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The SNAPSHOT GUILD
Watch Your Perspective



"Distortion is possible if you want it (left) or it can easily be avoided"

WHAT would your girl friend or wife say if you made your appearance with her picture after the Sunday outing, showing her with enormous feet such as those in the picture to the left?

War would probably be declared when you made the familiar statement, "Well, dear, the camera never lies." But the truth is that the camera didn't lie for it caught just what the lens saw.

Evidently the amateur who took this picture held the camera quite low, and probably less than three feet from the two feet of the attractive young lady. Her head and shoulders were at the right distance from the camera to give good perspective but her feet were perhaps thirty-six inches nearer the lens.

Perspective in a picture is determined by the point of view from which the lens makes the picture, so after all the camera did not tell a lie.

the white lie, but portrayed exactly what it saw and just about what the eye would see if one looked at the subject from the same point of view.

True, this is a much exaggerated example of bad perspective, but in making portraits, or indeed, "close-ups" of any object, we should be careful to see that no part of the subject is very much nearer the camera than the rest.

In making portraits we are sometimes likely to permit our subject to place a hand well forward on the arm of the chair. If working within three or four feet from your subject the hand will appear abnormally large. Better have the hands in the lap in a natural position and close to the body, with most of the fingers folded under.

Now you should know how and how not to get distortion in your portraits so let your conscience be your guide.

JOHN VAN GUILDER.

The Serpent's Jaws
ARCHY C. NEW

JUDGE GROVE'S glance betrayed no sign of alarm at his visitor's ashen face and sunken eyes, portents of a malignant illness. His own pink rufous face was wreathed in a happy smile as he rose alertly and led her to a chair.

"Well, well, Maria," he boomed cheerily, "this is indeed a happy surprise. Haven't seen you since—"

"Not since Will's funeral," she agreed wearily, tugging at a well-worn glove. "I've been living with my boy Harry, in New York the past year. After Will died, well—you see—"

The judge saw very clearly: Will Brooks—careless, happy-go-lucky Will Brooks, had died a year ago, leaving what was left of his coal business—ashes—ashes of debt—little else. No insurance.

"Then Harry lost his job," the widow frowned on. "He kept worrying over it. After six months he joined the navy. He sends me all he can out of his meager pay but it isn't enough, with doctor's bills and all. I— I decided to come back here with Jenny for a while." Her voice broke and she dabbed a handkerchief at her eyes.

"Judge, can't the law make a daughter support her needy mother?"

"Unfortunately," he advised her slowly, "your absence has made you a nonresident. But good gosh, Maria, surely Jennie hasn't turned you away—her own mother."

"She was furious when I went there this morning."

"Sh-h-h!" the judge soothed her, thinking fast. "Now, you listen to me. Bill Potter's still running the Potter house and he'll board you awhile for 'nothin'." In confidence, mind ye, he's been ownin' me a bill for years, and can't pay. So we'll work part of it out in trade. I'll give you a note."

"But I can't let you—" she started to protest.

"Hush!" he scribbled furiously, then, rising, put the note in her shaking hand and helped her to her feet. "I'm along now and leave everything to me. But mind, nothing of this to Jennie, understand?"

"Judge, how could you?" his secretary rebuked him gently. "You know Mr. Potter owes you nothing. Suppose she tells him—"

"Now you hush!" His eyes gleamed mischievously as he reached for his hat.

"I hear your mother's at the Potter house, Jennie." Marked cordiality masked the judge's inner feelings as he met the younger woman's querulous look. "Suppose she came back to settle your dad's estate, huh?"

"Are you trying to be funny?" she demanded sharply. "You know well I left nothing except debts," her lip curled. "I even had to share his funeral expenses."

"Seems to me," he said blandly ignoring her impertinence and wagging a long strip of paper in his hand, "that your father was canny than you give him credit for. This list seems to prove it."

"What list is that?" she asked indifferently.

"A list of judgments," he told her smoothly. "Court judgments assigned to your dad which total the tidy sum of ninety-seven hundred & forty-nine dollars and sixty cents."

Cupidity vied with incredulity in her tone. "All that—my father's?"

"Seems so," he replied blandly. "Guess when these people were sued, your father'd step in, pay what they owed and then hold the judgments against 'em to get their coal business."

"And we're the heirs?" she asked avidly. "We get the money?"

"Easy, easy there!" admonished the judge sternly. "Your father left a will y'know. Your mother has first claim on these judgment debts if we collect 'em. Guess I'd better see her and ask if she wants me to round 'em up."

"Please, I'd rather you wouldn't just now." Her expression changed swiftly. "Dear mother, you see, is rather ill. The judge's poker face revealed nothing. "She's coming to live with me. Hadn't you better—that is—couldn't you—let them stand awhile longer? Even say nothing about them to her now? We—we're so anxious to make her last days peaceful."

"Humph—h! mebbe we can manage it. But won't your mother er—need some money?"

"While I'm living?" demanded the woman dramatically. "Indeed not. Remember, she's my mother!"

"Darned if she ain't!" he agreed as if the discovery were startling. "Well, g'd-day!"

"Judge," asked his secretary, "when that poor woman was here yesterday, why didn't you tell her about all those judgments?"

"Jean, I'm reminded of King Lear. Remember? 'How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.' That Jennie hussy reminded me of a serpent's jaws trying to gobble up those judgments."

"But you're not going to let her have them?"

"Why not?" grinned the judge. "I got 'em for her. Spent all day yesterday seein' clients of mine and gettin' 'em to dig up all the old worthless, totally uncollectible judgments they had and assign 'em with back dates to Will Brooks. They ain't even good scrap paper. Only value they've got is to raise false hopes in a false daughter an' bring peace to her tired old mother."

