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BY O. W. L. (On With Laughter)

One of the pupils in our Junior High was asked to describe a caterpillar and he said it as an upholstered worm.

One of our colored men here in town was scratching on a sheet of paper with a pencil and when asked what he was doing, said: "Writin' a letter to my gal."

His friend said: "Why you can't write" and he replied: "Sho, I knows I can't but my gal can't read either."

A Jew, at Lancaster, met with an auto accident. He can't tell how the mishap occurred as both his arms were broken.

One of the boys in the High school was asked how he got that bump on his head and he replied: "Oh, that's where a thought struck me."

They tell me college girls are taking up boxing but why shouldn't they. They wrestle, also, but it is called dancing.

Two of the First Grade boys back at school wanted to see which one could make the ugliest face when one said: "Gee, look at the start you've got."

A fellow told me he just shot a dog. I asked him if the canine was mad and he said: "Well, I don't believe he was very much pleased about it."

A fellow down town asked me how to approach a girl with a past. Just why he should ask me that I couldn't say, but anyway I said: "With a present."

A chap from the country asked one of our girls to go out some night for an auto ride and she said she'd like to but she doesn't have a thing to wear. He said: "Oh, that's all right, I have a sedan."

Here's a hot one. A Marietta street girl and her beau were telling jokes and she said: "I know a lot of good jokes but don't get jealous. I like you best."

A little kid on Mount Joy street was pulling the dog's tail and her mother told her to quit it, when she said: "Really, mother, I am only holding the dog's tail. He's doin' all the pullin'."

Two of our High school girls in a conversation. "George should be a Knight." "Why so?" came the reply. "Why last night when I got chilly he made me a coat of arms."

That same girl is a decided blonde but they tell me she only decided recently.

A girl at Florin asked her mother what kind of a husband she would advise her to get and she was told to get a single man and let the husbands alone.

One of our radio fans says that a man enjoys less freedom daily. Every time he tried to tune in on some good jazz music on Sunday, some guy busted in with a sermon.

One of the teachers in our public schools asked a boy in class which was correct: A herd of camels or a drove of camels? The boy said: "I always thought they came in packs."

If you think that this is verse, We're sorry to say you're mistaken. There isn't a rhyme in the whole blooming thing— We wrote it this way just to fool you.

How times do change! A man, on East Donegal street, says that years ago a woman searched the saloons for her husband but nowadays the husband searches the barber shops for the wife.

A Very Unkind Cut We were seated in a hammock On a balmy night in June, When the world was hushed in slumber 'Neath the guidance of the moon.

I asked one little question, And my heart was filled with hope; But her answer never reached me— For her brother cut the rope.

A WISE OWL A New York girl has a dress made of thousands of tiny gold plates put together by hand. The material is so assembled as to resemble the finest silk.

A gun has been devised that will throw a rope to the highest buildings in cities. It will be used by fire departments in some work.

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After Eleven O'clock

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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IT WAS usually just about eleven o'clock at night when Peggy returned to her flat from the theater and, as she finished the last flight of stairs, she could always hear the thump of her colle's tail on the floor. It seemed as if David's greatest joy in life came when he heard her key in the lock. The hours were long and lonely while he guarded the flat, his nose pressed to the door. He had been trained against greeting her noisily lest he wake sleeping tenants.

After joyous greetings David and Peggy prepared for their late walk. David brought his leash and Peggy waited until she heard a door opposite close and footsteps descend the stairs and then they emerged together from the apartment building.

It didn't matter how weary Peggy was, even on matinee days, when she had had two performances at the theater—David was always taken out for his evening walk. And, living just two blocks from Riverside drive, they invariably made their way straight to the river since it gave David a long breath of fresh air from the Hudson.

And Jack Bennet, down on Riverside drive, had found of late that he had a shadow, which, instead of being fashioned on masculine lines, was feminine. In other words, Bennet had noticed during the past three weeks that a young lady seemed to be following him everywhere he went. She kept well within sight of him from the moment he turned into the drive until he was within a block of home, then suddenly disappeared. She had never made any attempt to speak to him, but there was no doubt in his mind that she was watching him.

However, so long as there was no conversation attempted, Bennet continued to enjoy his eleven o'clock ramble with Jip, his wire-haired fox terrier. Jip and the young lady's big, shaggy black dog seemed to get along very well, for they barked a joyous greeting and then dashed off together.

It was Bennet's most enjoyable hour of the day—this walk with Jip when most of that part of the noisy city was deep in slumber. He was glad to be alone, yet he couldn't help being just slightly interested in the personality of the girl who followed him so persistently though discreetly about. She disappeared so suddenly and so completely each night just as he was about to enter his own apartment building that Bennet had never had so much as a glimpse of her face.

He would not have been human had he not tried to assuage his curiosity regarding her, but it was to no avail. Always she made her mysterious getaway with her big dog.

On Thursday night Bennet felt himself shadowed a trifle less closely than hitherto. Then a stifled cry broke the stillness of the drive and sent Bennet swiftly in the direction from whence it came.

There was the snarl of dogs. Bennet heard his own Jip's snappy bark proclaiming the fact that something untoward was taking place.

As he drew nearer the sounds he heard a girl's voice shouting frantically: "David! In—come, David!" And he knew that she was following the cry of her dog into the darkness of the shrubs that banked the walks toward the river.

The big black dog must be in trouble of some kind, was Bennet's thought, and reaching the girl's swiftly moving figure he asked: "What's the matter? Can I help you?"

"Oh!" breathed the girl, with tremendous relief in her voice, "I'm afraid some one has got David, my dog—I hear him snarling and—"

"You'd better let me go down—it's not safe," put in Bennet.

"David won't let you touch him—if I'm not along," she told him and followed beside him.

A bit further on they saw through the density of shrubbery an evil-looking man with David, and the dog was trying frantically to escape the trap into which he had fallen.

Upon hearing a masculine voice and footsteps bearing in his direction the man bolted, and a second later David was freed and licking Peggy's hands and otherwise showing his gratitude. Another second and he bounded off, followed by Jip, both eager for their accustomed romp.

"Men do that," said Bennet, "to lure people down into this darkness—then rob them. You must never go down here alone—it isn't safe."

"I couldn't let David get hurt," she said tremblingly, then looked up at Bennet, and in the lamplight he saw her face for the first time, with its soft eyes and lovely smiling mouth. "I have followed you about every night because I was afraid of being down here alone, but David loves the grass and I love a breath of pure air after the stuffy theaters. You have perhaps thought me very bold. I waited every night until I heard your door shut downstairs—then David and I kept within calling distance."

Bennet smiled.

"And do you mean to tell me that you live on the same floor as I do—and that I have missed seeing you all this time?"

His words had so very much behind them that Peggy smiled—into the future.

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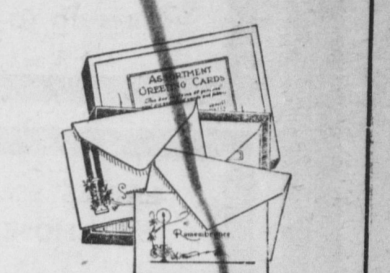
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