For the Boys and Girls

THE ELEPHANT COOKIE

Buster locked down the snow-shoveled path to the gate and scowled hard. An extra hard kick at his sled sent the thing scurrying away from him, and zig-zagging down the slight incline.

Buster was tired of everything—the snow, the sled, but most of all, I guess, he was tired of himself.

Now the sled didn't stop at the runway, but it went on across the street and bumped into the steps of a shabby, brown house, where a group of children were playing on the porch. Buster started on a run after it. Then he stopped short at the gate. The five children ... porch, and two ... [illegible]

[illegible]

... was sprawling about in the snow. It was ... funnier than a clown in the circus. And they were all so good-natured and happy!

Bob came racing around the house with ... The others trailed back to the porch, where he ... them up.

"We'll take turns, two at a time. ... you twins."

The twins needed no second invitation. They scrambled on to the sled, and Bob was off like a prancing steed.

As Buster watched them, a little lonely feeling crept into his heart. It grew into a big longing. He wanted more than anything else to join in the fun. He was just on the point of going across the street, when a nice, motherly-looking woman came out on the step.

"Children!" she called.

They came pell-mell. ... mother held up a huge cookie. Even from across the street Buster could see that it was the biggest cookie in all the world. And it was shaped like an elephant.

Bob took the cookie and sat down on the top step. The children crowded up close to him. He broke off the elephant's fat legs.

"For the twins," he shouted, and handed them each a leg.

Off came the elephant's trunk.

"For Dickie!" And Dickie sprang up like a Jack-in-the-box.

Next came the head.

"For Julie!" Julie giggled and bit into the soft cookie.

Buster watched the scene across the street with fascinated eyes. How he ... [illegible]

Suddenly Bob spied him. He pushed his ... [illegible] ... the steps.

"... this is your sled!" ... picked up the rope. ... street, but Buster was already ... side.

"That's all right," said Buster. ... the remains of the ... boy's hand. "Keep it ... [illegible]"

"Thanks," said Bob, "that's great of you! Would you like the rest of the elephant?" He thrust the cookie out toward Buster.

A little sigh of happiness and relief escaped from Buster. "Thank you," he said. "Let's share it." And he broke it in two.

"Mother always makes us share everything," said Bob, awkwardly. "I'm glad that I saw you before I swallowed him all."

"I'm going to share things, too, after this," said Buster. "Let's pull the twins around the house again."

And the strange part of it was that that was the happiest day Buster had ever had, the day he began sharing his toys with others!

The Wife's Song.

I sit beside my sewing-wheel,
And croon my little song,
Content to bide a wife at home
The sweet day long.

The supper waits beside the hob,
The kettle steams away,
For him who comes so swift of foot
At close of day.

The gravel grinds beneath his step,
I fly to ope the door,
Compared with me, the gilded Queen
Upon her throne is poor.

I trim the lamp, I stir the fire,
I set his place and mine,
... the linen white,
The silver shine.

And while I sit beside my wheel,
Humming my song,
And dream ... hearts ...
Hearts ... and strong.

I see their father watch with pride,
Full-hearted at their ways,
I turn me to my sewing-wheel
And give God praise.

Ah, who could leave a dream like this
For any pride or place,
Beyond the simple door of home
With all its kindly grace?

Give me for aye to dream my dream,
... my sewing-wheel,
Give me to keep my singing heart
That ... joy and feel!

Give me my ... for ... and child,
While life shall last!
You can have all the pride and place
... past.

— Mary Glance

The Care of Linoleum.

There is but one proper way to care for linoleum. Whether you have a linoleum floor in your kitchen, a charmingly smart linoleum floor in your dining or living room, or a graceful floor of pattern in your bedroom or sun porch. And happily, this proper way is surprisingly easy.

Take your scrubbing brush, a good strong soap and a pail of hot water. Then put them all in the cellar or in the attic, or throw them out of the window. Do anything with them you want, except use them on your linoleum. They not only are not necessary, but they are very likely to shorten the life of the best linoleum.

