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DINNER STORIES

"Darling, will you make me the happiest of men in three letters meaning eternal bliss?"

"My answer is two letters meaning eternal freedom!"

Sufferer, a dentist's office: "Is the dentist in?"

Servant: "No."

Sufferer: "So much the better."

"How dare you come in at this time of night?" began Mrs. Peckmore, as she met her husband at the head of the stairs. "I suppose you have a good excuse, as usual?"

"No, my dear," replied Mr. Peckmore. "Then, as he had hoped, she fainted, and he went to bed."

"Which am de most usefulest, Ebon, de sun or de moon?"

"Why, de moon ob course."

"How come de moon?"

"Kase de moon, he shine in de night when we need de light, but de sun, he shine in de day when light am ob no consequence."

Amanda Joskin, wife of the laziest negro in South Carolina, was discovered by a neighbor fanning her husband as he lay on his bed.

"Am Sam sick?" ventured the caller.

"Not 'zackly," replied Mandy in a whisper. "He jes needs exercise."

"Dat ain' no exercise fo' him."

"Sh-h, woman. De on'y exercise he gets am walkin' in his sleep, arf he ain' walked fo' two nights."

George Washington was very small and very new to the life of the public school. "And so your name is George Washington?" said the teacher.

"Yessum, Jorge Washin'ton."

"And suppose you try to be as nearly like him as a little boy can, don't you?"

"Lak who, ma'am?"

"Like George Washington."

The youngster looked puzzled. "Ah kain't help bein' lak Jorge Washin'ton," he replied stoutly, "cose that's who Ah am."

CAMPAIGN TO PROVIDE MILLIONS OF BABY CHICKS

Is Being Launched by the State Department of Agriculture.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 14.—(AP)—A campaign to provide North Carolina with millions of baby chicks annually from certified hatcheries inside the state is being launched by the State Department of Agriculture, through its division of markets, it has been announced.

"Literally millions of baby chicks are purchased in North Carolina every year, and the majority of these are shipped in from the outside," said George R. Ross, chief of the division of markets. "In order to correct this, North Carolina is going to put itself squarely behind the hen."

Mr. Ross then told of the plan of inspection and certification that will be put into operation through the division of markets. He reported that the division already had applications on file, representing more than 12,000 birds.

These, said James P. Kerr, accredited flock and hatchery inspector, will go out into the field for the division, and should be the mother of millions of baby chicks. "The average healthy hen," he continued, "should lay 150 eggs per year. Therefore, 12,000 should lay 1,800,000 eggs within the year. If two-thirds of these eggs should hatch, that would be 1,200,000 baby chicks within the next year from the 12,000 prospective mothers we have requests to inspect."

"Of course, they will not measure up, but many of them will. We intend to make this inspection work thorough. North Carolina should furnish its own baby chicks and stop sending to other states for them."

All birds that pass inspection will be listed and tagged with metal tags furnished by the Department of Agriculture. These tags will be sealed.

Vice President Has Very Narrow Escape

Los Angeles, Sept. 12.—An automobile swerving from a heavy traffic line here today barely missed the car in which Vice President Dawes was riding, then ran down and painfully injured one of the vice president's motorcycle police escorts.

Mrs. Dawes jumped from her car and took the prostrate officer's head in her lap and directed first aid measures.

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HERE'S THE SWEETEST HOUSE PLAN IN TODAY'S PAPER. SEE THERE. JUST WHAT WE OUGHT TO HAVE—A SEWING ROOM. IT SAYS THE SEWING ROOM DOESN'T RUN UP THE COAST BECAUSE THE DINING ROOM IS OMITTED AND A SPACE IN THE KITCHEN IS LEFT FOR SERVING THE FAMILY MEALS.

DON'T TELL ME THAT IF YOU HAD A SEWING ROOM THE SEWING WOULDN'T BE ALL OVER THE HOUSE. JUST THE SAME!! IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE IT ALWAYS IS—EVERYTHING LITTERED UP AND OCCUPIED AND NO PLACE TO SIT DOWN!!!

ANY TIME YOU CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO SIT DOWN IN THIS HOUSE, LET ME KNOW!!!

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Stewart Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Some big railroad men challenge the statement that the paying lines oppose consolidation with the unprofitable ones.

