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Exit D'Annunzio.

The last spark of the skyrocket fired by Gabriele D'Annunzio fifteen months ago has fizzled out, and nothing remains but the charred stick of broken hopes. It was spectacular in its brilliant flame, scintillant in its many colored flames. The rapturous huzzas that greeted its bursting-to-day give place to the deadening silence of disappointment.

"Every being has his hour," sang the great poet, whom D'Annunzio has delighted in quoting. To-day its truth is borne in on him with sledge-hammer force. He has lived his day, he has proclaimed himself a man of God, he has been in the spotlight of world publicity and to-day he is not. D'Annunzio steps out of the front page of the newspapers to join the company of "Doc" Cook, Ponzi, the ex-Crown Prince, Keesley of Perpetual Motion, Kerensky and General Coxey.

The tragedy lies in the manner of his going. Just a month ago he was proclaimed himself a man of God. But, unlike the son of Joseph, of Biblical times, while he has blown his own trumpet his followers have not trembled at his blasts. So he leaves the city for which he has expressed such passionate devotion and flies to safety. He who talked grandiloquently of offering himself as a sacrifice for his Fatherland finds that the country for which he was so willing to bleed is not worthy. Either he must set an extraordinarily inflated value on his own skin, or an infinitesimal one on his Fatherland.

Even in his going he turns one eye on the little band of hero-worshippers and declares, "I am alive but I am inexorable." It may be presumed that he is more careful to preserve his vitality than the abstract virtue of which he boasts. As the plane lifts he gives the crowning proof of his masquerading and his insincerity when he villifies his country.

Yet perhaps above the roar of his engine as he ascends into the clouds above Fiume, where he has been clowning so long, he may hear the echoes of his own words spoken to the tens of thousands that thronged to hear him in the old Capitol on May 14, 1915.

"The Patria is in danger, the Patria is on the point of being lost. To save it from irreparable ruin and ignominy each one of us must give all of himself, not counting the cost. Gladly will we lay down our lives in any cause which endangers our beloved country. Let us here and now renew our vows so that some future as the great Pyrrhus, said of Fabricius, 'I see it would be easier to make the sun deviate from its course than to turn Fabricius from the path of honor.'"

Which, then, is the true d'Annunzio, or is this post-buccaneer naught but sounding brass and tinkling symbol?—Montreal Daily Star.

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Fortunes Made by Accident.

It was the burning of a starch factory that first revealed the adhesive qualities of scorched starch and introduced cheap gum.

To the upsetting of a tool-chest we are indebted for cast-iron cement. The accident of a child playing with a bottomless oil-flask, which his brother, a Swiss mechanic named Argand, idly placed over the flame of his oil-lamp, gave birth to the lamp-chimney.

Nobel accidentally discovered dynamite and made a vast fortune, with which he founded the Nobel Prizes. The value of borax as a preservative was discovered by a traveller in Yellowstone Park, U.S.A. He found the body of a horse wonderfully preserved. It was lying in borax dust, and so a discovery which has been of boundless use in industry was made.

A boy of seventeen attended a "spirit-rapping" seance, and found that the table stood upon two brass balls running across the stage. He suspected electricity. Taking a piece of insulated wire, the ends of which were open, he laid it across the two brass rails, and the "spirit" ceased to rap. Years afterwards, the early experiment in track-circuiting came to his mind, and he invented the automatic system of signalling. Blotting-paper resulted from a batch of paper being made accidentally without size. It made a fortune for the lucky man.

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Jan 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, Mar 9, 10

Buffalo Bill and the Mule

It was while serving as a scout under General Sheridan in his campaign against the Indians in Western Kansas that Buffalo Bill, carrying despatches, had to ride a Government mule owing to the scarcity of good horses. The mule broke away, and Cody had to walk thirty-five miles during the night with the animal just in front of him, but always out of reach.

"Will, when he got really and truly angry," says his widow, "didn't have the sweetest temper in the world. And by the time the sun rose he was just about ten degrees higher than fever-heat in his attitude towards the mule. Suddenly, the soldiers in Fort Larned heard the sound of a shot about a half a mile away. Then another and another and another. When they reached the place where the shooting had occurred, they found Will standing over a dead mule, cursing energetically.

