# Scraps of Humor

EMBARRASSING

One of the prisoners of an Australian state rang up the minister of agriculture, but the wires must have been crossed. After trying for some time to get a coherent answer he lost his temper.

"Look here," he shouted, "is that Harris—minister of agriculture?"

The person on the other end replied: "Yes, it's Harris—minister of agriculture. Who's that?"

"Natural Talent.

"What is this inspiring structure?"

"A school of expression."

"A stool woman seems to be having an argument with an ice man at the side entrance."

"That's the cook. When the ice man gives her short weight, she can express more in a few minutes than the head of the school can in a week, although she has never studied elocution a day in her life."

AS TO OPINIONS

"Stage executives should welcome opinions of himself."

"Yes," the opinion of himself entertained Mr. Bottleneck.

Fate of the Dreamer.

A dreamer of dreams woke up one day
And found that his dreams were true;
He dreamed that he could not pay
And collectors swooping around.

Generous Solicitude.

"What do you think of your prospects in the next election?"

"I'm perfectly satisfied with the matter," replied Senator Sorghum. "I have no fear the defeat I'm working overtime for now."

"Yes," I do. I'm very much afraid my friends in Washington are going to lose the services of a mighty good man."

Choosing His Enemies.

"A man who succeeds in politics," remarked Senator Sorghum, "is sure to make enemies."

"Of course," replied Senator Sorghum. "Some times the enemies are honest. A fool friend is more to be avoided than a fool enemy is like-wise that fool he produce valuable publicity."

Taxi.

Judge—What is your age?

Lady Witness—How I got to tell you?

Judge—I have to know how old you are, madam, so that I don't want to set what your age is to your age.

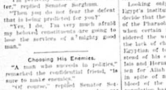
Lady Witness (to doubly—duly twenty-six, sir.

A Bond of Sympathy.

"I always feel sorry for a self-made millionaire who has a titled mother-in-law," remarked Mr. Meekton.

"Perhaps he doesn't feel that he needs your sympathy."

"Maybe not, but I dare say I could found a friend in the fact that we both have spoiled our wives."



LOTS OF UP TO.

Turtle—Say, there will be lots of terrible things in the world.

Second Turtle—What is it?

You won't see them.

For the Asking.

I wonder why it is," remarked Miss Tess, "that we never have to ask for the things we want."

"I understand from Jack," interposed the old fortune, "that you have to ask for his kisses."

"Yes," replied the fair flirt, "but that's the only thing Jack has ever asked me twice."

Time Enough.

Young Mother—Henry, dear, you mustn't go near the baby.

Young Father—Maybe I just look at him a minute?

Young Mother—No, dear, he's asleep, I'll let you take him when he wakes up in the morning.

Letting Him Out.

"I have had only one pun, Clarence."

"Yes?"

"Well, I visited a fortune teller this afternoon and she told me that I am going to marry a handsome man."

Playing It on Hubby.

Mrs. Elsa—Does your husband remember the anniversary of your marriage?

Mrs. Wye—Never; so I remind him of it in January and June and get two presents.

An Excellent Reason.

"What fellow pursues with the utmost strategic statesmanship and his approach is secret?"

"Why do you keep him."

"For the same reason that he gets the business."

Imperfections of Beauty.

"They say that the diet de bonbonnes flowers has no perfume and de bonbonnes smell de confectioner cute but no sense—one of 'em refused me last night."

Seeking Safety.

"What is your object in quoting so much from the classics?"

"I wish to be sure," said Senator Sorghum, "that there are some portions of my speeches whose grammar nobody will venture to criticise."

View of Cairo.

# Egypt, Again Independent

## Egypt of Today Is Little Known

World at Large More Familiar With Civilization of the Days of the Pharaohs.

PEOPLE ARE MUCH THE SAME

Peasant of Today Might Have Stepped From Ancient Carving—Now Has Free Access to the Ptolemaic Regime.

Washington, D. C.—King Fuad succeeds Cleopatra.

"When Great Britain abolished the protectorate over Egypt, and the Sultan of the Nile country changed his title to king, he became the twenty-first king of Egypt since the Pharaonic regime," says a bulletin issued from the National Geographic Society.

"Egypt, a self-governing page in a country wars more familiar to the world at large than the Egypt of today," continues the bulletin. "Pictures of the great pyramids and sculptured, ordained temples and rock-hewn tombs of the Valley of the Kings are familiar and inevitably the reader's attention is centered, not on the peasants of today, but rather on the evidences of a past civilization.

