

JOHN HENRY ON THE DRUMMERS HE MET

BY GEO. V. HOBART, ("HUGH M'HUGH.")

Dear Bunch: I'm headed for home, but the hordes are holding me back. I met a whole flock of the boys in Rochester yesterday morning, and since most of 'em were making a thing for New York, you can believe me it was a swift squad of sports that climbed into one of Mr. Pullman's sleep-wagons and permitted themselves to be yanked over the rails.

A bunch of brats once—believe me! There was Charlie Hammond, leading man with the "Kitty, the Kish Girl" Company; David Tontec, first heavy with the melodrama entitled "The Haunted Automobile; or, Who Stole the Muffler"; Davey Tontec, first low and with the "Crazy-Quit Burlesquers"; Emmet Corrigan, who is lecturing through the provinces on "How to Play Bridge Without Impairing the Tonals"; Malcolm Williams, the handsome leading man of the show-business—when completely shaved; William Burgess, the Flash-King; Charlie Abbott, who sells that fine Monticello honey-dew, and Arthur Shaw.

Shaw travels for a clothing house in Cincinnati, and they call him Slim.



They Call Him Slim.

because he's getting so fat that every time he turns around he meets himself coming back.

He's all to the good—that boy! And such a cut-up! Slim knows more 'look-out-there's-a-lady-over-there' stories than any other drummer in the business.

Then there was Nick Dalrymple and Tod Gilpin—two live ones with a full set of spurs flying.

Nick goes after the orders for a hardware house in Columbus, and he knows everybody in the world—bar one family living in Yonkers.

Nick has only one yonker, he will paddle after the ponies.

Whenever he makes a town where there's a podium his expense-account gets fat and beefy, and Nick begins to worry for fear he may win something.

How he won in Cleveland once, and he spent \$118 at a bootlegger's that night getting statistics on how it happened.

Tod Gilpin cuts ice for a match-factory in Newark, and he's the life of a small party.

Tod's main hobby is to creep into the "reading-room" at a hotel after the chores are done of an evening and throw salt at the comcoms.

Tod tells them that their town is the brightest spot in the sun, and they warm up to him and want to buy him sarsaparilla and root beer.

Then when he gets them stuck on themselves he tells them matches.

"Pipe the gang to quarters and all rubber!" said Slim, about half an hour after the train pulled out.

In the next ahead of us a somewhat demure-looking Proposition in rainbow rage had been sampling the scenery ever since we started.

We had all given her the glad glance, but she was very much Cold Storage, so we passed it up.

At Slim spoke, the Proposition was joined by a young chap with a loose face, who had been out in the smoking-rooms working faithfully on one of those patina panatella cigars that bite you on the finger if you show the least sign of fear.

Just then the train stopped for a few minutes, and we were put wise to the fact that it was an incurable case of brand and groom.

"Oh! Hooley is sitting on Petie's!" said the brand-new wife. "Did Boosey like his smoky woky?"

Boosey opened a bunch of grins and sat down, while wifey patted his cheek and cooed:

"Is um, glad to get back to um, 'tis wifey-pity?"

Dave Tontec and Charlie Hammond began to scream inwardly, with Slim chuckling like a pet porpoise.

"Sweetie mustn't be angry with Petie, but Sweetie is sitting on Petie's 'tille hand!" said the bride, whereupon Malcolm Williams exploded, and Slim began to grab at his head.

A Dutch brewer and his wife sat right ahead of Boosey and Birdie, and every once in awhile the old hopper would turn around and beam beneficently over the gold rims at the bride.

"Boosey must swazy-wazy up closer to his Coozie and these her 'tits um—no, no, not her waist! you naughty! naughty!"

The brewer was back at the bride with another golden, goo-goo, when his wife got nervous and cut in: "Is id you turn your face to see something—y'at?" She snapped, and the wifey-builder ducked to the window and began to eat scenery.

Western was almost out; Burgess was under the seat sparring for wind; Slim was giving an imitation of a coal-barge in a heavy sea, and the rest of the passengers were in various stages from hiccoughs to convulsions.

"In Hooley comy wit his titty weeny teeny Birdie!" chirped the bride.

"Hooley is so happy wit his lassy-wazy!" snarled the husband; "how's my little girly wifey?"

"Oh! she's such a happy-wappy 'tillie girl!" giggled the dotty dame, plucking her piggy's ear, whereupon the brewer tried to hand the bride another gasoline gaze, but the old lady caught him with the goods.

"Is id to eat you up you gobled my back to make googley-googley eye and some-um—y'at?" she growled, and in a minute the brewer's brow was busy with the wet pants.

