

Getting along in the World

Laurette Taylor's Husband Writes Her Plays

Laurette Taylor, the well-known actress, says in the January American Magazine, about a discussion she had with a dramatic critic.

"Mr. Manners and I some day are going to have a theater in New York," said I. "I am looking forward to being an institution, like the Singer Building or the Woodworth Building or something like that."

"What are you going to do when you get your theater?" said he.

"Play," said I.

"Who is going to write your plays?" said he.

"My husband," said I.

"All of them," said he.

"Why not?" said I. "Actresses come into New York and played Shakespeare, why can't I play Manners?"

"When the interview was printed, Mr. Darton said in it, 'From the noise issuing from the back of the house, I imagine that Mr. Manners is now at work on his wife's plays!'"

"Hardly and I are a peculiar combination, an actress and a playwright. Such a combination is good, if successful. The combination of actor and playwright generally fails because of one being too weak to support the other. In our case, one does support or supplement the other. Ordinarily, when the playwright's work goes into the actress's hands, it is out of his hands. But when Mr. Manners writes it is not out of his hands, because it goes into my hands. Naturally, he influences my acting, because I am rather 'spilly.' You know like a glass of beer if it is poured too fast, it must be regulated. He does just that. He makes me chuck up my vitality and keeps me from running over."

She Bought a House With Rent Money

In the Family Money department of the January American Magazine a woman says:

"My domestic explorations, however, had taught me one fact: that landlords were making from ten to fifteen per cent of their investments in the very buildings I had been inspecting. I was meditating over this circumstance one morning between classes, when suddenly a brilliant thought struck me.

"Why not borrow money at six per cent, build a two-family house on a lot I had finished paying installments on several years before, and put my money into a home instead of a landlord's pocket? The six per cent interest on my loan would be covered by the normal return on my real estate investment, with nine per cent to spare.

"I decided that \$5,000 was the largest sum I could afford to borrow and pay back with interest in a reasonable length of time. My lot was 40 by 140 feet. Could I build a two-story house with a light, cheery, comfortable, up-to-the-minute apartment on each floor, for that amount?"

He Makes Money From Montana Wheat

In the January American Magazine a writer says:

"Montana, 'The Land of Shining Mountains!'"

"Eight years ago the tenth of August, I rolled off the top of a coal car right into the middle of more country than I had imagined existed. It was Montana, and it looked good to me. My total assets that day were fourteen dollars, a decidedly sketchy suit of clothes, and a very real feeling of disgust for the city in which I had spent twenty-six years of my life. Montana has treated me better than I deserve.

"See the log house up at the head of that coulee? It's mine. Wouldn't stack up very big beside some of those city places you see in the Sunday papers, but it has four rooms and a real bath. Around the house lie seven hundred acres of the finest ranchland in the U. S. A. We had three hundred acres planted to winter wheat this year. It thrashed twenty-five bushels an acre—with wheat at \$1.35 a bushel. That lifted the last of the mortgage and left a tidy sum for the war chest."

Laurette Taylor Advises Young Actresses to Play in Stock Companies

Laurette Taylor, the famous actress, tells about her experiences on the stage, in the January American Magazine. She says:

"Playing stock is an advantage, if you don't allow the praise that you get from people who really don't know to upset you. They get to know you, and send you real home-made pies and pincushions and name their babies after you—according to sex, of course. This week you come on as Camille. Loud applause! Next week you come on as Topsy in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' 'Wonderful!' You may be too fat or too tall or too blond. But everything you do is 'wonderful!' You forget that it is you, their favorite personality, the audience is applauding, and not the actress's work and you mix the two things up if you don't look out. In stock, throughout the country, an actress plays parts she never would dream of playing in New York—Camille, Carmen, and so on. I wouldn't think of playing Camille until Bernhardt had been dead for years and memories of her had been wiped out. I went to see Bernhardt when she was here four or five years ago—went to see what I had been led to believe was remnants of a great actress. People said: 'She's nothing like she was. She has lost her figure and her beautiful voice. Don't go. But if you do go, don't sit too close.' But I went, hoping to catch something from her Camille. I never was thrilled like it; never saw anything as it was that last night."

