



SECOND HAND TALES

By
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"Doodle" Laughlin was telling Alex Wease that he had just bought himself some new "Victory" underwear - "Whats different about that?" asked Alex. "One deep breath and you open a second front," laughed "Doodle".

George Hart was watching Gus Neal mow the green grass in front of the Bank. "That grass", said Mr. Hart, "Will soon be as black as you are, Gus." "Yes", replied Gus, "but next Spring, it will be just as green as you is."

Sam Jeffers was in the 5 & 10¢ store looking for a Christmas presant for his wife, Froney. "How long have you been married," asked the clerk. "Twenty years", replied Sam. "Bargain counter to your right, Sir."

What is the difference between a radio and a clothes line? A radio draws the waves; a clothes line waves the drawers.

Foster Griggs' choir was practicing a new anthem the other Sunday - "Now, don't forget", said Foster. "The tenors will sing along until, we come to the gates of Hell- Then you all come in."

"Bobby" Ross was preaching and explaining to his congregation the difference between Faith and Knowledge. "Now my bredren," he said, "hits like dis: Dar's Brudder Bud Ross a sittin' on de front seat wid Sister Ross and the five little Rosses. She knows dey's her chillen - Dat's Knowledge. He believe dey's his chillen - Dat's Faith.

Mr. Forney was teaching the Men's Sunday School Class in the Union Church. "Will you please tell me, Mr. Forney", said a member of the class, "how far in actual miles, Dan is from Beersheba? - all my life I have heard the familiar phrase from 'Dan to Beersheba' but I have never known the distance." Before the answer could be given, Fred Denton arose in the back of the room and inquired: "Do I understand that Dan and Beersheba are the names of places?" "Yes," said Mr. Forney. "Well" said Fred, "thats one on me. I always thought they were husband and wife, like Sodom and Gomorrah."

"Did Edison make the first talking machine, Pa?" "No, son, God made the first one; Edison only made the first one that could be shut off."

When negro Bud Neal received his draft questionnaire, he struggled desperately with the long list of questions. He looked it over for a long, long time, scratching his head and sweating profusely - finally he gave up in despair and returned the blank questionnaire to the draft board, making this notation on the last page: "I'se reddy when you is."

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "Well, if he won't dim his, I won't dim mine."

It's those little things that break up marriages; those little brunettes, those little blondes and those little redheads.

As the forgetful polecat said when the wind changed: "It all comes back to me now."

The "boot" stood on the burning deck - But as far as I could learn He stood in perfect safety - He was too damn green to burn.