

H.M. Woggle-Bug, T.E.

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Based on the character created by L. Frank Baum*

H.M. Woggle-Bug, T.E. is a giant woggle-bug, a kind of insect.

Movement

As a normal man.

Abilities

Strength: 4

Coordination: 5

Fitness: 5

Reasoning: 9

Intuition: 8

Empathy: 3

Skills

Boxing (Strength): 4 (4)

Discerning (Intuition): 7 (7)

Fencing (Coordination): 3 (4)

General Education (Reasoning): 7 (8)

Noticing (Intuition): 3 (5)

Oratory (Empathy): 7 (5)

Wordplay (Reasoning): 8 (8)

Description

H.M. Woggle-Bug, T.E. appears as a human-sized insect. “H.M.” in his title stands for “highly magnified” (a reference to the fact that he is a giant, as woggle-bugs go); and “T.E.” stands for “thoroughly educated” (a reference to his academic education, of which he is most proud). The Woggle-Bug is very intelligent and learned, but slightly pompous. He means well, but can sometimes grate on others’ nerves. He always introduces himself by presenting a card inscribed with “MR. H.M. WOGGLE-BUG, T.E.”

The Woggle-Bug has a particular fondness for puns, believing that they show culture, refinement, and command of the language. Unfortunately, some of the puns are in bad taste. Examples of puns uttered by the Woggle-Bug include:

1. Of the Saw Horse breaking a leg: “A horse is no use until he is broken.”
2. Of the Woggle Bug riding on the Saw Horse: “Then he would be a horse-and-buggy.”
3. Of Jack Pumpkinhead smashing his head: “Then he would no longer be a pumpkin, but squash.”

Background

The Woggle-Bug was once an ordinary woggle-bug (a kind of insect) living in the woods. He used to crawl into a classroom while school was in session and listen to the lessons. In this way he became Thoroughly Educated. One day, the teacher spied him and put him under a magnifying lens, to show the class. In this way he became Highly Magnified. The educated Woggle-Bug promptly bowed to the class; and the class was so startled that it fled the room, leaving the Woggle-Bug free to do as he pleased in his Highly Magnified state.