Well, it's fair to concede that a few individuals high in the transportation world do favor a national merger of all the systems, even though these same individuals may be shareholders in various paying roads. But the point is that they're shareholders in losing roads, too.

Obviously a man with a wad of dividend-paying stock doesn't so much mind seeing these dividends cut down if other stocks he owns are put on a basis of producing dividends which they didn't return before. One offsets the other.

Moreover, consolidation presumably would result in economies by which the multiple stockholder would be just so much better off.

Finally, the big capitalist understands the markets and figures on making a speculative clean-up in connection with the reshuffle which almost invariably accompanies important mergers.

YES, it's true that railroad consolidation isn't altogether an unwelcome idea to certain transportation magnates. Tells they win. Heads the other fellows lose.

But the small holder of stock in a single road—a profitable one—is in a different boat. Merge his road with one which doesn't pay and his dividends are reduced, with nothing to counterbalance his loss. He's nothing to speculate with, either. He wouldn't know how to do it if he had.

THE Van Sweringen hearing, which has been dragging along for weeks in Washington, has been one long-drawn-out attempt on the Van Sweringens' part to prove that railroad mergers don't merge a lot of little stockholders out of their dough.

STILL, when small stockholders get together they're a force to be reckoned with. Individually they're weak, but in numbers they count, financially and politically.

The magnates can't match them when they unite. And this, in the face of dangers, is what they're apt to do. That's the great obstacle in the way of realization of the Washington administration's railroad consolidation plans.

PROSPERITY OF AMERICA ELIMINATES FRUGALITY

Speech of Stacey W. Wade before the Fire Marshals of the National Fire Marshal's Association, San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 14.—(AP)

The statement that "the American people are by nature frugal and desire the most extravagant things on the face of the earth today" was made here today by Stacey W. Wade, insurance commissioner of North Carolina, in an address before the 20th annual convention of the Fire Marshals Association of North Carolina, which organization he is president.

"Prosperity in America," said Mr. Wade, "eliminates frugality. The great middle class of people which constitutes such an important part of our population is not a class of conservationists. Our people do not seem to realize that it is much easier to preserve that which we have than it is to create or recreate that which we spend or lose."

"An analysis shows," said the speaker, "that, despite the efforts of the fire marshals, the fire loss has, even with a larger percentage of fire resistant buildings than ever before, steadily risen until last year, 1924, our fire loss exceeded the stupendous sum of more than five hundred and fifty millions of dollars. And the same applied to the material loss of more than ten seventeen thousand lives, and therefore, an economic loss of more than one billion dollars!"

In discussing the growth of the work and responsibility of the fire marshals, and the solution of the problem created by the tremendous losses, Mr. Wade declared that "a building inspector on the job 365 days in the year in a city of 20,000 will prevent more fires in the same period than the best arson detective in America will in a lifetime." This was not meant, however, as a disparagement of the work of the arson detectives, he said.

Quoting figures to show that fire loss in this country increased from \$203,763,550 in 1913 to \$535,372,782 in 1923, 10 years later, the speaker referred to the Baltimore conflagration of 20 years ago "which was viewed with nationwide concern," and pointed out that "we are burning the equivalent of ten Baltimore conflagrations in a single year."

The speaker divided fire losses into four classes, the loss from carelessness being \$350,000,000, he said;

those from defective lines and chimneys, \$20,800,000; those from stoves and furnaces, \$18,658,000 and from defective electric wiring, \$12,000,000.

He suggested that the problems of fire loss and blindness, stoves and furnaces, could be better solved by the employment of a trained builder or an engineer, in each fire marshal's department. The losses caused by defective electric wiring could be lessened, he said, by employment of a highly trained electrical engineer.

But he added, "the real remedy lies in some leadership capable of arousing the American people," and he said that "this association must supply that leadership. This suggestion is not wild dream, but has been demonstrated in my State. North Carolina's fire losses are gradually decreasing because my department, furnishes the type of services suggested in this paper."

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the speaker pointed out, furnishes a splendid nucleus for cooperation in lowering the fire losses and educating the people. And Mr. Wade predicted that the proper cooperation with this organization would show remarkable results in the course of a year.

