

BACKFIRE

BY AL DEE.
(Ought-Not-To Service.)
"It's A Long Ways to Go."
"I must go to El Paso."
The business man says,
And as soon as he gets there
He goes to Jaurez.
Isn't it strange
How the business man here
Will travel so far
For a schooner of beer?

A Frightful Romance.
Her eyes were big and dark as plums,
Her lips were red as cherries,
He gave one look at the little peach.
And murmured, "You're the berries!"

"She is the apple of my eye,
We'd make a dandy pair;
This should be grapes for me," he said
"To make a date, I'll dare."

Raisin' her eyes, she quickly said:
"You're a lemon through and through,
I don't give a fig for what you say;
Raspberry—for you!"

Dipped From the Stream.
King Tut was dead. The whole
kingdom was in deep mourning be-
cause of the loss of the illustrious
king. After elaborate preparations,
with all due pomp and reverence, he
was placed in a tomb down in the
solid rock. The door was sealed so
that for all time no intrusion of man
or beast might disturb his sleep.
Ages passed. His kingdom fell into
decay and was obliterated from the
kingdoms of the earth. His reign and
dynasty became a matter of history.
The remorseless and shifting sands
of the desert obliterated the once pro-
ductive valley. Even the city and
tomb were covered over and lost to
man.

There came a day when by chance
and historical records the location of
the tomb became known to modern
Egyptologists.
Excavations were carried on for a
long period of time and at last the
tomb was identified and opened. Num-
erous shrines and canopied coverings
were removed and the huge granite
casket in which King Tut lay was
opened. There in all his majesty the
noted King of Three Thousands Year-
ago was sleeping. The onlookers
stood spell-bound at the spectacle.
King Tut yawned in deep disgust,
pulled down his silk night cap and
mumbled: "Ho, guards! Chase 'em
out, I'm not half through my nap."

The man who watches the clock
while on duty detests leap year on ac-
count of that extra day he has to work.

Hard Bolled.

The waitress was very much out of
sorts, salled up to the table at
which sat the grouchy customer. She
slammed down the cutlery, snatched a
napkin from a pile and tossed it in
front of him.

Then striking a furious pose, she
glared at him.

"Whatcha want?" she snapped.

"Couple of eggs," growled the din-
er.

"How ya want 'em?"

"Just like you are."—Notre Dame
Juggler.

Creditors to the Rescue.

"I understand that some of your
creditors are pressing you."

"I arranged that," answered Senator
Sorghum. "In this era of investigation
I want it made perfectly plain that I
haven't more than enough money for
my current expenses."—Washington
Star.

Grease spots are not going to be any
recommendation for men seeking office
since the Teapot Dome revelation.

Lincoln Was Not So Mild and Meek

Great Liberator Could Bare Teeth and Fight When Necessary

By PROF. B. J. CIGRAND, in Chicago
Evening American.

There is a tendency in recent writ-
ings to picture Lincoln so mild and
meek that his red-bloodedness and his
emphatic methods of rebuke are lost
and the real value of the giant among
men is destroyed.

Several recent biographies and many
orations and magazine articles of late
years have given the impression that
Lincoln was not master of his cabinet.
It is said he often laughed and told
stories when his serious opinion was
needed.

If any president endured intrigue at
the cabinet board, Lincoln did. Not a
single other man who ever sat in the
presidential chair would have per-
mitted the bold, personal campaigning
of his personal associates.

But Lincoln seemed to let these men
go on, gradually disclosing not only
to himself but the public their selfish
personal ambitions and then at the
right time and in an inimitable way he
would grab the official by the coat
collar and bring him back to the
straight and narrow path of Lincoln
ideas.

Lincoln's manner of dealing with
men was entirely different from that
of any other president.

He even "ran after" General Mc-
Clellan and permitted offensive corre-
spondence and no end of "slights" to
come to light. But Lincoln, like an
indulgent father, could, when the
proper moment came, call a halt and
take some of the officials "in the wood-
shed and dust their trousers."

Ultimatum to Plotters.
To show he was not intimidated, I
give a copy of a letter which he read
at a cabinet meeting during the time
when Stanton, Chase and Seward were
secretly condemning one another and
suggesting removals so that they might
all the better conduct their campaign
to prevent Lincoln's re-election and seat
themselves.

