



The school board toted old Gid to the door, counted one-two-three, and Gid rose, did a bucking but graceful arc, and hit the ground about fifteen feet outside.

During the day Je'miah saw the other school trustees, Hank Hicks and Jesse Leverage. Judge Jesse, magistrate, notary public, noted law-giver of Hog Jowl, all his activities geared to coincide with his medieval interpretations of the law books, was of the opinion that Miss Nanette must also be on hand to speak in her defense. Je'miah snarled, "Aw rats!" This would sour his crock of milk. But he was forced to give in to Uncle

ette's direction from pie suppers and other funds. The other trustees arrived. Gid panted in with the agitated breathlessness of a steam shovel climbing a mountain. Nanette, last to arrive, was a pretty, composed figure. She greeted them all with a bright smile, and the meeting came to order.

Je'miah, chairman of the board, said, "The star witness will take the stand. Gid Huckleby, tell the truth, the hull truth, and nothing but the truth."

"Shore!" Gid said with relish. "Me, I suckled the bottle of truth through infancy, and fed on the cream and sop of integrity ever since. I war up Skunk Run trading and trafficking for hides when I seen Joey Bean and Miss—Miss—the gal-critter yonder, carrying on sinful dancing at Rood Potts' cabin. Yas-sir, and that ain't the half I done seen, neither!" He paused dramatically and rolled his eyes.

"And then she started raining, boys, and it rained catfish and tadpoles and alligator claws. Then here come a thunderbolt. The bolt spewed out of a tail of blue blazes like a comet, and I was standing under a sickmore tree and the bolt shaved that tree and liked to taken off two-thirds of my backbone."

Je'miah demanded impatiently, "Did she dance, when it air against the rules?"

Gid reared back. "Did she! Bub, I spied the most sinfulness carryings-on ever I seen. Her and Joey got off in the dark and bussed!"

"You mean," Judge Jesse said, "they kissed?"

"They shore did."

Je'miah glared, and Hank Hicks nearly fell off his chair. Old Jesse wanted to know, "What's a kiss between young folks?"

"It's sinful and agin' the board rules fer the school teacher to go kissin' anybody. She drug Joey back in the house and yelled, 'Joey, beller like you will over the broadcast—'"

Je'miah sat up stiff. "Broadcast—"

Gid seemed not to hear. "Thinks I to myself, if Joey take to belling over the air like a sow with its snout ketched in a steel trap, it'll burn out all the sets from Skunk Run to the cliffs of Hell'n-Damnation!" Je'miah would like this, giving music tunket.

TOWN COVER:

EAGLE BLUFF
On the Mississippi
FOUNTAIN CITY, WISCONSIN

Highest point on the Mississippi, 600 feet above river level, is Eagle Bluff, above Fountain City, Wisconsin.

Its natural harbor and many springs induced early settlement here, and Fountain City soon became a shipping point for grain, meat and lumber. Centennial of the founding of the city will be celebrated in 1939.

Completion of government dams in 1937 made the upper Mississippi directly accessible for ocean freight ships, with cargoes of oil, gasoline, coal, wheat and corn, which connect at Fountain City with main highways and railroads. The Government River Maintenance Division, boatyards and warehouses are located here.

Fountain City, center of a rich agricultural and creamery section, has rock quarrying and breweries as the main industries. Many people are attracted by its winter sports which include skiing, coasting, skating and ice-boating.

In speechless rage old Je'miah leaped to his feet. "Dang your picture, Gid Huckleby, that air's my boy you're talking about! Who says he sounds like a sow with its snout ketched in a steel trap—"

Hicks said, "What sort of fool witnessin' is this anyhow?"

Leverage asked, "Gid, how come you war snooping and spying, anyhow?"

Gid bridled, always sensitive to impeachment of his veracity. They were trying to cross-examine him, that's what—make a liar out of him. At first he was angry enough to swear. A cunning grin entered his sparse whiskers. Assuming a childlike expression, he turned first to Je'miah Bean. "They wropped thar arms around each other like them barren bean vines of your'n wropping around the gyarden palings, i'gonnies." Next, guilelessly, he included the whole school board. "Did I ever tell you how Je'miah read his alminicker for moon signs to plant his fine beans by, and diskivered he had the wrong book what was ten year old?" He broke out in belly-churning laughter. Je'miah took on a look like a suck-egg dog caught trying to get juice out of a china nest-egg. But Gid wasn't through. "And did I ever tell you all what Judge O. P. Thompson of the Circuit Co't said about Jesse?"

Leverage got red and barked, "Well, what?"

