

# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Events in the Lives of Little Men



## The FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



## FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin



## UNCOMMON AMERICANS

By Elmo Scott Watson  
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### "Mother of Thanksgiving"

OF COURSE, we all know we owe the observance of Thanksgiving to the Pilgrim forefathers. But if it hadn't been for the persistence of a woman editor the chances are that it would still be only a New England festival instead of a nationwide holiday celebrated in all states on the last Thursday in November. Sara Josepha Hale was her name and she was the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, the most popular woman's magazine of the Nineteenth century.

She was born in New Hampshire in 1788, and, like all New Englanders, the celebration of Thanksgiving, even though its observance was not a regular event, was very dear to her. As early as 1827 she began advocating that "Thanksgiving, like the Fourth of July, should be considered a national festival and observed by all our people." But it was not until 1846 that she began her campaign through the column's of Godey's Lady's Book, of which she became editor in 1828.

Early each spring she began writing letters to governors of all states and territories asking their assistance in making the last Thursday in November, which had been Washington's choice for the first Thanksgiving Day, set aside by Presidential proclamation. By 1849 most of these commonwealths were keeping individual festivals but no attempt was made to have the date uniform. So Mrs. Hale started on the Presidents.

She wrote to Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan again and again. But all of them ignored her, for they felt that such "feminine meddling in public affairs" should be frowned upon. However, in 1863, as the result of a letter which she wrote to President Lincoln, he issued the first national Thanksgiving day proclamation since Washington's day. Mrs. Hale had won her battle after 17 years' effort. With the precedent thus established other Presidents, as well as governors of states, have never deviated from the custom which Lincoln thus established.

Being thus the "Mother of Thanksgiving" was not, however, Mrs. Hale's only claim to distinction. She was the author of that famous poem, "Mary Had a Little Lamb"; she was the first to advocate women teachers in public schools; she started the first day nursery; she founded the first society for the advancement of women's wages, and her demands that housekeeping be given the dignity of a profession put the term "domestic science" in our language.

### Prisoner of War

IN THE year 1758 there was born to an English family, then living in Ireland, a son who was to bear the name of John Whistler. Before he became of age young John ran away from home and enlisted in the British army. In 1777 he was sent to America with troops who were to serve under General Burgoyne and when "Gentleman Johnny's" expedition ended in disaster at Saratoga, young John Whistler was a prisoner of war.

Before the end of the Revolution he was sent back to England as an exchanged prisoner and soon afterwards he was discharged from the army. Then he fell in love with the daughter of one of his father's friends, eloped with her, came to America a second time and settled down at Hagerstown, Md. But he could not be content with civilian life for long. So in 1791 this soldier who had worn the scarlet uniform of Old England put on the nondescript uniform of a lieutenant adjutant in the levies which made up a part of the army of the new republic.

From that time on he served continuously on the Northwestern frontier under St. Clair, Wayne and the others who were campaigning against the hostile Indians. By 1797 he had won a captaincy and in 1803 he was stationed at Detroit. Then orders were given to build a fort at the foot of Lake Michigan and establish a garrison there with Whistler as commandant. Accordingly he built the post which was named Fort Dearborn and thus he became "the father of Chicago."

For nine years Whistler ruled at Fort Dearborn and then he was ordered back to Detroit. At the outbreak of the War of 1812 he was serving there on the staff of General Hull and when that flustered officer, without attempting resistance, surrendered his post to the British army which swooped down upon it, Whistler again became a prisoner of war.

So his was the unique distinction of having been a British officer who surrendered to a victorious American army and then an American officer who surrendered to a victorious British army. That alone would make him an "uncommon American" even if he hadn't been the "Father of Chicago" and the man whose grandson became one of the greatest of all American artists.—James Abbott McNeill Whistler.



### SPOOKS

Rain lashed the windows of the lonely old castle, and the wind howled mournfully as the timid guest was escorted to his room up under the eaves. "Has—anything unusual ever happened in this room?" he asked hesitatingly of the very sinister-looking butler.

The butler grimaced. "Not for 40 years," he answered.

The guest heaved a sigh of relief. "What happened then?" he queried brightly.

The butler's green eyes glittered ominously. "A man who stayed here all night showed up in the morning!" he hissed.—Sheboygan Press.

### Suspense

"How are you going to vote?" inquired Si Simlin.

"Haven't made up my mind," answered Farmer Cornstossel. "I don't think anybody ought to tell how he's going to vote. Half my joy in life is listening to radio speeches and to keep the oratorical enthusiasm, I believe in prolonging the suspense as far as possible."

