

## HOW TO DRAW CROWD

Small Kansas Town's Unique Idea That Helps Trade.

### AMUSEMENTS ON SATURDAY.

Committee Advertises Prizes For Lightest Married Woman, Heaviest Lady, Quickest Dressed Boy—Fat Men's Race—Other Funny Stunts.

The trouble with some small towns is that nothing ever happens in them. That's why people don't care to "come to town." The farmers around about stay at home Saturday afternoons and piddle around if work is slack rather than hitch and drive into town and find themselves too lonesome to live. What the small town needs to keep up its spirits, attract people, draw trade and make life worth living is amusement.

There is a little town in Kansas called Ellingham which has realized this fact and has done something unique. Ellingham has a new Commercial club. The Commercial club has a special committee to work up "stunts." A "stunt" is something that is made to happen by artificial means. This committee got its several heads together and figured out a series of Saturday afternoon "stunts" that make most town affairs look like a plugged nickel.

Every Saturday afternoon now there are hundreds of out of town people in Ellingham. Any town with spirit enough can do likewise. Those people trade at the stores and other places and help the town along.

In a recent issue the Kansas City Star thus describes one of Ellingham's "stunt" Saturdays:

On Saturday the Commercial club just said that certain things would be done on Main street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock those same things were done. And there were about 200 farmers' wagons in town. That's all.

They said there would be a fat men's race. There was. Five hundred farmers brought their families to town to see it. The winner got a buggy whip, a bottle of grape juice and a facial massage. They said there would be a twenty-five yard race for girls under twelve, the winner to be given a neck charm and two pounds of candy. They said that each of the two heaviest women coming to town together in one vehicle should receive a china silk shirtwaist pattern, and the heavier \$1 in cash. They said that the two lightest married women coming to town in one vehicle should receive a white embroidered parasol and a cake. They said the most ludicrously dressed boy should receive two collars, a necktie and a pair of socks. The week before they said there were \$20 in money and a sack of flour waiting for the heaviest load of women coming to town in one vehicle.

It rained Saturday in Ellingham. It rained quite some, but the Commercial club, through its committee on stunts, had said there would be things done on Main street at 2 o'clock, and the rain didn't melt anything with them. They got a scraper and a team of mules, skinned about thirty inches of surface off Main street and in ten minutes everything was ready for the fat men's race.

"All ready to enter here," called Willis Chooon. "This is the fat men's race. Who's in?"

Doe White stepped up to the line. "I ain't a fat man," he said. "I only weigh 280, but I'm willing to show what I can do."

"Here," said Jim Stewart, "I thought this was a fat men's race. I weigh 310, but I ain't going to run with no living skeleton."

"Three hundred and twenty-six is my figure," said Roy Wallace as he took the line, "but I'm willing to run with these race riders if White will take off that Panama hat. If the wind gets under that I'll blow him across the finish line. This ain't no aeroplane contest; this is a fat race."

"Cut out that talk and wait for the word," called out Starter Sharpless. "This is no debating society; it's a foot race to see who gets that facial massage."

"I'll give Stewart his now if he don't quit crowding," said Wallace.

"Go!"

The word caught Stewart with his mouth open, and he lost valuable time getting it shut again that ought to have been devoted to getting his feet out of the mud. The crowd standing behind the starting line had to be told about the race afterward. They didn't see anything after the first delay of mud that followed the uplifting of those feet. They telephoned back from the finish that White was the winner.

The weighing of the two heaviest women roused the partisanship of the crowd to the highest pitch. Cheers went up when Mrs. John Henry proved by the scales that she weighed 265½ pounds. Mrs. J. B. Goodpasture only smiled. "Lead me to it," she said. As she stepped on the platform the crowd quivered with excitement. So did the scales. "I may have lost some," said Mrs. Goodpasture modestly. "I haven't been weighed since yesterday at 4 o'clock."

The clerk of the scales, Mr. Arthur, showed traces of deep emotion. "Madam," he said, "if you have lost anything it isn't weight; it is all here. Go to the committee and get a shirt waist pattern and \$1 in cash. The scales quit at 215½."

"Whoo-ee!" said the crowd.

Mrs. Don Dease established her claim to the parasol offered the lightest married woman, with a record of ninety pounds. Mrs. Tobe Van Schorlack took second honors and 50 cents in cash with 105 pounds.

## A NEW SANDWICH.

A Delicious Novelty For Afternoon Tea or Picnics.