All American For Season

By TOMMY CLARK.

FOLLOWING a season featured by surprises, inconsistent play on the part of individuals and indifferent teamwork, the time is at hand to honor the players who really have displayed hard and consistent football during the season of 1916.

In the selection of an honorary eleven it is necessary to figure on a combination to make ground against any



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THREE PLAYERS WHO HELPED MAKE FOOTBALL HISTORY THIS YEAR.

(Upper one shows Oliphant of Army; center, Pollard of Brown; lower one, Black of Yale.)

sort of defense. Some teams can stop a driving attack, while they are helpless against one which employs formations of the open variety. To gain ground it therefore is necessary to have players who can hit the line, run the ends or execute forward passes successfully.

While taking the offense qualifications into consideration, the team's defensive ability also must be borne in mind. It is players who possess the combination of offensive and defensive qualifications who count. Men who can be depended upon to deliver in the pinches have been honored in this selection. This football essential is what every follower of football expects.

It also is essential to have players who can punt, kick goals from the field and throw and receive forward passes. There must be fleet players, and no team would be complete unless it had a heady general with football instinct who could direct an attack to bring the best results, at the same time holding some strength in reserve for a supreme effort when needed.

Carl Anderson of Colgate is selected to play quarter and to act as captain of the All American eleven. He has been a star at Colgate for three seasons. He is an accurate forward passer, and his passing gave Colgate the 13-0 victory over the Army last season. He is a good broken field runner, and his running back of punts has been a feature of several games this year. He feeds his backs in faultless style, the result being that Colgate did not fumble at Yale, only once against Illinois, and that on a direct pass, and not once against Syracuse and Brown. Anderson has played against some of the best quarterbacks of the year, Macomber of Illinois, Smith of Yale and Meehan of Syracuse. None of them outplayed him.

Pollard of Brown is played at right halfback. The big colored back played such a wonderful game against Yale and Harvard that he is considered by many the greatest halfback of the season. Pollard is a little six footer. In end runs, in forward passing and in executing the bewildering crisscross Pollard has shown unusual skill.

Hastings of Pittsburgh is given the other halfback position. This fellow was the big factor in placing Pittsburgh in a position to fight for the championship title. He is a powerful off tackle driver. He starts and quickly moves to the point of attack with the necessary speed to make ground even when opposition is met. He is a wonderful man in an interference and has seldom failed to take off tacklers in a manner to put them out of the plays.

Sports---

PRINCETON WRITER IS FRANK ABOUT RUSH'S ELEVEN.

BY H. C. HAMILTON

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 27.—A frankness that is admirable is expressed in a letter to the Princetonian, the college publication at Princeton university, in which the late lamented football team coached by Speedy Rush is given a name that completely absolved Rush from all blame. The writer says:

"Last year our team was accused of being 'yellow' and a 'bunch of quitters'; this year it is termed an organization of 'no brains.' The latter is undoubtedly the case; our team was a dumb team."

"It is pretty hard for any coach or set of coaches to instill brains into a crowd of seniors. If they haven't got them they won't acquire them in two months' practice. The team lost the Harvard game through lack of the proper thought, and the Yale game a week later for the same reason."

"While I want in no way to criticize the coaching, I do think there was a combination of the backfield that could have overcome this weakness; however, past is past; the team lost. Mr. Rush lost also, partly due to his own lack of experience and partly and mostly because he was dealing with a bunch of bonchheads who were utterly at a loss to make a quick, intelligent decision when the opportunity presented itself. Too much importance cannot be laid upon teaching the players of next year's team to think for themselves."

