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The Funniest Jest.

By RUTH CAMERON.



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A letter friend wants me to say what I think constitutes a really amusing jest. One might as well ask what flower is the most lovely or what type of beauty is the most attractive.

In other words, "a jest's prosperity lies in the ear of him that hears it," as well as in its intrinsic character.

The element of absurdity and exaggeration is said to be the prime characteristic of the typical American jest.

The Element of Absurdity.

Take, for instance, the old story of the man who dislikes the household cat. Doubtless you remember it.

Wife: "Did we remember to leave anything for kitty to eat while we are gone?"

Husband: "Oh, yes, I put a can of salmon on the floor with the can opener beside it!"

That is a typical American jest. The more liberal type of mind would probably assure us that the cat couldn't open the salmon.

There is one type of humor that appeals particularly to men. This is what I call the clown humor—that is, the sort of jest in which someone gets knocked down or outwitted or left behind or something of the sort. For instance, read a d to a man the passage in "Three Men in a Boat" in which, while the three are swimming, one of their shirts is knocked out of the boat and George (or is it Harris?) thinks this is wonderfully funny until he finds it is his own shirt. There isn't a man living who won't chuckle heartily over

George's chagrin. A woman wouldn't find it half so amusing.

Puns have been pretty thoroughly discredited by the surprising universality of the saying, "A pun is the lowest form of jest." I can well imagine who said that first—some one who was associated with a superior who had the terrible faculty of making a pun a dozen times a day and who expected a laugh for every one. Personally, although they do not greatly amuse me, the ability to make puns seems so wonderful (I never accomplished but two in my life) that I would scarcely call them the lowest form of wit. Besides, I reserve that distinction for another form of so-called wit. But that's another story.

The Jest That Makes You Think.

A jest that makes you think is my own favorite type of humor. You laugh and then you think. A splendid example of this is the following story quoted by Agnes Repplier: "A woman who had been a very wealthy and fashionable person goes to Heaven. St. Peter leads her first through the beautiful streets, then into a less desirable neighbourhood, and, finally, into a narrow, unlovely street. He stops before a miserable little house. 'This,' says St. Peter, 'is your habitation.' 'But I could not possibly live in any place so shabby and inadequate!' 'I am sorry, Madam; but we have done the best we could with the materials you furnished.'"

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The Mailed Fist Heavy on Bulgars

Nation, Cut Off From World, Kept In Ignorance By German Masters.—Food Is Very Scarce.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 28.—Particularly interesting is the present Bulgarian situation. The only communication between this country and the outside world is through Rumania, Austria, Germany and Turkey, but as these countries, too, are isolated, nothing but news of continued German, Austrian and Turkish victories comes in through the Balkan Agency Wolf Bureau, while a strict military censorship keeps us in the dark as to the real situation of not only the Balkan front, but of the interior of Bulgaria as well. Nevertheless, if one wants to study the general situation it is reflected in what news one is able to gather here in the capital of the kingdom. He will have ample proofs to justify a growing pessimism as regards the future of the country.

In the first place, Bulgaria having entered the war on the side of Germany, never suspected that hers was to be a position of a vassal at the hands of the German General Staff; yet this is precisely what happened from the earliest days of the war. Military Bulgaria was placed on the same level as Turkey by the superior Teuton command. In every post of a certain importance and responsibility a German officer with a small staff was appointed. Bulgarian forts on all borders passed into German hands, the railroads of the country were submitted to German control, and instead of the Bulgarian polkovnik, it is the German oberst who rattles his sword in even the regimental headquarters of the little Czar's bodyguard.

One has only to know how proud every Bulgarian is of the national army, to understand the impression created by the employment of such Teuton methods in the country of an ally. But this is not all. The Department of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones has passed into the hands of German experts, who keep an eye on what

is happening hourly in and out of Bulgaria, and keep the German staff posted on everything. Even the local press censorship is in many instances in German hands. This is what happens in the military or semi-military administration of the country.

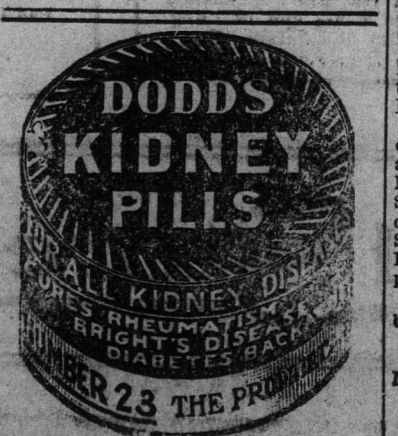
Food Scarce and Costly.

As far as meat is concerned only beef is allowed to be butchered, and this is of a non-eatable quality; twice a week no meat is sold to private individuals, while only the hospitals can have it. Mutton is allowed, provided it weighs more than thirty pounds when slaughtered, while no cattle less than six years old are permitted to be killed for culinary purposes. Pork, potatoes, and vegetables of any description are not to be found in any market, being used exclusively for the feeding of the German and Austrian troops now in Bulgaria. Bread costs seven to eight cents a loaf, but it is not eatable. An idea of the cost of other commodities may be had from the fact that an ordinary pair of shoes costs anywhere from \$17 to \$20.

The army having taken twenty-six classes of reservists there are not enough hands to till the soil, and poverty in the rural districts is increasing at an alarming rate. The Government foreseeing a famine gave three and four weeks' furlough to the farmers now under the colors, but there is a lack of cattle, of horses, of vehicles, and in many instances of seed as well which makes any agricultural work well nigh impossible.

