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WHAT BECOMES OF CHARITY FUNDS?

An investigation a few years ago of one of Michigan's privately conducted orphan homes, revealed the fact that the "orphans" principally benefited by the generous contributions of a charitably inclined public were a mealy-mouthed set of officials, solicitors and hangers-on of the institution who prated much about "doing unto the least of these" and other Biblical quotations calculated to stir the bowels of compassion, and endear sympathy. The investigation showed that but 15 cents of every dollar contributed went for the feeding and clothing of orphans and 83 cents of every dollar went for "overhead" expenses. "Charity was certainly a blessing for those among whom the "overhead" was distributed.

At the close of the World War there was on hand a large fund, contributed by Michigan citizens, for the relief of needy war veterans and their dependents. This fund, approximating about a quarter million dollars, was turned over to a few benevolent politicians to be used in carrying out the purposes for which the money was contributed. It now appears that the sum has shrunk to about \$10,000 and no accounting, as called for has been made of the use to which it was put. It is further claimed that quite a number of politicians of the "coco" order, bearing the brand of one of the political camps of the Republican party of Michigan, were paid large sums of money out of the fund to be used where it would do the most good.

DANCER AND SINGER DIVINE HONORS

Margaret Romaine, America's representative soprano and Alma Neilson, vaudeville's greatest dancer, divide headline honors on the bill at B. F. Keith's Temple Theatre starting Sunday matinee. Miss Romaine comes direct from the Metropolitan opera house, New York City in a special program of songs. Miss Neilson brings a pretentious dance offering assisted by Dan B. Elv. Dave Rice and the "Frivolous Five." Others listed: Charles O'Donnell and Ethel Blair in their comedy classic, "The Plasterers." Tom Smith assisted by Harry Newman will devote himself to fun-making in various ways; Little Billy, vaudeville's tiniest headliner, presents story songs; Hugh Herbert in his famous Hebrew character playlet, "Solomon's Children." Groh and Adonis in their novelty "The Piano Hounds." Paul Kirkland and Company in "The High Stepper." A Jack Bennett two-reel comedy "From Rags to Riches" and the weekly screen subjects.

GRANGES TO SING AT FARM WEEK CONTEST

Ideal Grange singing teams, representing subordinate Granges throughout the state, will compete for honors during Farmers Week at M. S. C., February 1 to 5. It will be the second annual contest held under the community singing fund established at M. S. C. by R. E. Olds, of Lansing, in an effort to stimulate renewed interest in chorus work, particularly in rural sections.

Teams entering the Farmers Week contest must number at least ten, all members of the Grange represented. Each chorus will sing two songs, one of which is prescribed and the other optional. The judges are to be members of music department at the college.

Winning teams will be heard on the general programs of the Farmers Week, and will also probably broadcast over the college radio station, WKAR.

Queer Post Office

In the Glacier National park there is one of the queerest post offices in the United States. The mail is brought by auto from the railroad some 30 miles away to a certain log cabin. There it is hung in weatherproof bags on the outside of the cabin. The people who live within a radius of five miles of the cabin come to the bags and sort out their own mail.

Not All Averse to High-Sounding Title

Walter S. Gifford, president of the Bell Telephone company, told me not long ago that the only trouble with a big job is the title. "If a man could only have important duties to perform and be rewarded accordingly, but with no title and known only as a clerk to those outside of his own office, the situation would be ideal," he said. "If a man has a high-sounding title, he is expected to live up to it, not only while at his work but wherever he goes. The consequence is that he can hardly live in the simple manner he may prefer."

This wasn't mere idle chatter, either. Gifford is one of the comparatively few big-league New York executives I can think of who, by preference, ride in the subway rather than by automobile. This is because he likes to be thrown in close contact with all sorts of folk. But I doubt if his idea of having a big job with a humble title would appeal to the average employee of less philosophical outlook. The average man is chafing because his title doesn't sound pretentious enough. Just recently I noticed in the list of employees in the back of a theater program that the man in charge of the theater washroom is pompously called director of public comfort—National Business.

To Live Long

The late James R. Duke, the tobacco king, was a Methodist, and in his native Durham he liked to address Methodist Sunday schools. "Bad people," he once said in a Sunday-school address, "always can find some excuse or other for their badness."

"George," said a bad boy's father, "I've had to whip you three times this week—once for smoking, once for stealing money from your sister's bank, and once for sassing your ma. Why on earth are you so bad?"

"George" looked very serious and answered:

"The Bible says the good die young, so I ain't goin' to take no chances."

WAS WELL TIMED

It was a beautiful evening. Miss Frank, I hope you will was well timed.

She—I think it was, Mr. Stickney—father's been watching the clock in the next room right along.

Envious Age

Mrs. Lambert Chambers, the tennis champion, lived in Newport in defense of the flapper:

"After all, the flapper, with her vitality, liberal education and bounding health, will make the best of mothers."

"Most of the criticism of the flapper comes from old people, and this criticism makes me think of the old maid who hissed."

