

Humorous Department.

Fall Was Sufficient.—It was an Irishman's first visit to the wilds of America, and, strange to say, he was soon fast friends with an American.

The American was a dead shot. One day while they were strolling together through the backwoods the American, wishing to show off his shooting abilities, said:

"Say, pard, d'ye see that bi-rd high up yonder tree?"

"Yes," answered the Irishman. "Waal," replied Sam, "I'll get that bird first shot."

As he spoke he raised his gun to his shoulders, took careful aim, and fired. It was a good shot, and the bird, after several somersaults, fell at their feet.

The American picked it up. "I guess I've killed this bi-rd, pard," he drawled proudly.

The Irishman pondered a while, then said: "O'm glad it's only guessin' ye are, for the fall was enough to kill it."

Small Matter.—"Madam, your house is on fire," said the man. "What did you say," asked the woman.

"Madam, your house is on fire," he returned.

"What's that?" with her hand behind her ear.

"House on fire," the man yelled. "Oh, is that all?" said the woman, still failing to understand.

"Well, said the man, "it's all I am thinking of right now."

Oh!—A famous actress was at a big reception. She was asked by her host to recite something. She could think of nothing to suit the occasion and begged to be let off with a short selection in her native language.

Her audience could not understand a word, but were enthralled by her gestures and tones. She received tremendous applause.

Just before the guest went, her hostess said: "Do tell me what you recited."

"It has no name," said the actress. I was counting from 1 to 230—in Polish.

On the Square.—"We had quite a game up to the boarding house last night."

"Poker?"

"No. The landlady was going to lick one of the boys for not paying his board, I tried to checker, she jumped me, crowned him and told us both to move."

"Did you do it?"

"Chess."

Mistaken Identity.—"Cap'n, suh," explained the unbleached motorcycle courier who had unsuccessfully attempted to navigate a French highway in night traffic, "everything was jest goin' along fine, and den Ah see mah chance to dodge in between two motorcycles."

"Well, what of it?"

"Dat's all dey was to it, Cap'n suh. Dem two motorcycles was a truck."

Ways to Do It.—Brewster would have no trouble spending his millions these days:

- 1. Cash a check for an "old friend."
2. Buy oil stock.
3. Bet on a sure winner.
4. Donate to a Democratic campaign fund.
5. Live at a hotel for a week.
6. Stock up his basement.

The Psychological Moment.—Reginald was trembling but he knew the music must be faced.

"Shall I ask your father for his consent tonight, darling?" he inquired.

"You had better," spoke up the small brother unexpectedly from behind the sofa. "Pa's in his stocking feet."

Recount Demanded.—A member of parliament recently became a parent. On announcing the news the doctor exclaimed, gleefully: "I congratulate you, sir; you are the father of triplets."

The politician was astounded.

"No, no, no," he replied, with more than parliamentary emphasis. "There must be some mistake in the returns. I demand a recount!"

Atta Boy!—A messenger boy in the Broadway office of a telegraph company is always reading lurid novels. The manager said to him one day:

"Charlie, what's your ambition in life?"

"The boy put down his Indian story and said gravely:

"To have peope tremble like leaves at the mention of my name."

Money Earned.—The pompous magistrate, who had just been put up for parliament, glared over his spectacles at the tattered prisoner who was dragged before him on a charge of vagrancy. "Have you ever earned a shilling in your life?" he snapped.

"Yes, your honor," was the reply. "I voted for you at the last election."

Very Engaging.—"I don't think Mr. Bunker is much of a conversationalist," observed Miss Elder.

"Well, he came to me last night," replied Miss Young, as she carelessly twirled a new ring on the third finger of her left hand, "and I found his conversation quite engaging."

Business Associates.—"Who's the swell guy you was just talkin' to?" asked Tony the bootblack.

"Aw, him and me's worked together for years," answered Mickey the newsboy. "He's the editor of one of our papers."

