

LIMERICKITIS SEIZES WASHINGTON'S OLD AND YOUNG AND TIMES IS DELUGED WITH POSSIBLE FIFTH LINES

Special Postal Messengers Run and Phones Ring For Contestants. Countless Suggestions Made and Majority Are Bright and Witty.

Washington has "limerickitis." The contest inaugurated by The Sunday Times has seized the people of Washington as no other has in recent years, and men, women, and children, old and young, are vying with each other in the effort to submit the brightest and cleverest fifth line to the popular limericks.

Each morning the Sunday editor of The Times has stood aghast as the office boy piled hundreds of letters on his desk, each containing lines for the limerick. The contestants have not been limited to the District of Columbia, but readers of The Times in other cities, hundreds of miles away, have forwarded their idea of what the missing line should be.

SPECIAL DELIVERY AND TELEPHONE USED. The interest in the contest is unparalleled, and from the hour the editorial rooms of The Sunday Times opens on Monday morning letters containing the fifth line to the limerick pour in steadily. They come without any abatement up to a late hour on Saturday night.

Not only were the mails used but the telephone was kept busy until very late last night by persons who had failed to get in their suggestions in time for the mails and were anxious to have their lines submitted before the contest closed for the week. All this only went to prove the tremendous interest that is taken in the contest inaugurated by The Sunday Times.

The answers have been almost as varied as they are numerous. Owing to the lack of space The Sunday Times could not begin to print even a quarter of the replies. The task of the judges in selecting the prize winner was a difficult one, as there were so many that were clever, bright, and deserving.

G. S. Livingston, 623 F street northwest—
"Perhaps they're financially down."
J. Hart, 442 Massachusetts avenue northwest—
"They haven't the cash to plank down."
A. M. Hamrick, 1108 L street northwest—
"Because there're not enough to go round."
Minnie B. Davison, Third and G streets—
"Too busy," they say with a frown."
Jos Weber, 431 T street northwest—
"Just because they can't hold them down."
William Peacock, 211 A street southwest—
"Because marriage takes cash spot down."
"Because the fellow with money won't propose."
"A man wants a woman, not a gown."

Submits Three of Them.
J. Santucci, 2710 Twelfth street northeast—
(1) "They're waiting till prices go down."
(2) "There ain't enough men to go round."
(3) "They fear they'll propose like a clown."
Mrs. P. L. Gardner, Census Bureau—
(1) "They're so devilish hard to tie down."
(2) "They'd rather be 'men about town."
(3) "There's small joy in a benedict's crown."

This Is a Man's View.
M. A. Garnier—
(1) "On a benedict's life they all frown."
(2) "In liquor their sorrows they drown."
(3) "They all look so ugly and brown."
(4) "They are all after big money down."
(5) "They refuse, of all joys, the crown."
Edward J. Leahy, 630 G street southwest—
"Some settle up and not down."
E. S. Wood, 735 Sixth street northwest—
"The gowns come high—men can't pay down."
J. H. Saunders, Silver Spring, Md.—
"Well, there ain't enough to go round."
C. C. King, 1008 K street northwest—
"For two, Uncle's pay won't go round."
J. W. Saunders, 1804 Eighth street northwest—
"They haven't been asked, I'm allowin'."

This Is Real Sarcasm.
Anna Cooke, 956 B street southwest—
"I think they're all out and down."
Thomas Wright, 483 C street northwest—
"Because they have sense in their crown."
W. O. Gibson, 402 Fourth street southeast—
"Because alimony has become so re-down."
H. Edwards, 195 E street northwest—
"On butterflies they all seem to frown."

The Prize Winning Fifth Line

By C. S. FETTIS,
1318 Kenyon Street,
They're ladies a-plenty in town,
With beauty in face and in gown,
But husbands they're shy,
O please tell us why,
They look on the with a frown.

