

The Office Cat



BY JUNIUS

The Day's Work

Is anybody happier because you passed his way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today? This day is almost over and its tolling time is through; Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you? Did you give a cheerful greeting to the friend who came along. Or a churlish sort of "howdy" and then vanish in the throng? Were you selfish, pure and simple, as you rushed along the way. Or is someone mighty grateful for a deed you did today? Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast. That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed? Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said? Does a man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead? Did you waste the day or lose it; was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God would say You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today? Edgar A. Guest.

Omar Had the Right Idea—Or did he? "When Omar smote 'is bloomin' tyre—"

That old loafer known to fame as Omar Khayyan (1025-1123) seemed to labor under the delusion that the sum total of human happiness was to sit in the shade of a tree, sip at a jug of wine, gnaw at a loaf of bread and have a thou beside him singing jazz tunes in the wilderness, much to the consternation of the birds.

The thou in this particular case seems to have referred to a Persian peach clad in nothing much but a tricolette skirt and a flower in her hair. Oh, I forgot—a pair of silk suspenders to keep the skirt from falling off, of course, why to be sure. Yes, I guess he had the right idea. That would be paradise enow, wouldn't it?

Nothing to worry about. Just sit in the shade of the tree from morning till night and sip at a wine jug with an occasional nibble at the loaf of bread (I know what make of bread it was but will not mention it here unless some bakery is willing to donate us a few healthy loaves of bread. In case you want the name of your bread mentioned here, send six loaves over.)

Yes, old boy, Omar was nobody's fool. He spilled an earful when he emitted that immortal poem of his entitled the Rubaiyat. It is a most philosophical and tuneful thing and abounds in word pictures. It is all about drinking however, and is seldom read by prohibitionists.

I can picture nothing better on a hot summer's day than sitting on a cool mossy bank under the old chestnut tree, with a beautiful maiden singing a fellow to sleep to the tune of a jazz lullaby, that is, if she has a nice soft melodious voice and not the screeching near-classical variety. (And for the love of Mike let her not accompany herself upon an ukelele.)

While soft zephyrs blow her tangled curls (artificial of course) and the Mumm's extra dry begins to get in its little work and make you dreamy and "don't care what happens to me now", let her rave you won't hear her.

By this time the cute little ants will be swarming all over your bread and some of them will be meandering up and down your whiskers and now a few of them will sting you, but you will dream on and—well, Omar may have had the right idea in spite of the prohibitionists.

A lot of us would get the worst of it if we were compelled to love ourselves like we love our neighbor, according to J. T. Perkins.

"Nothing is harder on a woman's reputation than two women," Eddie Chilcote rises to remark.

The problem of "What else can we take off and appear respectable continues to be one of the leading topics of conversation among the ladies of our fair city.

The Old Story Mrs. "Doc" Powell—"I thought when I married you that you were original." "Doc"—"And am I not?" "No, you're using the same excuses for staying out late that all other husbands used!"

POISON FUME CASE UP AGAIN

FORT BENTON, Mont., July 16.—Montana's famous "smoke case" in which the Anaconda Copper company was sued in a test case by a Montana ranchman for the death of farm animals, caused, it is alleged in the petition, by poisonous gases from the Anaconda company's smelters, will be tried again. The jury hearing the case here was unable to agree on the merits of much technical testimony by chemical experts.

The test suit was filed by Oscar B. Goon, who alleged in his petition that cattle, horses and other of his farm animals had died after inhaling the smoke and gas from the smelting plant smokestacks. He asked \$27,000 damages. Upon the results of his suit involving more than 1,000 animals in the vicinity of Great Falls.

Trial of the recent suit consumed nearly four weeks and more than 150 witnesses were examined, including many experts who testified as to the harmful and harmless contents of the smelter smoke and gases.

Expert chemists testified for the copper company that the process of smelting in their plant was such that it was impossible for the waste gases to contain poisonous substances. They repeated chemical formulae to prove their assertions. Experts for Goon charged that the cattle had died of arsenic and zinc poisoning after inhaling the smelter gases. This was to counteract testimony of the defense experts that the cattle were victims of influenza.

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