The letter reads:
"I must be the judge how long to
retain in, and when to remove any
of you from his position. It would
greatly pain me to discover any of
you endeavoring to procure an-
other's removal, or, in any way, to
prejudice him before the public.
Such endeavor would be a wrong
to me; and much worse a wrong to
the country. My wish is that on
this subject no remark be made,
nor question asked by any of you,
here or elsewhere, now or here-
after."



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One day early in Lincoln's adminis-
tration, Mrs. Lincoln said to him:

"It is common rumor about the cap-
ital that Seward and not you will be
the president—that he will rule you."

He replied:

"I may not rule myself, but certainly
Seward shall not. The only ruler
I have is my conscience, following God
in it, and these men will have to learn
that yet."

At another time Lincoln was visited
by a congressional committee headed
by Thad Stevens, who burst in on Lin-
coln with the accusation:

"The way you are running this coun-
try is causing it to be approaching hell,
and very fast."

Lincoln asked: "About how far from
that place are we now?"

Stevens sharply replied: "I would
say about a mile."

Lincoln smiled and replied: "About
a mile—why that's about from here to
the capitol." And everyone save
Stevens roared.

Stepped Out of Beaten Path.
Seward, who had for years tolled to
subordinate Lincoln, finally wrote to
his wife: "Executive skill and vigor
are rare qualities. The President is
the best of us."

On July 30, 1863, Lincoln issued a
public letter, designed especially for
the soldiers and sympathizers of the
Confederacy:

"It is the duty of every govern-
ment to give protection to its citi-
zens and especially those who are
organized as soldiers in the public
service. It is, therefore, ordered
that for every soldier of the United
States killed in violation of the
laws of war, a rebel soldier shall
be executed; and for every one en-
slaved or sold into slavery, a rebel
soldier shall be placed at hard
labor on the public works."

Promised Glory for All Officials.
I look upon this order as the least
representative sentence in Lincoln's
entire life story and doubtless it was
inspired by the usages of war and came
as a cabinet measure.

Another message to his cabinet
shows how he guided them and con-
stantly reminded them of broad patri-
otism. It reads:

"It will require the utmost skill,
influence and sagacity of all of us
to save the republic. Let us for-
get ourselves and join hands like
brothers to save the republic. If
we succeed there will be glori-
ous enough for all."

Stanton, who, in the

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your inspection.

—The ladies who want to
their spring sewing can
plenty to make their selec
now.

—New laces, new ribbons a
new buttons for trimmings.

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new bead purses, new leath
bags—just received.

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CLOVIS,**

The Mystery. Elizabeth came to school one day
in a state of suppressed excitement.
Going straight to the teacher's desk
she exclaimed exultantly:
"I've got a new little sister!"
"How very nice," replied the teach-
er.
"Yes," replied Elizabeth, "but this
is only a half-sister."
"Why, that doesn't make any differ-
ence, does it?"
"No, but I can never understand
where the other half is."—Harper's
Magazine.

No Card. End is much
rumor that when
takes over the Britis
is going to refuse to
George unless he sho
card from the Kings'
Tribune.
House rent is so hi
that people don't sta
their money's worth
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EVERY CORRESPONDENT.

BY WALTER C. HAWES.

When city dailies think they are tremendous shakes, to sling the satire at us seedy country jakes! Don't the shrieking scareheads! How they sling the colored gh-toned hootch carousal or the latest movie stink, little weary listening how the city boys still small voice of wisdom with a fog horn full of noise, home-grown doings, I am fed up over much wings of the Frenchie and the Jappies and the Dutch; the home-town paper; take the noisy sheets away; what the correspondents from the country districts say. Did you built a house yet? Tell us how the ball team scored. Did you buy brand-new babies? Anybody bought a Ford? Will they ever bone for oil? Will they ever have the measles, or hay fever, or a boil? Did you get a fellow? Is John Allen married yet? Did you make the rifle? He was in an awful sweat. Did you ride their fortune? Anybody played the fool? Did you see Billy Rodger's boy that ran away from school? Who has been invited out? Who has got to get through threshing? Who has caught the biggest turkey? Are the crops are coming. Is the weather wet or clear? Are the apples and the turkeys?—that's the stuff we want to hear. Write about the country—say that you are green and slow—try correspondent that makes the home-town paper go.

