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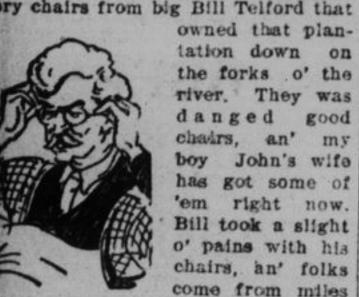
By Robert Quillen



The Girl Across the Street.

ened corn-cob pipe.

in'." said he, "I bought a set o' hick- kty.



Fill got kind o' behind with his orders an' went to doin' shoddy work to ketch up, an 'the chair business didn't last long.

"This book I been readin' reminds me o' Bill. The author wrote a mighty fine story here last spring an' his name got in the papers right frequent. I notice the critics said he was a genius an' like as not he'd git better an' better. But he's like Bill was. The editors an' publishers keeps after him, I reckon, fo' mo' stuff, an' he's spreadin' it mighty thin. I wouldn't be su'prised if he's gittin' rich, but it won't last. .

"You can milk a cow seven times a day, but you got to put a lot o' water with it if you expect to make a showin' ever' time."

Competition.

When the two Howard boys were 'I had a perfectly beastly time at all the time as though he didn't know alley, and now in high school everybody agreed that the party last night," said she. he was doing it. I think it's so much Richard, the younger, would amount "Hiram was sick and couldn't go, and more romantie to be a little bit grade boys call to something. Tom wasn't dull, but I was paired with that smart-Aleck sneakin' about it." he was slow and bashful and quiet, Howard boy and he had been drink-Aunt Het.



"I may be old- wasn't sure until he tried to hold my fashioned, but it's hand. He just reached out boldly my notion that it and took it right where I could see was easier for semething, and I knew he was drunk. married folks to "That bashful little Wilkins boy they danced the but he did it because he was scared old - fashioned quare dances."

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reading, and began to fill his black- his mind worked like a steel trap. hungalow out on Fairview street. Moreover, he worked hard and ask- | Richard hasn't done so well. He

> river. They was coulege course was finished. Tom outlook, but he found a keener comdanged good got a job here at home, and Richard petition along with it. chairs, an' my went to the country seat, where the boy John's wife outlook was broader.

> > ing something. I thought his breath

smelled funny, and I noticed he told

the same story three times, but I

it, just like picking up a book or

That was fifteen years ago. Now !

and gave little promise of setting the | Tom owns the "Haberdashery" and | train a dog. Scold and kick him, and Uncle Gus removed his glasses, woods afire. Richard was quick-wit- the brick building that houses the he will look bewildered and seem a placed them in the book he had been ted and given to clever remarks, and business, and has an eight-room fool; pat him on the head, and he

And you have helped little Bill "When I fust set up house-keep- ed no favors in spite of his popular- pays \$60 a month for the privilege of with his arithmetic. Be patient with living on a good street in the county Bill and keep him in good heart and ory chairs from big Bill Telford that Both boys went off to college, seat, and his present salary is \$250 | he will muddle through; scold him owned that plan- working during vacation periods to a month. People say his superiority and his face will darken with sullen tation down on pay their way, and both found jobs was only superficial, but that wasn't despair while his mind slips over to the forks o' the with clothing merchants when the the trouble. He found a broader the idle pulley.

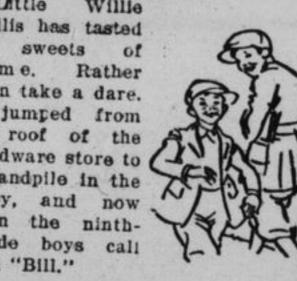
Now about that employee who rasps your nerves at intervals. He isn't faultless, else he would have a better job. His mind doesn't func-You have perhaps, made efforts to tion as smoothly as yours, else your job wouldn't be safe. But unless your ragging has made him sullen, he is making honest effort to deliver

the service he is paid for. Now one man in a thousand may do better work when you make him mad; and one in a hundred may be scared by ragging and improve his output to hold his job; but the average man is trying hard to deliver the goods, and he will try the harder for a little commendation.

When every man on the job seems a fool and a loafer, it isn't a new force that is needed. The boss needs something for his nerves.

