



TSK-TSKI

A Georgia statesman tells the story of an aged negro who saw an extraordinary-looking instrument in the shop of an optician. He gazed in open-mouthed wonder, and, turning to the optician, inquired: "What is it, boss?" "That," replied the optician, "is an ophthalmometer." "Sho," muttered the other, his eyes still fastened on the thing as he backed out, "sho' dat's what I was afeared it was!"

LOST HIS JOB



Bug--You're out of a job again! What's the trouble? Wood Borer--The increased use of metal furniture!

Curiosity

I long to be insured. I fear The poverty that stalks about. I put some money in each year I wonder who will take it out.

Same Fate for Him

"Yes," said a sad-eyed man, "I married the widow of a man who was hanged, and I thought that in the circumstances there would be no comparisons with the late lamented. But I was mistaken." "Did she praise him just the same?" "Well, not exactly, but we had not been married a month before she declared that hanging was too good for me."

Not the Bread

Lady (in baker's shop)--Your french rolls are really far too small. I can put a whole one into my mouth at once. Baker--I can quite believe that, madam, but it's not the fault of the bread.--Rolling Half Timma (Gutenberg).

A Little to the Good

"Yes," said Farmer Corntogel, "I once bought a bogus gold brick. But I've got the trick." "Is there any satisfaction in that?" "Some. A lot of people invest in get-rich schemes and don't get anything except a letter saying, 'Money received.'"--Washington Star.

TOO COMMON



Daughter--Mother, we had common denominators in school today. Mrs. Nonventrich--Have nothing to do with them, Ethel. I wish you to avoid everything common, as you know.

Restraint

That frankness is a virtue taught by ages, this you'll have to own; If you said everything you thought They might remove your telephone.

Check

Mistress (to new and raw maid)--When you answer me, Mary, you should say, "Yes, ma'am," or "No, ma'am." New Maid (obligingly)--Right!--Leeds Mercury.

Fast One

Shorty--I know where you can get a good chicken dinner for only 15 cents. Skinny--Where? Shorty--At the feed store.

Theory Demonstrated

"Do you believe that anyone can put people to sleep by means of hypnotism?" "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "Mr. Dullboy was talking about it yesterday. I felt sleepy before he had spoken twenty words."--Washington Star.

In the Soup

Hingus--The race is not always to the swift. Hingus (to her): the hare gets in the soup as often as the turtle!

BEAUTY CAPITALIZED



A photograph of this child, Rita Gordon, so greatly attracted the managing director of Poland's biggest chocolate firm that he named one of his principal brands "Rita," and used the baby's picture to decorate all his chocolate boxes. The child's father disposed of the copyright on her features for a period of ten years in consideration of a payment of \$2,500 per year. Mr. Gordon is a Pole of Scotch descent.

Stalin Hailed as Lenin's Savior

Moscow, U. S. S. R.--How Joseph Stalin, undisputed leader of the Soviet domain, once turned barber and cut the beard and mustache of Lenin is revealed in a dramatic account of the scene just written by Gregory Zinoviev. "I remember how Stalin, armed with scissors, clipped beard and mustache at the very moment," Zinoviev writes in an article in Pravda telling of Lenin's escape in July, 1917. The arrest of the foremost Bolshevik had been ordered by Kerensky's provisional government as a measure of public safety. Lenin was hidden in the apartment of a certain Allidouev and a great controversy raged in Bolshevik ranks as to whether he ought to give himself up. Zinoviev gives Stalin much of the credit for the fact that the leader was not handed over. Lenin himself was inclined to give up, on the theory advanced by many friends that the government would not dare hurt him. Moreover, the widespread charge that he was a German agent, some of the Bolsheviks feared, would find support if Lenin continued to hide. But Stalin, Ordzhonikidze and others insisted that the risk was not worth it. According to Zinoviev their work helped the central committee of the

Bolshevik faction to reach the decision--by which Lenin was bound--that he must not let himself be arrested.

It was after that decision was taken that Stalin and some comrades went to the Allidouev flat and arranged details of the escape. Stalin's final contribution to the plan was to find the scissors and perform the barbering on his leader.

Zinoviev is convinced that had Lenin surrendered he would have been summarily executed and the whole course of Russian history would have been different. Stalin's foresight is thus shown to be in part responsible for saving not only Lenin's life but the whole Soviet revolution. Thus, as Stalin's power increases, more and more stories of his early wisdom and importance are resurrected in the memories of those who knew him in the early days.

U. S. Population Center Moves 25 Miles West

Washington.--The center of population of the United States has moved westward 25 to 30 miles in the last decade, census bureau officials estimate.

Although it will be several months before census statisticians determine the exact point representing the center of population, it is likely to be close to Hlymera, Sullivan county, Indiana, a town of about 1,500 population, 20 miles from the western boundary of the state.

