

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

THE BUN SLEUTH.

"Of course our work had been very arduous for a long while," said the Inspector of Police, "but when the order prohibiting the consumption of pastry was first issued—the Ban on Buns Act, we called it—it nearly drove us off our crumpets, if you will excuse my little pleasantry. It was so hard to prove a case.

"You see one of our men might bring in a prisoner with his breath actually smelling of vanilla and with flaky crumbs on his moustache, and looking as if he had been living on cream tarts for a month—sort of pasty look, you know. A clear case, you'd say. But no! If we couldn't produce a section of unconsumed cream tart and show that the teeth-marks fitted, the man would get off. Of course, when they gave us power to arrest on suspicion any person suffering from indigestion, it made it easier for us; but I'm speaking of when the Act first came into force.

"We had an annoying experience once. A man was caught red-handed eating a Bath-bun in a railway refreshment-room. We made quite a full-dress case of it; two waitresses as witnesses, exhibit of a fragment of the Bath-bun under glass, photographic enlargements of teeth-prints, and so on, and pressed for the maximum penalty. But the fellow engaged a clever lawyer, who argued that eating pastry made before the war did not constitute an offence, and he actually secured an acquittal.

"You'll notice all the cases I have quoted are men. Men are ten times worse than women. A woman won't risk a fine for the sake of a raspberry tart, but I've known men whose downfall has been due to nothing else but their craving for cream buns and mince pies. Look at that chap they brought in just now. He was a J.P., wealthy, highly respected and a regular terror to habitual drunkards. But one day after the court rose I found some crumbs under the magisterial bench. That roused my suspicions, and I got the usher to keep a steady eye on him. We found out that he was a secret nibbler.

"Used to smuggle jam rolls into the court and hide them behind the ink wells. Of course there was a terrible scandal, and he got a thumping fine. He's been here heaps of times since, not on the bench, but in the dock, and he seems quite unable to pull himself together and go straight. I expect he'll have to go to a home eventually.

"Do you remember the cake riots, when the munition-makers paraded the town singing: 'I do like a nice mince-pie, and 'Make me a cake like mother used to make? That was a hot time. But I've got to go now to raid an illicit bunnery, so I'll tell you about that another time. Good morning."—Punch.

"Has your college education been of any practical value to you?" "You bet it has. If it wasn't for my experience in track athletics I'd have to leave my house five minutes earlier every morning in order to catch the 7.10," replied the commuter.

"She is a woman who has suffered a great deal for her belief," announced Mabel.

"Indeed! What is her belief?" questioned an admirer.

"She believes she can wear a number four shoe on a number six foot."

"You think these summer military camps tend to make a man a braver fighter?" "Yes. After I returned from the first one I got married, after I got back this year, I had a row with my mother-in-law, and after my return next year I'm going to fire the cook."

"An' phwat is your Patsy doin' these days, Mrs. O'Hagan?"

"Ah, he's doin' foine! He's a conductor in the operry-house, an' wears a swalltail coat."

"A conductor, is it?" An' phwat does a conductor do?"

"Sure, he conducts the people to their seats."

Mrs. Norah Mulvaney met her friend, Mrs. Bridget, who had in her arms her twelfth child.

"Arrah, now Bridget," said Norah, "an' there ye wid another little Carr in yer arms."

"Another it is, m. Mulvaney," replied her friend, "an' it's me that's hopin' 'tis the caboose."

VICE-PRES. PRIDDY REVAMPS A PLAY.

How Vice-President Priddy accomplished the changing of the lines in a popular Broadway play in such a manner as to convert it into a perfectly obvious life insurance drama with a moral, is a story that has created considerable comment among the members of the New York association.

Former Presidents Edwards and Woods have been called "human dynamos." Mr. Priddy should be termed a "living inspiration," for he not only inspires others but he gets them, the inspirations, himself. Then he proceeds to play his hunches and generally wins.

This was the case with "Old Lady 31," the play in question. The plot of the production takes place in an old ladies' home and aside from excellent character portrayal, has a distinct human interest thrill. To a life insurance man it points just one moral: what would life insurance not have meant to women confined by the force of adverse circumstances in a home of this order.

Mr. Priddy was viewing the play when the thought suddenly struck home. "Mah, what a Life Insurance play that would be," he said, "if they all only said somethin' 'bout it." Then he added with his characteristic analysis, "Ah wondah why they all don't. Guess Ah'll have to see 'em 'bout it." And he did, with the result that now one of the characters bewails the fact that her husband never took out Life Insurance.

PARAGRAPHS.

The grievance cherished in some quarters in England as to the unequal operation of the Government air raid insurance scheme appears to be extending, and so far there has been no oil poured on the troubled waters.

The "St. Louis Republic" says in a recent issue that the movement to establish life insurance courses in schools gives promise of spreading to Europe. The "London Record" recently carried a lengthy account of a school conducted in this country by an old line life insurance company.

The Residential Development Company is offering to every purchaser of lots in its new Westwood Park addition, a free life, health or accident policy. Such is a recent statement of the "San Francisco Examiner." The premiums on these policies, which are issued by an old line company, are paid by the development company. Under the plan a purchaser's lot is fully paid for in case of death, and in case of illness the weekly benefits are sufficient to meet the monthly installments.

The County Court of Houston, Tex., recently smashed a precedent established by the United States Supreme Court. It allowed a judgment for \$252 to the relatives of Henry Sampson, a negro hanged for murder early this year. The judgment was for the amount of a policy carried by the deceased. The local court based its decision on a section of the Constitution that states conviction for no crime "shall work a corruption of blood or a forfeiture of estate." A Texas statute which states that a policy shall only be contested on the grounds of failure to pay the premiums, was also a factor in the decision.

The most interesting item of news for the end of the year from London was the announcement that an agreement for amalgamation had been arranged between the Eagle Insurance Company and the British Dominions General Insurance Company.

U. S. GOVERNMENT MAY BUILD PAPER MILL.

Erection of a United States government pulp and paper mill to insure an adequate supply at reasonable prices was approved by the joint congressional committee on printing by the committee which annually draws specifications for government paper.

The government uses approximately 30,000,000 pounds of print paper a year, sufficient to absorb the output of a fifty-ton mill.

The report says water power and extensive forests and mineral deposits to supply such a mill can be found on many government reservations. The house printing committee has also recommended a government mill.

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