Lily Reilly, 3019 Thirteenth street northwest—
(1) Because Hyman has lost his renown.
(2) 'Cause the girls on poor lovers all frown.
Louis Reilly, 3019 Thirteenth street northwest—
Because living is up and stocks down.
Dr. J. R. Hayes, 614 Maryland avenue northeast—
They want them with money cash down.

Isn't Their Fault.
H. Rook, Landover, Md.—
No fault of their own, I'll be bound.
O. B. Willing, Fifteenth and U streets northwest—
Just waiting till leap year comes 'round.
Felix J. Driscoll, 471 Monroe street—
Why, the fair ones we want turn us down.

Eva M. Clements, 1406 G street northwest—
They're waiting for signs of "marked down."
Miss May Murray, 521 Third street southeast—
Because good wives are hard to be found.

A. M. Hamrick, 1108 L street northwest—
I would—but these ladies might frown.
John P. Carl, 305 West 150th street, New York—
It's because they turn all the men down.
Miss Eiva Diamond, C street northwest—
They'd probably rather go down.
Leroy Phillips, 1206 G street northeast—
Their affinites haven't been found.

Here Are a Few More.
Charles P. Mortimer, room 177 Patent Office—
If you can't go 'way back and sit down.
Miss Nellie Whiting, Central Heights, Bennings—
For their bills they will never cut down.
B. Reynolds, 506 Thirteenth street northwest—
'Cause marriage like war is—deep down.

Up to the Feed Man.
W. E. Palmer, flat 30, the Penhurst—
(1) "Cause benedict's a quarter a pound."
(2) "Groceries are up and salaries down."
(3) "The boys are too mean to get bound."
Thomas C. J. Bailey, 531 Randolph street northwest—
(1) "They're afraid of the fair lady."
(2) "The average man's but a clown."
(3) "On their knees the young men won't go down."
(4) "To one skirt they don't want to be bound."

Rouge, Pads, and Rats.
A. V. Burrows, 1845 Twelfth street northwest—
Because there's rouge on their faces, pads in their places, and rats in their heads about.
Miss Consuelo Adamson, 1123 Tenth street northwest—
The man with the coin not yet found.
From "E."
They're shy the cost of that gown.
Jacobus S. Jones—
Because their bank accounts are down.

Four From D. Mullany.
D. Mullany, 500 Fourteenth street northwest—
(1) "They look on these maidens and frown."
(2) "These fair ones don't do them up now."
(3) "Such fellows can no'er win renown."
(4) "Their shyness at once they don't frown."
W. F. O'Donnell, 1815 Eighth street northwest—
Because they just can't settle down.

Two Sides of the Question.
William Peacock, 211 A street southwest—
(1) Says the man to the lady, will you marry me
Says the lady to the man, what's your salary?
(2) If may be governed by the laws of divinity, or else neither side can find an "affinity."
W. F. O'Donnell, 1815 Eighth street northwest—
Because they just can't settle down.

This Is a Man's View.
Henry James, 704 L street northwest—
(1) Why! we can't tell "the public, you "clown!"
(2) They want all the "bargains" in town.
Mary Crane, North Capitol and M streets—
(1) Because they won't marry a clown.
(2) Because they're lean and not round.
Mrs. J. E. Snyder, Fourteenth street and Brentwood Road—
The maids won't have them around.

Ain't It the Truth!
C. T. Morris, 910 New York avenue northwest—
Because they don't look the same in the house working around.
Miss B. F. Noland, Conduit road—
'Cause there's not enough to go round.
Isabelle Spencer, 2109 I street northwest—
No bald spot for them on their crown.
M. I. Daly, 1306 Columbia road—
Because they're afraid of a frown.

A Compliment for The Times.
Will C. Stierlin—
"Of all the newspapers in town,
The only one of much renown
Is the Washington Times,
With its limerick rhymes,
In which we all strive for 'the crown."
Mrs. E. F. Terlinger, 300 Carroll avenue—
(1) From a woman's standpoint:
"The girls turn so many men down."
(2) From a man's standpoint:
"The price of girls' clothes makes men frown."
(3) Aunt Dinah's line:
"Dere ain't enuf men to go round."

