FABLES IN SLANG

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The New Fable of the Through Train, the Two Passengers and Nothing Doing in the Way of Transfers.

Two High School Heliotropes named Lib and Angie were very Thick. They had themselves photographed with their Heads together and used to Dab themselves with the same Piece of Chamois.

Whenever Lib got a new Patch for her Silk Crazy Quilt she would divide with Angie on a 50-50 Basis. And whenever Angie got ready to sleep on a Piece of Wedding Cake she would pinch out a good sizable Hunk for Lib.

Each Girl kept a Nightie at the Other Girl's House and, long after they had retired, the Inmates would hear smothered Giggles, interspersed with Fragments of what He said to Her and what She said to Him.

The Period of their Adolescence was about 30 years ago, when Romance was still alive and Knighthood was in Flower around every Dancing Academy West of Pittsburgh.

The two Chums had made a Pact. They were to be Friends forever and ever and over and neither was to hold out anything from the other.

Each carried in a Locket a Four-Leaf Clover presented by One to whom she had bared her Soul.

After supplementing the Graded Schools with a full course of Mrs. Southworth and learning to play "The Maiden's Prayer" on the Melodeon, naught remained for them in the way of passionate Diversion except to go ahead and get Married.

They waited three years for the Fairy Prince of their Dreams to come clattering down Main Street in his Coach all White and Gold, and then began to mistrust the Schedule. So they effected the usual Compromise, falling gracefully into the awkward Embraces of two cornfed Lizards named Otis and Wilbur.

In the Shake-off it befell that Angie got Wilbur and Lib drew Otis. The two Brides were somewhat envied, as Wilbur was a Good-Looker with raven Pompadour and large snappy Eyes, while Otis was supposed to possess the Faculty of copping the Mazume.

However, the purpose of this Fable is to indicate that each Gal found out

Had Themselves Photographed With Their Heads Together.

too late that she had Dutched her Book and backed into the wrong Paddock.

Fate separated the Young Couples and many a Full Moon departed itself before Lib and Angie had another chance to get away by themselves and fill up on Oolong and cautiously exhibit their Wounds.

Wilbur was a Hustler who lacked Terminal Facilities. He was full of St. Vitus Activity and was always transferring a lot of Papers from one Pocket to another and getting ready to interest Capital in some Megatherian Enterprise paying 20 per cent per Annum, but somehow he never Arrived.

While negotiating for a Rubber Plantation in Yucatan he would hear about Two Million Acres waiting to be Irrigated in Colorado, but before he could turn on the Water he would be lured away by the Prospect of developing some Monte Carlo Proposition upon the Mesabe Range.

In the meantime he wore Celluloid Collars and owed for every Round Steak that he had carried home during the preceding Five Years.

Otis, on the Other Hand, played nothing but Cinches. He was out for the Pastry. It was not his Fault if the Widows and Orphans who invested on his Tips all wound up as Department Store Employes.

He double-crossed his Partners and whipsawed his Customers and blinded the Courts and bulled his way into the Strongholds of Finance.

While the U. S. Grand Jury would be in Session, trying to get him with the Goods, he would be motoring in Kentucky and tossing Showers of Silver to the Peasantry.

Do not mistrust the Tale, for every Buccaneer from Broad Street, N. Y., to the St. Francis Bar at the Golden Gate, was once a Poor Boy with Store Clothes on his Back and Grand Larceny in his Heart.

When Angie went to visit Lib, after the Lapse of Many Years, you can Gamble that they had Some Talk to unload.

Angie carried a Wicker Suit-Case costing $1.98 and her General Get-Up was that of the Honest Creature who may be found in any Hotel Corridor at 2 A. M. massaging the Mosaic Floor with a Hot Cloth.

"Get me!" said Wilbur's wife, dropping wearily to a Divan in the Style of Louis Quatorze. "Pipe the Lid! It is a 1906 Model and the Aigrette is made of Broom Straw. Take a Peek at the shine Tailor-Made and the Paper Shoes. Ever since they wished that False Alarm on to me I have been giving a correct Imitation of Lizzie the Honest Working Girl. Each Evening he comes home to give me a Sweet Kiss and promises me a Trip to Europe and a Set of Gray Squirrels, and next Morning, when I get up to remove the Oatmeal from the Fireless Cooker, I find on the Back Porch a large Roughneck in a Sweater who has come to shut off the Gas or take away the Parlor Furniture. Then I think of you, with your Closets hanging full of fluffy Frocks and your Fingers crowded with Jewels and your Man rushing in every few Minutes to slap you in the Face with a Hundred Dollar Bill. You can take it from me, Dearie, I would jump the whole Game, were it not for the Children. I have put in my whole Life trying to realize something on a Promissory Note that was a Bloomer to begin with. He has kidded me along ever since the World's Fair at Chicago, feeding me on Canned Stuff and showing me pictures of Electric Runabouts and Country Places on Long Island. In the Meantime I am playing in Great Luck if I can get a Trolley Car to stop for me."

