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# EYE ON ECONOMY

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The old farmer thought quickly. "What kind would you like, Si-

las?" he said, "felt or straw?" "Straw," he said at last. "'Cos when I've finished with it it will do nicely for a mouthful for the cows."

-London Answers,

Shades of Confusion

"I'll have to be more systematic," sald Senator Sorghum.

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# "SLUGGER" SMITH 88

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TO MAN." said Elmer Stone, "was ever more proud of his sobriquet than David 'Slugger' Smith."

Slugger was a small man, puny, almost emaciated in appearance-a friendly sort of person, the type of man toward whom you instantly warm without knowing why; a man, great of spirit and generous of heart. "Sam Cook just called David, 'Slug-

ger.' It was toward the end of the annual baseball game between volunteer Hook and Ladder No. 1 of Dexter and Hose 3 of Bartlett. David, an ardent follower of the big leagues, himself an enthusiastic player and a third baseman of whom all Dexterites were proud, stepped up to bat in the last half of the ninth, with the score 2 to 2, and slugged out a home run.

"Sam, who was seated beside me in the bleachers, exclaimed: 'What a slugger that guy turned out to be!' The name seemed to suit David fine. It was sort of catchy and somehow suggestive of the reason for its origin.

"There was, as usual, a celebration that night in the firehouse, and David was the hero of the hour. Sam proposed a toast to 'Slugger' Smith, and everybody cheered and applauded and thought the moniker well bestowed.

"David was ordinarily a modest and reticent type of man, but that name tickled his vanity. He grinned from ear to ear, and you could tell by the look in his eyes that he was mighty proud to be called 'Slugger.'

"That night after the celebration David went home and, emboldened by the flattery of his teammates (a boldness augmented by several generous mugs of Peter Sayles' very best home brew) woke his wife, Dora, from a sound slumber, and apprised her of the great honor that had been bestowed upon

"It was, I suspect, the home brew that freed David's tongue, for Dora Smith approved not at all of her husband's enthusiasm and interest in the national sport. She frowned upon his association with such ordinary people as myself and Sam Cook. And since the day of their wedding, five years before, she had never ceased trying to convince him that baseball was a degrading and vulgar pastime.

"For Dora had social ambitions. She wanted to be somebody, to travel in smart company, to be distinctive and aloof. At that time Dexter had no group of people that could be classed as aristocrats, but Dora had dreams of such a group, with herself in the role of social lion.

"And so when David, with boyish enthusiasm and righteous pride, told how he had earned his sobriquet, his ardor was almost instantly squelched by cold and condemning stares, by harsh and cruel scolding, by unsympathetic and unfair upbraiding. Fortunately, David had fortified himself with enough home brew to dispel any oppressiveness which might have been his reaction to such a rebuff, and, more fortunately the city paid him a visit. When he still, Dora had that evening received a letter, the contents of which had excited her to a high fever and left little room in her mind for other matters. Hence the tirade was cut unusually short, and David crawled into bed to dream blissful dreams of slugging home runs for Hook and Ladder No. 1.

"Dora woke him early the next morning. Fully clothed she sat on the bed's edge, and held the letter in her hand. Even to David's sleep-drugged brain was borne the knowledge that something important was about to happen. He rubbed his eyes, sat up and prepared to listen. Dora beamed.

"'David, it's happened! We're rich.'

"David blinked. 'Rich?" "'Richer than I'd ever dreamed. David, just listen to this: Uncle Thomas, my mother's brother, who lived in Boston, died two weeks ago, and bequeathed us his entire fortune. Nearly a million dollars!"

"David looked concerned. 'Say, that's a shame. Tom was a good egg. What ailed him?"

"Dora's glance hardened for an instant, and then she was beaming again. "Think of it, David, a million dollars! Think of what it means! Travel! Meeting smart people! Mingling with the highest of society! Oh, David, we'll be the envy of everyone in Dex-

"David wasn't exactly agog over the idea, and protested at giving up his job and accompanying his wife on a trip abroad. But he was a mild mannered man, easily persuaded in preference to asserting himself. During the next two weeks, while Dora was packing and making preparations for their tour, he went around town with a doleful look on his face, a look that brightened only when some one addressed him by his newly acquired sobriquet. If some one on the opposite side of the street shouted at him: 'Hi, Slugger!' you'd see a grin appear that would warm the cockles of your heart.

