

OUR COMIC SECTION

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THE FEATHERHEADS



Just Good Clean Fun

Howe About—

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Probably you have observed that all the great poets have devoted their talent to fancy; I cannot recall one who devoted many lines to the commoner and more important things of life.

Shakespeare, who shines among them as the sun shines among candles, was a toady and crawled humbly before royalty. He had no appreciation of ordinary affairs, or of their prime importance. He hated the common people, although he belonged with them by birth. He exploited kings, courts, battles, intrigues, fairies, assignation and assassination.

Such justice as we have was accomplished by common men with pikes, and not pens, in their hands. Lately we have a literature of business, and modern literary men revile it. One of them in England has just made a great fuss because other than trained literary men are permitted to write for print.

I have often thought many of the wise men of antiquity, whom we are expected to venerate, really had little sense. One of them said there is no degree in virtue; that one is either a good man or a rogue. Certainly a foolish statement. Everyone is somewhat tiberish, and his success in life depends on the per cent he attains in becoming a tame animal.

How general the craze for newspaper notoriety! Recently a duel was fought in Italy. The principals were men of note, and, on the dueling ground, actually posed for newspaper pictures! Probably the entire encounter will shortly appear in moving pictures.

A good deal of fun is made of "Main street men." I confess I like them. Thousands of them as smart and agreeable as Sinclair Lewis, their principal critic. . . . And far more useful. All the best people come out of the trials, tribulations and experiences of Main street.

Get all you can out of life with good health, good conduct, and good work. But when a laugh isn't due, don't laugh. I knew a man once who lost an important promotion because he was too much devoted to sunshine on cloudy days. Don't be merry when other things are clearly indicated.

The women often say men specially admire the adventure type. There is nothing in it. Occasionally an adventure book a man, but the man's a fool. Ninety-seven brides out of every hundred are good women.

Laws protecting women are sometimes queer things. A widow of forty, with three children to support, was getting \$10 a week as a restaurant waitress. She was reliable and capable, and was offered the position of night cashier at \$20 a week. The law forced her to quit the easier and more respectable position; it was a woman reformer in the pay of the state who forced the cashier to return to the dining room, and work harder for one-half the pay.

"Any man who will marry a second wife," says a noted cynic, "does not deserve to lose his first one."

Natural women are so admirable, useful, agreeable, that many a man willing to give a million dollars for one is afraid to risk it, in these days of flappers and suffragettes.

Mussolini, the Italian ruler, is a very remarkable man, without much doubt. He was a common man of the people many years, until discovered. And he discovered himself; the politicians had nothing to do with it. . . . How many other geniuses are there in Italy? A good many, I am sure. There are thousands and thousands and thousands of geniuses among the common people who never get a chance in a big way. I greatly respect my audience, there are so many smart people in it. Every bunch of a thousand is liable to contain a Lincoln or a Franklin. Greatness is really very common; opportunity to display it in public affairs, very rare. Look at the geniuses in business! Many of these men would make great rulers.

Occasionally I engage in a reading drunk, and do nothing for days but read, read, read; books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers. And how difficult it is to find anything worth while! And I criticize the best I am able to find! . . . As sure as you live, teachers, publishers and book agents of the various kinds, have made too much of libraries.

A man with the better job is usually a better man than the man below him. You never in your life saw a pullman conductor who ranked with the train conductor who receives twice as much pay.

If the women find skirts objectionable, why do they not wear pantaloons as men do? Why should they expose their legs to gaze and weather?

We are always hearing of the wolf at the door. When he gets in there has been a good deal of negligence in barring the door.

The Kitchen Cabinet

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To make some little work of God's a little fruitfuller, better, to make some human hearts a little wiser, manfuller, happier, more blessed, less accursed—it is to do God's work.—Carlyle.