### Where the Shoe Pinches

"I lost 1,000 pounds over Smith's bankruptcy. I had just sent him a consignment of goods when he went bankrupt."

"But you got the goods back?"

"Yes, but what could I do with the awful rubbish?"

### HER ASSIGNMENT



Noah—I wish you would do one thing.

Mrs. Noah—O. K., what?

Noah—Show some of our friends where the ladies' entrance is.

### One Possible Job

A tramp paused outside a farmhouse and knocked timidly.

"Clear out!" shouted the woman of the house. "I hain't got no wood to chop. There hain't nothin' you could do around here."

"But there is, madam," retorted the wayfarer with dignity. "I could give you grammar lessons."

### Verbal Refrigeration

A Scot was out walking with his lady friend one very warm summer night.

"I'd like an ice cream cone," said the fair lady, "to cool me a bit."

The Scot answered: "Why waste an ice cream cone, I'll tell you a ghost story that will make you shiver."—Boston Globe.

### Making It Worse

Judge—It is the sentence of this court that the prisoner be confined to prison for the remainder of his natural life.

Prisoner—Your Honor, this is a rank injustice!

Judge—Silence! Two more years for contempt of court!

### She Knows

"Mummy, why must the orchestra eat in the interval?"

"I don't know what they do. Why do you ask?"

"Cos the program says that the second half of the concert will be played by a fuller orchestra."

### Already Useful

First Father—Has your son's college education proved helpful since you took him into the firm?

Second Father—Oh, yes; whenever we have a conference we let him mix the cocktails.—Stray Stories Magazine.

### Strictly Amateur

He—You don't suppose I'm the sort of fellow who kisses any and every girl, do you?

She—Heavens, no! If you did you'd know something about kissing.—Stray Stories Magazine.

### A GOOD GUESS



"He who hesitates is lost."

"You can always try the lost and found columns."

### Mine for Wild Cats

Henry—Poor Dods! He has lost all his money in a wild-cat mining company.

Susan—Mercy! I didn't know you had to mine for wild cats.

## Going to the Party?



WHERE is the party? At Mrs. Smith's on Walnut street and it looks awfully much as though the principals were caught by the candid camera. Luckily, however, they're perfectly groomed for their parts:

**Introducing Janet.** Janet in her jumper (Pattern 1996) is asking Mother which glassware to use. Her plaid blouse in taffeta makes her feel very dressed up. Mother chose this style because the many possibilities for change make it a wardrobe rather than a dress and she knew it would be easy-to-make. Your own little girl may have this same ensemble in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 years. Size 8 requires 1 3/4 yards of 39 inch material for the jumper and 1 1/2 yards for the blouse.

**Mother, the Hostess.** Mother is the perfect hostess, calm and assured, because she knows her all-occasion frock with its sprightly crisp apron (Pattern 1220) is becoming and appropriate. For house wear she made up this model in print. She is wearing here the crepe version and knows that it will be delightful for later on in cool black and white. It comes in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46. The dress and apron in size 36 require 5 1/2 yards of 39 inch material. The apron alone requires 1 1/2 yards.

**And the Guest.** The guest just arriving is wearing her trigest Sew-Your-Own. She likes it because the puffed shoulders and swing skirt make her hips look smaller. The collar is young and the sleeves stylish. This frock is especially chic in silk crepe alpaca or one of the lovely new prints. For your own daytime distinction, then, why not make up Pattern 1205? It is available in sizes, 14, 16, 18, and 20

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**TENDER HAT WANTED**  
A man walked reluctantly into a hat shop, says Ireland's Own, of Dublin. "I've just lost a bet," he said, "and I want to buy a soft hat." "This is the softest we have," said the assistant. The customer gazed at it speculatively. "What I want," he said wistfully, "is something a little more tender; I've got to eat it."

**That Would be Worthwhile!**  
Scientist—Eureka! At last I have succeeded in crossing a cabbage with a radish.  
Practical Friend—Why didn't you cross it with corned beef?—Minneapolis Journal.  
**Chance Acquaintance**  
Bystander—Miss the train?  
Traveler—Oh, thank you, I don't think so, at least not much. I might have in time, but I never got to know it really well, you see.

**TEMPERAMENTAL PRESERVES**  
"What is your wife doing?" asked the friend.  
"She's making preserves," said Mr. Meekton.  
"What kind of preserves?"  
"I don't know. She is a culinary artist and all artists are temperamental. I had hoped for jam and jelly with plenty of sugar. But if her productions reflect her present disposition, I am expecting mostly pickles."