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MR. DOOLEY DISCOVERS HUMOROUS FEATURES IN THE SIEGE OF PORT ARTHUR

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"This poor heads in Port Arthur must be havin' a surp-ris time," said Mr. Hen-

"Ye never can tell," said Mr. Dooley. "Iv come it looks as though they were. Every day or two when Port Arthur hasn't fallen no more or is laid up fr'm the last fall, I read in th' papers that th' correspondin' iv th' London Fudge, a highly unprejudiced observer or liar stationed at Obefoo, has larned fr'm a Chinaman who has jus' arrived fr'm Pekin on a junk that th' conditions is something that wurds cannot describe. Says he: 'Th' conditions at Port Arthur baffles description an' stagger th' imagination. Only four-teen iv th' original defenders survive an' they are rayjooed to skeletons. They live in underground caves an' cook their boots on explodin' bombs dropped in by th' Japanese. Last week Gin'ral Bink-writish shot an' kill Gin'ral Bejesk in a quarrel over a bar iv soap which th' for-mer was atin' fr' lunch. Gin'ral Stoessel has lost both arms, a leg an' th' right ear, but he is still cheerfu' an' las' night had his fur overcoat cooked an' served at a dinner to th' officers iv th' Prob-ity reg'mint. He proposed a toast to th' imp'ror in kerosene. Th' toast was subsequently devoured by th' famished garrison. None iv th' garrison sleep at night much on account iv th' hesjous roar iv th' Japanese shells which are dropped into th' town at th' rate iv wa million a day. Me informant tells me, an' he's a man whose wurrd I wud scrup't as soon as me own, that th' ships in th' harbor have been converted into junk, which must not be confused with th' Chinese boats iv th' same name. As fast as they are destroyed, they are eaten by th' sewer. It is no uncommon sight to see a Russian sailor divin' in th' harbor fr' a cast-iron bolt or some such toothsome morsel. Th' intelligent Chinaman who brought me th' news occupied about to put him in th' oven. Th' Chinese are great sticklers fr' preservin' their identity afther death an' this man naturally didn't like to jine his ancestors in th' shape iv chop-see. Altogether th' condition iv Port Arthur is worse than y'er readers cud imagine an' almost as bad as they cud hope. Th' Port Arthur Daily Meloojeen, th' only paper now published there, has a long kick in th' last issue about delinquent subscribers. It is head-ed 'Meanin' You' an' goes on to say that th' editor an' his wife must live, that they have jus' moved into a new dug-out an' what if th' cash is not forthcoming, he will be obliged to mention names."



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d'ye suppose in thim circumstances I wud be polite to a man who come ar-round an' offered me an onyx clock an' a handful iv shandis' stamps to subscribe to his paper? An' think iv th' idior. What a job. He has sten a pair iv rubber boots an' washed it down with a pint iv ink an' he has to go out an' collect th' news on his hands an' knees. Toin he has to write it up: 'Society jottings: Ourselves an' wife attended a mos' joyal gathering at Gin'ral Puspunkki's palatial quarters in Bombproof A las' night. Th' jaynia' gin'ral had provided a bountiful repast—beautifully cooked war map which he had procured at great expiase. Th' Japnese advanced positions fell to our lot an' we put it away with great gusto although if anything there was too much red ink in it. Our host was at his best an' th' mornin' was far advanced before we reached home. Iv'rboddy agrees an' inq'itable time was had. There is no war news as th' London papers are onavoidably late an' our correspondent is at th' front. Th' next time we send a correspondent out with a Roebuck army, we'll send him to th' rear where he can get some news."

Chinamen be th' thousands an' in th' face iv incredible misstatements fought their way to th' dures iv th' palace where their starvin' brothers were imprisoned. What did they find? They found th' diplomats in their shirt sleeves fillin' packin' cases with th' underwear iv th' Chinese imp'ror an' th' spoons iv th' Chinese imp'ror. Th' air was filled with cries iv 'Hinner, won't ye set on this thunk? I can't get th' lid down since ye put in that hateful idio! Th' English ambassador was thyrin' on a gold brocaded vest four thousand years old, th' French ambassador was cravin' up th' imp'ror's library, an' th' German came an' th' gallant officers iv th' Kaiser were in th' observatory pryin' off th' brass fittings iv th' tellyscopes.

