Washington Star's story of an A sense of humor is like a can of American's cool acceptance of local and an itro-glycerine, harmless most of solutions in Colombo Ceylon. Two the angle of a partly ruined wall. Wrong moment sends the missus to Opposite there was an old temple. The divorce courts and the business of human and day after to the limit and day after tion of Jack Conway. "What Wives Want" centres the day the same time-honored situation, devoid for the most part of any around a present day manifel around a present day manife

word of warning.

"No, no! This negative appeared cemetery would be lined with cy- The dollar for the stock, to be the extent of their English anide bottles.

anxious 'Where are you?"

"Over here by the wall." your life!"

roar flashed over me in a sickening lect of even the very elect. wave of understanding.

"Look!" he whisperel. "Not six feet in front of him the shimmer of the dew-laden grass was broken by a long dark band which even as we watched moved slowly toward the wall and dis-

"We waited in silence with damp faces and the hair bristling at the back of our necks. Presently lights began to flash through the shrubbery and we heard soft cries and the phntphint of long bamboos striking the turf. Two native servants with lanterns and bamboo poles were proceeding slowly along the edge of the wall toward us, and behind them walked our host with a lantern and a dogwhip.

"If a snake comes toward you don't move!" he called. 'He will erawl past without bothering you.' "We would not have moved if a Bengal tiger had been coming toward us. In fact we moved stiffly even after we had been coaxed to bungalow which had been built close to the ancient ruin sorrounded by extensive grounds. "Nice place you've got here"

observed Lou. "Oh, the snakes? said our host. "Why, they're nothing as long as you let them alone. That's their reservation over by the wall. I should no more think of walking there in the dark than I would of going into the snake cage at the Zoo. But they never trouble us.

"I'll confess that at first I didn't like them very well myself, but . soon found that it was a case of mutual toleration. We respect each other's privacy and confine ourselves strictly to our own parts of the premises. There is one old chap who calls upon me on the

verandah at rare intervals. "The following day we had breakfast with Jim and he showed us about his place, which was fascinating by daylight. He had electric fans, running water, a piano-player and a talking machine; but he had also the cobras and we did not envy him the tropical garden of paradise to which he had transplanted him-

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conditions in Colombo, Ceylon. Two travellers in the East started out one evening to pay a visit to a when active. A laugh at the right travellers in the East started out one evening to pay a visit to a friend who at that time was living time will go a long way, but even to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play this tendency to adhere religiously to prefer the comic papers play the comic papers pla in Colombo. They finally drew up in front of an ancient gateway in

lead directly into it. Close under would admit that he lacked a sense ties may be feeble, our morals suspicion.

The story the wall however, there was a of humor. Everybody is firmly entirely absent, but where is the stretch of open lawn which we convinced that he has a keen sense man who will admit the absence of thought might lead to the house, of humor and is more or less right a sense of humor. So we pushed the gate open and about the mater at that. A sense were about to enter when the rick- of humor is the balance wheel of HERE'S A MERCHANT shaw men sprang forward with a sanity and he who is utterly devoid of this essential characteristic "What's the matter?" asked my looks out between the bars of the There was an old geezer aimless maunderings of a demented | And he had a lot of sense, "No, no, no!" said the coolies. | world. Were it not for the saving He started up a business "We paused perplexed. Why not? sense of humor the road to the local On a dollar eighty cents.

Granted then that everyone has a Brought him three levely dollars "I suppose, said my companion, sense of humor a little observation In a day, by dad that is not considered good form will convince you that few people Well, he bought more goods to enter unannounced. All non-laugh at the same things. The I knew this chap well amazing thing is that, although enough to go in and rouse him, there is always something in common the incidents at which you The customers flocked

"Pushing the coolies aside we laugh are on the whole peculiar entered and began to skirt the wall. to yourself alone. As you watch And he soon had to hustle Before we had taken ten steps how- the rambling antics of the film ever one of the men shouted some- comedian as the entire police force Up on the square thing in the vernacuiar and a pursue him through several film mement later there came an yards of impossible situations, He gobbled up a corner answering cry from somewhere in perhaps you laugh uproaringly, That was all plate glass. the murky distance. Then a voice until the tears of mirth run down He fixed up the windows from the house called in English: your face and then again perhaps With the best he had, you don't. If you notice that bald- And told them all about it "Hello Jim!" called my companion. headed neighbor sitting in a stoical It is Dick and a friend. What is the silence, while chuckles of mirth He soon had 'em coming row about anyway? We've come wrack your frame an immediate And he never, never quit, indictment results.

which was quickly followed by an Perhaps a little later in the devel- In the town ever since, opment of the alleged comic creation And everybody calls him friend neighbor roars with approval. The Merchant Prince. "By the wall? Stand still! Stand while you sit in glum silence Some say its luck still! Do you hear? Stand stock- waiting for something to happen. still! Don't move hand or foot for This time you stand indicted. And Why, he was doing business who can say which is right. It is When times were punk. "Then the meaning of all the up- something which defies the intel- People have to purchase

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