

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

NEW DUTIES FOR BAILIFF.

Day by day the bailiff in the ordinary police court has heaped upon his shoulders new duties which require patience and on occasions considerable nerve. Such a bailiff—Cornelius Meenan by name—is employed in the local police court, and at each of the new commands and demands of the prisoners he smilingly complies. It is "Connie" do this and "Connie" do that, and he does it.

The other day he was summarily called to the upper cell room by one of the female prisoners who had been arrested on the previous night. Of course, she was an up-to-date woman, and was trapped out in all the rigging that any of her sex uses to adorn her person. "Connie" was "Johnnie-on-the-spot," and was for anything from serving breakfast to singing a song to satisfy the prisoner. However, he was unprepared for the demand that was made, and all but swooned when he heard it.

The woman began quietly by telling the bailiff that she was in dire straits and knew not what to do. The bailiff was all attention and was anxious to help out the fair captive. He told her so, and finally she asked him to help her out of the difficulty by fastening the buttons which held together the back of her waist.

The task was a new one to "Connie," but he was equal to the occasion, and today he states that if he did not establish a record for fastening 40 buttons on the dress worn by a squeamish woman, he wants to see the man who can beat him. If he shows up, he is liable to be signed up as court bailiff, and "Connie" will then be relegated to other duties with which he can keep the pace.

BARGAIN IN A MOTOR BOAT.

E. C. Berry, former editor of the Tri-City Unionist, once had the motor boat he. He owned a small craft, and was thinking of acquiring a larger one. It was while he was camping with a party of friends on the river shore in the vicinity of Watertown that he struck a bargain.

Mr. Berry was taking a morning stroll along the stream when he came upon a fine boat tied up at the shore. It was manned by a stranger, Mr. Berry paused to inspect the craft.

"Nice boat you have there," Berry said.

"You bet it is; but I'm growing tired of it."

"Like to sell it?"

"Yep."

"How much will you take for it?"

"Oh, I'd let it go for \$150 cash." This was an eye-opener to Berry, and he proceeded to look the boat over more closely. He climbed aboard, and, accompanied by the supposed owner, he went over the boat thoroughly. It was worth at least \$400, he said to himself.

"How long is that offer open?"

"Oh, today, anyway," was the answer.

The two men were down on their knees at the stern. The owner had a hatchet in his hand.

"Live around here?" inquired Berry.

"Yes," and then Berry was taken by the arm.

"See that beautiful building up there?" and the stranger of the boat pointed at the Watertown hospital. "Well, that's my home."

Berry, glancing at the hatchet, began to move slowly towards the bow.

"You wait here for me just 10 minutes," said Berry, as he jumped to the shore line, and "I'll be back with the money."

Berry did no further bargain hunting in that vicinity.

BILLY'S PRIVATE MAIL.

Dear Tom: So you've tumbled for the purring voice and the moonlight?

If you're both on the square, old top, you have my benediction, and when you get ready to pull off the main go, kick me as to what you need most in the line of household furniture and I'll duck over my head to make good.

If you happen to need the as one of four seconds, be considerate enough to wise me far enough in advance to give me an opportunity to rehearse myself in the evening joy duds. I'll have to rent or borrow an outfit, for the one I have stored away at home declined to do further service since my fat suit following a siege of typhoid fever.

Alti-hallo-luh when a chap squanders \$85 on one of those layouts to get in line on some affair just to keep his friends from saying that he couldn't come because the suits were all gone!

Before he applied, and then take on 35 pounds before he has another chance to wear it?

You told me little about this dream that you had playing the skyline. Of course, she must be the best girl in the world or you wouldn't be taking the count over her. Far be it from me to intervene with the ice pitcher; but it is always well, in such a serious affair, for one to take himself home some cool night and lock himself in his room and put himself on the witness stand. You know it's a long trip, and it's well to pipe the route in your mind and look for the possible obstacles that do not appear during your evening hammock dreams.

You will stand for me talking plainly to you, I know. You say she's been in your home town all these years and you have just discovered that she's the one for you. As I said before, I sincerely hope she is. But isn't it possible that this warm weather may have affected you? I have a friend who went home one day two weeks ago and gave his wife a check for \$500 and told her to buy herself some furs and things for next winter. Three days later he discovered that he had not yet settled last winter's coal bill. Do you get me?

