

# 'Wise Guys' Prove to Be Prize Dupes

## Donate Millions Annually for Worthless Stocks.

New York.—It is possible, from all accounts, here in this advanced year of 1932, to sell a "stock minded" New Yorker a nice choice patch of the blue sky over his head—or even a few shares of stock in the whole empyrean expanse of it.

The thing is being done, for a fact, every day in the week. Data compiled by the state's attorney general's office show that the glibble "wise men of Gotham," and their fellow citizens upstate, are investing upwards of \$48,000,000 of good United States money annually in just such worthless securities, and in this apparent oblivion of the fact that the worst depression in all history is hitting on eight cylinders. The antediluvian vintage of some of the schemes they fall for and the wide publicity given the racket apparently makes no difference whatever in their equations.

Since the big boom that rose to such dizzy heights and made so many paper fortunes for those who rode with it back in 1929, the public has gone thoroughly "stock minded." It is possible nowadays to sell the average New Yorker a few shares in almost any old that comes to mind, providing he has enough left from the slump to meet the first payment.

### \$48,000,000 "Invested."

The public's known "investments" in fake stock during the last calendar year amounted to \$48,352,463, according to statistics gathered by the state bureau of statistics, which was set up by the attorney general's office to ferret out and block "blue sky" ventures. The total may have been considerably more. More than 1,500 of the victims complained to the bureau and sought its help in avenging their wrongs or recovering a part of their lost funds.

The bureau was instrumental in compelling the restitution of \$1,735,963 and in having some 114 of the concerns specializing in such "stock" placed in the hands of receivers and 146 of the individual promoters hated to bar for criminal prosecution. But, as the comparison shows, this was only a drop in the bucket.

The report, while rejoicing that substantial progress was being made in curbing the gentry, was driven to the mournful conclusion that "it is probably true that the glibble investor will remain ever with us, but it is hoped that the enforcement of the Martin act, with consequent publicity, coupled with the recent disastrous experience of the general public in wildcat speculation, has done much to educate the prospective purchaser in the selection of proper investments."

### They Come and Go.

Under the Martin act, as amended last year, the attorney general is empowered to bring permanent injunctions against persons selling fraudulent securities in this state to prevent their dealing in any securities. Such suits have been instrumental in closing out scores of bucket shops and kindred concerns in the last year. However, new ones seem to spring up in their places, and an army of fake salesmen blossom out to replace every one put away by process of law. As one ob-

## "Doubles" for Her Dad



Miss Joan Baker, daughter of Reginald (Snowy) Baker, one of the most famous athletes that ever lived. Her father, an Australian, died in the World war, but his memory is always carried on because of the fact that Miss Joan is the image of her father.

server was moved to comment recently, the stock racket salesmen seem to have overlooked the fact that a severe business depression is on. More than 50 per cent of the known victims are women, a big proportion of them housewives.

Widows with new inheritances are favorite baits with the roustabouts, and the "sucker lists" are filled with the names of well-to-do, bereaved ladies who have no husbands to say them "nay."

## Austrian Dictator



Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss of Austria, who is ruling the nation under dictatorial powers following the refusal of President Wilhelm Miklas to accept the resignation of the entire cabinet.

## Cleric, Denied Lincoln Prayer, Is Nearing 100

Berlin, Md.—Remembered as "the minister who refused to pray for Lincoln," Rev. Littleton P. Bowen, retired Presbyterian minister of Berlin, soon will round out one hundred years. Rev. Bowen, who will reach the

## Punts Put to Practical Use



In the summer punting on the Thames is a main source of exercise and sport, but in the spring when the famous river becomes swollen and overflows, then the punts are pressed into service for a more important mission. At Maidenhead, England, they are being used to transport dwellers from their marooned homes. Even this baby in his carriage can be accommodated by the flat bottomed boat.

century mark June 5, was a firm southern sympathizer during the Civil war. He had a pastorate in Milford, Del., at the time of Lincoln's assassination in Washington.

News of the tragedy reached Milford on April 15, 1865, and the following Sunday a grim delegation of union sympathizers met Bowen in the vestry of the Milford Presbyterian church, threatening him with death unless he said "something nice about Lincoln."

Throughout his sermon, Bowen made no mention of the martyred President, though here and there throughout the audience could be seen the menacing gleam of half-raised horse pistols.

