

HIS JINX AT WORK

Traveler Felt It When He Saw Those Whiskers.

But That Didn't Prevent Him "Falling" for Probably the Oldest "Sucker" Game in Existence, and Then Kicking.

"Nice day!" said the stout man as he lowered himself on the seat beside me in the day car with a parlor-car look. "Nice," I remarked just to humor him, although I must say that I always try to avoid a man who wears whiskers. This man was wearing a No. 5 face fungus with ear flaps. I thought at first of asking him if he had to take out a license for his face trimmings. But, after all, I felt that he had a kind face—what I could see of it—behind the shrubbery, as it were.

"Are you a commercial traveler?" he asked, stroking his beard to starboard. "No," I replied, "but I once had a fourth cousin who did seven years in jail for another offense. That was the only member of my family who strayed from the narrow path of virtue."

"Lucky for you!" he snapped out, pushing his plantation in my face. "It's a dog's life. Everywhere you go people talk about the peace."

"Ah!" I interposed, "there is a peace on, then? I thought I saw something about it in the press."

"Are you an American?" he rapped out, getting nasty.

"Yes," I said. "Are you? Or do you live in Hoboken, N. J.?" I felt I would like to have struck a match and started a bush fire around the wooded portion of his face.

"I see you have some cuts on your face," he remarked.

"Yes. My tonsorial artist illustrated me with some funny cuts."

"Ah!" he slipped in. "You should shave yourself and you would never have a face like that."

I should like to have told him that his was no oil painting. Especially did I hate his face mats. I detest a man who tries to look venerable by wearing face mats, when underneath he may have the chin of a criminal.

"Do you wear those germ traps on purpose?" I asked curiously.

"Them's camouflage," he said. "Just to show what people look like when they don't shave. I travel for Raxro's safety razors, \$2.50 each, and seeing you're a nice sort of a boob I can do you one for \$2. Here is the last one I have."

I took it. If it had been a scythe I should have had a harvest with his beard.

Then I fell to thinking of his whiskers again. They were the most vile whiskers I had ever seen. They stood out at all angles from his face. I

couldn't make up my mind whether I should like him better with or without them. But I was quite prepared to get a lawn mower and try.

"Seeing you are a good business man," he went on, "what about a nice pipe lighter? I have a really good line at 25 cents each. Sorry I haven't got one with me, but I can send it on. Never fails, and always lights a pipe or cigarette. In fact, it is one of the best pipe lighters ever invented. Just give me 25 cents and your address and I will send it along."

Of course I fell. I handed him the quarter and got out at the next station. Some days later a package arrived at my villa. Here was the pipe lighter.

Breathlessly I opened the package, eager to see the contrivance. It was—Yes, a match. I gulped two mouthfuls of fresh air and threw my cigarette in the porridge.

And that is why, when I meet a man with a full set of face mats, I always say—(Oh no, you don't. Not here, at any rate.—Editor.)—Walter Stuart Marsden in Pennsylvania Grit.

Bolsheviks Got Diamonds.

Diamonds, rubies, radium and just ordinary gold have been discovered in the Kola peninsula, Russia, it was said by James Patrick Woods, a sailor, who arrived at New York recently on the Matrosina. He was booked by the transport officials as "a destitute seaman."

Woods says he went to Russia on a cargo vessel and was left there on account of illness. He went prospecting at a place called Kendaloska. In a creek, he says, he found "pecks and pecks of diamonds." He also found rubies, and sat down on a rock only to find the rock was pure gold. He also discovered coal veins and radium. "I had my pockets full of diamonds," he said, "but the bolsheviks took them away from me. I am going to organize a company and go back."

Munition Work Not Injurious.

Dr. Rhoda H. B. Adamson in an article recently published in a London periodical undertakes to prove that the work done by women during the war in the engineering trades has not injured their health. Her conclusions are drawn after a year and a half spent as medical supervisor of several thousand women working in munition factories. The applicants for work were given a thorough physical examination and assigned to work commensurate with their strength. Other examinations were made from time to time, which showed no bad results from the work the women were doing.

Worse Punishment.

"Do you think the food profiteers should be sent to jail?"

"Well, I don't know. This morning I thought the profiteer should have been made to eat the egg he sold me as being strictly fresh."

Genuine Ambition Is Key to the Treasure Box of Success in Our Life Work

"No chance" has ever been the excuse of weaklings, of those who fail. Interview the great army of failures, writes O. S. Marden in the New Success, and most of them will tell you that they never had an opportunity like others, that there was no one to help them, no one to give them a boost. They will tell you that the good places were all filled, that every occupation or profession was crowded, that there was no chance for them because all the good opportunities had gone by. Yet probably there is not one of them who did not have a better opportunity than did Abraham Lincoln, the backwoods boy, or Booker T. Washington, the slave boy.

I have never known a fellow who had winning material in him to complain that he never had a chance. It is difficult to conceive an environment so forbidding that it would have kept certain men from becoming successful. There was too much yeast in them. They had too vigorous an ambition to let obstacles stand in the way of their success. Circumstances have no power to keep down a youth who is made of the right stuff.

Energy is always at a premium. Determination never goes begging for a chance. There is nothing which commands such a price in the market as genuine ambition, an unwavering resolution, a tenacious purpose to achieve something worth while in life. There is no success lever equal to the unflinching resolve to succeed in spite of any and all obstacles or personal handicaps.

Numerous Articles That Are in Common Use Are Given Misleading Names

Articles in common use that have misleading names are responsible for many mistaken notions, says Pacific Travel. Nothing is more natural than to assume that India ink comes from India, but it does not, any more than does India rubber. The former comes from China and should be called Chinese ink, as it is in France, while India rubber comes from Central and South America. Camel hair brushes are not made from the hair of camels, but from the tails of Russian and Siberian squirrels. Genuine French brier root pipes are not made from the roots of brier, but from the root of a white heath, which reaches a considerable size, and is cultivated in the south of France. Silkworms are not worms, but caterpillars; sealing wax contains no wax; heartburn has nothing to do with the heart and sweet spirits of niter contain no niter. Finally, a centipede hasn't 100 feet. The largest of them has only 80 feet.

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