P. J. Burton, 516 Twelfth street northwest—
"Is Kermit Roosevelt around?"
"Because the ladies are nature's fakers profound, and the men postponers of great renown."
George W. Cone, Riverton, Va.—
"They're all right, but the price must come down."
Roy B. Gilliland, 337 Maryland avenue southwest—
"Because suckers are hard to be found."
Miss A. L. Alling, 1610 Newton street northwest—
"Cause ladies don't bear the trademark of the union."

E. Cullom, 1721 G street northwest—
"Little girls in the States hold them down."
Autos, Baseball, and Rye.
Louise Bergmann, Brightwood—
"It's motor car, baseball and rye."
M. S. 1104 L street northwest—
"They care naught for blue eyes nor brown."
Margaret E. Fraser, 133 U street—
"Mollycoddles, sit up! Live it down."
E. M., 424 East Capitol street—
"Prices are up, salaries down."

Too Much on F Street.
B. B. Daggett, the Cecil—
"Too much on F street-up and down."
C. J. Kehlenger, 324 Eleventh street northwest—
"Because there're affinites 'round."
W. A. Blackstock, 124 C street southwest—
(1) "The cost of the gown holds them down."
(2) "They require a more lasting gown."

An Elaborate Reason.
Arthur Pryor—
THE REASON.
"They're ladies a-plenty in town, etc."
"Well expensive are faces and gowns!"
The fellows on twenty a week
May keep themselves looking quite sleek;
But the women's complexions—
Hand made—dress confections,
Would make twenty a week look weak.
"They're ladies a-plenty in town, etc."
"They won't have any Smith, Jones, or Brown."
(They have read the "six best" of the season.
To marry beneath them is treason;
So they're waiting to claim
A bank book with the name,
Lord Witherhope Feigh Feaveur Sneezon.)

Blame the Parsons.
J. A. Goodier, room 235, War Department—
"Cause parsons all want the cash down."
W. McLarnie—
"Cause Congress on sales doth frown."

Here Are a Few More.
Mrs. Harry T. Martin, 1411 Thirtieth street northwest—
"Because he feels guilty, the ornery bound."
V. S. Marion, 118 D street northeast—
"Men are too sound in their crown."
"Man no more builds his own gown."
Dorris Warren, 704 G street northeast—
"There are so many rum shops around."
John R. Nalls, 1300 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—
"Because a mother-in-law's tongue never runs down."
B. E. Hutchison—
"Affinities elsewhere (don't frown)."

Blame the Parsons.
E. S., 315 Third street northeast—
"The price of go-carts don't come down."
"Fata" Harding—
"Because we know not when Stillings will frown."
Alfred M. Lepley, 467 H street northwest—
"Because woman made the first man fall down."
L. Goetz, Capital Hotel—
"Well, look at your papa's dark frown."
"Give it up; I'm no poet. John Brown."

Because They Smoke.
Raymond Reynolds, 123 Thirtieth street—
"Because they smoke tobacco until they die."
Harry H. White, 1908 Thirteenth street northwest—
"Too many are hanging around."
Miss Anna Smith, 1426 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—
"No husbands, no babies, no beans, no burn brown."
Mrs. A. L. Lewiston, Takoma Park—
If I do, all the ladies will frown.

All Want Cash Down.
M. A. Phillips, 943 S street northwest—
"Because they all want the cash down."
J. H. W. Marriott, Hotel Stratford—
Men never talk love in this town.
R. H. Jay, 47 New York avenue—
He's a coward from feet to his crown.
M. M., 424 East Capitol street—
"Cause mammon has knocked Cupid down."
M. Carl Judd, 895 Eleventh street northwest—
"Cause life is more pleasant down town."
J. E. Lyle, 906 B street southwest—
"Tis their bills that can't be kept down."
William P. Douglass, 905 Fourth street northwest—
"Because they don't want babies around."

