

## INTRODUCTIONS

786—During one of his campaigns, William Jennings Bryan spoke in a city in one of the northwestern states. The chairman, in presenting the speaker, made an embarrassing fulsome and eulogistic introduction of Bryan, in such bad taste that many wondered how Bryan would succeed in overcoming the unfortunate effect of it. Bryan, however, was not easily dismayed: "The very kind observations of the chairman," said he, "bring to my mind the case of the man at a formal banquet table, who impulsively put into his mouth a large forkful of steaming, hot baked potato, which he instantly spat out upon his plate. Looking about at his disconcerted fellow guests and at his hostess, he remarked blandly, 'Some damn fools would have swallowed that.'"

787—"Long introductions when a man has a speech to make are a bore," said former Senator John C. Spooner, one of the great Senate leaders. "I have had all kinds, but the most satisfactory one in my career was that of a German mayor of a small town in my state, Wisconsin.

"I was to make a political address and the opera house was crowded. When it came time to begin the mayor got up. 'Mine friends,' said he, 'I haf asked been to introduce Senator Spooner who is to make a speech, ja. Vell, I haf dit so, und he vill now do so.'"

Yes!

788—"I had expected to find Mr. Lloyd George a big man in every sense," playfully remarked the chairman when introducing the statesman to a meeting, "But you see for yourselves he is quite small in stature."

Lloyd George was no whit abashed. "In North Wales," he remarked, "we measure a man from his chin up. You evidently measure from his chin down."

789—The lady from Arkansas, Senator Hattie Caraway, was about to address a gathering of her constituents. The chairman introduced her with a prolonged and lavish eulogy, culminating thunderously with the words, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I now present to you the most notorious woman in Arkansas!"

790—When Woodrow Wilson was President of Princeton he was called upon to be the chief speaker at an educators' banquet in New York. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia was toastmaster. When the time came to introduce the principal speaker, Dr. Butler presented him