"Said your nose was flat kaze you rummed it down reading in the code of 1838, and hadn't had a fresh idee since the Johnstown Flood. Even if you'd had a new idee it would of paralyzed ye. Said he was going to have to put in a reversing machine to take keer of your decisions as fast as you made 'em!"

Jesse Leverage gulped like a catfish three hours out of water. Gid turned his artillery on Hank Hicks.

"Best one I ever got on Hank, thar, was the time when he had two wagins in Bold Creek soaking on the tires. One of the wagins was loaded with logs and had a team of oxen hitched to it. Tother load was unhitched. Well, Hank he figgered he would give the bulls a little boost, and grabbed one of the wheels and hefted his shoulder to it and yelled, 'Gee-whoap thar, cows!' He hefted till he was purple in the face as huckleberries, but the wagin never budged. Hank he look up to see how come the cows wasn't making thar contribution, and he was muscling the wrong wagin!"

There was a hush. Nanette's cool voice came, very sympathetic, "Uncle Gid, Uncle Je'miah is top-dressing his beans with potash and phosphate to neutralize the richness of nitrogen in his land, and he'll make the best beans in the country." She con-

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Jesse's legal scruples. In any case, he could handle Hicks, who owed him money. He summoned the teacher for the night's inquisition.

That night Je'miah arrived at the neat, brand-new little schoolhouse, built by the settlement under Miss Nan-

TOWN QUIZ: STIMULATING MENTAL CONTEST FOR ALL THE FAMILY

CREDIT yourself with 1 point for each question answered correctly. 10 is considered average, 12 good and 14 or more excellent. Answers are on page 6.

1—If your friends are celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary, you'll give them a present of . . .
gold silver
wood tin

2—The slaughter house may not be such a nice place for the cattle, but it has an intriguing name. Do you know which it is?
catafalque mortuary
mausoleum abattoir

3—When someone we know is forever wavering between despair and high hopes we are apt to think of Dickens' famous character and call him another . . .
Fagin David Copperfield
Mr. Micawber Scrooge

4—You'd hardly think of vegetables and music together; yet the "musical sweet potato" is another name for an . . .
accordion harmonica
saxophone ocarina

5—Prize-ring enthusiasts know the Manassa Mauler as . . .
Firpo Tunney
Carpentier Dempsey

6—The mumble-jumble man is going on a trip. His itinerary includes these cities:

DHYOOOLLW
ULTUDH
VCNEADELL
FOUABFL

7—Match these fields of endeavor below with the words which are peculiar to each field:

publishing	sponsor
radio	filibuster
medicine	format
politics	sedative

8—Here's a chance to check your spelling score. Correct the misspelled words in the following sentences:

(a) The man reserved a birth on the train.
(b) This material is very course.
(c) My client is defendent in this action.

9—And just to prove that your grammar is as good as your spelling, locate the sentences which are incorrect.

(a) The teacher, as well as the students and visitors, was laughing heartily.
(b) There is three answers to that question.
(c) She is one of those girls who talks too much.

10—Authorities on Mother Goose rhymes can answer these questions without any hesitation:

(a) Who are made of "Snaps and snails and puppy-dog's tails"?
(b) Who went to fetch a pail of water?
(c) Who met a Pie-man?

11—The city known as the "Windy City" is . . .

St. Louis	Seattle
St. Paul	Chicago

12—The Gadsden Purchase gave the United States a tract of land now comprising parts of . . .

Oklahoma and Utah
Texas and New Mexico
Colorado and Arizona
New Mexico and Arizona

13—If a friend of yours is studying ceramics, you know that you can go to him for information on . . .

radio	movies
canning	pottery

14—Many keep diaries, but few diaries will ever be as famous as that of . . .

Napoleon
Wordsworth
Anatole France
Samuel Pepys

15—The "Last Supper," a picture of eternal beauty, was painted by . . .

Rubens	Leonardo da Vinci
Rembrandt	Raphael

16—If you've ever cried out, "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse," you have been quoting . . .

Dickens	Shakespeare
Dumas	Zane Grey

17—The actress highly commended for her work in "Victoria Regina," Broadway hit, is . . .

Ruth Gordon	Helen Menken
Helen Hayes	Katherine Cornell

18—If you were swallowed by a whale, you could sympathize with the Biblical character who had such a terrifying experience. He was . . .

Joshua	Job
Joseph	Jonah

19—Here are some famous names. Can you match them?

Sherlock Holmes	Friday
Mr. Gallagher	Mr. Hyde
Robinson Crusoe	Dr. Watson
Dr. Jekyll	Mr. Shean

20—If your firm sent you on business to Nicaragua, you'd sail for . . .

Africa	South America
West Indies	Central America