

—“But Not a Businessman”

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for a cheque payable to her husband and not endorsed by him. On being told that her husband's endorsement must be obtained, she was very indignant.

“Him put his name on it!” she said. “Isn't it myself does all the work, an' him smoking his pipe on the ditch. Sure that fellow's nothing but an ould faux pas.”

He Likes a Joke

Perhaps the monotony of his work makes the banker, the young banker, more prone to enjoy and to attempt



small jokes. In time, for example, the locking of the bank safe becomes a mechanical act. The average manager cannot tell whether he has done it or not. A waggish cashier of my acquaintance used to break off his nervous manager's evening game of golf by inquiring innocently whether the old man had locked the safe that day. Now and then he played the jest with variations. The manager was an inveterate smoker, never very sure when he had a cigarette in his mouth. If the customary trick failed, the cashier would still remain pensive.

“I wonder were you smoking when you locked up the cash this evening, sir,” he would say, as they walked between strokes. “Dear me,” the old man would answer, halting, “Was I? Do you think I was?”

“It would be awkward if you had dropped a spark among the large notes,

sir?” the jester would add; the next moment the old man would be in full retreat to the office.

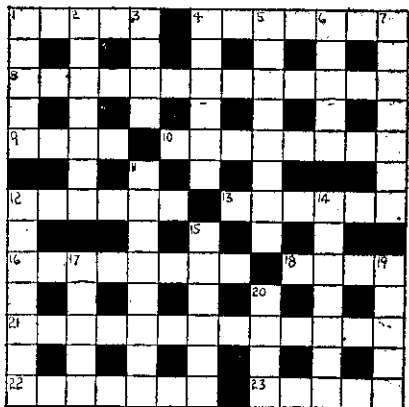
Do I seem to laugh at my former colleagues in the ancient and honourable and honest profession of banking? No, I laugh with them, sometimes at myself. I am retired from the bank, but in the nightmare that still visits me now and then, I see the gaping entrance of a bank safe empty of cash, and know with panic terror that I have at last forgotten to turn my key.

Raymond Gram Swing— Musician

HOW many listeners know that America's best-known broadcaster, Raymond Gram Swing, is a trained musician? Although Swing by name, he is not swing by nature (when it comes to music), because a sonata of his for violin and piano was recently performed at a concert of contemporary works presented in New York by the Composers' Forum. Mr. Swing says that although he is a “rank amateur,” music has been a part of his life as long as he can remember; he turned to journalism rather than to music in order to make a living, but he has never given up his active participation in the art. His son is at Harvard, preparing for a musical career. Mr. Swing is emphatic in his view that the future of music “lies in the hands of the rank-and-file amateur rather than of the professional.” He regrets that so many promising, young people give up their study of music just when they ought to be going ahead with it. If this state of affairs can be remedied, then Mr. Swing's prophecy about the rank-and-file amateurs deciding the ultimate destiny of music might be fulfilled.

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 116: Constructed by R.W.C.)



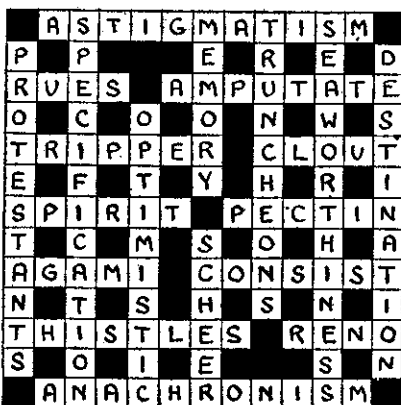
Clues Across

1. You're looking at it at the moment
4. I'd poems re-arranged here.
8. One saint's aunt (anag.).
9. A 4 down form of 3 down.
10. Her aunts (anag.).
12. Itinerant salesman.
13. North wind.
16. Here I am found with a pint mug.
18. Rowing equipment found in 13 across.
21. Vitamin C is.
22. Dan errs when doing messages.
23. Pillages.

Clues Down

1. Previous.
2. Tasteless.
3. The inverted portion is a snare.
4. 9 across under canvas.
5. Turn to Penang for this figure.
6. One on the house?
7. Refrains from.
11. Traps Ian (anag.).
12. Grim ape takes a percentage addition on freight.
14. Last ice—no wonder it stretches.
15. To sing for these would be worthwhile.
17. A pert parent.
19. Factions.
20. Bird found in 21 across.

(Answer to No. 115)



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