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Distractions of a Summer's Day

Sounds From Far and Near Harmonize in a Delightful Obligato to the Blue and Gold and Freshness of Sky and Field
By WALTER PRICHARD EATON
IN SUMMER I write every morning in a summer house at the extreme rear of my garden—a house which is, in reality, a cowshed converted by Virginia creepers, side trellises, great openings sawed in all four sides, and a small plaster cast of a section of the Parthenon frieze, painted with white enamel paint to resist the rain!

Fair Play

McNICHOL bidding on specifications not drawn by himself, McNichol undertaking work which will be inspected by men not subservient to him, is a very different McNichol from the contractor boss who in other days was buyer and seller too. There is no objection to McNichol as a contractor pure and simple. He is a menace to the community only when as a politician he lets contracts to himself as a contractor.

Protest Against Militarism

SECRETARY LANSING'S answer to the Austrian protest against the shipment of munitions of war is directed to the American pacifists as well as to the Teutonic alliance. With one blow it sweeps the foundations from beneath the feet of all those who think that peace can be secured by an embargo on the shipment of munitions, and that militarism can be avoided by such a perverted neutrality as would compel a nation to forbid the sale of war material to a belligerent.

The Annapolis Verdict

DISCIPLINE can be maintained in the Naval Academy at Annapolis if the findings of the court of inquiry in the examination frauds are not upset by Congress. The two midshipmen who were dismissed deserved their punishment. They were guilty of an offense which should bar a man from the navy and from any department of the Government engaged in the national defense.

Vegetables and Such

THE glut of vegetables in city markets is having an unexpected effect in the city of St. Louis. The reaction of this effect is to stimulate the oversupply, as witness the following from the sporting page: A doubleheader was witnessed by a storm of pop-bottles and cucumbers directed against Empire Byron. * * * Byron escaped the missiles, but the game was delayed five minutes while a dozen field hands cleared the diamond of the bottles and cucumbers.

Our Hereditary Aristocracy

NEITHER Constitution nor statute laws can deprive our hereditary aristocracy of its privileges. Those privileges are inherent in their physical and mental structure, and are manifested, along with this season, by a violent sneezing, a running at the nose and nose, and in other unmistakable ways. The great hay fever elect are now enjoying their enviable distinction, for do not the books declare that the disease is most prevalent among persons of considerable intellectual development who live in the towns? The countryman and the dullard are immune.

What the Ant Led To

When I look back at my paper an ant is crawling over it. The ant makes me think of my young apple trees set out this spring, for the ants crawl up young apple trees and evidently devour the green aphids on the leaves. Have my new trees any aphids? I must get up and investigate. Yes, they have. I must get the hose and spray them off.

Health Director Ziegler is convinced that no city in the country is served with better milk. This is a pretty good certificate of efficiency for the Health Department.

The "harmonizers" have succeeded in making Mr. Smith the "goat." This comparatively unknown gentleman has acquired a large notoriety within a few days. His ineptitude for the Mayorship has been exposed. All he gets out of it is a job at \$10,000 a year. Meantime, Brother Bill, who is convinced that he could have been elected Mayor four years ago had he not entered the fight too soon, continues to work with his adding machine. He does not know yet whether it would be wise to risk the money.

ADDENDA TO "SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS"

More Examples of Young Ideas That Missed Fire—Evidence That Sometimes the Boy Is Humorous Rather Than Helpless—Skepticism Concerning the Cherry Tree Tale
By HILDRETH
THERE'S no doubt about it, "Howlers," especially schoolboy "howlers," exercise a wondrous fascination upon the general mind. The fact is proved by the far journeyings of the collections of schoolboy "howlers" recently published in these columns and by the epistolary response which their publication has evoked.

Hacking at History

The well-known story of the cherry tree is told with variations in a group of "exam" papers from which a history teacher quotes: "Abe Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States and freed the slaves. His father never told a lie and said to his son Abe, 'Abe, never tell a lie and Abe said all right father I will. His father had a cherry tree. Abe cut it down just for fun and his father caught him doing it and to see if Abe would tell the truth he said, 'who cut down my cherry tree? And Abraham Lincoln spoke up and said I did it father. I did it with my hatchet but I'll never do it again.'"

Why Are the Feet?

In a public school this spring the following question was presented to the pupils for consideration: "What do you know about the care of the feet?" Teacher is said to have been somewhat suspicious, thinking that perhaps a misprint had occurred in the list of questions. "Care of the feet" seemed almost vulgar. Verification was obtained over the telephone, however, and the youngsters tackled their job. One pupil wrote exhaustively: "The feet are the extreme end of the body opposite the head of which there are two. The feet are tender. Some have corns and some have aches and whatever you do don't think that the feet are an unimportant part of the body. What could we do without feet? We couldn't walk. The dog is a quadruped but the man is a biped. Feet consist of ten toes, and a heel. Walking is such a good exercise and keeps the digestum in such good working order that it is not good to have the feet so sore that we cannot walk."