And There

Captain McMillan and his crew on the steamer Bowdoin frozen in the ice off the shores of Greenland chat by wireless daily with neighbors living in the tropics. They have heard reports from stations in England, Germany, Holland, Mexico, France, Spain, Italy, Norway, Japan and the United States. They have talked with Hawaii, more than 5,000 miles.

Warm Chinook winds in Alaska have caused the melting ice water to erode new lands and expose deposits of gravel containing rich gold findings. On the west side of Turnagain Arm an avalanche 100 feet wide and a mile long rushed down a mountain, cutting deep into the soil, revealing three large ledges rich in quartz. Every unattached man in Anchorage has left for the spot to stake his claim.

To the end that war may be made as repellent to all classes as it is to those who must fight, the Christian Science Monitor has proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States expressed in substance as follows: "In the event of a declaration of war, the property, equally with the persons, lives and liberties of all citizens, shall be subject to conscription for the defense of the nation, and it shall be the duty of the president to propose and of congress to enact the legislation necessary to give effect to this amendment."

A negro rector was preaching on the horrors of hell and when he finished the phrase, "And there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth," there was a sudden burst of emotion in the front pew.

"What's the matter, Myriah?" he asked.

"Dere, sah, I se ain't got no teeth."

"Dere, sah, I ain't got no teeth," Myriah said.

"Teeth will be furnished," he said.

When I kissed her I smelt tobacco on her lips.

Oh! Do you object to a woman who smokes?

No, but she doesn't smoke.

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THE FARM.

HOW TO IMPROVE THE CHICKEN CROP.

One of the quickest ways to secure uniformity in chicks is to select large eggs of the same color for hatching purposes.

Abnormal, small or poorly shaped eggs should not be set.

Eggs should be set when fresh, if possible. Germination starts in the eggs before it leaves the hen's body so that the sooner the egg is set the less germination is retarded or checked. Setting eggs may be kept, however, for fifteen days, although it is not advisable to keep them longer than ten days and then only under the best conditions. In cold weather eggs always should be gathered three or four times a day to prevent chilling.

Broody hens allowed to sit on eggs in the laying nest may hurt the hatching qualities of the eggs.

A cool, clean room, such as a basement or cellar, is the best place to keep eggs. When in large numbers, they are generally kept in a cabinet or turning rack for convenience in handling. The temperature of the room should be between fifty and sixty degrees Fahrenheit. Although the eggs will stand considerable variation, the temperature should not go above sixty-five degrees because germination will start at sixty-eight or seventy degrees.

All eggs saved for hatching should be turned each day.

Remember that neither the hen nor the incubator will hatch strong chickens from eggs which have not received proper care.

TREATMENT OF HORSES FOR INTESTINAL WORMS.

There are several different species of small, round worms which infect the intestines of horses, but they all yield to a general treatment. Dr. Hurst, livestock specialist of the New Mexico College of Agriculture, gives these directions:

Fast the horse for twenty-four hours. Administer turpentine at 100 grains per 1000 lbs. of weight.

WHITE LINIMENT.

The following liniment is recommended by Dr. Hurst for use on farm and range: Stronger ammonia water, sometimes called hartshorn, one oz., turpentine, one ounce, oil four ounces. These ingredients shaken together make a very satisfactory white liniment, at a very low cost. The kind of oil used is not particularly important. Cottonseed oil is preferable, but if this is unobtainable, the same materials may be mixed with the same quantity of melted lard, and used in cases of emergency. This liniment is especially good for all bruises on stock, except where the skin is broken.

SANTA FE'S BIG BRIDGE.

AMARILLO, Texas, Feb. 14.—Plans for the Santa Fe system's million dollar bridge across the Canadian river at Canadian, Texas, are now being checked over at the railway's offices here.

The bridge will consist of twelve 115-foot spans, in addition to four spans already in place. It is estimated that the concrete piers must sink 85 feet and that 300 men will be employed for nearly a year.

MANY FAIRS IN THE PANHANDLE.

AMARILLO, Texas, Feb. 14.—There will be at least fifteen county fairs in the Panhandle-Plains region this year. It is indicated by responses to invitation for a meeting here to arrange a circuit and setting.

Eleven towns, Tulla, Farwell, Miami, Spearman, Vernon, Memphis, Clarendon, Vepampa—have definitely accepted. Guymon, Oklahoma, and Canan, Texas, announce that they have ready set dates.

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