



A BESETTING SIN

"I AM sure in my own mind that Mr. Griggings is drinking," remarked the landlady in the tone of one who views with alarm. "A man doesn't have such a red nose unless he is consuming intoxicating liquors."



"I have cautioned you many times, Mrs. Jiggers, against jumping to conclusions, which is your besetting sin," said the star boarder. "Many reputations have been ruined by such remarks as yours. Any physician will tell you it is possible to have a crimson beak and still be a teetotaler. I am not on intimate terms with Mr. Griggings, although I call at his store now and then to purchase some of his cigars, which are made of ensilage. He sells the worst smokes in this town, and should be rebuked for that, but I'd never suspect him of being an inebriate."

"He might become one if it happened to rain in some night, and he had a barrel under the rainspout, but so long as firewater costs money there isn't much danger of Mr. Griggings going astray. He is the most passionately economical man I ever saw. His respect for a penny is abnormal. A week or two ago I bought a cigar at his remnant counter, and was short one cent when I paid for it. I told him I'd pay the cent the next time I dropped in, and I fully intended to, but I forgot to drop in for several days. During that period, Mrs. Jiggers, I met him on the street several times, and he boned me for that cent, with tears in his eyes, at every encounter. A man of that character won't waste any money in riotous living. You may paste that in your Sunday bonnet, my dear Mrs. Jiggers, for your guidance when you are trying to size up the caliber of your friends and acquaintances."

"I met Mr. Octagon on the street today and he told me a moving tale illustrating the unwisdom of jumping to conclusions. The other evening when he stepped onto the front porch to see if the newspaper had come, he found a sample package of snuff, which had been left there by some immoral distributor."

"Mr. Octagon had never taken a pinch of snuff in his life, and he was curious to know what the effects were. Curiosity, I may remark incidentally, is another weakness responsible for much trouble and suffering, and I trust you will guard against it hereafter, Mrs. Jiggers. It leads elderly landladies to rummage the trunks of their boarders and read old letters which were not meant for alien eyes. The fact that you are blushing shows that you are not entirely calloused."

"Well, Mr. Octagon put the packet of snuff in his vest pocket and sat around the fire until his wife left the room on some errand, and then he tore open the paper and inhaled a few grains of the stuff. He says he thought he would sneeze the top of his head off, and dislocate his ears. He whooped and hooched until you could have heard him half a mile away, and then his wife came rushing in."

"'Ebenesser Octagon,' said she, 'you go to bed this minute or you'll be down with pneumonia tomorrow. Don't stop to argue—I won't hear a word! Off with you!'"

"Octagon couldn't get in a word, and didn't want to very much, being ashamed to have his wife know he was experimenting with snuff, so he trundled off to bed at seven o'clock in the evening, and his wife rubbed goose grease all over his neck and chest and piled 500 pounds of blankets on him, and made him drink three or four gallons of yarb tea that tasted like the morning after the Fourth of July, and so lay there sweating all night, the most miserable man in town, all because his wife possessed the feminine weakness for jumping to conclusions. So let us be on our guard against such mental infirmities, Mrs. Jiggers, and meanwhile I would suggest that you replenish the maple sirup pitcher. These pancakes are too dry and dusty to eat without a lubricant."

Attitude of Benevolence.
He—Phrenologists locate benevolence exactly at the top of the head.
She—Yes; as far from the pocket-book as possible.

Water Power in France.
The utilization of water power in France has increased by more than 50 per cent since the commencement of the war, and by the end of 1921 the available water power will be double the amount installed at the outbreak of the war.

His Job.
"This new nurse wants to know what is his special job. He is an ex-gaillard."
"All right. Tell him he will come in handy to put the patients to sleep."

LYNN PORTER GIVEN FREEDOM BY THE COURT THURSDAY

Lynn Porter charged with the murder of Manual Ray was given his preliminary hearing Thursday before Judge W. S. Archibald. There were very many witnesses to testify in the examining trial. It was the consensus of opinion of all of the witnesses that Manual Ray was under the influence of liquor and was considered dangerous in that condition. It was also shown that Ray was threatening Porter in Porter's place of business, and that three friends of Ray's had done their utmost to get him out of Porter's place but failed. The court ruled that Porter was justified in killing Ray.

