

MAGAZINE FEATURES

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By Ring W. Lardner.

To the Editor:—
P. M. A. writes: "My hootch is all gone and my husband has invited a whole lot of people out here next Tuesday night and I wonder if you might not have any suggestions in regards to entertaining them?"

Well sister my hootch is not quite all gone but in the old days before I ever heard of it we used to have won-

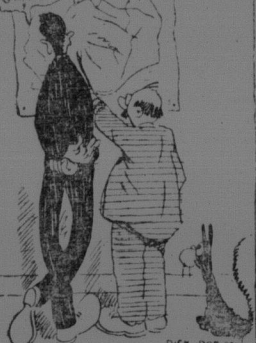


"Take the word poultry. All you have to do is go out and borrow a pole and a tree."

dert times at different parties playing different games like charades for instance. I suppose I will have to explain charades. The game is that you choose up sides and one side goes out into the hall while the other side stays in the parlor and bore each other with death waiting for the other to come in with their charade. Well, the other side makes up a word or a sentence that they have got to represent in some way and the defensive side tries to guess what they mean. Like for instance, suppose the word was cow slip. Well the people that went out borrows a cow from somewhere and a slip and other guy that don't smoke his tobacco but chusets.

Or take Milwaukee. Bring in a typewriter with us newspaper boys was nicknamed a mill and bring in a walk and a key. Or take the word hemisphere. All as you half to get is a man named Hemis and a man, or lady named here. Or the word highball. Bring in a man that's very high and some good model of golf or tennis ball and be sure it's a good one.

When this game gets too disgusting you can start a game called consequences that we boys and girls use to play. In this game you pass around a whole lot of slips of paper



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and the first guy writes down a boy's name and the next man or lady writes down a girl's name and the next bird writes where they met and then comes what he said and what she said and etc. and what was the consequences. For inst here is the way it goes:

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Met Sarah Abercrombie.
In the park.
He said: "I'm for grape juice."
She said: "Good night."
And the consequences was that they wasn't married.

When people gets through giggling at this game they can start another game called "Here comes 3 dukes a-roving." In this game, 1, 2 of the party stands off to the other 1-2 and the first 1-2 begins to sing as follows:

"Here comes three dukes a-roving.
A roving, a-roving.
Here comes 3 dukes a-roving with a rancy-tancy tee."

As I recall it, the next verse is: "I'm just as good looking as you are, As you are, as you are, I'm just as good looking as you are with a rancy-tancy tee."

That don't seem to be very well conducted, but probably several of the guests is the same way.

Or if, say, they's only ten guests in the party, why the host and hostess can ask 4 of them to go home and then you have got a good poker game. Or take for inst, the other night I went to a party and the host took me into his library and showed me a geological map of Ohio and it took pretty near all evening but at least I now know where pretty near every stone is in Ohio and when a man attends a party like that he feels like he has accomplished something.



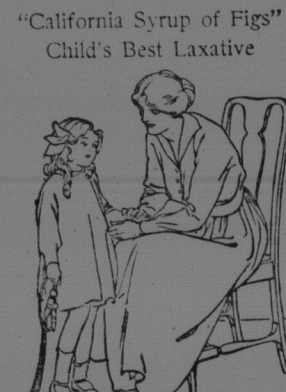
I hope I have helped you F. M. A. Convention, June 25.

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MOTHER!

"California Syrup of Figs"

Child's Best Laxative



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruit taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California."

A Big Progressive Move.

(Square Deal, Toronto.)

After over thirty years of agitation by the Single Taxers of Ontario a measure of local option in taxation has been granted by the Ontario government.

Mr. Drury, the head of the Farmer-Labor Coalition, has placed upon the statute books the most important piece of forward legislation ever passed in the Ontario legislature, in spite of the opposition of the Conservatives and of Mr. Dewar, the Liberal leader.

The measure provides for the gradual exemption of improvements during a period of from four to ten years on a favorable vote of the ratepayers. The bill as originally introduced referred to the voters and the change to ratepayers was made at the instance of Mr. Dewar, in spite of the fact that the same convention which elected him to the leadership, incorporated in the platform of the Liberal party this very measure which he opposed and then sought to emasculate. This is a fact which we trust will not be forgotten by the electors when he next stands for election.

Miss Jessie A. Hart left Thursday night for New York to attend Columbia University where she will take a post graduate course in household science.

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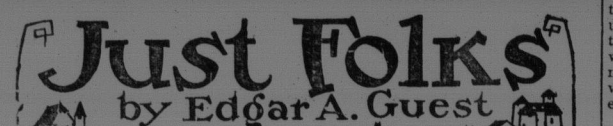
The promissory note is a scrap of paper which draws interest from the first and sometimes draws blood at the last.

The most sublime mission of the promissory note, at the present writing, is to enable people to buy the perishable, red-wheeled automobile and run the same for a year without worrying about the condition of the money market. There is no easier or more satisfactory way in the world to secure a new automobile containing an eight-day clock and a ninety-day guarantee than to sign a small, unobtrusive promissory note which falls due a year later with a report like firing a toy cannon in the cellar. The nonchalant intrepidity with which thousands of men who are only two jumps ahead of a mechanic's lien pay touring cars with an 8 per cent. note and a hopeful look shows that when it comes to raw-boned courage America has no competition.

Of all the methods of staving off cash payment in the hope that death

will ensue in the interim the promissory note method is the most popular. It is a simple and reliable way of getting into debt up to the shoulders, and on that account is resorted to with cheerful regularity by people who would rather help the bank accumulate a surplus than have one of their own. The banks do not encourage the reckless and indiscriminate use of the promissory note unless there is some collateral, and besides a million-dollar dining table and a solemn promise.

Some men prefer to give a promissory note to some life insurance company, so that when they die and pass on their wives will have nothing left but a fragrant memory. Others would rather sign a note for a year relative who is in poor health and may never be able to collect the interest. Any kind of note, however, is equipped with ball-bearing running gear which causes the interest dates to whirl around the track faster than the winner of the 2:02 pace.



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A CHAMPION OF A FORLORN HOPE.

The International Sunday School Lesson for July 4 "David in Gath and Goliath"—I Sam. 17:40-49; 18:1-4.

Pugilism has robbed the knightly word "champion" of its good old meaning. Nowadays the ordinary newspaper reader thinks of a champion as a mercenary bruiser, who ranks well up among the profiteers. When there is real fighting to be done, the pugilist plays the slacker; he is a "champion" for revenue only. He would not know a noble cause if he saw it.

Still the fine word "champion" may not be stolen from its rightful use by the sword. A slacker of the price ring has capitalized the brutal selfishness to pain. It is a word, with a glorious history; a word that calls up memories of the chivalry of the centuries. He who fights for a good cause and against odds, must ever remain beloved of man and God.

Of all the heroes of the Old Testament, David is easily first among the champions. He was a shepherd boy, the eternal youth in us, who made us enjoy the tale of the combat between the giant and the shepherd boy, the brave young champion of his nation won a special name and the vindicated the faith of Israel in the eyes of the heathen.

An Old Tale of Combat.

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