

**Little Stories About Men and Affairs**  
by Aaron M. Jones

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID from time to time about the dearth of public utterances by Mr. George F. Baker, Sr. However, the sincerity and emotion which accompany one of Mr. Baker's rare speeches might well adorn the remarks of less prominent though more voluble officials. For example when last spring Columbia University gave a testimonial dinner to Mr. Baker as the donor of a new athletic field, he was visibly affected as he remarked that "it is one of the very happiest moments of my life." And, on December 4, probably the first time in his life that he spoke twice on the same day, he was again deeply moved on both occasions.

RECENTLY AT A CLUB luncheon in his honor, Mr. Baker in explaining his lack of speech making in the past and in expressing his gratitude to his hosts, was overcome with emotion and terminated his remarks prematurely. That same evening, as a guest at the Alexander Hamilton memorial dinner given by Columbia University Alumni Mr. Baker's sole remark: "I thank you from the bottom of my heart," brought forth an ovation rarely witnessed anywhere.

"I HAVE GOT IT; our fortune is made," wrote King C. Gillette to his wife when he was forty years of age. He was half right and half wrong. True he had it but their fortune was not made nor would it be until many anxious and weary years had passed.

THE GILLETTE FAMILY WERE invention addicts. His father and brother's were habitually getting up some device or other vainly chasing the ignis fatuus of wealth. The Patent office holds much evidence of their persistence, but Bradstreet's says little of their wards. After he was 21 Gillette was a traveling salesman for fifteen years in the United States and England. Then he took a position with the Baltimore Steel Company, which later originated the new omnipresent tin-with-cork-lining bottle cap. In the course of one of their frequent chats the proprietor, Mr. Painter once said, "King you are always inventing. Why don't you invent something people will use up quickly, and come back for more." That suggestion stuck, and it became an obsession in Gillette's life to apply that idea to every least material act of himself or those about him.

ONE MORNING FOUR years later, in 1895, he was fighting a stiff beard with a dull razor. Said weapon cut not; neither would it stop. What would you or I have done? Cussed the thing, stuck it in a moment, and at the same barber who smoothed off the beard and soothed the grouch at one operation. Did K, D, G, do that? Let him say. "As I stood there with the razor in my hand, my attention resting on it as lightly as a bird settling down on its nest—the Gillette razor was born. I saw it all in a moment, and at the same time many unvoiced questions were asked and answered more with the speed of a dream than by the slow process of reason. I stood there before the mirror in a trance of joy. Fool that I was, and knowing nothing of steel and razors, I fore-saw none of the trials that lay between that moment and success." Then he wrote to his wife in Ohio the opening sentence of this Spot Light. Yes, of course, he was a Fool for friends and acquaintances often said so, by implication if not in words. Expert mechanics failed repeatedly as they tried to make the delicate and necessary blades. The laboratories of Massachusetts Institute of Technology could not help, though they applied their brains and skill. Still the on the boulevard.

Fool persisted, spending all he could spare of a good salary earned at selling bootle caps. SIX YEARS AFTER THE big idea was born he was calling Mr. Stowart, a customer of Mills, the Clicquot Club town, "How's the razor?" had taken the place of "How d'ye do?" with the Fool's acquaintances. This time the greeting opened a talk which led to his meeting a possible backer who came a real one; and that to getting the help of a Tech-graduated mechanical engineer, William E. Nickerson. The alumnus did what his alma mater couldn't—found the way to produce thin, good, double edged, razor blades. More than that, this genius designed and built the marvelous machines used in making them.

STILL FLOUNDERING, THE enterprise used up its whole \$5,000 capital the first year and owed \$12,000 more, with no razors sold and only a few given away. "Backed up to the wall and the creditors ready to fire" is the way the Fool describes their position. But he continued foolish, and in another year or two the company was making money. Now, twenty years later, the business reckons its output at a half million blades, and its profits at several million dollars annually. Was he a Fool?