The proper method of care is just this: If your linoleum is plain or inlaid, simply wax it. No scrubbing. No hot water. Spread a little wax, either in paste or liquid form, between the folds of a piece of cheesecloth. Rub the floor thoroughly with this, applying the wax sparingly. Then polish it. For this purpose you can use a weighted brush made especially for this purpose or make a similar polisher yourself with a heavy brick wrapped in a soft cloth.

The result will be a soft mellow gloss on your linoleum that you can retain always by an occasional dry mopping and touching up with a cloth moistened with liquid wax the places that are walked on most.

If your linoleum is printed, that is if the design is printed on the surface of a genuine linoleum base, then you should varnish it with a good clear waterproof varnish. This protects the printed design from being scuffed or scratched. Apply the varnish in a thin even coat. Do not attempt to brush it out, but rather let it flow from the brush in a uniform film. Allowing at least a day between coats apply a second thin coat and your printed linoleum can be kept like new with just an occasional washing. This protecting coat of varnish should be renewed once or twice a year.

When you must wash linoleum be sure that you use a mild pure soap with lukewarm water and wash but a small section of the linoleum at a time.

These "do's" and "don'ts" for linoleum are simple, easy rules to follow. Yet they will keep your floors delightfully attractive, lengthen their life and save you hours of needless work around the house.

1st Snowman: "Going to the ball to-night?"
2nd Snowman: "What ball?"
1st Snowman: "Why the snowball, of course."

Says Tall Men Are Hungrier.

The tall thin man requires more food than a short one, even though both are the same weight, is the contention of a Japanese doctor. He declares that the amount of food needed depends on the total area, not the weight of the body.

The Chinese learned how to make paper by watching wasps build their nests.

ROYAL TOUR NEEDS COMPLEX PLANNING

RECEPTION AT EVERY PORT ENTERED BY RENOWN.

Endless Amount of Detail for Trip of Duke and Duchess of York to Australia.

The preparations for the Australian tour of the Duke and Duchess of York have been rendered especially difficult owing to the fact that the duchess is accompanying the duke.

The first difficulty that presented itself was the lack of space on board the Renown. Had the duke been going by himself there would have been as much room for him and his staff as there was in the same ship for the Prince of Wales and his ... but warships are not designed with a view to carrying passengers of a royal lady and her ladies-in-waiting and maids.

The last Duke and Duchess of York to visit Australia were the present King and Queen. A P. & O. liner, the Ophir, was then specially chartered for the tour, and on it there was ... room for the duke and duchess and their respective staffs than was required. The then duchess was provided with a wardrobe room as big as ... she had ... day at Buckingham Palace. But the expense of chartering a liner for the present trip would have been regarded as too heavy. The wardrobe room the ... Duchess of York will have on board the Renown will be a little cabin about six feet square, and her royal highness will share it with two ladies-in-waiting.

So restricted was space on the ... known that the idea of taking an official photographer had to be given up. By the time the ... requirements of the royal party had been met no room could be found for a photographer and his assistant.

News From Home.

The Prince of Wales, when he visited distant parts of the back blocks of Australia and New Zealand, was on more than one occasion completely out of any kind of communication, with ... hours for as long as two days, for the expense of connecting up these remote places by a temporary telephone or wire to the nearest telegraph office would have been far too costly. The duke and duchess were most anxious to visit some of these distant places ... the Prince had been, but the duchess would not consent to getting completely away from communication with London, even for an hour. The reason is mainly the Princess Elizabeth, concerning whom the duchess is to get a daily cable from the Queen.

The duke and duchess will be kept very busy during the voyage. At every ... the Renown touches at, whether foreign or British, there will be formal receptions for them. These receptions, owing to the presence of the duchess, will be of a more ceremonious character than were those given to the Prince of Wales. Everybody on board the Renown taking part in such a reception (and about forty persons will do so) will receive a copy of what are called "landing orders" an hour or so before the Renown gets into port. The landing orders will set out the part each person is to take in the reception and the orders will be printed. A printing machine is being carried for this purpose.

