OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men

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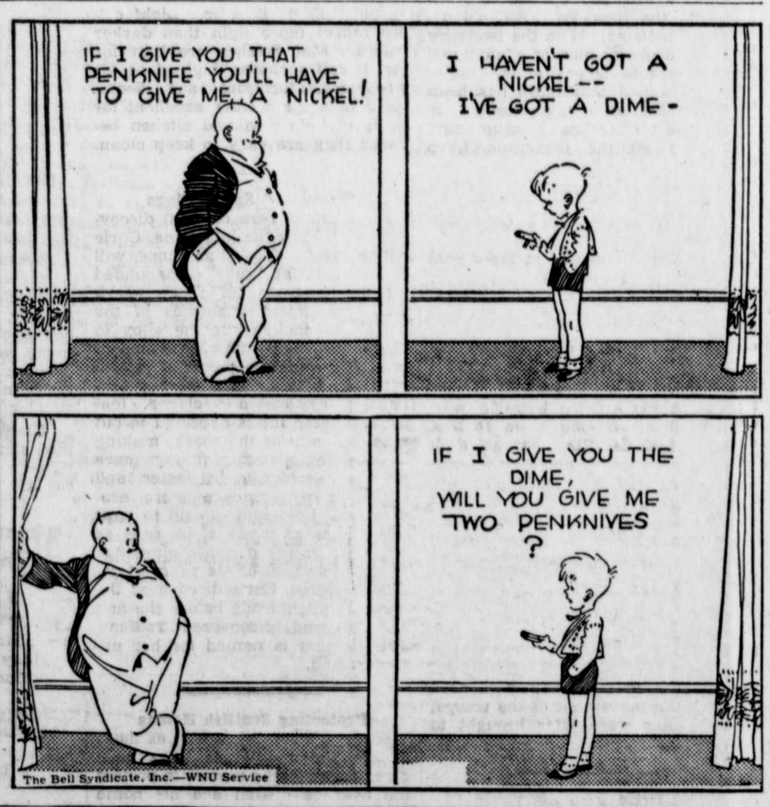

CHARITABLE THOUGHT

"He never thanked you for what you did."

"His gratitude was probably too deep for words."

Party Chatter

A woman on a party line took down the receiver, but the line was in use.

She heard another woman remark, "I just put some beans on to cook, so I thought I'd call you up."

Some time later the first woman again tried to use the line. The other two women were still talking.

Impatient to make her call, the first woman broke in, "Madam, I smell your beans burning."

There was a scream, receivers slammed, and the line was open.

LOTS OF EXCITEMENT

She—What's the excitement in your neighborhood?

He—Going to pool our interests and buy a community watermelon.

THOSE WEEK-END JAIL TERMS

("Under a new law the courts in New York state may let prisoners serve jail terms on a part-time basis. If the convicted man has a job and must serve thirty days, a judge may let him serve it week-ends or on other specified days."—News item.)

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"When I read items like this in the papers these days I never know for certain whether I am reading the funny papers or a report of an actual fact," declared Elmer Twitchell today. "Maybe sentencing men to the hoosegow for breaking the laws and then arranging it so the sentence won't interfere with their lives very much is a swell idea, but it still leaves me dizzy.

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"I always thought the idea of a jail sentence was to teach a lawbreaker a lesson and make him feel crime didn't pay, but if a fellow who cracks a safe, sticks up a bank cashier or ambushes a peaceful pedestrian knows that, even if convicted, the jail term won't be much of a hardship, I give up.

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"The whole theory of punishment used to be that it would at least cause some inconvenience. The authorities used to hold that a term in stir was bound to take an offender away from his regular pastimes and industries. Nobody seemed to feel that these terms should be arranged so the prisoner would hardly notice 'em.

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"It is going to seem funny to me, at least, when I read of a judge saying: 'I find you guilty as charged and sentence you to 60 days in jail. Would you like to serve it all in one lump?'

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"Naturally the prisoner is going to reply: 'Well, I tell you, yerronor, I have a job when I work at it, and it would be a favor to me if I could get back to it and go to jail only after my working hours.'

