GEORGE ADE FABLES

The Up to Date Atlas Who Carried the World on His Shoulders.

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AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.

Once there lived in a Jim Crow Town a glowing Intellect who was Posted on all the Issues of the Day.

Some one had to keep Cases on the Government and prevent the whole Outfit from getting out of Kelter, and so the Job fell to Mordecai F. Quinsy. Mr. Quinsy found that he could give his Time to regulating the Washington Game because his Wife did Sewing and his Daughter was an Expert Stenographer. Between them they kept him supplied with good 5-cent Cigars and relieved his Mind of all Business Cares.

He had nothing to worry him except Affairs of State.

When he tackled a large International Problem he could do so with a keen, active Brain that had not been fagged out by any cheap Exertion, such as trying to locate the Winter's Supply of Coal.

Mr. Quinsy had the solemn Phiz of a professional Pall-Bearer, and much meditation had corrugated the Front of the Dome. Those who merely caught one Flash of him and never looked up his Record and checked off his Pedigree thought he was about due to break into the Senate. To tell the cold and icy Truth, Mordecai could not have been elected Constable, but just the same he knew all about John Hay's next Move, and sometimes he fretted a good deal for Fear that John would make a Miscue.

Mr. Quinsy could sit on a Kit of Mackerel, with a Bunch of Keys, a Barlow Knife, a Plug of good eating Tobacco, and about 35 cents in Currency secreted in his Jeans, and he could tell the Treasury Department just how to manage the next $100,000,000 Issue of Bonds.

One thing that worried Mr. Quinsy a lot was the possibility that Teddy would make some serious Mistake. He felt more or less responsible for Teddy, inasmuch as he had formally nominated him in front of Pilkins's Hardware Store as far back as 1889. If he could have been at Teddy's Elbow all the time to whisper Advice there would have been no Chance for the Administration to get balled up. But the Trouble was that Mr. Quinsy was out at Pewee Junction and Teddy was up at Washington, and they could not get together to frame up a Policy.

Mr. Quinsy was a man of Regular Habits and very Methodical. He had so much to do every Day that he had to work on a close Schedule.

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In the Morning, after his Wife had arisen and start-the Fire and put on the Griddle, Mr. Mordecai F. Quinsy would arise and take a few Observations of the Weather. He was a very able Prognosticator, and one of his favorite Stunts was to get up in the Morning and do a little Forecasting for the benefit of his Wife and Daughter.

After Breakfast he put on his Overcoat and wrapped himself up in a Comforter so as not to catch Cold and lose the Use of his Voice. If Mordecai F. Quinsy had lost the use of his Voice this Country would have been in a Bad Way.

Mr. Quinsy knew a Druggist who took a Daily Paper, and so, the first thing every Morning, he went to the Drug Store to find out what Fool Break had been made by Congress. After reading the Paper he sat by the Stove and laid out some Work for the Ways and Means Committee.

After which he went down to the Station to see Number Six go through.

After which he went up to the Post-Office to wait until the Mail had been distributed. One day Mordecai Quinsy received a Seed Catalogue, and after that he was encouraged. While waiting for his Mail Mr. Quinsy said a few plain Words about the Kaiser and stood up for the Monroe Doctrine.

About 11 o'clock every day Mr. Quinsy acted as Referee in a Pool Game, and then went over to the Barber Shop to look at the Illustrated Papers containing the Pictures of Footlight Favorites and Noted Criminals. Mr. Quinsy, being possessed of an Analytical Mind, was deeply interested in all Murder Mysteries, and for every Case he had a few Theories of his own that would have been a great help to the Police.

Just at 12 o'clock Mr. Quinsy went home and ate a hearty Dinner, after which he returned to Main Street smoking a Farm-Hand Regalia and gazing thoughtfully at the Ground, trying to straighten out the Panama Canal Business.

In the Afternoon he hung around the Court-House more or less because he played a good Game of Checkers, and, besides, he liked to be on hand in case the State needed the Services of an unprejudiced Juror.

Mr. Quinsy had a Weak Back, which prevented him from splitting Wood, but he loved some kinds of Work, and the Honest Toil that suited him best was to sit on a Jury in a Case involving Assault and Battery.

If there was nothing doing at the Court-House, Mr. Quinsy usually went to a Real-Estate Office and grappled with the Trust Problem. He had given much Thought to the Matter of legislating against infamous Combines, and he was one of the first to discover that the Trusts were trying to whip-saw the Working Classes. About the time that he had solved the Trust Problem he had to go over and see the Afternoon Train go through and wait for his Mail once more.

SUFFERING.

Late in the Day he usually dropped in at an Undertaker's Shop where a Veterinary Surgeon and a retired Truck Farmer were collaborating on a Foreign Policy for the State Department. Mr. Quinsy was always able to slip in a few Suggestions. He was dead set against the Anglo-Saxon Alliance, and believed in the Annexation of Canada, even if it involved War.

