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### LAUGH CURE FOR THE EASY MARK.

The government saves the American public a billion dollars a year by enforcement of the laws prohibiting the use of mails for fraudulent purposes. If it were merely a matter of enforcing laws many hundreds of thousands more might be saved. The real remedy, however, lies in public education.

As long as the average human being is so willing to be caught and so eager to fall for every new wile of the swindler, he will step into every trap set for him. Whether the crook uses handsomely embossed stationery as evidence of reputable position and prosperity, or whether he simply appeals to the common desire to get something for nothing, he continues to catch his thousands of dupes. At the same time he injures the business of legitimate mail order enterprises and honest advertisers.

There is one ray of hope. Green goods and gold bricks have about disappeared from the swindler's market. The public was ridiculed and laughed out of the habit of purchasing gold bricks. The jesters and comic cartoonists may be said to have assisted the authorities in ridding us of that particular pest. Perhaps if a great nation-wide laugh could be started and directed against the foolish ones who are caught by the mail-order frauds, these too would be put out of business by a slump in trade. The kind of man who "bites" for these things usually hates worse to be laughed at than fleeced.

### WHY SMOOT OPPOSES LEAGUE.

According to a dispatch in the Oregonian, Senator Reed Smoot, g. o. p. leader of the senate and Mormon apostle, opposes the League of Nations because it doesn't fit in with the revelations of one Joseph Smith, star prophet, it seems, of the Church of Latter Day Saints and Plural Wives.

"I ask you to read the many passages of the Book of Mormon referring to this nation, as well as the many

### RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

HOT ENOUGH.

"Is it hot enough for you?" It's a silly, idle question; and it makes me sad and blue, and it gives me indigestion. I could stand the sizzling heat, and look pleasant in my sorrow looking forward to some sleet, or a snowstorm on the morrow; I can take the cheerful view, till some day comes up inquiring, "Is it hot enough for you?" when with heat I am expiring. Then my rage I scarce can quell, and my ire I scarce can bridle, and I feel my bosom swell with emotions homicidal. Commonly I'm meek and mild, yearning for a life of quiet, but this question drives me wild, and I gladly hail a riot. Commonly I sing and smile, but this query, vain and brutal, always seems to stir my bile, makes me feel that peace is futile. Calmly in the heat I stew, till I hear some fellow asking, "Is it hot enough for you?" Then I cease my patient basking. Then my war paint I put on, green and crimson, blue and yellow, and I strew the sunstruck lawn with the fragments of that fellow. It is hot enough for me; all my organs melt together; I'd be swinish, you'll agree, if I asked for hotter weather.

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revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith as to the destiny of the same," Senator Smoot says. Next we may have Senator Borah explain that he read the future in the cards he held in a certain poker game, and is therefore certain that the League of Nations is at variance with the destiny of this great and glorious nation.

Senators Lodge and Poindexter do not give any particular reason for their opposition to the ratification of the peace pact. They are against it just from pure cus-  
sedness and don't care who knows it.

A medical authority says that "the minimum heat production of basal metabolism is increased 17 per cent by merely chewing gum", by which jargon he seems to signify that by chewing a stick of gum in hot weather you make yourself 17 per cent hotter. Moral: Save your gum for next winter.

They're getting ready to link up an intercontinental railroad system running from the Great Lakes to Buenos Ayres. That's very fine; but who wants to go from the Great Lakes to Buenos Ayres by railroad?

A Russian paper complains of the scant recognition given Russia in the peace treaty, saying, "Russia seems not to exist at all." That's the truth and likewise the reason for the omission.

There will be another telephone strike right away, the employees having voted heavily in favor of it. This young union, striking every thirty days, is going to make some of the older organizations set up and take notice.

Some persons used to be always worrying because there would be nothing to take the place of the hop industry. How about loganberry growing.

A Roseburg banker flew to Eugene one day last week. Another proof that money has wings.

### Hunting A Husband

BY MARY DOUGLAS

#### NEW QUARTERS.

#### CHAPTER III.

I met Norma Carewe yesterday, when I was hunting for a place to board. "Why not come down near me?" she asked.

So it has all changed. Things happen so suddenly.

I am to have a room near Norma Carewe. No I mean a studio. It is all so fascinating. Yesterday we spent a good part of the morning, Norma and I, going around from building to building. Some of the studios were beautiful. But far beyond my means. Others—no room.

At last we came to this old house. The outside looks battered and worn. The iron railing can still stand. That is all. And the inside! We climbed a dirty, narrow staircase straight to the top. A child led us up. She brushed aside her shaggy hair with a torn sleeve.

On the top floor, we stopped. A room of many angles with dust appalling—with panes unashed—was the one.

Norma Carewe gave one comprehensive look around.

Charming, Sara," she said. "Quite charming."

I had moved over to the dirty window. Tashed it up. What I looked out upon was "quite charming."

A tiny square of park. Bagged children playing there. Beyond an arch of white, which beckoned with stately grace.

"I like it, Norma," I said. The view and won me.

"And the rent?" Norma was busily.

"Twenty-two a month," said the frowsy little girl.

"Taken," said Norma, "beginning tomorrow."

So here I am, in my studio in Washington Square. A scrub pall of water on the floor, and I on hands and knees working away at my new home.

One-half of my room already has a wet, clean smell.

A knock. Then Norma Carewe. She looked dubious; at an unromantic Sa-a-lane—scrubwoman.

"You could get a woman to do it for you, Sara," she said with both hands in the pockets of her smock.

"But I'm poor. I've got to."

"Oh," said Norma, when you come to the decorating I'll help you."

I thanked her gratefully. And she was gone.

A double knock on the door.

"Come in!"

A stout youth stuck in a head of long hair.

"I say, you're going to be my neighbor," he said. "I thought I'd introduce myself."

"Oh, yes," I withdrew my hand from the dirty water, a little startled at this informality.

"What do you do? Paint? Write? Act?" His questions were followed by his person into my room. I knew I was not a pretty sight. A big checked gingham apron covered me to my neck. I could feel my hair straggling down my cheek.

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"Of course they might, for some time, study only French and Italian music, but they will have to come to Germany sooner or later. They will find it almost impossible to be without German music, and will soon want to hear Wagnerian operas again.

"Peace has been signed; let us have peace then—at least so far as music is concerned."

### COMES TO SALEM

Arthur B. Stillman, for two years connected with the University of Oregon and at one time employed in the accounting department of the Southern Pacific railroad, has been engaged as instructor at the Salem business college and entered upon his new duties yesterday.—Eugene Register.

Sydney.—An inland sea, 30,000 acres in extent is to be formed by damming the junctions of the rivers Murray, Durango and Mitta-Mitta. The cost will be \$30,000,000, and mostly ex-soldiers are to be employed.

"Forget It"—Buy At Home

# Only A Few More Days TO BUY SHOES At Spring Prices

Our prices on shoes in stock are much lower than shoes coming in for fall, and we want all of our customers to get all of these low priced shoes that they can use before they are gone as they are going fast. We are receiving express shipments of Hanan Shoes each week and will continue through the season.

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