



A Galley o' Fun!

THE QUESTION QUEST.

"It's something new," said conscientious Mrs. Housekeeper. "When Henry went away on his last trip he told me that he did hope I'd begin to take an interest in the Questions of the Day, and read about them in the papers; and, my dear, if I'd ever had any idea how interesting the Questions of the Day are, policemen and jails couldn't have kept me from them."

"The Magazine Section of the Sunday Screamer seems to think that the most important Questions of the Day is whether Clara Devere, of Hamlet, Ohio, did or did not put rat poison in her husband's coffee. There's two whole pages about it, with pictures. You see, they've proved that she went to the drug store and bought something for rats, but every woman on earth has done that. This case is especially complicated on account of the servant-girl in the house. That's her name up there. She's trying to look though better wouldn't melt in her mouth, but I've seen those tricks before. If ever there was a sly hussy as that girl. She looks the very image of my husband's second cousin, Henrietta Hinks, who is a deceitful cat of the first water, and who leads George—that's her husband—a simply terrible life."

"But the Question of the Day that's ever more puzzling is the question asked in the Sunday Yell: 'Did Mrs. Watley Tooms, of Waukegan, run away with the chauffeur because she loved him or because she wanted to get away from her mother-in-law?' Sometimes I think one way and sometimes another. But this I will say: When my sister-in-law was living with us, just after Henry and I were married, there were times when I would have run away with the garbage-man if he'd only asked me."

"The Howl, you'll notice, is offering continuation of your life for the Commercial, we may be like the noted Biblical character who upon being introduced to a noted person immediately asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage neverless we know it is customary to ask for a continuation of trade in cases like this and do so without hesitation. We hope we will be naturally benefited thereby."

"From our office desk, again we salute you and look forward to the time when we shall be old friends, with a full understanding of each other, and a wholesome respect for all that makes life better and more worth living."

"To an alone is given dominion over land and sea. His eyes alone seek out the wonderful secrets of the sky. Man is the lord and master of the world, the conqueror of everything."

All the butchery of war, all the horrors of human slavery, all the terrible results of intemperance, vice and crime with their victims outnumbering those of war, can be laid at the door of man, the only being created in the image of his Maker."

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OUR BOYS and GIRLS

MAKING A CUPBOARD FOR YOUR DOLLY

If your dolly has no cupboard in which to keep her china, no closet in which to hang her pretty dresses and coats, it's small wonder if the playroom sometimes is cluttered. If there is a small wooden box in the house, you can make the nicest doll closet from it and, if you are careful, it is sure to be twice as attractive as anything you could buy in a shop.

To begin, just take an ordinary small wooden box and tear out all the paper. Scrub off what remains with warm soapy water, using a stiff nail brush. If you want the cupboard to look very nice, you might take the cover completely off and then hinge it back in place with tiny brass hinges.

If you want shelves in the cupboard, take narrow strips of wood, cut from another wooden box, and glue them horizontally at the sides, being sure that they are level with one another. Cut thin strips of wood to make the shelves, and see that the edges are quite smooth. Lay these aside to be painted separately, says The Philadelphia North American.

Glue four small sized spools at the bottom of the cupboard to make the legs. Let them dry thoroughly.

Next give the whole box, inside and out, strips, shelves and spool legs, a good coat of white paint. Let the box stand until it has dried thoroughly, then give a coat of white enamel.

When this, in turn is perfectly dry, screw tiny hooks into the top of the toy cupboard to hold cups. Next slide in the shelves. This completes the inside of the cupboard.

Now for the outside. Put first of all a tiny glass handle on the door. A good sized glass headed tack will do nicely for this. If you can get a doll's mirror, or even a small mirror such as fits into a pocket book, glue it to the outside of the box. Then your dolly's far nicer cupboard than the others adapt.

The fish of the sea perish on land or when transferred to fresh water, and the fishes of the lake stifle in the salty seas. Fur bearing animals flourish among the icebergs and shed their coats if taken to the tropics. Man alone is able to adapt himself to heat or cold, the jungle, the desert or the regions of perpetual snow.

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"Sure," replied the intermittent motorist. "Here, there and everywhere. I don't get a chance to ride in it more than once or twice a week."

