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The Making Of A Newspaper

FEW PERSONS have any clear idea of what it means to run a daily newspaper—what the investment is, what the organization is, what the cost is, and how the newspaper industry ranks in a community as compared with other enterprises. A few facts about the details of the El Paso Herald's business will be of general interest, helping to answer many questions that are asked from time to time, and to clear up some of the mystery that always surrounds a daily newspaper in the mind of the public.

More capital is invested in The Herald than in any bank in El Paso with one exception; more than in any department store or mercantile house, wholesale or retail, with one exception; more than in any manufacturing concern except the smelter, the cement plant and the Pearson mills; the number of employes is among the largest of any establishment in the city; the payrolls, running into the thousands of dollars per week, place The Herald among the very largest employers of labor; The Herald is one of the very few local enterprises that actually bring more money into town from outside than they send out (The Herald brings money into town for outoftown circulation and advertising, and sends out of town for paper, ink, special supplies, news service, etc., somewhat less money than it brings in—a remarkable and unusual record); in proportion of circulation to population, The Herald is almost without an equal in the United States; The Herald is nationally recognized as one of the 100 strongest newspapers in the United States; The Herald's business has multiplied by 24 in 14 years, or, in other words, The Herald has grown six times as fast as El Paso city has grown—a fact which, to the business man, clearly indicates how energetically the outside field has been cultivated; nearly all the earnings of the past 14 years have been put back into the concern to improve the newspaper and the plant, and nearly half of the total capital has been brought in from outside; The Herald pays nearly 1-200th of all the city and county taxes paid locally.

The income of The Herald is derived from advertising, circulation, and rents of the building.

The fixed charges are rent, interest; city, county, state, and federal taxes; fire, casualty, boiler, elevator, and plate glass insurance; depreciation of plant; and depreciation of accounts.

A summary of the principal items in the cost of production will be noted with interest by business men, showing how very complex the business of a daily newspaper is, and how many channels of current outlay have to be protected. A newspaper is unique among all business institutions, in one particular: that it must run along substantially with the same production costs regardless of whether business is good or bad; the newspaper must be kept up to the same high standard winter and summer, short months and long months, dull seasons and good seasons. Almost any other business institution can adjust its outlay to its income, but a newspaper cannot—practically all its production costs are in reality "fixed charges," and the perpetual problem is to make the income measure up to the necessary outlay imposed by the standard of the paper, which can never be allowed to fall by the slightest degree, and which is subject always to sudden and unexpected increases of cost, but seldom or never to any decreases of cost. A very much greater percentage of the total receipts, as compared with prices of advertising and subscriptions, is being returned to subscribers and advertisers today in the form of actual betterment and increased service, than ever before, and this proportion of earnings returned to patrons tends steadily to rise: in other words, Herald subscribers and advertisers are each year getting more for their money than they ever got before.

The principal items in the production cost of The Herald are as follows; business men will be particularly interested in the thorough analyzing of department costs to enable the management to keep in close touch with all details:

City advertising—City payroll, country payroll, commissions, cuts, supplies and printing, messenger service, sundries.

Foreign advertising—New York office payroll, New York office traveling expense, supplies and printing, publicity, sundries.

City circulation—Administration, canvassers, city carriers, outside routes, supplies and printing, sundries.

Country circulation (Selling cost)—Office payroll, road payroll, commissions, traveling expense, supplies and printing, letter postage, sundries.

Country circulation (Distribution)—Mail room payroll, mail room supplies and printing, mail room light, second class postage, express, local haulage, sundries.

Office and general expense—Payroll, supplies and printing, telegraph and telephone tolls, letter postage, ice and water, office light, office traveling expenses, legal expenses, public contributions, memberships in trade associations, subscription to trade publications, sundries.

Editorial and news department—City payroll, southwestern correspondents' payroll, Associated Press service, general news service, telegraph and telephone tolls, features, illustrations, letter postage, traveling expenses, light, supplies and printing, sundries.

Composing room—Payroll of foremen and make-up men, payroll of the hand-set advertising section, payroll of linotype operators and machinists, payroll of proof-readers, repairs and new parts and supplies for linotype machines, electric power, gas, light, metal for linotype machines, supplies, sundries.

Stereotyping department—Payroll, electric power, fuel, gas, light, metal, supplies, blankets for stereotyping operations, repairs, sundry supplies.

Press room—Payroll, electric power, light, press rollers, supplies, repairs, sundries.

White paper and printing ink.

