

Dinner Stories

"Mother," said little Bobby, bursting into the house all out of breath, "there's going to be the duce to play down at the grocer's. His wife has got a baby and he's had a 'Boy wanted' sign in the window for a week."

Levi—I don't know what to think of you, Cohen. You bought a piano the other day on the instalment plan; you paid \$5 down, and the next week you let them take the piano away from you. What kind of business do you call that?

Cohen—Well, it cost them \$10 to move it.

Levi—But what do you make out of it?

Cohen—I made \$5. My son moved it.

Daughter—Did you hear, dad, they've just caught the biggest hotel thief in New York.

Father—Oh? Which hotel did he run?

Three women were drinking tea together and the first said: "George and I have been married two years, and in all that time there has never been an unkind word—no, not even an unkind thought to mar our perfect happiness."

The second woman was tremendously impressed. "My goodness! I wish I could say that!" she cried.

The third woman smiled and said: "Well, why don't you?"

Grammar Teacher—Willie, tell me what it is when I say "I love, you love, he loves."

Willie—It's one of those triangles where somebody gets shot.

"I'm surprised at your tailor turning you out like that."

"It's not his fault. He can never get the right measurements—I'm so ticklish!"

Teacher—Why did the ancients believe the earth to be flat?

Bright Boy—Cause they didn't have any school globes to prove it round.

In 1842 the London Illustrated Daily News printed the following: "A pigeon has been known to fly 190 miles in five and one-half hours—speed that no human being could ever attain."

CHORAL ART CLUB MAKES A BIG HIT

Under the Direction of Charles Troxell, Local Musicians Please Odell Memorial Audience.

Seldom, if ever, has a concert of local talent given such genuine pleasure as that of last evening in the Odell Memorial building, when the Choral Art Club, under the direction of Charles Troxell, presented a splendid program. The choruses, well balanced and beautifully phrased, were most effective. The selection was admirable, the singers entering whole-heartedly and intelligently into the musical themes, and each voice as one rising in crescendo or receding, the forte and pianissimo were like the exquisite shading of a pastel picture, so finely and artistically done.

The soloists, Mrs. K. C. Benbow, Mrs. A. E. Stanley and Mrs. E. C. Caldwell, rendered their selections with true artistry and beauty, and were forced to respond in each case. A word of praise must be said for the excellent work of the incidental soloists, Dr. T. Edgar Sikes, Bynum Clapp, Robert Wamsley and H. R. Hersh, who fulfilled their duties with good musicianship and ample vocal equipment.

One noted with delight the poise, ease of breathing, diction, lovely tonal quality and the effective cantate that signified painstaking work and artistic and creative interpretation from the club.

This organization has an advantage not often secured in the fact that each member is a trained singer and so it is not surprising that choral work was an artistic triumph. The accompaniments fell to the capable hands of Miss Lydia Daniel, who followed readily each singer's mood at the same time sustaining them with splendid understanding. "It is to be hoped, after having heard this concert, that we are on the verge of an era having for its ideal the establishment of a real southern musical center at this point, realizing what has been done by the colleges, music clubs and other organizations helping along this line," said one lover of music last night following the concert.

In Scandinavia girls share equally with boys in the magnificent system of state education, and have equal access to all the professions and all posts in the civil service. They are only partially excluded from the war services and the church.

Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTERS

Hanging of Chapman Causes Revulsion of Feeling.

BY CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer Washington, April 16.—Probably the hanging of Gerald Chapman was no worse than any other execution. Due, however, to Chapman's wide notoriety, news accounts of it were unusually horrible in gruesome detail. Judging from unofficial congressional comment, they've caused a decided revulsion against capital punishment under any circumstances. Of course congressmen, as such, have no responsibility for state laws, but they do, individually, have influence in their respective states.

Besides, the Chapman case, in one way, was peculiarly linked up with the federal government. The bandit enjoyed—or, rather, by no means enjoyed—the distinction of being the only man ever pardoned by the president of the United States in order to be hanged.

President Coolidge, in signing this pardon, relinquishing the Atlanta penitentiary's claims on Chapman and thus allowing the Connecticut authorities to string him up, really sent the outlaw to his death in a more direct sense than he was sent by the jury which convicted him, the judge who sentenced him or the board which refused him mercy at the last.

The Connecticut proceedings at least were automatic—the usual thing, done in the usual way. President Coolidge set a precedent, perhaps in all legal history, in granting a pardon which meant the poise.

When the supreme court turned down Chapman's contention that a pardon can be refused by the man it is offered to, some lawyers in Congress do incline to believe there may be merit in the argument that the so-called Chapman pardon wasn't actually a pardon at all—a pardon being a remission of punishment, not its infliction.

MISS CREIGHTON SUBMITS REPORT

Counties Specializing in Various Improvements.

Charlotte Observer. Meal planning and food preparation is the most universally popular project of the home demonstration agents in Miss Martha Creighton's district, according to her report submitted to the dean of agriculture at State college.

Miss Creighton names five counties in her district as taking a leading part in this project, while she enumerates other counties who are forging ahead in home improvement and marketing projects.

Mecklenburg and Rutherford counties are both undertaking important marketing projects, Miss Creighton reports, paying emphasis to Mecklenburg's \$30,000 market building now under construction. In the home improvement class, Miss Creighton picks Buncombe, Catawba, Cabarrus, Rowan, Gaston and Forsyth as making the greatest headway. The Forsyth commissioners, Miss Creighton reports, have offered prizes of \$100 to farm women making the most improvement in home grounds.

Pok, Cleveland, Transylvania, Iredell and Davidson are carrying meal planning and food preparation as a major project, the report says, while all other counties have included it in the program for next year.

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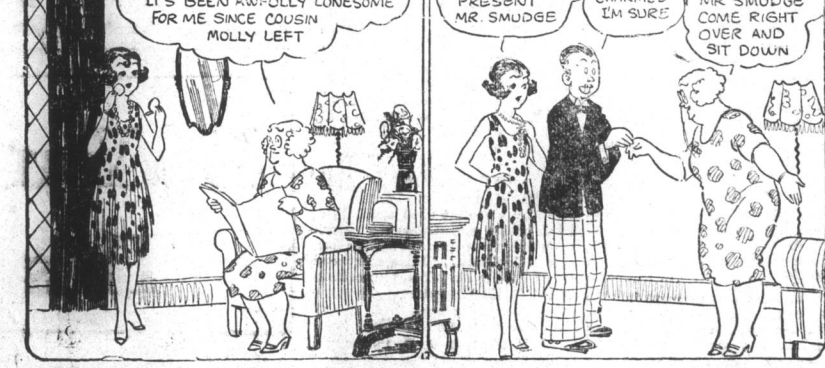


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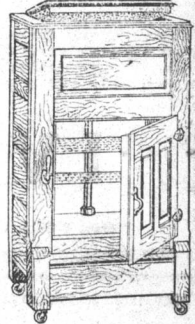
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