GERMANS CLAMOR FOR U-BOAT WAR

Heavy Pressure Brought For Renewal of Ruthless Slaughter

U. S. WOULD ACT QUICKLY

Informal Statements From Washington Say Position of United States is Thoroughly Understood in Berlin.

Increasing agitation in Germany for a renewal of submarine warfare, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's declaration before the reichstag that any statesman failing to use Germany's every weapon to shorten the war "deserves to be hanged," and the recent apparently inspired simultaneous publication in German papers of attacks on American neutrality, brought forth an authoritative though informal statement from the state department in Washington of the American government's attitude toward the situation.

Any action which endangers American lives through the sinking of ships without warning or by failing to provide proper safeguards, was emphatically asserted, will immediately reopen the submarine question with all its possibilities. But so far, in spite of what is going on in Germany, there has been absolutely no indication in the official advice to the department that Germany has violated the agreement arrived at in the Sussex case. Reports of the sinking of nearly 300 merchant ships since June 1 have been received officially, but in no case has it been proved that American lives were endangered. Until such proof is at hand the situation will remain just as it has been since May 8, when the American reply was sent accepting Germany's repudiation, offer of reparation and assurances for the future in the Sussex case.

High officials think it unnecessary to make any formal statement on the subject, as they feel the American position is fully known both at home and abroad.

The strong opposition was expressed in them haven't statement of them.

Some people never loaf except when on duty.

Charity begins at home, but it isn't a self-starter.—From Judge.

It is easier for some men to stand upright than it is for them to act that way.

A man will write out a hundred "don'ts" and not mention a single "do."

A black eye indicates that the owner looked for trouble and found it.

The Indian population of the United States last year, totaled three hundred and thirty-one thousand, two hundred and fifty.

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THE ADVENTURES OF JOHNNY CAKE

Once upon a time a little old man, a little old woman and a little boy lived together in a little old house.

One morning the little old woman made for herself a Johnny Cake and put it in the oven to bake. She said to the little boy, "Watch that Johnny Cake, and don't let it burn. I'm going out into the garden with the little old man to hoe potatoes."

The little boy sat down by the fire and watched the Johnny Cake for awhile, but after a time he fell to dreaming. Suddenly the oven door popped open. Out rolled Johnny Cake, across the floor, down the steps and out into the road, and after him went running the little boy. As he ran, he called out to the little old man and the little old woman out in the garden. They threw down their hoes and went running after Johnny Cake as fast as they could until they were all out of breath and had to sit down by the roadside to rest.

On ran Johnny Cake until he came to a place where two men were digging a ditch by the side of the road. They cried out to him, "Where are you going Johnny Cake? Come over here, we want to eat you."

Johnny Cake answered, "I've outrun a little old man, a little old woman, and a boy, and I can outrun you too-oo-oo-oo!"

"You can, can you?" shouted the two ditch diggers. "We'll see about that." They threw down their spades and went running after Johnny Cake as fast as they could and had to sit down by the roadside to rest.

On ran Johnny Cake. By and by he came to a place where two men were digging a well. The two well diggers cried out, "Where are you going, Johnny Cake? Come over here, we want to eat you."

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"You can, can you?" shouted the two well diggers. "We'll see about that." He lifts up his spades and went down to yield ourselves to glooms minds too ready to assume, that Nature's dings can't be switched, that Nature's program can't be ditched? If we use methods safe and sane, we think they might produce the rain.

I've noticed when I buy a suit that connoisseurs would call a beaut, and drape it on my stately form, and amble forth, there is a storm. The thunder roars to beat the band, the rain comes down on every hand, and I am soaked, from heels to head, before "Jack Robinson" I've said. It never fails; I've tried it oft, and water hard and soft, and hail and sleet and other studs, come slopping down to spoil my duds. I've heard some say that you or state for India, Austen Chamberlain.

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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sir Frederick Cawley.

Postmaster general, Albert Illingworth.

64TH CONGRESS MAKES RECORD APPROPRIATIONS

Many Important Laws Enacted by First Session

DEFENSE TAKES HUGE SUM

Child Labor, Eight Hours For Railroaders, Federal Reserve Amendments, Germany, Perplexed Lawmakers

The first session of the Sixty-fourth congress, which has just adjourned, was concerned chiefly with national defense.

