

## "A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

"What do you think is the most difficult thing for a beginner to learn about golf?"  
"To keep from talking about it all the time."

"Does Jones, the photographer, do everyone justice?" "He does more than that; he tempers justice with mercy."

Eph Wiley has six daughters and they are marrying at the rate of about one a year. Yesterday an old friend approached Eph on the subject of a little loan. "I'm very sorry I can't accommodate you, old man," said Eph, in an attempt to soften his refusal, "as I'll have another son-in-law to set up in business next month."—Topeka Capital.

John D. Rockefeller's friends say that he tells this most frequently:

It is the story about the man whose wife had him bluffed and who was obliged to do her bidding. One night she chased him under the bed. He persisted in peeking out from under to see what she was up to. In harsh tones she bade him quit his peeking.

Summoning all the courage at his command, he declared:

"So long as I've the spiff of a real man, I'll take a little peek!"—Everybody's.

At a recruiting station in Kansas City, Kan., when applicants were under consideration for the Spanish-American war, a husky young man presented himself for service, but was rejected after a rather superficial examination, much to his surprise. "What's the matter with me?" he asked. "You have flat feet," said the recruiting officer. "What's that got to do with it?" "You can't walk." "The hell I can't. I can walk down any man you got." "What's your business?" "Track walker for the Santa Fe."—Buffalo Commercial.

In an Ohio town there is a colored man whose last name is Washington. Heaven has blest him with three sons.

When the first son arrived the father named him George Washington. In due time the second son came. Naturally he was christened Booker Washington. When the third man child was born his parent was at a loss, at first, for a name for him. Finally, though, he hit on a suitable selection.

The third son, if he lives, will go through life as Spokane Washington.—Saturday Evening Post.

Recently the sergeants of a certain battery in France sat down to an exceptionally fine dinner, the crowning glory of which was a large plum-pudding. "Seems mighty hard," remarked the sergeant-major, as he vainly tried to stick his fork in it. "Have you boiled us a cannon ball?" "Where did you get the flour from?" questioned the sergeant-major again, still struggling vainly. "Where from?" the cook retorted. "From Store No. 5, of course." "You did?" roared the quartermaster-sergeant. "Then hang you, you've made the pudding with Portland cement!"

For three successive nights the new and proud father had walked the floor with the baby. On the fourth night he became desperate, and on arriving home from the office unwrapped a bottle of soothing syrup.

"Oh, James," exclaimed his wife, when she saw the label, "what did you buy that for? Don't you know it is very dangerous to give a child anything like that?"

"Don't worry," was the husband's tired reply; I'm going to take it myself!"—Tit-Bits.

In Tennessee they tell of a judge, a man well versed in the law but entirely self-educated, who had to contend with the difficulties of orthography all his life. In the old days he lived in Knoxville, and for a long time he insisted upon spelling it "Noxville". Finally his friends educated him up to the point of prefixing a K; so thoroughly, in fact, was the lesson learned that, a few years later, when he moved to Nashville, nothing could prevent him from spelling it "Knashville." Then, some time later, the lawyer moved again, this time to Murfreesboro. On the day that he began to write his first letter from this place he scratched his head in perplexity, and finally exclaimed: "I give it up! How on earth can they spell the name of this place with a K?"

## THE TOLL OF TORNADOS.

Revised figures on dead and injured in the storms of May 27, 28 and 29, in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama and Arkansas show a total of 280 dead and 1,247 injured.

## LIFE INSURANCE IN UNITED STATES.

The greatest year in the history of life insurance in the United States is disclosed by the records of the companies for 1916. With comparatively few exceptions every company moved forward and the organization which now manages to get in the list of the one hundred leaders is quite a sizable institution. While in 1915 the one hundredth company had \$12,344,452 of insurance in force and \$1,288,118 admitted assets, at the end of 1916 the limits had increased to \$14,639,465 and \$1,497,331, respectively.

## PERSONAL WAR INSURANCE.

All of the New York state life insurance companies have recently inserted in their life policies a clause which provides for the payment of an additional 10 per cent premium for persons engaged in the military and naval service of the United States in a foreign country. The clause also contains a provision that if the extra premium paid shall have been more than sufficient to pay for the extra mortality, the excess will be refunded pro rata to the policy holder who paid such extra premium, six months after termination of the war.

## INSURANCE AND CONSCRIPTION.

Men who took out insurance policies before the outbreak of the war, will not have to pay any extra premium if they should happen to become conscripts; those who have taken out their policies since that time, and who engage in overseas service, whether voluntarily or through conscription, will be asked to pay an extra premium before leaving Canada. Representatives of two prominent insurance companies told a Montreal paper that the above would probably be the attitude of their companies and of most of the other companies in Canada. These are the same rules that apply to policy holders now who enlist and no change is anticipated as a result of conscription.

## HOW THE SUN LIFE CO. MEETS THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

In order to help their employees to meet the increased cost of living the Sun Life Assurance Company announces that it has adopted new regulations as regards the salaries of its head office employees. Beginning May 1, 1917, a special high-cost-of-living bonus of \$5 per month will be granted to each employee, male or female, receiving less than \$2,000 a year. The bonus will continue for twelve months after the war, and will bring the minimum remuneration for female clerks up to \$45 per month, and for stenographers to \$55 per month. The scale for men is considerably higher.

Coincidentally with this, announcement is made of a pension scheme for all head office clerks, male and female. The plan calls for no contributions whatever from the employees themselves, the entire cost being a charge on the company. Under its terms the age for retirement is set at 60 years for women and 65 for men. At the age indicated, an employee can retire on a pension, equal to as many sixtieths of his average salary for the previous five years as he has been years in the service of the company. Thus an employee who reaches the retiring age after thirty years of service retires on an annual pension equal to half of his average annual salary during his last five years with the company. In no case, however, will the retiring allowance amount to more than 70% of such average salary.

A system of continuous service bonuses is also being introduced in order to retain the services of a desirable class of lady employees. Each lady clerk on the completion of her first three years of service with the company will receive a special cash bonus of \$150, at the end of her second three years, \$200; and at the termination of the third three-year period with the company, \$250. For each complete year of service thereafter, a bonus of \$100 will be awarded.

The company is also continuing to pay to members of the Head Office staff who have enlisted for Overseas service the difference between their salaries and their army pay, and is also keeping their positions open for them until their return.

## NEW RECORDS

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