

APPROPRIATE PEN NAME



Author Algy—What an absurd creature that Gaylegh girl is. When I told her I was down here nosing 'round for material and local color she asked me by chance my pen name was Piggy.—Y. Sun.

Individual Importance

This mighty world was made for me! I don't hear the exultant exclaim, "I am the cricket and the bee," but they could speak, would say the same.

Different Later

Rodrick—I don't think they have been started long. Van Albert—Nor I. They call every barrel a "little misunderstanding."—Chicago Daily News.

An Explosion

"Cholly says that his auto is a bang-up machine—what kind is that?" "I'm sure I don't know; but it has exploded three times already, I believe."—Judge.

Some of the Marks

"Was that great musician a musical prodigy as a child?" "Well, his father says that the boy always did have foolish hair."—Town Topics.

New York is about to build a city hall

47 stories high. New York took the precaution to acustom itself to a Babel of tongues before it undertook to repeat the celebrated enterprise of the plain of Shinar.

Scientists have computed the total weight of the earth to be 54,090,000,000,000,000 tons, which probably accounts for the fact that those who are trying to uplift it makes so little progress.

Daily Mystery Explained

Mrs. Bacon—it is said that in a layer of sea water a mile square and 600 feet deep there are 16 tons of chalk. Mr. Bacon—And yet people wonder how chalk gets into the milk.—Yonkers Statesman.

Awkward

Of all sad words of tongue or pen I think the saddest ones are when Your gasoline has run its course And small boys chorus "With a horse."—N. Y. Sun.

A Difficult Task

Tramp—You has perry easy times—sochja' to do but stand here sellin' lead pencils. Pencil Peddler—Think it's easy, do you? Don't you know people won't buy pencils of a feller on th' street unless he looks starved an' dejected an' despairin'.

His Sarcasm

Farmer Hornbeak (in the midst of his reading)—Wal, I'll say for him, the editor of the Plaindealer can be the sarcasticest feller I ever saw, when he tries. Mrs. Hornbeak—What makes you say so, Eury? Farmer Hornbeak—Why, in this week's issue, the department entitled "Local Intelligence" is only about three inches long.—Puck.

Where the Loss Came In

"I hear that Richwood's daughter ran away with the chauffeur." "Yes, and Richwood is nearly crazy over it." "Well, it is hard to lose a daughter in that way." "Oh, he don't mind the daughter, but they took the auto."—Tit-Bits.

As to Encephalitis

"Is there anything more uncertain than the weather?" he demanded, bitterly, for a storm sadly interfered with his plans. "Why, yes," she replied, calmly; "and if you'd ever had a dress promised for a certain time by a dressmaker you'd know it."—Chicago Post.

The Extreme Test

"I doubt if there is another man alive like Smithers. He is absolutely devoid of curiosity." "How do you know?" "He never looks into a passing patrol wagon to see what kind of a prisoner they have inside!"—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

That Was All Right

She—Albert, I have come to the conclusion that I love George better than I love you, and— He—What about the engagement ring I gave you to wear? She—Oh, that's all right, George says he won't object if I wear it.—Tit-Bits.

Not in His Line

Miss Gush—Oh, Mr. Sappy! why weren't you up on the hill to see the sunset? It was simply perfect. Cholly Sappy—Yaas; sent my man up to do it for me. He understands that shit of thing so much better, y'know.—Philadelphia Press.

Battles Long Ago

He—Miss Withers is looking wonderfully bright and pleasing to-night. She—Isn't she? That old bachelor she was speaking to just now was so afraid of her that it made her feel quite young and dangerous again.—Brooklyn Life.

Improvements

"Have you made any improvements in your invention?" "I have," answered the enterprising scientist. "One of my assistants has just discovered a new way to put stock on the market."—Washington Star.

Most Satisfactory Results

Kingley—You've been to these literary clubs and metaphysical things for two or three years now, and what does your culture amount to? Mrs. Kingley—Don't I know everybody?—Town and Country.

More Statistics

Said a slender maid, with a sigh: "I'm as thin as a capital I; Of course it's too bad, But then I can pad, And thus prove that figures will lie."—Chicago Daily News.

AN INVITATION

"Come, Birdie, come, and stay with me."—Ally Sloper.

Neglected Faculties

Oh, Nature's mighty wasteful, Along its road you find A lot o' trees an' grass, instead o' watermelon vines. —Washington Star.

Congenial Part

Amateur Actor—Oh, I don't want to take that character. I'll make an idiot of myself, sure. Manager—Well, you said you wanted an easy part.—Stray Stories.