Getting Out of Crime

Most American courts still consider pleas of insanity from the standpoint of moral responsibility instead of mental derangement, writes J. W. M. Kenney, Milwaukee, Wis., in Collier's Weekly. In 29 states a person is not liable for a crime when he proves he did not know that the act was wrong. In 17 states, even when knowing the difference between right and wrong, he is immune from punishment when his crime was committed under "an irresistible impulse" due to a mental disease.

HUNTING PARTY FAILS IN SEARCH FOR BEAR
(Burlington Gazette)

On Monday evening a hunting party headed by Leslie Bray, game warden for Hutton and Peel, and Cr. Leslie Kerns, and composed of Percy Filman, A. Riggs, Constable Patterson, and a number of sharpshooters from Brant and Oakville district, made a diligent search for the bear, which has been seen in the slushing on Russell Peart's farm during the past few weeks. The party travelled through fields, mowing and thicket on several farms in the neighborhood of the Guelph line, but failed to find any trace of Mr. Bruin. Water pools in the bush were visited, but no marks were visible where the bear had visited them to quench its thirst. The hunt was continued until dark, but without success.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Kerns found traces of the bear in his wheat field. The wheat had been trampled, and where the bear had lain down the grain was flat.

Wm. Kelley, an employee of Mr. Wm. Campbell, farm, he was within a few feet of the bear a couple of weeks ago, but has not seen it since.

Some residents are under the impression that the "bear" is a large black dog owned by the scientist, but the whole thing remains a mystery to be solved. If anyone happens to see Mr. Bruin in the neighborhood, they are kindly asked to get in touch with Cr. Kerns immediately, so that steps can be made to capture the animal which is causing considerable anxiety among residents with families and those who have live stock on their farms.

MIDGET AUTO PLANNED FOR CANADIAN MARKET TO COST PUBLIC \$325

What is probably the smallest automobile in Canada is being demonstrated in Toronto this week by representatives of a French motor-car designer.

This midget car, seen outside the Parliament buildings on Tuesday, weighs only 1,100 pounds, and is powered by a one-cylinder motor which develops 20 horsepower at 4,000 revolutions per minute. It will be marketed at \$325. Negotiations are being conducted to float a company with a capital of \$75,000.

The single-cylinder power plant, which is mounted directly over the front axle, provides front-wheel traction. Conventional differential axle and three-speed transmission complete the unit.

Capable of 65 miles an hour, the midget car has gasoline mileage of 55 miles per gallon. The sample car at present in Toronto has travelled 12,000 miles. It is the only one of its kind in existence, as it is a custom built job constructed by the designer for demonstration purposes.

The streamlined body closely resembles the expensive make, and is equipped with a detachable roof, which can be folded and packed in the large trunk at the rear. Seating capacity will be limited to two passengers on all models. Production will commence as soon as arrangements are completed in connection with financing, it is expected.

Dancing All Day Annual Affair in Cornish Town

There is a town in England where, punctually at seven o'clock on a May morning every year the doors of the houses are thrown open. And thereafter, until six in the evening, the people of the town, Helston, in Cornwall, high and low alike, dance through every house in the place and through the streets, all to a single tune, played by the village band.

Palermo

(Too late for last week)

Palermo lost its last game in the schedule of the Halton-Wentworth baseball league on Saturday afternoon, when Waterdown were the victors, and defeated them by a score of 15-6.

The service of St. Luke's Anglican church on Sunday morning was conducted by E. O. Caticat, principal of the Bronte public school, who is supplying while the rector, Rev. J. M. Cameron, is away on vacation.

Great preparations are being made for the diamond jubilee of the Palermo public school, with an old boys' reunion on August 3rd. The United church is planning a special service for the following Sunday, when old boys are to be the speakers and will sing in the choir.

The Mission Band of the United church met on Saturday afternoon at the home of the leader, Mrs. H. Inglehart. The devotional period was led by Helen Smith. Mrs. M. Hicks told the children a missionary story, and Mrs. Inglehart gave a talk. The program consisted of a vocal solo, recitations by Leahy, Dorothy Piercy and Ruth Inglehart, and reports from the heralds for China, Japan, Canada and temperance. After the meeting they held their annual picnic on the lawn with the Baby Band.

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Talcum powder is the pure mineral ground to powder and perfumed. Sometimes little known minerals, such as a mild disinfectant. Other somewhat harder and less unctuous minerals such as serpentine and gypsum, are sometimes substituted for the talc, and chemical products are sometimes substituted for special purposes. In Colonial times our grandmothers used fuller's earth as baby powder.

Talcum powders account for but a small part of the talc used, according to Field Museum News, an organ of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. For every pound of talc ground for talcum powder forty pounds are used in other ways.

Drury Lane Theater

The famous London Drury Lane theater dates back to 1733 when the first theater of this name was opened, on the site of a riding-yard, at that time in an aristocratic quarter of the city. It was called the Theater Royal and the first play produced was Beaumont and Fletcher's "The Humorous Lieutenant." Nell Gwynne made her first appearance there two years later. The first building burned down in 1672 and was succeeded in 1696 by the theater designed by Sir Christopher Wren; this lasted until 1733 when it was torn down. The third one burned down in 1800, and the fourth and present theater was opened in 1812. Drury Lane's history is practically the history of the English stage for the past three centuries and is connected with such names as Mrs. Siddons, Garrick, Kemble, Kean, Sheridan and Mackenzie. John Howard Payne played Norval there in "Douglas," in 1813 and may have been one of the first American actors to play there; he never married.

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