Fannie Merrill Farmer, an authority on cooking, gives the following recipe for a new sandwich in the Woman's Home Companion:

"Somerset sandwiches are as acceptable at an afternoon tea or evening reception as at a picnic. They are made from a bread the recipe of which, I think, is unknown to most of my readers, so I will give a list of the ingredients which go to make it, but will presuppose that you know the principles of breadmaking: One-half cupful of scalded milk, one-half cupful of boiling water, one-half tablespoonful of lard, one-half tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, three-quarters of a teaspoonful of salt, one-half a yeast cake dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of lukewarm water, one-half cupful of white flour and enough entire wheat flour to knead and one cupful of English walnut or pecan nut meats broken in pieces. The result is more satisfactory if the nut meats are added while kneading after the first raising. When this bread is twenty-four hours' old, slice as thin as possible, spread sparingly and evenly with creamed butter and put orange marmalade between slices. Remove crusts cut in triangles or any desired shape and garnish with halves of nut meats which need a bit of butter on their undersurfaces to keep them in place. To keep moist pack the same as other sandwiches. If orange marmalade is not procurable, make the sandwiches without it, and even then you will have a delicious novelty."

## FURNITURE NOVELTY.

Umbrella Cabinet With Places For Holding Overshoes and Vails.

A piece of furniture that is a decided novelty is an umbrella cabinet.

No matter how handsome or elaborate it may be, the ordinary receptacle for umbrellas and walking sticks is not a thing of beauty and does not add to the appearance of the hall in which it stands.

This cabinet, however, is a really attractive piece of furniture, which has the added advantage of protecting its contents from dust and dirt and concealing them so that they do not seem to add to the decorative features of the hall.

Around the sides of the cabinet and also inside both doors are brass hooks, into which the handles of the umbrellas or walking sticks are fastened. Several of the hooks have silk bags attached for the protection of light colored parasols or particularly handsome umbrellas.

A long drawer in the lower part of the cabinet may be used for overshoes, and a shelflike arrangement in the top, which opens on hinges, is useful for holding vails or gloves or small articles left temporarily in the hall.

The whole arrangement is quite compact, occupying but small space, and the inlaid wood of which it is made adds much to the beauty of an article that is built on plain but well proportioned lines.

## THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

An excellent mouth wash, especially in fruit season, because of its good effect upon the teeth, is lime-water. To make it pour a quart of boiled or distilled water over a teaspoonful of slaked lime. Pour into a bottle and shake well every fifteen minutes for the first hour. Then allow the lime to settle and pour off the water, which should be bottled for use.

There is no need of brushing the hair if the brush brings it out. Comb it gently with the coarse teeth and apply this tonic: Tincture of nux vomica, one ounce; spirits of rosemary, two ounces; alcohol, two ounces. Apply several times a week to the roots of the hair.

A bad complexion, lacking luster, elasticity and plumpness, often indicates want of goodness in the vital or nutritive system. A mild diet, a gentle temperature, an even digestion, open air exercise, sleep and tranquillity of mind are all necessary to loveliness. Fresh meats to be nutritious should be rare. Avoid all highly spiced foods and drink plenty of water. Oranges, pineapples, grape fruit, olives, whole wheat bread, tomatoes and apples are all beauty foods. Substitute lemon juice for vinegar and eat sparingly of rich salads and pastries.

### Cult of the Cat.

The day is past when everything that purrs or meows is considered a cat worth having.

With the ever increasing cult of the cat, owners are becoming more particular about good points, and considerable study is expended by fanciers on the necessary qualifications.

Such qualifications of course vary with the breed. In long haired cats the ruff is the first thing to be considered. The tufts of hair between the toes, the ear tufts and the flexibility of the tail come next.

With the short haired cats the color is of great importance, and so are the eyes, ears and the shape of the head. White cats should have blue eyes, black cats yellow eyes and those of other colors green eyes.

Here are some of the good points to be taken into consideration when buying a cat:

Head—Great breadth between the eyes.

Eyes—Round and wide open.

Nose—short and tapered.

Frame—Light, deep chested.

Legs—Straight.

Ears—Small and rounded.

Neck—Thin and graceful.

Tail—Bent at the end in long haired cats.

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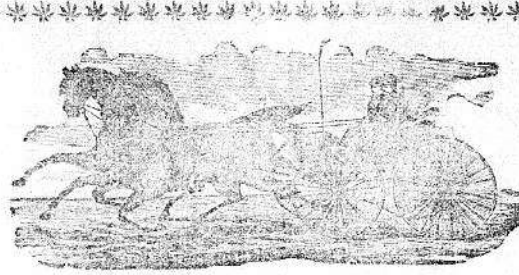
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