



FLASH OF THE LACKAYE WIT

Admitted Steele Mackaye Has Been Acknowledged Master of Dramatic Art for Twenty Years.

Thirty years ago, when Wilton Lackaye first went upon the stage, he was rehearsing a part in "Paul Kauvar," under the direction of the author, Steele Mackaye, who, while admittedly a capable stage manager, was regarded as old-fashioned by the moderns. During rehearsal Lackaye and Mackaye had a slight difference as to how a certain part should be acted.

"Do you argue with me?" Mackaye demanded with magisterial severity. "I have been an acknowledged master of the dramatic art for twenty years."

"Yes," Lackaye retorted, "but not this twenty."

Officer, Do Your Duty.

"If man evolved from the monkey," remarked Dinglebatz, "he at least has the satisfaction of knowing that his ancestors were remarkably intelligent."

"What's the answer?" queried Snickelfritz.

"They were educated in the higher branches," replied Dinglebatz.

A Pest.

"As a rule I have a kindly feeling for my fellow-man."

"Yes?"

"But something should be done to the chap who starts to tell an ancient woe just when you sit down to hear your favorite record on the phonograph."

Sincerity Test.

"What's your idea of an honest man?"

"An honest man," replied Mr. Cumrox, "is one who likes the same music in private that he says he likes when his wife is giving a musical."

Cruel Comment.

"You know, there is an air I heard lately humming through my brain this morning."

"That's no air; what you hear in your brains are their wheels hummin."

Ponto's Place.

Sol Sodbuster—What's that funny little coop under the back part of your automobile?

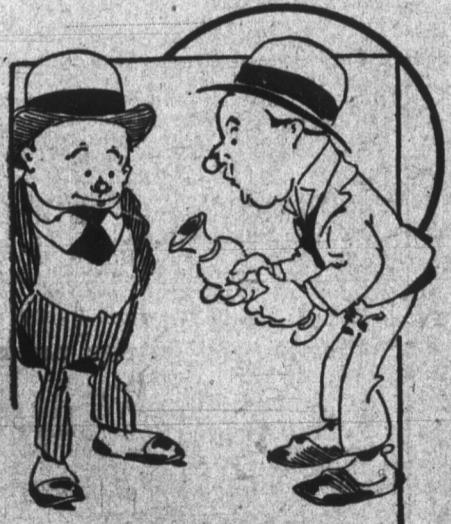
Hiram Haycock—That's for the dog that used to trot along under the buckboard.—Puck.

Sad, but True.

"Do all people who marry in haste repent at leisure?" asked the seeker after knowledge.

"Not all," answered the cynic. "Some of them merely forget that they are married."

A BARGAIN.



"I bought this for a mere song."

"Indeed?"

"At any rate, I gave a note for it."

Wealthy.

"He is very wealthy!" we asked as the man with the diamonds zipped by in his motor car.

"Goodness, yes," friend answered. "He even has his own private breakfast food factory!"—Indianapolis Star.

A Dazzling Series.

"Life with Daubson is just one woman after another."

"He must be a fearful rake."

"Nothing of the sort. He draws cover designs for popular magazines."

Significant.

"Is Ploofworth a poor man?"

"I guess so. Whenever he speaks of money he has a far away look in his eyes."

WISHED HE WAS A BELGIAN

Man With Missing Button Didn't Have Heart to Worry Wife Who Was Knitting for War Victims.

"There goes another button!" said the man who was standing with his thumb hitched inside his waistband. "Didn't you know it was loose?"

"Of course I knew it was loose. I knew that my hosiery needs darning, and that I ought to have a lot of needle and thread work done."

"Why don't you tell your wife about it?"

"I haven't the heart to worry her. You know, she's so sympathetic, she isn't happy unless she's knitting something to send over to Europe. Honestly, sometimes I almost wish I was one of those unhappy Belgians."

Highly Important Occasion.

"You've had that canopy running from your front door to the curbstone for a long time."

"Yes. After my wife had a party I told 'em to leave the canopy. The weather's pretty rough, and I've got some people coming to the house that I want to take the best possible care of."

"Are you going to give another party?"

"No. I'm going to put in a ton of coal."

Surprising Himself.

"What you want to do," said the physician, "is to take an ice-cold bath every day."

"I haven't the nerve."

"You won't mind it after the first plunge."

"That's what I'm afraid of. If I could only manage to take the plunge unexpectedly I'd be all right. I know what I'll do. I'll get a pair of skates."

THERE'S A REASON.



Dinks—Why do women stand for such gowns?

Winks—Because they can't sit down.

Gentle Reminder.

"That man has a voice like a saw-mill," said the woman with a sensitive ear.

"I wouldn't say that," replied her husband.

"What do you know about it?"

"I was in the lumber business for several years. Some saw mills don't sound so bad."

Making No Allowances.

"Women are unreasonable creatures."

"Maybe you are right."

"I'm convinced of it. A woman of my acquaintance who weighs more than two hundred pounds has a husband who weighs 115, yet she cries because he doesn't take her in his arms and soothe her injured feelings just as he used to do when she was a slip of a girl."

Sidelight on History.

"But, my dear," said the husband, mildly, "you must admit that the most patient person that ever lived was a man."

