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Is THIRTY the Love? Deadline!

Ring Lardner was born in Niles, Mich., in 1885, and attended Armour Institute of Technology at Chicago. After starting as a reporter on the South Bend Times, he became a sporting writer on the Chicago Inter Ocean, Chicago Examiner, Chicago Tribune, Boston American and Chicago American. Since 1919, his articles have been widely syndicated in newspapers throughout the United States. He first established his national reputation for humor with the famous "YOU KNOW ME, AL" series in the Saturday Evening Post. Since then there have come a series of books, magazines and short stories that secured his position as one of America's leading humorists. Mr. Lardner is married, lives in Great Neck, L. I., and has four children, all boys.

By RING LARDNER

Professor Durant's pronouncement, which started this brawl, reminds me of the familiar story of the two Scotchmen, all named Sandy. It seems that one of them was walking along the main street of Glasgow without an umbrella in a driving rain. He was arrested by a bairn (policeman) and looked up in the little (jail). He sent for his friend Sandy.

"Well, Sandy," said Sandy, "wot be you-all doin' in the kittle?"

"Ah be here for trekkis' in de rain wif no umbrella," said Sandy.

"What men, they canna get in de jail for dot!" remonstrated Sandy.

"They canna, but they ha'e!" dreed Sandy.

A man, says Doctor Durant, cannot fall in love after the age of thirty. All right; he can't. But does he? I will recount a case which recently came under my personal observation and leave the answer to the jury that tried Remus.

George Gadget was a junior at Groton. It seemed that of tummy calling him a junior, because he was seventy-three years old. He had been a student at Groton for fifty-nine years. He wasn't as dumb as this sounds; he was merely economical. Staying there saved him the expense of going back to reunions. And besides, his instructor in spelling, who was a great hockey fan and loved to see Groton win, kept flogging him so he couldn't graduate and leave the school without a capable goalie. Gadget had been goalie on the varsity team for half a century and during the last twenty years of his period, none of Groton's opponents had been able to shoot the puck through his beard for a goal.

Gadget had never gone with girls. He was looked on by his buddies as a misogynist. It was a great surprise to them, therefore, when he got up in reading class one morning and announced his engagement to Miss Hazel Taffeta of Lauderham, New Jersey. Miss Taffeta was an alumna of Bryn Mawr where she had been a classmate of Jane Addams and Mrs. Whitfield. She was now eighty-one and Dartmouth had just elected her Snow Queen of its winter carnival. In fulfillment of her duty in seeing that the

snow was kept off the streets of college towns, she visited Groton and met Gadget.

"Hello, girlie," said the latter. "Hello, geebie," said Miss Taffeta. "I hear you are a misogynist."

"And I hear you are a confirmed splinter," retorted Gadget.

"Let's celibate," suggested Miss Taffeta.

The pair thus began their acquaintance in a spirit of railleury, but in less than a week their relations had lost all semblance of mere good fellowship and they were acting like two or more turtle doves. Gadget sent her candy, flowers, darning letters, new electric light bulbs, tooth paste and hair restorer. She sent him a patent beard hanger and spent an hour under his window every night, trying to tune a guitar, but most of the while she just sat out in front of the Elks hotel and languished, doing it so well that the school regents asked her to remain at Groton as language teacher.

They were married and George asked her where she would like to go for a honeymoon. She inquired whether he had ever been at Niagara falls. He replied that he had been there when it was just a leak; in fact, he had telephoned the plumber about it. If the plumber had got there promptly, there wouldn't have been any trouble. Personally he would just as soon watch the water run in to the bathtub, but if she wanted to go there, he would pay her expenses and while she was gone, try to brush up in his spelling. He wanted to graduate now, and get out in the world and make his way.

George Gadget did not marry Hazel Taffeta for money. She had none. He did not marry her for social position. She had none. He did not marry her to obtain a housekeeper. He had no house. He did not marry her for her looks. She was terrible.

Was it love, or am I a fool?
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The best part of health is a fine disposition. Nothing will supply the want of sunshine to our hearts. Whenever you are sincerely pleased you are nourished. The joy of the spirit indicates its strength. All healthy things are sweet tempered.

—R. W. Emerson.

CAKES FOR DESSERT

A choice cake makes one of the very nicest desserts. The following are a few worth cherishing:

Ohio Sponge Cake.—Boil one and one-half cupsful of granulated sugar with one-half cupful of water; strain the sirup; splash a long thread, beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth, add one-fourth teaspoonful of salt and pour the hot sirup over them very slowly, beating mixture until nearly cold, then set aside. Now beat the yolks of the eggs until thick, add to them the juice of a small lemon with the grated rind, combine the two egg mixtures and fold in one cupful of pastry flour which has been sifted three times before measuring. Bake in a greased and floured angel food pan in a slow oven one and one-fourth hours.

Lemon or Orange Iceing.—Boil together two cupsful of granulated sugar with one-half cupful of water and one-eighth teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Pour the sirup when it has reached the thread stage over the whites of two eggs which have been beaten to the froth stage, only; beat vigorously to a stiff and fluffy mass. Add orange or lemon juice for flavor and beat until right for spreading.

Piecically Prune Cake.—Take one-half pound of good prunes steamed until tender, then pitted and chopped coarsely. Sift the following ingredients: Two and one-half cupsful of flour, one and one-half cupsful of baking powder, one-fourth teaspoonful each of soda and salt, one-half teaspoonful of nutmeg and cinnamon. Add one and one-half cupsful of sugar and two eggs well beaten; finally add one-fourth cupful of softened, but not melted butter. Beat well, pour into a well-greased square pan and bake an hour or longer. When the cake is nearly finished, sprinkle with granulated sugar and place at the top of the oven to glaze. Delicious cut warm and served with whipped cream for afternoon tea.

Nellie Maxwell
The Joy of Life
A righteous act, a worthy achievement—these are the sources of real pleasure.—American Magazine.
Value of Wives
Whenever anybody looks at my wife, he looks again at me and my value goes up.—American Magazine.

GERMANY HAS TWENTY BICYCLES, FRANCE 7, TO EACH AUTO REGISTERED

"Despite the desire of European automobile manufacturers to keep the business to themselves and regardless of the wish of European motor car buyers to support home industries, I feel that the great value of the American automobile at its price will break down those sentimental barriers and provide American manufacturers with a steadily expanding market abroad," is the homecoming statement of R. H. Grant, vice-president of the Chevrolet Motor Company in charge of sales, who recently returned from

a tour of business centers overseas.

"Unlike the average American, the typical European hasn't yet come to the realization that he must have an automobile," Mr. Grant observed. "However, the desire to own one has always been there and with economic conditions better, the respective customer is in a more advantageous position."

The wide-spread use of bicycles throughout Europe proved of special interest to Mr. Grant, as a seller of a low-priced car. There are twenty bicycles in operation in Germany for every automobile registered, ten in England and seven in France.

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Grazing livestock in the farm woodland and maximum production of timber do not go well together, says the United States Forest Service.

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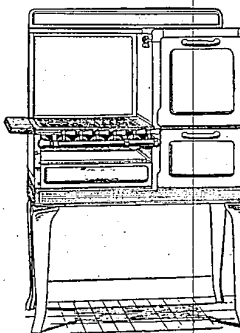
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