Operation of The Herald building includes the following principal items:

Janitor service—Payroll, sundries.

Elevator service—Payroll, electric power, sundries.

...ng—Payroll, fuel, sundries.

...g—Current, sundries.

...General, elevator, heating, lighting.

..., advertising, legal expense, general expenses of administration,

... items of operating costs as above itemized give a fair idea of the ...of detail work necessary to carry on such a business as that of ...d.

...g, of the total cost of production, one-fourth goes to get and ...-fourth goes to the various mechanical departments manu... product; one-fourth goes to caring for the circulation and ...vering papers to subscribers; and one-fourth to white ...dministration of the business, including the advertising

...that is left after paying expenses goes right back to the ...terments in the newspaper.

...s will have to hold off another week with their war, ...f presidential candidates settled.

...one consolation—we are not worrying half as much

...profane the Glorious Fourth?

... about every town in the Great Southwest, ... is as an advertising medium for the whole ... nationally regarded as the representative ... Southwest.

...e Philosophy

...REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.
(New York Press).

...ather comes home to rest; mother ... away to rest.

...rowing money is a dream; pay... a nightmare.

... gives a man a grievance is all ... cigars he could smoke if the ...dn't eat anything.

...s a man a lot more tired to ... 10 minutes in a street car ...urs at a political meeting.

...RNAL ENTRIES.
...peka Journal).

...cky men are those who ...k.

... of the silent men are ... have a reputation for

... persons are marvel... it comes to sound... ...e.

... of the old fashioned ...o paddle his boy ...

UNCLE WALT'S DENATURED POEM

Novel Readers

By Walt Mason.

I HAVE sympathy to burn for the folks who never learn to pick up a rattling story and forget their care and toil; for the novel readers find payment for the beastly grind in a yarn by Hope or Farnol, Phillipsheim or Conan Doyle. With a corking book in hand all my griefs and woes are canned, all the sordid work and worry are forgotten for a time; and adventurous I range off to countries far and strange in the wake of Rider Haggard or E. Oppenphillipsheim. When the summer days are hot I grow meary of my lot, of the constant strain and effort, of the iceman and the flies; but I soon forget my care, seated in a garden chair with a volume that conveys me to a land 'neath arctic skies. When the wintry tempests howl I am somber as an owl—for it keeps me always humping to supply the house with coal—till I get next to a book in the cozy inglenook and repair to scented islands where the tropic billows roll. You're unfortunate, indeed, if you can't sit down and read and imagine you're a hunter, an explorer or a sleuth; if you cannot roam away to Old Bagdad or Cathay on the shining wings of fancy and forget the shabby truth. So I gaily help myself to some fiction from the shelf and go questing for adventure till my drowsy eyelids drop; nothing gives so much relief from the weary round of grief as a tale by Rudyard Haggard or E. Phillipsheimenopp

BLUFF

By Constance Burleigh.

The Herald's Daily Short Story

THE young man in the opposite corner of the compartment possessed obviously a simple and confiding nature, and Mr. Leverton spent a good deal of his time in searching for such trustful souls. His means of livelihood were mysterious; he confessed to a disinclination for monotonous labor.

"Bluff is Archie Leverton's motto", he would admit to his intimates. "It never fails, my boys—never."

He eyes the vacant looking youth in the manner of a spider with an unsuspicious fly. On this occasion, it was evident a likely subject for his wiles had approached of his own accord.

The youth caught his eye and and wriggled confusedly.

"I suppose you know the city pretty well, please, sir?"

"Some of it," Mr. Leverton ventured.

"Then p'raps you can tell me whereabouts Axland street is—the best way to er—get there from the station."

With a pleasant smile Mr. Leverton changed his seat, and bent down to follow the young man's forefinger. He read the 'personal" announcement curiously.

"Regent street, January 2."

"Will the person who rescued an elderly lady from being run over by a taxi cab kindly apply to Messrs. Coldingham and Tremlow, solitors, of Imperial house, Axland street, E. C., when a suitable recompense will be offered."

"Don't mean to say it was you that saved the old girl?"

"Pulled her onto the curb", stammered the young man modestly.

"You—in town?"

"I was just visiting aunt Martha—coming home, then, I mean; but I had half an hour to spare, so I took a stroll too—to see things."

"Why, bravo, you're a regular hero, Mr.—what name by the way?"

"Greenhill, sir. How much do you think they'll give? What's recompense?"

"Same as reward," explained Mr. Leverton hurriedly. He was engaged in concocting a scheme." The 'green' part's right enough," he thought amusedly.

