

Jingle Bells

(Continued from preceding page)

"Boys," he said, "I've got bad news."

"What is it?" we demanded.

"My prisoner is dead."

"Dead?" some one echoed.

"Yep. I didn't know he was ailing, neither. I went in just now to untie the ropes that I used to hitch him in bed with and he didn't move. I put my hand on his head and it was cold as ice. He is a corpse, I tell you. I want one of you fellows to come and examine him for me."

The old soldiers showed little inclination to move, even for so exciting an adventure, so it was up to me. I accompanied the sheriff to the room which he was using as a temporary jail. The shades were drawn, but on the cot I could see the dim outline of a man's figure.

Just as the sheriff had done, I first obeyed the impulse to put my hand on Bill's forehead.

It was cold and lifeless. I shuddered a little at the presence of death.

"Pull up the curtain," I suggested.

The sheriff fumbled with the shade, which escaped from his nervous fingers and went up to the top with a bang. We both jumped as if we had been shot.

I drew back the covers from the inanimate form on the cot.

It was the papier-mache statue of myself!

"Gosh! What is it?" stammered the sheriff, who had not seen our performance and doubtless thought that Bill was a trifle pale.

I explained briefly.

"Then he has escaped, too," the sheriff sighed.

"It looks like it," I said.

Indeed he had. Pinned to the wall we found a penciled note. It ran:

Dear Sheriff: I am mighty glad to have met you and I should like to longer, but I've got another engagement. Thanks very much for your horse.

Yours affectionately,
BILL.

I am afraid I laughed. It was such a foolish ending to our supposed tragedy.

I went up-stairs-to-see how Maryella was getting along. I found her awake, but still in bed. She claimed she felt as well as ever.

I told her briefly what had happened the night before and this morning. It seemed as if she had an explanation due her. Then she told of her terror at finding the strange man in the closet. Of course, his being there substantiated my story to her the previous night when I had said that I had followed a man to that room.

"I am glad he got away," said Maryella kind-heartedly, "especially as he didn't steal anything. The only thing I had of any value was Mrs. Hemmingway's pearls." She looked over toward the dresser where she had put them the night before. "Why, where are they?"

(Continued Next Week)

It is claimed the women are going to do everything the men do, but not many of them so far have succeeded in raising a crop of whiskers.

Approve Plan to Pave Sheridan Road Bridge

Plans for paving of Sheridan road, from Water street to Prospect drive, in Waukegan, were approved by the Waukegan city council sitting as the board of local improvements at the close of a public hearing on the project last week.

The paving of this stretch will provide for the surfacing of the Sheri-

dan road bridge which has presented a rough gravelled surface since the erection of this structure five years ago. Delay in carrying out the paving was necessary to permit the earth in the approach to settle.

June Wedding Record Is Lower This Year

Falling just 13 short of the record for June 1928, the past month show-

ed a total of 620 marriage licenses issued in County Clerk Lew A. Herdick's office. June, the month of weddings, as usual outstrips all other months of the year for weddings, but this year the total is some less than last year.

Some of the business men who claim the tentacles of the trusts are crushing them, would be less severely pressed if they would advertise a little more.

Upstairs, Downstairs All About the House

TELEPHONES where you need them—
This is a modern way to add to the living comfort of your home.

Many families nowadays have two or more telephone lines—with handy extensions. In such homes incoming and outgoing calls are seldom delayed, for the additional lines give assurance that at least one will be available for use always.

Business houses invariably add telephone lines when usage demands. Why not the same thing in the home?

Nearly every room in your house would be more livable with a telephone in it.

The cost of extension telephones is small. Call our Business Office.

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

BELL SYSTEM

One Policy • One System • Universal Service



20% DISCOUNT
BROUGHT AN

RELIABLE
& DRY CLEANING
618 N. Green Bldg.

JUMBO
HIGHMO
F
Highland
Box 291
We

Telep
Slip Covers, M
Bevel Plat
Windows
Auto
J. M. B
North Room
32 S. I

GREEN
Elect
514 Laurel A
ELEC
CONT
THOR
APEX
Telephone 55

Winds
Illinois
Sun
Mu
Eng
P
Highlan
Winn

S. I
LANDSCA
915 L
Highlan
Grading Law
Perennials
and