

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlisle H. Holcomb

THE KING MEETS BEAUTY.

"That wasn't a fly you went out to catch, was it?" asked Tinker Bob of the Kingbird, as he came back to the old stump, "it looks to me like a Bee. I didn't know you liked Bees."



When Mr. Billy Crow spied him coming he changed his mind about visiting this section.

"Do you live on bees altogether?" asked Tinker Bob. "I only catch the drones. You see there wouldn't be any honey if I caught all of the bees. But the drones don't work anyway, only buzz about worrying everybody, so I catch them when they come my way. But then, bees are not the only insects I eat. I just have an appetite for all kinds of insects that fly. And I catch some that don't fly. Talk about your fine eyesight. Mr. Hawk or Mr. Owl are not in it with me when it comes to seeing. I'm the best friend the Farmer ever had but I don't suppose he knows it. Do you see that fly over there by that big oak tree? Watch me catch it."

Tinker Bob knew better than to try to see the fly but he watched with interest the darting flight of Mr. Kingbird. If he couldn't see the fly he could hear the click of that little black bill and that was the sign meaning the fly was caught. He came back opening and shutting his mouth so it must have tasted very good.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

EGO.
There's a tenor lives above me,
Conceded as can be;
His only song
The whole day long,
Is mi, mi, mi, mi, mi.

There's a baritone I know,
Gee, you ought to hear him blow
That he lives for art—not money;
But I think it's very funny
All his songs begin with do.

Their d's will slam your ear drums,
Knock them backward for a goal;
And when you cry for mercy,
They'll insist you have no soul.

"Ah, ze American women! They are magnificent."
It was the eminent Polish painter, Major de Kossak, speaking. He is here to paint a picture of General Pershing.

"The American women are wonderful. They appreciate the value of beauty."
"Of course, America cannot compare with the old countries in works of art. They are simply not here,

OFFICE CAT



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PSALM OF SUMMER LIFE.

Tell me not, in manner whining,
"This hot weather makes you sick!"
Don't forget how you were pining
For this very same! Why kick?

What though days are somewhat too-rid
And the temperature appalls
N' perspiration down your forehead
Rushes like Niagara Falls
Let us, then, forego the holler,
What avails us to be sad?
Lay aside your linen collar,
Don your sport shirt and be glad!

MOICU! HOW BILL HAS CHANGED!

New York Evening Sun.
Governor Lowden said that he had just been interviewed by William Jennings Bryan, who is here as a syndicate writer. "You know," said the Governor, "I found Mr. Bryan an easy man to be interviewed by. He did all the talking and I had to say nothing."

The New York Tribune tells of a laborer who killed a saloon keeper who owed him \$7 and refused to settle. Wets and Drys may hammer out their own moral. We mention it with an unbiased mind.

OUR TABLOID EDUCATIONAL SERIES.

If Methuselah had begun saving cigarette coupons at the age of 14 years, he might have had six silver-mounted premium fishing rods at middle age.

Sometimes one is inclined to think that the prohibition agents are trying to take the "Hic" out of Chicago.

REAL SALESMANSHIP.

"I bought the loveliest dresser today with a cedar bottom in the lower drawer."
"How much did it cost?" asked the practical husband.
"Good gracious! I never even thought to ask. I was so taken up with it," answered friend wife.

A man can't believe summer has come until he sees a girl in furs.

TUT-TUT.

Braymer (Mo.) Bee.
Prof. J. D. Wheeler gave an entertainment on his violin last week which was very fine. He imitated the old cane mill, the mule, the sow and the pig, the "Arkansas Traveler" the old spinning wheel and various other things.

The Rev. Lawrence Wheeler preached a couple of good sermons, and then C. W. Lane passed around the hat. The collection was 55 cents for the young preacher, who thanked the audience for their good behavior and dismissed them to their homes.

Some day some one will write a movie in which the husband and wife love each other uninterrupted by a third party.

