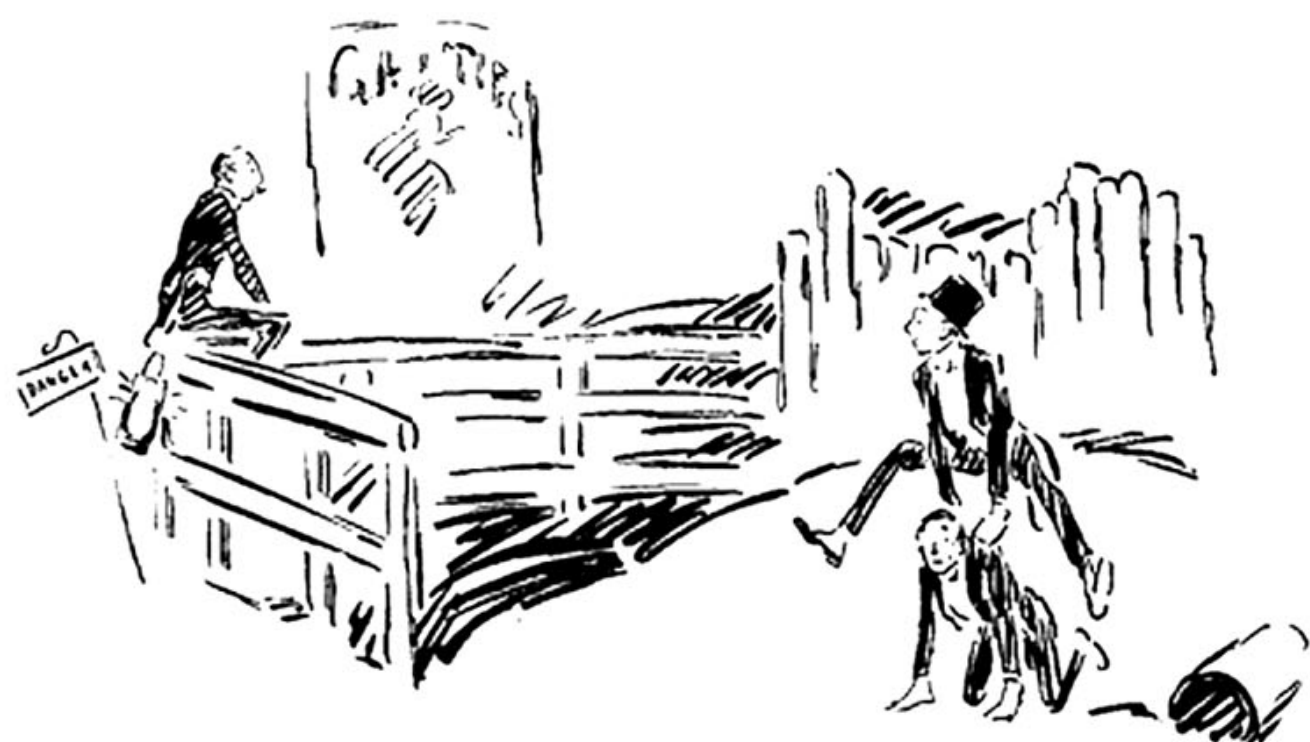


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Those Long, Dry Intermissions