In 1920 the center of population was found to be 1.9 miles west of Whitehall, Clay township, Owen county, Indiana. In 1910 it was in Bloomington, Ind.

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Bells

Although the very early "bells" were long metal bars rather than the later cup-shaped affair we know, the latter came into being early in the Fourth century. The largest bell in the world is the "Tsar Kolokol" which weighs 193 tons. It is in Moscow. The larger bells do not move but are struck to produce the sound.

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HAND-PAINTED GOWN



Hand-painted flowers are used in an effective manner to decorate this charming white tulle evening gown, posed by Bernice Claire, motion picture star.

Police Chief Defies Bank Bandits

Watertown, S. D.--Bank robbers recently active in states of the Northwest who attempt to raid any of the three banks of Watertown will have to come to town in a war tank, for

they will have to face machine gun and rifle fire. Through efforts of bank officers the police department has been provided with a machine gun and two extra magazines of cartridges for direct protection of the banks. A second machine gun will be kept at police headquarters for emergency purposes.

The machine gun used for the direct protection of the banks has been mounted at a concealed point where it commands the intersection on which the three banks are located, and in the event of an attempted bank robbery the bandits would at once be exposed to the fire of this machine gun, which in an instant could sweep clean the street corners housing the banks.

In addition to this machine gun protection, eight citizens who are expert marksmen and possess high powered rifles have formed an organization and will co-operate with the police and the sheriff and his deputies in protecting the banks.

Thus at the slightest alarm, should bank robbers appear at any of the banks, they would instantly be under a hail of machine gun and rifle bullets.

His Name Is Tate and Tag for His Auto Is T-3

London.--Spelling your name on your motor license tag is not a stunt that can be done by everyone, yet Harry Tate, comedian, does it. His number is "T-3," and it took considerable trouble to get it, he says.

License department employees, however, are usually accommodating when motorists' requests for trick numbers are within reason.

"We spend a lot of time dodging '13' for the superstitious ones," says one employee. "We give them anything they want, if we have it."

lets from which no living thing could emerge. "We are ready," said Chief of Police Olson, "to make it hot for any bandits who pick a Watertown bank to rob."

The Anonymous Letter

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I have never written an anonymous letter, though I can easily see the advantages of such a procedure. One could so easily by this method correct social and civic errors, jack up one's friends and all without being detected, or criticized or getting into trouble of any sort. It would be necessary, of course, the disguising of one's handwriting or possibly the borrowing of a neighbor's typewriter or stationery and the mailing of the epistle in some other post office than one's own, but



Rollins was telling me of certain roll-ups in his neighborhood--scandalous, quite illegal in fact. He would like to put the local authorities wise to things, but in doing so it might involve him in some personal embarrassment; he might get his name in the paper, or be called as a witness or stir up a row with his neighbors. He does not want to be the recognized cause of getting some one into trouble. Here is where the anonymous letter comes in beautifully.

Corrigan is not doing his duty; he is lying down on his job, if one's eyes do not deceive one; he is actually not honest. What could do the work better in such a case and get a moral wanderer more quickly back upon the straight path of virtue than a good hot anonymous letter? It is personal.

Scientist Promises Wonderful Light

Los Angeles.--Dr. William George Schnell, young scientist, claims a formula to produce light as bright as the sun's without the use of electricity. His invention assertedly is composed of the same atoms which compose the sun.

Doctor Schnell, University of Colorado and University of Dresden graduate, said the formula really was a reproduction of the sun itself.

"For," he said, "the compounds which make up my invention are composed of the same atoms as the sun. In some ways we even have the sun cheated for we can produce a hot or a cold ray as we desire."

Doctor Schnell said the test of burning wood by a magnifying glass had been equally successful with the sun and with his invention.

The inventor said he had illuminated entire rooms with his mysterious light and has conducted other

tests to the entire satisfaction of noted scientists.

Doctor Schnell disclosed that he believes his invention eventually will eliminate all forms of outdoor electrical signs and lights, illuminate

homes, cook food and assist medical work, through its X-ray qualities.

The formula for his light producer is very simple, he said, containing certain minerals which are mixed with oils and acids.

Tree Produces Variety of Fruit



Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McMillan of Oakland, Calif., shown with a tree in their back yard which produces sixteen varieties of fruit. McMillan began budding on a young plum tree years ago and now it bears peaches, plums, apricots, and almonds of various varieties. Any time of the year there is fruit ripening on the branches.

This Was Reckless Driving Once



"Hard Boiled," but This Rooster Hatches Eggs

Kinston, N. C.--Edgar Trotman's barred Plymouth Rock rooster, that hatched two broods of chickens last summer, now is the proud parent of a half dozen young guineas. The rooster failed to take as a joke Trotman's act of placing the guinea eggs under him. The rooster, although a hard boiled bird, has motherly inclinations.