

Dinner Stories

None Wanted to Be Her. A politician stopped at the house for dinner. Observing at the table three bright-eyed little boys, he said to his host: "All boys, eh? What a pity one of them is not a girl."

A Chaser. Chairman of Banquet—How long will you talk, old man? Next Speaker—Oh, five minutes. Chairman—You couldn't make it ten, could you? We want to clear the room for dancing!

Hard Disease to Cure. "Rastus, yo' look lak yo' been sick. What's de matter wid yo'?" "I sho is been sick, Sambo. De doctuh say I'ae got too much o'in in my blood."

Unprintable. The teacher of a class in English asked for a composition containing 256 words. The next morning one little boy was asked to read his effort. This is what he had written: "My amcle was driving his car one day, and he got a puncture. . . The other 236 words are not fit for publication."

Knew His Business. In thick tones and a pre-Yolstead breath the hotel guest demanded that his room be changed. "I'm sorry," the clerk said, "but all the rooms are taken." "Mush have nother room," insisted the guest. "What's the matter with the one you have?" asked the clerk for the elevenhth time. "Well, if you mush know, ish on fire."

Harry—Our engagement is off. A fortune teller told me that I was to marry a blonde in a month. Mabel—Oh, that's all right. I can be a blonde in a month.

Embarrassing Moments

New York Daily Mirror. I was standing in the lobby of a motion picture theatre with my girl friend. We were waiting for a seat when she dropped her glove. I was groping in the dark for the glove when suddenly I felt an ankle, and the owner of the foot which I had accidentally caught set up such a scream that my apology was useless. We were forced to make a hurried exit.

The other day while riding in the subway I took out my watch to see the time and it dropped out of my hand into the open purse of a lady who was sitting in front of me. Immediately I placed my hand in her purse to recover my watch and was hailed with the cry of "Thief." It took me sometime before I could convince her that my watch was in her purse.

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Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTERS

BY CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer Washington, May 3.—When Major 'Enfant laid out Washington, he evidently meant Pennsylvania Avenue to be his show street.

Having staked it out, from the White House now stands to the spot he had chosen for Congress to meet, we can imagine him putting his finger down on the former site on his plan and saying, "Here's where I'll have the executive mansion, and off there, a mile and a half to the eastward, and facing in that same direction, will be the capitol."

Without precisely being a slum, the district east of the capitol distinctly is a second and maybe even a third-rate neighborhood. Except for a block or two up near the treasury building, Pennsylvania Avenue is a street of tumble-down old rookeries. It isn't even an average thoroughfare. It looks like sixty.

The capitol faces the east only theoretically. For all practical purposes the back door is the front one. Government buildings are scattered hither and yon all over town and out into the country, without the slightest regard for "ensemble" or harmony or convenience or anything.

What happened? Why, here's what happened. As soon as they got onto what 'Enfant had in mind, a bunch of real estate sharks gobbled up all the land east of the capitol site and another bunch gobbled up everything along both sides of the "avenue." Then they slipped on the most unholly prices—for those days. (Copyright, 1926, NEA Service, Inc.)

Steve Donoghue, England's premier jockey, will continue to ride as a freelance this year.

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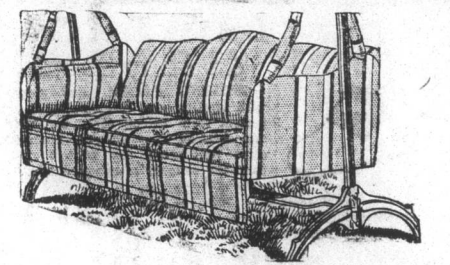
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