 acres to the Yellowstone National park has been agreed on by President Coolidge's special recreation committee and congress will be asked to approve changes in the boundaries of this and three other national parks along new lines. Secretary of the Interior Work announced.

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