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# O. HENRY'S STORIES

## I.—Makes the Whole World Kin

By O. HENRY  
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THE burglar stepped inside the window quickly, and then he took his time. A burglar who respects his art always takes his time before taking anything else. The house was a private residence. By its boarded front door and untrimmed Boston fry the burglar knew that the mistress of it was sitting on some ocean-side piazza telling a sympathetic man in a yachting cap that no one had ever understood her sensitive, lonely heart. He knew by the light in the third story front windows, and by the lateness of the season, that the master of the house had come home, and would soon extinguish his light and retire. For it was September of the year and of the month, in which season the house's good fun comes to consider roof gardens and stenographers as vanities, and to desire the return of his mate and the more durable blessings of decorum and the moral excellencies.

The burglar lighted a cigarette. The guarded glow of the match illuminated opened his eyes. His right hand slid under his pillow, but remained there. "Lay still," said the burglar in conversational tone. Burglars of the third type do not hiss. The citizen in the bed looked at the round end of the burglar's pistol and lay still. "Now hold up both your hands," commanded the burglar. The citizen had a little, pointed, brown and gray beard, like that of a painless dentist. He looked solid, esteemed, irritable and disgusted. He sat up in bed and raised his right hand above his head. "Up with the other one," ordered the burglar. "You might be amphibious and shoot with your left. You can count two, can't you? Hurry up, now." "Can't raise the other one," said the citizen, with a conjuration of his lineaments.



"Can't raise the other one," said the citizen. "You've got it. It's your own rheumatic life—rattle rattle all!" asked the citizen indignantly. "Galloo," said the burglar. "If all the snakes I've used the oil of was strung out in a row they'd reach eight times as far as Saturn, and the rattles could be heard in Valparaiso, Ind., and back."

"What's the matter with it?" "Rheumatism in the shoulder." "Inflammation?" "Was. The inflammation has gone down." The burglar stood for a moment or two, holding his gun on the afflicted one. He glanced at the plunger on the dresser and then, with a half embarrassed air, back at the man in the bed. Then he, too, made a sudden grimace. "Don't stand there making faces," snapped the citizen had humorously. "If you've come to burgle why don't you do it? There's some stuff lying around."

"Sense me," said the burglar, with a grin. "But I just socked me one too. It's good for you that rheumatism and me happens to be old pals. I got it in my left arm too. Most anybody but me would have popped you when you wouldn't hold that left claw of yours." "How long have you had it?" inquired the citizen. "Four years. I guess that ain't all. Once you've got it, it's you for a rheumatic life—rattle rattle all!" asked the citizen indignantly. "Galloo," said the burglar. "If all the snakes I've used the oil of was strung out in a row they'd reach eight times as far as Saturn, and the rattles could be heard in Valparaiso, Ind., and back."



"Ever try opodeldoc?" give up second story work because I got stuck sometimes halfway up. Tell you what, I don't believe the bloomin' doctors know what's good for it." "Same here. I've spent a thousand dollars without getting any relief. Yours swell any?" "Of mornings. And when it's gone to rain—great Christopher!" "Me too," said the citizen. "I can tell when a streak of humidity the use of a tabcloth starts from Florida on its way to New York. And if I pass a theater where there's an 'East Lynne' matinee going on the moisture starts my left arm jumping like a toothache." "It's undiluted—ladies!" said the burglar. "You're dead right," said the citizen.

The burglar looked down at his pistol and thrust it into his pocket with an awkward attempt at ease. "Say, old man," he said constrainedly, "cover try opodeldoc?" "Stop!" said the citizen angrily. "Might as well rob on restaurant but-ter." "Sure," concurred the burglar. "It's a salve suitable for little Minnie when the kitty scratches her finger. I'll tell you what! We're up against it. I only find one thing that easens her up. Hey? Little old sanitary, ameliorating, best we forget booze. Say—this job's off—'scuse me—get on your clothes and let's have some. 'Sense liberty, but—ouch! There she goes again!" "For a week," said the citizen. "I haven't been able to dress myself without help. I'm afraid Thomas is in bed, and"— "Climb out," said the burglar. "I'll help you get into your duds." The conventional returned as a tidal wave and flooded the citizen. He stroked his brown and gray beard. "It's very unusual"—he began. "Here's your shirt," said the burglar, "fall out. I knew a man who said Omberry's ointment fixed him in two weeks so he could use both hands in trying his four-in-hand." As they were going out the door the citizen turned and started back. "Liked to forget my money," he explained. "Laid it on the dresser last night." The burglar caught him by the right sleeve. "Come on," he said bluffly, "I ask you. Leave it alone. I've got the price. Ever try witch hazel and oil of wintergreen?"