Warner Tells Students of Value of Education.
The students of Woods' Commercial College listened to a practical talk by B. H. Warner yesterday afternoon, when he spoke of the merits of business schools and colleges as an aid in the development of young business men.
He said: "Practical education is more necessary today than ever before. Formerly it was customary for merchants to take young men into their rooms and train them. Now the business man has not the time to bother with young men. The school is necessary. A few years ago educators spoke of commercial schools as innovations upon the educational systems. In many States today they are part of the public school education."

Stealing an Elephant.
At first blush it would seem that an elephant was far too cumbersome and huge an article to be stolen, but according to one of the British consuls in Siam the teak industry there is most seriously interfered with by the incessant theft of timber elephants. One of the consul's four transport elephants, the property of his majesty's government, was stolen while grazing near Chongrai in October last, and has not yet been recovered. Out of fifty-nine elephants reported stolen, they were taken from the Salween district, and in nearly every case when the thieves get away with an elephant they take it into that district and keep it there until the brand has been removed before taking it across the Salween for sale in British territory.—Detroit News.

ANOTHER LIMERICK!

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SUPPLY MISSING LINE OF THIS LIMERICK:

We've heard why the women now falter,
Why they shrink from the ring and the altar,
But you'll know from this jingle
Why the men remain single,

The \$10 cash prize will be awarded for the brightest and cleverest fifth line to the above limerick. Send in as many as you please. See next Sunday's Times for the winner.

Address Sunday Editor,
The Washington Times

J. J. Giphin, 1521 O street northwest—
"Cause prices refuse to come down."
Ida Wright Hines, 420 Stanton street northeast—
"There are not enough men to go round."
C. R. Richards—
"They're awaiting a special mark-down."
S. R. Moore, 43 the Olympia—
"Good men are too scarce to go 'round."
Bettie L. Nicholls—
"They haven't the cash to lay down."
(3) "Tis the fear that Dame Fortune may crown."

C. M. Hardwell—
"Cause Congress keeps salaries down."
Mabel Hyden, 522 Maryland avenue northeast—
"Cause seven to one can be found."
M. A. L., 1012 Thirteenth street northwest—
"Their affinity hasn't dropped down."
(2) "Tis too hard to lay freedom down."
Mrs. M. S. Burke, 1902 Fifteenth street northwest—
"Divorces bring costly renown."
Victor H. Sprague, 2011 G street northwest—
"It's enough to make poor 'Teddy' frown."

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An illustrated monthly style book, with the latest patterns of the month, will be distributed free each month at the pattern department.

Pattern users, skilled or unskilled, will hail with delight this innovation upon the part of S. Kann, Sons & Co.

SUSPECT DEATH PACT IN DOUBLE TRAGEDY

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—In what the police believe to have been a death pact, a man and woman killed themselves today in a room in the Eastern Hotel, Whitehall street, south ferry.

The couple were well dressed and registered at the hotel last night as "Mr. and Mrs. D. Clefan," and were assigned to one of the best rooms. A strong odor of gas was detected today in the halls of the hotel, and it was traced to the room occupied by the strange couple. The door was locked and it was broken open and the man and woman were found on the floor clasped in each others arms.

JOHNSON NOMINATED MAYOR OF CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 21.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson was renominated for a fourth term by the city Democratic convention today on a straight 3-cent-fare platform. Mayor Johnson absolutely controlled the convention and dictated platform and ticket. He will make the run against Congressman Burton.

In accepting the nomination, Mayor Johnson said: "Cleveland has attracted the attention of other cities because it has gone further and moved faster toward the solution of its problems. In Cleveland the question is this: 'Shall we have a monopoly-owned city, or shall we have a city-owned monopoly?'"

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