The girls are all lovely, and I have always maintained that man should marry. Some one back yonder has said that it is not good for man to live alone. The only mistake he made is in not fixing the time when one becomes a man. I know some gees that have been wearing long trousers 20 years that have not arrived yet. Nothing personal, old card.

If I only had you near me I could better get my line of thought to you. Of course, you'll hurry through these lines and at the same time you'll be thinking of her. That will not do. In the first place, you are not strong at the bank, unless you have bumped into a bundle of cash since your last confession to me. Right now you are blowing to the limit on this latest crush. You're hauling up a ton of candy a month, and flooding the house with flowers. Dinners, dances and trolley rides. Proper thing to do. You are young and she's young. Both soft. No doubt of it. Here's the answer: If you mean it, and she does, you take your lead pencil along the next visit—and, assuming that the situation has reached the serious stage—begin figuring on how you are going to build that new home. Show how all these ducats that you're letting slip out of your hands just to make it pleasant for her will come in handy later on, and then watch her closely. Discuss the coal bills, and the grocer and meat accounts, etc., and see how she warms up to the idea. Ask her if she can cook. Get an invitation to a dinner of her own preparation some evening. If these suggestions interest her, you've really landed a prize. In most instances that I have heard of the proposition draws the chill.

If the girl is made of the stuff that I have reason to believe would appeal to you, she'll come through with that brand of enthusiasm that makes a fellow feel that he's reached his new home. Keep me posted, and good luck.

BILLY.

LATER.

Sam Kirkpatrick was this last week the guest of honor at the second of a series of week end house parties held at the Chicago residence of Mrs. Angela Wardell. Mrs. Wardell is a hostess of gracious and pleasing presence, and is a woman of rare charm. Her tastes are slightly eccentric, even Bohemian, while her interests center in commerce and music. She was one of the first to recognize the musical possibilities of the mouth harp, and under her appreciative influence the gentle art of mouth harping has approached perfection in several of her devotees. At least one of these has attracted general public attention but of late has given his time and effort to sunrise piano recitals. It will be seen that Mrs. Wardell's tastes are fine and discriminating, and Mr. Kirkpatrick should feel honored by the hospitality shown him by a lady of such charms and accomplishments. — (North English, Iowa, Record.)

JUBILEE FOR A MAID

50 YEARS IN FAMILY

One Chicago Household Appears to Have Found Solution of the Servant Problem.

Chicago, July 22.—Miss Barbara Ritter probably could take the prize as the most faithful woman household servant in Chicago. At any rate, she has 50 years as a record, and the love and respect of her employer and the sons and daughters she has helped to raise to womanhood and manhood, and her employers are going to try to get even for a moment and give her a golden jubilee next October, when the 50 years of service is ended.

Miss Barbara, now a gray-haired woman, came to Chicago 50 years ago to teach school. She was a young girl and changed her mind. She was German, born in Baden, and when Mrs. Samuel Faulkner, a young matron, offered her employment, she went to work for her. That was in 1861, and the Faulknors were living on State street near Van Buren street.

Samuel Faulkner was then connected with Satterlee, Cook & Co., the first wholesale grocery house in Chicago. He had been married four years, and the first baby had come into the home. Miss Barbara, 13 years old, was employed as the nurse. Since then she has nursed 11 of the Faulkner heirs. Two of them have passed away, but nine children live today and hope to be present in October to do her honor. The present home is at 4746 Madison avenue.

YOU SURE DID.

Writes L. E. B.: "A rather neat appearing young man rang our door bell the other afternoon, said he was an employee of the city, and asked the privilege of looking at our bath room. He said that he was attached to the water department. I asked him to show his credentials, and he flashed some sort of star. I said that would not do. I told the young man that I was not in the habit of allowing strangers to ramble through my house. If this young man is what he represents himself to be, the city officials are showing poor judgment. He should be equipped with a letter to identify him when the request is made. Did I do right?"

BASEBALL IN HAWAII.

W. A. Rosenfeld of this city, with his bride, is on a tour of the world. At Honolulu July 9 they witnessed a baseball game. Enclosing a clipping from the Sunday Advertiser, describing the contest, Mr. Rosenfeld, in a characteristic note to The Argus, says: "A good game, but the players' names sound like golf clubs or the names of sleeping cars."

SAM AND AMELIA.

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