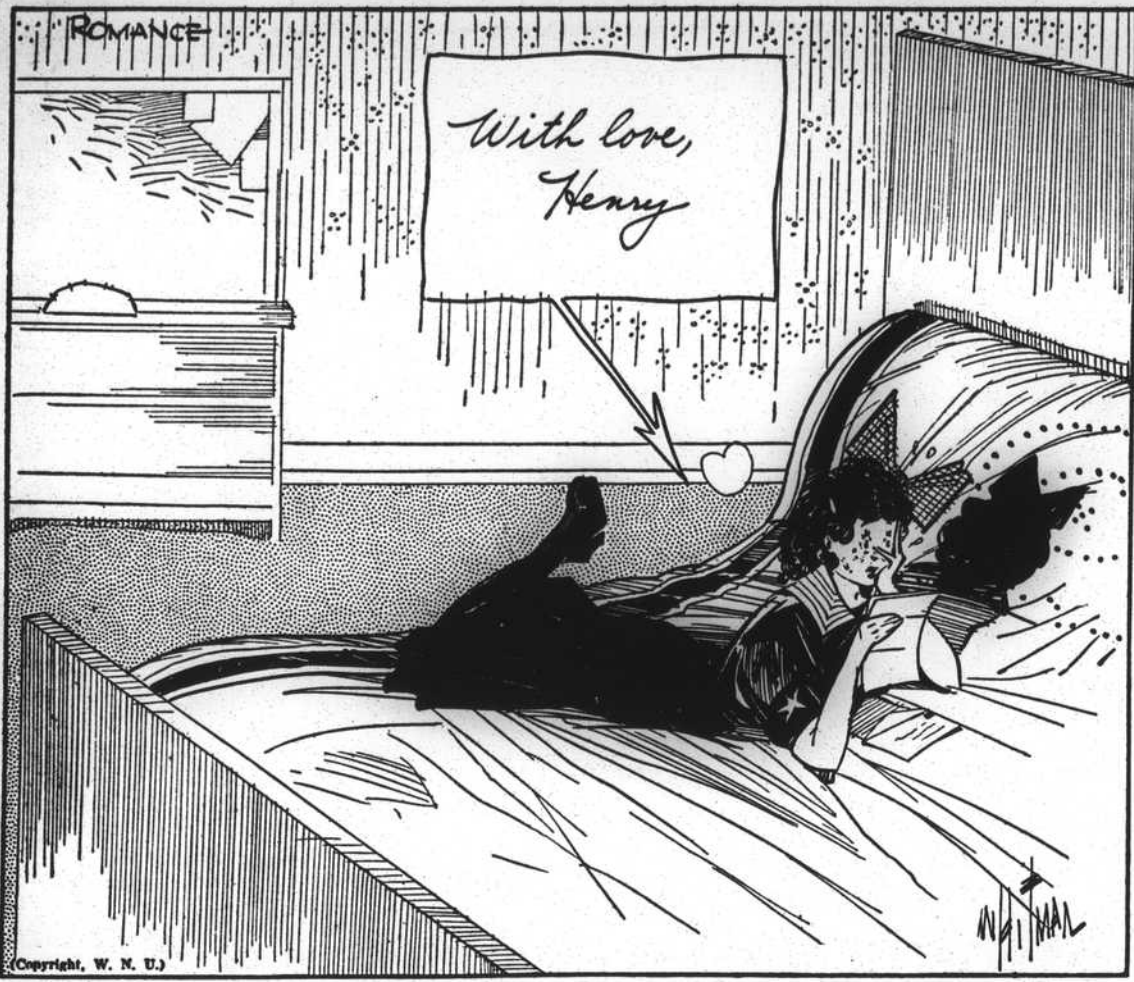


OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Women



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A Little Bit Humorous

QUIET, THAT'S ALL

Two laborers were working on a very tall building. Suddenly the man at the top of the latter called to his mate at the bottom. "I say, Jim," he said, "come up 'ere a minute." "What for?" replied Jim. "Can't you see I'm busy?" "Still, just come up and listen," said the other. Three minutes later Jim, puffing and blowing, reached the top. "I can't 'ear anything," he said, after a while. "No," said his mate. "Ain't it quiet?"—Pearson's London Weekly.

