

# DAN CUPID JARS YAPHANK BENNIE

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CAMP UPTON, Dec. 9, 1917. FRIEND BARNEY: Barney you have been my pal for a long time and now I want you to give me the low down on something that I would not think of asking nobody to do for anything in the world. As the French say, Barney, this must be strictly antey-new us two and I know that when I tell you what it is that you will not say nothing about it to nobody under any circumstances.

Barney, this morning I got a letter from Gertie in which she said something about Andy Cramer being back to little old N. Y. on a furlong from the Marines. He certainly looks peachy in all his uniform that has a great deal more color than army uniforms have got—that is exactly what she wrote in the letter. And she said Andy you would hardly know him he is so big and strong and looks like the sea has done him lots of good.

Now, Barney, you know that I am not the kind of a man to get all het up about no common Marine but I would think that Gertie was using very poor judgment in telling all that stuff about Andy Cramer to me. I wouldn't say a word for anything about any man who was wearing one of old U. S. Sam's uniforms but just the same I know what they call a marine amongst regular soldiers, and that is nothing less than Leather Neck. And what is worse I know that such a name as Barney would call him such a name as that I certainly would clear for action right there and he would have to prove it.

But I am not going to say anything about that to Gertie. If she wants to fall for a cheap ex-bouncer just because there is a lot of officers around full of bull about being the best to fight then it will be all right to me. Only if that guy ever comes around here I will see who is the first to fight. He will know he has run up against the American army and not just a Leather Neck. And what is worse I will call him that name as soon as I see him. Now what I want you to do Barney is just to see whether Gertie is falling for this guy Andy. You understand I should worry and it don't make one particle of difference one way or another with me whether or not she is slick enough to give any Marine a shoo-bye as one pal to another you might keep me informed.

They certainly is some fair dames blow around this camp on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, Barney. Most of them come out to see their brothers and one of my pals out here has got a sister that he has told about me to and when I am going to take her all around. So you can imagine how much I am worrying about Leather Necks, eh, Barney. BENNIE.

### Gertie Gets the Invite.

Tuesday night. DEAR GERTIE: Well Gertie I guess that here is something that will knock your eye out. You could not guess what it is if you had from now until any day in the month and I bet it will give you some shock too. Gertie, old pal, our company has decided to give a dance on Saturday night and you are invited to attend. We are going to open the party about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and serve a little supper, and then we will dance until about 8 o'clock so that the girls from the city can get the last train back.

Gertie I guess you know that it means something to be invited to a soldier dance when you know every girl in the land would just about get knocked dead if it was she that was invited instead of you. But then there is only one Gertie and she will certainly give some of those soldiers out here who are always talking about their dames in the city something to think over. You sure will have all the other skirts at the dance looking like wall flowers at the Hickville Christmas party. And you want to be all dolled up in your 1918 models and just show some of these birds out here what the real stuff is. And you are the little old pal what can do it, Gertie old pal.

Yes Gertie I remember that friend of yours Andy Cramer is so glad that you have saw him and that the Marines is going to make a man out of him. Us regular soldiers know what the Marines is and the kind of raw material they get and would say that their biggest job is making men out of what they get. But that is all right and then it is great that somebody can do it. Some people say that they are "First to fight" means that they are quarrelsome and always starting something but I guess it really does. Most of the Marines that I have saw in my day would be afraid to start anything much to speak of so I guess that First to fight stuff is just to get these birds to enlist. Personally I prefer to enlist in some established thing like this selected draft army. I don't want to say anything but I certainly would not want to be a Leather Neck myself. I have seen them and they sends no one either for that matter if you care to know for that matter.

Well I certainly will see you with all my bells on at the dance. O, you beautiful Saturday night. Your, JAZZ BENNIE.

### A Whack at the Scribes.

Wednesday night. DEAR GERTIE: Was hoping that I should get your letter but I think you know how long I was to go to our dance but I guess that it must have been delayed somewhere because I did not get it. Gertie I would like to ask you if you have ever saw a woman reporter. I guess you know what I think of these real birds who must have something on a lot of editors and things in order to hold their jobs. I am laying far some of these fellows who are getting their money under false pretences because they have told a lot of lies about me and some things that I would sure them about a million dollars worth of libel for if I was not in the army and busy learning how to shoot so that I can make the world safe for them birds to fly around in. If you had to wait for them to make something safe you had might as well wait for the German flag to come over the post office. They are all big stuffs but them birds wouldn't fight any quicker than some Marines that I know would or maybe not even as quick although I doubt that.

