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City Automobiles

Councilman Max Wardall has apparently become imbued with the idea that as long as the city owns automobiles, city officials should be given the opportunity to indulge in joy rides and other high-class auto amusements at the city's expense.

Mr. Wardall's efforts are nothing if not sycophantic, and made with the intent of carrying favor with certain city officials, and, being such, these efforts are worthy only of quick suppression, tinged with contempt.

The city buys automobiles for its employees to aid them in the performance of city work, and for no other purpose. When these automobiles are used for private pleasure, their use is illegal.

There is an element of childish innocence in the amendment proposed by Wardall—the autos are to carry signs betraying the city's ownership—but the signs may be so arranged that they may be hidden after business hours.

The Goddard ordinance is a good thing for Mr. Wardall to let alone.

As usual, after it was all over these enthusiastic suffragists realized that hissing is the argument of a certain kind of poultry not noted for good sense.

Former fugitive Wezier is about to learn that the mother-in-law joke can be carried to extremes.

THEY HAD A WRONG STEER

"Only 10 candidates passed the test in history," reported the civil service examiner.

"What was the matter with the rest?" asked his chief.

IT IS WELL THAT HE DID.



Editor (angrily): Hey, where is the fellow who brought in this poem entitled Zephyrs? Office boy: Aw, he blew.

THE STORY OF THE WORD "NEWS"

The word news was not, as is generally supposed, derived from the adjective new, but from the fact that many years ago it was customary to put at the top of the front page of the different publications the initial letters of the compass in this form:

N
W—E
S

This signified that the matter they contained came from all four quarters of the compass. From these letters came the word "news."

GLASSES GALORE



GLASSES FOR MOTHER.

CHICAGO, April 16.—When Earl Miller, a North Side young man, appeared in police court there was laid out on the prosecutor's table an assortment of articles that made it look like an optician's display.

But Miller is not an optician, nor was he accused of stealing the six pairs of eye glasses, two pairs of reading glasses, two spy glasses and a pair of automobile goggles.

HELLO!
An American says, "How do you do?" In France, it's "How do you carry yourself?" "How do you stand?" is Italian. "How do you find yourself?" That's German. "How do you fare?" is Dutch. "How can you?" is Swedish. "How do you perse?" says the Egyptian. "How is your stomach? Have you eaten your rice?" is the Chinese way of greeting a friend.

Little Robbie came wailing as though his heart would break. Anxiously his mother begged him to tell her the trouble. Between sobs he told her he had encountered an angry bumble bee, which had left a stinging lump on his bare wrist.

"Don't cry," she soothed. "Let mamma kiss it."
"No, you don't, either!" exclaimed Robbie. "That's what the bee did."

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"Vot yer fishin' dere fer?"
"Just fer practice, Willie, just fer practice."

The STORY CLUB
BY EDMUND VANCE COOKE

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THE WHISTLE LANGUAGE

BY THE STORYMAN HIMSELF.
After Gigglygoose had given the ripe olive to Merry-mouth, Merry-mouth hardly knew whether to be glad, or sorry, or angry. He didn't like his mouth to feel warped and shriveled, but he was glad he had learned to whistle. For, as soon as the olives puckered his mouth properly, he found he could whistle anything he had ever heard. On the other hand, he couldn't do anything but whistle. He tried to say something, but his mouth wouldn't unpucker. Gigglygoose giggled more than ever, and Merry-mouth didn't think this was very polite of him, so he started to walk away.



MISBRANDING OF FOOD

CASE OF "O. K. HEADACHE CURE"

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The United States department of agriculture has made public a bulletin telling of the proceedings in the United States court, southern district of Texas, in the case of a preparation labeled "O. K. Headache Cure."
The preparation is made by the Houston Drug company of Houston. The label says the medicine is "perfectly harmless," and "cures any kind of headache."
The government charged that the preparation was not, in fact, a cure for headache, that it was not harmless, in that it contained acetanilid, a dangerous drug, and that it contained alcohol, though the label did not say so.

STAR DUST



Josh Wise SAYS

"A penny saved is a penny earned. But ye have ter earn a penny afore ye kin save it."
"John," said Mrs. Spenders, "I've lots of things I want to talk to you about."
"Glad to hear it," he snapped. "Usually you want to talk to me about lots of things you haven't got."
Mrs. Swell Updote: Have you given Fido his soup?
Buttons: Yes'm.
"And his omelet?"
"Yes'm."
"His outfit and his jelly?"
"Yes'm."
"Then you may have some bread and butter and go to bed."
"When I hear you talk about havin' an even tempah," said the Kentucky colonel, "I can't help thinkin' of that ole man Hutchins."

FOR THE CENSUS

(Fill this out and have it ready for the census man. He'll call for it.)
FULL NAME
STREET ADDRESS
Religion to family? Age last birthday?
Single? Married? Widowed? Divorced?
No. Years of Present Marriage?
Mother of how many children? No. Living?
Color or Race?
Place of Birth
Father's Birthplace?
Mother's Birthplace?
Citizen of U. S.? Naturalized? If not, year arrived?
Speak English? If not, what language?
OCCUPATION
Employer? Employee? Working on own account?
Employed April 15th? No. weeks unemployed in 1909?
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IN THE PUBLIC EYE



PATTI (Baroness Cederstrom).
It begins to look as if Patti, the once great singer, did really make her "last farewell" tour the last time she was over here, some five or six years ago. But Patti was the past grand master of that "farewell" business, and everybody expected that there would be still another "last in America" tour.
That "January and May" marriage of Patti, now 67, and the Baron Cederstrom, half her age, was not so much the cause of the "last tour" being the last as her growing inability to touch the high spots in grand opera. The baroness is now living in Craggy-Nose castle, Ystadgrandska, Breconshire, South Wales, which is something of an address when placed southwest of a 2-cent postage stamp, but it's

STORIES ABOUT TOWN

Lew Horn, comedian of the "Wine, Woman and Song" company at the Grand, is a little bit of a chap, but he isn't afraid to speak his mind. One of the actors, walked on his feet one night this week, and Horn, tired and perspiring from doing his specialty, turned on him with—
"You blundering idiot, I'll give you exactly thirty seconds to apologize."
"No need of that," was the reply. "I apologize now."
Bonita, the star of the play, who is also Horn's wife, turned to him and said, "What would you have done if he had called your bluff and failed to apologize in the thirty seconds?"
Mr. Horn looked at the offender. He was six feet high and had broad shoulders. "Why, Bonita, in that event I would probably have extended his time," he said slowly.
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