DE LANCEY RESIGNS.

Washington, June 3.—Darragh De Lancey, of Waterbury, Conn., director of the industrial relations division of the Shipping Board, tendered his resignation to Chairman Benson Thursday to take effect July 1. It was accepted.

YOUR OWN CAREER

TWO PARIS LETTERS.

The next morning Gwenda found to her great satisfaction that she had beaten all the other morning papers with her story. There it stared at her from the crisp pages of the "Daily News" with all her pride of the journalist's was here.

The evening papers, of course, carried the story, but then she Gwenda, had put it over first and could well afford to feel proud of herself. She had also secured the only photograph of the late Mrs. Stepanoff and had purposely destroyed a snapshot of Fedya while up at his studio, to save him from undue publicity. And with this, too, she felt pleased.

The two girls spent a happy day together, and when they returned to the studio late that night, tired but beaming, they found two long letters from John Neale awaiting them. One for each of them. He was in Paris, and full of wonder at that beautiful city. Also, he was "having the time of his life," he wrote to Gwenda, though, to tell the truth, he was horribly disappointed in the French girls. Could not see where they held a candle to the girls out in the little old town that he came from. "All paint and not much underneath it, either," he wrote, and he'd give a lot to have Gwenda sitting with him at that very minute, in the Cafe Rotonde, watching all Paris float by the tables, and enjoying the gleam of the warm sky that bends above Paris at twilight. "How you would love it all, the types, the music, the light in the air. One can almost smell the Bois from where I sit, strange to say. And you'd laugh to see the frantic efforts of a little model who is trying to flirt with me from the table across the way. Little models are quite all right, understand, and they certainly add to the picturesqueness of the 'Quarter,' but I am firmly convinced that they are not for 'lay,' western John Neale. Not by a jug full. I seem to yearn for a nutbrown maiden, with a clear, honest twinkle in her eyes, and a bang to her, that makes a fellow's heart beat double time, don't you know? And hear her tell some of the old-home jokes, in the sweetest voice in the world, and laugh. Um, the thought of that laugh just makes me clean sick with home-sickness. Maybe you know such a girl, Gwenda? If so, give her this message, from one boy who believes in 'America First,' by God, and in the incomparable loveliness of its women."

"Nice letter, yours?" questioned Fern, suddenly, as she finished the perusal of her own, shorter one. Then catching sight of the flush on her cousin's face, and noting the look of radiant happiness, which Gwenda made no pretense of concealing, she started, ever so slightly, at some thought of her own, and began softly to hum, "The Love Nest."

"Yes, a perfectly splendid letter. So newsworthy, so full of wonderful descriptions of Paris," answered Gwenda after a pause. "He is a dear, is John and so, so sensible, after all, don't you think?"

"Think? I know. That is what I always objected to him when he was courting me," laughed Fern, reminiscently.

(To be continued)

TEAGLE WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Washington, June 3.—Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, Thursday eliminated himself from those under consideration by President Harding for chairman of the Shipping Board. Having learned that his name had been placed before the President as a possibility for the position, Mr. Teagle came to Washington and informed Mr. Harding he regretted that circumstances made it impossible at this time for him to consider severance of his connection with the Standard Oil company.

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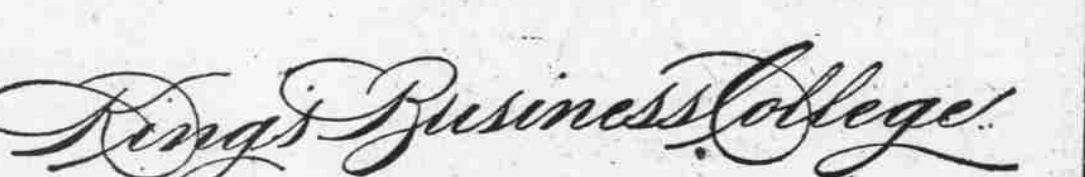
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