> Willie Willis. Little Willie

Willis has tasted the sweets of fame. Rather The girl across the street came in |hold a girl's hand, and I'll always as we were finishing breakfast this love Hiram for the way he did it the he jumped from morning and entertained us with first time. He waited till my hand the roof of the comment on the art of holding was where I wasn't looking at it and hardware store to then he took it right easy, talking a sandpile in the



By Blanche Silver

Hints to the Boss.

be square when grabbed my hand that way one time, Dotty Learns Something New About Mrs. Moth.

and had to act quick before his nerve My! but Dotty was excited when she saw the dear little bead-like "There's only one right may to bracelet hanging around a branch on

"I'll bet anything it's some fairy's, and she washed it out and hung it up to dry," Dotty mused. "Maybe she's ost it and is wondering where it is." "One more guess, then you're

through," laughed a merry voice, and Happy Giggles, the little ein from Makebelieve Land, hopped down from the plum tree on the grass beside Dotty. "No, Dot, you've another guess," he chuckled. "But I'll have to admit from down here they do resemble beads, but they're

"Then what in the world are they?" laughed Dotty. "I didn't see anything like that hanging in the plum tree yesterday."

"Certainly not," spoke up a third voice, and a pretty yellowish-brown- know very much. So they go to winged creature flew out beside the work at once and build a little silk row of beads. "Certainly they were- bag large enough to hold them afl. n't here yesterday. But what differ- Then when they are about halfence does it make? Please don't tear grown they each one bite a hole in them down." And her pretty wings their tent house and travel off, each trembled until the leaves on the plum in the direction he pleases, and then tree shook.

wouldn't harm them for the world. he comes out of that cocoon he'll They looked so much like fairy beads look just like I do. But folks don't I just thought that's what they were. like to see those webby tents in the terfly's eggs."

creature. "They belong to me, and er them." I'm a moth-Mrs. Moth, if you "I'll tell them myself," laughed please, Mrs. Butterfly's cousin."

not to laugh. "And pray tell me what just heard. will your children look like when they hatch out? Will they still live in that circle until they're grown?" "I'd suggest you ask one question at a time," laughed Happy Giggles. "It's rather confusing to Mrs. Moth." "Don't you believe it," laughed Mrs. Moth gayly. "The more the

little folks interested enough in me

to ask questions, for I'm sorry to have to tell you that grown-folks don't like my children, and when they see their cradles hanging in the trees they burn them up." "What, burn up your children?"

Potty fairly gasped. "Certainly they do," replied Mrs. Moth. "You see, when they hatch out from those eggs they are only

tiny little caterpillars, and don't



"The More the Merrier."

build a single tent house for himself -a thin, clear cocoon, and powder "My goodness!" laughed Dotty, "I it all over with yellow dust. When I never dreamed of them being but- trees, and burn them out. I was in hopes when these children hatch "They're not butterfly's eggs, nei- out they'd move over in that desertther," laughed the yellow-winged ed orchard so tolks wouldn't both-

Dotty, and she waved good-by to the "Well, I'm glad to see and know pretty Moth Mother and ran into the you, Mrs. Moth," said Dotty, trying house to tell her mama what she had

Seven Sentence Sermon

gether in heavenly places," we must do overcome, which is exactly pro course you've never seen me before, up to a stranger who was standing merrier. It does me good to have

> Spend not where you may save: pare not where you must spend.

Where'er a noble deed is wrought, Where'er is spoken a noble thought, Our hearts in glad surprise To higher levels rise.

-Longfellow. Discretion of speech is more than eloquence; and to speak agreeably

to him with whom we deal is more than to speak in good words or good order. In nothing be anxious, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Thrice blest is he to whom is given The instinct that can tell That God is in the field, when He Is most invisible.

-Faber.

stand together in unheavenly places. portioned to the extent in which have you, my fine little fellow?" "'No papa,' piped the little boy."

> His Indigestion. A certain minister was scheduled to preach at an out-of-town church, and was to be met on the arrival of

there is a rich reward for those who though (to reassure the audience) of the station, and on a venture went on the paltform, saying, "Excuse me, sir, but are you a minister?"

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The stranger looked at him sadiy, and replied, "Oh no; it's my confounded indigestion that makes me look like this."



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and clocks. It happened that he wanted to know the time, and, meeting the country postman, he stopped him and asked him what time it was.

"Four o'clock in the afternoon by the railway time, sir." "By railway time!" ejaculated the young man. "I should have thought you country folk would have taken

your time from the sun." "Why?" asked the postman. "Bean't we much closer to the railway?"

Of Course Not. A conjuror was about to perform a difficult trick. He bared his arms to the elbow and said:

"To help me in this trick I need the services of a boy. Any boy will Self-conquest is not an easy or a do. I'm not at all particular. Yes, pleasant task, but it must be under- yes, my little man; step right up on taken in downright earnest; and the platform; you'll do nicely. First,

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