

Touched on are the superstitions of actors, baseball players, farmers, golfers, gamblers and just plain people, the whole woven into an interesting story with this antidote supplied by the author: — "A laugh is the easiest, wisest answer to all that's queer."

Prof. Berry goes on to say that security is the only cure for superstition, presenting his case as follows:

"Why are we superstitious, then? First, because man, who is not too squeamish about his logic, is a conservative creature, who holds tenaciously to old ideas, customs, and trinkets, even after he has learned better, and long after their original purpose has been lost and forgotten. And, second, because with all his knowledge and science, civilized life is still uncertain, insecure, and precarious; and something has to be done about it. Superstition, then, is but one chapter in the story of man's age-long quest for security. And security will smash superstition, where education, prohibition, sermons, satire, and science have miserably failed."