" 'Just how would you like this jail term arranged?' the judge is going to ask.

" 'I do not work Tuesdays or Fridays, judge. Tuesdays I go to the

ball game, but I would be willing to go to jail Fridays. It rains on a lot of Fridays, anyhow.'

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" 'Well,' the judge will say, 'under this new law I guess Fridays in jail for you will be all right. Would you be able to fix it so you could report at the jail Thursday nights?'

" 'Not very well,' the prisoner will reply. 'My work is rather tiring and I would rather go to jail early Friday morning, say around ten o'clock.'

" 'Couldn't you make it eight o'clock?' the judge will plead.

" 'Not without great inconvenience,' the prisoner will reply.

" 'Very well, I will compromise and make it nine o'clock,' the judge will reply.

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"It is all very interesting if somewhat disturbing," concluded Mr. Twitchell. "I hope the rest of the country don't copy the idea."

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MEMORY

I remember once, so long ago,
  A sweet springtime in the rain—
When a boy took me out riding
  Whom I never met again.
We drove into the country.
  Where the fields with grass were green,
And saw a weathered apple tree—
  The first one we'd ever seen.
It's boughs were bridal robed in white.
  There in the rain it stood.
The boy stopped near and wondered
  If a few stolen blossoms would
Destroy its grace and beauty—
  If it still would be the same.
I can smell the rain-washed petals,
  But I cannot recall his name!

—Sue Saltus.

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Add similes: He was running faster than if he had received an offer of help from England.

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Dewey may be the bright star in the G. O. P. heavens, but look closer and you will see the Willkie Way.

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A soup proof necktie has been perfected. Somebody is always worrying about what happens to the soup.

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DIALOGUES

Q.—How are things at home?

A.—Well, we're not getting on so well since my wife's mother came to live with us.

Q.—The old fifth column, eh?

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Ex-Kaiser (greeting the German troops in Holland)—What detained you?

Performing Miracle With an Old Rocker

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

A CERTAIN Miss Fixit, and that was not really her name, inherited a house full of furniture that was not old enough to be either quaint or antique. One day she sent for my little Book No. 4, and there she found a sketch showing how to plot a room color plan based on a rug, or a picture, or a piece of drapery material with good coloring. Miss Fixit had a picture that she had always loved because of its beautiful colors. Just for fun, as a sort of game,

she made a room color plot based on that picture. Then she suddenly realized that, after all, color is very cheap—anyone can have all they want of it for very little money.

That was really a turning point in the life of Miss Fixit. This old rocker that she made over is merely a sample of what may happen when a clever young lady is bent upon bringing color into her life. The chair has been painted a pale turquoise blue, and the seat cushion and back are covered with an inexpensive chintz in turquoise; cherry red; primrose yellow and deep green, with red bias bindings.

I wish every reader interested in choosing colors for her home might have a copy of my Book 4. It contains an illustrated rule for making a room color plan, based on the colors in a picture a rug; a vase; or a piece of drapery material with lovely colorings. The rule is so clear and easily understood that I am sure every reader of these weekly articles would be delighted to have a copy. To get your copy, send 10 cents in coin and ask for Book 4. Address:

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ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What is the difference between a planet and a star?
2. How often does a canary's heart beat per minute? An elephant's?
3. Is jerked venison smoked, fried or sun dried?
4. What is the fifth estate?
5. What great midwestern city was named by Indians after Sikak (the skunk)?
6. How many vice presidents of the United States later became Presidents?
7. If one had a match and went into a dark room with a lamp, a cigarette and an oil stove, which would one light first?
8. What is a pirogue—a variety of orchid, a rascal, or a dugout canoe?

The Answers

1. A planet shines by reflected light, a star is self-luminous.
2. Canary's, 1,000 times per minute. Elephant's, 25 beats per minute.
3. Sun dried.
4. A class or estate after the traditional four, as scientists have been termed the fifth estate.
5. Chicago.
6. Nine. Adams, Jefferson, Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson, Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt and Coolidge.
7. The match.
8. A dug-out canoe.

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