At this point the Wife of Otis arose and, pulling the rose-colored Silk Wrapper more closely about her made-to-order Form, interrupted with an Imperious Gesture.

"Back up, Angie!" she exclaimed. "You should be a Happy Woman. You have your Husband's Love and you have your Children, both of which are denied a Woman of my Assured Position in the Two Minute Class of the Terrible Spenders. Talk about Hardships! Do you know what it is to lead the Grand March, surrounded by 800 Assegai-Throwers, Harpooners and Cannibal Queens, who are pointing you out as the Wife of the Malefactor who is about to be Tried in the Federal Courts? Did you ever Stagger around all Evening with $100,000 worth of Tiffany Merchandise fastened on to you—expecting every Minute to be hit in the Coiffure by some Raffles? Did you ever, during a Formal Dinner, hear the Door Bell tinkle and find in the Hallway a Reporter from a Morning Paper who wishes to ask your Husband if he denies his Guilt or can give any Reason why Sentence of Death should not be passed upon him? Are you Wise to the Fact that the Wife of a Successful Business Man now occupies a Niche in the Hall of Fame right next to the Sister of Jesse James? You are in Great Luck. No one takes a Shot at a Failure."

Having arrived at this cordial Understanding, each leaned against the other and had a Good Cry, after which they chirked up and paid a lot of attention to a well-preserved Bachelor who dropped in to get warm and take a slight Fall out of the Side-Board.

MORAL: When Wealth walks in at the Door, the Press Agent comes in through the Window.

One Hundred Years Ago.

One hundred years ago Andrew Jackson, the future president, was appointed a major general in the United States army, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Henry Harrison. The appointment was in recognition of General Jackson's distinguished services in the war with the Creek Indians. The Legislature of Mississippi territory voted him a sword, and numerous other honors were bestowed upon him. General Jackson, immediately upon his appointment as major general, was assigned to the command of the Army of the South and in July he assumed command at Fort Jackson, on the Mississippi river, about 65 miles below New Orleans. Here he met the chiefs of the Creek Indians, and after much diplomacy negotiated terms of peace known as the treaty of Fort Jackson.

But Something to Dream Over.

Suspicious Mama—Ethel, what detained you at the door just now when Mr. Spooner went away?"

Ethel (smoothing her rumpled hair)—Nothing to speak of, mama.

Doubtful.

"Is Higgins enjoying his new automobile?"

"I don't think so. He has not been arrested once since he had it for exceeding the speed limit."

IRELAND MAKING BID CAPTURE NEW MARKETS

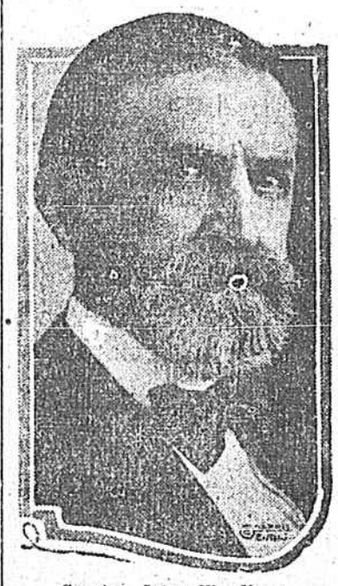
Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 11.—Ireland is making a bold bid for the capture of several markets hitherto dominated by "enemy traders." Toys, carpets, and cigarettes are the most successful examples of new industries thus far developed.

The new workshops for the manufacture of dolls and toys have attracted large numbers of girl and women workers who were thrown out of employment by the hard times prevailing in the lace and millinery trade in Belfast and Dublin. The financial results of the new enterprise are said to be most encouraging.

The "Turkish" carpets made in Ireland are of a type which experts declare destined to deceive even the elect of Constantinople. It is notable that one of the largest of recent orders comes from Egypt. The manufacture of hand-tufted carpets is about fifteen years old in County Donegal, and gives employment to hundreds of peasants who have inherited through all the troubled ages of Irish history, the subtle "knack" for form and color that distinguished their Celtic ancestors.

Cigarette factories have sprung up as if by magic in several cities, and are employing great numbers of nimble-fingered girls. There is also talk of a commercial glass factory in Dublin.

Again Heads Democratic Caucus of Senate.



Senator John W. Kern.

Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, has been reelected to the chairmanship of the senate democratic caucus. His election took place at the first meeting of the caucus several days ago. It is sure he will see some noble battles before the fights over many senate questions are fought to a finish.

English of the Diamond.