At 5:30 he would purchase a Pound of Oyster Crackers and have them charged. Then he would go home to Tea, and tell Mrs. Quinsy and Daughter to fix up the Sofa for him as he was suffering from a Headache and wanted to Rest for a little while.

MORAL: What we need in America is the Gospel of Relaxation.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

City Council Room, Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 19, 1907.—The council met in regular session at 8 p. m. Mayor Schaffer presiding and all the aldermen present.

The minutes of the last regular session were read and approved.

Alderman Anderson from the finance committee, submitted an ordinance, which was considered and adopted by unanimous vote allowing the weekly labor payroll for week ending Aug. 17, as follows:

Pete Loge	16 50
F Negus	16 50
Wm. Bishop	15 30
John Carlson	5 25
Frank Johnson	12 10
J C Weigand	10 75
John Anthony	12 60
Wm Frickson	12 60
Fred Schoel	12 60
Joe Geier	8 40
Wm Roehr	8 40
Nels Nelson	4 20
H Hammond	3 15
Jim Carl	8 40
Geo Talmage	12 10
Henry Lidders	12 10
R Buncher	7 85
Fritz Gest	6 30
Joe Stroehle	12 10
John Russ	12 10
Gust Peterson	12 10
H Deisenroth	12 10
Barney Smith	9 45
A J Johnson	12 10
Al Sugden	10 50
Sam Luckenbill	4 45
Albert Lewis	4 20
Peter Nelson	2 10
C L Brookman	25 20
C H Gaylord	21 00
John Meyer	21 00
Geo Petit	15 70
Geo Grimes	19 95
H Dewit	21 00
P Peterson	19 40
Joe Hendricks	19 95
M Dewise	12 60
Adolph Lambrecht	8 40
Chas Grams	12 60
Nels Peterson	10 50
Claus Beck	12 60
Wm Morris	12 60
Frank Newcomb	12 60
Emil Frank	12 60
Joe Gutzweiler	12 60
Fred Heverling	12 60
Dave Rooks	12 60
Mike Kelley	12 60
Jno Sullivan	1 05
Frank O'Connell	14 70
M Cavanaugh	12 60
Cal Harson	10 80
D W Kelley	11 55
Jno Haley	12 60
Roy Reed	14 40
Henry Wish	12 60
John Burton	12 10
Ira Carr	6 80
Frtiz Gest	6 30
R Biesley	12 60
C Everts	24 15
B Stevens	12 05
Ira Cross	3 00
	752 20

Recapitulation

2nd ward side walk acct	86 25
3rd ward side walk acct	94 05
4th ward side walk acct	196 05
5th ward side walk acct	50 20
7th ward side walk acct	131 75
Street acct	23*50
Sewer acct	3 00
Health acct	55 10
Water Works Const acct	76 65
Reservoir acct	124 95
Total	752 20

The clerk read a communication from S. S. Davis accepting the ordinance authorizing him to widen the canal across Rock Island avenue, at Sears.

Alderman Anderson moved that the communication be received and made a matter of record. Carried.

The clerk presented the bond of S. S. Davis in the sum of $8,000 in accordance with the terms of the ordinance to pay one-half of the cost of the proposed bridge across the canal.

Alderman Oberg moved that the bond be received and accepted. Carried.

The clerk presented petitions from Ward & McMahon and Rosenfield Bros. for permission to make sewer connections. Referred to the sewer committee with power to act.

The clerk presented petitions from Edwdard Bauersfield and others asking that Tri-City Railway company be compelled to lower its tracks on Eleventh street to the grade of the street. Referred to the street and alley committee.

Alderman Anderson offered a resolution instructing the city clerk to ask for bids for the painting of the pump and motor and the interior of the reservoir pump house and the roof of the valve house. Adopted.

Alderman Anderson presented bids from the Kuhner Engine & Machine company, $4,612, and Davis Machine shop, $3,725, for the repairing and overhauling of the Holly Gaskell pump. Referred to the waterworks committee, mayor and superintendent of waterworks to report at next meeting.

Alderman Benson from the street and alley committee reported recommending that superintendent of streets be instructed to build ditch at south end of alley between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets and Seventh and Eighth avenues and city engineer to present estimate of cost of bringing alley to grade. Report adopted.

Alderman Benson from the street alley committee recommended that the plat of H. E. Krell's addition be adopted, provided bond in the sum of $500 be filed to bring streets and alleys to grade. Adopted.

Alderman Schmid moved that when council adjourn it be to next Monday night, Aug. 26, to consider bids on bridge over canal at Sears, and such other business as may come up. Carried.

Alderman Anderson offered a resolution that the superintendent of waterworks be authorized to purchase 10-inch double tube sham gauge for the new boiler, at a cost not to exceed $12. Carried.

Adjourned on motion of Alderman Frick.

M. T. RUDGREN,
City Clerk.

THE REAL CAUSE.