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man to a representative of the Yorkville Enquirer yesterday. "I learned Saturday," he went on "of the coming in of a pretty good sum on application that had been approved just before the bank had to suspend further advances for lack of funds. As I understand it all these old applications are to be satisfied first and then new applications are to be taken care of in the order of their filing. There are quite a number of applications in throughout this section, and I think that the improvement in financial conditions will be quite noticeable before a great while."

Putting on Penalties.—The auditor's office is engaged in adding penalties to the charges against delinquent taxpayers, 1 per cent. for January, 2 per cent. for February, March and April and 7 per cent. for May. These penalties go on automatically as they are incurred; but the actual entry on the books is not so automatic. That means work, long-tedious painstaking work, and all this work is necessary before executions commence. Most of the executions are against small taxpayers, but a few large ones are included in the list.

FEDERAL PATRONAGE

No Important New Developments as to South Carolina.

Washington, May 28.—There is very little that is new to report in connection with the distribution of South Carolina patronage in so far as any information that is to be obtained at this end of the line is concerned. Friends and associates of Jos. W. Tolbert, national committeeman, say that they are not getting their business attended to as rapidly as they would like; but they explain that the delay is due more than anything else to the chaotic condition of affairs incident to extensive changes in the personnel of the departments.

The post office department is in better working shape than any of the other departments and progress here seems to be quite satisfactory. A number of recommendations have already been approved and others will be approved later. There seems to be very little doubt that Mr. Tolbert will have things his own way here.

Also so far as can be ascertained there will be no opposition to Mr. Tolbert's choice for district attorney and collector of internal revenue and announcements of appointments are expected within the next few days.

MERE MENTION

Twelve American sailors from the flagship Huron were wounded in a street fight with Japanese in Shanghai, China, on Sunday of last week. A number of Japanese were also hurt. Congress was not in session last Saturday or yesterday, having adjourned over until today because of memorial day. Russian Soviet

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Trades Union are said to have sent the British coal strikers \$100,000 in gold to help them in their fight. Sheriff A. G. Catron, of Walker county, Ga., was fatally wounded in a fight with picketers at Lookout Mountain last Saturday and died after being carried to Unatanooga for treatment. Two Moroccan sharpshooters were contacted by the French war council a few days ago of the murder of a German engineer. One of them was shot and the other was sentenced to life imprisonment. Germany made her first reparations payment of \$200,000,000 in Paris on Friday. It was the largest single payment that has ever been made in the history of the world. Recent advances in the price of wheat have been stimulating the hopes of farmers of the northwest. Bitter feeling that may easily develop into war exists between the British and the Turkish Angora government. The Turks threaten to fire on a British warship that is proceeding to Adalia to release eleven British sailors that the Turks recently took upon to account for the hanging of Mustapha Cahir, a British Indian subject, convicted by the Turks as a spy. Arthur Hanna, a lumber broker of Lexington, Ky., killed his wife on Saturday night, claiming that he thought she was a burglar. He has been arrested on the charge of murder. So far Georgia peach growers have shipped 2,000 cars of peaches to the northern markets. Lieutenant George Rowe, of Boston, Mass., a navy aviator, was killed last Saturday when his airplane went down on North Island, near San Diego, Cal. Chief Machinist mate James P. Dudley, was seriously wounded at the same time. Utah is having serious trouble with the Ute Indians, following the killing of one of the Indians for stealing cattle.

The Townsend, \$200,000,000 good roads bill was endorsed last Friday by highway officials of North Carolina and Maryland. Colonel B. Cameron of the North Carolina commission told the senate postoffice and roads committee he favored the plan for a separate highway commission, as proposed by the Townsend bill, believing highway matters should be taken from

the jurisdiction of the department of agriculture and placed with a separate government agency. He contends, generally, that the question of states rights in selecting highways for improvement should be observed, but said the government should have the right to designate highways on which its money should be spent. Phillip B. Perlman, secretary of state Maryland, also endorsing the Townsend bill generally, suggested amendments which might, he said, nullify the \$28,000,000 spent by Maryland in building 1,700 miles of improved roads. The federal commission, he said should not have power to require specific road widths under penalty of refusing all federal aid.

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