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PATHOS IN PLEAS

More Than Humor in Samples of Baboo Writing

Communications Evidently Composed Under Stress—Proposal of Marriage Can Only Be Classed as Remarkable.

Serpents, baboons, tigers and other dangerous and disturbing creatures have not infrequently interfered with the work of progress and improvement in India. The distracted telegram of a baboo station master, asking for instructions in the unpleasant emergency of "tiger dancing on platform," has long been a stock anecdote. He was certainly excusable for being rather upset in his mind and in his English.

The recent plea of a baboo office clerk, addressed to the head of the firm whose son, a confirmed dog-lover, had been recently put in charge, had less to justify its urgency—yet there are many who will sympathize.

"If this office will be continuously infested by sprightly canine with penchant for eating legs," he wrote, "how shall work be performed to honor's satisfaction? I beseech with honor relegate the friend of man to house and home, where noxious behavior will be suitably admired."

The gentleman who reports this choice gem adds another, less recent, but equally characteristic:

"Office cat, by reason of rats, daily growing lean," he notified his superior. "Will superintendent please increase the contingent allowance for her return to stoutness?"

Here is a fine example of baboo, and a proposal of marriage, too:

"Dear sir—It is with faltering penmanship that I write to have communication with you about the prospective condition of your damsel offspring.

"For some remote time to past a secret passion has been firing my bosom internally with loving for your daughter. I have navigated every channel in the magnitude of my extensive jurisdiction to cruelly smother the growing love-knot that is being constructed in my within side, but the timid lamp of affection trimmed by Cupid's productive hands still nourishes my love-sick heart. Needless would it be for me to numerically extemporize the great conflagration that has been generated in my head and heart. During the region of rightness my intellectual cranium has been entangled in thoughtful attitude after my beloved consort. Nocturnal slumberiessness has been the infirmity which has besieged my now degenerate constitution. My educational capabilities have abandoned me, and I now cling to those lovely tresses of your much-coveted daughter like a mariner shipwrecked on the rock of love. As to my scholastic caliber, I was recently ejected from Calcutta university. I am of lofty and original lineage and of independent incomes, and hoping that having debated this proposition in your preoccupied mind you will concordantly corroborate in espousing your female progeny to my tender bosom and thereby acquire me into your family circle. Your dutiful son-in-law."

Move for Sound Currency.

How the great volume of European currency, unsecured by gold or real estate, is to be reduced is illustrated by what is taking place in Czecho-Slovakia now, says the Milwaukee Journal. This is one of the new states carved out of the old Austro-Hungarian empire. It inherited from the old empire its share of inflated war money—more than 8,000,000,000 crowns, worth in the old days about 20 cents each, but whose present value is around one cent. Czecho-Slovakia realizes that its money must have more value. So in the recent reorganization of its financial system all of the old money was called in and new money issued.

But the volume of new money is 38 per cent less than the old, and the state cannot increase this except by providing adequate security (gold, silver, bonds, commercial paper, warehouse receipts, etc.) upon which to base the issue. Further, plans have been made to withdraw from circulation another 1,500,000,000 crowns.

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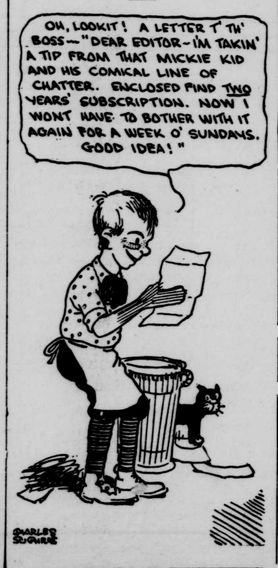
The property consists of Marsh island with 78,000 acres of land, purchased by Mrs. Russell Sage and given to the state as a game refuge, and a tract of 85,000 acres in Vermillion and Cameron parishes, given by the Rockefeller foundation.

Adjoining Marsh island is the present state game farm on land belonging to the McIlhenny interests of 60,000 acres. Lying between is what is known as the grand Chenier tract of 85,000 acres, which the state expects to acquire in the near future.

She Knew It.

When a young man in my late 'teens I picked up a little telegraphy from a friend of mine. One evening we attended a club dance and after having danced with a particularly poor dancer, I drummed on the arm of my chair for my friend's benefit, "poor dancer, stepped all over me." To my utter surprise and humiliation the girl sitting next to me turned and said quietly, "You needn't advertise the fact."—Chicago Tribune.

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