"We hated to see David go. He was a regular fellow, liked by us all, a good mixer, an unselfish friend. He told us they were to be devoted to acquiring culture and a snooty attitude.

"And despite the fact that none of us could ever conceive of David as an aristocrat or anything more superior than the hero of Hook and Ladder No. 1's baseball team, we felt sad the day of his departure. Somehow it seemed he was stepping out of the role in which we had always known him and into another and stranger character.

"This fear was substantiated when from one source or another, we began to hear news of the Smiths' social climb. Due mostly to Dora's determination and initiative they had advanced far and succeeded in making an impres-

sion on some of Europe's high society. "This news was further supported when it became known that Dora had invested several thousands of dollars with a genealogy expert and acquired among other things, a coat of arms, and a large book containing details of the Smith family as far back as Capt. John Smith. A little later we were advised that mail addressed to Mr. or Mrs. David Smith would be ignored: if we wanted to communicate with Slugger we must address the envelope to D. Richard Smythe, which was, Dora discovered, the correct way of spelling and pronouncing the good old name.

"This latter information was disturbing. It forced us to admit that our conjectures regarding 'Slugger' Smith were wrong. He had succumbed at last, gone high hat, become an aristocrat, would undoubtedly look down with scorn and contempt upon his onetime cronies.

"Our last remaining hope was dashed asunder when one day the train from Boston deposited Slugger and Dora at Dexter's depot. Those of us who, as usual, were gathered on the platform to check up on the train's arrival, were saddened by what we saw. There was Slugger in a cut-away coat and striped trousers, carrying a little snow-white Pomeranian dog under his arm. He followed Dora across the station platform and looked right through us as if we had been so much thin air.

"It was sad. None of us addressed him. We would have felt uneasy doing so. He seemed strange and unreal; he wasn't the man upon whom we had bestowed the sobriquet of 'Slugger' and who had been proud of the

"Several times we met this strange being about town during the next few days. And always he looked through us or failed to turn his face in our direction at all. We did not attempt to renew old friendship; we were too fearful of being humiliated and scorned.

"The thing might have gone on indefinitely had not Bob Terril, who had secured a position in Boston shortly after the Smiths departed from Europe, returned to town one day and confronted David in the post office that evening. Bob of course had no news of David, was not aware of the great transformation that had taken place in the onetime crony to us all, and at sight of him he let out a whoop and came across the floor, 'Slugger! I'm a son of an ox! By all that's holy, what is this, a masquerade!" he ejaculated again, and reached out and whacked David between the shoulder blades.

"And then something very surprising happened. Instead of spurning Bob's greeting with a look of scorn and contempt, an expression of serene happiness appeared on his face. He grinned from ear to ear and thrust out his hand.

"'Thanks, Bob,' he said, his tone husky, 'thanks. I-I was afraid every one had forgotten about that name of mine. I was afraid to speak to anyone; afraid they wouldn't call me 'Slug-

### Frozen Grasshoppers in Glacier for Many Years

Probably one of the most curious sights of the world is a glacier full of frozen grasshoppers. This is known as Grasshopper glacier, and is to be seen in Montana, observes a writer in the Montreal Herald. The huge mass of ice, under the crush of which the grasshoppers are buried, is under the shadow of Granite peak, a 13,000-foot mountain. Millions of grasshoppers are embedded in the ice of the glacier, and no one knows how many thousands of years they have been there. Those near the surface are plainly seen through the clear ice.

Just how the grasshoppers came to be in the ice is a matter which has long perplexed scientists. One idea is that the insects were suddenly killed by a cold blast of air when crossing the mountains on one of their periodic flights southward. Falling, they became buried in ice and snow.

# Electric-Magnet Finds Tools

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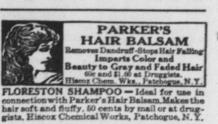
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