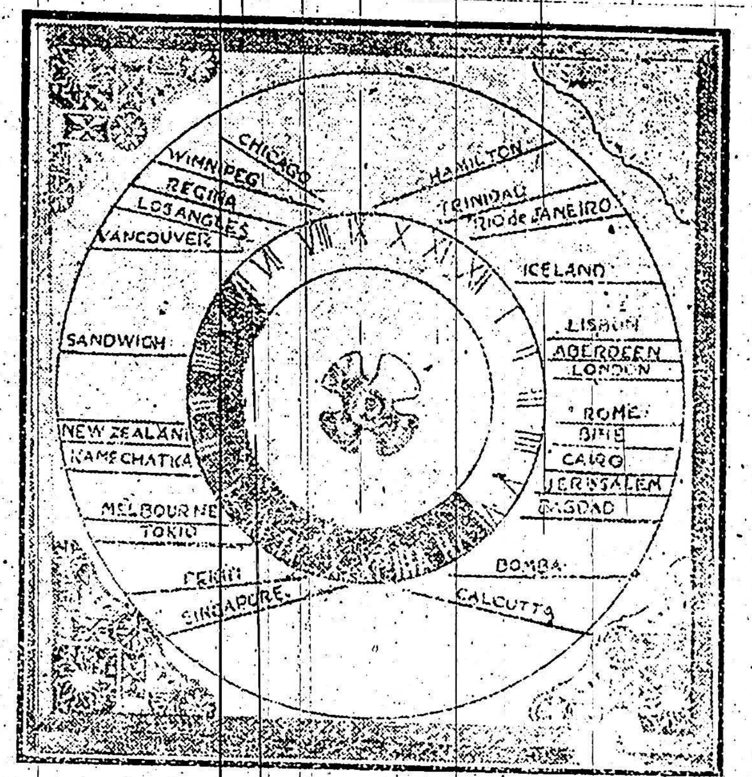
Not a Holiday.

But apart from dealing with details of this kind, the duke and duchess throughout the tour will have to arrange their engagements in England after their return home. When they depart they will have completed arrangements for the engagements they intend to keep in England during July. Their engagements for August, September, October and November will be entered into and settled during their trip. This will be done by wireless and cable. A tour of this kind is by no means a holiday for the duke and duchess and their staff; it is work and bustle all the time and always there is the possibility that something may go wrong. There may be delays in transit or illness, or something that would so disarrange this program that so far as the time table is concerned, it would have to be almost entirely recast.

Love.

... throughout the world, and lo,
Away from Thee
I ... not find the way to go,—
The place to be.

Winnifred Lucas.



NOVEL CLOCK TELLS 26 CONTEMPORARY TIMES

This clock, the dial of which is shown above, shows simultaneous time in 26 centres of the world. It is owned by John Duncan, 250 ... Street, Hamilton, who made it himself, taking about 20 years, on and off. The names of the ... drawn on the clock are stationary and the ... revolve with the ... One half of ... white and the other half black, ... night and day. The disc makes one revolution every 24 hours. The clock requires winding every four days.

The British Empire To Decline and Fall?

AMERICAN VIEWPOINT IN "WORLD'S WORK."

The smallest of the great kingdoms of old has spun history's largest empire over the face of the earth, until long since it could boast that the sun never set on its territory. During four centuries Britons have framed the seven seas and the five continents looking for trade or trouble, taking under their flag colonies which now include nearly one quarter of the world's land and more than one quarter of its people.

Surface Signs.

But recently there have appeared signs and portents which lead the gloomy to prophecy the decline and fall of this glorious empire. The motherland, say they, stagnates. The coal mines which earned its bread were long idle; its unemployed are still legion; factories are idle; and unrest steals through the land. In the overseas possessions, linked to the motherland by the Pax Britannica, are surface signs which hint at revolt underneath. Canada has finally appointed her own Minister to Washington. Ireland, which already had her own minister to America, campaigned for her own Council seat on the League of Nations; and South Africa has said that she can continue under the Crown only if assured her full and free nationhood. Hence there were many who said that the Imperial Conference of October avoided an open break only by skating gracefully around the real issues.

Canadian Views.

Yet there are many Canadians who agree with the Canadian lawyer who wrote his newspaper of his belief ... "that the empire has one fundamental Constitution, the essential principle of which is the liberty of the subject; that the development of the Dominions to local self-government, whether under the denomination of "nations" or not, is only a natural municipal development and does not affect the general constitution; that even a Parliament or legislature or court of any component part cannot conformably with the spirit of the constitution, take away nor infringe such a right ... and that ... the ark of the Constitution is founded on the fundamental acquired right of every British subject to the whole Empire, and on his liberty to use it."

