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Dr. Pounder's Modest Request

By OSCAR COX
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There is an old Dutch town not a hundred miles from New York which up to a few years ago, when a button factory was located there, was very much in the condition of New York when that city was called New Amsterdam. They have a church there where the congregation has been used to listening to the same kind of preaching ever since the place was settled, and the same organist has discoursed the same kind of music for half a century.

A new minister was called to the church recently, but his call to the pastorate was followed by his being called down, for he shocked the congregation by preaching socialism and woman's rights. He had been chosen on account of his name, which was Pounder, the congregation thinking that they would listen to the same pulpit hammering to which they had been so long accustomed. When they "fired" him he took up his favorite causes, devoting himself to them exclusively.

Miss Katrina Van Schoonerhoven, a member of this antiquated congregation, one day lost her hearing so far as to permit the use of her domicile for a suffragette meeting. From every side came protests that one of the old Dutch circles should lend her house for such a purpose. Miss Van Schoonerhoven explained, averring that she was not a suffragette herself and had lent her house for a purpose of which she did not even approve. In the midst of her embarrassment there came a ring at the telephone.

"Are you Miss Van Schoonerhoven?" was asked in a sonorous voice.

"I am."

"I am Dr. Pounder. I understand that a meeting of suffragettes recently took place at your house. I hope to make that meeting the beginning of a movement."

"But, doctor, I lent my house only for a purpose in which I take no personal part."

"We are intending to make a stir in behalf of the suffragette movement, and I am counting on your personal influence to—"

"I assure you that I am not myself a suffragette; that I—"

"I can't hear you. What we want is to stir up the town in the hope that we may carry the suffragette ticket at the next election and give the privilege to women that is now left solely with men; that we may eradicate that clause in the national constitution which gives the franchise to all except women, Indians and idiots."

"I tell you I shall have nothing to do with your endeavor for the suffragette cause. I take no interest in it. I don't approve of it."

"Just so. I knew you would be with us from the moment I heard that the meeting had taken place at your home. I am arranging for a big meeting to be held on the corner of Van der Deck and Bloecker streets. Your name will be announced in the newspapers as the principal speaker. I am sure your eloquence will win many influential persons to our ranks."

"Dr. Pounder, if you dare announce my name in the newspapers as a speaker at your meetings I shall never speak to you again."

"You say you consent? I knew you would. We are going to have a brass band in attendance; there will be crowds of women distributing suffragette pamphlets and no end of enthusiasm. You will be mounted on a soap box—I have a box provided—and policemen will be on hand to see that you are not jostled by the crowd."

"Dr. Pounder!"

"There will be fireworks!"

"Dr. Pounder!"

"In the evening."

"Dr. Pounder, I wish you to understand that I will have nothing to do with your meeting, and if you insist upon mixing me up with the affair I shall call upon my lawyer to get out an injunction to prevent you."

"I will call for you myself in a carriage at 7 o'clock and assist you to the soap box. A limelight will be arranged in an opposite window that will illuminate your face while speaking."

"L. Pounder, if you undertake to carry out this program I shall—I wish you would go away from the telephone. You are driving me wild. If you don't stop this persecution I will shut you off."

Then came in an entirely different voice, a voice that Miss Van Schoonerhoven recognized at once as that of her friend Ned Poindexter.

"Oh, Kit, you're real mean."

"Ned Poindexter, what have you been up to?"

"After all my trouble getting up the meeting, hiring the band and procuring the soap box for you to speak on, to say nothing of the limelight, for you to go back on me in this way is too awfully mean for anything."

Ned Poindexter heard a vicious creak and found himself cut off. He smiled a pleasing smile, hung up the receiver and sauntered off to his club.

The excitement attending the use of Miss Van Schoonerhoven's house for a suffragette meeting has worn away, and its effects are no longer apparent, except on two persons, the one the lady in question, the other Mr. Poindexter. He has called several times on Miss Van Schoonerhoven, to be met with a short, crisp "Not at home" from the lady's maid.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Hart of Princeton, Greatest Tackle of the Year.



Photo by American Press Association.

To Eddie Hart of Princeton belongs the honor of being the best tackle of the year. His playing during the season just closed stands out above all others in the position, on the offense or defense. Hart's career is most interesting. Two years ago quite a sensation was caused when the public learned that Hart was playing with a supposedly broken neck. To set the minds of the people at ease he underwent an elaborate physical examination by specialists and was declared as sound as any of the giants of the American gridiron. Hart began his football career at Exeter high school, Exeter, Mass., when he was a youngster thirteen years old. For four years he distinguished himself on the football field. In 1908 he entered Phillips Exeter academy. It was while there he injured his neck. As a member of the eleven he made a great name for himself in the back field. From there he went to Princeton. Although he weighs 300 pounds, he is one of the fastest men of the season. The Tiger men will have a hard time of it filling his shoes next season.

