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BACK FENCING
By A MAN ABOUT TOWN

again, and thanks to those who were so nice to inquire about the Back Fencer's absence last week. We are glad to find that somebody DID miss us. It just brings out the thought which we have brought forth on previous occasions, that it is nice to be recognized while we are around, rather than have the folks wait until we are gone and then express their friendly interest. The slogan, "Say It With Flowers" is but an afterthought, as far as we are concerned . . . but "Better Late Than Never" is probably worthy of some consideration, too.

Things are a bit quiet around the old town these days. It's probably just a calm before the storm however, as Halloween is just around the corner. Big plans are being made and the week will be very badly fooled if this year's celebration, which will be staged by the local civic leaders, will be anything short of being the Biggest and Grandest frolic ever held in this fair town of ours. We discussed the affair with an out-of-towner the other day, and he thought it was one of the finest things which he had ever heard about. It means a lot of work for a small group of public spirited citizens, but it will mean a lot of fun for hundreds of boys and girls . . . AND it will keep the youngsters out of serious mischief—we hope.

Speaking about mischief at Halloween time (a busy time for the police in some instances) brings to our mind the thought that we might warn our readers that they had better watch their parking around the town these days. Last Saturday night, Private Child has been instructed to check up on the parking situation, and he has instructed his boys to TAG the cars of those who do not seem to realize that cars should be parked on the right side of the road. By right side we mean—with the right side of the car to the curb. We have been told by one in authority that "This ticket is a warning—but don't do it again or it will cost you money." (We thanked him and went on our way with kind thoughts about our police department.) Yes, we did park wrong over in front of the Community House, and so did several others we've heard about, so—Let that be a warning to us . . . and we are passing it on to you.

While dwelling on the "LAW" situation we might tell you about a good one that really did happen last Saturday night. When nothing social was called out on Devon Gables, the Madam, as we love to call her, was called down stairs to the call of FIRE. We all hurried down to find the oven of her nice new gas range completely enveloped in flames. The Bloomfield fire department was hastily summoned and they arrived—in due time. They soon had the fire extinguished and after a careful inspection of the premises around and about the kitchen, they poked up their extinguishers and left the building. In but a moment, however, they returned and exclaimed, "Where's the telephone? Some one has stolen our truck." We could hardly believe them but, that's just what had occurred. It happened that each of the two-man night shift had driven out to the fire, in a fire-truck, and they both had left their individual trucks (Crews to them) outside the place with motors running. Last reports had it that the truck had been returned. Some young folks had FOUND it over in a corn field adjacent to Devon Gables and were bringing it back home. Investigation proved that it had been driven over in the corn field, and the young folks "stuck to their story"—so the question as to "Who Stole The Fireman's Truck" is still unanswered. It was exciting for a while though, with all the scout cars in the county out looking for the little red truck.

Mrs. Henry Kline, of Forrest Street, Birmingham's No. 1 feminine base ball fan has packed up her duds and left town. Nothing serious, oh No! . . . She has just gone down south for the winter to await the opening of the Major League Spring Practice. She and her father, Horace Cooley, have taken a cottage at Gulfport, Fla., and will remain there until the robins and the base ball teams come back north next spring. Mrs. Kline informed us that she will be right on hand when the Tigers start training and will bring us back all the dope on the team when she returns. In the meantime her husband, Henry, and her son, Elymale, will keep the home fires burning and endeavor to keep going on their own cooking.

We dropped in on the big Auction Sale the other afternoon at the Community House and were royally entertained for awhile. It was our first experience at such an affair and the barking of the floor salesman and the jargon of the rotund Auctioneer was quite a revelation. We were told that the idea of all the haying and harking of prices and lingo was to get things going so fast that some of the bidders would get so excited that they would unconsciously raise their own bid and thus bring a better price for the property being offered. The high-light of the afternoon was when Neal Black raised a bid of \$70 to \$71 on a group of lots being offered, and when the Auctioneer shouted "Sold at \$71 a lot to that gentleman over there," Mr. Black arose and said he did not want the lots but had bid "Just to keep the bidding going." Three floor salesmen were seen to drop in their tracks and gasp for air . . . it was that good!

Well, time is passing—or shall we say flying, and the cold north winds are perking up and bringing out the winter coats and hats. It won't be long now until we'll all be wishing for Spring . . . always wishing for things which are ahead. We'll string along with our good friend, Rev. Aulenbach, who preaches and believes that we should live for today—today. So, we'll dash off and just hope that, when the cold winds blow and the snow comes down and blankets the countryside, we, along with the kiddies who play in the snow and like it, will find some pleasure in winter and "Live For Today—Today."

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