"So I'll save me tears about Port Arthur till all th' mystrans are an. I'd like to get hold iv a copy iv th' Port Arthur Meloojeen. I wonder where I cud subscribe to it. I'd bet ye'd find it cheerfu'."

th' chances iv life lik'd p'nomony an' arguin' with a soldierman. "Besides, I bet ye no garrison iv'er rayjooed to surround whin it was starvin' unless it was afraid th' enemy wud shoot th' man with th' white flag. A garrison begins to think iv surrenderin' whin it can't get pie at iv'ry meal. Out out wan iv its meals an' it begins to wonder what's th' use iv fightin' a lot iv nice fellows. Rayjooce it more an' some iv th' sojers will say to th' gin'ral: 'If ye haven't got a sheet or a pillow-ship handy fr' a flag, ye can use our white. Ye may change th' dite to horse meat but horse meat rayminds a European sojer iv what his mother used to call beef. But he's got to have on' o'ght. A hungry man won't fight except fr' food an' he'd follow a beetsteak twice as far as he wud th' flag iv anny imp'ror or ear."

"Why don't that Gin'ral Stoessel sur-rin'er anyhow?" asked Mr. Hennessy. "No wan has told him to. He's a German," said Mr. Dooley.

the charm for him and it's not unlikely that if he could be gotten to express his true opinion of her it would be that she was merely a pretty chatterbox. To really attract a man a girl must not only be interesting herself, but also show that she takes a deep interest in whatever concerns him. While every man may not have his price, there is no man so perfect as not to have some point where he is available, some weakness through which he may be won. A clever woman who has the wit to make a man talk freely with her ought not to find it a difficult matter to discover his favorite topic of conversation.

The girl who draws a man out, so to speak, on the subject of his work, hobby, sport, or whatever he wants most to talk about and shows that she is a sympathetic listener is far more likely to win him than the girl who seeks to distract him with the brilliancy of her own small talk. There is no form of flattery so delicate, so subtle as the deferential attention to what he says about his favorite subject.

Newcastle May Rebel. The Newcastle Advocate publishes an article dealing with the ultimatum of the board of fire underwriters, and asserts that the town will probably reject it. Some time ago the mayor of Newcastle received from the secretary of the board a communication pointing out that unless the reservoir capacity was increased from 119,000 to 200,000 gallons before the new year, an increase of ten cents in insurance rates in the fire district would be made. Engineer Chipman recommended another pumping engine, and the general opinion about the town, says the advocate, was that it would practically be impossible to satisfy the board.

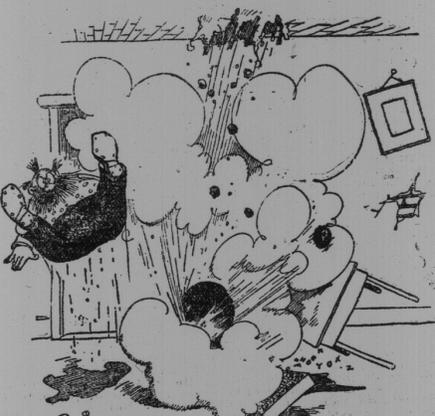
Three Kings County Robberies. Hampton, Dec. 6.—Edwin Fowler, charged with having in his possession goods stolen from Elwerth, Belton, Welsford parish, knowing them to be stolen, was before Judge Wedderburn today and Fowler pleaded not guilty. On Tuesday next, Dec. 13, the case will be tried.

Woodstock Hotel Damaged by Fire.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 6.—(Special)—The Curiale Hotel had a narrow escape from destruction by fire tonight. About 7 o'clock the men employed in the hotel barn were startled by the electric light going out. Upon investigation they found the roof a mass of flames, the fire having started in the hay mow, which had just been filled with hay and straw. The alarm was given and the firemen were quickly on the scene. The horses and sleighs were removed.

How to Attract a Man's Love.

There is one peculiar mistake which is very common among the girls who desire to attract and win the love of the man they admire. They concentrate their whole thoughts and attentions on their personal appearance, manners and talk and think that if these are pleasing that the man is sure to succumb to their attractions sooner or later. It is true that a girl does not stand much chance of winning a man unless she appears at her best while in his presence. But although she might not think so, she does not appear at her best by only taking care that nothing could be desired in her dress and training herself to amuse him by her conversation. Such a girl may attract for a short while, but after a time she will find that the talk which seemed to attract him loses



"An' while he's gettin' th' pa-aper ready a Jap shell is 'bl' to come through th' roof iv his office an' pi both him an' th' form so bad that nayther wan iv thim can be set up again."

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