SMILES

"What wonderful tales of true love the harps of the old poets told."

"Oh, I don't know—those harps were lyres."

When Noah sailed the ocean blue
He had his trouble same as you.
For days and days he drove the Ark
Before he found a place to park.

"Has the company you work for any reserve funds?"

"Well, our money is rather shy, if that's what you mean?"

Alf (as Pussyfoot lecturer departs): "'E's queer card Bill! Do you think he's all there?"

Bill: "Well if what's not there is like what is there it's just as well 'e's not all there!"

Ole: "Tillie, vill you marry me?"

Tillie: "Yaas, Ole."

A long, deadening silence falls.

Tillie: "Vy don't you say something, Ole?"

Ole: "Vell, Oi toink Oi say too much already."

The costermonger smiled happily at the thought that his donkey was enjoying a free feed. "You're a good little girl to be so kind to a dumb friend," he said. "But who gave you those carrots?"

The little girl also smiled happily. "I took them from the back of your barrow," she said.

A countryman was sowing seeds. A smart fellow riding that way, called out, with an insolent air: "Well, honest fellow, 'tis your business to sow, but we reap the fruits of your labors."

"Mayhap and you may," said the countryman, turning round and looking full at him, "for I be sowing hemp."

Remember," said the modern Polonius, giving counsel to his son, "if you take half a crown from a man's pocket, it is stealing, and that's a crime. If you win a half-crown bet, that is gambling, and a folly. But if you have something worth half a crown and sell it for five shillings, that is business, simply business, and most commendable."

A schoolgirl was required to write an essay of two hundred and twenty words about a motor car. She submitted the following:

"My uncle bought a motor car. He was riding in the country when it broke down going uphill. I think this is about twenty words. The other two hundred are what my uncle said when he was walking back to town, but I don't remember what they were."

MARCONI TO GIVE HIS BRIDE FORTUNE

Chest of Jewels Will Be One of Inventor's Gifts.

Rome—A chest of jewels such as would have dazzled the eyes of an Oriental potentate or a king of ancient times will be one of the wedding gifts of Senator Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, to his bride, Countess Marie Bezzi-Scali, at their civil wedding ceremony which will be held June 12.

The wedding of Senator Marconi, whose former marriage was annulled by the Holy Rota, will be performed in Rome and the civil ceremony will be read by Governor Potenziani. The religious ceremony will take place June 15 at the Church of St. Andrea del le Fratte, which is the bride's parish church, and probably will be solemnized by a cardinal.

In addition to the chest of jewels Marconi is understood to have purchased an expensive Isotta Fraschini automobile as a wedding gift for his bride.

The Way It Happened.

Mother: "Well, this is a fine time to come home daughter. See the time? After 1 o'clock!"

Daughter: "I couldn't help it, mother—you see Jack's auto turned turtle."

Mother: "Well, did you ride home on the back of a turtle?"

It was a fashionable wedding. The bridegroom had no means of visible support save his father, who was rich. When he came to the stage of the service where he had to repeat "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," his father said in a whisper that could be heard all over the church: "Heavens! There goes his bicycle!"

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FACIST ENGINEERS ATTACK HERCULANEUM

At the Instigation of Benito Mussolini Another is Now Being Made to Unearth the Known Hidden Works of Art.

Naples, Italy.—Benito Mussolini, Italian Prime Minister, made a further bid for the title of modern miracle man when work began under the direction of Fascist engineers on an archæological project heretofore considered impossible—digging out the ancient city of Herculaneum from under 100 feet of volcanic tufa and encrusted lava. Herculaneum was overwhelmed in 79 A.D. by the same burst of Vesuvian eruption which destroyed its sister city, Pompeii.

King Victor Emmanuel inaugurated the excavations which are universally adjudged by archæologists as one of the most ambitious undertakings in history.

Numerous efforts over a period of more than two centuries to probe deeply into the secrets of the city, which tradition says was founded by the Greek hero after whom it was named, met with such scanty success that the project appeared hopeless until Fascism's Duce began to study ways and means.

Two Big Problems.

The task presents two colossal problems. Unlike Pompeii, which was buried only under ashes, Herculaneum was inundated by lava and mud. During the Middle Ages additional coatings of ashes were deposited by subsequent eruptions of Vesuvius. This material coming into contact with subsoil water, rich in calcium, hardened into a rocky mass, forming an encrustation, varying in thickness from 50 to 150 feet.

The second problem is caused by the foundation on top of the lava of the flourishing towns of Resina and Portici. Undaunted by these obstacles excavators have always been eager to probe the old city, which before its fall to the Roman power in 89 B.C., lived successfully under Oscan, Etruscan, Samnite and Greek dominion.

Having been, under the Romans, a summer resort for the wealthy gentry, instead of a commercial town like Pompeii, it has been believed to be far richer than its neighbor in artistic and intellectual treasures, particularly of the Greek and pre-Roman periods, gathered in collection by the Roman Mæcenas.

