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A MAN ABOUT TOWN

Some of the interesting observations we made down in the big city, passed before our eyes at the Statler Hotel. Now don't get us wrong, we were hot wining and dining at this high powered place of gaiety, but merely stopped in to look over the crowd of folks who were three. High hat sand low back dresses were there in profusion for shall we say—confusion) and they surely were "doing their stuff." We were amused to see some of the tail-coated men strutting around, many of whom showed plainly that THIS was their first attempt at denning tails, white gloves, high haf and formal manners. They really were amusing as they self-consciously milled around the place trying their best to "act nonchalant." There was such a marked contrast in their "looks" as compared with the fine perarance of their more fortunate brothers who acted and were perfectly "at home" in their formal garb. To us there is nothing funnier than a "stuffed man" and well do, we remember the first time we struggled into a dress suit and surveyed the result in the mirror. It was a borrowed suit... and was that a funny sight! So funny in fact, that we finally decided to slip into our own Tux, which while not so elegant, DID fit. If you desire some iexpensive fun some might, just drep in at one of the better hetels when there is a big party on and look over the "First-nighters."

The New Year celebration and back to Birmingham, we must tell you about one of the laughable incidents, which followed the straight-fromthe-shoulder talk, which Paralle Method out to the Lions and their wives last week. It tends to the Lions and their wives last week. It tends that while putting over his idea about "Living for today," the Rector stated that, in questioning certain individuals about giving to the Church, Combinging House, Boy Sants and various other nicessary organizations, many folks a masurance premiums were due and were very, very heavy. Of course the Parson was not suggesting that insurance premiums were due and were very, very heavy. Of course the Parson was not suggesting that insurance premiums were due and were very, very heavy. Of course the Parson was not suggesting that insurance was 10 m for 10 m for

Another amusing incident occurred at the close of The Reverend's very fire talk to the Lions. The talk, in case you did not read your last week's Eccentric, was chiefly about "flow to be happy, though married," and Revi and Service and the sure did give the boys and girls a lot to think about on that score. A lot of very serious advice was given in a recoved. At the conclusion of the address, Ray Peck, Program chairman, arose and in his quiet way thanked the Reverend for "giving us such a fine talk." He paused a moment and said, "Thanks, from the bottom of my heart." And then it happened! The Parson, with a twinkle in his eye, turned to Ray and inquired," And just what is your trouble at home?" It was a complete kneck out. Ray was floored and just bowed and sat down. It seems good to meet up with a minister who can be and IS—so humanly HUMAN.

Concurrent with the Holidays, the Charles Kinnisons, up on Hawthorne Road, had house guests from down home in Ohio. It seems that the crowd was stepping out to a party which called for Dinner Clothes, and on checking over his apparel, one of the house guests discovered that he had inadvertently left his black dress shoes behind in the schuffle of getting away. So Charlie calmed the unfortunation of the called his brother-in-law. Heber Gahm, and told into the called his brother-in-law. Heber Gahm, and told flow. So Heber went from one friend to another type or lock in his quest. Finally he worre. Job was the worred to the called his brother-in-law. He worred to the control of the control

/ ▲ Well folks-Doc Mc-Naughton is getting old—or something. On meeting bin as he was leaving his Sunday School class on Sunday morning we inquired as to his participation in the New Year's celebration ... and here's what he told us, "Went to bed at cleven o'clock New Year's Eve and slept until ten the next morning." It floesn't just seem right as Archie is a "good skate" at any gashering which he attends.

Reports come to us concerning the DeMolay Party which was held at the Community House on New Year's Eve. The party was a "WOW". A good time was had by all ... and the young folks who greeted the New Year at this frolic were very, very nice people. None other than Mayor Martz was heard complimenting those in charge of the party on the fine behavior of the guests. We noticed a Ginger Ale dispersar standing in a prominent place after the party, so we would guess that the majority of the dancers found its cooling liquid to be of ample strength to satisfy the desires of youthful dancers. Chalk another mark up (a good one) to our flaming youth. They are generally ALL RIGHT and one person who is in a position to know, was heard to remark, "That crowd at the DeMolay dance set a good example for many of the r celebrating elders."

Enough about New Year's triumphant entry and just a word about those New Year's resotriumphant entry and just a word about those New Year's resolutions. If you are one of those folks who made them, we hope you'll be strong enough to keep them. If you did not make any, we hope that you will just naturally do a little better this year han you did in the past. And to all of you, we hope that you will not let all the "talk!" about recession get you down, but will be a bit philosophical and agree with us in the thought that this old weld is Not going to the Bow-Wows, but will move along in the right direction towards better living in the future—as it has in the past. Our good Salvation Army friends have something when they say, "A man may be down—but he is prever out." SO—Good Luck to you . . . and "Keep Your Chin Up."

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