

Lights of New York

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How many persons have been driven quite or almost cuckoo by "The Music Goes 'Round and Around" cannot be said by this writer who is more or less cuckoo from hearing it. The other evening, after listening to one orchestra play it three times, he moved on, heard it played twice by another band and moved on again. Then Ray Watson, as a special favor, sang it for him. Your correspondent judged it a good time to call it a night and go home. He turned on the radio and—well, you guessed it. Young women in this office, otherwise highly estimable and in fact charming, go around singing it and a young man secretary who has an excellent voice and is a right guy in all other ways, gives it a workout during the luncheon hour. It's just one of those things. It got started and jumped right into a smash hit. No less an authority than Variety predicts that its total sales will exceed those of that bit of insanity of a dozen years back, "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

No wonder this goofy song is getting so many that way. It had a goofy start—on the word of Mike Riley, a sandy-haired trombonist. Some time ago, Riley picked up a silly looking horn in a Pittsburgh hockshop. One night, he took it up to the Onyx club. A young woman who had been doing too much dallying with snickering cat-sup, asked him how he played it. Mike told her he pushed the middle key down and the music went 'round and around. "Ho-o-o-o-ooo," wailed the woody miss. Eddy Farley, Riley's partner, got the idea of a song. So Riley wrote it assisted by Farley and "Red" Hodgson. At first they didn't think they had much. But when people got to singing it, Riley sent a buck to Washington and got a copyright. Thus a hit based on an inquiry by a source.

The next step was a three-cornered contract with a publisher. Each piece of sheet music sold brings Riley, Farley and Hodgson a cent. Each orchestration brings each two cents. Also they split one-third of the profits from phonograph records. In one day in New York, 13,000 copies were sold. In 10 weeks, the total sales reached 100,000. That isn't all. Riley and Farley, unknowns before, got Broadway contracts and their names in lights. Ho-o-o-ooo!

Remaining cuckoo, or just plain goofy, there were those two drunks in an I. R. T. subway train who, station after station kept up an argument, the words of which were indistinguishable. Finally, the train for some unknown reason—no one ever tells the sardines why a train is stalled—stopped between stations. One of the drunks, with an unsteady hand, drew out his watch and after staring at it owlishly a moment or so, remarked that they were 20 minutes late. "That's the craziest idea I ever heard of," hiccupped his companion. "How can we be 20 minutes late when we haven't got there yet?"

Queer thing that proficiency in killing men should result seventeen years later in saving fifteen lives. In making his rounds over in Brooklyn, Patrolman Michael Reardon discovered that a tenement house was on fire. Barred from rushing into the front door by a mass of flame, he ran to the rear and hurled his night stick through a second story window. The tenant, awakened by the noise, obeyed Reardon's orders to give the alarm to others in the house. All came down the fire escapes safely. Fellow policemen said that the accuracy of Reardon's throw with his night stick was due to the fact that during the World war he was one of the best hand grenade hurlers in the A. E. F.

Street scene: A be-jeweled and be-furred woman leading a Pom on a fancy leash. The fluffy body of the little animal encased in a heavy and expensive blanket and on its feet knitted booties. And an overcoatless chestnut vender trying to warm his blue hands over his charcoal fire.

Has Complete File of Clippings on World War
Munich.—One of the most complete files of modern newspaper clippings in the world has been installed in the famous old "residents" here. Called the "Rehse Collection," after its founder, the new museum was started in 1914. It was founded with the idea of assembling and collating all available information on the dramatic death of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and in time embraced the whole subject of the war.

French Women Get Choice of Homes
Paris.—French husbands will have to follow their wives in future, if a member's bill now before parliament is passed.
At present, French law compels the wife to follow her husband "everywhere"—even to a home she dislikes. She can be divorced on grounds of leaving the legal domicile if she takes a dislike to the house or apartment and finds a nicer one for herself.
A French wife may not, at present, rent a dwelling without her husband's consent. But by the proposed law, madame may be permitted to have her own home if she has good reason for requiring to do so.

SOUTH AFRICA NOW GETS WORLD TOURS

Cruises Detour Because of Ethiopian Conflict.

Washington.—"Uncle and the Devil are smoking fast today!"

So say residents of Capetown when heavy white clouds, gathering suddenly, roll over the plateau-like top of Table mountain, which rises steeply back of the suburbs of South Africa's largest city. "Uncle" refers to Van Hunks, a Dutch pirate, who, according to the Malays, had a smoking contest with the Devil up on Devil's peak, and the clouds are the smoke from their pipes. Often, too, the clouds are called the "Table Cloth," spread on Table mountain.

Recently there were other clouds on the mountain, however, and the legendary smokers seemed to be pulling furiously at their pipes, for huge tongues of flame shot high in the air as a forest fire consumed more than \$1,000,000 worth of timber and threatened the official residence of Prime Minister Hertzog. Large tracts of fir trees had been set out on the mountain sides for both beauty and utility, and many of these were lost.

Increase in Cruise Ships.
"Table mountain, a vast mauve mass, jutting up with or without its crown of clouds from the ocean's brilliant blue, generally is the first landmark sighted by the traveler who approaches South Africa by water," says the National Geographical society. "So completely do its colossal dimensions hide the hinterland that the Table appears at first sight as an ocean-girt island."

