

ON BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Most men I know all wish they were A Knight-Viscount or Baronet. Each says "If I were but a Lord My name would spread around, you bet. If I could put before my name That classy sounding prefix—EARL— I'd be sought after all the while By every Yankee Doodle girl. I'd wear a beaver hat all day And sport an eye glass in my face, I'd be immune from common laws And all my family would disgrace; I'd fix my shack with Yankee scads And get a million from her Pop: We'd have so many wedding gifts To guard them, I would need a Cop. We'd go abroad for forty years And in the limelight we would come." I often wonder if he thinks That he'd be living like a bum. The finest title that I know A man can bring to someone's sister Is simply that old fashioned one, A plain and simple honest "Mister." I'd rather be of common cley-A policeman—janitor or mule Than have a million scads or more And be a Chawming-bally-fool. A title-friends-is not worth shucks Unless the man who has it lingers