

# Fun, Fiction, and Sense

**T**URK O'FALLON shared a very popular delusion, the same being that a fortune was to be made by manufacturing ice for people in the tropics. When one of us wants a particular thing very much, whether it be glory, or a hat, or an automobile, or a particular man or woman, we are certain that every other human being wants the same thing—only they are not all honest enough to admit it. For instance, when a nice girl falls in love with a chap no one else wants, she is sure all the other girls are lying awake o' nights thinking of schemes to insnare him.

Having a taste for ice himself, Turk O'Fallon was sure that thousands upon thousands of San Salvadorians were also longing for ice. All he needed was— No, you don't know the story at all. It's called "Turk O'Fallon's Deal in Parrakeets," and it is good. It fairly sizzles with Clarence L. Cullen's excited humor. It is the opening feature in our next SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

The practice of making a child obey just to show off one's authority for the alleged good of the youngster is about the pettiest kind of familiar persecution. It has serious results very often. William George Jordan tells some plain truths about "The Fetish of Obedience" which are likely to make some good, honest, well meaning folk squirm. We hope it will make them behave as well. The average person is like many a mistress of a household: overflowing with kindness, but totally devoid of a sense of justice. The application of the article isn't confined to children alone, and you'll find it worth while to read it carefully. Also you might do a little thinking on your own account—though that is a good deal to ask these days.

We are specially strong in fiction and fun during the summer months, with the salt of commonsense to give flavor to the feast. In this next number of our SUNDAY MAGAZINE there are four short stories and a serial. What is more important than the number is the quality of the stories. We have told you a little about "Turk O'Fallon's Deal in Parrakeets," and Turk sets the pace, in a way. He has to keep traveling mighty fast to escape being overrun by "The Judgment of Paris," a lively, novel tale, bubbling over with whimsical humor, and having a real plot which is bound to surprise you with its sudden turns. It's about two clowns in love with the same girl. She agrees to marry the better man, in this case meaning the better actor. The contest is a most amazing one.

In "Getting a Line on Oggie," Shorty McCabe is moved to true condemnatory eloquence. It's funny, of course, and it's well told; but it isn't so good as some of the other Shorty McCabe stories, for the reason that Oggie isn't the kind of person you really like to meet. But he exists in the world, and next to getting acquainted with men and women you really like, the best thing is to see those you dislike get their deserts. Retributive justice certainly does strike Oggie good and hard, and we jubilate with Shorty, who is good enough to make us forget the uncomfortable folk that are sloshing around.

Was there ever a boy that didn't go on a treasure hunt? Some of them never have a chance to go on a real hunt; because, manifestly, one can't hunt for treasure in the cities, where nearly all the treasure is assembled. One must have the country and a real cave to make it genuine. Uncle Tom Andy Bill tells of a treasure hunt that was most exciting and shivery, in our next SUNDAY MAGAZINE. It is called, "When We Were Lost in the Cave."

"The Spitfire" keeps one chuckling and bubbling. In this next instalment Valda has a painful time with Morson. His smiling curtsies in the face of her persecutions drive her nearly frantic. She assails him for coming on board. Morson cheerfully says he'll jump overboard if she desires. She dares him, and Morson jumps. He has the Jonah habit, you see. It's choke full of lively, delightful incidents.

These are just some of the principal features. There are never so many other good things, of course. And the cover will captivate more readers than most covers, even the best of them. It's a "Midsummer Night's Dream" by Miss Alice Beard. A little green sprite, the loveliest ever, is galloping away astride of one of those furry sprites of the woodland, a chipmunk. A big silvery moon lends its aid for color effect.

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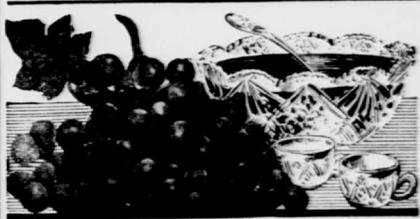
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