In the National League is an umpire who is a stickler for correct deportment on the diamond. In a game in which he officiated at the Polo grounds early in the season, as Chief Meyers, the Indian catcher for New York, came to bat, certain of the Boston players sitting on their bench began to guy the brawny red man.

In an instant the umpire had left his place behind the catcher and was running toward the sivitors' bombproof.

"Cut out them personalities!" he ordered. "Cut out them personalities!"

As he turned away a high-pitched voice filtered out from the grand stand behind him, saying:

"Cut out them grammer!"—Saturday Evening Post.

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We have an excellent line of combs in all sizes, grades and kinds. We can suit your taste and purse at the same time.

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Dollar Watches

Your boy, or girl either, for that matter, would be delighted with one of our "Rexall" dollar watches. They are well worth what we ask and more, too. They are Guaranteed for a years time. They give service, usually, for a longer period than that.

Safety Razors

Today, there are five times as many safety razors used as there are of the old style razors. If you are at a loss for what to give "him," give him a Safety Razor. You'll hit the nail on the head, exactly, if he hasn't one.

Collar Bags

No gentleman can well do without a collar bag. It hangs, or rests on the top of his dresser where it is always convenient, and it keeps his collars free from dirt and dust. It is an indispensible adjunct to a gentleman's wardrobe.

Thermos Bottles

This wonderful invention keeps liquids either hot or cold, according to your wish. It is one of the most convenient articles to have in the house, on a trip into the country or on the train. It is invaluable for keeping baby's milk either hot or cold, just as the mother wishes.

Soap Boxes

This is an unusual gift; yet it is one that will be appreciated, especially by one who boards, or who travels. We have some very pretty ones at prices to suit.

Cigarette Cases

Here is something that every cigarette smoker always wants, especially if it is a handsome one, and one that holds his cigarettes so that they do not mash or crumple up. Those we have are the very best made, and we have some specially pretty ones, too.

Candy

THANKSGIVING without turkey and Christmas without Huyler's would be like Shakespeare's Hamlet with Hamlet left out. So don't try to play an abbreviated Hamlet this Xmas.

We've received a THOUSAND POUNDS of Huyler's direct from New York by express for the Holidays, so if you care for "her" you won't allow her to be left out, nor will you try to substitute some inferior candy. You may not think "she" knows the difference, but if she's the "class" that we think she is, she knows the difference and will set you down as a "cheap skate" if your box doesn't bear the standard of

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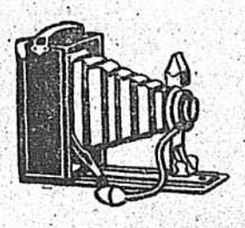

The gift that keeps the picture story of every youthful interest—School days and sports, the winter and summer outings, the city boy's trip to the country and the country boy's trip to the city. In all these there is fun in the picture taking and afterwards both fun and satisfaction in possession.

Our Christmas stock of Kodaks and Brownies is particularly complete. Let us show you.

Evans' Pharmacy

Three Stores

Cigars

Have you ever, unobserved, watched a gentleman smoke his after dinner cigar? Doesn't he enjoy every whif of it? He does! Now, if "He" smokes, give him a box of his favorite cigars. We carry a very large line of the very best cigars sold, and the chances are that we know the exact brand that he prefers. Drop in, and let us advise you about it.

Brass Goods

We are showing a beautiful line of brass jardinieres, brass fern dishes, and ash trays, etc., that have already attracted considerable favorable attention. These make useful and pretty Xmas presents, too. They are not at all expensive.

Mesh Bags

No lady ever had too many purses, hand bags, or mesh bags; and as the mesh bags are the very thing just now, you could not go wrong in giving one to a lady or young girl. We have them at very moderate prices, and some a little more expensive.

Pocket Books

Pocket books are used daily by men and women, and they serve to remind one of the donor for months and months to come. We have a nice showing of pocket books in a great array of different styles.

Handkerchief Cases

Here is a very useful, as well as ornamental present that will be prized highly by either a lady or gentleman. We have some very pretty ones, and their price is not at all high.

Card Cases

Styles in card cases change every year or so, and while you may think that your wife, daughter or sweetheart has a card case, the chances are that they would like very much to have another. Look these over! Chances are that we've got what "she" wants.

Stationery

Our showing of nice quality paper, envelopes, correspondence cards, etc., is as good or better than shown elsewhere in the city. We have beautiful Holiday boxes of nice stationery at very reasonable prices.

Hand Painted China

No lady can resist the beauty and elegance of hand painted china. We have some beautiful pieces, and they serve to remind the recipient of you for years to come. Priced very reasonable.

Cut Glass Dishes

We have some cut glass dishes that would delight any housekeeper, and add dazzling beauty and elegance to any dining table. "She" would be delighted with one of these pieces of cut glass, and we won't take your bank roll, either.