"Sweetie looks at Petie and Sweetie sees that Petie's pitty face is getting shinned, so it is!" cuckooed Mrs. Dalrymple.

"Sweetie has a good mind to tuss him, too!"

They opened a newspaper, crawled under cover, and began to bite each other on the chin.

"Go as far as you like!" said Slim, then he went down and out.

The wifey who helped to make Weehawken famous had his head out the window watching for an ice-wagon, and Mrs. Brew was industriously muttering "Oh bist ein Nari! Du bist ein Nari!"

Just then the train pulled out and saved our lives.

Dave, Frank, Bill, Slim, Charlie, Malcolm, and I rushed feverishly up to the other end of the car to cool off, and there we landed on the outskirts of a bunch of drummers, who were fanning each other with fairy-tales about the woods they sold.

"I'll back three of the lads in that collection to dream longer than any other drummers on the track.

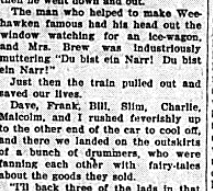
It's a pipe that they can sell bills to each other all day and never wake up.

A guy named Mutt Dawson was hounding forth.

"He's a most reckless spendthrift with his words, and the meanest man in the English language I ever listened to."

Mutt was telling them about hypnotizing a John Wannamaker merchant prince in Pikeville, Ind., to the extent of \$100 for one week's stock, for a price, and then a chap named Jack Dean sent his balloon up by telling us how he sold the Siegel-Coopers, of Bugroort, Ia., \$100 worth of Panama hats for horses.

The Hot Air association was in full session when Buck Jones caromed



They Call Him Slim.

"Nip's My 'Tillie Girly Wifery!"

over from the other end of the car and say it with a smile.

Buck is a sweller.

He thinks he strikes 12 on all occasions, but his cock is all to the pazz.

Buck let's a number—may! may! take back your goods!

"He'll look you straight in the eye and tell you he's a traveling salesman—'tilt on the drummer!"

I think Buck sells canned shirt-waists for the Shine Brothers.

And now, Bunch, here is where I affix one of Uncle Sam's promissory-carry to this document and drop it in the little green box.

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Gertrude and Charles Davenport, connected with the Carnegie Institute, are at present at Gold Springs Harbor, N. Y., writing in the American Naturalist of the results of their observations on the "Heredity of Hair Form in Man." The following rules are derived from the hair of parents of the form of their children's hair, whether straight, wavy, curly or frizzy. They find that the following rules are almost invariable: "Two blue-eyed, straight-haired parents will have only blue-eyed, straight-haired children. Two wavy-haired parents may have straight, wavy or curly-haired children, but the chances of curly hair are slight. Two curly-haired parents may have children with either straight, wavy or curly hair, and the proportion of curly-haired offspring will probably be large."

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BOY KEPT SCRATCHING.

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SEEMED A TRIFLE PERSONAL.

Clergyman's Particular Reason for Omittin' the Fifth Verse.

A clergyman in an interior town married a woman from whom he received a dowry of \$10,000 and a prospect of more. Shortly afterwards while occupying the pulpit, he gave the fifth verse, read the first verse and proceeded to read the fifth, commencing:

"Forever let my grateful heart, then be beatified and exclaimed: 'The choir will omit the fifth verse.'"

Some of the congregation read the words for themselves and smiled as they read:

"Forever let my grateful heart His boundless grace adore, Which gives ten thousand blessings now And bids me hope for more."

Not Guilty.

Willie is a little boy who is noted in his neighborhood for his cruelty to animals. The latest story is that just for fun he took a pair of scissors and old-blooded cut off a kitten's tail. One of the older girls was reproaching him for his cruelty and telling him what a wicked thing he had done.

"I'm fairly done doing anything of the sort."

"Why, Willie, how can you tell such a story?" the girl asked. "Everybody knows you're a liar."

"I did not! I did not," he retorted when pressed further. "I didn't do any such thing. It wasn't a dog."

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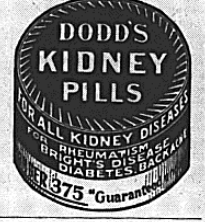
The fellow who lands the first blow generally wins, but if we all waited for the other fellow to begin, there wouldn't be any fight.

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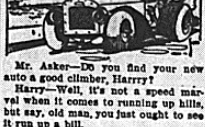
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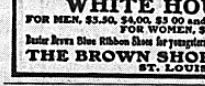
Mr. Asker—Do you find your new auto a good climber, Harry?

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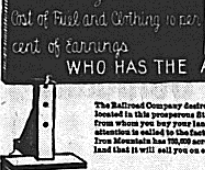
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