One attorney in discussing the case before the court said that the guilty man was the one who sold Manual Ray the whiskey and that he ought to be punished for the killing. A large crowd of people from Bokchito was here for the trial. The court's decision was applauded.

MUSIC IS A BLESSING

Have you music in your home? Are you making any effort to supplement the splendid offerings of the phonograph record and piano player roll with home-produced vocal and instrumental melody?

Will there be a singing school in your community this fall?

"Good music in the farm home will contribute much toward a wholesome contentment and a happy family life," Secretary Wallace recently wrote in response to a request for an expression on the subject.

"Music is one of the good things of our present civilization, which in common with other blessings, is as readily available to those who live in the open country as to those who dwell in the cities."

"In the old days music was an important factor in rural community life. Many of us remember the old fashioned singing school."

"Community singing should be revived generally."

"The township music teacher should be working in every community."

TEACHER'S PAY DECLARED LOW

The average salary of teachers in Oklahoma in the 1920-21 school year was only \$715.98, statistics just prepared by R. L. Wilson, state superintendent of public instruction, show.

"The salaries of Oklahoma City school teachers, \$1,800, may be very low, but when the fact that this is nearly three times the average, the true condition of wages in the teaching profession may be seen," Wilson said.

His report shows that the average cost in teachers' salaries for each child educated was \$19.08.

Comparative figures upon the number of women and men in the profession shown an unusual preponderance of women, especially in the lower grades. In the grades, there are 16 men and 84 women teachers out of a hundred, or five "school-marms" to every man. In high schools there were 39 men and 61 women. This proportion when all schools are considered, is four women to one man.

GINNERS ASK NEW HEARING AND HIGHER RATES

New hearing in the matter of the Corporation Commission fixing ginning rates for the current season has been asked on the part of the ginner. The commission probably will pass on the question in a few days. The rates fixed for the 1921-22 season were 25c, 27½c and 30c the 100 pounds, according to territory apportioned by the commission. It is probable that in case the commission refuses a rehearing an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. The rate for last year was 40c and some of the ginner contended for a higher price than that this year.

BURGLARS QUICKLY CAUGHT AFTER STORE ROBBERY

Three hours after they had robbed the Sharpe & Son store at Calera last Friday night, Edwin Ferrell of Calera and Alex Reeves of Denison, were in the toils of the law, had confessed to Sheriff Taylor and County Attorney Phillips and the loot had been recovered. The boys entered the store by breaking out a panel in the front door and made away with six pairs of shoes, several pocket knives and \$8.65 in money. The boys also confessed to robbing Geo. Moody's tailor shop a week before when a suit of clothes, two pairs of pants and four silk shirts were stolen. Officers found all of the loot hidden in a barn.

COMPLAINT AGAINST KATY

A rather queer sort of complaint has been filed against the M. K. & T. Railway Company with the Corporation Commission by a St. Louis party, alleging that the company will not allow persons boarding the Texas Special, the company's fast train to St. Louis, from points in Oklahoma, to procure lower berths in sleeping cars. The complaint further says, that the complainant addressed a letter to the road's superintendent, and was informed that the Special is "strictly a Texas train."

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46 KILLED LAST YEAR ON GRADE CROSSINGS

Forty-eight lives were lost last year and 162 persons injured on grade crossings, according to report submitted to the Corporation Commission. Many of the accidents were caused by parties trying to beat the train over the crossings, the report says. While the report is submitted without comment, it would probably serve as an argument for abolishment of grade crossings.

ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE CAPTURED SATURDAY

Maximo Vega and Earnest Conner, the convicts who escaped from the Huntsville, Texas, penitentiary recently after stabbing Warden Olive, were captured by officers Saturday morning on a passenger train entering Houston.

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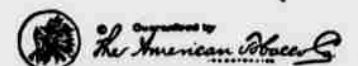
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