"I'll admit nothing of the kind," rejoined the wife of his bosom. "Old man Job may have been patient, but just think of the patience poor Mrs. Job must have had to enable her to put up with such a husband."

Certainly Not.

"Baseball players and newspaper men seem to fraternize a great deal."

"Yes, but there's a decided difference between a baseball player and a newspaper man."

"In what respect?"

"A newspaper man is never offered a bonus of \$10,000 to jump from one paper to another."

In Conclusion.

"I see where another stage beauty is suing a millionaire for 'heart balm.'"

"I fear you have used the wrong term."

"It isn't really 'heart balm' that she's after. She's merely arrived at the final stage of the trimming process."

A Bad Example.

"Mother, what's a 'bonehead'?"

"That's a vulgar word applied to a stupid person, my son, but you must never use it. Mother wants her boy to be refined and speak correctly."

"All right, mother. I wouldn't have asked you what it meant if I hadn't heard you call father a 'bonehead' last night after I left the room."

Attire to Suit.

"The cashier and his bride were certainly appropriately dressed for their wedding."

"How so?"

"She wore a changeable silk, and he had on a check suit."

MANAGER JOHN M'GRAW CONVERT TO GOLF



McGraw and Mathewson, Golf Enthusiasts.

The conversion of John McGraw to the cause of golf is complete.

"Nobody loves outdoor exercise more than I do," said McGraw, "and I find that golf is the best game for keeping in the open air that I ever saw. I still have my doubts about it being a good thing for ball players, especially those who are expected to hit well, during the regular season, but it is a good thing for me, and I expect to keep it up until I play a pretty good game. I improved enough at Havana to do the nine holes in 54, which they tell me is pretty good for a beginner. Hitting a golf ball is entirely different from hitting a baseball."

"A peculiar thing to me is that my greatest difficulty is in driving the ball straight ahead. I have a tendency to slice. When playing baseball I was regarded as pretty accurate in placing the ball, but evidently the same prin-

ciples do not apply to the stroke in golf."

"Mathewson was the best golfer in our party, and I believe he would have won the tournament if he had not decided to withdraw. He had won two games, but did not want to beat a local club man out of the trophy, even if it had been possible for him to do so."

"Another thing," he added, "is that I will continue to play left-handed. I do not believe in this idea of changing over. It is the only way I can swing naturally, and, in my opinion, a golfer had better stick to the style that is most natural. It is that way in baseball, and I can find no logical reason why a man should not play golf left-handed just as well as right-handed. Still, I am not proficient enough yet to begin telling these experts how to play their own game. But I'm going to learn."

TANGO AN AID TO BASEBALL

Movements of Dance Help Base Runner to Develop Speed and Dignity, Says Connie Mack.

Connie Mack has given out a statement to the effect that he is strong for the tango as an aid to baseball running—that the steps and lightly graceful movements of the dance help a runner to develop speed and dignity. Collins and Barry were the neatest dancers of the whole Athletic club last season, and both are lightning on the cushions. Good argument—but what

Manager Lee Magee has swung the ax on Felix Chouinard, Harry Juil and Oscar Peters.

The Braves will open the season in April. Last year they didn't open the season until July.

George Davis, the Boston Braves' pitcher, has set a new mark for strength at Harvard.

Ban Johnson admits his remarks about the Feds "may be tinged a trifle by prejudice." Impossible!

Marty O'Toole has gone back to the minors! The press agent can make and the press agent can break.

Now that the Athletics have lost two big draftees, they will have to make a submarine fight of it.

Lee Magee will not allow the Brooklyn Tip Tops to play poker this year. Hap Myers, therefore, is shedding tears.

Little Ray Chapman has been honored by Manager Birmingham of the Naps by being placed in the cleanup position.

Hugh Fullerton has picked the Braves to finish one-two. Bettors can now devote their time to picking the winner.

Pitcher George Foster of the Red Sox is another who fears only Chicago in the race for the American league pennant.

Brennan Likes Dell.

Roger Brennan, the pilot of the Cubs, says that the Dodgers have secured a promising pitcher in Dell, who was tried out by the Cardinals three years ago, when Brennan was their manager. Dell was drafted from the Seattle club of the Northwestern league, with which club he played in 1913 and 1914. He won 18 games and lost 12 last year, his record showing an average of 2 runs, 5 1/2 hits, 2 1/2 bases on balls, 4 1/2 strikeouts a game. Dell lives in Butte, Mont. He pitched for Edmonton in 1910 and then went to the Cardinals. He is twenty-seven years old, 6 feet 4 inches tall and tips the beam at 210 pounds.

Hughes' Opinion of Cleveland.

Hughes' Jennings picks Joe Birmingham's Cleveland to finish last in the American league race this season. Birmingham will have to get a new club before he can hope to benefit his position. He has too many slow men," says the leader of the Tigers.

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Tris Speaker says the Red Sox are the class of the league. So did Ty Cobb and he's busy now explaining to Hugh Jennings.

Eminent medical authorities, after an exhaustive examination, staggered the world by saying that there is bone in Nap Rucker's left arm.

Manager Phillips of Indianapolis has no first baseman capable of filling the job to his satisfaction, and he is going to give Roush a crack at the corner.

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Chester Blue Makes Debut.

A team mate of no less a personage than Hank Gowdy will make his break into professional ball this season. He is Chester Blue of Marysville, O., and he is a shortstop.

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