Bulgaria to-day has nearly 350,000 men on her southern frontier, while the German forces scarcely amount to more than 60,000 troops. According to what is known here, immediately after the Serbian resistance had been broken and the Anglo-French forces repulsed, the Bulgarian army established small garrisons in most of the occupied Serbian cities, and after sending 30,000 troops to Albania to co-operate with the Austrian forces, centred all of its available forces especially in the lines between Petrich, Strumitsa, Valandovo, Doiran, and Geyghell. From Doiran to Monastir the German and Austrian troops held the line, while between Oshrida and Monastir the Eighth Bulgarian Division was stationed. From the latter part of February this year to the end of June, as far as it is possible to learn there have been few important changes in the disposition of the Bulgarian forces, which were thus apportioned.

Between Dedagach and Zanthi the Tenth Bulgarian Division. At Skopje the Third Division. In Albania one division, probably the second from Between Oshrida and Monastir the Eighth Division. This total of four divisions numbers approximately 100,000 to 120,000 men, to which 60,



000 Teutons must be added, making in all a force of 180,000 troops facing the Allies in the Balkans in March this year.

But Bulgaria had also to attend to the safety of her other frontiers, therefore she sent three divisions the First of Sofia, the Sixth of Widin, and the Fourth of Preslava, to the Rumanian border. Following Rumanian peace assurance and the withdrawing of a corresponding Rumanian force from the border Bulgaria despatched two more divisions to Macedonia, while the Eleventh Independent Macedonian officers and troops, is held ready for any emergency.

Therefore one may be quite exact in saying that the Bulgarian troops facing the Allies in the Balkans, together with their Teuton allies, amount at this time of writing pretty near to 400,000 men all told.

Attitude of the Army.

Are these troops eager to fight? That is a question which can be answered with difficulty. The Bulgarian people, as a whole, are tired of war. What they see is not the brilliant side of the Balkan campaign, but the duller part of it. They entered it hoping that it would end soon, and leave them the masters of Serbia and of the Balkan Peninsula. Once there they expected the Allies to withdraw. This was not done, and what was more, the allied contingent in Macedonia was strengthened. Then for a time they hoped that Greece and Rumania would remain neutral to the end of the conflict, and this is no more certain to-day than it was ten months ago.

Germany had promised them to end the war by a Balkan victory. The victory was pretty nearly complete, but it did not end the war. Bulgaria now is asking Germany whether this thing is to continue any longer, and Germany, in all probability, is answering that Bulgaria must prepare for other blows. Bulgaria would welcome another blow, provided this would put an end to the Balkan campaign and the sufferings she has had to endure on account of it.

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War News

Messages Received Previous to

ARTILLERY ON BOTH SIDES.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The artillery both sides active north of Pozieres in the neighborhood of Mouquet's line, we discharged gas opposite Commeourt. Last night our troops gained possession of the whole of Leuze Woods continues between the Combes Village and around. Yesterday afternoon our artillery effectively shelled the Germans in Polygon Wood.

BRITISH OFFICIAL

LONDON.—An official from the British Headquarters, issued tonight severe fighting continues. Fifty more prisoners were captured or destroyed since the corps on our right flank, a party of the enemy, called Courcellette, were caught by a fire to-day and scattered. Enemy artillery is active under our shell fire and we captured portions of our front near North of Arras, between Canal and Richsburg we a successful bombardment. Our aeroplanes continued successful co-operation. Patrols, consisting of four encountered and drove off a patrol of 13 machines. One machine is missing.

NEWLY-WON POSITIONS.

PARIS.—Positions newly won by the south of the Somme were several times by the German night. Their assaults, they announced to-day, right flank the region of Denle Court. In the Verdun sector the German evening directed a bombardment and a section of French quick-firers prevented man infantry from advancing.

ROUMANIAN OFFICIAL

LONDON.—An official announcement by the Rumanian War Office attempts of the Germans to invade Eastern Rumania been defeated, and that the Rumanians are in possession of all the east of the Danube at the attack was directed.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY

PARIS.—Violent artillery actions, progress in the region of La and the Strumitsa River, on the Rumanian front, in the sector of Serbians, the War Office to-day. No infantry engaged yesterday.

ROUMANIANS CAPTURE

LONDON.—Rumanian invasion of A being carried on with force. After spirited fighting in the Porseckst, the Rumanians, the heights west of that point.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN RE

GENEVA.—Austro-Hungarian troops, to retire along the Moldavia, the southeastern part of Buk before the Rumanians, according to telegrams received here from Rumanian headquarters.

ROUMANIAN GAIN

NEW YORK.—A Zurich despatch to the says that according to Austro-Hungarian, the Rumanians in of war have captured more square miles of territory in the region occupied included the most desirable sections of sylvania. In it are many several cities, one of which mous watering place.

BARON VON SCHENK

ATHENS.—Baron Von Schenk, who was last week in connection rounding up of German agents French and British, obtained interview to-day with a British with the result that he will be permitted to leave Greece. Provision has been made for conduct.

THE REICHSTAG

BERLIN.—The session of the Reichstag brief. It will open on Sept. adjourn about Oct. 6th.

STORY OF THE KARLS

LONDON.—Capt Aust, second officer of the German cruiser, has published a book, "The Adventures of the Karls," stating that in November, 1915, the Karlsruh was lying in 10.7 north, 55.5 west, she was ed by an invisible craft, broke in two and sank into with her commander and crew. The Karlsruh was accompanied by the steamers Indri, Rio Negro, The Indri, Norway, and the Rio Negro safely.

THE GERMAN WAR

LONDON.—The German war loan due first two days indicate that is a failure. According to from Berlin to the Exchange graph Co. via Amsterdam, re

MURRAY'S LINIMENT ON PHYSICIANS.