Of Course
Professor—I forgot my umbrella this morning.
King Arthur—How did you remember to forget it?
Professor—Well, I missed it when I raised my hand to close it after it had stopped raining.—Boston Transcript.

Remote Control
A doctor attended an old lady from Scotland who had caught a severe cold. "Did your teeth chatter when you felt the chill coming over you?" asked the doctor. "I dinna ken, Doctor; they were laying on the table!" was the pleasant reply.

WISE INVESTMENT



"I see Smith married Brown's widow."
"I thought he didn't like her."
"He didn't. But she had a lease on his apartment."

Poor Charles
"What is there about betting on horse races that is so bad for the health?" asked young Mrs. Brown. "I never heard of anything," answered the visitor. "Didn't you? Every time Charles makes a bet he comes home and says there's something wrong with his system."

Not for Publication
"I understand you have been having your family tree looked up?"
"Yes, and it cost me \$1,200."
"Expensive, wasn't it?"
"Yes, but it cost only \$200 to have it looked up. The rest was what I paid to have it hushed up."—Stray Stories Magazine.

Snow
Bobby from the South was visiting his New York cousin, and saw his first snow.

"Isn't it great?" inquired his host. "Oh, I don't know," replied the visitor, "it's really nothing but popped rain."

A Diplomat
Wife—John, is it true that money talks?
Husband—So they say, dear.
Wife—Well, I wish you'd leave me a little to talk to during the day. I get so lonely.

Out in the Woods
Englishman—Wot's that 'orrible noise?
Yankee—That's an owl.
Englishman—Hi know it's an owl, but who's 'owling?—Florida Times-Union.

LATEST WRINKLE



"Did you and your wife have to hug the stove last night?"
"No; we embraced the pipeless furnace."

Call Again
Professor's Wife—Here is the doctor, dear.
Pro. Chillwit (absent-mindedly)—Tell him I can't see anyone today. I am too ill.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Reason
Husband—I sure miss the old cuspidor.
Wife—You missed it before, that's why it's gone.—Boston Transcript.

'Twas This Way

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Origin of the Black Maria
AS EVERY criminal knows, the underworld name for a police patrol wagon is "Black Maria." A common colloquialism in pool hall hangouts and disreputable dives is "Black Maria backed up to the joint and got him."

The name Black Maria is much older than most underworld jargon. It originated in some tough sailors' boarding houses in Boston in the early part of the Nineteenth century. In one of these, a big, strapping, negro woman called Maria Lee, but familiarly known as "Black Maria," was housekeeper.

She could hold her own with any man in a rough-and-tumble fight, and she was so strong and fearless that she frequently helped hard-pressed policemen to subdue drunken or obstreperous sailors and pack them off to the hoosegow. Her prowess became so well known that whenever trouble broke out in the neighborhood it soon became the custom to call for "Black Maria."

She eventually became such a familiar figure at brawls and street fights that her nickname became attached to the black patrol wagon in which the officers carried the offenders away. Tradition has it that Maria Lee finally became involved in one fight too many and got knifed in the back by a Chinese sailor. When the police department's "Black Maria" came to call for her, the next stop it made was the morgue.

The First Bathtub

THE first honest - to - goodness bathtub was installed in an American home less than a hundred years ago. Its proud owner was Adam Thompson of Cincinnati, Ohio, a wealthy cotton and grain dealer, who had a passion both for cleanliness and publicity.

The tub he ordered was a custom built job. It was encased in Nicaraguan mahogany and lined with sheet metal. It was seven feet long, four feet wide, and weighed over 1,750 pounds. The water was pumped into it.

On the very night the tub was installed, December 20, 1842, Thompson gave a large party at his home as a sort of dedication ceremony. His guests were invited to try the bathtub, and several of them availed themselves of the opportunity.