But what I started to tell you about

was woman reporters. I only saw this dame a couple of times around our barracks playing our captain for some news, but Jimmy Gregory, who is in the Signal Corps told me a lot of stuff about this dame kidding along the Signal Corps officers and making a bunch of plain such and such out of some of them. He stung them for about a week for a little jitney and Jimmy said that she used up more gas on that fly running around over the country and so forth than them signal birds would use in four weeks. Jimmy said that it was a screme how she was such a scribe and out of a couple of them lieutenants over there, and it just shows that all reporters male and female are all alike when it comes to handing out the old rough stuff in large gobs. And there is one male reporter around this camp who is going to get jammed up with me some one of these days and it will be some jam but you can bet Gertie that I won't be the guy that gets jammed. Only four more days until Saturday, Gertie. Yours, Old Wiz.

### A Serious Duty Done.

Thursday night. FRIEND BARNEY—Although it is a very delicate subject I think it is my duty Barney to write you a little more about this Leather rough neck, this Andy Cramer, Barney. I got a note from Gertie this morning and she said that I had done a grave injustice when I had said that the Marines was going to make a man out of him.

There is no reason why you should not be the best friend in the world of a friend of mine. If you respect me as you have always said you have did then you should ought to treat him with respect for my sake even if for no other.

Then Barney she pulled a lot of stuff about how she had always respected my pals even if she did not care for them and that if she felt like treating Andy nice because he was in the Marines that it was my cue to kiss him on the hilly white brow every time I go with her out on a date. Then she pulled one line that said you may have a chance soon to show what you think of me and I hope that you will be that man that I think you are. This will be a test of how big you are, Bennie, and I am hoping that you will measure up.

Barney I ask you as pal to pal what kind of dope is it that she has been using to pull that rough stuff on me. Barney James is all the same and they all got as much temperment as a flivver, when they start pulling this rough stuff nothing can stop them. I guess when she comes out here to our big dance that our company is going to hold in our barracks on Saturday night I am going to get her to translate some of them letters of hers so that I get the drift. I read some time ago that there was some of them Marines that this Andy guy belonged to over in Berlin if that is right and Barney is that if they run up the works of the army as much over there as they gum up one real soldier over here then they are doing a lot of fine work, I don't think. Marines don't really belong to much of anything and I don't know what kind of kind of name but the navy is the one that named them Leather Necks and of course the army would not claim them for anything. I certainly would hate to belong to any kind of an organization like that. I either want to be or I don't. Am I right Barney?

Well as usual they have insisted that I play for most of the dances and of course I will have to do it for some of them though of course what I would ordinarily do would be to dance a straight program with Gertie. She and I make some couple on the floor and they are not as good as I have been for some time. I suppose I will have to play for two or three of the dances though so that the poor suckers will get a couple of good dances anyhow. If I could only dance to my own music it would be the real gravey. Yours, BENNIE.

### On With the Dance.

Thursday night. DEAR GERTIE—Will be down to the train at 2:15 when your train pulls in, and I certainly will be there with all my bells on and the cut off wide open. You will have to leave after the dance on the 4:30 train for the city and I only wish that you did not have to take the long ride all alone by yourself. If you could get some little pal to come along with you it would be fine and they would be plenty of room up to the dance.

Have not got any time to write some more only that you certainly will say what kind of a lucky dame when you see what kind of a time you are going to have at the army dance. Army dances is famous everywhere in the world and especially the American army dances. Until Saturday. BENNIE.

### Gertie Gets In Bad.

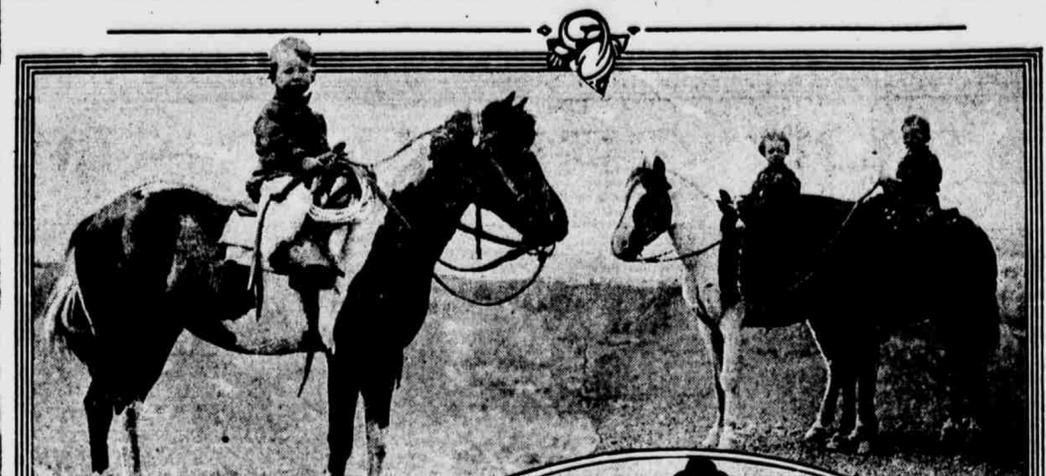
6:30 P. M. Saturday. BARNEY—Well I have just snuck away for a couple of minutes to write you this letter Barney because I felt like I would blow right straight up through the barracks roof if I did not get it off my chest pretty soon.