"Dare say it might run to a good bit of money, eh?"

"Not very likely, Mr. Greenhill, I'm afraid."

"Oh," said the youth disappointedly.

"Not if you go there for it yourself. You see you're not used to talking to solicitors, are you?"

"No—no."

"Thought not. You aren't good at bargaining and haggling with 'em. You aren't up to their artful ways. Don't blame you for that. But, as likely as not they'd offer you some mis'rable amount, and you ought to laugh in their faces. But you'd take it."

"I—I shouldn't. Don't see why you should think I'm——"

"You'd take it," repeated Mr. Leverton firmly. "A man who's had no dealings with 'em he hasn't got a fair chance. They'd persuade him to anything and they'd get you to sign some paper or other—"

The question is how much ought—"

"Ah," returned Mr. Leverton admiringly, "you've hit the nail on the head. All depends on what sort of old girl it was. Did she look well off?"

Mr. Greenhill began to describe the lady. Unostentatiously his new friend made notes.

"Whereabouts were you standing at the time? H'm, just near the circus? And how did the accident happen? Best tell me all about it, then I'll be able to—ahem—be in a better position to advise you."

Mr. Greenhill added voluminous details. When his memory failed, a hint from Mr. Leverton would start him off again.

"Good," declared the latter gentleman, patting his shoulder. "Now, let me think."

He started up presently.

"You take me with you," he suggested blandly. "I'll manage the talking. I'll see you aren't put upon."

"But it un be wasting a lot of your time, sir."

"No, no, I'm very interested in the matter."

"And I reckon," added the youth wisely, "you'd be expecting something for your trouble."

"Smart. I see," cried Mr. Leverton, beaming, "and cautious too. You're wrong, though. Of course, if you care to stand me a drink afterwards I won't say no. But otherwise—you see, you remind me of a favorite nephew of mine, and I wouldn't accept even five per cent—even two and a half. No."

"Very kind, I'm sure."

"Good-hearted, I am; it always was my failing. I'll show you Axland street. Here's the train stopping. We'll go straight there. When we come to Imperial house, in we go—or rather" he appeared to reflect—"you better wait outside, if you've no objection. Understand? I'll send for you if you're wanted. But I'll get more money out of those lawyers than you would. I expect the old girl's said to 'em: 'See what he's satisfied with. Give the good, brave fellow what he thinks right. I leave it to you entirely.'"

Mr. Greenhill was pondering deeply.

"I thought of catching the next train back," he observed, "to tell 'em at home all about it. They're waiting very anxious."

"Well, it won't take us much over three-quarters of an hour."

"Then I'd manage it all right, only I wanted to buy Rosie a—a present."

"Your young lady?"

"Ye-s," agreed Mr. Greenhill, giggling in discomfort. "Buy it out of what I get from the lawyers, you see, sir. Still if I wait till you meet me with that money—"

"Haven't you got any with you?"

"Only sevenpence and my return half, sir."

"I'll lend you five shillings. Do your bit of shopping while I'm inside."

Outside the Imperial house the coin changed hands.

"If you're not out when I come back, sir, I'll stand just here."

"Right," Mr. Leverton nodded.

Once out of sight ,moving towards the lift, he gave vent to his restrained mirth.

"Aha, Bluff,' he gasped exhaustedly. "Heads I win; tails you lose. Now then for Messrs. Collingham and Tremlow. Saved the old girl's life? I should think I did. Rather, I remember the whole thrilling scene. And if she happened to describe me as younger and more stupidlooking—well, she made a mistake in the excitement of the moment. More bluff."

A clerk inquired his business. In due course he sailed jauntily into an inner room. But five minutes later he burst out and stumbled down the stairs.

The Oxford street end—a woman, it was—been rewarded already," he babbled. "He told me everything wrong—wrong side of the road even—wrong sort of old girl 'obtaining money by false pretences'—what did the old josser say I could get for that? Where's that Greenhill fellow? I'll see if I don't—"

The simple young man was not waiting at the door; neither did he return.

"Of course not, lamented Mr. Leverton bitterly. "He's got a quid of mine. "Bluff—sheer bluff," he moaned in anguish. "Oh, I'll have to take to short frocks and pinafores again, and have a nurse to look after me."

McRAE IS ELECTED ALAMOGORDO MAYOR

Light Vote Polled in the Election For Town Officials.

Alamogordo, N. M., July 1.—The election for town officials resulted in J. H. McRae being elected mayor, and for four other trustees, Jacob Snover, A. J. Buck, G. M. Tower and C. F. Prince, and for recorder, J. R. De Mier.

