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Story About a Jam Pot

Once upon a time a great roguish boy, a boy who, by his get-up and selection of playfellows, was known as a pretty tough kid, came out of his mother's pantry with his face all smeared with jam. His father saw him and said: "Willie, you've been stealing and eating jam. I'll lick you."

"No, father," replied Willie, with tears of injured innocence washing canals through the jam on his cheeks, "I haven't seen any jam, smelt any jam, eaten any jam. There may be jam on me, but I am innocent of all knowledge of it."

On their way to the woodshed, they met some of Willie's playfellows, whom Willie's father questioned. Some of them said that Willie hadn't had any jam. Some of them said they'd boosted Willie up to the pantry shelf where the jam pot was. And others said they had even seen the jam put into the pot, and it wasn't there now.

But Willie protested that he hadn't known of the jam pot and he solemnly swore that if he was covered with jam, he didn't know how it got on him. This put his father in some doubt and so he called on some friends of his to decide. "There's no question," explained he, "but that there was jam in the pot. It's gone. You see that Willie is covered with jam. Is he guilty of knowing anything about that jam?"

Now these people decided that it was not proven that Willie took the jam. Moreover, that if someone else stole the jam and put it on Willie without his knowing it, he was blameless, and, indeed, if Willie even knew it was stolen jam he was entitled to the jam that was on him.

As they stood there discussing big moral issues like that, a large policeman, named Bob La Follette, came along. "Ha!" he said, "a case of jam-stealing has been reported and there's that Willie Lorimer covered with jam. Come along, Willie!" So he took Willie. And if you watch the U. S. senate closely, you'll see the conclusion of this little story about a jam pot, for several likely people are going to swear that they saw the jam put into that pot and there certainly is jam on Willie.

"Nobody Works But Father"

The popular song-writer hit a comparative truth when he said it. George Ranken Askwith of London, one of the most eminent of the world's statisticians, finds that in the United States only 39 per cent of the whole population is gainfully employed, while in Great Britain the figure is 44, in Hungary 44.8, in Germany 45.5, in Italy 50, in France and Austria 51.

Our census sharps explain the apparent idleness of the Americans by the statement that in this country the man of the family does more work and gets more pay than is the case in European countries.

While it isn't literally true that "nobody works but father," it is a fact that the "old man" comes nearer carrying the folks on his back in the United States than anywhere else.

The Brown-Eyed Girl

The final American type is emerging from "the melting pot of races," according to Prof. Blackmar of the University of Kansas. What, then, is the typical American girl? She is neither blonde nor brunette. Her skin is lighter than olive, "yet not too white and rosy." Brown eyes and hair. A little over five feet tall, agile, robust, of medium height, not exactly slender, but certainly not too stocky—she's a peach!

What of the typical male American? Something like your conventional Uncle Sam—tall and slender, but athletic in appearance. "He will be serious in demeanor and of firm-set jaw." And yet without a doubt that brown-eyed, brown-haired girl will wind him around her finger.

The Compliment to Bryan

Bryan was first nominated for president in 1896, 15 years ago, when he was 36 years of age. Now, at 51, after being nominated and defeated three times, Memphis invites him to make his home with her and offers to pay his moving expenses. It is a fine compliment to Bryan.

Whatever his rank as statesman, philosopher and orator—and he has no mean rank in either of these high walks—the Nebraskan is the peer of any man the country has produced in the great quality of moral earnestness. He has made the fight. He has kept the faith. And no one yet has warrant to say that he has run his race.

OBSERVATIONS

GO IT, Bob La Follette! I'll cost money to make that Lorimer senate publicly stultify itself again, but advertising pays.

WE'VE got the Japs licked on our eastern coast. Atlantic fleet battleships are dispersing to their home stations.

DOUMA slaps the czar for promulgating laws when it wasn't in session. What Nick needs is a real busy supreme court.

MRS. YERKES' will leaves nothing to charity. Charity and Wilson Mismar have a horse on each other, now.