### ECCENTRICITIES OF O. HENRY.

A True Bohemian, Living Life and Laughter Better Than Work. William Sydney Porter, who as "O. Henry" introduced to American literature a new type of short story, was a "man's man," stalwart, fun loving, pose hating and was as popular with his associates in the literary field as his stories were with the public. He was forty-three years old when death closed his promising career. He was at work just before he died on a play called "The World and the Door" and on his first long novel, "The Dream." He had intended doing "serious writing" henceforward, his former crisp, snappy, amazingly dramatic short stories having been mere play to him. Brilliant as they were, he wrote them in slapdash fashion when the ideas struck him—or when he needed funds, for he was a true bohemian, systematic, improvident and loving life and laughter better than work. Only a few days before the end came the editor of one of the big magazines was handed a note in his suitcase by a messenger, who waited for an answer. The editor read it, laughed and said, "It's Syd Porter up to his old tricks." The note was to this effect: "Please send me \$25. I invited a man to dine with me and thought he'd pay. From the looks of him I don't think he will—and I can't, O. Henry." The money was sent. The writer could have anything he wanted—and almost any price for his stories—so well was he liked and so great the demand for his work. He received for tales of 2,000 or 3,000 words (three or four magazine pages) as much as \$750 and even \$1,000. But he wasn't "easy" despite his financial regardlessness. His friends narrate an incident showing the man's shrewdness. A magazine noted for "slow pay," they said, contracted with him for a three part story, for which he was to receive \$1,500. He got a \$500 advance before starting to work, and when he turned in the second installment (none of it has been printed yet) got \$500 more and asked for the third \$500 as an advance before finishing the tale. The editor, in an effort to save money apparently, declared that, after all, the story didn't appear to be worth more than \$1,000—this when he had the two installments in his office. "All right," said O. Henry. "I won't write the third one then." And he didn't. He laughed at the editor. "Well, then," said the latter, "I'll run the two parts and then let our readers have a guessing contest as to how the story ends and put up perhaps a \$250 prize to the winner." For a moment the author thought he was outwitted. Then he said, "Go ahead, and I'll win the prize." He intended to win it too.

Essay on the Waist Line. The waist line is an imaginary ring around Rosie. For many years it lay in a dormant state. So quiet and secure it was that Rosie herself hardly knew of its existence. Of late, however, the waist line has departed itself in a reckless and shocking manner. It has twisted itself into curious shapes. It has soared to Rosie's shoulders and swooped to her feet. It has coiled itself in folds of bouffant drapery, suddenly to reappear and spread itself all over creation. We predict that such frivolous conduct on the part of the waist line, this self appointed architect, can bring only sorrow and degradation. In fact we shall not be one bit surprised if it is forced to spend its old age in the bread line—Kansas Industrialist.

An Exception. "People turn pale when they faint, don't they?" asked a counsel who was severely cross examining and badgering a witness. "No, not always." "Did you ever hear of a case of fainting where the party did not turn pale?" "Yes, sir." "Did you ever see such a case?" "Yes, sir." "Who was it?" "Twas a negro, sir."—Exchange.

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Revenue Bill Passed  
Washington, Sept. 25.—The administrative revenue bill imposing additional taxes on beer, domestic wines, gasoline and stamp taxes, all estimated to produce \$105,000,000 within a year, was passed today by the house, 356 to 125.

## MARKET REPORT

### New York Cotton

New York, Sept. 25.—The report of the conference committee of the New York cotton exchange today showed that 1,100 bales of the old straddle interest had been liquidated at 9 cents for December, as a result of yesterday's Liverpool.  
This makes a total liquidation of 5,900 bales and since the plan of the international committee was placed in operation, and there were rumors that the outstanding interest had been further reduced through private settlements. A report from the special committee on by-laws suggesting that the market be reopened for trading in government grades, was also taken as pointing to a resumption of business within the next few weeks.  
Reports from the South indicated further declines in the spot markets, which encouraged rather a pessimistic view of the operations among the local buyers, while the heavy rains reported in the eastern belt failed to create any fresh sentiment with reference to the size of the crop.