Do you know what Gertie went and pulled on me Barney. Well I will tell you. I wrote her Thursday saying that she should ought to bring down some little pal with her. Well she did and who do you suppose it was. Well it wasn't nobody but that big boob Marine Andy—that big Leather Neck I told you about like a small town barber pole with more duds than a regular Major general in an army would wear.

Well you could have knocked me down with a toothpick when I saw her step off the train with this prize boob. And she rushed right up to me and pulled a lot of stuff about how she had hung this boob out with her because I had told her to in my letter and then she said Well I just know you and Andy will be the best of friends. You will have so much to talk about both being in government service. And Andy is so interesting that you must get him to tell you all about the sea and the wonderful marines.

Yes, I said just like that, the marines must be wonderful. I have heard a lot of the boys in my company speak quite often of the Leather Necks. Well, he must be a daggaboy buck private now, isn't he? he said to me. Yes, I said, he left the Leather Necks and come over to a regular outfit. Oh, he have sent a lot of men we

# CHILDREN OF WILL ROGERS ARE "SOME KIDS"



THERE are two kinds of children—children and kids. Will Rogers' children are kids all the way through. And as the actor-cowboy

father proudly says, they are "some kids." Being Will's kids they were just naturally brought up on horseback. New Yorkers who went to the big ben-

ch at the Polo Grounds last summer for The Sun Tobacco Fund will remember the amazement the little tykes created when they came galloping out, yipping and sticking to the leather like regular cowboys. Their papa wasn't any prouder of them that day than he is every day, because whenever he thinks of talks to or sees those kids he just naturally throws his pride into the statute books.

These pictures of Will and the kids were taken not long ago, and we make bold to say that the youngsters are little if any bigger now than then. Will himself took his pen in hand and sat right down and wrote a description of what the pictures betoken. For instance, of the huge cowboy in the upper left hand corner he says: "Youngest cowboy in the world, Jim, age 2, and he can ride. If you want to start a civil war just try to take him off that pony. He eats there."

Of the two other stalwarts in that picture he writes: "All mounted on their own ponies. The youngest cowboys in the world. Bill, 6, and Mary, 4." Giddap, that! In the oval is some happy family. Will Rogers says: "Here we come, all in a dead run and nobody holdin' on. They won't ride unless they can ride in (it's cowboy to say 'in' instead of 'on') a run. I'm riding the only opposition to a Ford."

When the nation calls every young Rogers rushes to arm. Their father writes about this picture, to wit: "The Home Defence League on the parade. The tough little bird on the end is not holding his gun right, but none of us has the nerve to tell him so. That's Roosevelt Rogers."

### PUT PERSONALITY IN JEWELRY AND BE IN HARMONY WITH LIFE

If you are a fluffy little blond creature do not wear black opals and try to look mysterious. If you are an olive, dusky haired dame fly from the sweetly pretty turquoise. Briefly, let your jewelry be an outward manifestation of your inner self. If you choose a ring see to it that it is not a ring and nothing more. Let it be a portrait of the wearer, a portrait done in metal and stone. Express self.

This is the motif of the personality jewelry which is offered in place of the purely commercial type. Naturally such a motif appeals to a woman. The average man would call it sentimental stuff. A man's idea is to write a check covering the total damages and address it to the jeweler.

But even man is being regenerated. He is beginning to get the punch behind the personality jewelry. In time he may come to see that a diamond plaque the size of a saucer does not become a Dresden china doll any more than a pair of imitation ruby earrings becomes a girl with red hair and freckles.

Personality jewelry may be had in Greenwich Village, the fertile, so much you might have guessed. Its designer is Miss Madeline Pecke. Miss Pecke lives in a studio. All villagers do. Her studio is her workshop. Together go the thoughtful throngs seeking the jeweled avenue of self-expression.