INSURRECTO hatred seems to center on Vice President Corral. He used to be a standpat editor, but maybe that isn't why.

PITY the poor Sultan of Morocco! Has a rebellion on his hands and one of his wives has just presented him with his 62d son. Too much! too much!

IF Socialist Congressman Berger digs out why Taft really ordered out the army, he will win the solid vote of telegraph editors and press association managers, anyhow.

'TIS said there is one person who can really boss Emperor William, and that's his daughter, Princess Victoria Louise, whom he considers the most wonderful girl yet produced by the human race. All his other girls are boys.

TWO famous New York hotels, the Hoffman and the Gilsay, have been closed to make way for business blocks. The "old guard" of each, who lived there for years, stood tearfully at the bars, drinking to old memories, until the lights were turned out.

HERE'S A QUESTION TO PUZZLE A MATHEMATICIAN; A CASE THAT WILL BAFFLE A DIAGNOSTICIAN



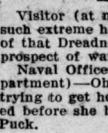
Why is it that a man in spring will dig in his back-year for five short minutes, then give up because the job's too hard? He finds that he's not strong enough to fix the ground for seeds, and so he stops, his brow adorned with perspiration's beads.



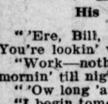
But later on—it's hotter yet—the soil is mighty tough. Why is it that the selfsame man can never dig? He'll dig and dig and dig and dig, although his dinner waits; He'll spade a forty-acre lot to get some fishing bait.



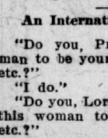
JOSH WISE SAYS:
"Th' Industrial Bureau of Beeleystort is tryin' ter induce outer-side capital ter come in an' take over th' old coo-erage works for a bucket shop."



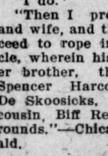
SUSPICIOUS
Rivers was looking over the obituary column in the morning paper. "Well," he said, "I see my old friend Flutterby has joined the great majority."
"Why, has he been getting mixed up in some of the bribery cases?" inquired Mrs. Rivers, who never had heard of Flutterby.—Chicago Tribune.



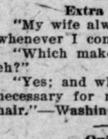
His Worries.
"Ere, Bill, wot's the matter? You're lookin' worried."
"Work—nothing but work from mornin' 'til night."
"Ow long 'ave you been at it?"
"I begin tomorrow."—M. A. P.



An International Marriage.
"Do you, Priscilla, take this man to be your husband, to love, etc.?"
"I do."
"Do you, Lord De Measies, take this woman to wife, to cherish, etc.?"
"I do."
"Then I pronounce you man and wife, and the sexton may proceed to rope in the squared circle, wherein his lordship's younger brother, the Hon. Montjoy Spencer Harcourt Montmorency De Skoosicks, and the bride's cousin, Bert Rexall, will go nine rounds."—Chicago Record-Herald.



Extra Expense.
"My wife always tears her hair whenever I come home late."
"Which makes you feel mean, eh?"
"Yes; and which also makes it necessary for me to buy more hair."—Washington Herald.



Quite So.
"The spring poet is hard to discourage."
"Keeps on sending out his rejected poems, eh?"
"Yes; hope springs eternal from a fountain pen."—Washington Herald.

PARIS POLICE DOGS TO TRAIL EVILDOERS OF AMERICAN CITIES.
In Paris annual "field days" are held in which police dogs participate. The picture shows a dog climbing a 10-foot fence as smooth as a wall.



CHOW CHOW

SPRING CLEANING. HINT
Old hair brushes which have become soft can be made quite firm and hard by dipping them in a strong solution of alum.

HARD drinkers are seldom hard workers.

THE Mex accumulates much of his woe via the manana route.

ONE of the easiest things to cultivate is suspicion.

DURING the year just past, the seven leading nations of the world spent \$1,700,000,000 for things with which to fight—and Andy Carnegie can't understand why so many people consider him a really good joke.

