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"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

Wife (trying to think of The Hague)—Let's see, what is the name of that place where so much was done toward promoting peace in the world?

Hud—Reno, my dear.—Boston Transcript.

Sunday School Teacher—"And what regard was Joseph given for saving the Egyptians from starvation?"

Smart Boy—"Please, miss, he was made food controller."

A long and patient but vain effort on the part of a khaki-clad driver to induce a mule, drawing what appeared to be a load of laundry, through the gateway of a local hospital afforded considerable amusement to the boys in blue who were watching the proceedings. The mule would do anything but pass through the gateway.

"Want any 'elp, chum?" shouted one of the boys in blue to the driver, as he rested a moment.

"No," replied the driver, "but I'd like to know how Noah got two of these blighters into the ark!"

At a recent dinner U.S. Postmaster-General Burleson was commenting on the effects of three-cent postage. "In addition to the increase in revenue, which was sadly needed, the innovation has been a positive boon to many," he declared and explained thus: "You seem very happy," I remarked to a young lady of my acquaintance. "I am," she replied. "Has Fred been paying you more attention lately?" I ventured. "Not exactly," she explained, "but since this three-cent postage came in he has stopped writing to a lot of girls out of town."

The teacher wanted some plums in order to give an object-lesson during school hours, and, calling one of the small boys, she gave him ten cents and despatched him to the fruit stand down on the corner. "Before you buy the plums, Willie," she cautioned "you had better pinch one or two to make sure they are ripe."

Little Willie flitted away. Soon he came back and smilingly put the bag on the teacher's desk.

"Oh, thank you, Willie," said the teacher, taking up the bag. "Did you pinch one or two as I told you to do?"

"Did I?" was the gleeful response. "I pinched the whole bagful and here's your ten cents."—Buffalo Evening News.

COULDN'T BE HURRIED.

The colored troops in the national army are showing up well. Due, perhaps to some innate sense of the dramatic, they learn to stand at attention and execute "squads right" with great punctilio. Nor is the good nature and desire to please, so characteristic of the negro race, found wanting on the parade ground, relates a contributor to Judge. Witness the following story which comes from Camp Travis. An old-time "hard-boiled" army sergeant was drilling a squad of negro recruits and initiating them into the mysteries of "squads right." One unfortunate dandy was a bit dilatory in executing this movement, and the sergeant hurled a volume of language at his head, which would have abashed an army mule, and the effect of which was intended to hurry his movements. But the negro grinned, with the sweet forbearance of one intent upon his duty. "Yassa, boss," he murmured, "Yassa, I see a comin' right aroun'."

AND STILL GOIN'

The square of a certain town in the south was located about a mile from the railway station. A negro named George had a boot-blackening stand near the square. One day, while George was at work, a man came up and began to quarrel with his customer. After some heated words, one of the men drew a revolver and fired at the other.

Several weeks later, when the case came up for trial, George was the star witness.

"Now George," said the attorney, "describe just how this shooting took place."

"Yessuh, Boss. De gen'man fired two shots. Yessuh, dey went bang-bang! Jes like dat, suh."

"You say he fired two shots, George? Will you tell the court just what you were doing when those two shots were fired?"

"Well, yoh Honah, when he fired de fust shot, I was shinin' de gen'man's shoes, and when he fired de second shot, suh, I was passin' de deppo."

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