

Life's Little Comedies

"Where the Speckled Fishes Play"



Letters of a Japanese School Boy

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Presidential Unpossibilities.

To Editor of The Advertiser, brilliant mind who know how to discover a Kewgard Kleggie hiding under a flour sack.

Dearest Sir — So much have been said fore & aft concerning future of America in warfare, gas (poison & laughing) and the ten real estate situation that I worry about what is forgotten. What are we doing about our next President? Let us be a little wiser lest the time gets so ripe it cannot be used for anything. To prove you this I should like your printer to print what I caught on my ear last Tuesday p.m. while sipping slight soda-water drunk at Hon. W. Hoffinder's druggery.

Two Votes, male and female, sat adjoined on stools eating chocolate Sunday. I set listening with Literary Digestive expression, hoping to find some Public Opinion for 1924. So there were those 2 Votes. Her hair contained sweethearts gold. His chin looked very Rupert Hughes.

"Hum-hum-hum. Alas." That from him. "I am thinking about American Unpreparedness."

"Why don't you eat a little Yeast every morning?" she narrate. "This will make you feel better and better."

"America are Unprepared as usual," he dith. "We was unprepared for war. And when we got in we was unprepared to quit."

"So was Hon. Kaiser," she amputate. "Yet see what he did!"

Kaiser Got In Dutclly.

"Yes. And he got in very Dutclly (American joke). Oh!! Sometimes I have plenty of time to think, because I am a plumber. Oftenly I feel shame for my country and want to be a Mexican. If America would only get prepared for things before they happen, what then? Nothing! How delightful!"

"Could you suggest some neat way?" she deploer.

"A Get-Ready-to-Prepare-for-Anything Society should be formed with immediate speed in every Congress-

sional Dist. in Asia & America. Also in Europe when that nation grows sufficiently civilized to think for itself.

"O Basil! who would you put on your Board of Thinkers?"

"Hon. Dave Lloyd Geo. Rev. Percy Stjokky Grant, Hon. Amen de Valera, Rabbi Wise, Sir Coney Doyle, Prof. Relative Einstein & Hon. Margaret Sanger."

"With such mixed genius we could meet all calamities," she snuggest.

"And this puts up the Question," he revoke: "November, 1924, are less than two (2) years away, yet what has American done about it? We must find a President somewhere!"

Might Omit President.

"Would it not be jolly to get along without one from 3 to 5 yrs.?" she negotiate. "A president is but a Public Servant. My Hon. Mother get along without a servant, and wash dishes herself. How sweet it would be for Congress to make its own beds without those darnly Messages doing

but-inn all time. It would give Congress some privacy. And such happy arrangement for Presidents also who could remain staying back in hometown of Dayton, Zenith City or whatever part of O-Hio presidents grow best in."

"It are fine thing to be a president!" revoke Mr. Vote.

"Sure is. It are fine thing to be a Martyr also, but nobody does it for pleasure," rejoin Miss Vote.

"How just like a Woman!" he develope. "Votes for Ladies has made politics too sexual."

"How pretty your ears are when you are angry!" she narrate like Venus. "It make you look so Dug Fairbupk"

"Now, Mabil, I shall tell you what is wrong with America," he say. "No Preparedness. We have not even selected our next President."

"Every Emergency gets a Man to meet it," she report like Vassar.

Nobody Left.

"That leaves nobody but Wm. Jeney Bryan," he reing. "And Hon. Bryan have no more time for his lectures which prove that Darwin was wrong and Barnum was right."

On Every Sabbath Pictorial.

3—Gen. Len Wood of Manila. In almost every Sabbath Pictorial you can find portrait of Gen. Len setting on a horse. The horse is not talking.

4—Hon. Sec. Hughes. His fondness

Warren G. Harding have come bravely out with his volunteer. But must he run alone?

Arthur Kiekajama, fashionable Japanese undertaker, tell me how Candidates can be told by their restless behavior just before they begin to hatch out.

They are kind to humanity and brutal to reporters. But most of all you can tell a Candidate because he is so kind to animals in the presence of photographers. I have conspired the following List of Dum Animal Friends:

1—Hon. Wm. G. Mackadoo. He has been wandering in Yellowstones wearing boots & feeding sugar to bears who are not afraid of being shot by a camera.

2—Gov. Alsmith of N. Y. Somebody gave him a child alligator named Al. Hon. Alsmith is always taking his Pet to be photographed. This are a sure sign that you are either a Candidate or an Actress.

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Would he not turn the Ship of State into an Eagle Boat?"

"Take that back to where you stole it!" I snag. "Can you not be quiet and think of additional Presidents instead of jingling like an alarm clock?"

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can, might come out for League of Nations so as to include everybody. Hon. Herb Hoover might run also, but could he? He got no time for White House until Russia has stopped starving, and when Russia has stopped starving Hon. Hoover will be too aged for active exercise. Hon. Giff Pinchot would enjoy Hon. Interior he learned, great deal about irrigating interiors. This would make him very useful in dry Pennsylvania.

Republican Party Exposed.

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"Possibly Hon. Child Ruth might come out for League of Nations."

suggest Nogi. "I am forced to think of Hon. H. Johnson of Cal. He is back from Europe, filled with perils. We must fear all forin nations alphabetically, commencing with Arabia & ending with Zanzibar. Is not Hon. H. running again, as usual?"

"Fortunately is," I report. "Similar to other Alarm Clocks, Hon. H. need something to wind him up. Otherwise he is app to run down before time to wake."

Hoping you are the same Yours truly

Hashimura Togo.

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