

DIANA DILLPICKLES IN A 4-REEL "SCREECHER" FILM

CHES. NUTTE AND HIS RIDDLES

ASQUEAK FROM JOHNNY MOUSE



IT ALL DEPENDS. Playwright (dictating)—Love is the greatest force in the world. Blase Typist (taking it down)—Love is the greatest farce in the world.—Puck.

Sounds Silly, Doesn't It?

There really are people who, in order to keep up their own excitement, have to take to seeing ghosts. Here's a petition by 3,000 "prominent citizens" of Montreal for the raising of a Home Guard to protect Canada against a raid of Germans from the United States. Of course, any able-bodied Canadian can take figures and scare himself into fits over U. S. Germans. There are millions of Germans and German-Americans in the states and they could give the Dominion a busy time. But among these millions there is not one who has the slightest idea of marching on Canada and, even if there were such a one, he would have opposed to his undertaking the army, navy and people of the United States. Here's another instance: Robert Bacon, of New York, former secretary of state, announces that Germany, in invading Belgium, violated a treaty with the United States, signed at the second Hague conference, and the U. S. cannot suffer the violation without at least a formal protest. According to reports, there isn't any party to those Hague love-feasts who hasn't violated pretty much everything agreed to, save Uncle Sam. His formal protest, at this late date, would surely make the kaiser weep formal tears of remorse over what he has done to Belgium, wouldn't it? Two superior things, at least, Germany is showing that she has. One is an unusually large gun that pulverizes "impregnable" fortresses. The other is at 51 centimeter policy that punctures formalities, treaties, expectations and such. The parties or formalities that run up against these are very apt to acquire a ghostlike aspect, and the endeavors of Montreal's "prominents" to get scared and Bacon's effort to get formal are ludicrous.

An Example of the New Woman's Influence

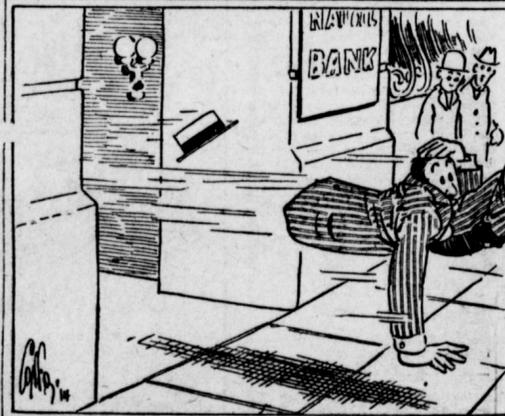
In one of the cities—luckily not our own—a rich young man, married and a father, ogled a woman so offensively in a car that she plucked up courage to have him arrested. He gave a false name, worked a pull and got away scot free, because his attorney told the judge that, if the facts came out, the man's "beautiful family life" would be ruined. The woman whom he had annoyed, being sympathetic and not vindictive, also fell for that bunk and agreed to withdraw the complaint. Now suppose he had been just a rough-necked tramp. Would the plea of "beautiful family life" have saved him? Nix, likewise nit. You'll probably be glad to learn that a group of women, active in public affairs, developments of the suffrage movement, heard of this abuse of justice and have taken after the erring judge with a club. A generation ago such a court outrage would have got by without a whimper of protest. Now it's a notorious scandal and the judge is abjectly promising never to do the like again. Things ARE improving, you see, thanks mostly to public-spirited women.

The Victory in Defeat

The ballot would be a help to good women bent on making the world better. And naturally believers in equal suffrage regret the defeats of this measure of justice in the five states which have just turned it down. Still, one swallow doesn't make a summer; and there are other ways to do things than to vote for them. Before women took after the ballot they took after the men, and, in the main, the men did as they (the women) wished. That recourse is still open. The good woman with a good cause which she understands and is willing to fight for can get a hearing both where laws are made and, what is more important, back of the lawmakers, among the people, where sentiment is made. Consequently the temporary check to suffrage needn't at all check the good causes for which good women seek the ballot. So, madam, don't be disappointed. But buck up and go on with the agitation and education, as if nothing whatever had happened. You'll get the ballot if you persist—and, of course, you will persist. But in having to work hard and patiently for it you'll get something even more useful—namely, experience, insight, poise, the discipline of slow success.

After abusing each other's wine, Ohio and California both went wet.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



Sulzer says he made Roosevelt "look like 30 cents," but even that's some better than looking like 3 cents.

And now they have to operate on wounded French soldiers without the use of anesthetics, the supply of ether being short. One way or another, civilization is getting back to barbarism sure enough.

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Adventures of Johnny Mouse



CORRECTED.



"What's this, my lad? Are you trying to follow in the footsteps of John L. Sullivan?" "Footsteps nothin'—he didn't fight with his feet!" SIR? She—It seems strange that you did not remember my face and yet you remembered my name. He (awkwardly)—Well, you know, you have an attractive sort of name.—Yonkers Statesman. "Twice did Smith refuse to take a drink on conscientious grounds." "Then the third time he should have felt justified in taking one." "Why so?" "Because three scruples make one dram."

A WATER CURE.

"Doctor," complained Sim Dorkins, "I can't see nothin' through these here specs." "They were all right for the first day or two, were they not?" asked the dentist, after a glance at the spectacles. "Ya-as," admitted Sim, "but they kept a-gittin' wuss and wuss, till I couldn't hardly see at all." "They will do as well as ever," said the doctor dryly. "If you will wash them."—Judge.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST Crawford—is the postscript always the important part of a woman's letter? Crabshaw—It is when it's from your wife. That's where she always mentions how much money she wants.—Judge.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. An umbrella cover should be given a coat of varnish every spring and fall. Pretzels without any holes in them are more nourishing than the ordinary kind. Never throw away grandma's old skull caps. Use them for finger bowls. A mink coat makes a fine cover for a typewriter. Grape seeds scattered over hardwood floors will prevent slipping.—Cleveland Press. HIS RECORD. First Employer—How long has Gotrox's boy worked in your office? Second Employer—About half an hour. He has been with us six months now.

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