BINGLE AND BUNGLE

The Puckertown Philosophers

By C. DURANT JONES

"Well, I'm glad dog days is over," said Mike Bungle when he saw Ted Bingle enter the Hookworm Club. "It's a mighty dangerous fifty days, but I ain't heerd of no dogs going mad, so the danger is over."

"Well, I swan," said Ted Bingle. "Blamed if I hadn't forget that there was such things as dog days. We ought to be mighty thankful that you got thru 'em safely. With your delicate constitution, you ran an awful lot of danger, and you can't be too careful. It is a marvel to me that you ever escaped. How did you do it?"

"Talk all you want to," growled Mike. "I guess everybody knows that dog days is a good time to be careful. Dogs are more likely to go mad, and I never 'lowed my kids to go in swimmin' in dog days."

"Yes," answered Ted. "It is a good time to be careful. Most any time is a good time to be that. But I reckon that you are about the only feller of ordinary intelligence who believed the things you do. You never heerd of any dogs going mad during dog days, I'll bet. You never heerd of any harm that come to kids goin' in swimmin' in dog days either. But then it might happen. So you had better be mighty careful. I'd watch a few more corners if I was you. If you ever pick up a spade or a hoe, don't start to carry 'm thru a house, or somebody will die inside a year. In fact I s'pose anyone who knew you might drop dead if he saw you carryin' any kind of a tool that looked like work. Then don't let a black cat cross your path. That means something, I forgit what. It is much worse, too, if it is a polecat. Then if I was you I'd carefully bury the looking glass in the back yard, for if you broke it it would mean more trouble. And then I'd never start a job on Friday, if I was you. I guess though, that you are safe there, for I haint heerd lately of you startin' a job on any day. Spect you lost track of the days. Yes, the wisest thing for you to do is to watch all these important points, for the dog days might get you if you don't watch out."

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