

did, in fact, what the query indicated.

They declared that they would gladly give a thousand dollars to recover their goods—then Bennie told his story.

"I only want four hundred," he said. "It's on account of my poor brother, gentlemen!" he pleaded. "I'm not holding you up. You shall have the goods anyway, only that four hundred dollars is the price of my brother's happiness."

"And you shall have it willingly, young man!" assented the principal creditor. "Produce the property and get your check."

When Bennie left the town with the money he felt rewarded for the patient underpaid weeks he had put in to get even with his rascally employers.

Meantime, across the border, Slews and Wykoff had opened their treasure chest, to find rubbish.

"Wykoff," observed Slews dolorously, "Bennie did this!"

"I'm afraid he did," assented the mournful partner.

"We can't go back."

"Ah, no—not in thirty, nor sixty, nor ninety days can we return to our old stamping ground! No, not ever, unless we want free jail fare."

—O—O— THINKER SOLVES PROBLEM

"How do you account, Mr. Wise-acre," said little Binks, "for the extraordinary growth of gum chewing in this country?"

"It is only a subconsciously inspired measure of preparedness," returned the philosopher. "Some day we Americans may bite off more than we can chew and we are merely getting our munitions of chaw into shape for emergency."—New York Times.

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The bolero jacket, just short enough to show a pretty **butt** underneath it, will be one of the leading modes when new suits bloom again with the spring.

WANTS TO GROW UP FAST TO AVENGE DAD MEXICAN KILLED



CHAS. RAY WATSON JR.

"I am going to grow up fast so I can learn to shoot and can fight the Mexicans," that was the declaration of the eight-year-old son of Charles R. Watson, one of the 18 Americans massacred by Mexicans at Santa Ysabel, standing beside the grave of his father. The boy is a student at the Alban Military school and bravely returns the salutes of U. S. soldiers stationed in El Paso, Texas.