The Ancient Scalp-Fever Theory Exploded.

At one time dandruff was attributed to the result of a feverish condition of the scalp, which threw off the dried cuticle in scales.

Professor Unna, Hamburg, Germany, noted authority on skin diseases, explodes this theory and says that dandruff is a germ disease.

This germ is really responsible for the dandruff and for so many bald heads. It can be cured if it is gone about in the right way. The right way, of course, and the only way, is to kill the germ.

Newbro's Herpicide does this, and permits the hair to grow luxuriantly, just as nature intended it should.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample to the Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Sold in two sizes, 50c and $1.00. T. H. Thomas, special agent.

Remedy for Diarrhoea—Never Known to Fail.

"I want to say a few words for Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy. I have used this preparation in my family for the past five years, and have recommended it to a number of people in York county, and have never known it to fail to effect a cure in any instance. I feel that I cannot say too much for the best remedy of the kind in the world."—S. Jemison, Spring Grove, York county, Pa. This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

At this season we should eat sparingly and properly. We should also help the stomach as much as possible by the use of a little Kodol occasionally. Kodol for indigestion and dyspepsia will rest the stomach by actually digesting the food itself. Sold by all druggists.

SMITHS IN LEAD

Family Dominates American Society, Declares Social Register Locater.

BROWNS COME NEXT ON LIST

No Joneses in Providence, and Oakland's Preferred Know None Who Are Named Jackson.

Society is led throughout the United States, north, south, east and west, by the ancient and honorabe family of Smith, as is shown by the Social Register Locater, the first number of which was published the other day.

This volume is a compendium of the names of persons of social prominence in twenty American cities and has been prepared with painstaking care It consists of an alphabetical arrangement of 84,500 names, together with the cities where the persons reside. This furnishes a clew to many sources of information concerning those whose doings are of interest to society in the principal cities of the United States.

Of the Smiths there are found to be 556 all told, while the Browns, who number 346, come next in preferment. The Joneses number 262, while the Robinsons have 173 on the roll of the select elect, to quote Miss Carolyn Wells. The numerically predominant names in New York are as follows: Smith, 163; Brown, 137; White, 86; Morgan, 84; Clark, 81; Robinson, 81; Taylor, 80, and Miller, 86. Boston has only 5 Smiths and 16 Browns, but the Hub has 22 Williamses, 44 Peabodys and 44 Coolidges.

New York has the most Smiths and 40 per cent of the Browns, while Baltimore is a close second in the possession of the clan of Brown. The Smiths predominate in Philadelphia, with a battalion of 123, although the Biddle family, which is so much a part of the City of Brotherly Love, has 72 members. The Joneses are to be found everywhere, except in Providence and Oakland. Oakland has nobody at all in society named Jackson. Baltimore is entitled to have the most Jenkinses present at any large social function. In Chicago the Walkers follow the Smiths in preference, while in Providence the name Aldrich is the open sesame to society. Pittsburg has the most Laughlins. The Smiths are at the fore in St. Louis and St. Paul, and in Minneapolis the question of prestige is a tie among the Washburns, Winstons and Woodworths.

Facts are Interesting.

Summaries of the names which recur in the various cities reveal some interesting facts culled from this American Almanach de Gotha. There are 149 of the family of Adams in 15 cities, while the 94 Alexanders are distributed through 17 cities. There are 31 Amorys, and Boston society has them all. Of the Biddle family, besides the 72 in Philadelphia which have been mentioned, there are 6 in New York and in Washington, but they are really part of the parent stock which flourishes in the city of Penn.

Five cities only have Appletons, of whom there are 21 in Boston, 17 in New York, 2 in Philadelphia, 2 in St. Paul and 1 in Baltimore. All of the family of Auchincloss, to the number of 17, have not wandered away from New York. Of the 35 Cabots 32 reside in Boston. The 213 of the house of Davis are scattered through 18 cities, and they are the most numerous in Washington. Nearly every city, or 19 of the score, have some of the 163 Kings.

Strange differentiations in the spelling of names appear throughout the volume. There are 239 of the family of Clarke and 99 of the name without the terminal "e." Five ways are offered for the spelling of what is in effect the same name, as is seen in such titles as Beal, Beale, Beales, Beall and Beals. It is shown in the tables that there are 40 Reads, 71 Reeds and 31 Reids. There are 55 who bear the name of Robbins and 35 who leave out one "b" and pronounce their name the same way. Forty-two are called Sturgis and 32 Sturges.

All the news all the time—THE ARGUS.

Notice to Bridge Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received at the city clerk's office, Rock Island, Ill., until Monday, Aug. 26th, 1907, at 5 o'clock p. m. for the construction of a bridge over Rock river. The contractor to purchase the old bridge.

Plans and specifications on file at the city clerk's office. Certified check in amount of $200.00 to accompany each bid. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 14, 1907.

M. T. RUDGREN,
City Clerk.

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