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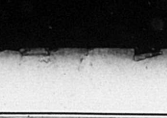

PHENOMENON OF A FIST

"Your honor, I'm a misunderstood man."

"Did you ever charged with assault and battery on this person with a black eye?"

"That's just the point, your honor. I slapped him on the back. It seems he wasn't feeling well and he slapped me on the jaw. The very next time I had occasion to use my right hand I discovered it was folded up."

Mere Formalities.

"I fear those two men are coming to blows," said the timorous citizen.

"Don't be alarmed," said a bystander. "There isn't a chance."

"But they are calling each other names."

"Only political liars. In this part of the country if a man doesn't call somebody a liar at least once during a political campaign he doesn't consider that he's doing his duty to his party."

MATTER OF OPINION.

Maude—Do you write poetry?

Frank—Five dollars an hot.

If She Wanted It.

Faint heart never won fair lady, for Faint heart is a coward, and a coward escaped the clutch of sex.

Brilliant Future.

"How about that college graduate who is ambitious to break into the newspaper game?"

"I have hopes of him," replied the city editor.

"Yes?"

"Some of these days he's going to write a story without having to use all the six-syllable words in the dictionary, and it will be a corker."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Obsessed.

"Do you believe a man should work eight hours, play eight hours and sleep eight hours?" asked the visitor to the asylum.

"Do away and don't bother me," replied the fractious citizen.

"Where's the nearest way?"

"Since I've been trying to learn some of the new dancing steps I don't know whether a day has 24 or 48 hours."

Managing a Career.

"You have been in public life a great many years," remarked the admiring constituent.

"A great many," assented Senator Sorghum.

"Is this because you were judicious in selecting policies?"

"Partly. But even more to the fact that I was discreet in choosing campaign managers."

Suspicious.

Hub—But you have a good reformer's face.

Mrs. Wise—Too good! They must have been trying to get rid of her to praise her so highly.

PRETTY BOY.

Turtle—Tee, hee, wherever I see one of my creatures, I just can't help my head.

His Idea.

"I like grouch cartoons," said the man. "And why is grouch?" he added. "Because If I study them I can tell whether I'm pretty sure to please the boss."

An Ear for Silence.

"Have you a phonograph?"

"Tipperary is one, and Mrs. Shaughnessy is another."

"But you never hear it now."

"That's why it's one of my favorite tunes."

Quite Ancient, in Fact

Knicker—What do you think of the modern jokes?

Bocker—Oh, they are about the same as the old ones.

Knicker—Isn't that a little odd, eh?—Syracuse Herald.

Still Smoking.

Mother—Georgie—Edith! Did I see you in the kitchen striking your father on the head with a match? Georgie—Yes'm; it's more handy than the kind you have to strike on the barrel.

A Surmise.

"Have you ever stopped to like after breakfast, the famous wrong?"

"Why, no, I don't recall that we ever ought."

"Then I'll introduce you."

"Thank you. I'm sure we'll enjoy it."

Drowning.

Mother—You shouldn't have gone naked with your friends in the river.

Daughter—I couldn't help it. I was drowned. My clothes were in the boat, and I never thought to come naked.

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He lectured, being the brother of an amazing fluency about the entire unnecessity of ever dying even a physical death. Mr. Stryker boasted on the occupants of the room.

"Mrs. Maxfield," he said, he declaimed, "I hasten—ah—to found that particular passage in Isaiah, that's hitting the book here? It is on the left hand table."

"Ah, I'll come—that great Bible is here," said Mrs. Maxfield, whose interest in the promise of physical immortality had lately become very keen, inconsistently abandoned her cheese, and proceeded the book mentioned looking Mr. Stryker out of the room.

Left Alone.

Letitia kept on knitting.

"Albert," she said, "I want to take that book, but it?" asked Albert, who in all these years had never addressed his mother by anything in saying what he wanted to say. "I'm afraid I didn't care for that man, and I'm afraid for Stryker's presence. He only came—"

"Well, you helped him," said Letitia, in pretended surprise; she knew perfectly well that Albert didn't care Mrs. Whipple induced her to. Mr. Stryker was a rich man, and a man of strong business, and mother is keen about his theory."

"Well," said Albert, getting a grip on himself, "I'm not. You know that. I want to say to you, Letitia, how I feel about this second hand. And when after a half hours arguing Letitia consented to go, he felt that he had accomplished an entirely dreadful interview.

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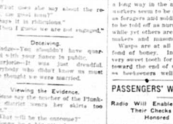

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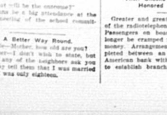

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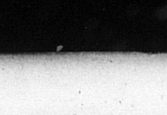

Miss Dorothy Brough, here seen giving over the bundles, was a star performer in an athletic meet in Palm Delphia. She made the 75-yard dash in ten seconds, tying the women's record.

Lays Real Golf Ball.

Independence, Kan.—Kenoyer's famous hen is again in the limelight. Not only does she lay eggs in the roof, sided then off and then grabbed the ball and ran. She devoured her own eggs, one day recently she laid a round ball, which Mr. Kenoyer, treating with acetic acid and formaldehyde, found to be a genuine golf ball. He has refused $500 for the hen.

Powdered shark's skin is used for polishing diamonds.

American Gold Perils Tourist

Is Big Hindrance to Travelers and Exchangeable for Less Than Bank Drafts.

MRS. TENNANT IS SEARCHED

Fined for Attempt to Leave France With United States Coin She Brought Over—French Law Limits Amount Taken Out.

Paris—Americans traveling in Europe who persist in the time-honored habit of carrying about with them a large amount of gold may profit by reading of the disagreeable experience of Mrs. Pelham Tennant of Hagerstown, Md. Mrs. Tennant has just returned to Paris after eight months of travel through Europe, and was on her way home with her husband. On leaving New York last August Mrs. Tennant and her husband bought a small amount of gold. But on their sojourney in case they arrived in an out-of-the-way place where banks and bankers of credit did not cause current.

Mrs. Tennant had put in gold pieces in an envelope in her dressing case. She passed through various customs houses without any difficulty or trouble, but on the French customs, on arriving at Bellegarde on the Swiss frontier, she was searched. Only a few days ago Mrs. Tennant fell into the hands of the French customs officials for in the Bellegarde customs. This time Mrs. Tennant had nothing dutiable to declare, but the officials, on searching her discovered the envelope of gold in her dressing bag and picking it up, found that it contained 1,000 francs. The company found the five $20 American gold pieces which Mrs. Tennant had collected.

She then ordered Mrs. Tennant into an inside office to be searched. Mrs. Tennant and her husband protested strongly at such treatment and the fact that they were not carrying French money but gold, which they had brought into France. Protests were of no avail, and Mrs. Tennant was compelled to undergo the search. Suddenly, her gaze still fixed on the mantelpiece, she caught sight on his haunches and held between his fore paws a golden ball.

There was a silence, followed by a shrill scream as the ball was dropped to the ground.

"Hallowed be babylashema!" snorted Rathbone, stooping and pocketing his prize. "Where in the name of the seven seas did you get that?"

"Humph!" said Rathbone, sharply. "Humph! Bless!" he snapped.

Rathbone shook his head.

"Well, I don't," said Betty; dogs don't bring balls."

"Her don't have her boy this one," observed Rathbone meaningly.

"Humph!" said Rathbone, with sharp emphasis.

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