Fraternity Dancers Charged With Theft

Winston-Salem, Sept. 12.—W. B. Peters, of Greensboro, and W. M. Avery, of Greensboro, students at the University of North Carolina, who came here last night to attend a fraternity dance at a local hotel, were arrested on the charge of taking a fire from an auto standing near the one owned by Peters. The two young men were given a hearing in the municipal court today. The warrant against the two defendants was changed to forcible trespass. Peters was given a road sentence, but this was later changed by Judge Watson, to \$100 fine, while Avery was allowed to go free on the payment of \$25 and costs. Avery's father attended the trial and paid his son's fine. Peters promised to dispose of his car and not operate one during his college days.

The garden petunia in England was developed from two wild species from Argentina and Uruguay, seed having been sent to Scotland in 1831 by John Tweedie.

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MODERN GIRL IS QUICK AND NOT AFRAID OF WORK

W. T. Dixon, Answers the Question: "What Will Become of the Modern Girl?"

Raham, N. C., Sept. 14.—(AP)—What will become of the modern girl is a question thousands of people are asking," says Mrs. Wyatt Dixon, wife of the city editor of the Durham Herald, and prominent women's organizations of this city.

Mrs. Dixon then proceeded to state that the question was being her the loss of no sleep whatever, says Mrs. Dixon, the modern girl is "quick and alert and not afraid of work. She believes in a

bigger and better education and does not let it go to waste. She is physically perfect, because of the more sensible mode of dress. Just compare the dresses of 50 years ago with the comfortable, sensible and attractive dresses of today! At the present day, a girl is more independent than ever before in that she works in the business world and is proud of it."

Turning to the question of the modern girl as a mother, Mrs. Dixon, in discussing the girls of today, declared that "the modern mother makes a good one because she is better educated to fill the place. There are very few colleges," she continued, "today that do not have home economics courses and some have the nurseries where each stu-

dent takes care of a baby for a specified length of time, thereby having the actual experience rather than the theory."

The trouble, Mrs. Dixon believes, is not with the modern girl, but "with the critics and the new girls who are indiseret. Those who criticize too harshly are pessimists and are not willing to accept the evolution of the present-day girl over the girl of the last century."

And, as a matter of fact, Mrs. Dixon said, "the trouble we think, is with the modern girl really is with the surroundings that are placed before them by older people and the irresponsible parents who are more interested in their own pleasure than the welfare of their girl."

OUT OUR WAY

NO SUH YUH DONT KETCH ME NAPPIN NO MORE! POOR HANK HAD TH' SAME WINDA FEVER AN' WELL TH' END COME SO SUDDN WE HAD T USE A PIANNER BOX FER HIM. NO SUH. I AINT HAMMERIN TUH DIG A HOLE TH' BIG AGIN.

LESSEE—HE'S 'BOUT SIX FEET TWO, AINT HE? OH, HE'LL FIT IN A SIX FOOT COFFIN EF WE BEND HIS LEGS A LITTLE.

MEMBER JERRY? HIS HEAD STARTED ACHIN' AFTER DINNER AN' MEMBER WE HAD T BUILD HIS COFFIN THET NIGHT AN' WELL I DONT WANTA HAVET WORK T NIGHT.

HE'S USED T TH' BETTER THINGS OF LIFE SO WE 'LL LINE IT WITH THESE BURLAP SACKS.

THE PESSIMISTS.



BY WILLIAMS

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J. Williams

BY TAYLOR

Mr. Lumm:—Have decided you would be better satisfied if I bought you a new car instead of just helping to replace in your old bus. Here it is. H. J. Taylor.

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WHAT THE DEUCE IS THIS?



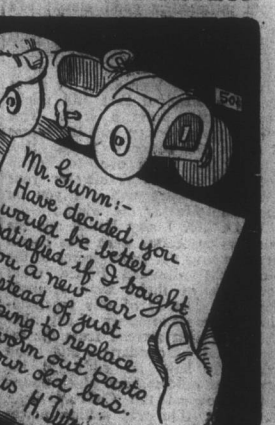
BY CRACKY

BY CRACKY—THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH—THAT NEIGHBOR OF MINE ISN'T GOING TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY AND GET AWAY WITH IT—O!!



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