### New Orleans Cotton

New York, Sept. 25.—Cotton spot steady. Sales on the spot 167 bales; to arrive 500. Good ordinary middling 7 1-8 nominal; strict good ordinary 7 1-8 nominal; low middling 6 1-8 nominal. Receipts 1,488; stock 54,480.

### Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, Sept. 25.—Weekly cotton statistics: Total forwarded to mills 20,000, of which American 25,000; stock 828,000; American 185,000; imports 5,000; American 3,000; exports 2,000.  
Cotton spot limited business. Sales 4,200 bales, including 3,400 American on the basis of 5.55d for middling. No imports.

### Dun's Review.

New York, Sept. 25.—"It is evident that fall trade is below normal; that industrial operations are quiet; that bank clearings, with stock markets closed, continue on the down grade; that failures are numerous, and that the general rule is to buy only for reasonable rates checks buying in a myriad of lines."  
"On the other hand farmers in the surplus wheat producing regions have prospered; retail trade has been stimulated by cool weather over a wide area; improvement in commercial paper is hopeful; export trade in cereals continues of heavy volume, and it is certain that more or less business has been done for European account in blankets, saddlery, leather, harness, horse shoes and ammunition, and at the same time the opening of certain cotton exchanges in the South for spot transactions affords a price making basis for cotton."  
Bank clearing for the week ending September 24, according to Broad-street's aggregated \$2,237,288,000; a decrease of 26.3 per cent from the same week last year; business failures were 365 against 287 last year.

### Chicago Grain

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Expected enlargement of the domestic visible supply total Monday handicapped the busi-ness in wheat. No important rallies took place and the market closed steadily at the same as last night to 3-4 cents. The outcome in corn was unchanged to 1-4 lower and for oats a shade off to 1-4 up. Provisions fashed irregularly, ranging from 40 cts down to 7 1-2 advance.

### Cotton Seed Oil

New York, Sept. 25.—Cotton seed oil remains steady, restricted by report that October exports and lack of steady demand. C. S. seed oil was steady owing to low crude cottonseed oil prices were 4 points lower to 2 cent higher.  
The market closed higher. Spot 45.55 a 45.60.

## FINANCES

New York, Sept. 25.—In view of the efforts of the bankers to organize a \$100,000,000 gold pool, primarily to facilitate foreign exchange, today's sharp rise in cables and demand bills on London was regarded as highly significant. Cable rates rose to 108 1-2 and demand bills to 107 1-2. The advance

was attributed in some quarters to the belief that the modified British moratorium effective early in October, may not cover these forms of remittances.  
Announcement that arrangements had been perfected, under the auspices of the stock exchange for private dealings at concessions in unlisted stocks which includes the curb, was accompanied by intimation that this is preliminary to a similar step in regularly listed securities.  
Bond dealers reported an increased demand for the New York City notes, with a further advance in the three year issue. Incidentally, Tennessee secured an extension in the market of some of its maturing obligations.

### Call Money

New York, Sept. 25.—Exchanges \$160,582,174; balances \$8,913,863. Mercantile paper 7. Sterling exchange strong; for cables 498.25; for demand 497. Bar silver 63.

### Dry Goods

New York, Sept. 25.—Heavy purchases of towels, sheets, pillow cases and blankets for war purposes were reported today. Cotton goods were irregular with yarns steady. An embargo has been placed on the shipment of wool from Turkey and Persia and Indian ports are closed against late shipments.

### Stocks and Bonds

New York, Sept. 25.—Another step toward the resumption of general business in the financial markets, was taken today when the stock exchange, acting in conjunction with dealers in unlisted bonds and stocks, announced that private purchases and sales of unlisted securities would be permitted when necessary at moderate concessions from the prices of July 30. It is stipulated, however, that such transactions must not be harmful to the general situation and must be kept within bounds. This ruling is a further modification of the regulation recently promulgated by the exchange permitting dealings in bonds and unlisted notes also at moderate concessions. All the business to be conducted under this latest rule, which includes the stocks handled by the "curb" will be supervised by a committee consisting of stock exchange members, non-member bond dealers and the chairman of the "curb" market.

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