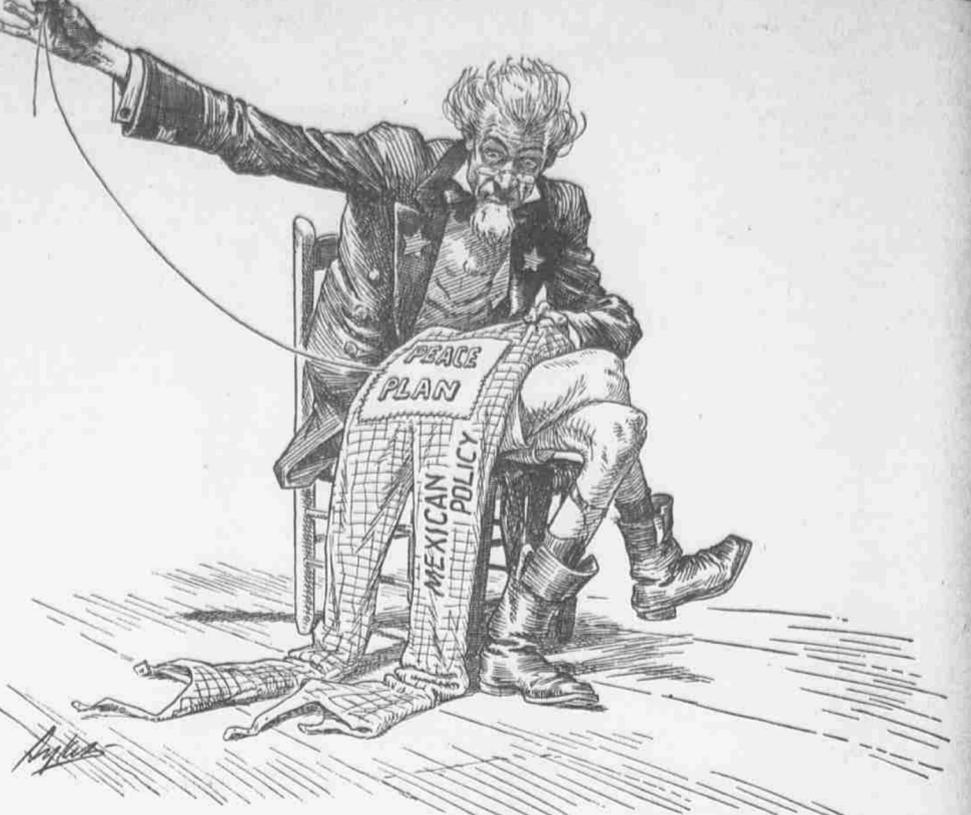
Getting Back at Teacher

To pacify the schoolboy it should be said that he is not the only person who commits "howlers." Teachers or would-be teachers flounder in the river of doubt. At least it would seem so from excerpts from papers submitted by applicants for teachers' licenses in Tennessee, as quoted in the New York Tribune: "The amount of rainfall required for general agriculture is 14 feet." "That the earth is round was discovered by John on 'the Isle of Patmos.'" "Ashville is well noted on account of being a submarine fort."

A Humorist of Conservation

Conservation, a subject of which we all heard much a few years ago, is revived by a young humorist: "Don't make whistles out of the maples. Nature intended that only the wind should blow through them. Don't sit on the tip-top and weakest branch. It is unhealthy for the tree and not always the best thing for you."

"MEBBE THEY'LL DO FOR ROUGH WORK, BUT I'LL NEVER FEEL 'DRESSED UP' IN 'EM!"



THE CLOSING OF A LETTER IS THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU EXCUSE YOURSELF.

"A copulative verb is one which couples; example: A frog's head is fastened to its body."
"The first part about a business letter is its subject and predicate."
"The parts of a business letter are: 1, date; 2, interjection; 3, body; 4, signature; 5, postscript and place for other sentences."
"Pilgrims means people that run about."
"In 1620 the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was known as pilgrims' progress."
"The Mexican War was caused by the turning over of the spirit."

A SUMMER THOUGHT

The Interstate Commission has ordered the haulage of anthracite railroads to reduce their rates on coal. And we hope it makes them dig the clinkers out of the grate next—Grand Rapids Press.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

It is unpreparedness of the rabbit that keeps it on the run. But are our American legs as efficient as the rabbit's?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
Judge Gary's "private information" that peace in Europe is at hand would give more general satisfaction if it were a great deal less private.—Cleveland Leader.

APPORTIONMENT

As a lioness laps at a midnight pool alone, The silver slaver dripping in diamonds from her beard, So Pain's rough tongue laps at the dark deep waters Within my soul.

AMUSEMENTS

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