

The Scrap Book

Curiosity.—"I was asked to find out when you would pay this little account," said the collector pleasantly.

"Really," answered the debtor, "I am unable to enlighten you. However, there is a soothsayer in the next block who throws a fit and reveals the future at fifty cents a throw."

"I've no money to waste," growled the collector.

"Just add the fifty cents to my account," continued the other, "for I have a curiosity on the point myself."—Life.

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The Worm Turned.—He was quite evidently from the country and he was quite evidently a Yankee, and from behind his bowed spectacles he peered inquisitely at the little oily Jew who occupied the other half of the car-seat with him.

The little Jew looked at him deprecatingly. "Nice day," he began politely.

"You're a Jew, ain't you?" queried the Yankee.

"Yes, sir, I'm a clothing salesman—" handing him a card.

"But you're a Jew."

"Yes, yes, I'm a Jew," came the answer.

"Well," continued the Yankee, "I'm a Yankee, and in the little village in Maine where I come from I'm proud to say ther ain't a Jew."

"Dot's why it's a village," replied the little Jew quietly.—Everybody's.

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No Forgiveness.—Mrs. Brown-Jones—"Mrs. Smith is opposing your nomination bitterly. Can't you conciliate her in any way?"

Mrs. Smith—"It is impossible. Twenty-four years ago I said that her baby was small for its age."—Harper's Magazine.

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"Arranging."—Joe, the regular office boy, had been sick for several weeks, so the head of the office was forced to engage a substitute. The substitute proved such an intelligent boy that the employer was loath to let him go.

"But I have worked for you for two years," pleaded the regular boy as he asked to return.

"Well, if you can arrange with Tommy, then you can come back," said the employer.

The next day the employer came down to his office. The top of his desk was smashed, an ink bottle had been overturned, while the glass in the door was broken where a paper weight had been thrown through. The papers in the office were scattered over the floor, and the furniture was in wild disarray. Seated in the midst of this wreckage, his eyes beautifully blackened, his nose bleeding, and his clothes torn nearly to shreds was the regular office boy. When he saw his employer, his eyes lit up in triumph.

"Tommy is gone, sir," he said. "I've arranged with him."

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A Boomerang.—Dr. James T. Docking, the president of Rust University, once discussed, in a Fourth of July address at Holly Springs, Miss., the treason of Benedict Arnold.

"Arnold's fault," he said, "was as plainly brought home to him as the fault of Fenimore Cooper's friend."

"Fenimore Cooper gave a friend a copy of his last work, inscribing on the flyleaf the words:

"To John Blank, with the author's affection and esteem."

"A few months later Cooper came upon this same book at a second-hand dealer's. He bought it and sent it back to his friend again, with a second inscription:

"This volume, purchased at a second-hand shop, is re-presented to John Blank with renewed affection and reiterated expressions of esteem."—Wasp.

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A Poser.—The supervisor of a school was trying to prove that children are lacking in observation.

To the children he said, "Now, chil-



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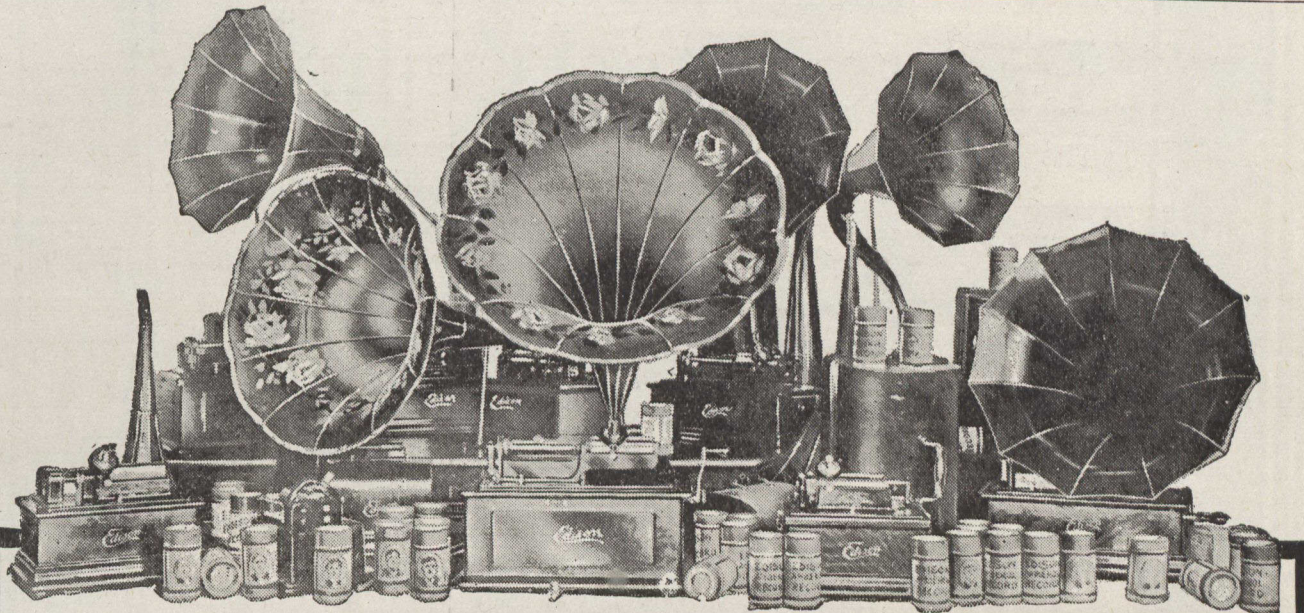
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