

Solving An Enigma

By George Elmer Cobb

"Exactly so, str. You see Messrs. Biggs were going to send an expert down to decorate those rooms—a more question of papering. I got an inspiration. Why not represent the expert? Well, sir, Messrs. Biggs are willing. I start for Hollywood tomorrow, as a poor, humble paper hanger."



"The Last Room is Finished."

in every word he said. He greeted his employer and relative with a winning grace that continued to captivate both. Waldron saw his uncle in his old family rig at the street curb below and re-entered the office.

"Paper hanger!" chuckled Waldron. The lawyer had to laugh, too.

"Think it over. Ethically, the firm has no right to spy upon Mr. Rolfe, but should we not protect our client?"

"Yes, sir," nodded the keen-witted little witch. "You have put that border on upside down, Mr. er—er Dobson, and I have noticed other pervasions and omissions that do not coincide with the expert decorator. Also, here is a card case you dropped, Mr. er—er Waldron Prothro, of the firm of Wilson & Morton, our family lawyers."

Waldron was petrified. He realized that he was unmasked, but also in the poorly suppressed smiles of that lovely face that the imposition was forgiven.

"So, what is the answer?" frankly interrogated Inez, and just as frankly Waldron made confession full and complete.

"Back, eh?" propounded Mr. Wilson a few mornings later, as Waldron bolted into the office fresh as a daisy and wearing a radiant smile on his handsome face.

"Yes, sir," came the prompt reply. "I did the papering, sir, and had large opportunity of studying the Hollywood situation. Its gloom and discipline were wearing away the heart of that sweet, dear, little creature, Inez."

"Inez!" fairly shouted the petrified lawyer.

"Yes, sir, so I advised her to leave."

"What? and forfeit her fortune?"

"Oh, no, sir," smiled Waldron sweetly. "She could not ignore the forfeit provision, sir, so we—"

"Better than that!" chirped Waldron Prothro, complacently—"she is my wife."

Self-Reliant Art.

Music is the most complete and self-reliant of the arts, according to the eminent critic, William J. Henderson. It has no utilitarian purpose, like architecture; it never, like literature, becomes a treasure chest for the archives of history.

Why Mankind is Bad.

Mankind, as we know, in the lump is bad, but that it is not worse remains the everlasting wonder. It is not the squalor of such a crowd that should astonish; it is the marvel that they are not more squalid. For, after all, what is the root cause of all this dirt and ignorance and shabbiness and disease? It is not drink, nor thriftlessness, nor immorality, as the philanthropists do vainly talk; still less is it crime. It is the "inequality" that Matthew Arnold said made a high civilization impossible.

True Friendship a Mirror.

True friendship is self love at second hand; where as in a flattering mirror, we may see our virtues magnified and our errors softened and where we may fancy our opinion of ourselves confirmed by an impartial and faithful witness. He (of all the world) creeps the closest in our bosoms, into our favor and esteem, who thinks of us most nearly as we do ourselves. Such a one is indeed the pattern of a friend, and other self—and our gratitude for the blessing is as sincere as it is hollow in most other cases. This is one reason why entire friendship is scarcely to be found, except in love.—Hazlitt.

Art in America.

The first school of painting to establish itself on American soil was that of Spain, following in the train of viceroys and prelates after the Indian commonwealths had been subjected and Spanish towns had been built. To the present day there exists in the city of Mexico the oldest academy of the fine arts in the western world—the Academy of San Carlos. It is nearly as old as the Royal Academy, London.

Not a Day Older.

One evening a panhandler sidled up to William Collier as the player was walking around to the theater, says Everybody's, and addressed him thus: "Sir, I began life poor and in hard luck. I—"

WINNING BIGGEST SUCCESS IN THIRTIES



Thirty-three years old and just beginning to have his most remarkable success as a pitcher—that's the record of Eddie Cicotte. Credited this year with the most successful use of the "slingshot," he also is given credit for having some control over a knuckle ball and is more than the average performer with the spitter.

RETORT ENDS GRIFF'S HOWL

Silk O'Loughlin Resents Statement of Washington Leader That He Had Made Wrong Guess.

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Americans, is considered one of the hardest losers in baseball. And



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Griff's friends say he hates to lose an argument about as much as he dislikes to drop a ball game.

Washington recently lost a game to Detroit because of a close decision which gave Cobb a base on balls. O'Loughlin was the umpire. Griffith met O'Loughlin and his partner after the game.

THIRD MAJOR LEAGUE RUMOR

Intimated That Plan May Be Put into Effect When Season Ends—Eight Cities Named.