J. H. McRae, for mayor, was opposed by W. K. Stalcup and G. M. Tower, for trustee, was opposed by L. R. Hughes and J. J. Hill. A very light vote was polled.

AMUSEMENTS.

AT THE AIRDOME.

Manager Fogg says: "Don't miss that new bill tonight at the Airdome—'What Happened to Jones.' This side-splitting comedy has won the applause of multitudes. The Jas. P. Lee Musical Comedy company renders it in its most realistic manner, and you forget your troubles in keeping up with the calamities and perplexing positions in which Jones places himself. This bill is rendered three nights—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The songs, the dances, and the go-betweens are some of the best yet produced by this well known company. Get the Airdome habit. The crowds are coming every night, so get your seats early if you want to see Jones. Seats are on sale at R...n's, at 25c and 35c. Box seats 50c."

THREE REELS OF FILMS TODAY.

Today is bargain day at both the Wigwam and Crystal as each will show three reels of excellent pictures. The former's bill consists of two new reels and "Gun Smugglers," a story of the Mexican rebellion. The Crystal program will consist of "Lure of the Footlights," a stage story; "Prisoner of War," a tale of Napoleon; "Goody, Goody Jones," and the "Katzenjammer Kids."

CHINA REFUSES TO ACCEPT CONDITIONS

Proposed Loan of $50,000,000 by Powers May Not Be Made.

London, Eng., July 1.—The Peking correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says China absolutely rejects the demands of the six powers group, which were that the loan must be $300,000,000; that three European financial supervisors must be appointed, and that the group must have its financial agents in China for five months, during which there should be no issue of bonds and no business of any kind involving the pledging of China's credit without the signature of the supervisors. China's counter-proposal is simply for a $50,000,000 loan.

The correspondent strongly protests that the group is making a deliberate attempt to secure a monopoly and is using the supervisors as a mere blind and says the whole business discloses many unpleasant features.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION AGAINST SARAGOSA FIRM.

A petition has been filed in the federal court by M. H. Matta, Pedro Galindo, and the Pruitt Lumber company, of Saragosa, Tex., to have J. W. and Samuel H. Crenshaw, of Saragosa, declared bankrupts. The stock of Crenshaw & Crenshaw, who conduct a general store at Saragosa, was attached by the Hamilton Brown Shoe company, of St. Louis. The petition followed. There are $11,000 liabilities and $10,000 assets, according to the attorneys.

NEAR WRECK DELAYS THE LIMITED FOR TEN HOURS.

Sunday's Golden State limited train from the west was delayed ten hours by a near-wreck seven miles west of Tucson, Ariz. The passenger train ran into an open switch, derailing some of the forward cars, but injuring no one.

WOMEN'S CLUBS WORK FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FORESTS

Big Trees of California and Native Trees of all the States Are Being Saved by the Women.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 1.—One of the earliest subjects which the Federated Women's clubs gave attention was the preservation and extension of our native forests. Pennsylvania was one of the first states in which women inaugurated this work and this state still leads in the matter of forestry laws and its expenditure for the care of trees. Miss Myra Lloyd Dock, of Harrisburg, was the first woman in the world to study forestry in the Royal Forests of Germany. Her love of trees influenced every club woman with whom she came in contact in the early days of the General Federation and her suggestions were eagerly sought for and followed. The forestry department of every large women's club undertook active measures in the way of tree planting and for the protection of the trees already in position. This largely through their influence forestry commissioners have been appointed in so many states.

Mrs. W. F. Gerard, the chairman of the Forestry department of the General Federation of Women's clubs, was a delegate to the National Conservation congress held in Washington which was a continuation of the work inaugurated at the meeting of the governors held in the White House by invitation of president Roosevelt. These meetings have passed into history but the interest in forestry which they grown from them has achieved such results throughout the country and club woman have been largely instrumental in bringing them about. One of the matters pertaining to this work on which the General Federation is now concentrating its attention is the securing of a certain measure of state control over privately owned forest reservations and two states already have been induced to pass laws to this end.

Saving the Big Trees.

The preservation of the big trees of California is one of the efforts which future generations will have reason to thank the club women of this generation. The General Federation worked unturingly under the leadership of Mrs. Lovell White of California, who personally interviewed every senator and congressman upon the subject while every women's club in the country added its influence, until the bill was finally passed making the provision for their preservation. The preservation of the Palisades along the Hudson river is another victory which must be credited to the federated clubs of women of the country. While most effective work along these lines is being done under the direction of the State Federation locally interested, the General Federation always strengthens the effort and when a national law is in consideration club members from every state join in petitions and letters to the lawmakers of the country.

