

THE HEADLIGHT— HAS ITS KNOCKERS

Kicker, thou art mighty and since the provincial time when Mother Shipton kicked in the back door of colonial-Mulberry Sellers for inserting in the columns of his paper that the old lady had whispered things at a sewing society not complimentary to the chastity of Mrs. Sellers, there has continued to be a kicker. The newspaper that hopes to escape the kicker is simply making a rainbow chaser of itself. Why, the best man that ever lived, the meek and lowly Jesus, found whole flocks of the kicking, fraternity ever in his path, eternally roaring, finding fault, condemning and even begrudging him ground room whereon His blessed feet had trod. No man can escape them, and if as good a man as our blessed Savior could not rid himself of such a pest, what earthly chance has a newspaper editor of this kind of pest to escape this famous and infamous individual who inhabits every clime. He is found where the laughing waves of the beautiful Pacific spreads through the Golden Gate; is felt where the historic Atlantic beats her waves against the rock-bound coast of Alaska and found among the fumes and flowers of Florida, and any newspaper or individual entertaining the hope of living in an age when the croaker will not visit his door is looking far out over the uncertain waters of futurity for a billow which never will break over the beach. God made the kicker. Cain kicked because his rutabagas and tobacco plants were not as acceptable in the sight of God as the firstling of Able's flock. His father before him kicked on

cause his newly made wife enticed him to eat a Siberian crab and was subsequently kicked out of the Garden of Eden by the boot.

Yes, we have kickers everywhere, even in Eagle Lake, where one might suppose that every citizen would be content to live without a murmur. But they don't do that way. We have men who kick because no one else is kicking. But what do we care for the bray of a jack-ass or the kick of a mule? It is nature for the brute to do that, and the iron-clad fortress of journalism is not to be battered down by the butting of a croaking ram. A chronic kicker sees himself only in the mirror of self righteousness. He worships an idol like the heathen Hindu, and when any outside rattler happens to offend his little wooden god you can immediately hear his walls reverberate with the sound of the rattler and the sound of the rattler.

Good Things if Properly Used.

Last year there were 1,128,000 automobiles registered in the United States. A great many of these automobiles were improperly used, and a considerable sum of money was wasted in joy riding. Many deaths occurred because of reckless driving. But all this is no reason for us to be pessimistic about the automobile, for it is a fixture. It is an economical means of locomotion because it has the speed to get the driver over territory while he is usually waiting for other means of locomotion to get started. Automobiles are the friends of the farmers. In ten years the farmers who are wide awake and progressive will be using gasoline power to haul their products from the farm to the market and they will use it to plow their farms with. The gasoline engine as applied to transportation has already revolutionized the method of handling most of the products of the farm. Many of the people are using it because it gives them a better, faster and really safer means of getting to and from their places of destination. Just look at the tremendous growth of the automobile industry in a few years. The writer can very readily recall the first automobiles used in this country. They were simple, crude affairs. Today they are magnificent in their equipment, luxurious in their appointments, and tremendous in their power. In the Eastern States the farmers are using them in their business, for they can haul their products to market more economically that way than the old way. In the cities the trucksters and moving associations use them because they can do their work with them for less money than with their old-fashioned horse-drawn wagons.

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they can by using horses and mules. It is no use to decry the use of any article just because a few foolish persons abuse a good thing. The world has always been full of fools, and always will be full of them, because they are essential in the economic structure of the world. In the Middle West there is a story told of a farmer who, during business hours in the summer time because of the pesky flies and in the winter time because of the drafts that blow down on his untended dome. One afternoon a colored man went into the bank to get a wage check cashed. He was employed at railroad conductor work and this had been his weekly custom for some time. "Look here, Sam," smiled the banker, as the colored party stuffed the note in an old leather wallet, "why don't you let some of that money stay in the bank here and keep an interest account with us?" "Excuse me, boss, but I see jes' scared," answered Sam. "Yo' allahs look like yo' was jes' ready to start somewhere."—Philadelphia Telegraph

Looked Suspicious. Here is a story that was told at a recent dinner by David W. Brunt, when one of the speakers referred to the suspicion that is the part of every human make up. In the Middle West there is a story told of a farmer who, during business hours in the summer time because of the pesky flies and in the winter time because of the drafts that blow down on his untended dome. One afternoon a colored man went into the bank to get a wage check cashed. He was employed at railroad conductor work and this had been his weekly custom for some time. "Look here, Sam," smiled the banker, as the colored party stuffed the note in an old leather wallet, "why don't you let some of that money stay in the bank here and keep an interest account with us?" "Excuse me, boss, but I see jes' scared," answered Sam. "Yo' allahs look like yo' was jes' ready to start somewhere."—Philadelphia Telegraph

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Are you ugly? Cleopatra,

though homely, bewitched two emperors.
Are you cold? The soldiers of Valley Forge walked barefoot on the ice and snow.
Are you hungry? The children of India are starving for want of a crust of bread.
Are you tired? Why fret about it? Jacob was tired when he dreamed of the angels of heaven.
Are you sick? Suppose you

had lived two thousand years of age when sickness was fatal.
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Why fret?—The American Magazine.
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COUNTY CANDIDATES SLOW ANNOUNCING

The county political campaign is slow to open up this year. In former election years the campaign usually opened during the month of January and always by the first or middle of February. It is really better that the county campaign is slow in opening up—better for the people and better for the candidates. A short campaign will be good for the county in general, and a good thing for the candidates' pocketbooks. Long campaigns are expensive to candidates, and while we are of the opinion that the candidate crop this year is going to be a bumper one, we are glad the campaign is not opening up as early as usual.

NEXT LYCEUM NUMBER COMING FEBRUARY 25TH

The next number on the lyceum course will be Lou J. Beauchamp, the humorous philosopher, on the evening of February 25th. The Houston Chronicle makes the following comment concerning his lecture in that city: "Take the Sunny Side" was the subject of an interesting and entertaining lecture at the City Auditorium Sunday afternoon. Lou J. Beauchamp, the philosopher, was the speaker, declared to be one of the best entertainers on the platform. The lecture was filled with humor, pathos, quaint philosophy, snappy features and excellent illustrations. The big audience enjoyed it immensely and applause was frequent.

Mr. Bob Winston, who has been in charge of the Wells Fargo express business here for some time past, left yesterday for San Antonio, and is succeeded as express man here by Mr. Henry Burt of Yorkum. Mr. Winston will be express messenger on the I. & G. N. and will run between San Antonio and Palestine. He says he never was in a town that he liked any better than he did Eagle Lake. "It's the best little town that I have ever been in," to use his exact words, said Mr. Winston, "and I regret very much to leave."

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