

GLEANINGS — WISE AND OTHERWISE.

It seemed endless—Pastor: "How did you like my sermon on 'Eternity' last Sunday?" Parishioner: "Sermon? Why, it seemed to me more of an object lesson."—Truth.

A Michigan editor received some verses not long ago with the following note of explanation: These lines were written fifty years ago by one who has, for a long time, slept in his grave merely for pastime."

Teacher: "Billy, can you tell me the difference between caution and cowardice?" Billy: "Yes, ma'am. When you're afraid yourself, then that's caution. But when the other fellow's afraid, that's cowardice."

A teacher having carefully explained the character of a Pharisee, said: "And now what do we mean by a hypocrite?" "Please, Miss," responded an eager pupil, "a man wot says he is wot he isn't, but he ain't!"—Punch.

"The average life of an engine only thirty years?" said an astonished passenger. "Why, such a tough looking thing ought to live longer than that." "We'll," said the engineer, "perhaps it would if it didn't smoke so much."—Detroit Sun.

Mrs. Commonstalk (soberly): "Are you sure your fiancée will make a good home body, Eli? Do you think she knows anything about mending, for instance?" Cholly Commonstalk: "About mending, mother? Why that is her strong point. I saw her mend a busted tire once in just fourteen minutes by the watch."—Harpers Bazar.

"I dunno as the prodigal son was so very bad, after all," said Mrs. Corner. "He wasn't no good to his family," her husband rejoined. "That's a fact. But when he got home, he didn't have no more to say. If he'd a been like most folks nowadays, the first thing he'd have done would have been to find fault with the way the fatted calf was cooked for him."—Woman's Journal.

The Munich Jugend has discovered five new signs by which to detect the school to which a painter belongs: (1) if he paints the sky gray and the grass black, he belongs to the good old classical school; (2) if he paints the sky blue and the grass green he is a realist; (3) if he paints the sky green and the grass blue, he is an impressionist; (4) if he paints the sky yellow and the grass purple, he is a colorist; (5) if he paints the sky black and the grass red, he shows possession of great decorative talent.

A lady took her four year old son to the family dentist. He found a small cavity, so the operation began. The burr had no sooner touched the tooth than the child began to scream. At the end of fifteen minutes the mother was deadly pale, while the dentist wiped great beads of perspiration from his brow. Tom, however, fairly swaggered across the room. "That didn't hurt," he boasted with a broad smile. "Then, why did you scream so?" cried the exasperated mother. "Because I was afraid it was going to," explained Tom.—Lippincott's.

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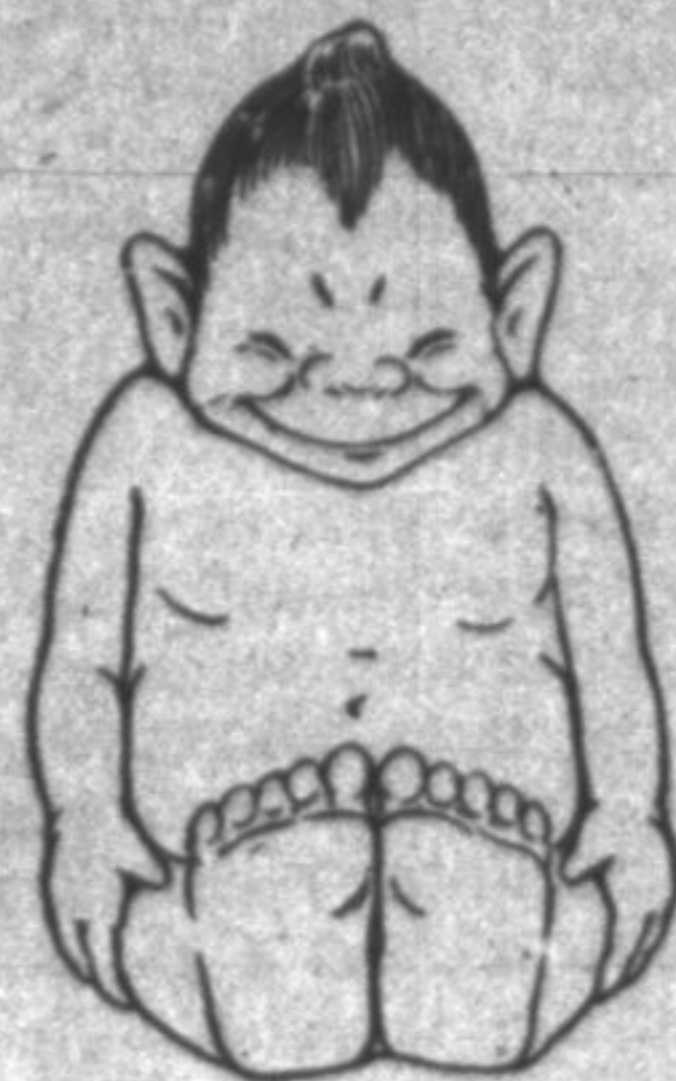
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