WAYS WITH COCOA

So often when serving cocoa as a drink there will be a cupful or more left over. Set it away and the following day prepare a cornstarch pudding, using the cocoa in place of the milk for a blanc mange. Cook as usual and eat away to cool. Serve with sugar and cream.

Cocoa Angel Food.—Beat the whites of five eggs until stiff, add one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar and fold in lightly one cupful of sugar. Sift together one teaspoonful of cornstarch, one-half cupful of flour and one-fourth cupful of cocoa. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla. Mix all together and bake in a tube pan in a slow oven.

Cocoa Sauce.—Take five and one-half tablespoonfuls of cocoa, one cupful of sugar, one and three-fourths tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, one-half cupful of cold water and a pinch of salt. Cook in a double boiler, adding one and one-half cupfuls of boiling water; stir constantly until the mixture thickens. Then cook over the hot water for half an hour. Add one-half teaspoonful of vanilla when the mixture is cool.

Cocoa Bread Pudding.—Soak two cupfuls of breadcrumbs in four cupfuls of scalded milk for one-half hour. Mix one-fourth of a cupful of cocoa with a little cold water to make a paste, then add to the mixture. Beat together one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt, two-thirds cupful of sugar, two eggs and one-half teaspoonful of vanilla. Add to the pudding mixture, pour into a buttered pan and bake in a pan of hot water. Serve with a hard sauce.

Marshmallow Frappe With Cocoa.—Scald three cupfuls of milk and stir into it one-eighth teaspoonful of salt, two and one-half tablespoonfuls of cocoa, one-half cupful of sugar; let the mixture boil up, then add one-half cupful of marshmallow cream or its equivalent of diced marshmallows. Chill, add one-half teaspoonful of vanilla and freeze, packed in ice and salt. This amount will serve six persons.

Maple Parfait.—Beat four eggs slightly and pour slowly on them one cupful of hot maple syrup. Cook carefully until the eggs are cooked and the mixture thickened. Cool and add a pint of thick cream whipped. Pour into the mold. Pack in ice and salt, four parts of ice to one of salt, and let stand three to four hours.

Ways New and Old. We all like to try new things. At this time of the year when the new nuts are in the market let us use them as freely as possible. Nuts are rich in food value—concentrated food—and when properly masticated are entirely digestible. For those who must not eat meat, nuts offer many ways of taking the place of it.

Salads are improved by a tablespoonful or two of minced or finely broken nuts, and cakes and cake fillings are made more delicious by the free use of them.

Nut and Cheese Roast.—Cook two tablespoonfuls of finely minced onion in one tablespoonful of butter until the onion is soft and delicately colored. Add a little hot water if needed to keep from browning. Mix one cupful of grated cheese, one cupful of walnut meats chopped, one cupful of bread crumbs, the juice of half a lemon and salt and pepper to taste. Add the onion, butter, and pour into a shallow dish and bake until brown. Serve with a white sauce.

Pecan and Prune Salad.—Cut a pound of choice prunes into narrow strips, add one cupful of sliced pecan meats, a dash of pepper and salt to season. Beat one cupful of cream until stiff, add two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Mix with the prunes and nuts and serve on a curled lettuce leaf with a spoonful of dressing for a garnish.

Chestnut Salad.—Shell and blanch fresh chestnuts. Boil fifteen minutes, then drain and cut into slices, add an equal measure of finely cut tender celery, mix with French dressing and serve on lettuce.

Oyster Fritters.—Mince fine one dozen oysters and stir into the following batter: One and one-half cupfuls of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, a few dashes of cayenne, two teaspoonfuls of minced parsley, three-fourths of a cupful of oyster liquor and milk mixed and one beaten egg. Mix well and drop by spoonfuls into hot fat. Brown and drain and serve hot.

Potatoes are one of the foods that are always with us and a dish of creamed or hot rice potatoes with a white sauce served around a platter of steamed salmon is especially appetizing.

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WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

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"Do you mean the weather or the lemonade?" Bill wanted to know.

Change Cars

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