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THE YAPANESE

The question has been raised what we should call the inhabitants of the now celebrated pin-point in the Pacific known as Yap. The natural tendency is to dub them Yaps. That has at least the merit of simplicity. More elaborate suggestions are Yappers, Yappese, Yappish, Yappians, Yapmen and Yaplanders.

Nobody seems to know or care what the handful of Polynesian aborigines inhabiting the island have to say about it, or whether the name given their home on the map has any relation to their name for it. Light from that source is not essential, but would be interesting.

If the Japs are consulted, they will probably find no difficulty in the matter. "Jap" is pronounced "Yap" by various races, and the two are said to sound much alike as the Japanese themselves pronounce them. That is a happy coincidence for Japan. If the statesmen at Tokio will only grant those American cable rights, they can call the natives Yapanese, for all we care.

PANAMA TRAFFIC

The regular use made of the Panama Canal is rapidly increasing. It is reported that up to 1917 the traffic through the canal did not exceed 4,900,000 tons for a calendar year. By 1919 that total had reached 7,000,000 tons. In 1920 the figures jumped to 11,000,000 tons, and the figures for January, 1921, show that all previous monthly records have been broken, while the increase continues.

Unless one is unusually well informed on trade routes and nautical miles, the statistics concerning the Panama Canal are almost startling. The ocean route from New York to San Francisco is shortened 8,000 miles by the canal. New York and Valparaiso are brought 3,700 miles closer to each other.

Last year traffic was heaviest from the west coast of South America to countries on the Atlantic, 2,000,000 tons of nitrate alone being carried over that route. East and west the merchantmen go, carrying everything from cold-storage products, lumber, sugar, wheat and flour to manufactured goods and iron and steel.

Another interesting feature is the fact that the tolls are now paying most of the cost of maintenance. Although they do not yet pay interest charges and the upkeep of equipment, it is probable that they will cover even those items within a few years.

Here is a government undertaking which seems to be on the road to self-support and perhaps profit. The Panama Canal knows no business depression. The trade of the world is passing through its gates, saving enough because of the short cut to pay the necessary tolls. Everything which makes for quicker communication and wholesome trade between nations is a benefit to the whole world. The Panama Canal qualifies for this title in every way.

DRUGGIST, NOT SALOON-KEEPER

The people who are counting the days until beer is sold as medicine in all the drug stores may have to get an adding machine to help them count. The druggists are opposed to any such traffic.

One druggists' association has stated its objection publicly, thus:

"We do not believe in beer as medicine."

"We do not believe in drug stores selling it and never will. No profits on the sale of beer would tempt the reputable druggists of this association to change their profession to that of saloonkeeper."

There is a statement straight from the shoulder which should make the would-be drug store booster blush for shame. Furthermore, it undoubtedly represents the sentiment of the majority of the druggists of this country.

Experienced and competent druggists belong in the same class as good doctors. They now believe, as do physicians, that beer is not good for people, but bad for them. They resent having a profession for which they have prepared for years of study, and whose ethics they have kept singularly high, besmirched by the handling of alcoholic liquors as "medicine." Their feeling shows their good sense and their sense of honor.

ARCTIC POSSIBILITIES

It has been proposed that the American Navy send a large expedition of scientists to explore the Arctic region.

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 3, 1813 Lot M. Merrill, Secretary of the treasury under Grant, was born.

May 3, 1862, Evacuation of Yorktown, Va., by the Confederates after a month's siege.

Fourth President James Madison, Republican, inaugurated March 4, 1809.

Term of office, 8 years.

Residence, Montpelier, Va.

Born March 16, 1751. Port Conway, Va.

Died June 28, 1836, age 85.

Princeton Graduate, Lawyer, Politician, English.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Limerick

(By Limerick Lou.)
There once was a young girl in Marquette,
And she probably is somewhere there yet,
Who was awfully gay,
Always had her own way,
And when she meant yes, said "You bet!"

Somehow or other the handle of a

lawnmower is always too short for father, but is just the right length for mother.

How Many?—Oh, My!
She springs a young man's fancy
Turns, they say, to thoughts of love,
And looks so gosh darn foolish
Talks just like a cooing dove.
He just wants to take a dear girl
Up to his canyon on a hike—
He can talk love so much better
Than he can on a bike.
So he saunters, so devoted,
On a Sunday morning fine,
With a girl walking with him
That he thinks is just divine.
They return ere noonday passes,
Just as happy as can be!
Then, good gracious—at 2:30,
What is this? Why, can it be?
This same moonie, doing lover
Up the canyon strides once more,
And beside him a fair maiden—
Not the same one as before!
Love sure cuts some awful capers,
And a man just can't do right.
Well, I wonder, don't you really?
Which girl he had out that night!

Why is it that the fellow with the sour disposition generally has plenty of "sugar?"

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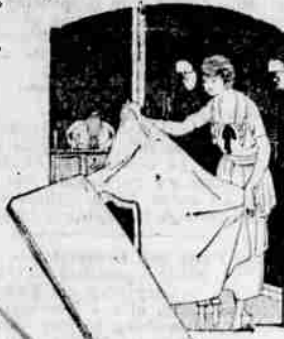


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