



Howdy, fokes! This wk. I'm a-goin' to shoot rite squar over the Editor's hed! I axt him t'other day to give me sort uv a rest from this here Human Side stuff by lettin' me rite sump'm rale see-yus for 2 or 3 wks. . . an' here's what he sed, sez he—

"It won't do, Uncle Abe . . . caze fokes don't read rale see-yus, hevvy stuff enny more. We've got to give our reeders what they're hankerin' aiter. Besides," sez he, "I don't think you can preach to fokes very well no how—not sence yore pipes froaz up 2 winters ago. Yore dewty is to make em laff . . . eab'm if you haft to put on them white pants agin to do it."

Yes, but Tom Medford an' Riley, Shurf Welch, Dock Turpin and Green McClure wants me to preach em a sermint 'bout twiast a month," sez I, "a sermint sorter like the one that ol' gray-bearded man preach here on the street 3 or 4 yeers ago."

"Well, you'll haft to go to em an' preach then," the Editor replide, caze you kaint preach throo my organ."

"Lord-a-massey!" sez I, "I wuzn't a-wantin' to preach throo yore organs."

But that settled it . . . an' here I am, a-startin' out on Uncle Abe agin—without a darn thing to rite about. It's bin too wet an' windy fer me to get out an' git a fresh doast of In-sperashun today, an' all I can see, or think uv, to rite about jist now is my naybor's garage dore a-flappin' to an' fro in the wind . . . and thar's not a darn thing funny 'bout that.

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Rite at this pint I wan to stop an' thank Wayne Haynes (way down in Pasadena, Texas, Miss Miller, John Evans, Dock Noland, John Hipps, Dr. Walker, Dr. Gudger, an' others— "But the mistery to me is," sed Dr. Walker, why a man what can rite yoomeru, stuff like you don't show sum uvit in hiz konversashun."

"Gloary be!" sez I, "that's the best kompliment I've had yit, Doctor . . . now I no that I'm a rale yoomerist."

"Why so?" he axt.

Caze it's sed that a rale yoomerist never shows it, on the outside; he jist goze moapin' a-round sorter solum like, an' may eab'm be found sumtimes in cemeterys a-writin' hiz stuff.

But a man whooz jist a simple joker is different . . . he is moast ginerly a jolly feller, an' allus laffs at hiz own jokes.

Frinstance, Big Charley Medford, Bill McKrory, Walter Crawford, Shurf Cabe, "Bill Bars," Tom Green, Lee Trantham, Horace Sentell, the Davis boys—an' Silas Jolly air jokers—sum of em furst class.

**UNKLE ABE WANTS 2-BIT RAZE**  
An' now, Deer Reeders, here's sump'm Unkle Abe aint makin' no see-krit 'bout—I want ye to help me out with the Editor in gitten a 2-bit raze in sallery—caze it's hard work makin' fokes laff. This is 'specially troo of people with Indigeschun, ol' made skool teachers, an' them as what haft to winter their monther-in-law.

Howsumever, Unkle Abe thinks he's dun purty well. Here's the Reckord in 2 yeers, 3 mos.—

Kyored 1205 cases of Indigeschun an' Blooz (sum kronicky)—

Preventid 169 Soocysides—

Pro-dooost 8400 yds. of smiles (aprox.)

Throwd sevrl men into laffin' fits (Docturs had to be called)—

Cauzed one gal to laff so hard she fell out of the bed, swallerd her gum an' messed up her Jinny wave.—

Turned one woman's tickle box kleen over.

Now, I don't think Mark Twain, Bill Nye, Eddie Kantor, or enny other grate yoomerist can pint to jist sitch a Reckord as this, leestwize I've never hearn uv-it. Don't-chu think, fokes, I deserve a 2-bit raze?

**GO TO IT, KING!**  
Well, everboddy seems to be talkin' about the King an' Mrs. Simpson jist now . . . never node people to git so eckisited over a courtship before. A man axt me only yistreday, sez he— "Do ye think Eddy orter marry that gal?"

"I think so," sez I, "if he's struck on-er like he seems to be—shettin' hizself up in that big hous an' broodin' over her like the Devil. Course, Wally haz bin married twiast heretofore," sez I, "an' wood thar fore, come 3rd handed, sorter like korn bred,



**Mary Margaret Cleer**  
Mary Margaret Cleer, 13-year-old Fort Myer, Va., "sneeze victim", forced a smile for the camera as she entered Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, where expert specialists will study her case. No explanation was given of her malady which has caused her to sneeze every few minutes for the past two months.

**50 Women At Canning Demonstration**

The meat canning demonstration which was given in the kitchen of the First Baptist church on Tuesday morning a week ago by Miss Gladys Kimbrough, food preservation specialist, under the auspices of the Extension Service, was attended by fifty or more women from all parts of the county.

Miss Kimbrough was introduced by Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent. She gave a full and detailed demonstration of the best methods of canning pork and beef. Following the demonstration a question period was enjoyed, when Miss Kimbrough helped solve many of the individual problems of those present.

warmed over the 2nd time . . . but, aiter all, she seems to be a purty peart ol' gal. But thar's 2 things Eddy orter find out before he takes the fattle step," sez I.

"What's that?" the man axt.

"Furst, he orter find out whether Wally can make good biskits or not; an', seckond, if she's a-goin' to eck-spect him to let'er warm'er feet on hiz back in winter-time. Then, if the furst queschun is answered in the 'firmative' an' the seckond in the negative, I wood say,

"Go To It Eddy!"

An' I think Dor'thy Dix wood say so, too.

Yore, trooly,  
UNKLE ABE.

**SOUTH SETS NEW RECORD**  
All-time records for construction and engineering awards in the 15 Southern States were made in November. The awards amounted to \$44,415,000.

**America Now In New Era Of Land Use, Says Bennett**

Head of Soil Conservation Service Tells N. C. Grange Country Is Advancing In Saving Soil

RALEIGH, (Special to The Mountaineer.)—Addressing the annual session of the North Carolina State Grange here Wednesday night, December 9, H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C., told members that in the last few years the country has made a far greater advance toward the conservation of soil resources than in all preceding years since the United States became a nation.

"The national program of soil and water conservation now in progress has carried us into a new era of land use," he said. "Land defense is replacing the old system of land waste and exploitation."

In North Carolina alone farmers representing more than 400,000 acres are co-operating with the Soil Conservation Service and the State College Extension Service to conserve the soil, Bennett declared. Accomplishments in North Carolina are typical, he said, "not only of work here but also in Virginia and South Carolina and on to the Pacific and Canadian border."

Describing his observations on a 3,000-mile inspection tour of seven southern states, Bennett stated that "the condition of our agricultural land in the southeast farming states is grim evidence that people of this youthful nation have squandered their rich heritage of productive land more rapidly than any other nation, civilized or barbaric, of which we have any record."

Bennett pointed out, however, that a tremendous area of good soil throughout the region is still fertile and productive. Many areas that have been damaged only moderately can be safeguarded from further decline through the use of proven measures for conserving rainfall and controlling erosion, he said.

Continuation of the present policy of working agreeably and co-operatively with farmers and state federal agencies will "forthwith" bring a solution to the national problem of unnecessary and costly land destruction and decline, Bennett concluded.

**NO MERCY KILLING**  
A bill to permit physicians to put an end to the sufferings of the incurable was defeated 35 to 14 last week in the British House of Lords.

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