A LONDON man is manufacturing rubies and amethysts from dust. Nothing remarkable about it! Any man with the dust can get jewels.

IN Mid Rhondda, Wales, where a coal miners' strike has been in progress for months, the wives of the miners are selling their wedding rings to buy food for their babies. That's one answer to "Why does Britain fear socialism?"

CHEER up. There hasn't been a birth on Fifth avenue, Noo Yawk, for over ten years—and that's the neighborhood that breeds our only people who absolutely refuse to work.

PRETTY soon every day will be wash day in Washington, referring to political dirty linen.

CUSTOMER: Look here! Isn't that a hair in the butter?
Waiter: Yes, sir—a cow's hair. We always serve one with the butter to show that it isn't oleomargarine.

ANYHOW, the one-legged man can't have so many corns as the man with two legs.

MILADY
Harem skirts and cigarets; rats and puffs and padding. High-heeled shoes, swift athletics; whither are we drifting?



CALLED DOWN.
He—Would you marry me if I had a million dollars.
She—Not if you were as stingy with it as you are with your \$8 per.

A Chilling Whisper.
Wife—Blubbub complaining of a frost-bitten ear. I wonder how it happened?
Wag—I believe a Boston girl once whispered into it.—Philadelphia Record.

THE TACOMA MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods including meats, vegetables, and fruits.

THE Diary of Father Time

You had a rags here, a year or so ago, of a large hat, called the "Merry Widow," that was quite an inconvenience to the women, not to mention the men, and I notice that now the ladies of Manchu have taken up the idea and enlarged their head-dress to such an extent that it stands eight or ten inches above the blue-black head. They make it of black satin wound upon a golden cross bar. Fortunately the ends hang down or the lady could not get into a cart or through a door or walk against the wind, while indoors she must remove it, because of its size and weight.

SAYINGS OF CELEBRITIES

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll was received one evening at the home of Phillips Brooks to the exclusion of several young clergymen who sent in their cards in the course of the Colonel's call. Upon taking his departure Colonel Ingersoll said to Dr. Brooks: "I appreciate you seeing me as you have this evening when I naturally could not fall to notice how you turned your friends and others away." "Oh, that is all right," replied Dr. Brooks. "You mustn't forget, Colonel Ingersoll, that I will have all eternity in which to see my friends."

In the Editor's Mail

Everybody in Pierce county reads this column. Short letters from Times readers, of general interest and without personal malice, will be printed. Write about anything or anybody you wish, but do not have malice as your motive. Many letters are not printed because they are too long. Keep 'em short.

Editor Times:—
What is the matter with Municipal Ownership that we hear so little of it in this campaign, have the candidates who advocated it, has your gone back on it, or got cold feet. One candidate last year got out some good pamphlets on the subject, which I have seen as far East as Winsor, Canada. It was good stuff and a good advertisement for Tacoma. If any one cares to get in and preach public ownership, I will get him or her the needed 25 petitions in twenty-five minutes, in South Tacoma. Yours, B. L. Stewart.

TODAY-IN HISTORY

April 14, 1842, the congress of the United States ordered its first ironclad warship the resolution authorizing the secretary of the navy to contract for the construction of a "war steamer, shot and shell proof, to be built principally of iron," on the plans of the late Col. Stevens. The armor was to be 4-12 inches thick, which Col. Stevens' sons declared from experiments that they had made to be sufficient to resist the fire of any gun known. That they were wrong was admitted by the fact that before the boat was finished the armor had grown to 6 3-4 inches; and the late Texas-San Marcos the other day found twice that insufficient to resist the fire of 1911.

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To the Voters of Tacoma

I wish to announce myself as a candidate for commissioner of finance at the recall election to be held Tuesday, May 2. Being one of framers of the new charter, I am heartily in sympathy with it, and would insist that all provisions therein be put in force. I am in favor of a sane enforcement of all laws. FRANK M. LAMBORN.

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