High lights of the party were fully described in the local newspaper next day, and aroused a storm of protest in the community which quickly spread throughout the country. Politicians and doctors were especially wrathful. The doctors thought it was unsanitary. Politicians said in their speeches that wash tubs on the kitchen floor on Saturday nights had been good enough for their grandfathers, and that wash tubs were still good enough for them. The Virginia legislature even laid a \$30 tax on bathtubs and increased the water rates. Despite all the opposition, bathtubs gradually became a fixture in American homes.

Moving Pictures

CAN you remember back to the time when every movie villain wore a black, handle-bar mustache and a silk opera hat? Those were the days when the cinema was in its infancy, when a movie theater was called a nickelodeon, and nice people did not discuss movies in public.

The first public showing of a motion picture on a screen was in 1895. During the early years, the standard picture length was about 1,000 feet and took ten minutes to show, because exhibitors thought that was all the audiences could stand. When D. W. Griffith put out the first two-reeler, they wanted to run it in two parts, like a serial.

The first film with a real plot, made in 1903, was "The Great Train Robbery," a blood - and - thunder thriller. Acting technique was a far cry from what we are accustomed to today. There were no close-ups, until Griffith introduced them to show emotional reactions on the faces of the actors.

Actors in the legitimate theater looked down upon the lowly movie stars, and refused to accept movie contracts while they could get parts in the smallest stock company. But times change, and the introduction of talking pictures about 1926 killed most of what was left of the old theater. Inventors say that the three-dimension movie is the next step. When that comes, it will probably make the talkie appear as old-fashioned as the silent picture seems to us now.

Diphtheria Ancient Disease
Diphtheria is an acute infectious and communicable disease found more frequently among children than among adults. It is characterized by the growth of a false membrane on a mucous or abraded skin surface and is due to the presence and proliferation of certain bacilli and the toxins elaborated by them. The disease has been known since antiquity, but is has been only within comparatively recent times that men have learned just how to combat it with success.

Worthy of Your Pride!



MOTHER, between you and me Sis is getting to be a little show-off. Last night when Dick called, there she sat, big as life, right in the middle of things chipping about the new dress you made her: how you used a remnant left over from one of your dresses, and got it finished in one afternoon—she even had Dick feel the material.

Well, Elsie, you can't blame the child's appreciating herself in a new dress. How about ourselves? Didn't you say your jumper was the talk of the Tennis Club meeting yesterday? And haven't I been spending more time before the mirror since I made my new "Stylish Stout" model? I actually feel like a new person in it—imagine me being vain at my age!

Flatters Stout Figure.
Oh, Mother, you're not vain and you're as young as any of us. You just were lucky to find a particularly flattering style for your figure. That soft jabot makes you look lovely and the whole thing is so slenderizing. But only an expert like you could make such a dress.

It isn't being expert, Elsie, it is choosing a pattern that is deftly designed and giving full step-by-step instructions on how to proceed.

Several Blouses.
I'm going to make another blouse for my jumper soon, Mother. I always admired that white picnic shirt of Dick's, so I think I'll try it for my blouse, since the pattern is a lot like a man's shirt in design.

The Patterns.
Pattern 1229 comes in sizes 14 to 20; 32 to 42 bust. Size 16 requires 3 1/2 yards of 39-inch material for the jumper and 1 1/2 yards for the blouse. Pattern 1847 is available in sizes 36 to 52. Size 38 requires 4 1/4 yards of 39-inch material.

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FINNEY OF THE FORCE

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The FEATHERHEADS

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SOUNDS REASONABLE

A rather old-fashioned school teacher in a poor district had been telling her class of boys about the crowns of glory they would wear when they reached Heaven. "Now, boys," she said, "can you tell me who will get the biggest crown?" "Yes, m'am," replied one of the youngsters "im what's got the biggest 'ead."

Down Where?

Policeman (to motorist) — "Take it easy; didn't you see that notice—'Slow Down Here?'"
Motorist — "Yes, officer, but I thought it was describing your village."—Atlanta Constitution.

AFTERTHOUGHT

The master of the house was hungry at breakfast, and swallowed a good part of his bacon before he tasted it. Then he began to protest violently to his wife about the flavor of the food.
His wife offered no apology, but rang for the maid.
"Maggie," she inquired, serenely, "what did you do with the bacon we poisoned for the rats?"

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