When the gavel fell congress had directed reorganization and re-equipping of the army and navy defenses of the country at the unprecedented cost of \$668,000,000, with authorizations that will increase the total in three years to nearly \$800,000,000. With all other expenditures, appropriations were brought to the grand total of \$1,637,583,682, the greatest aggregate in the country's history, and exceeding that for the last fiscal year by more than \$500,000,000.

Congress established a tariff commission, a government shipping board to rehabilitate the American merchant marine, a workmen's compensation commission to administer a new uniform compensation law, a farm loan banking system, a child labor law, enlarged the system of self-government in the Philippines, and enacted many other important laws which had been contemplated by the administration.

The session was disturbed throughout by frequently recurring threats of foreign complications from the European war and imminence at one time of a diplomatic break with Germany, interference with American mails and commerce, invasion of American soil and killing of Americans by Mexican bandits, and danger of actual war with Mexico.

The crisis in congress over the international situation followed Germany's naval order to sink armed merchant ships without warning. Introduction of resolutions warning Americans to keep off armed merchant ships.

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GERMAN NOTE "WEAK" Washington Thinks It Case on Arabia Sinking Very Poor.

From official sources in Washington it was learned that this government views as "weak" the German explanation of the sinking of the British steamer Arabia in the Mediterranean on Nov. 6.

Germany in its note contends that the Arabia was in reality "a transport ship for troops in the service of the British government, which is to be considered as an auxiliary warship, according to international law, and therefore can be treated like a warship."

It also claimed that there were Asiatic soldier workmen aboard. The German government's attitude, however, like that in the Marina case, is expressed to be one of readiness to make amends if it be shown that the submarine commander violated Germany's pledges to the United States.

While this government has no facts to disprove Germany's contention that Asiatic soldier workmen were aboard the Arabia, it does know that women and children were there and that the passenger list so showed before the vessel sailed.

For Good Looks a woman must have good health. She can do her part by having nature to keep the blood pure, the liver active and the bowels regular, with the aid of the mild, vegetable remedy—BEECHAM'S PILLS

Gas plants in several of the smaller Italian cities have been forced to shut down because of the shortage of coal.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

DON'T MAKE MISFITS.

Has your son manifested an eager desire to get away from the farm and what he may be pleased to call its drudgery? Does he fail to see any advantages in the close contact with nature and the active life in pure open air? Does he see only the hard tasks, the disagreeable work and the unpleasant experiences with hired help? Have a frank talk with him on the subject. Impress on his mind the dignity of any kind of honorable labor, the need of intelligent and educated men and women in farm work, the advantages that are his because others have toiled on the farm in previous years and made the way a thousand per cent easier for those who are now enjoying the fruits of the toil of their ancestors. Have a talk with yourself also about what you have done to make him love the farm and its work.

Have you made it too hard for the boy? Put yourself in his place. Remember you were young once. Times have changed. There is a great demand now for the farmer who reads, studies his work, and mixes brains with his soil.

Are you giving him the fair chance and proper encouragement? Has he something of his own, some time for himself exclusively that nothing is allowed to infringe upon?

If you find you can do nothing more to induce your boy to stay find out if possible what he wants to try, what he thinks he can do. Then, if you conscientiously can, give him a start along that line, but have him understand that if he is mistaken and wants to come back to the tilling of the soil you will welcome him at any time. Don't talk to him in such a cutting, sarcastic and ironical way that he will almost starve rather than come back to be met with "I told you so."

There are some things one can learn only by experience and there is often no better proof that parents are right than to let the young folks try for themselves. Remember, though, there is a possibility that they are right and you are wrong. You may be spoiling a good mechanic when you are insisting that your boy must be a farmer. Anyhow each individual has a right to learn some lessons from his own mistakes. Don't make the blunder of trying to force a boy to follow an occupation which is distasteful to him. There are many miserable misfits now. Don't be guilty of helping add to the number.

FACES. Faces come on people, waters and notes that are always coming due at the most inconvenient time. When faces belong to people they vary in shape and do not appear to

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