HIS JINX AT WORK

Traveler Felt It When He Saw Those Whiskers.

But That Didn't Prevent Him "Falling" for Probably the Oldest "Sucker" Game in Existence, and Then Kicking.

"Nice day!" said the stout man as he lowered himself on the seat beside me in the day car with a parlor-car look.

"Nice," I remarked just to humor him, although I must say that I always try to avoid a man who wears whiskers. This man was wearing a No. 5 face fungus with ear flaps. I thought at first of asking him if he had to take out a license for his face trimmings. But, after all, I felt that he had a kind face—what I could see of it—behind the shrubbery, as it were.

"Are you a commercial traveler?" he asked, stroking his beard to starboard.

"No," I replied, "but I once had a fourth cousin who did seven years in jail for another offense. That was the only member of my family who strayed from the narrow path of virtue."

"Lucky for you!" he snapped out, pushing his plantation in my face. "It's a dog's life. Everywhere you go people talk about the peace."

"Ah!" I interposed, "there is a pence on, then? I thought I saw something about it in the press."

"Are you an American?" he rapped out, getting nasty.

"Yes," I said. "Are you? Or do you live in Hoboken, N. J." I felt I would like to have struck a match and started a bush fire around the wooded portion of his face.

"I see you have some cuts on your face," he remarked.

"Yes. My tonsorial artist illustrated me with some funny cuts."

"Ah!" he slipped in. "You should shave yourself and you would never have a face like that."

I should like to have told him that his was no oil painting. Especially did I hate his face mats. I detest a man who tries to look venerable by wearing face mats, when underneath he must have the chin of a criminal.

"Do you wear those germ traps on purpose?" I asked curiously.

"Them's camouflage," he said. "Just to show what people look like when they don't shave. I travel for Razo's safety razors, $2.50 each, and seeing you're a nice sort of a boob I can do you one for $2. Here is the last one I have."

I took it. If it had been a scythe I should have had a harvest with his beard.

Then I fell to thinking of his whiskers again. They were the most vile whiskers I had ever seen. They stood out at all angles from his face. I couldn't make up my mind whether I should like him better with or without them. But I was quite prepared to get a lawn mower and try.

"Seeing you are a good business man," he went on, "what about a nice pipe lighter? I have a really good line at 25 cents each. Sorry I haven't got one with me, but I can send it on. Never fails, and always lights a pipe or cigarette. In fact, it is one of the best pipe lighters ever invented. Just give me 25 cents and your address and I will send it along."

Of course I fell. I handed him the quarter and got out at the next station.

Some days later a package arrived at my villa. Here was the pipe lighter.

Breathlessly I opened the package, eager to see the contrivance. It was—Yes, a match. I gulped two mouthfuls of fresh air and threw my cigarette in the porridge.

And that is why, when I meet a man with a full set of face mats, I always say—(Oh no, you don't. Not here, at any rate—Editor.)—Walter Stuart Marsden in Pennsylvania Grit.

Bolsheviks Got Diamonds.

Diamonds, rubies, radium and just ordinary gold have been discovered in the Kola peninsula, Russia, it was said by James Patrick Woods, a sailor, who arrived at New York recently on the Matrosian. He was hooked by the transport officials as "a desirable seaman."

Woods says he went to Russia on a cargo vessel and was left there on account of illness. He went prospecting at a place called Kondalaska. In a creek, he says, he found "peck and pecks of diamonds." He also found rubies, and sat down on a rock only to find the rock was pure gold. He also discovered coal veins and radium. "I had my pockets full of diamonds," he said, "but the bolsheviks took them away from me. I am going to organize a company and go back."

Munition Work Not Injurious.

Dr. Rhoda H. B. Adamson in an article recently published in a London periodical undertakes to prove that the work done by women during the war in the engineering trades has not injured their health. Her conclusions are drawn after a year and a half spent as medical supervisor of several thousand women working in munition factories. The applicants for work were given a thorough physical examination and assigned to work commensurable with their strength. Other examinations were made from time to time, which showed no bad results from the work the women were doing.

Worse Punishment.

"Do you think the food profiteers should be sent to jail?"

"Well, I don't know. This morning I thought the profiteer should have been made to eat the egg he sold me as being strictly fresh."

This Woman Found Relief.

Men and women suffering from kidney and bladder trouble will be glad to read how one woman found relief. Mrs. G. Hyde, Homestead, Mich., writes: "I had that terrible backache and tired out feeling, scarcely able to do my work. Foley Kidney Pills made me feel like a new person." Sold everywhere.

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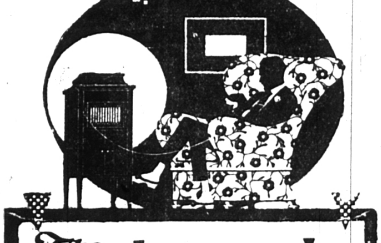

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LEGAL NOTICE.

Village of Birmingham

Moved by Commissioner Lennox and supported by Commissioner Harrison that the following preamble and resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Birmingham at a regular session held April 12, 1915, determined to open Hazel street from its westerly terminus to the easterly line of Woodward avenue, and declared that such opening and extension of said street was a necessary public improvement, and that the cost and expense of such improvement should be assessed against the land and premises benefited by said opening, according to benefits and according to the statute in such case made and provided, and

WHEREAS, in pursuance of said resolution, proceedings were duly had and taken according to the statute in such case made for the opening and extension of Hazel street, according to law and according to the plans and diagram authorized by and then before said Village Council, and

WHEREAS, the entire expense of said improvement is estimated to be the sum of $7,500.00.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that said improvement so authorized and made is of such a nature that the expense thereof should be wholly paid for by a special assessment against the lands benefited thereby, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

RESOLVED, further that the said assessment district shall be called benefitous to the levying of such a special assessment. Said district to consist of all the lots and parcels of land and in that portion of the Village of Birmingham lying south of Maple avenue east and west of Woodward avenue, and also within that portion of said Village lying west of Woodward avenue between Woodward avenue on the east and Purdy street on the west and between Brown street on the north and George street on the south.

RESOLVED, further, that a special assessment shall be levied against all the lots and parcels of land within the said district benefitted for the amount directly in front of their respective premises, the frontage of each lot to be assessed in proportion to benefits derived therefrom, and that such assessment be made payable in ten annual installments.

RESOLVED further that the Village Marshal be and he is hereby directed to prepare a plat showing the assessment district aforesaid and all the lots and parcels of land within the same.

RESOLVED further that the Commission shall meet at the City Hall in the Village of Birmingham, Monday, November 10th, 1919, at 8 o'clock p. m. to hear suggestions and objections to the proposed assessment and the method thereof.

Roll call: Yeas—5. Nays, 0. Motion carried.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

All dogs in this village of Birmingham must be muzzled until further notice.

This order must be complied with or your dog will be destroyed if found running at large and not muzzled.

By order of the Village Commission.

Dated: November 10, 1919.

Leigh Smith, who is attending M. A. C., spent the week end at his home on Bates street.

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