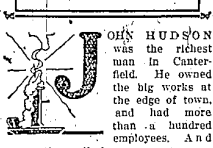
Russia Losing Forests

Ravages of Russia's vast timber resources by fire are so great that they can hardly be calculated. In three months last summer 11,000 fires were reported in the portion of the union within the boundaries of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet republic. The forests destroyed covered an area of more than 1,370 square miles. These great forests are practically unguarded and once a fire starts little can be done to check its course until it either burns itself out or nature intervenes.

Mail by Motor Sleigh

The motor car, the Alaskan basket sled, and the United States army tank are combined ingeniously in a remarkable vehicle now used for transporting mail and passengers in the Far North. The machine, described in Popular Science Monthly, travels on wide steel runners beneath which run endless treads moving about wire wheels at front and rear. The power plant and driver are carried at the rear. The sled sleigh can travel 16 miles an hour.

John Hudson's Dream
By Katherine Edelman



JOHNS HUDSON was the richest man in the Canton field. He owned the big works at the edge of town, and had more than a hundred employees. And among them there was not a one but feared John Hudson, for he was a hard task-master. Many of the workers whispered among themselves and called him a slave driver—a modern Simon Legree.

Now, as he sat before the fire in his spacious library he pondered how he could increase his earnings from the works still more. There were several things that would help—cutting down the force somewhat and other economies. The New Year was a good time to begin, and he would start tomorrow.

He was tired from the long day, and in spite of himself he grew drowsy. Slowly his eyelids closed and he lay back peacefully in his big chair. John Hudson could never tell afterwards whether it was a dream or not, but he felt that he was conscious and awake all the time, but reason forced him to believe that he had been sleeping.

The little son that he had lost in early childhood came into the room and took hold of his hand. Then, in some mysterious manner they were both taken to the works and went among the workers. Here John Hudson learned many things for the first time—here he feared of the wants and needs of his employees, of the loyalty and service he had gotten from so many of them, and also what his plans of retrenchment would mean to those upon whose heads it would fall. Guided by his son's vision, he really and truly saw for the first time that the works was not all his, as he had always thought, but that his success or failure was really due to the help and co-operation of his employees. He marveled now how in the face of his treatment they had given him as much of service and loyalty as they had done. Things were going to be different from now on, he told his little son as he looked down into his eyes.

The New Year was the beginning of a new regime at the Hudson works. From a man who was considered a slave driver John Hudson came to be known as one of the most humane and considerate employers in the whole country. His works was a model of all that made for the betterment and welfare of his employees; and in addition he put into effect a co-operative plan which gave each worker a share of the profits that came out of the business. And the New Year was a very happy one for him and for all of his workers.

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Nickname "Jayhawk" Adopted by Kansas

The mythical bird, the "Jayhawk," has become, or is rapidly becoming, the trademark of the state of Kansas. It has been for years figuring in the college call of the students of the University of Kansas which made it famous all over the West.

In addition to that the figure of the so-called bird appears on the pennant of the college and upon its stationery. It has been used in an idealized form as the insignia of Topeka's newest hotel and the newest theater in the city is known as the "Jayhawk."

There is no such bird as the Jayhawk. It started years ago when the pioneers noticed the peculiar pattering habits of the bluejay, which steals habitually for the fun of it. It nicks no use of the things it steals, but will take away anything that is bright, which it is capable of carrying. The people of Missouri made use of the name in connection with the people of Kansas and the latter adopted it themselves, thereby taking the sting out of the title.—Chicago Journal.

Why Tower of Babel Was Not Completed

Once upon a time, when all the world was very young, a big corporation was putting up a tower. Everything was going along very well enough when one of the firm, who believed in new methods, came to the conclusion that things could be much better.

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The efficiency expert examined the situation accordingly and then spoke as follows: "Gentlemen, your workmen waste 416 normal, or 88 plumber's hours, in useless conversation every day."

"But how can we prevent them?" asked the firm.

"That is very simple," said the efficiency expert. "Employ no two men who speak the same language."

And that, dear children, is how the Tower of Babel came not to be built.—Bertram Bloch, in Life.

Novel School Courses

High school students in Santa Barbara, Cal., have the opportunity, through a series of half-hour semi-weekly periods, to take short courses on cultural and general subjects that are not included in their regular courses, says School Life. These short courses are offered in astronomy, art appreciation, ethics, psychology, logic, history of California, popular science, technique of games, music appreciation, community singing, conversational Spanish, conversational French, current topics, office study, use of the library, the slide rule, and chemistry arithmetic.

Why Not Muzzle 'Em?

We read in an exchange that "if we could attack chains they should be pulled out by the roots," but for our part we think it would be wise to hold the workers in their places.

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Passing of the Old Year

OLD Year, tonight our journey ends,
And parting we shall part as friends
Who on the journey forth have fared,
And all their joys and sorrows shared.

TOO late to change what now is past;
And yet we hurried on too fast
Along the pathway of your days,
Where New Years come, but no year stays.

YOU carried gifts, you showed me grief,
And confidence, and unbelief;
And now, when I their value know,
The journey ends, and you must go.

ALL through the future still untried
New Years will travel by my side,
And they perhaps be friendly, too,
But I shall still remember you.

WE had our secrets, you and I—
I cannot bear to say "Good-bye!"
So as you vanish from my sight
I'll softly whisper just "Good-night!"

NAN TERRELL REED in New York Times