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WANTED, A CIRCUS GOVERNMENT

The homegrown philosopher was watching the circus, noting with admiration the perfect economy of time and motion and expense with which everything necessary was efficiently accomplished.

"Gosh," he remarked, "I wish this government could be run by a circus man of the Barnum-Bailey or Ringling Bros. type for about ten years. We would have taxes so low we wouldn't notice them, public service would be improved about a hundred and eighty-three per cent, if not more, and political scandals would be extinct.

"Suppose, for instance, the government had on its hands the job of tearing up this circus outfit and transporting it to another town. It would take eleven weeks at the very swiftest, about seventeen million dollars, four strikes, nine investigations and a change of administration to complete it. The men who started it would have become so utterly disgraced and disliked by the time they had the big top down that the head of the government would be enthusiastically removed and a new one elected sure. The same gang would never be permitted to move the tent again or set up the outfit in another town.

"Now watch those razorbacks take down that iron fence around the ring where the lions have been performing. It took them seven minutes by my watch to get down every one of those panels and pile them neatly between rings ready for the next performance.

"Suppose the government had had that to do! They would have had twice as many men; there would have been at least six bosses and under bosses. A walking delegate of the cage removers' union No. 'steen would have come along and examined the label on the overalls of one of those workmen and called the others off the job on the ground that one man's pants were made by a scab shop. Compers would have been summoned hurriedly to the White House to consult with the President, and after a time the trouble would be smoothed over, the workman would have a new and union-made pair of overalls, or a man with the right kind of denim bifurcations would be in his place. By that time it would be found that one other of the men had been blackballed by a union in Omaha one time, or that he had voted for Cox, and that the work could not proceed until he showed his union card or left the lot. No open shop stuff in this circus! Did the government want to go on record as favoring the discrediting of two unions or denying the right to collective bargaining? Then some Congressman would manage to hold up the work by act of legislation because he had not had his rakeoff from the contractor. The lions would starve to death, the audience get tired and go home and the circus disband before that cage could be dismantled and the ring prepared for the elephant stuff.

"Yes, sir, this government ought to be in the hands of circus men for a few years. They could get more things done more efficiently, and with less delay and expense, than could any other set of men that could be found anywhere in the universe. Also, and this isn't a pun, the public would have a far better show."

WHO GETS THE CHAMPAGNE?

We note the following sad complaint from France, told in a cable dispatch from Paris:

"That French grape growers and wine merchants are greatly disappointed at the slow increase of wine shipments to the United States since the war; that only 8,000 more bottles of champagne were shipped here during the first five months of this year than during the corresponding five months last year. This dispatch said that total shipments so far this year

to the U. S. were only 55,000 bottles, indicating that we would take more than 140,000 bottles of champagne this year."

Ahem! So some people in this country have been able to get 55,000 bottles of champagne in this strict prohibition year of 1921. Necessarily those 55,000 bottles of highly expensive wine had to go through the custom service of the same government that is supposed to enforce prohibition. Who are the people favored?

We suppose some doctor will remark that the champagne was for sickness. But how about the millions of bottles that were in storage when prohibition went into effect? Is that all gone? And who consumed it? Moreover, if it is still in storage why add 55,000 to it in five months?

There has been a great deal said that prohibition is for the poor man and not for the rich man. It behooves our enforcing authorities to see to it that this law applies to everybody.

A LESSON FROM NATURE

There was a time when it was considered worth while to be decently thoughtful of other people—decently courteous to individuals we knew as well as to individuals in the mass that we didn't know.

Today the fashion appears to be careless of everybody else's feelings but our own, and indignant of others who do not treat us as we refuse to treat them. Exhibitions of selfishness are common, and "get there" regardless of the other fellow, by force if necessary, is the rule, especially among the young. One sex is as bad as the other, with exceptions, of course.

