

The Office Cat



BY JUNIUS

WHISPERS AT THE CONFECTIONERS

What the caramels whispered to the striped candy: "When you get your growth I suppose you will be barber poles."

What the throat lozenges whispered to the lemon drops: "Let us enjoy today, even if we are to be down in the mouth tomorrow."

What the weary spoon whispered to the fourth dish of ice cream: "She must have an elastic tummy."

What the glass of water whispered to the table: "Wonder if she expects every street of life to be paved with ice cream bricks?"

What the little girl with the penny whispered to the stick of striped candy: "You're next."

What the fountain whispered to the effusive young couple: "Mum's the word! She will do the milking if you will hold the pail."

According to Prof. Einstein "America is ruled by women." That's why America is so much like other countries.

Drink to me only with thine eyes. I'm off this home brew stuff.

Ross Nickerson, the general manager of the strikedefying lunch layout, is one general who doesn't mind a counter attack.

"Don't postpone until tomorrow the meanness you can cut out today."

The itch to spend money keeps everybody scratching.

"I told her I was going to kiss her once for every step of the way home."

"And what did she do?"

"She went upstairs and put on a tighter skirt."

If you boast of your good fortune you're a swell head. If you complain of your ill luck you're a sore head. If you laugh at all your jokes you're a tap head. If you laugh at none of them you're a bone head.

E. E. Magee says another question that has never been satisfactorily settled is, how long is a week-end—and when does it begin and when does it end?

And the reason a young father looks so happy with his first baby is that at last he has got something with a kick in it.

Probably Henry Ford is inventing that synthetic cow to feed his diversified stock.

MAY HAVE BETTER LUCK
Bedalia correspondence of Rogers (Ark.) Democrat—Mrs. Albert Evans didn't have good luck with her incubator. She had only 30 little chicks, but she is undaunted and she is setting again.

A distinguished authority says half the wars are caused by the lies of diplomats. The world is now suffering from the high cost of fibbing.

Not so many people who go away for the summer rented their houses furnished this year. They will risk anything but the collar.

There would never be a parade if there were no people to watch it go by, says Jobb Farnell.

DORRIS PERSONALS

DORRIS, Calif., Nov. 5.—W. F. Hipes of Macdoel spent yesterday afternoon in town on business. Mr. Hipes is an officer of the Butte Valley Irrigation district, which organization is completing survey and plans for a forty thousand acre tract to be irrigated.

W. G. Hargelstah, cashier of the Butte Valley State bank, was a passenger on yesterday morning's train

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for Sacramento, where he will attend an important meeting of Northern California bankers.

Charles Roberts, of the Medford Grocery company, was in Dorris one day this week soliciting orders.

C. H. Fall and Guy Quackenbush have returned from Medford, where they drove the first of the week for a truck load of apples.

Caminetti & Rinehart are finishing their lumber haul from the McColum mill near Keno, and will depart soon for the south, where they will spend the winter.

Charles Cooper of Macdoel was a business visitor in Dorris yesterday.

Hunters who have been trying their luck in the Oklahoma district have returned home with liberal bags of ducks and geese. Ducks are especially plentiful this season. Geese are just beginning to inhabit the grain fields.

CENTER OF U. S. WELL ON WAY TO NORMALCY

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Nov. 5.—Nowhere is a return to normalcy more evident than down in Southern Indiana at the center of population of the United States. The old familiar "house for rent" sign is hanging out, and at Ben Ranard's blacksmith shop the Hoosier villagers are whitening on goods boxes and speculating on whether or not the earth is round, just as they did before the war. It will be a long time before they quit talking about the great day

when they held a celebration and dedicated to their little village of Whitehall a ten-foot wooden monument, set up on the main road, bearing the proud inscription, "Center of Population, U. S. A.—1920." But their first flush of excitement and pride suddenly changed to lament and disgust when Professor W. A. Cogshall, Indiana University astronomer, came out to Owen county, and after a few nights of "star gazing," as the natives called it, determined from astronomical calculations that an old beech tree in a hillside briar patch on Russell Robinson's farm two and one-half miles west of Whitehall and eleven miles west of Bloomington, seat of Indiana University and former center of population, was the new hub of the nation.

From that day to this the natives have had no interest in their sudden leap into national limelight. Oliver Ranard, who lived within 200 yards of the old beech trees, has moved out. He served notice that the center of population is no place for the rent profiteer by moving two miles down the road, where he gets a house, barn, garden and pasture free. There, within 200 yards of the center of population, the five room bungalow he formerly occupied stands, wanting a renter at \$5 per month. Garden, orchard, pasture, heavily laden walnut trees in the front yard, a big persimmon patch down the road, paw-paws, squirrels within gunshot, fish in the Little Raccoon Creek nearby, only two miles from where a "white lightning" still was raided re-

cently by government agents, and with a church only a quarter of a mile away—house, barn and all for five dollars a month, but not a renter in sight. The housing situation is not a problem at the center of population.

Ben Ranard has been urged to open up a cold drink stand in connection with his blacksmith shop, which is the nearest business establishment to the population beech. He serves as a free information bureau for seekers after the center of population, and sympathetic, well minded travelers have pointed out to his that his pop stand would be the business hub of the country, strategically located for national trade from north, south, east and west. But Ben insists that the 1920 census can bring no good to the people of Owens county, Indiana, until they take the center of population away from that "consarned" old beech tree and put it back at Whitehall, where it would be convenient, and where it ought to have been left in the first place.

The last Cornish tin mine has been closed down, because the mining of tin under existing conditions has been found unprofitable. An industry which was the oldest in Great Britain, having been carried on by the Phoenicians long before the invasion of the Romans, now is practically extinct, with the result that nearly 100,000 miners and their families are in great distress.

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