OVER 25,000 MEN AND WOMEN in his country have done something out of the ordinary in some line of endeavor and for this reason have had their names placed in the most recent issue of "Who's Who." Unquestionably many of these have rightly earned the right to be separated from the rest of the hundred and twelve millions of people in our land and catalogued as being leaders. But some of them achieved their fame merely by a whim of fortune in character, sincerity and endeavor they are no different than many who walk unrecognized. Consider for instance the mother who gives her life completely to a large family of children. From early morning to late at night she fills the whole day with sacrifices for those she loves. And the father with lunch basket of cold sandwiches, walking to work in the early dawn in shoes no cobbler could repair, smoking the cheapest tobacco in a dim store pipe and too tired to realize that the western sky has been painted to cheer men at the close of the day. He sleeps until morning, only to awake to repeat the routine of the previous day. Heroes, there's more to be praised than those whom accidents and chance have favored.

**TRYON ROUTE 1**

By Mrs. R. G. Hamilton  
Oh, Lest we forget—the first thing in this New Years letter is Thanks to our Heavenly Father that all is well as it is with us and we should resolve to make the approaching year better in His sight or do our part at least.

We think old Santa Claus was around to all, haven't heard of any children being left without his much looked for visit.

We have only one accident to report. Gene Flynn was hurt by his Christmas gun which blew its contents in his face from the pipe of which he made his gun; but he is rapidly recovering.

The Christmas weddings were very numerous as follows: Miss Octa Pack and Mr. Hamilton Williams. Miss Lillian Pack and Mr. Joe Thompson. Miss Nellie Champion to Mr. Pink Williams. This is all I can remember of our route although the Hamilton children are rejoicing over the addition of six new cousins. The others are Mr. Marvin D. Edwards and Miss Virginia Sher-

fey, Mr. Finis Orlin Baldwin and Miss Ruby Edwards, Mr. Robert Chitwood and Miss Betty Edwards. We extend to all of them hearty congratulations.

Hurray for the Huge Resort development of a modern 300 room hotel which is being country club which doesn't lack country club which doesn't lack much of being on Tryon Route 1. "Aint we hosses!"

Some of us visited the Dam, Sunday afternoon. It is rapidly filling up, and will be ready for christening soon. I wonder if its name will be Green Gallilee, or Ivy Green Lake, or Lake Southern Green. Or whatever, it deserves some Southern name.

Its now off to school again with all our school folks. We wish them much success in their New Year's work. Also success to the NEWS.

Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers  
Notice is hereby given to parties named below and all persons that may have a lien on the land herein described that the undersigned purchased at delinquent tax sale in Columbus, Polk County, North Carolina on the 5th day of May 1924, land listed for taxes described as follows:

81 acres of land in Tryon Township for taxes in the name of E. T. Armstrong, taxes for the year 1923. Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned to the sheriff of Polk County for deeds for said lands after the 5th day of May 1925; the date when time will expire, J. F. Bridgeman, Purchaser, Er. 1.22.25.

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Mr. Spurgeon Wilson called

named below, and all persons that may have a lien on the land herein described that the undersigned purchased at a delinquent tax sale in Columbus, Polk County, North Carolina on the 5th day of May 1924, land listed for taxes and described as follows:

110 acres in Tryon township listed in the name of Peak Heirs, for taxes for the year 1923. Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned to the sheriff of Polk County for deeds for said lands after the 5th day of May 1925; the date when time will expire, W. H. Stearns, Purchaser, Expiration date 1.22.25.

**PEA RIDGE**

Well, we are having some nice weather now. All of this section enjoyed the holiday very much.

Mrs. Oscar Phillips spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. M. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Edwards made a business trip to Rutherfordton Monday.

Miss Clifford Davis and Miss Clara Price went to Spindale where they will be employed in the mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Mills Camp are spending a few weeks with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fowler.

Mr. D. J. Burnett and family of this section are moving to their home in Columbus. All their friends will miss them very much.

Mrs. Joe Prichard visited her parents Monday, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Phillips.

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Miss Thelma Fowler and sister, Mrs. Ambrose Mills Camp spent a short while with Mrs. Minnie Carswell Saturday.

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