In certain parts there is a wild bee, with a wild Latin name which we won't try to repeat, but which is familiar as the "bramble bee." After the farmer has sheared off the heads of brambles along comes the velvety "bramble" bee. She picks a likely stalk, digs out the pith down to the first knot, which stops her progress. Then she fills this tube clear to the top with cells, one at a time, placing a little honey in each cell and depositing an egg with the honey.

The egg in the cell at the bottom is laid first and you'd expect it to hatch first. But the only way out to the free air is through all the other cells. If the baby bee busted through she'd of course kill all the unhatched bees. So the amateur naturalist figures that nature reverses herself in this case, hatching the last bee laid first, and the first bee laid last.

Wrong! The first egg laid hatches first. The baby bee down there at the bottom of the tube at once attacks the wax wall above her and bores a hole through it to the cell overhead. Instantly she sees her baby sister or brother lying still asleep in its cocoon. Does she brutally tear through that cocoon in a wild, ruthless dash for the sunlight above?

She does not, my son! She just calmly returns to her own cell, which is dark and without food, and stays there hours, sometimes a whole day, until she hears her sister moving about above. Then she joins the other and they bore through to the next cell. If that cocoon is still unhatched, they wait again. And so on to the top.

Here is a lesson in courtesy from Mother Nature herself. Boys and girls, nature is the most truthful teacher in the world. Don't forget that.

AFRAID OF HIM

Senator Ingalls of Kansas was a supreme master of the vitriolic invective whose word cut like a Damascus blade. His written diatribes fairly seared the eyeballs of his opponents, and few had the temerity to fully arouse his wrath. Speaking of the proslavery mobs that invaded Kansas in the Border Ruffian days, he described them as "a race of hard-visaged and forbidding ruffians, exhibiting a grotesque medley of all the vices of civilization, unaccompanied even by the negative virtues of barbarism. To these fallen angels villiany is an amusement, crime a recreation, murder a pastime. They pursue from purpose every object that should be shunned by instinct. To the ignorance of the Indian they add the ferocity of the wolf, the venom of the adder, the cowardice of the slave. The contemplation of their deeds would convince the optimist that any system of morals would be imperfect that did not include a hell of the largest dimensions."

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In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of July, 1921.

THOMAS H. WILLSON,
MAUDE H. WILLSON.
State of California, County of Los Angeles—ss.

On this 5th day of July, A. D. 1921, before me, L. J. Hunter, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Thomas H. Willson and Maude H. Willson, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

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L. J. HUNTER,
(Seal)
Notary Public in and for said County and State.
July 29, 1921

DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE

This is the lesson your parents have tried to teach you from infancy. Have you learned this lesson well, or have their efforts been of no avail? THEY knew from experience what they were talking about, and they tried to impart their knowledge to you so that you might be spared the bitter experience of losing your home, your stock, your savings of a life time.

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Leave		Arrive	
San Pedro	Lomita	Torrance	Redondo
A. M. 5:50	6:05	6:12	6:32
6:50	7:12	7:19	7:41
8:00	8:22	8:29	8:46
9:00	9:22	9:29	9:46
10:00	10:22	10:29	10:46
11:00	11:22	11:29	11:46
12:00	12:22	12:29	12:46
P. M. 1:00	1:22	1:29	1:46
2:00	2:22	2:29	2:46
3:00	3:22	3:29	3:46
4:15	4:37	4:44	5:01
5:20	5:42	5:49	6:06
6:15	6:37	6:44	7:01
8:10	8:32	8:39	8:56
10:00	10:22	10:29	10:46
Leave		Arrive	
Redondo	Torrance	Lomita	San Pedro
A. M. 6:50	6:07	6:14	6:36
6:55	6:52	6:59	7:21
8:05	8:22	8:27	8:49
9:05	9:22	9:27	9:49
10:05	10:22	10:27	10:49
11:05	11:22	11:27	11:49
P. M. 12:05	12:22	12:27	12:49
1:05	1:22	1:27	1:49
2:05	2:22	2:27	2:49
3:05	3:22	3:27	3:49
4:10	4:27	4:34	4:56
5:10	5:27	5:34	5:56
6:15	6:32	6:39	7:01
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