"Boys," he said, "there's the toughest, meanest mule I ever saw in my life. He made me walk all night and I decided that he wouldn't ever do that to another fellow. So I executed him, and I'll be jiggered if it didn't take six shots to make him stop kicking!"

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Conundrums That Cannot be Solved.

The man who prides himself on his ability to solve riddles can keep himself out of mischief for the rest of his life by attempting to find the answers to a few of the many problems which have defied all efforts at solution.

Archbishop Whateley was responsible for many riddles which drove his friends to distraction; and for one to which no one has ever been able to find the answer. It is said that in his will he left the sum of £40 to be handed to the person who succeeded in giving the correct solution; but so far the legacy remains unclaimed.

This is the innocent-looking riddle that has so successfully baffled three generations of puzzle-solvers:—

When from the Ark's capacious round The world came forth in pairs, Who was the first to hear the sound Of boots upon the stairs?

If this riddle proves too difficult, it will no doubt be a relief to turn to the following:—

How long would it take a man to pay off a debt of ten pounds at the rate of ten shillings the first month; five shillings the second month; half a crown the third; and so on—each successive repayment being half the amount of the preceding one? An ordinary lifetime would not be too long to supply the correct answer.

Or you may be inclined to try your hand at one of the following problems, all of which have so far defied the cleverest brains:—

I sit on a rock when I'm raising the wind.
But the storm once abated, I'm gentle and kind;
I see kings at my feet who await but my nod
To kneel in the dust where my foot-steps have trod;
Tho' seen by the world, I'm known but to few.
The Gentile detest me, I'm pork to the Jew.
I never have passed but one night in the dark,
And that was with Noah alone in the Ark.
My weight is three pounds, my length is a mile,
And when I'm discovered you'll say, with a smile,
My first and my last is the wish of our Isle.

A man had in his pocket silver coins to the value of fourteen shillings, but he was unable to give change for half a sovereign. What could he do? So difficult is this problem that the man who can answer it has still to declare himself.

If such problems as these prove too formidable, why not tackle some of the following, which still await solution?

Find the square root of 2. Many generations, it is said, have been spent in endeavouring to make this calculation. It has been worked out to 11 places of decimals by one enthusiast; but the exact square root is still unfound.

Can you square a circle? The cleverest brains have wrestled in vain to discover the relation between the circumference and diameter of a circle. One Dutch professor gave nearly fifty years of his life to the task. He worked out the solution to over 700 places of decimals, when he was little nearer the end of his calculations than when he began.

When mathematical problems begin to pal, you might turn your attention to such questions as these:—

How can you disprove the assertion that Nature never makes any two objects precisely similar?

What is the relation between sun-spots and the mariner's compass, and why does the prevalence of spots on the sun make the compass erratic and unreliable?

What is a comet; and what effect, if any, has the moon on the weather?

Answer any one of these questions and you will know the sweets of fame; for you will have done what no man has yet done.—Trib-Bits.

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Might Not Want It There.

A marriage ceremony in unusual circumstances is reported from Japan. A young man and a young woman committed shinju, or double suicide, for love, by throwing themselves into the sea. Both bodies were recovered

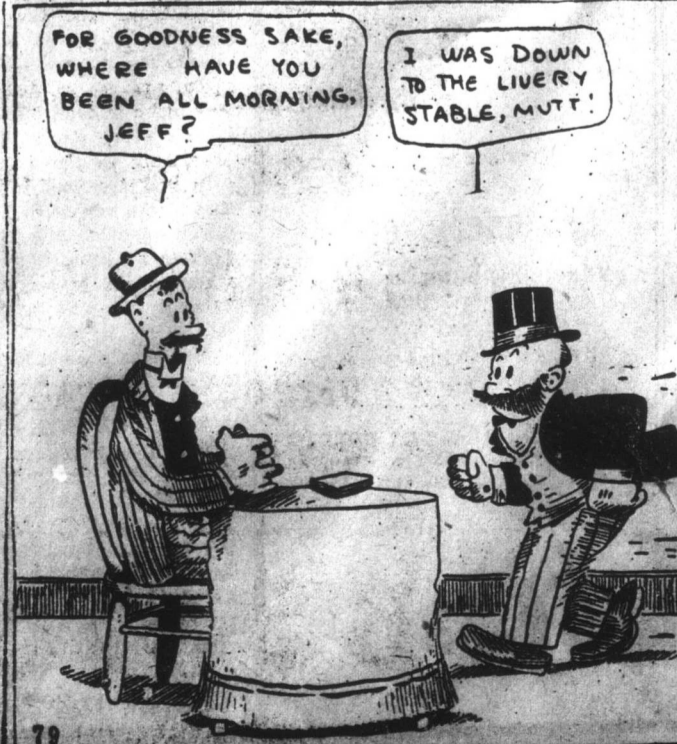
and cremated with Buddhist ceremonies. The ashes were then brought to the home of the girl's father and he performed a marriage ceremony with the ashes of the two lovers.

