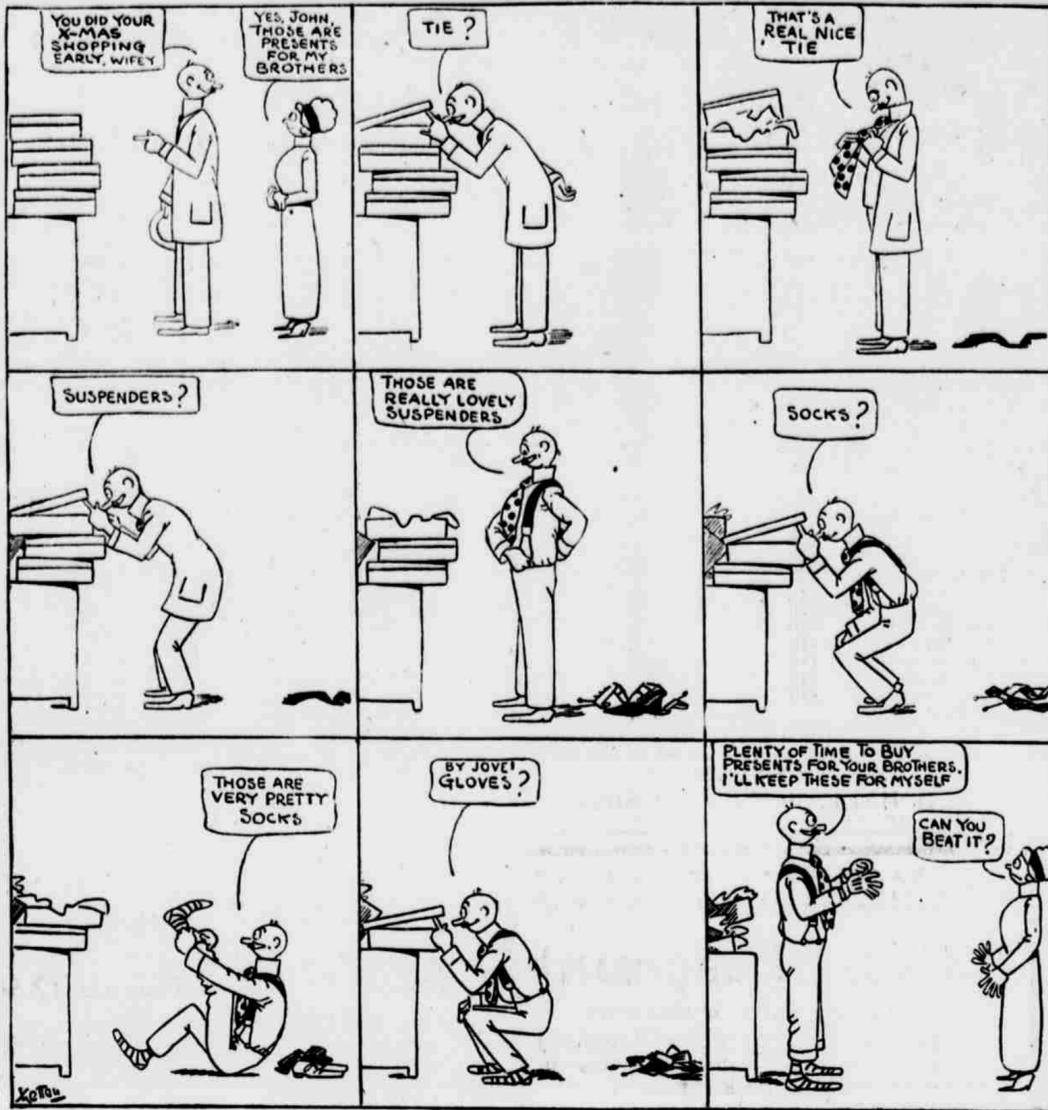


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Can You Beat It? By Maurice Ketten.



'IFS' That Changed History By Albert Payson Terhune

No. 9 - A Careless Signature That Cost a Kingdom. PEOPLE were all the time leaving England and emigrating to America. Not only the poor and the adventure seekers, but solemn men of substance who were disgusted with the Kingdom's rotten rule.

A SPECIALTY IN TRUCKING.

ACCORDING to Commissioner Edwards: "Removing snow is a specialty in trucking, and no contractor unskilled in the job can undertake it successfully."

That is a part of the explanation or palliation offered for the failure of the contractors to get the snow off the streets and sidewalks promptly, instead of leaving it to be trampled first into slush or ice, and afterward into grime and muck.

Had there never before been a snowfall in New York, or never before a contractor or a truck, unskillful and the lack of experience could be justly pleaded in excuse of all shortcomings.

Something more than mere unskill in the job has been at fault in this case and a resolute search for the real cause of delay may discover also a means of preventing its recurrence.

DEMOCRACY AND THE TARIFF.

REPORTS from Washington are that Champ Clark is opposed to any tariff legislation at this session "because the Democrats would not have the credit for it."

If Mr. Clark takes any such shortsighted view of his duty as a Representative in Congress, he is not fitted to be either the leader of his party or Speaker of the House.

The old saying, "He serves his party best that serves his country best," is not a mere epigram nor an empty sentimental phrase. It is the expression of a political truth that has been demonstrated many times in our history, and more than once since Mr. Clark has been in politics.

The demand for a reduction of tariff taxes on food and clothing was not a mere campaign cry to catch votes. It was the demand of a real need on the part of the people. It is the duty of every Representative in Congress to vote for tariff reductions at once. To postpone action for a year will be a poor way of gaining credit for the Democratic party or for the leaders of the party.

THE ABUSED MIDDLEMAN.

SECRETARY WILSON has joined the crowd that denounces the middleman as the cause of the high cost of living. He gives an array of figures showing that the consumer has to pay from 50 to 100 per cent. more for farm produce than the farmer gets for it.

If there were nothing in the problem except that of money, the argument of the Secretary would be valid. But there are other things to be considered. There are questions of convenience of time and of place in making purchases; of variety to choose from and of quantities in which to buy.

The middleman renders an important service to the producer and to the consumer in providing a market where each can sell or buy at his convenience. Some day that work may be done by co-operation. But the issue now is to have the tariff duties removed from foodstuffs; to free the middleman from the trusts.

AMERICAN GOLD IN BRITAIN.

REPLYING to a despatch from Mr. Balfour wishing him success in his contest for a seat in Parliament, Waldorf Astor replied: "Unionists in Plymouth unanimously deplore the demoralizing effects of foreign gold in the hands of the Dollar Dictator."

The interesting point is that the open use of American money on either side appears to have had no great effect on the voters. The cry against the "Dollar Dictator" didn't hurt the Liberals, nor did the retort against the American source of dual fortunes hurt the Tories.

The British public, in fact, seems to believe that American gold is never tainted. They are willing to take it with both hands.

Letters From the People

'Are Men Becoming Womanish?' To the Editor of The Evening World: Are men becoming womanish? If an inside peep into the dress industry can be taken as a criterion I naturally presume it so.

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl By Helen Rowland

In the game of love a man often throws down a queen in order to pick up a "two-spot!" Even a confirmed bachelor girl considers that unfair exchange is no robbery when she gets a chance to exchange a nickel-plated watch for a solid gold wedding ring.

Let George Do It! By George McManus



The Jarr Family They Are All at Home Again, Including the Old Grouch

Copyright, 1910, by the Press Publishing Co. (The New York World). By Roy L. McCardell. 'WELL, it's good to be home, isn't it?' purred Mr. Jarr as he looked fondly upon the instalment plan furniture of the flat.