But this point of view is a reminder of the days when the Dominions were crown colonies. As Premier King of Canada said during the last election campaign, "The essential feature of the Imperial situation to-day is the transformation of what was formerly an empire in the old sense into a league of free and equal nations."

Empire Sound.

Does all this mean that the next Imperial Conference will really ... that the British Empire is in truth falling apart? It does not. Relations between Downing Street and the Dominion capitals are ... changing; but there is no more chance that the Dominions will abandon their connection with Great Britain than that ... will cease to speak English. Ireland has tried that, to be sure, but the King's English is still ... in Dublin.

She Daunceth for the King.

In browsing recently among records of the early Tudor period a curious bit turned up that showed how one ruler appraised "services rendered." King Henry VIII. kept a journal which was mainly an account of monies spent and received, but in part stated where he was and what he did. There are three entries under date of Jan. 7, 1497, one of them reading:

"To a little mayden that daunceth, £12."

Dated eight months later, Aug. 10, we find the following:

"To hym that found the new isle, £10."

This reveals the extent to which John Cabot was then rewarded for being the first to sail an English ship to these shores, giving the old land its basis for future territorial claims and colonization. He was presented less than the "mayden" received who provided diversion for the monarch and his guests.

The Right Farm Home.

"By the condition of the farm homes in a country you can measure the success of its agriculture, but you will never make agriculture what it should be until you have farm homes where boys and girls will be glad to return." —Hon. Duncan Marshall.

The Japanese have forbidden the ancient Korean custom of carving a design on the neck of a girl who has jilted her lover.

Not Blowouts.

"I had two horrid flat tires to-day."
"Why, what were their names?"

Of Course.

Never Meddle—

With a quarrel between lovers.
With a gun that is not loaded.
With a policeman who does not talk much.
With a man who is attending to his own affairs.
With a boy who is fighting his own battles without asking for help.
With a ... you want not have for a master.
With politics unless you are willing to be slaughtered.

China has the largest coal area in the world—200,000 square miles.

New York Motor Show Presents 1927 Models

YEAR'S PRODUCTION ESTABLISHES RECORD.

Besides New Designs in Cars, Maintenance Helps Featured.

This week the twenty-seventh annual National Automobile Show will be in full swing at the Grand Central Palace, New York City, on Jan. 8, 1927. The Show will be closed on Sunday, but during that week it will be open every day and night, closing on Saturday, Jan. 15.

While forty-five different types of cars bearing distinctive names will occupy all the available passenger car space on the main, mezzanine and ... floors, that number is slightly increased. Among the things which will make their appearance at the forthcoming show will be the Erskine Six, a product of the Studebaker factory and which made its debut at the Paris Salon, and the Little Marmon, a new eight-cylinder ... [illegible] ... four manufacturers with ... to present some new creations ... body and mechanical design ... the surprise features of the ...

Another departure, or rather a return to the program of several years ago, will be the inclusion of ... for the display of commercial ... trucks. Only the smaller ... vehicles can be shown. Nine exhibitors have drawn space in the truck exhibit, which ... and improvements to be seen ... exemplify in a striking manner the increasing popularity in this form of motor transportation for a great variety of commercial uses.

4,500,000 Production Year.

From the manufacturers' standpoint the year 1926 has attained the highest mark in the production capabilities of the industry. When the high production record was achieved in 1925 with a total of 4,336,271 cars, comparatively few leaders in the trade were bold enough to predict a still higher ... for the succeeding twelve months.

For the first eleven months of the present year the total motor production represents 4,272,000 cars. This is only 64,000 less than the entire 1925, and while the December production may not exceed 225,000, it will be sufficient to give the 1926 production close to or fully 4,500,000, a record which several experts state will probably not be surpassed for some time to come. Yet the absorbing power of the American public for motor transportation has been so great, and the bugaboo of the saturation point has been cast into oblivion, ... that positive predictions on the car buying possibilities of the ... are somewhat difficult.