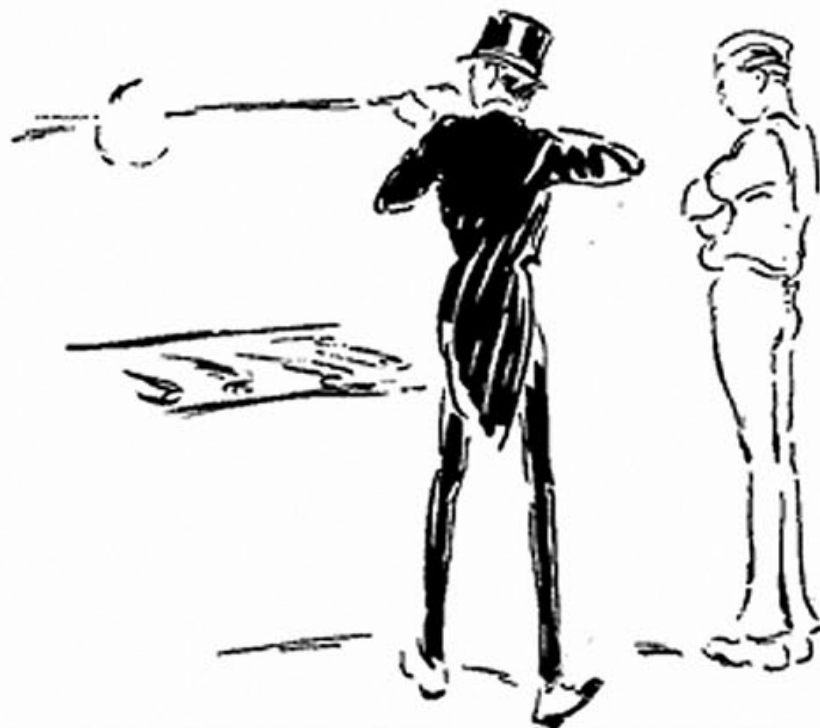
Prohibition has been pretty rough on evrybody, but there is no class of people which it has hit so hard as the theatre-goers. The Federal Amendment has completely wrecked their evenings. It isn't so bad while the show is going on; the blow falls between the acts. In happier times, the intermissions were the high spots of the evening to male theat-re-goers --now they are mere hollow mockeries. Something really had to be done to releive the intermission-lizards' suffering, to keep them from remembering what intermissions were made for. So here are a few little suggestions for between-the-acts occupations. As substitutes for the real thing, they rate about 2.75, but they may help a little. Anyway, you can take them or let them alone.



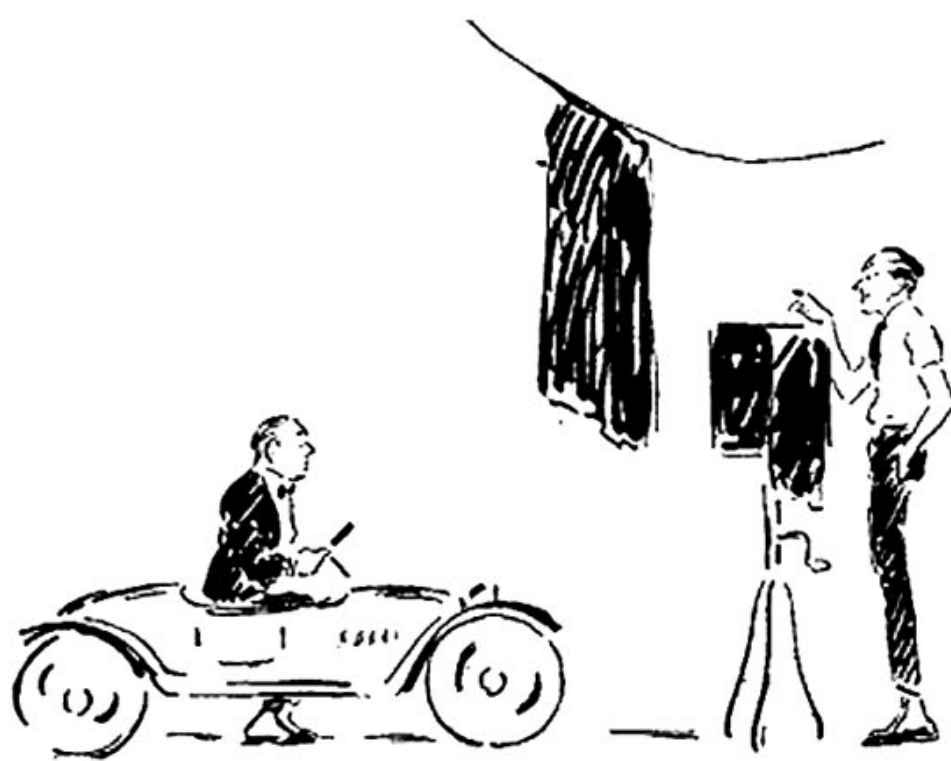
A wholesome divertissement is an informal track-meet around the excavations that are sure to be in progress on Broadway. A season of these between-the-act Olympic games will do much to improve the physical condition of the theatre-going public



