

The Vexed Question.

MORE TROUBLE OVER THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

The man with a face like an interrogation point bit off a large hunk of mince pie (cold), washed it down with a gulp of cold milk and turned to the man standing alongside of him in the luncheon room.

"Say, my friend," he inquired, "do you know when the twent' is?"

"No, you don't, stranger," said the man addressed. "Not this time. I'm in here to partake of a modest luncheon consisting of buttermilk and chocolate eclairs, and no man's going to get me on that subject while I'm eating down town. I've got to stand it at my boarding house table—there's nothing else at that table—but I can't be drawn into the argument down town. What's more, I don't care a darn when it begins."

The man with a face like a question mark looked puzzled, but he wasn't easily squelched.

"I don't think you understand what I was going to ask you," said he. "I wanted to know if the twent' is?"

But the man with the buttermilk and the chocolate eclairs moved off. The man with the question pulled down a large piece of hot gingerbread from the counter, grabbed a cup of coffee and tackled another man alongside of him.

"Excuse me," he began, "but I want to inquire when you think the twent' is?"

The man addressed smilingly interrupted.

"Nix, old man; not to-day," he said amiably. "Too much brain fag about it. I'd be glad to accommodate you by going out and fighting a dog for you or sawing a couple of cords of wood for you, or any little chore like that; but nay, nay, when it comes to that question. I've passed that problem along to my two boys in school, anyhow. They've got lots of time and enthusiasm, and it'll expand their minds—that is, if it doesn't land them in a lunatic asylum. The question doesn't make much difference to me anyhow. I'll live just as long anyhow, won't I?"

"But," expostulated the man with the questioning eye, "what I was going to—"

The man he was addressing looked at his watch hurriedly and ran to pay his check, however, and the man with the interrogatory physiognomy had no recourse but to turn to another man near by.

"Look here, my dear sir," he started, "I want to ask you when the twent' is?"

"I don't know, and, what's more, I don't care," was the testy reply. "I've got something else to do with my time than to fritter it away on such idiotic calculations as that."

"You are in error," was the interrogatory man's hasty interruption, "as to what I was?"

Again he found that he was addressing no one in particular, for the testy man had moved away.

"I wonder what ails all these people around here?" mused the man with the inquisitive countenance. "When I try to ask them a simple question, they either get?"

Just then he caught sight of a friend coming away from the counter with a big slab of pie and a cup of coffee. He elbowed through the crowd and coralled his friend.

"Ha, old man, you're just the one I'm looking for," he said joyfully. "I wanted to ask you when the twent' is?"

His friend's face lengthened immediately.

"Look here, Jorkins," he said expostulatingly, "that's a great fault of yours, picking up those confounded fads and asking questions about them. How the dickens, now, should I, a man that sells hardware for a livelihood, know when the twentieth century begins? And what the deuce is the difference to me so long as I get three square meals?"

"Just wait a minute," interrupted the man with the inquiring mug. "I wasn't attempting to ask you anything about the beginning of the twentieth century. I don't care a hurray about that question one way or the other. What I wanted to ask you is when was the 20 cent piece withdrawn from circulation? I've got a bet on the date with a friend."—*Washington Star.*

Good Reason to Be Superstitious.

"Superstitious!" he exclaimed. "Of course I am superstitious. I sat down to dinner as one of a party of 13 once on the 13th of the month, and 13 courses were served."

"And one of them died?"

"Yes, sir. One of them died."

"How soon after the dinner?"

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