

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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What is the youngest age, in any field of endeavor, at which a person is eligible for a pension? How about the New York police department? A man can become a New York policeman at 21 and retire on a pension of half pay twenty years later at 41. Quite a few New York policemen are married to policemen. If a married pair, a policeman and a policewoman, joined the force when both were 21 they could retire at 41 and their pensions would amount to a full paycheck. Not bad. Also keep in mind there is nothing preventing a policeman or a policewoman on a pension from taking another job.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. In pronouncing the name of that university in South Bend, Ind., which is correct, "Notre Dame" or "Notre Daym"? A. I think "Notre Dame" is correct, but the faculty, students, alumni and the citizens of South Bend pronounce it "Notre Daym." Why the cathedral in Paris should be pronounced "Notre Dame" and the university "Notre Daym" baffles me. Q. What was the name of the tango Valentino danced in the film, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse"? A. Your query is an interesting one, sir, but I cannot answer it. Speaking of the "Four Horsemen" film, the late Marcus Loew told me that it gave the Metro Film Company, now known as MGM, from bankruptcy.

Haggis

Do you know how the Scotch delicacy called haggis is made? I have just received straight from Glasgow a recipe for haggis. It sounds a little ghastly to me. But here it is: "Stuff the bag of a sheep's stomach, half filled with its heart, liver and lungs, all minced up; then add one-half pound suet, onion, oatmeal and spices. Boil three hours."

Passing By

John Fox. Business genius. Said to have made \$25,000,000 in ten years. Among Mr. Fox's innumerable possessions are

three private planes and six St. Bernard dogs. . . . Gertie Lawrence. Brilliant singing actress. I saw Gertie in her American debut. In Charlot's Revue. She sang "Limehouse Nights." Miss Lawrence was born on the Fourth of July. She lives in the USA, has a town house in Manhattan, a country place in Connecticut but recently told a London newspaperman she would never give up her British citizenship. . . . "Big Jim" Healey. Veteran trainer of thoroughbreds. Mr. Healey, who weighs 260, has recently developed an interest in tennis. He conscientiously endeavors to follow the advice as put forth in that poetic helpful hint:

The secret of tennis
Is control and restraint.
And hitting the ball
Where the other fellow ain't.

Paper Wedding

An effort is being made to have the first wedding anniversary called the "plastic wedding" instead of the "paper wedding." This it is alleged, will make a wider selection of gifts possible. I recall an occasion when somebody said: "Just what worth while thing can you offer as a gift at a paper wedding?" One young woman spoke up saying: "A \$100 bill is paper." She was a green-gray-eyed blonde.

Briefly

You can't really say you have a family unless you have at least three children. So says an expert on life among the married. How are you doing? . . . There are now 30,000 members of the United States armed forces stationed in England. Mostly Air Force men. There must be a good reason.

Horses & Women

When your grandma was a whistle girl there was a popular song entitled "You Don't Know Nellie Like I Do, Said the Naughty Little Bird on Nellie's Hat." Featuring stuffed birds on feminine headgear was quite popular in those days. Now I note it is going to be revived. Stuffed birds on hats strikes me as the second most ridiculous fashion of the twentieth century.

Aged Cartoonist's Drawings Provide Illustrated History

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London —(U.P.)— In the foreground of a Max Beerbohm cartoon of "Some Persons of the Nineties" loiters a fragile wistful young dandy with large, long-lashed eyes and feet that taper to a pinpoint.

In another, "The Incomparable Max," now sporting a cavalry mustache, sits before the fire with his quill and paper, brooding: "they call me the inimitable and the incomparable, and the sprightly and the whimsical . . . I wonder if I am?"

The young dandy, who has outlived Oscar Wilde, George Moore, William Butler Yeats, Walter Sickert, Aubrey Beardsley and all the others in his picture of "Persons of the Nineties," was honored by the opening of a 150-picture retrospective show at the Leicester Gallery in honor of his 80th birthday this summer.

His delicate pen-and-ink drawings provide an illustrated history of the famous and fatuous of the past 70 years. Some of them are simple portraits, others are elaborate jokes.

Mocking Wit

All of them show the same delicately mocking wit that animated his volumes of essays, stories and parodies and his unique novel, "Zuleika Dobson."

To the elfin-like old man who now lives widowed and ailing in Rapallo, Italy, they brought a 1939 knighthood and a well-deserved fame as one of the top humorists of the century.

A staunch conservative, Beerbohm nonetheless found mon-

Most ridiculous, of course, was the hobble skirt.

Literary Note

Ninety per cent of the people of Soviet Russia can now read. However, their reading is strictly controlled. The government publishes and sells all books available. It also controls all the lending libraries. There have been circulated in Russia 540,000,000 copies of books written by Stalin.

archy funny and the Leicester exhibition included his famous picture of Queen Victoria making the Prince of Wales sit in the corner on one of his "rare, rather awful visits to Windsor Castle."

Another cartoon shows King Edward VII so pleased with his bust on newly-printed coins that

he refuses to wear either a collar or a necktie.

Beerbohm's political scenes include the cherubic young Winston Churchill lounging in an armchair at the board of trade and telling its worried members:

"Oh, I understand all these figures right enough. What we've got to do, gentlemen, is to

put some—er—humanising ginger into 'em."

40 Years Later

Forty years later, a placid Churchill puffs a cigar that gives off a smoke-cloud portrait of himself.

Beerbohm, always the esthete, reserved his sharpest barbs for the writers, painters and actors he has known and mocked for two generations.

In one of a series on George Bernard Shaw at his usual antics, Beerbohm looks on with the "mild surprise of one who,



Shaw—he is standing on his head.

One picture shows Henry James, a portly man with an umbrella groping to find his hand before his face in a London fog. Another shows James returning to America, where he is greeted by an Indian saying "hail, great white novelist."

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