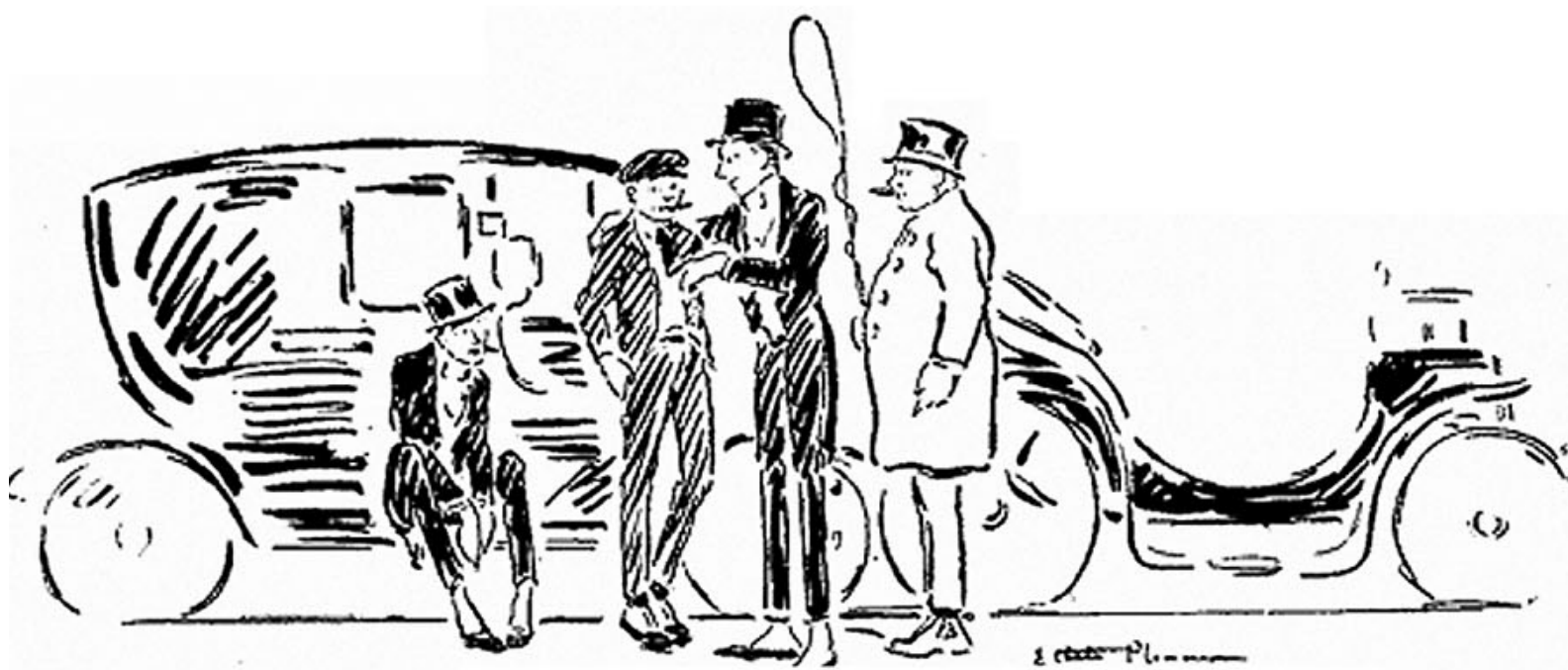
A pleasant and profitable fifteen minutes may be spent in the "art" stationery shops which line Broadway, buying souvenir post-cards bearing pictures of the Flatiron Building, panoramas of Riverside Drive, or such legends as, "A camel can go ten days without a drink—who wants to be a camel?" Many an interesting curio can be picked up in this way, during the theatrical season

Dry Intermissions

The shooting-galleries along Broadway provide a clean and invigorating way to kill the intermissions. A few shots at the property ducks and the revolving reindeer will send any man back to the theatre all braced up for the rest of the show



It is rather a pretty bit of sentiment to go out and have your picture taken, at any of the neighboring photograph galleries. The establishment will provide an appropriate setting. The finished picture will be a charming remembrance to bring back to those who are waiting in the theatre



Or then, again, you can always go out and get clubby with the cab-drivers outside the theatre. They're sympathetic listeners—you might while away the time by telling them the new one about the two traveling men