"Modern docks welcome hundreds of steamers annually along Capetown's curving waterfront, and the number of cruise ships has more than doubled this year because of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict. World cruises that once followed the steamer lanes of the Mediterranean and Red seas have been 'detoured' via South Africa.

"So Capetown prospers, and hopes that more cruisers will come her way in the future, whether there is war or peace. Her harbor is a true crossroads of the world.

"Braving the cape that gave Capetown its name, bold mariners have sailed around the southern tip of Africa here since Bartholomew Diaz dubbed it Cabo Tormentoso, the Cape of Storms, in 1488. Now the Cape of Good Hope, it is the 'jumping-off' place for whaling fleets that seek their quarry in the desolate waters at the bottom of the world.

"But in the show that Capetown puts on for visitor, trader, and resident, there is no hint of polar bleakness. Its setting is a Neapolitanesque panorama of red roofs, embowering foliage, outflung white beaches, bold headlands, with Table mountain, gigantic and severe, towering behind and above it all. In its subtropical climate palm-trees flourish. Rambling through its balcony-shaded streets, with the crepe myrtle peering gaudily over walls and the magnolia's breath abroad, one might half imagine himself in some gracious old town, aromatic of the past, in America's southern states.

Where East and West Meet.
"The illusion fades in Capetown's Malay quarter, peopled mainly by descendants of slaves brought long ago from Holland's colonies. Slim dark-eyed girls, grave turbaned patriarchs, mosques and minarets show that East and West may meet in Capetown.

"With more than 150,000 Europeans and nearly as many more of other races in the city and its suburbs, Capetown compares in size with Dallas, Texas, or New Haven, Conn. Its points of interest include the famous Snake park, with a collection of South African reptiles; Botanical gardens; an Art gallery; a naval station nearby at Simonstown; the South African museum; and a public library founded more than a century ago.

"A dignified building for the houses of parliament shows that Capetown, as one of the two capitals of the South African union, attends to the legislative function of government. The other capital, Pretoria, is the administrative capital.

"Dutchmen, 70 of them, colonized Capetown in 1652, sent out as servants of the Dutch East India company under Commander Jan van Riebeck, whose statue now surveys the town. The sturdy old burgher might still feel quite at home under many a roof that shelters collections of Dutch masters, Dutch furniture, models of Dutch galleons, and kitchen utensils once used to prepare koekies, wafels, or panekook.

"But Jan van Riebeck was destined to be outshone by Cecil Rhodes, the empire builder. Under the flanks of Table mountain is the estate of Grootte Schuur, where the great Englishman built his home, and there is the heroic memorial to the man whose influence on South African civilization was immeasurable, from politics to Nature preservation, from trade to education. Grootte Schuur is the new site of Capetown university."

Strange Whatisit of Sea Is Big Puzzle
Boston.—What is it that has a head like a serpent, a body like an eel and a tail like a rat? That was what marine biologists were trying to determine after the strange creature—12 inches long—had been picked up in a fishing net off Georges Bank, 200 miles east of Boston. Fish experts agreed it was not a baby sea serpent.

LAUGHS FROM THE DAY'S NEWS!

FAMOUS ANTHROPOLOGIST DECLARES THAT THE NOSE GETS LONGER WITH AGE!

NEWS ITEM:—

"WHY SHOULD EVERYBODY KNOW I'M GETTING OLD!"

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Hints To Gardeners
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Prepare Soil Early
In gardening as in Christmas shopping an early start is important. Size up your garden plot now to determine what can be done to improve the soil.
Spade or plow early. If a handful of soil gripped firmly can be crumbled readily upon release, the soil is in condition to be plowed or spaded. If the handful of soil does not crumble readily but remains packed, put off the job until a later day.
Any soil is enriched by manure. Clay soils are improved in texture and sandy soils are improved in water holding capacity by spading under manure, rotted leaves or lawn clippings or rotted garden refuse.
Complete commercial fertilizers are everywhere available. Ask for a "4-12-6" or similar mixture. Broadcast and rake in about four pounds of this per square rod just before planting.
It is important that fertilizer be used cautiously, for an excess is often harmful, particularly when dealing with production of fruits, that is, tomato, cucumber, pepper, etc.
Garden preparation effort is wasted if you do not plant seeds from dependable sources. Select your favorite varieties at the nearby store before the supply is depleted. Make sure they are freshly packed.
To gardeners who also like to maintain an excellent lawn—earliness of renewal again is important. Take advantage of a comparatively warm, early spring day when the surface is almost bare and the air is calm.
Sow about a teacupful of seed to 100 square feet of lawn. Melting snow carries the seed into the soil and subsequent light snows will be beneficial. Tender seedlings thus get a good start before the days become too warm.

Folk Leader

Gertrude Knott, noted authority on folk lore, is supervising handling of the third annual folk festival, which will open at the Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas June 14. Special attention will be paid this year to the songs of the old Southwest. Miss Knott's staff plans to make the festival the largest on record.

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