Spend $5,000 for Trees.

A number of state federations make annual appropriations for forestry purposes. Colorado women last year spent over $5,000 for trees and shrubs and seeds have been distributed among the clubs of the state and club women have taken pains to see that these trees have been properly planted. The Federation is also using its influence in favor of an extended irrigation scheme.

The women's clubs of New York and New Jersey are co-operating with their state foresters in having their club audiences utilized as lecture rooms to spread the gospel of forestry. The use of every women's club building in these states has been tendered for this purpose. The State Forester, the chairman of the Committee on Forestry of the State Federation of Women's clubs and the president of the Long Island Forestry association have joined their forces in forming a lecture course. The results have induced the women's clubs of several states to form similar associations. In Illinois, the Federal Women's clubs has been working several years to place groups of bluff park lands into the care of the State Forestry department. Women co-operating in carrying for it.

One club in Chicago succeeded in its efforts towards securing the appointment of a City forester. One club in the same city worked for an extended park system with prospects of success while the Federation has for several years been working to save the Sierra Madre pines for a state forest reserve. In Maine the club women worked for years towards securing Mt. Katahdin for a state forest reserve and have accomplished this. There are now other reserves specially rich with pine, since these trees have been depleted in most parts of the state.

Native Trees of Kentucky.

The chairman of forestry of the Kentucky Federation of Women's clubs has compiled a valuable monograph on the trees of her state. It is called Native Trees of Kentucky and gives the trees in their natural habitat, their development and gives their botanical definitions, their commercial uses and geographical distribution. The women's clubs of Ohio have published a volume descriptive of the native trees of their state similar in scope to that published for Kentucky. Mrs. Wilkinson chairman of the Forestry Department of the Louisiana Federation, has inaugurated a number of forestry activities and the extraordinary growth of a Louisiana State Forestry association is entirely due to the work of the club women working under her direction. Ohio club women are interesting themselves especially in the preservation of historic trees. They are also donating trees in large numbers to be planted on public hospital and school grounds and upon any other public grounds which seem feasible. In Michigan various forestry efforts are being carried on by the club women. The Grand Rapids Women's club has bought a tract of land planted with trees under the direction of the state forester. In many places an effort is under way to have a course of elementary instruction in forestry introduced into every elementary school and in a number of towns this has already been accomplished. There is not a state in the union in which some effort of the influence of club women in the matter of forestry preservation and extension is not strongly manifest.

The Forestry department of the General Federation urges all of its clubs always to work in harmony with the forestry officials or commissions of the state. If none of these exist their efforts are directed towards securing them. Over 5000 women's clubs in the United States during the past year have undertaken some definite work for forestry. These efforts include petitions and letters asking for state and national forestry legislation, courses of lectures, introduction of forestry to public schools, normal schools and other educational institutions, and co-operating with the warden or other forestry officer of the city in adding to the trees in the public parks.

14 Years Ago To-day

From The Herald of This Date 1898

The McGinity band will give a concert on the plaza tonight.

Judge A. A. Freeman, of Eddy, N. M., is registered at the Center block.

The White Oaks road has completed the ditch from the river to the main line.

Superintendent Martin, of the G. H., went south yesterday in the special car "Texas."

Rev. Mr. Millar and family have returned from a pleasure trip of two weeks in New Mexico.

Watermelons are now coming in at a lively rate over the G. H. from southern Texas. The Houston Central has moved over 100 cars of melons this season.

Last night the city fathers met in regular session. Mayor McGoffin was in the chair. The report of city assessor and collector J. H. Smith made a most excellent showing.

Sam McVey, the G. H. stationary engineer who has been on a visit with friends and relatives in the east for the past several weeks, returned yesterday. He says his trip was one round of continual pleasure.

The citizens are all happy up on North Oregon street with the way the street looks even after so little improvement work, and they think that with the balance which will be done this week, the street will be in a better condition than it has ever been.

The county commissioners will be in session all day, but they will finish their work tomorrow and adjourn at noon so if there are any more who think they have a grievance in the tax valuation question they had better be there early in the morning, for it will be their last chance to complain.

The engine of the fire department has been thoroughly overhauled the last two days, and this morning the engineer had it out for a test trial. He went to the corner of First and El Paso streets, made a connection with a fire plug, and began by testing the pumps. The engineer was well pleased with the entire workings of the engine, and felt well repaid for the hard work he had put on it the last two days.