There was no shooting, however, and after the services were over friends escorted the minister to his home.

"I did not pray for Lincoln because of my conviction that church and politics do not mix," Reverend Bowen afterwards stated in explanation. "I am not sorry."

## Unpopularity

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Late Dean of Men,  
University of Illinois.



Smithers was unpopular, there was really no denying the fact. If you asked one of his neighbors about him, you were likely to get a shake of the head or a shrug of the shoulders or a lifting of the eyebrows. People didn't like him. As one of his acquaintances said: "He hasn't a friend in the world." And yet Smithers had many good points. He was intelligent;

his judgment in a critical situation could always be depended upon, when he could be brought to the point of expressing an opinion. He was loyal to his friends or to those whom he considered his friends. He would go far to get a friend out of a hole. When you stood off and viewed him from a distance, he seemed to have very many of the qualities which make for friendship and popularity. He never agreed with anybody. Even a trifling statement would challenge his interest. "I think you are quite wrong," he would say, and he would then point out the alleged inaccuracies in what was more than likely a most harmless statement. Even if we are wrong, few of us like to be shown up before a crowd of friends, and especially if the error is of little importance.

No matter what was being discussed Smithers was likely to assume an air of complete superiority.

No one could ever mention the name of a distinguished man with whom Smithers was not intimately acquainted. Whether it was baseball or biology, politics or prohibition in which he shone, Smithers could always tell you more about him than you had ever imagined.

"Jim Weston?" he would say. "Sure I knew him at Burlington," or it might be Budapest or at Bolivia. There

## ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



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OVER HALF THE  
MEAT CONSUMED IN  
THE U.S. COMES  
FROM HOGS.

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LIGHT (BLUE AND ULTRA-  
VIOLET RAYS ONLY) PEN-  
ETRATES TO A DEPTH OF  
3,250 FEET.

DAILY DRINK—  
A SUNFLOWER  
PLANT REQUIRES  
A QUART OF  
WATER A DAY.

## The Household

By LYDIA LE BARON WALKER

It is a good thing for a house when the homemaker entertains. This asset is entirely apart from personal enjoyment, the pleasure of having one's friends about one, and of helping them to pass hours of pleasure under your roof tree. It is solely from the viewpoints of the benefits which accrue to the house itself.

When a woman is going to entertain her eyes become very critical toward things which are not quite right in the house. They notice little details which pass unobserved during the usual routine. This is because she is seeing things in a new light, that is as they would appear if she were entering the home of some one else. It is probably just what the rooms need.

Since she sees from the outsider's observation, discrepancies are plain. The lighting fixtures need dusting and globes polishing. Rugs are not arranged to best advantage, they must be placed differently. Chair back and arm pieces can stand laundering again. Dust is discovered on baseboards which have been overlooked. Volumes in bookshelves do not stand erect.

Pleasant Restorations. There are a thousand and one little things which pass unnoticed until company is invited. Then the little house has its innings in restoration. Sometimes this goes into more important matters than the little details named. What better time to get the rug so needed for the dining room, than when it will lend more interest to the room? So the dining room may get the benefit of the entertainment.

If it is decided that the rug cannot be acquired just then, the next best thing is done, and the rug gets a thorough cleaning, or a beating and shampoo, so that it looks its best. All floors are given thorough cleaning with mops, or vacuum cleaners, or brooms.

Silverware comes in for its due share of attention. Pieces seldom used are brought out and polished until they shine like mirrors, or have the refurbishing suited to their style of finish. It does them good to be so cared for. Mirrors are washed until no speck or suggestion of dust or film mars their beauty of reflections. Table covers and napery get special laundering.

The homemaker finds herself enjoying the results of her labors many a day after the party is a thing of the past. The house has benefited, and it

repays for the effort in its improved appearance.

## Good Cheer in the Home.

There has never been a time in the history of the United States when home cheer was more important. The business world is still in the throes of post-war financial readjustments. The disturbances of the world outside the four walls of a home are disquieting to mental peace. Business acumen has to be keen to meet extraordinary monetary situations, and successfully cope with them. Men and women who are in any way involved or associated with commercial or professional transactions are seeking to find or to keep firm footholds in the shifting sands of these financial times. There is turmoil. There is mental distraction. There is unrest in the psychological atmosphere all of which things are disturbing to peace, and the cheer and comfort which is attendant upon it.

