



THIS AND THAT

Lots of us spend quite a bit of time bemoaning our lot and worrying over our troubles, failing to realize that no matter how dark the outlook may be things could be worse.

For instance, it was just a few minutes ago that we heard the squeals of some little pigs in the back of a truck parked on the street. Suppose, instead of being born of human parents, we had been born a little pig and had nothing to look forward to but growing up into a pork chop or a slice of ham. Still, if we were to grow up into a slice of ham we'd probably be worth more than we are now.

It sounds silly, but personally we don't believe we'd care for the life of a pig, even though the majority of pigs don't have to work and get all they want to eat furnished them free of charge. But if we had been born a pig chances are we would have been of the razor back variety and would have to spend our time strapping ourself against a tree.

Our Uncle Culpepper comes the nearest to being a pig than any member of our immediate family, that is, so far as being lazy is concerned. Uncle Cul is so lazy that he has Aunt Frousy type-write his prayers and tack them on the wall. Then, when he goes to bed, he says: "There they are, Lord, read 'em."

In addition to being lazy, Uncle Cul is also very tight, not to say stingy. He once entered the cafe business down in Hillsboro, and he was so tight he had the following sign painted on the wall: "Go easy on the sugar. Stir like the devil, we don't mind the noise."

But all in all, Uncle Cul is a pretty good fellow, although we've just learned that Aunt Frousy is suing him for divorce, just because of a misunderstanding. He understood her to say she'd be cut of town for a week.

There liked to have been trouble between the two last Christmas when Aunt Frousy gave him a bottle of hair tonic for a Christmas present. It seemed she had noticed some woman's hair was coming out rather badly on his coat.

In case any of you have a furnished apartment to rent, we suggest you get in touch with E. W. McDaniel, who is planning to be married sometime within the near future. Mr. McDaniel has been getting married off and on for the past 15 years, but in our opinion he never will until he gets too old and feeble to resist.

Personally we believe he would make some woman an ideal husband. Through him she could get all her clothes nearly at cost, and as he is not a big eater it wouldn't cost her so much to feed him.

Married life is great fun. Two can starve as cheaply as one. And two can live as cheaply as one-half as long.

Someone remarked a week or so ago following comment in this

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column on the new bank building, that we were showing a lot of interest in the bank. Why not? The bank is showing a lot of interest in us.

The Elk Antler, new publication of the Elkin high school, has made its initial bow, but despite the fact that the first issue was quite attractively presented, we were disappointed in it. Not disappointed in the publication as a whole, but disappointed because of out of a large number of students, the paper was able to present the work of but three poets.

Our motto is bigger and better poets. Nothing is more soothing and satisfying than good poetry. We think so much of poetry that we maintain a special department for it. We empty this department every Monday morning.

You wouldn't think it by looking at us, but it was through poetry that we first broke into print. We used to write long poems in negro dialect. And now, years later, whenever we want to feel real ashamed of ourself, we get out those old clippings and read them.

One of our best poems was entitled "The Cry of the Whip-o-Will." We remember the first verse, but the other 93 verses have escaped us. It went something like this:

In the evening, o'er the meadow
When the winds are lone and still,
Comes a sad and haunting whisper—
The cry of the whip-o-will.

Then there was that little thing we dashed off in only 18 verses, the first one which went like this:

By the dark and muddy waters
Walked a woman and her daughters;
Walked they there with tresses streaming,
Walked they there loudly screaming:
Excelsior!

But those poems were as nothing compared to our masterpiece entitled "Too Many Pickles and Too Much Poe." The first few verses went like this:

Shall I ever forget that awful night
Of many months ago?
The night I ate a pickle
For every page I read of Poe.

Four and twenty pickles ate I,
And as many pages read,
When, finding it was late,
I hastened off to bed.

My mind was filled with thoughts
Of ghosts
And my stomach was pickle packed.
And soon I noticed to my dismay
That my body with pain was wracked.

But at last I drifted away
Into a dreamless sleep.
Then suddenly I awoke,
And my flesh began to creep!

For over by the window,
With a wide satonic grin
His Majesty the Devil
Was calmly looking in.

At this point we became so excited we couldn't finish the poem.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain deed of trust executed by R. W. Darnell, (single) to the undersigned trustee, dated March 7, 1930, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in Book 112, page 106, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the same, the undersigned trustee will

offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Monday, November 1, 1937, at 11 o'clock A. M., in front of the Post Office, Elkin, North Carolina, the following described real estate, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron stake on the west side of Elkin Shoe Co., road, Charley Darnell and Mrs. Ernest Mickle's corner; and running with said road and Mrs. Mickle's line south 35 degrees east 9 6-10 poles to a stake on the East side of said road; thence south 34 1-2 degrees west crossing said road 14 4-10 poles to an iron stake, Mrs. Mickle's corner in

the Elkin Shoe company's line; thence with Elkin Shoe Co.'s line three courses and distances as follows: South 88 1-2 degrees east 22 poles to an iron in a road; south 66 1-2 degrees east 13 7-10 poles to a stake at the fork of the road and south 85 degrees east 54 4-10 poles to a marked poplar and on same course about 2 poles to the right-of-way of the Elkin and Alleghany railroad; thence along the west margin of said right-of-way north 29 1-2 degrees west 36 1-2 poles to a branch, Gus Shore's corner; thence westwardly up said branch as-it-meanders 51 poles to a rock, Shore's

corner; thence north 38 degrees west 16 1-2 poles to a rock on the south side of a road, Shore's corner in John Wall's line; thence with Wall's line south 50 degrees west 6 poles to an iron and south 50 degrees west 6 7-10 poles to the point of beginning, containing 11 acres, more or less; the principal part of the above described land having been conveyed to said Darnell in July, 1917, by Paul Shore and wife, Princess Shore, being tract No. 2 in said deed.

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