Another big feature of the national show is the accessory display, ... year at the Grand Central Palace exhibition of motor car parts and accessories will be more varied than ever before, including ... and ... things.

Car Repair Equipment.

The shop equipment display is expected to attract strongly from the ranks of those who serve the public by keeping cars repaired and adjusted.

Practically every device ... for the speeding up of automobile service will be on view, and ... will be hooked up to power, ... mitting the actual operations ... to be carefully studied. ... the tremendous increase in the number of motor cars in use, the demand for service has increased proportionately. When repairs or replacements are needed they are demanded in the shortest possible time. To turn ... out in the ... of hours that used to be measured by days has been made possible only by the development of special service equipment.

The replacement of ... may be taken as an illustration ... since this is a feature of ... every car demands periodically. ... the old conditions, such a job on all four wheels was ... if finished in a day. With modern machinery which strips the old ... in a jiffy, and drills and ... holes for rivets, the entire replacement can be finished in a few hours ... than several used to.

The task of grinding valves ... moving the deposits of carbon ... cylinders was another all-day job ... the old conditions. Now a few ... valves, and the cost ... lower. From a full week ... or less is the time ... date machinery to refinish a ... motor cylinders and fit new pistons and rings.

Maintenance Costs Reduced.

All the machinery that can ... the dread of shop equipment means more economical car operation, greater freedom from trouble and a great reduction in the time that a car must be laid up for adjusting, replacements and repairs or a general overhauling. ... not yet a thing of the past, the old-type garage and the mechanic who would attempt any kind of a job with a handful of tools are rapidly being relegated to the limbo of antiquity. In their places have come the ... equipped shops with the newest devices and the power to work ... [illegible]

Passenger Car Design.

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PROFESSOR ... FAVORS EARLY START

Study of Language Should Begin With Child

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Bridge.

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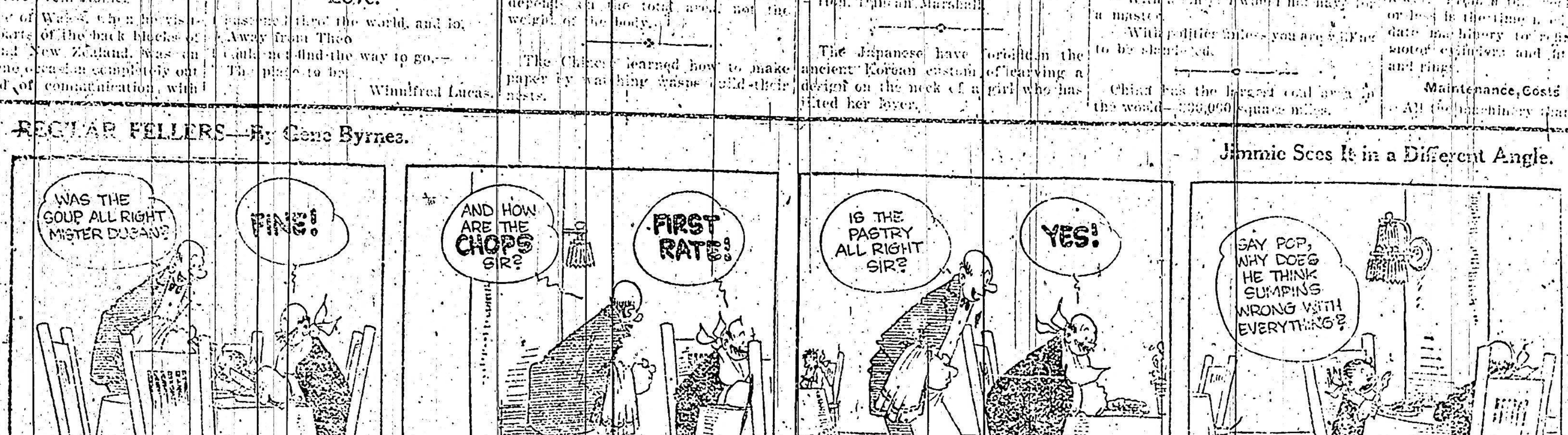
REGULAR FELLERS—By Gene Byrnes.

Jimmie Sees It in a Different Angle.