There are rumors and much whispering about the third major league plan which, it is said, may be put in effect when the season ends. The plan provides for clubs from Buffalo, Toronto, Baltimore, Newark, Indianapolis, Toledo, Milwaukee and Kansas City. Let us hope some of these predictions come true. It will be good to see those cities represented in the big leagues. They've got good material to work with, too.

BERRY CUTS DOWN EXPENSES

Owner of San Francisco Club Releases Manager Wolverton and Does Directing Himself.

Henry Berry, owner of the San Francisco club, has gone the other way in cutting down expenses. Harry Wolverton was recently released as manager of the Seals, and now Berry is sitting on the bench and doing the directing himself, although he has never had practical experience in such work before.

DIAMOND NOTES

Fielder Jones says Sisler is as great as Cobb ever was.

George Davis, once manager of the Giants and White Sox, is with the Browns as head coach and scout.

The veteran Terry Turner gets into the game occasionally for Cleveland, and he still is a high-class fielder.

Uncle Robbie is longing to get his fading clumpions into the first division. It shouldn't be a difficult task.

Jim Corbett has again picked the Giants to win, which caused the bookies to lay bigger odds on the Reds.

Maybe Connie Mack would lend his white elephant to the Stamese army. But it would be an awful blow to the allies.

More and more people are becoming more deeply concerned about the price of eggs than about Ty Cobb's batting average.

Branch Rickey, president of the Cardinals, is elated over the acquisition of Goodwin, the pitcher obtained from Milwaukee.

The Browns made seven errors in a ball game the other day. Fielder Jones would have been a pleasant guy to talk to after the game.

Jawn McGraw probably couldn't see the joke if Matty, Roush, Groh and a few more Giant cast-offs should beat him out of the flag.

Eddie Lafitte, who was with the Brooklyn Feds and who has hurried for the Paterson Silk Sox of late, has quit baseball to enlist in the army.

President Wilson has announced that he wants baseball to be continued for the rest of the season at least, which assures a world series this fall.

Johnny Brock is the name of a young catcher who will soon join the Cardinals. He hails from the Muskogee team of the Western association.

If the war is responsible for introducing baseball as the international pastime, it will atone for much by adding vastly to the gaiety of nations.

Nobody ever believed that Frank Baker tampered with Pitcher Sotheron of the Browns. It looked like a case of sour grapes on the part of the disappointed Fielder Jones.

Philadelphia osteopath tells Guy Morton that the troubles with his pitching are mostly imaginary. That's been the trouble with his winning average this year, too.

Beals Becker, former Giant, is strengthening his hold on the batting lead in the American association. Becker, with Kansas City, is at present hitting .349.

Jack Wilkinson has succeeded George Miller as a member of the Western league umpire staff. He has been getting by so far.

The veteran pitcher, Edgar Willett, once with the Detroit Tigers, has been released by the Memphis club to New Orleans.

NEW WORLD PASTIME

JIMMY CALLAHAN PREDICTS BIG INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Sees Games Between Championship Teams of England, France, Japan, United States and Possibly South America.

International baseball after the war? A world's series between the champion teams of England, France, the United States, Japan and possibly South America?

"Why not?" asked Jimmy Callahan, ex-pilot of the Pirates, who rounded this little old globe four years ago with the All-Americans and All-Nationals, and who is now interested in baseball behind the trenches in France.

"It will not surprise me if England and France take up baseball after the war," said Jimmy. "Those people like baseball—the only trouble is the game has never been allowed to develop there."

"I like to think of that trip we took four years ago as a missionary trip. We played to vast crowds and they



Jimmy Callahan.

liked the game. They cheered every time a hit was made, even if it were only a foul.

"But the real missionary work is going on behind the trenches now, where Americans and Canadians are playing baseball for the edification and delight of the Tommies and poilus as well as for their own pleasure."

Callahan has struck a popular note. Why not international baseball after the war?

Baseball has been one of the great melting pots of America. Practically every nationality has contributed big stars. This refutes any idea that baseball has been cornered by America and cannot be developed anywhere else.

Looking over the records of the last few years we find that France is represented by the great Lajoie, by Cicotte, Fabrique, Ruth and several others. Ireland contributed the Delahantys, Pat Moran, Moriarty, Killifer and a host of others. Scotland gave us McQuillan and Chalmers. Bates and many others are of English descent.

Italy is represented by Abbatichio, Guisto and Ping Bodie. Many great ball players have come from Germany, Bohemia and Poland.

BASEBALL FREAK OF SEASON

Greasy Neale of Cincinnati Made Home Run and Single in One Time at Bat in Giant Game.