Left Alone for Sixteen Centuries.

Virtually forgotten for 16 centuries, Herculaneum has been attacked seven times by excavators since 1706, when the Frenchman, Prince Elboeuf, began work. Although these efforts were soon baffled by unsurmountable difficulties, they brought to view some of the finest Greek and Roman works of art, notably bronzes, justifying the theory that Herculaneum was richer than Pompeii.

Signor Mussolini's decision was not taken until his archæological advisers confirmed his belief by covering a zone about 200 by 300 yards between Resina and the Gulf of Naples, where it was not necessary to disturb the inhabitants of Resina. For the present the work will be confined to this region, but later the underground passages will be built under Resina and Portici, creating a subterranean city at an average depth of 100 feet.

King Victor Emmanuel, who arrived here in the morning, was acclaimed by cheering crowds of several hundred thousands.

ZOO MEDALLISTS

The Bronze Medal of the Zoological Society has just been awarded for the first time since 1872. Its proud recipient is Keeper A. Bowman, who has just been thus rewarded for his success in rearing "Jimmy," the baby hippo. Hippos are rather difficult to "bring up" successfully, and it was also for rearing one of these delicate youngsters that the 1872 award was made. That baby was the famous Guy Fawkes.

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One Railroad is Straight as Ruler.

Straight as a ruler is no inaccurate simile when applied to a certain railroad in Russia, for it is that and the straightest in the world. When engineers had studied plans for the line from Leningrad (then St. Petersburg) to Moscow, sketches were laid before Emperor Nicholas I and he was asked to which towns he gave preference for the passage of the railroad. For reply he dipped one of his fingers into the inkstand and with a ruler as a guide drew on a map of Russia an undeviating line between the terminal cities. Engineers and ministers all exclaimed the thing was impossible. Nicholas smiled disdainfully—with him the passion for governing had grown into a disease. The line was built where he wanted it. Through forests, beneath hills and mountains, the rails were pushed under the impetus of his wilful monomania. And because Nicholas recognized no surveyor's transit but his own way, important cities like Twer and Novgorod were left far off the route and denied a modern transportation they could have had at far less cost to Russia's treasury.

The little girl had had an unfriendly visit from a wasp. "Oh, mummy, he was so pretty and nice when he walked about, but, oooh, when he sat down!" she wailed.

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FRANCE AND ITALY.

Situation May be More Serious Than We Suppose.

Mutual resentment and distrust between France and Italy are said to be too deep-rooted to be removed by any superficial treatment. What is more, some pessimistic British observers think possibly developments between the two countries are much more serious than is generally supposed. Thus in the London "Outlook" Maj. E. W. Polson Newman calls attention to the fact that although the Foreign Office of France and the Foreign Office of Italy to all outward appearance make little of such differences as exist, the truth of the matter is that the bad feeling between the two Latin nations is the result of natural racial development and o fa long series of historical events, which together have produced an impasse calling for the closest attention of all who have at heart the future peace of Europe. Major Newman goes on to say:

"If one could attribute the present delicate position to the action of either or both Governments, the matter would not be quite so serious, but in my opinion the grave aspect of it lies in the fact that its development is taking place in spite of governments and not because of them. There are few men in Europe to-day more tied to the interests of peace than Dr. Briand, and at the present stage of Italy's development it is clearly in the interests of Mr. Mussolini to pursue a pacific policy. Yet the attitude of the two peoples is very different from that protest by their respective Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

"The causes of friction may be classed under two headings: those which have a pre-war origin and those which are of more recent date. In a study of the present phase of the situation it is as well to concentrate on the following considerations:

"1. The unsettled status of Italian residents in Tunis.

"2. The general feeling in Italy that France stands in the way of Italian expansion.

"3. The growth of the French Navy.

"4. The anti-Fascist activities on French soil.

"5. The feeling in certain circles in Rome that France in some way stands behind Jugoslavia in her antagonism to Italian expansion in the Adriatic, and also the feeling in France that the Italo-German rapprochement might be intended as a rejoinder."

A superficial attitude of conciliation toward Italy combined with a marked feeling of intolerance toward the Fascist regime are points of danger in France's official attitude, according to Major Newman, who assures us, at the same time, that the French Foreign Office sincerely desires peace.

Ethel: "But, papa, he says he cannot live without me." Father: "Tell him to think up a new one; I told that to your mother."

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British Foreign Policy.

Wickham Steed in the London Review of Reviews: It is of the utmost importance that British foreign policy should be so clear as to be above suspicion. British influence in the world is moral rather than material, and those who seek to undermine it attempt persistently to cast doubt upon the purity of British motives. . . . Our foreign policy needs to be such that it can command, in any emergency, the instinctive and whole-hearted support of the British nation and of all the peoples of the Empire. Only on this condition will Sir Austen Chamberlain be able to pass scathless through the lions that beset his path.

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