Shot and Shell

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"Yes," said the man, "I find a deficient education to be a great handicap in my business. Half my time, at least, is taken up with serving in murder juries."—Puck.

The Reason

Mrs. Flint (severely)—Why do you wander from place to place? Spoiled Spooner (calmly)—Because places won't wander to me, mum.—Puck.

Effects of Misfortune

"Didn't the loss of all your money drive you to drink?" "No. Only to think. It kept me from drink."—Kansas City Journal.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson in the International Series for August 30, 1902—David Spares Saul.

(I Sam. 24:1-22)

1. And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host, and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

2. Then answered David and said to Abimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

3. So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and, behold, Saul was sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster; but Abner and the people lay round about him.

4. Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day; now therefore let me smite him. I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth as once, and I will not smite him the second time.

5. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not; for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?

6. David said furthermore, As the Lord liveth, one Lord shall smite him, or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle and perish.

7. The Lord forbid, that I should stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed. No, but I will pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cup of water, and let us go.

8. So David took the spear and the cup of water from Saul's bolster, and he knew not that David had taken them; for he was sleeping, because he had drunk wine.

9. Then said Saul, I have sinned; return my spear back to me; for I will not see to thy part; because my soul was troubled in mine own sight. David, however, did not take the spear, and he had not returned it.

10. And David answered and said, Unto the King's spear, and unto one of the young men come over and fetch it.

11. The Lord render to every man his righteousness, and his faithfulness; for the Lord is just, and he will smite the proud; but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed.

12. And he beheld, as the life was much set by his day; in mine eyes, and my eye he hath set by in the camp of the Lord, and he hath forgiven me out of the abundance of his mercy.

13. Then said Saul to David, If I have done thee wrong, or thou hast done me wrong, thou shalt not see my face; and also shall Saul's part be as David's part; for he hath forgiven me, and Saul returned to his place.

14. GOLDEN TEXT.—Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.—Luke 9:27.

OUTLINE OF SCRIPTURE

David an exile. I Sam. 22:1-23

Saul's pursuit of David. I Sam. 23:1-34

David's escape to Saul. I Sam. 24:1-22

David's repentance. I Sam. 26:1-25

DAVID.—Probably about 1000 B. C.

PLACE.—Gath and Keilah.

David, the popular hero, is an exile. Not a man in all Israel is so beloved, yet he has to leave his wife and home, and become an outlaw. The jealous hatred of King Saul is irreconcilable, and Jonathan, his best friend, advises him to give up all hope of returning to court. Whether shall he flee? Not to Ramah or to Bethlehem. He would quickly be traced to either place, and neither Jesse nor Samuel could protect him long. So he turns his steps southward, toward the land of his bitterest enemies.

Saul's anger was not appeased by David's departure from court. He now avowedly seeks his life. Hearing of David's exploit of rescuing the city of Keilah from the Philistines, Saul pursues him there with the royal army; but David and his little band elude him. Then the enraged king hunts David for many months, through the wildernesses of Ziph, Maon and Engedi, but is unable to capture him, though once the king himself falls a prisoner to David in the cave of Engedi, and David with surprising graciousness allows him to depart unharmed.

Informed by the Ziphites of David's whereabouts, Saul comes with an army of 1,000 men and encamps at Hehlish. "Abner the son of Ner," Saul's uncle (see 14:50), "Within the place of the wagons," Not "trench" as in the old version, but referring to the wagons and baggage which formed a barricade about the camp. "Who will go?" It was and is customary to ask for volunteers for specially hazardous service. "Abishai," Son of Zeruiah, David's sister, and one of David's most gallant adherents. Entering the enemy's camp at night was a perilous adventure, but David had served long enough under Saul to know him pretty well. He had placed no pickets on guard. "His spear" at his head? Not "bolster" as in the old version, but literally "the place where his head is." Even to-day in Arab camps, the sheik's spear is thus placed. "Jehovah's anointed" The origin of the troublesome doctrine: "The divine right of kings" to govern wrong. "David took the spear;" Perhaps the very weapon that Saul in his madness had hurled at him. David, by his merciful treatment of his enemy, conquered him. He overcame evil with good. Apparently Saul's feeling toward him changed. Yet the astute David trusted him not. There was a ring of falsehood in his verbose confession of foolish sinfulness, which warned David to keep out of his reach. So, in spite of Saul's profession of good-will to his "son David," each went his own way, distrusting the other.

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