Gotch Hands Out Some Advice.

"Learn to bear the burdens of the under dog with good grace and fight your way to the top of the heap," was Frank Gotch's advice to young men recently in Winona, Minn. "I happen to be one of those champions who were defeated," he continued. "Back in the boyhood days I lost a number of matches, but they were the incidents in my career that made me the champion of the world."

"I was the under dog with the determination. I set out to win my battles, trying to be a gentleman every inch of the way, and I extended myself to give my friends and backers a good deal in every bout. Every young man should learn to fight. By that I do not mean that he should be a pugilist or a wrestler, but I do mean that he should be able to fight out his own problems."

Bicycling at the Olympiad.

Will the United States have a strong and representative team of bicycle riders at the Olympic games at Stockholm next summer? This question is answered by the United Cyclists, America's latest organization to foster the great pedal pushing sport, in a decidedly affirmative manner. "Yes," say the United Cyclists, "this country must and will have a team of class A amateur riders in the Olympic bicycle race around Lake Malar, and we intend to see to it that money is raised among those who are still devoted to the sport to send a team to Sweden that will give the foreigners at least a great battle for the world's championship."

Murphy Athlete's New Captain.

Danny Murphy's ten years of faithful service with the Philadelphia Athletic club has won for him the captaincy of a two times world's champion team. While the appointment was a surprise to some, it was in strict accordance with Manager Mack's system of always recognizing faithfulness and true merit. Murphy was shifted from second base to right field in order to make room for Collins, who Mack recognized as a corner, and the result shows his wisdom.

Duluth in Next National Regatta.

E. H. Ten Eyck, Jr., is now coach of the Duluth (Minn.) Boat club. The Duluth club has 6,500 members, and as many of them are young fellows anxious to row in races no trouble is found in organizing crews. The club will have an eight in the next national regatta—that is already settled, Ten Eyck says.

Kansas to Hold Big Polo Tournament.

If present plans of the Kansas City Country club polo team materialize the Midland tournament, which is scheduled to take place next June, will attract to that city the leading players in America. The tournament will be the best polo meeting ever given in the west. Likely twenty teams will compete.

"Jones embarrassed me terribly today."

"How so?"

"He asked me how I enjoyed his speech at the banquet last night."—Detroit Free Press.

I wrote an aviation play.

The critics were severe.

The reason it "fell down," said they, "was it lacked 'atmosphere.'"

—Boston Transcript.

"It's a good thing you're so much bigger than I am. I would have given you a good one for daring to say that one cannot establish absolute equality among men."—Pele Mele.

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8:30 and every 15 min. until 8:00 p. m.; then every hour until 11 p. m. Cars to Santee St., this line, every 15 min. 8:00 to 11:00.

RIVERSIDE PARK 8:45 and 9:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes until 1:15 p. m.; then every 7 1/2 min. until 3:45 p. m. Then every 15 min. until 11:00.

DEPOT VIA SOUTHSIDE AVENUE 6:00 and every 15 minutes until 10:00 p. m.; then every 30 minutes till 11:00.

DEPOT VIA FRENCH BROAD AVE. 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes till 11:00 p. m., except no car in to Square at 10:15 p. m.

MANOR 7:00 a. m. then every 15 minutes till 8:00 p. m. 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock cars run through to Golf Club.

CHARLOTTE STREET TERMINUS 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes till 11:00 p. m.

PATTON AVENUE 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes till 11:00 p. m.

EAST STREET 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes till 11:00 p. m.

GRACE VIA MERRIMON AVENUE 6:00 a. m. and every 30 minutes till 8:30 p. m. Then every 15 minutes until 11:00 p. m.

BILTMORE 6:15 a. m. and then every 15 minutes until 9:00 p. m. Then every 30 minutes until 11:00, last car.

Depot and West Asheville via Southside Avenue. 5:45 and 6:00 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 10:30, last car.

Sunday schedule differs in the following particulars:
Cars leave Square for Depot via Southside Ave. 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. Cars leave Square for Depot via French Broad Ave. 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45 and 8:15.
Car for Depot leaves Square 8:45, both Southside and French Broad.
First car leaves Square for Charlotte street at 8:45.
First car leaves Square for Riverside 8:25, next 8:40.
First car for West Asheville, leaves Square 8:25.
With the above exceptions, Sunday schedules commence at 9 a. m. and continue same as week days.
On evenings when entertainments are in progress at either Auditorium or Opera House, the last trip on all lines will be for entertainment, leaving Square at regular time and holding over at Auditorium or Opera House. Car leaves Square to meet No. 15, night train 30 minutes before scheduled arrival.