Every baseball season produces its freaks, and 1917 is no exception to the rule.

In a recent game at the Polo Grounds, Greasy Neale of the Reds, got a home run and a single in one time at bat.

"Can't be done!" you say? Bet your small change first.

Neale came to bat with Chase on second and hit to center field for four bases. But as Pol Perritt, the Giants' pitcher, wound up to pitch the ball that Neale slammed for a homer, a fan who had recovered a foul in the grandstand tossed it onto the field of play and Umpire Harrison raised his hand, calling time, just before the ball was hit.

After a conference between umpires and managers it was decided that the home run was illegal and Neale was called back to the plate. He drove a single to left on the next ball pitched. As he was credited with but one time at bat he made a homer and a single in the one trip to the platter, something which doesn't happen often.

Friction in Cleveland.

Reports from Cleveland have had it that James Dunn and Rob McRoy have not been getting along well in administration of club affairs and that McRoy would sell out his interest to his partners and retire. McRoy denies there has been any clash and says he has no intention of retiring from the club. "While it is true he has been away from the club offices in Cleveland practically for a month, he says he has merely been taking a vacation."

Bobby Byrne is Through. Bobby Byrne, veteran third baseman, released unconditionally by the Phillies, says he has quit baseball for good, and that he will go into business in St. Louis. Byrne is classed as a "veteran," yet he is but wto or three years beyond thirty. He started his professional career at an age when most boys are just shedding their knee pants.

Not Worried About Sater. Manager Mitchell will not be worried much if Barney Dreyfus insists on taking Vic Sater, as Vic will not be able to play for the balance of this season.

Faith by Hearing

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TEXT—So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.—Romans 10:17.

Faith is often spoken of as if it were the acceptance as true of something which we have no means of knowing whether it be true or not. Such, however, is not the faith the Bible demands of us. It does not ask us to assent to any proposition as true without giving us evidence to support it. Take, for instance, any fundamental fact of the Gospel and you will see that this is the case.

Paul, in the fifteenth of First Corinthians, in speaking of the resurrection of Christ, at once adduces evidence to support the fact of his resurrection.

It is a popular notion that faith is a leap in the dark, but real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is based upon good, substantial evidence. In fact, in order for one to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, there must be something to believe concerning him; otherwise it would not be possible to believe in him. Faith in Christ reaches him through our faith in the facts concerning him. It is for that reason, that the Gospel is spoken of as "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Of course, we know that Christ is the Savior, yet the Gospel is rightly spoken of in this way, because it is by believing the Gospel which tells us that Christ saves and how he saves, that we in thus believing commit ourselves to him as our Savior.

Faith Based on Evidence.

Now Paul knew that real faith is based upon evidence, and that it is not simply by urging people to believe in Christ that faith is begotten, so we read of his persuading the folks who came to him concerning Jesus Christ (Acts 28:23). This should be a lesson to us who, perhaps more frequently than we ought, depend upon exhortation to lead people to faith in Christ rather than upon evidence which calls for faith. People should be exhorted, but they should also be persuaded.

When it speaks of Paul persuading them concerning Jesus, it does not mean that he pitted his intellect and will against theirs, and by sheer force tried to make them believe in Jesus. What he did, as we know, was to present evidence for their faith to rest upon. He did this by expounding to them "out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets." That is, he went to the Old Testament Scriptures and therefrom produced evidence concerning Christ's person and work. As a result we read, "some believed the things which were spoken and some believed not" (Acts 28:24). Thus it always is when the evidence concerning Christ is presented, for though the evidence be sufficient, some will not have Christ to reign over them. It is not with them a matter of being convinced of the truth, it is an unwillingness to yield the life to Christ, and in that case they would not believe, as Christ said, "though one should rise from the dead."

A Case in Point.

Quite recently, I dealt with one who professes to be an infidel, and whether or not he really is one, he was most blatant and blasphemous in his talk. When I pressed him that honesty demanded that he fairly weigh the evidence and put Christ to the test, he was unwilling to do so and tried to laugh the matter, as it were, out of court. He called "the whole business," as he said, "a myth," and yet I venture to say that he never with a real desire to know the truth had put himself in the way of evidence by which real faith comes. I do not mean that he had not read the Bible. I suppose he had, but I presume he read it under the blighting criticism of a Thomas Paine or a Robert Ingersoll. Who would believe even his own good and true mother if he always looked at her through eyes of such bitter enemies as they and their ilk are of the Scriptures? Or, who would ever trust himself to his mother, if he always came to her in the spirit of criticism to find her faults and never to discover her virtues? If a man desires faith, there is a way to get it. It is a divine way that never fails the one who honestly thereby seeks the Lord. It is to put oneself in the way of faith, and just as surely as one does, providing he is willing and ready to believe, faith will come to him as the gift of God. Just as you rip the water from the spring, if you go where the spring is, so you can have faith from God if you will go where it is to be had. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Paul knew where that place was, and so we always find him reasoning with his hearers out of the Scriptures opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead, and that the Jesus whom we preach is Christ (Acts 17:1-4).

