

On The Side

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Ever been a best man? Did you find the experience a rugged one? Just heard of a fellow who has been a best man 21 times. And he is a bachelor. Am constantly being asked what is a good toast for the best man to offer for the newlyweds. I can think of none better than the old Scots toast: "May the wings of love never lose a feather."

Sidelights

Five men suffer from lung cancer to one woman similarly afflicted. That is the highest known sex ratio for any disease... as for elderly autos still in operation, the Stuart Hardwood Floor company of Redwood City, Calif., is regularly using a 1926 Chevrolet truck. It is still in excellent shape mechanically.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. What was the first radio program you heard? A. Can't say definitely. First one I recall was Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians playing from a night club on Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. About the same time I used to tune in to Earl Burnett's marvelous dance band at the Biltmore in Los Angeles and Bing Crosby crooning at the Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, in the same city. That was about the time Bing was featuring such songs as "I Surrender, Dear" and "Just One More Chance."

Proposing

When you proposed to the charming young woman who became your bride, what did you say? What was her answer? I doubt that one in a million fellows directly asked, "Will you marry me?" and received the simple answer, "Yes." This comment inspired by hearing of a young man who said to the girl of his choice, "How about us getting married?" the girl said, "Why not?"

Asides
Four tablespoons of honey is a very effective sobering up remedy. So I note it said. Keep that in mind if your wife takes too many cocktails at a party... Have you a wife or sweetheart who is five feet two, with eyes of blue? Then she, probably wears three-inch heels. Soon to be available are unbreakable three-inch heels made of aluminum.

Over There

There is an income tax on gambling winnings in France. At some gambling casinos, such as that at Deauville, there are income tax men on hand to collect on the spot. They collect a tax of 1 1/2 per cent on all winnings.

Almost Confidential

How do you make the drink known as a "pink disaster?" asks a young woman of Manhattan. Couldn't say. If she had asked me how to make a pink lady I could have told her... An interesting book of helpful hints for those wishing to achieve a fancy income is that title "The Wealth Within You" by Elmer Wheeler.

Horses And Women

Joan Collins the highly loquacious cinema cutie recently observed, "I don't like going out with a series of men. You have a series of fights in the taxi on the way home. It is too exhausting." (Note: Miss Collins must have been going out with some very callow, inexperienced fellows. No man of intelligence or experience ever makes advances in a taxi. That's much too crude. Or, so say our horses and women experts.)

Chicago — (U.P.) — Bartender Joseph Plaskowski had a word of praise for the politeness of two bandits who robbed his tavern of \$400 after tying up him and a customer. "They were nicer than some of my customers," he said.

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PRESIDENTIAL CONCERN—Like any dutiful husband President Eisenhower shows concern as his wife, Mamie, mops her brow during a rally for 500 Republican leaders in a tent on their Gettysburg, Pa., farm. The rally was the inauguration of the chief executive's re-election campaign.

PAYS FOR CALL

Amarillo, Tex. — (U.P.) — Trustee George Liles escaped from city jail Thursday and then was seized by a wave of thoughtfulness. He phoned from Lubbock, 122 miles away, to tell a jail cook he left his city-owned coveralls in a trash can in the basement of the police building. He paid for the call, too.

IN 110 MPH HURRY

Traverse City, Mich. — (U.P.) — Haste not only made waste but also cost Robertson Clark of Hastings \$49.30 in fine and court costs. Police arrested Clark after clocking him driving at 110 miles per hour. Clark said he was in a "hurry to get some place."

Low Voice Fails to Dispirit Operator

Williamson, W. Va. — (U.P.) — There's a telephone operator here who is only able to whisper—but nobody seems to mind.

The operator is Mrs. Josephine Linkenhoker. Her whisper stems from heart surgery last January credited with saving her life.

Three years ago Mrs. Linkenhoker was the victim of a heart attack and diagnosis showed she was suffering from mitral sten-

osis, a result of rheumatic fever. Dr. William L. Jameson, heart specialist at Charleston, W. Va., Memorial Hospital, performed a delicate operation on the 31-year-old woman.

Eleven days later, her vocal chords became paralyzed by scar tissue as the incision began to heal. In effect, her vocal chords were loose, causing the volume of her voice to drop to a whisper.

Mrs. Linkenhoker, a telephone operator for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. for eight years, decided to stay on the job — despite the development.

Her "number please" request, though weak, was good for her voice—and her morale. Telephone users couldn't understand why their operator was whispering, and they often suggested that she "see a doctor." She was offered remedies for a cold, or told how to cure laryngitis.

Word soon spread around this town of 9,000, and Mrs. Linkenhoker has received the understanding and encouragement of her customers ever since.

ECONOMY OF BALL POINTS

Cincinnati — (U.P.) — The superintendent of mails thinks the idea of ball point pens in the post office is economical. In a memo to postal employees, Laurence B. Hawthorne said: "The clerical time used in throwing the old-fashioned pens against the walls in order to obtain the correct degree of scratchiness and blotting quality of the points can now be utilized elsewhere."

Experiment Reveals That Foxes Will Migrate
Zap, N. D. — (U.P.) — The fox, which will prey on chickens, lambs and other small animals, has been found to migrate many miles in one generation. Ernest Zahn, of the North Dakota Fish and Wildlife Department, conducted a fox-tagging experiment and concluded that the animal will travel up to 60 miles before reproducing. Read and Use Classified Ads



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