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Poachus

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
The MacMillan Co., Publishers,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

The Public Ledger Syndicate, one of the organizations of Mr. Cyrus H. K. Curtis, publisher of the Saturday Evening Post, and a group of magazines and newspapers, has commissioned me to contribute a series of interviews with international celebrities, under the title,

"THE LAUGH OF MY LIFE"

You will indeed do me a great favor if you will recall the incident of your life, the bit of repartee, or the story told to you by someone, which has amused you most.

Will you please, or your secretary, jot down this bit of memorandum, and send it to me.

I will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

Lee Frank

The Laugh of My Life

'As Told to Lee Frank

By ANNE NICHOLS

"**A**BIE has been a great help to me," stated Anne Nichols, author of "Able's Irish Rose," "but he falls me utterly when there is an earthquake, and I am at a loss to know what to do.

"When I was in Los Angeles there was a quake. One of the papers came out with a big notice that whenever there is an earthquake you should stand in a door jamb. I found out that the only person killed in that quake had stood in a door jamb; the plaster fell down on his head and killed him.

"When the next quake occurred I was in a Turkish bath. Cordelia, the colored maid, who was attending me, saw me turn white, and said, 'Don't worry, Miss Nichols, it's only an earthquake.'

"I managed to go down to dinner that night at the hotel where I was staying. The only other person in the dining room was a little old lady. She hurried over to my table, sat down, said, 'That was some earthquake we had today.' Then in the same breath she continued, 'and what have we on the menu tonight?'"



ANNE NICHOLS