My infidel friend whom I tried to get honestly to put himself in the way of faith would not do it, simply because he did not want to believe. When I pressed him further, I found he had settled the matter in early youth. He had turned Christ down in a revival meeting, which he attended as a boy, and now in maturer years he is trying to comfort himself with the false hope that Christ is a myth.

There is a time, we know not when; A place, we know not where; That seals the destiny of man, For glory or despair.

If you desire to believe in Christ, remember that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

BIG CROPS IN WESTERN CANADA

Good Yields of Wheat, Splendid Production of Pork, Beef, Mutton and Wool.

The latest reports give an assurance of good grain crops throughout most of Western Canada, where the wheat, oats and barley are now being harvested, about ten days earlier than last year. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are all "doing their bit" in a noble way towards furnishing food for the allies.

While the total yield of wheat will not be as heavy as in 1915, there are indications that it will be an average crop in most of the districts. A letter received at the St. Paul office of the Canadian Government, from a farmer near Della, Alberta, says he has a yield in that district is one more earlier than last year. His wheat crop is estimated at 35 bushels per acre, while some of his neighbors will have more. The average in the district will be about 30 bushels per acre. Now with the price of wheat in the neighborhood of \$2 per bushel, it is safe to say that there will be very few farmers who will be able to bank from fifty to fifty dollars per acre after paying all expenses of seeding, harvesting and threshing, as well as taxes. The price of land in this district from \$25 to \$30 per acre. What may be said of this district will apply almost any other in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Many farmers have gone to Western Canada from the United States in the past three or four years, who having purchased lands, had the pleasure of completing the payments before they were due. They have made the money out of their crops during the past couple of years, and if they are successful the future as in the past they will have put themselves and their families beyond all possibility of lack of money for the rest of their lives. It is not only in wheat that the farmers of Western Canada are making money. Their hogs have brought them well and hogs are easy to raise there—there is plentiful and grass abundant and the climate just the kind that hogs glory in. The price is good and likely to remain so for a long time.

A few days since a farmer from Daysland, Alberta, shipped a carload of hogs to the St. Paul market, and got a higher price than was ever before paid on that market. Two million three hundred and seventy-five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars was received at Winnipeg. Western hogs during the first few months of this year, 1917, were sold at an average price of 10 cents per cwt, and had an average weight of 200 pounds each. The raising of hogs is a profitable and continuing growing industry of Western Canada and this class of stock is raised economically here as anywhere on the North American continent. There practically no hog disease, and immense quantities of food can be produced cheaply.

It has been told for years that the grasses of Western Canada supply both beef and milk producers the nutritive properties that go to the development of both branches. The statistics that are now being published by dairymen and beef cattle men verify all the predictions that have ever been made regarding the country's importance in the raising of both beef and dairy cattle. The sheep industry is developing rapidly. At a sale in Calgary 151,453 pounds of wool were disposed of at sixty cents a pound. At a sale at Edmonton 90,000 pounds were sold at even better prices than those paid at Calgary. The total of this season will probably approximate two million pounds. Many reports are to hand showing from six to eight pounds per fleece. 35 carloads were sent to the Toronto market alone.

Black-Cat Luck.

A certain resident in a country suburb, says the Guardian, makes a habit of keeping open the doors and windows of his house. As he sat in one of his breezy rooms the other evening waiting for dinner, his wife came from the kitchen.

"We've just had a visit from a black cat," she said.

"Ah," he replied, "that's good. Black cats are lucky, you know."

"Yes," answered his wife, who likes cats, "this one was certainly lucky. It has run off with the steak I was just going to cook for you."

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"Another sutor told me that you were dead."

"What happened?"

"He has a wife that weighs 200 pounds and it strikes me that life is rather full."

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Giving Him a Scare. A young soldier had gone to the theater with a friend. The play was good and he fell asleep. An hour he was awakened by the voice of an actor saying:

"Bless me! and I had only just stop out till midnight!"

A man makes more good things when he is broke than when he is rich.

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