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The Judge's Joke

MR. AND MRS. HARRY RUBBER ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF A SON - PROBABLY A BOUNCING BABY BOY!

The Judge says habit is hard to break. He knew a man who got a divorce but it was weeks before he could stop taking off his shoes when he came in late nights.

CALLOUSED.
Angry Mother: "My boy says you smacked his face and I demand an explanation!"
Teacher: "Well, I tried smacking him every other place but nothing seems to hurt him."

The Judge says that many college students go thru school on their dad's account.

SHAKE DEM BONES
Spirit medium holding seance in dark spooky room: "Ah done hear strange rappings. Can't yo all hear dem?"
Scared One: "Ah dun hear nuffin but mah knees!"

Wife: "Oh, darling, I saved ten dollars today!"
Hubby, old in the game: "Fine, what did you buy?"

"Jes all my 'ole' woman gets fione is jaw!"
"Jes jaw, huh?"
"Yas, she jaws from early in de morn' till late in de night. Don't do nuthin' else but jaw!"
"What does she jaw about?"
"Ah dunno, she don't never say!"

In church last Sunday the pastor said that marriage is a fifty-fifty proposition and one old timer said, "Sure, fifty for this, and fifty for that!"

GRANDPA SPANK
Mother: "Children! What all this noise about?"
Little Jerry: "We've got gan'pa and Uncle Henry locked up in the closet for an hour, an' when they get madder I'm going to play going into the lion's cage."

"Yassar, dat boss ob mine am de fastest boss in de world! He can run a mile a minute if it warn't for one thing."
"An' what am de one ting?"
"De time am too short fo' de longness ob de distance!"

Hard to please lady, in shoe store: "Have I tried everying on?"
Disgusted clerk: "Yes, Madam, all except the boxes."

The Judge says that it isn't necessary to drink to drown your troubles now—he read where a New York woman drowned hers by pushing her husband off a dock.

The Judge says that the S. F. C. A. should get after the flapper for exposing their calves to all kinds of weather.

A small, troublesome fellow, told a man where to go. The man, it happens, was a prize fighter and answered him with a punch on the nose.
Cop, picking him up, asked: "Are you hurt?"
Dazed reply: "Did you get his license number?"

The Judge says that the best way to keep chickens out of your garden is to eat canned vegetables.

A BETTER WAY?
Mother: "You must eat all your potatoes, dear."
Small lad: "I don't like 'taters."
"Well, just let on you like them."
"Can't I just let on I'm eatin' 'em?"

WHAT TO DO? - WHAT TO DO?
"Give Marie a kiss, Harry."
"Nothing doing, I don't like her!"
"Well do something quick — anything to stop her singing!"

**FUNGUS DISEASES
DAMAGE TO CROPS**

CAUSE EXTENSIVE LOSS

Reduction of Yield One Phase of Effects of This Type of Trouble; Details Explained

The fact that smut and other fungus diseases reduced our leading crops by half a billion dollars and that the American chestnut is becoming a thing of the past and will soon die out entirely unless some adequate remedy is soon discovered, was brought out recently by Professor Alfred H. Povah of the department of botany at Northwestern university, in an address. Regarding the blights which work most serious harm to our crops, Dr. Povah made the following statement:

"One of the losses which has not yet been abolished is the reduction in yield of our crops by fungus diseases. In 1922 for the five staples, wheat, corn, potatoes, cotton, and apples this amounted to over five hundred million dollars. This enormous loss could be materially reduced by a concerted effort to combat these diseases.

Varied Symptoms

"Plants manifest disease by varied symptoms. Among the more common may be mentioned rot, blight, wilt, spot, canker, scab, smut, rust, and mildew. In 1921, smut reduced the yield of grain in the United States over one hundred and sixty million bushels. One of the most common smuts is that which forms those ugly, black, dusty, swollen growths on the leaf of corn. Bunt or stinking smut on wheat causes considerable loss on account of its very disagreeable odor. It takes but little of the smut to impart the disagreeable odor to the flour and render it worthless.

"When a fungus meets a plant for the first time the plant offers no resistance and so the fungus gains the upper hand.

"An example of this is furnished by the White Pine Blister Rust, which like the wheat rust, requires two different hosts. It can attack the pine only after growing on either currant or gooseberry. This disease has been known in Europe for sixty-five years but was first reported in the United States in 1906 at Geneva, N. Y., where it occurred on some currants. With alarming rapidity the disease spread so that three years after its discovery it was found in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The next year Ohio and Indiana were added and by 1917 Rhode Island, Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Minnesota as well as Ontario, Canada. Now the disease is known to occur in the state of Washington and in British Columbia. The only way in which the disease can be controlled is to destroy the currant and gooseberry bushes both wild and cultivated. The United States Department of Agricultural

fore has been prosecuting this work so vigorously that in the summers of 1922, 1923, and 1924, in New England and New York state over two million acres of land have been cleared of currants and gooseberries. In this area over twenty-two million berry bushes have been destroyed. At present it looks as though we could never exterminate the fungus in the United States but with serious effort we can keep it under control."

Chestnut Doomed

As for the popular chestnut, there does not at present seem to be much hope of saving it, the speaker asserted. On this topic, he said, in part: "One of the most tragic stories is that of the slaughter of the American chestnut by an imported disease called Chestnut Blight, which was first noticed in the New York Zoological park in the summer of 1904. From the time of its discovery it has spread with amazing rapidity and complete destruction of the chestnut. In a year 98 per cent of all the chestnut trees in the parks of the Bronx were infected. It was also noticed in New Jersey in that year. By 1908 the disease was reported from Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. The disease was kept spreading so that now it extends from Maine to Georgia and from Massachusetts to Ontario. It is simply a question of time until the disease will be found throughout the entire range of the American chestnut.

Enters Through Wound

"The fungus gains entrance to the tree through a wound and grows in the soft tissues of the bark and sap wood. The tissue of the chestnut is killed by a poison secreted by the fungus and finally a canker is formed. When the fungus grows entirely around a limb, the part above withers and dies. Thus the fungus acts in a way somewhat similar to man when he girdles a tree by cutting away the bark in a circle about the tree. In Pennsylvania one can travel for miles through woods where every chestnut tree is killed, standing a gaunt spectre of its former beauty. Attempts to control the disease have

proved hopeless as the fungus produces two kinds of spores in enormous numbers which are scattered by wind, rain, animals, and birds. Another reason why the fungus is so hard to check is the fact that it grows more rapidly on dead bark than on living trees; moreover, it can endure cold and draught. Our only hope is that some resistant chestnut trees may be found and thus prevent the extermination of the American chestnut."

Hubby: "The paper says a woman was crushed to death in a jam at a sale yesterday!"

Wife: "Does it say what the bargains were?"

New Notice: A small boy has been arrested for stealing a half-dollar. He says he did it to go to the movies and see "The Ten Commandments!"

WANTED TO BE CERTAIN

Weary Husband: "I took that sample of ribbon you gave me into every shop and couldn't match it."

Wife: "Oh, fine! Now I know no one else will have some like it!"

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