Without mentioning any names, there are certain holdover members of Princeton's team who could take this heart-to-heart talk to their own hearts and do wonders for Old Nassau next fall. It is a lamentable fact, but none the less true, that the young man who penned the missive to the Princetonian whacked the old nail squarely on its battered head. The Harvard game was lost by poor thinking, and the Yale game was lost for the same reason.

Imagine a youth who plans to use a great deal of intelligence in overcoming this life's obstacles calling for a forward pass with a football just yearning to be pushed over a goal line by straight rushing. That's just what happened in each of these important conflicts.

Speedy Rush had his problems with this team of his last October and November. He had a team which, to take a look at them lined up on paper, would have tied Yale and Harvard into double-cinched bow-knots. But, as every one knows, they didn't do it, and the youth who wrote the letter isn't the only one who believes that solid ivory was the cause.

EASTER OREGON BOYS TO GO TO WEST POINT

Washington, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Congressman Nick Sinnott has at his disposal appointment of two cadets to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He has decided to fill both of these on the basis of a district wide competitive examination. This will afford to the boys of Eastern Oregon the best opportunity ever presented to them to enter West Point.

In order to make this opportunity as full and free as possible the congressman has arranged to have the examination held under the charge of the U. S. Civil Service Commission simultaneously in the following eight cities: Klamath Falls, Ontario, Baker, Pendleton, Lakeview, Bend, La Grande, The Dalles, on February 1, 1917. This is the latest feasible date before the official examination at Vancouver Barracks, March 20, 1917.

Every eligible boy desiring to take the examination should report to the local civil service secretary at the postoffice in the above cities at 9 o'clock a. m., February 1st; and also if possible in form Congressman Sinnott at Washington that he intends to enter the competition.

The two candidates who receive the highest grades in this competitive examination will be designated by Congressman Sinnott as principals; the next two as first alternates, and those making fifth and sixth in percentage will be designated as second alternates.

Any young man is eligible to enter the competition who is now and has been since December first, 1916, an actual resident of the Second Congressional District in Oregon, provided that on June 14, 1917 the date of entrance to the Academy, he is not under 17 nor over 22 years of age.

The examination, which will be the same in every city, will be written in form, and will embrace the following subjects:

Algebra, English Composition and English Literature, Geography, Plane Geometry, History, English Grammar.

Usually there is but one vacancy at a time for each district at West Point. The increase in number of cadets making two at this time furnishes to the boys of Eastern Oregon the best opportunity to get in the Academy ever offered to them, with several weeks in which to prepare. Any one thinking of entering the contest can get full information about the Military Academy and sample questions by writing to Congressman N. J. Sinnott, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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ATHENIAN CIVIC OATH.

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PLAYGROUNDS IN INDIA.

Movement Has Taken Hold In Several Municipalities.

India is waking up to the value of play. At Ballighata, a suburb of Calcutta, there has been for some time a playground similar to the demonstration playgrounds in America, the object of which is to influence all India to adopt the best from American playgrounds and school centers.

"Some time ago," writes C. M. Goethe in the Survey, "information arrived from Ballighata that a second, afterward a third, playground had been opened in Calcutta. Now comes the news not only of a fourth, but, what is of much greater importance, the fact that the first appropriation has been made of municipal funds in India, an empire containing about a fourth of the world's population."

"At Bawaniptore the municipality has joined wealthy Hindus in financing the playground. Coming during the war, this is especially significant. Those who are supporting and carrying on the original Ballighata playground had little hope of such success until after peace had come."

"These who remember the beginnings of the playground movements in America can look forward with confidence to these transplanted American institutions playing their part in the upbuilding of the new India, as they are also in the new China."

TREES ALONG ROADS.

Plans For Improving Highways of New York State.

The planting of trees along the highways of the state is being studied by Professor H. R. Francis of the College of Forestry at Syracuse. Field studies and plans have already been prepared for portions of the main highway between Utica and Albany, and the state highway between Utica and Syracuse is now being carefully studied in connection with the idea of Professor Francis to line the highways with straight rows of trees and shrubs.