Here are some general rules for the choosing of gems as given by the artist who has made them her life story: For the nutbrown maid, the girl with brown hair and brown or hazel eyes, all the precious stones are her friends. She may wear rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds. Her personality is warm and rich. She is sparkling in tone. So are the precious stones. The two harmonize. One brings out the beauty of the other.

# SCHOOL LECTURES TEACH MILLIONS

Natural History were opening who their doors to ever increasing audiences.

The lectures in their present form now appeal to the millions. Despite the reduced appropriation there was in the lecture course ended in June, 1917, no less than 700 lecturers, who discussed on 1,555 topics in 139 centers. There were 4,693 auditors in all, comprising 923,436 persons. The attendance for the season of 1917-18 will probably exceed one million.

Now that the system has gained such impetus it has also developed a workable theory as well as satisfactory practice. As at present constituted, the department of lectures provides for the city of New York a system of adult education.

It was in 1903 that the lecture system took on a national aspect, for in March of that year the experiment was made of giving instruction to Italian and Jewish immigrants in their own languages. Here those who had only recently come to this land of opportunity were instructed in American history and traditions, inspired by the examples of the founders of the republic and told of the growth of American institutions and of the rights and duties of citizenship under the Stars and Stripes. Lessons were also given in the principles of sanitation and hygiene.

Many Phases of Activities. The activities of the lecture department took on various phases according to the localities in which the lectures were given. In some parts of the city they became veritable schools, for those who listened to them took copious notes and later submitted themselves for regular written examinations. In some of the centers there are public forums where prominent men from all parts of the country give addresses and participate with the auditors in earnest debates.

Another phase of this popular institution of the humanities is the study of music and art. The tone poems of the great masters are interpreted at many of these lectures which may be found at fashionable music-halls.

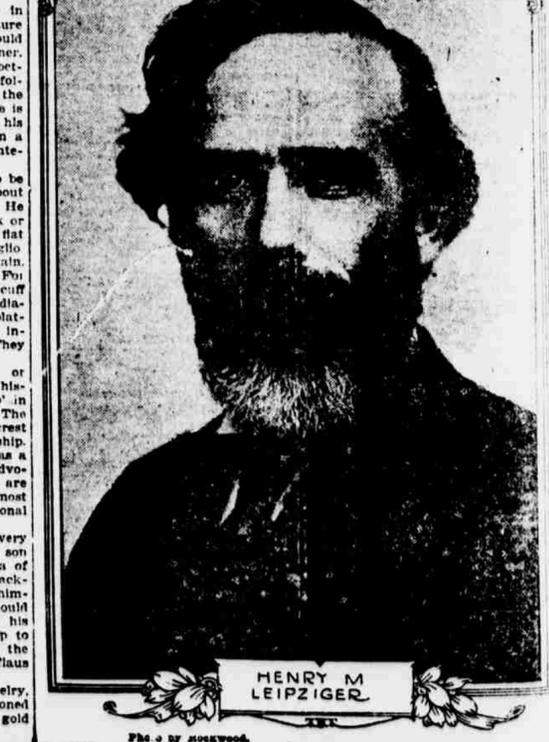
During the first season, that of 1918, when the system got thoroughly under way, 186 lectures were delivered at six schoolhouses, which served as centers of the new movement. The total attendance at the lectures was 23,149. The second season, which was inaugurated in October of that year, had three lectures a week, delivered in various parts of the city. In the course, which lasted until April, 1920, 329 lectures were given. The entire attendance was 26,682.

It is not until the third season that Dr. Leipzig succeeded in getting the financial and moral support which assured the success of his ambitious programme. He was a believer in publicity. First of all, he had 10,000 bulletins provided for each lecture centre; posters and placards giving the lecturer's name and subject were placed in the windows of stores and factories throughout the city. Dr. Leipzig called in person on the editors of all the newspapers and interested them in the movement.

Auditors Eager to Learn. The organization of a rapidly increasing corps of lecturers devolved upon the pioneer of education. Some of the doctents of the university without walls of its own were obtained from the colleges of the city. Most of the lecturers received a nominal fee, and there were others who gave their services without cost.

The whole lecture idea was at that time in a state of transition. The time of forensic display and of rhetorical rhapsodies had passed. The city was being filled with the eager inquiring souls of other climes, many of whom, although reared in ignorance, were stretching out their hands toward this new form of free learning.

The lecture system in the early '20s had reached such proportions that not only schools but also parish houses and churches of various denominations, the public libraries and such institutions as the American Museum of Natural History were opening who their doors to ever increasing audiences.



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