Abe Martin

Mrs. Tipton Bud's brother, whose second wife died Saturday, has commenced t' wear white shirts fer a third term. We still have a few all wool Republicans.

MY STRENGTHENER.

Little fellow, do you know
How you cheer me on the way;
How you give me strength to grow
Stronger-hearted, day by day?
Do you know that your wee hand
Leads me onward, hour by hour?
Tell me, do you understand
All your magic, hidden power?

In your bonnie eyes I see
Hints of heaven's beauties rare,
And your childish songs lead me
To a country fine and fair.
All my burdens roll aside
When I clasp and hold you tight;
Every step my path you guide,
Every day you make more bright.

Little toddler, can you guess
How you aid me hour by hour?
Do you know that each caress
Seems to give me unseen power?
When the day is drear and long,
Your sweet smile gives strength anew;
I am cheered by every song
Dropping from the lips of you.

When temptations lure my feet,
And I seem about to fall,
In your love I have complete
Strength to conquer over all.
I am aided by your smile,
When to sordid tasks I go,
And my worries flee the while
I have you to love and know.

Little touslehead, I toil
Gladly, just for your dear sake;
In the tumult and turmoil,
Any task I'll undertake.
Even when disasters smile
And ill luck seems to pursue,
I can always win the fight,
For I have the love of you.
—E. A. Brinstool, in Los Angeles Express.

SWATTING CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Flies Swatted During Week to Be Measured Saturday Night.

Fly swat week is now on. The prize of $25, offered by J. L. Marr, is attracting the attention of the boys and girls who are anxious to make some vacation money by swatting flies. The swatfest will continue until Friday night and the flies will be measured at the El Paso Herald office Saturday morning and the prizes awarded by Mr. Marr.

IS GOING TO THE FIGHT IF HE HAS TO WALK THERE.

Alphonse Kenison, Jr., is going to see the Johnson-Flynn fight at Las Vegas if he has to walk. Kenison is an insurance man from Galveston, who is here visiting "Key Rate Charlie" Stevens. He is trying to persuade "K. R." to accompany him to the Xgnit and has Charlie arguing with himself regarding the trip. Alphonse knew Johnson when the big black was a dock walloper at Galveston and says he and Jack went to different schools together.

ODD FELOWS TO HONOR 25-YEAR MEMBERS TONIGHT

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows will hold their installation ceremonies tonight at which time several 25-year jewels will be presented to members who have been in good standing for that period. Refreshments will be served.

UNABLE TO LEARN THE IDENTITY OF DROWNED MAN.

The inquest held by coroner E. R. McClintock late Saturday afternoon over the body of the American man who was fished out of the Rio Grande Saturday at noon, failed to disclose the drowned man's identity. The body is being held at a local undertakers to afford a possibility of its being identified.

THE FIRE CRACKER

BY GEORGE FITCH,
Author Of "At Good Old Siwash"

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...CRACKER is a small red cylinder with a bang at one end and a fuse at the other. Handle with a fuse and can be handled by a mere child. In fact, the more foolish the operator is the more he needs sweet oil bandages before he gets through with the cracker.

The firecracker is impulsive and impatient. It flies to pieces on the slightest provocation like a city editor on a night. It very fond of man, however, and would rather lie in his hand and explode than to burst all by itself in marble page.

This is not of the cracker, but it does not get much praise for its devotion to mans the dog does.

Some cracks after being touched off will lie quietly in the grass for five minutes waiting for some human being to pick them up and fondle them. Then they will go off with such vigor as to carry a thumb with them to which they have no rightful claim and for which they have nearthly use.

There are two kinds of firecrackers—Chinese and idiot. The former come in packs with tir cues neatly braided together and attain a pinch of powder apiece. Whegreatly irritated they will bite, but the are not dangerous. The idiot crackers made in this country by pasting a label around a stick of dynamite and sticking a decollete fuse into it. With the aid of this cracker a boy who has been carefully tested without showing the slightest trace of brain can blow itself up and sometimes damage a personal friend at the same time.

Idiot crackers have a large, rotund bang like a cannon and can be fired safely by tying a match to the end of a tent pole. A circus tent pole is preferable. But it is more fun to light one while holding it and to bet with a friend on the number of fingers you will have left after it explodes.

A bunch of firecrackers and a few matches enable a man to express more patriotism in louder tones than he would be able to do with twenty ballots.