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**THERE'S NO REST FOR THE WEARY**

Another day spoiled! Ott Laffoon is running wild with a monkey wrench again. This time he's taking his spite out on "Peckum," the pet linotype, and as "Peckum" is situated rather close to our desk there seems no escape.

We are not sure why Ott is working on the linotype, but we think it's because the blooming thing has been running almost perfect for the last few days. Let any piece of machinery around here start to running real good and Ott sails into it

with a monkey wrench. And he doesn't merely tighten this a little and loosen that a bit, he just naturally tears in and takes everything loose that will come loose. Whenever he has one of these spells we always hide the axe and sledgehammer or the company might wind up with a big bill for welding.

Right now he is practically inside the machine. All you can see are his feet and cigar. But there's a mighty noise coming forth and any minute we expect to see him pop out with some kind of nut, bolt or wheel in his hand.

There he is now! Pshaw, he

just wants a match. Maybe he's planning on setting the thing on fire — and this fire prevention week, too. Nope, his cigar has gone out. It's lit now, and he's crawling back. There! He's gone completely. Hope he doesn't stay inside too long or we'll have to telephone Winston-Salem to send a machinist up here to put back what Ott has undone. He's much more skilled at tearing down than putting up.

But you can't embarrass him a bit by poking fun at his monkey wrench activities. He just grins. In some ways he reminds us of our Uncle Culpepper. Uncle Culpepper is one of those people who doesn't embarrass easily. We think he has been embarrassed only once in his entire life. That was the time he was making a speech at the school house in Hillsboro during commencement. His suspenders broke and his trousers dropped down around his feet. He said he wouldn't have been embarrassed then if he had not been wearing his everyday underwear.

Speaking of Uncle Culpepper we had a letter from him just this morning. He had read an item in last week's Tribune about the man who traded his wife for a donkey. Uncle Culpepper said the man ought to have been tarred and feathered—for taking such unfair advantage of the man he swapped with. A postscript by Aunt Frouse went on to say that donkeys are not so bad as she has been living with one ever since she married.

But there we go talking about our kinfolks. Guess it just runs in the blood for one to be proud of their relatives and ancestors, and we don't believe Bob Burns ever had an uncle to top our Uncle Cul. Why we dare say Uncle Cul is the best known man in all Orange county. And the least seldom caught.

Three hours later: Ott is still going strong only he's become a little confused. Through some error or something he disconnected his left leg at the knee and spent 10 minutes trying to fit it on the linotype before he discovered his mistake. Looks like we're going to have to grab a wrench and assemble him before this thing is over.

Now he's gone and done it. Instead of the linotype setting type it's gone to unsettling it. First thing you know he'll be getting the world series on it. It doesn't even look like a linotype any more. But let him alone. Chances are he might accidentally wind up with some kind of new invention, like the automatic dish washer he invented. The blooming thing worked all right, and the dishes were just as clean as could be, only he was never able to get the pieces fitted back together again.

Oh well, it was just an experiment—and where would the world be today if people weren't always experimenting with "new things"? People laughed at Ford when he made his first automobile; folks laughed at Edison when he was attempting to get light out of wires; Fulton's first steamboat caused laughter everywhere. So one can't always tell. Who knows but maybe we'll quit laughing at Ott one of these days.

Two hours later: Well, up to the present time Ott has been working on the linotype exactly five hours. And we do believe he has gotten to the place where it works almost as good as it did before he started on it.

A linotype is a very complicated piece of machinery. It has hundreds of moving parts and it also has an electrically heated pot that converts metal into a liquid form. This liquid metal is forced into a mold that forms the type from which The Tribune is printed. And if everything is not just as it should be, the blooming thing is liable to squirt. When it squirts, it shoots a stream of molten metal that is liable to land in the operator's face, lap or any other convenient place.

Ott has been courting a squirt all afternoon. Of course a squirt is not so bad—the skin just comes off in the places the molten metal hits—and everyone will admit that that is better than having the skin come off in all directions. Still, with us so close by, we don't want the thing squirting around. So you can readily see why Ott's activity with the linotype has caused us to devote an entire column to him and his monkey wrench.

If he would only lose the blooming thing!

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**EPITAPH**

Rastus and Miranda were strolling through the cemetery when Miranda called to Rastus, "Oh Lordy! Come see what this says, 'Not dead but sleeping.'" Rastus: "Slep on, big boy, you ain't foolin' nobody but yourself." —M. A. Fairfield, Iowa.

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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Mamie Simpson France, Plaintiff  
Vs.  
Ernest J. France, Defendant.  
The defendant, Ernest J. France, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Surry County, N. C. by the plaintiff for an absolute divorce against the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Surry County in the courthouse at Dobson, N. C. on the 16th day of October,

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