

THINGS TO COME—



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A radio comedian received an abusive letter from a listener. He retaliated by sending the listener a photograph of himself — with his tongue out.

OUR office-boy, thinking perhaps of the rising price of our national beverage, pops in to ask if the "Beer Barrel Polka" is a kind of a "Tap" dance . . .

A READER writes to say he'd like to be a radio talker, but what should he start to talk on? We suggest a soap-box.

NEW definition of Stonehenge: Woodhouse.

A LISTENER moans: "Often when I listen in, I hear our lovely English language being butchered." Someone must have been dropping his sitch-bones.

THE Western Brothers, says an English paper, enjoy the English summer — especially when it's raining cads and dogs.

"BANDLEADERS' Cars in Collision," says a newspaper. Come come, boys, isn't that carrying "Boomps-A-Daisy" a bit too far?"

GERMANS have been ordered to eat less bacon. So now it's the Watch on the Rhind.

COMBINING "slump" and "boom," the London Stock Exchange furnishes the following parody of Lewis Carroll: "'Twas Hitlig, and the Stock Exchange was grimping in the sloom."

SLOGAN for motorists: Children should be seen and not hurt.

THE small boy who said that an ohm was one of those funny little men who sat on toadstools was probably as wise as most listeners.

"AMERICAN Bandleader Shoots Songwriter" we read in a headline. So he wasn't satisfied with just plugging his songs!

WHEN a wife goes through her husband's pockets, she gets what any other explorer gets — material for a lecture.



WHEN bachelors wash their sox, these shrink. When they wash their sweaters, these stretch. Until now this has seemed to be among life's great undiscovered mysteries. But now there is hope. The A.C.E. have arranged a talk about washing woollens, from 2YA at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 9. Attention, bachelors!

First 300 Years

"As You Like It" was published in 1600, and it soon became clear that Shakespeare had written something which lived up to its title. The play has survived for three hundred years, and if wars do not wipe the civilised peoples off the earth, it is a safe bet that it will survive for many more centuries. "As You Like It" has been produced for radio by the National Broadcasting Service, and will be presented from 4YA Dunedin at 9.5 p.m. on Sunday, October 8.

Nagging A Jockey

The NBS interviewer did not go quite as far as chartering a charger when he wanted to interview a jockey, but he made a sufficiently good job of it to interest listeners to



2YA at 8.40 p.m. on October 12. Our artist never will learn to keep to the point. He always follows his own fancies. If you fancy horses and want to know something of the men who ride them for a living, listen to the interview with a jockey, on Thursday of next week.

Mac and McD

When you notice in 2YA's programme for October 13 that Lexie McDonald is a mezzo-contralto, please don't think that the boy-soprano, cum baritone, is now cum mezzo. For Lexie McDonald comes from Palmerston North, and is "Miss" McDonald; while Lex Macdonald comes from Dunedin, was Master Macdonald, now "Mister" Macdonald, and is still a baritone, same as Mr. Lough, who

comes from across the waters. So you are safe to tune in at 9.24 p.m. on Friday evening of next week, now that everything has been sorted out for you.

Risk For Reporter

The Eternal News Agency took a risk when it assigned the Space Time Reporter to interview Zenobia, Queen of Palmyra. She really was a dangerous piece. We all thought when he hopped off for 280 A.D. that her flashing eyes would incapacitate him, if they did not entirely destroy him. But he came back, more alive than dead, and complete with a really super interview. He will broadcast again from 3YA on Friday, October 13, at 9.5 p.m.

Romancing With History

Having read the "Colloquies," the life of Erasmus, and the writings of Froissart and Luther, Charles Reade decided to write a story with that historical background. The result was "The Cloister and The Hearth," which is generally recognised as Reade's greatest work. Listeners will now have an opportunity of following the adventures of the hero, Gerard, through Germany, Burgundy and Italy, because "The Cloister and the Hearth" will begin in serial form from 3YA Christchurch on Tuesday, October 10, at 8 p.m.

With The Coons

The Kentucky Minstrels are a merry crowd, and in the BBC programme to be heard from 1YA at 9.32 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, they live right up to tradition. This time, some of the coons have been on holiday. Says one darkie: "Yessir, that girl I saw in Paris could sure have packed her things in my trunk." And the other retorts, amid dusky laughter: "The one I saw could have packed hers in my sponge-bag!"

Henry Kingsley Story

The second of 52 instalments of the new serial "Ravenshoe" (from Henry Kingsley's story) will be broadcast by 4YA on Wednesday, October 11, at 8 p.m. It is an English family story. The holder of the title dies, and evidence comes to light that the supposed heir has no legal right. His servant and he change places. He goes away to make a name for himself and the experienced reader will guess what follows. All the same a good deal takes place before the happy ending.

Taking Care

Bret Harte was supposed to be so fastidious in his style that he wrote an invitation to