The term cheer leader, so well recognized in the field of sports, may well be applied to the person in a family who is able to arouse good cheer in his members. This family cheer, while it differs in its form of expression from one of merely shouting to raise the morale of players, is even more needed in its smaller field of the home. Its quieter method is as successful in elevating the family spirits as the vociferous noise of many voices under the direction of a good cheer leader is effective over a sport group. It takes tact, not tactics to imbue a home with cheer. The home cheer leader cannot relax her own enthusiasm for happiness, but it has to be tempered with a sympathetic appreciation of outside contacts with turmoil.

The one who is best fitted, usually, in a family to be the cheerful inspiration is the wife and mother.

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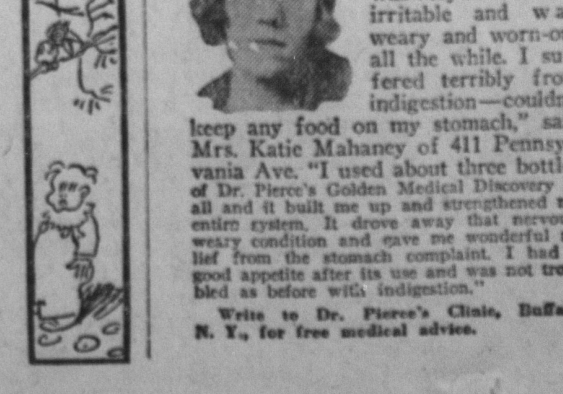
## Back to the Nineties



The big reverts on this coat date back to the nineties, but the other details of this referer style in navy wool are decidedly new.

By Charles Sughroe

## SUCH IS LIFE—Resourceful Junior!



## Fighting Forces Small in Eighteenth Century

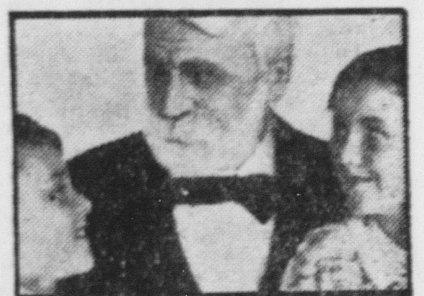
The early Roman empire policed the entire Mediterranean world with an army of about 500,000. In 1914 a single poor province, Serbia, put in the field more than twice as many. The Middle ages restricted armed feudal service outside of the soldier's immediate locality for 40 days. From 1914 to 1918 millions of men, the survivors of those originally mobilized, were held with the colors for more than four years. But at no time in history was war more successfully limited than in the 100 years ending in 1775.

To understand how limited were the Eighteenth century wars we must first note how small were the armies in proportion to the population. A few examples will suffice. In 1700 France, with about 19,000,000 souls, was the first military power in Europe. A fully conscript country can mobilize about a tenth of its total population. Therefore, had France then suffered from or enjoyed a universal service army on the democratic plan, a general mobilization would have given her nearly 2,000,000 trained or partly trained men. By the greatest efforts she raised 300,000.

In 1738, with about 22,000,000 souls, a full conscript mobilization would have given her more than 2,000,000. She actually had only 180,000 on a peace footing, of whom 60,000 were militia, and the English government estimated that for war these numbers could not be more than doubled.

The contemporary English army was small even when compared with the other armies of the time. In 1776, at the height of the effort to reconquer the 13 colonies, intensive recruiting among the 9,000,000 inhabitants of the British Isles furnished only 33,000 regulars available for American service.

It is true that Eighteenth century strengths are usually given in terms of "rank and file," omitting commissioned officers, sergeants and company musicians; none the less, the foregoing figures tell their own story.—Hoffman Nickerson, in the American Mercury.



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## Look for Opportunity

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## NERVOUS . . . INDIGESTION

Cumberland, Md.—"I was in a dragged-out condition, couldn't sleep, was very nervous and irritable and was weary and worn-out all the while. I suffered terribly from indigestion—couldn't keep any food on my stomach," said Mrs. Katie Mahoney of 411 Pennsylvania Ave. "I used about three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in all and it built me up and strengthened my entire system. It drove away that nervous, uneasy condition and gave me wonderful relief from the stomach complaint. I had a good appetite after its use and was not troubled as before with indigestion."

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