

THE FOLKLORE CORNER

By TED RAYNOR

HOW TO MAKE A FRIEND

Joseph Hichens came from that part of England called Cornwall. In this country they dubbed them Cousin Jacks, and their wives were called Cousin Jennies. Hichens left the old country when a boy and wound up in New Mexico where he followed mining all his life. He was one of the early residents of old Shakespeare.

Hichens was a man who prided himself on never having taken a drink of whisky, though he mingled with those who did, as well as gamblers, outlaws and would-be outlaws. None of it ever rubbed off on him, and he was respected by all. One reason was people admired his character. Another was they knew if they wanted a fight they didn't have to go any further than Hichens to get it.

An old friend of Hichens related the following story to me, says Claude Fuller, Lordsburg. Hichens walked into a saloon one morning where a bunch of men were drinking. One guy who thought he would like to get tough said:

"Hichens, I hear you never took a drink of whisky in your life."

"That's right," Hichens said. "Bartender, pour out a glass of whisky," said the would-be tough guy. He pulled his .45 and said:

"Now, Hichens, this is one time you are going to drink or take lead."

"Well," said Hichens, "if it is lead or whisky, I guess I will drink the whisky."

He was so amicable about it that the tough guy got off his guard, and Hichens, like lightning, pulled his gun, which the man didn't think he had, and jammed it against the fellow's stomach.

"I've changed my mind," Hichens said, "now you drink."

It was all so humorous that the rest of the gang made the tough guy buy another round of drinks. Hichens went on his way.

On another occasion Hichens walked into a saloon one evening to see the bartender on business. The bartender was out, but one man stood in front of the bar. Hichens very courteously asked where the bartender was. The fellow in a nasty way said:

"Ah, he stepped out a while ago and the hogs ate him up."

Hichens said: "I asked you a civil question, and it is not your

privilege to answer in such a manner."

"What are you going to do about it?" the guy asked.

Hichens said: "Step out in the middle of the floor and I will show you."

They went at it like two prize-fighters. After a few punches Hichens knocked the fellow down. His head hit the floor so hard that it knocked him unconscious. Hichens got scared because he thought he had killed the man. He ran behind the bar, got a bottle of brandy, and was trying to revive the man when the bartender came in. The bartender felt the man's pulse, and said:

"Joe, I believe you have killed him."

But with the brandy, a wet bar towel and Joe's hat as a fan, they revived the fellow and got him on his feet.

After a little thought, the fellow said:

"I'm sorry, Joe, I apologize. I shouldn't have spoken to you as I did."

"OK," said Joe, "I accept your apology. Now I invite you to supper with me."

On the way to the boarding house, the man stopped and said:

"Wait a minute, Joe, you couldn't have done it, only my foot slipped."

"Well," said Joe, "if you are not satisfied, here is a good place to try it over."

Joe whipped him again. They went on to supper and were pals ever after.

LOVE POTION

If a woman is in love with a man, but he won't pay any attention to her, she invites him over to her house. She takes a couple of hairs from her head and puts them in a drink of wine after they have been cut up into small pieces. The man drinks it and falls madly in love with the woman. The pieces of hair are the part that makes the man fall in love. (This is a Rarities of Highlands University, ton story from the Folklore Archives of Las Vegas. It was told to Charles Stevens by Magaro Sanchez in January, 1952.)

Long-Dry Nazareth Gets Water Supply

Washington—Nazareth, scene of many miracles, has witnessed a new one—water, in plentiful supply.

Joint Arab-Jewish ceremonies have opened a pipeline which brings the literally precious fluid into every home in this perennially parched city.

The water for the most predominantly Arab city in Israel is piped in from a Jewish farm settlement in the Valley of Esdraelon. The 12-inch pipe carries it to a summit overlooking Nazareth where a junction with municipal pipelines allows distribution throughout the city.

Times Have Changed

Heretofore, Nazarene women had to carry water in earthen jugs just as their predecessors

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ALTO BRIEFS

By AILEEN LINDAMOOD

Snowfall at Alto Between 12-14 Inches

The snowstorm made the biggest part of the news in this community as it did in the rest of the state. The fall was somewhere between 12 and 14 inches from Tuesday night until Sunday morning.

This has been the heaviest snowfall in many years and is good news for the ranchers and farmers.

Before the snow the Forest Service was even contemplating a guard on Mont Jean Lookout.

Schools were closed in Capitán and Ruidoso during the storm.

Alan Johnson and Marion Pherigo of Carrizozo were business visitors in Green Tree last Monday and stopped by Alto on their way home.

Jimmy Ray McEuen was sick the past week but is well on the road to recovery now.

Monday Lineol White was in Roswell on business. Since then he's been very busy during the cold spell with the lambs. Despite the weather he's having good luck with saving the lambs.

The J. B. Hightowers were in Alamogordo Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Long before the time of Christ, says the National Geographic Society. Now such sources as the famed "Fountain of Our Lady Mary" will be needed only as shrines recalling the city's historic past.

To the homeplace of Jesus the advent of modern conveniences is a vast change from experiences of the past. In the Christian era alone Nazareth has been conquered a half dozen or more times. Under most of the conquerors, the city fared badly. The Jewish inhabitants of Nazareth disappeared sometime before the sixth century. But long before the birth of Christ they had been the target of a variety of invaders.

No mention is made of Nazareth in the Old Testament. In the time of Christ the town was so insignificant that the term Nazarene was applied to Him in derision. Yet Nazareth became and continues to be one of Christendom's holiest places.

The city was wrecked by Saladin in the Christian-Muslim wars of the Middle Ages. In the same period the Christian population, was massacred by Bibars, the Egyptian sultan and general. Some of the historic churches have been razed and rebuilt as many as three times.

Biblical Sites

In the heights above Nazareth, which lies in a cup of the Galilee hills, may be seen the sites of many of the famous places—names of biblical history. To the east lies Gilboa where Saul died, and Tabor where Deborah's men gathered to meet the Canaanites. Westward is ancient Megiddo where the Egyptians defeated Josiah of Judah, and Carmel where Elijah bested the prophets of Baal.

Less than five miles away was the once thriving city of Sepphoris where the Romans put down a desperate revolt of the Jews led by Judas the Galilean when Jesus was a boy. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, rebuilt Sepphoris, and there is speculation that the young Carpenter may have aided in the reconstruction.

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