"But aside from the fact that many of the peasants are the direct descendants of the leading private industries of ancient Egypt, the country's progress, instead of building roads, railroads and bridges, has been left to the government, the old monuments are merely preserved and the land is being brought to center local thoughts, needs and activities.

Egypt's population across a large part of the area its color spread over the eastern quarter of the map of Africa, and statistics credit the country with one of more than 250,000 square miles. But the valley and fertile delta of the Nile like a cord with a frayed end, is the only valley and fertile delta of the Nile. Except a few scattered oases, which are dropped in the Libyan desert like a parched desert sand, gravel and rocky hills, off its more than a third of a million square miles of territory, more than 12,000 square miles are available of cultivation, and considering the part of this has not yet been tilled.

**Present Like Figure From Carvings.**

Under the rule of the Pharaohs and with that of the dawn of history one of the most important and far-reaching changes on the surface of the earth was brought about by irrigation methods. The Egyptian people, however, did not invent irrigation. Arabic has still preserved the exception of a word which designated the Egyptian method of irrigation. But in spite of manner of irrigation, the people of Egypt, the majority of the population has been practically the same.

"Egypt's resources are almost wholly agricultural, and in the agricultural sphere the millions of fellaheen are almost entirely dependent upon the Nile. Egypt's resources are almost wholly agricultural, and in the agricultural sphere the millions of fellaheen are almost entirely dependent upon the Nile. In the fields, men, women and children work together, and the youngest children are set to feeding the ultimate units. They work back-breaking scratching the soil with crude implements of prehistoric raising water by skin buckets attached to pivoted poles that for this reason look very much like primitive shadoofs. Their houses are lowly, and it is the lowly fellahin who keeps the country alive. Living conditions are very poor. Infant mortality is high, and the average life of the people is only thirty-three years.

**Glimpse at Egypt's Past.**

"The people of Egypt may now again be a kingdom but had a checkered career before they were made such by the British. Egypt was first conquered by Persia in 525 B. C. Then came the Greeks and Romans, the Arabs, the Mohammedan Turks, the Napoleonic invasion, the Albanian regime, recently Turk, French, Greek, Jew, Armenian and the Anglo-Egyptian. Of the Arabs and the Mohammedan Turks, which controlled it for centuries, Egypt has received a host of hereditary slavery.

"For the third time Europe took a hand in the affairs of Egypt in 1798 and Napoleon won the battle of the Pyramids. The British drove the French out in 1801 and made the country back to Turkey. In 1805 came Mehemet Ali, the Albanian adventurer, who has governed Egypt as a khedivate and a sultanate. To prevent the Egyptian affairs from becoming hopelessly involved, Great Britain and France joined in 1879 and made a joint control. The interest was suppressed by the British alone, and Arabi Pasha led a nationalist revolt without assistance. The government was overthrown, and Egypt fell into a state of anarchy and with the nominal supervision of the Ottoman Empire.

"When the World war began Great Britain declared Egypt a protectorate, abolished Turkey's suzerainty, deposed Abbas Hilmi and proclaimed Hussein Kamel another prince of the family to be sultan. The latter's successor, Fuad, is now being welcomed, but instead of being a sultan Egypt is set up as an independent kingdom."

Photograph of Alexander Graham Bell taken at Mount Desert, where he celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. Beside him is Mrs. Bell. Dr. David Fairchild recently said in a public address that the telephone has never would have a telephone. Dr. Bell replied that the telephone is an telephone in the Fairchild home.

BARS OWN INVENTION

## EFFECT OF BONUS BILL IS PUZZLING

POLITICIANS WONDERING WHAT ITS PASSAGE IS LIKELY TO MEAN AT THE POLLS.

IS NOT A PARTISAN MEASURE

May Be Vetoed by President Harding Unless Means of Raising Revenue Are Included—Senators Not Certain of Support.

By EDWARD B. CLARK

Washington.—Notwithstanding political claims, and especially members of the house of representatives and the senators who will come up for re-election next year, are trying hard to determine what effect the passage of an adjusted service bonus bill will have at the polls next November.

There is no doubt here, Republicans and Democrats, who say the passage of the bonus bill will have no effect on the election, but the bill will have its effect on the election, but the bill will have its effect on the election, but the bill will have its