According to the Buddhist faith, the marriage tie contracted in this world will carry over to the next. When circumstances prevent a marriage in this world, many Japanese men and women commit suicide in the hope of a happy married life in the world to come.

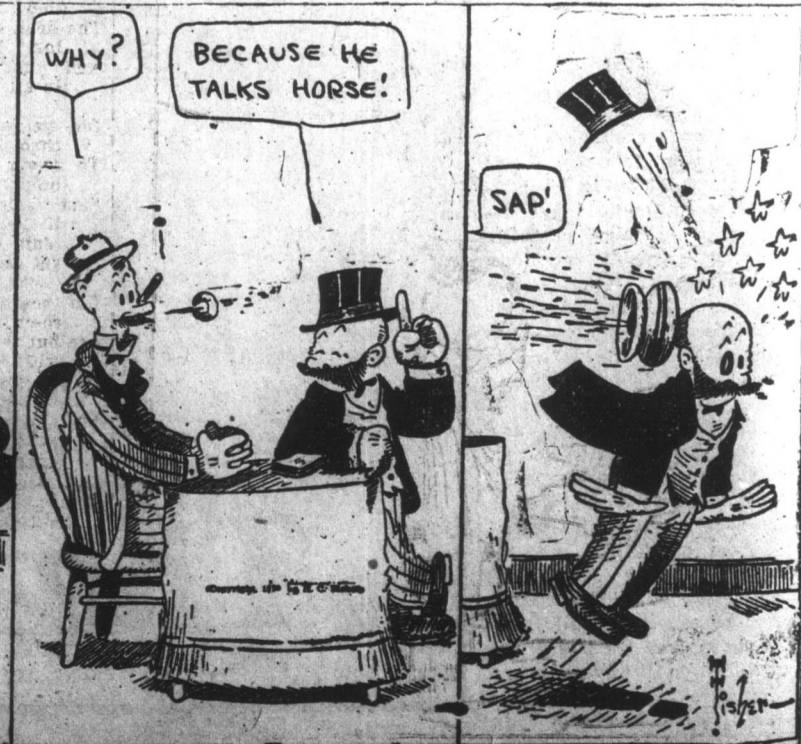
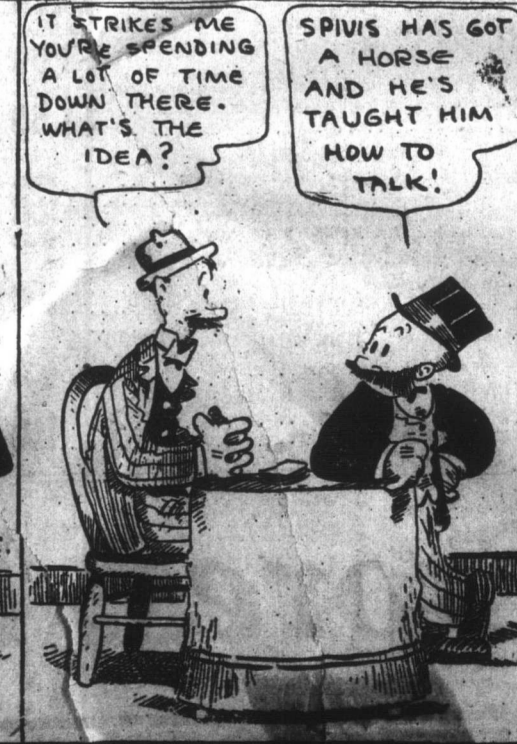
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