It is not the idea of Professor Francis to line the highways with straight rows of trees. Natural vistas showing beauty spots away from the highways will be left open, and it will be suggested that other vistas be made so that the highways will not alone be well planted with trees and shrubs, but there will be more nearly parklike effect with opportunities of seeing the beauty of the country on either side.

Professor Francis is urging the use of native trees and shrubs, taking advantage in so far as possible of the material on the ground.

Community Work.

It's a funny thing, but it's true. The bigger the man the more time he has for community work, writes Edwin B. Lord, secretary of the Massillon (O.) chamber of commerce. That's why he's big. The little fellow, who can't see beyond the limits of his place of business, will always be small unless he wakes up to the fact that participating in civic activities broadens his perspective, widens his acquaintance and adds to his material success. The chamber of commerce is here to stay. Its usefulness has been demonstrated. You can get some of the benefits by keeping in the background, refusing to pay your dues and playing the piker all along the line, but if you are alive to your own interests you will come out of your shell, become actively engaged in chamber activities and reap the inevitable reward. Lord Bryce gives the broad viewpoint of the matter in these words:

"There is no influence in any community more potent and powerful for the accomplishment of good than that of the business and professional men unselfishly banded together for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the entire citizenship."

Kenosha as a "Factory Town."

Ordinarily the appellation "factory town" applied to a small city brings to mind a picture of dirt and griminess, of tenements and filth, says the Chicago News. But this is far from being the case with Kenosha, Wis., which in the last five or six years has become one of the largest "manufacturing towns" in the Chicago commercial district. This was brought out recently when the board of aldermen of Kenosha voted to purchase park property to the extent of ninety-eight acres at an outlay of approximately \$125,000. Steps are being taken to give the town a park system second to none in America.

When the census men on their last rounds quit ringing doorbells they quoted Kenosha's population at 21,371. Today it is estimated that 35,000 just about covers the number of persons working and living there.

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This Fellow Wrote Insurance in a Hospital

Although flat on his back, an insurance salesman kept right up with his work and got after the doctors and nurses. This is part of an article in the January American Magazine which every insurance salesman should read. The writer says: "For the next month business kept getting better and better. My manager was delighted. Then one day a horse I was riding slipped on the icy streets, and when he got up I had a broken leg. This meant doctors' and hospital expenses, just when I was getting firmly on my financial feet. It was a bad blow."

"I had to stay in the hospital three weeks longer than the doctor had promised at first, so I got as impatient as a thoroughbred in a paddock; I cut loose on the nurse and insured four of them, as well as two of the physicians, while I was flat on my back with a weight tied to my leg. I also got the application of the fellow on the cot next to mine. So far as I know, that was the first insurance policy ever written in a hospital. This fellow had only a broken arm. He passed our medical examination shortly afterward and I got my premium."

WHAT A WOMAN OF OUR NATIVE STATE SAYS.

Portland, Oregon.—"For a long time I have been so nervous I could almost scream at times, and have had spells that I could not get around. My back pained so at night I could not sleep—doctors did me no good. A lady in Gearhart recommended Doctor Pierce's Favorite



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Marines Receive Presents.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 27.—(United Press)—Through the efforts of the American Red Cross, who recently issued an appeal to Americans to remember the United States Marines in their Christmas giving, three thousand of the soldiers of the sea now in the field in Haiti and Santo Domingo, received holiday gifts, according to Mrs. Lelia Montague Barnett, who is chairman of the special committee of the Red Cross in this city.

Candy, tobacco, writing material, handkerchiefs and other gifts were sent to the men who, on account of strenuous field service in the island republics, are forced to dispense with the comforts and small luxuries enjoyed by their comrades at home.

Although some of the necessary funds were contributed from other sources, the Marines stationed in the continental posts were first to answer the appeal, and it is largely through the latter's efforts that their over-the-sea brothers received remembrances at Christmas time.

One million workers are employed in plants furnishing railroad material and supplies—or 5,000,000, counting their families.