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THE THAT PASSETH BY, and meddeth with steele belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dor by the ears. —Proverbs 26:17.

Here's To Cross-Word Boys

Presses of the dictionary publishers have been working overtime for weeks and booksellers have striven desperately to keep their supplies of dictionaries and word books replenished. This unprecedented demand for word reference volumes has been created by the cross-word puzzle. It is said, with but little exaggeration, that everybody who can read and write becomes a cross-word puzzle solver sooner or later. None will deny that few fads have had so universal an appeal as this puzzle of words.

From the standpoint of time consumed the cross-word puzzle might be condemned. Puzzle solvers are expending millions of working and leisure hours daily in this new pastime. The cross-word puzzles in book form or clipped from newspapers have replaced the needle work and popular novel in the stenographer's desk. Among men, officer and factory workers the cross-word puzzle is a new excuse for laying down the tools and the pen during working hours. Even husbands have been heard to complain that meals are late because of the introduction of the cross-word puzzle into the home.

If the cross-word puzzle was merely a pastime it would be a wanton waster of valuable time and in its present stage of popularity would be cause for concern among employers. But the great demand for dictionaries and synonym books is evidence that this most popular of puzzles is something more than a pastime. It consumes much time but to the advantage of the solver. The cross-word puzzle has made the word book a best seller and has brought the dictionary and reference into active use in many homes and by many individuals for the first time. Before the cross-word puzzle became popular you could have counted on the fingers of two hands the number of persons in the average community making daily use of the dictionary. Today hundreds of thousands of men and women own and use them.

Thoughtful working of cross-word puzzles can not fail to make the average American a more careful and fluent user of good English. Prolonged popularity for the cross-word puzzle must raise the standard of English used in the United States.

Bigger And Better

A mania for large and costly buildings is sweeping the country, beautifying cities and towns, promoting community pride, but inevitably swelling already burdensome taxes. The threat of higher taxes has not abated the building.

Beginning soon after the war and increasing in volume up to this time the hue and cry for public buildings has been heard in the largest cities and the smallest towns alike. Everywhere is there a popular demand for municipal convention halls, stadiums and administration buildings, court houses, libraries, school buildings and other public edifices.

In many instances the demand is justified by the growing population. There is a recognized nation-wide need for additional school facilities that is only slowly being supplied. City and county administration buildings are woefully inadequate in many places. Adequate public library space as an educational requirement of the community is second only to the public school.

Beautiful public buildings are the pride of every community, but they must be paid for out of the public treasuries. Those who propose public improvements should not complain about the taxes they pay. Public improvements and low taxes can not dwell in the same house. Some communities are electing the former and others choose the latter.

These statues to Christopher Columbus in various parts of the country commemorate a prominent foreigner who didn't come here to lecture.

A high school paper claims flappers are a necessity. Necessity, we add, knows no law.

A man gets into trouble marrying two wives. Some get into trouble marrying one.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



AMT SARAH REABODY ANNOUNCED WHAT WAS TAKEN BY AT THE FIREMAN'S ANNUAL BALL AND CYCLES SUPPER—THE MONEY TO GO TOWARDS BUYING A HORSE DRAWN FIRE ENGINE.

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

Some men marry for money and others are merely careless.

Whatever a man sees that also shall be rip.

"I guess I'm going to be an undertaker after all," said the hobo, watching a pair of B. V. K's from the line.

In some places they have changed the name to "lumber" shop.

SWEET 16.
Margaret: "The hotel clerk was so flattering."
Beth: "Why?"
Margaret: "Think of it—he wrote me 16 after my name on the register."

Yale professor says present day boys are as good as their fathers were. "What, no better than that?"

Texas and Wyoming should by all means keep us posted on how it creeps to be bossed by a woman governor.

AN ODE TO THE SPHINX
There was an Old Maid from Kildare,
Took her seat in the first barber's chair,
To the barber she sobbed:
"I want my hair bobbed!"
"I've got to catch a man this year!"

And somebody hollered out NEXNT!
Then a fresh young thing from Kildare,
Took her seat in the next barber's chair,
To the barber she sobbed:
"I want my hair bobbed!"
And she tossed a cigarette in the air.

And somebody hollered out NEXNT!
Then a big fat mama from Kildare,
Took her seat in the next barber's chair,
To the barber she sobbed:
"I want my hair bobbed!"
Why my husband says you needn't care."

And somebody hollered out NEXNT!
Then a exalted grandma from Kildare,
Took her seat in the next barber's chair,
To the barber she sobbed:
"I want my hair bobbed!"
Make a leg, don't stand there and stare!"

And somebody hollered out NEXNT!
Then a dark colored gal from Kildare,
Took her seat in the shoe-shine chair,
To the shiner she sobbed:
"I want my hair bobbed!"
He replied: "Well—I just do declare!"

There are a great many articles in the paper's news columns on how you are prolonging your life, but I haven't noticed a single one on why you should.

Judge at 28



Frank L. Humphrey, just appointed to the Dayton municipal court bench by Governor Vic Denney to fill out an unexpired term, is one of the youngest judges in Ohio. He is 28, Humphrey is a World War veteran and prominent in Legion affairs.

Poets' Corner

OIL YOU LEAP YEAR
(By Flora L. Harrie)

Hello, Heine, what life grand? Just to live takes lots of sand. Guess I know, I've had a fine. Getting through without a whine. Gee, it has been hard to smile. Nothing on earth seemed worth while.

But, since I have heard of you life is not one-half as blue. So, dear Heine, I will state. Why I'd make a first class mate. Yes, I'm homely, just like Marg. Who bosses Jiggs and chews the rag.

I'm built upon the bean-pole plan And not to charm the eye of man. Your humble pardon, sir, I beg. But I have such a skinny leg. I wear my dresses to my chin. No chilly breezes can blow in. Such nice warm woolies bind me.

No quarter backs or silken hose. My hair is long and sure's you're born. I keep it on my head 'til morn. My nose is straight. Do not cross-eyed.

Or pigeon-toed nor yet tomcat-tied. To tell the truth, I'm not too tied. If no one else is to be had. Oh, well, I can make Jella, too. And nice canned soup and Irish stew.

If you see sad, I'll play a tune. About a jazy honey-moon. And last, dear Heine, hold your breath. I know I'd love you real to death. So, if you'll just consider me. Get busy, and be B. S. V. P.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

A PARADOX.
A man who has spent the best part of his life trying to improve the conditions of humanity wishes to make a timely suggestion along this line to the Humane Society through the Open Court.

A farmer was stopped on the streets of La Grande during the cold spell by a fine dressed lady, wearing a star riding in a fine automobile, and threatened because his horses were barefooted.

This same farmer in delivering hay in La Grande the day before found several little, needy orphan children, thinly clad and hungry, really in need of charity, but aware of no humane lady thus equipped for her mission looking after them and the weather at zero and below.

This lady would have looked like a real angel in the homes of the needy children but in front of the farmer's wagon, with him almost frozen, she was greatly out of place. Shame on the philanthropy that is concerned most for the welfare of horses, cats and dogs, while suffering children go unnoticed. La Grande has its needy families and in seasons of cold like this all of the humane efforts may find worthy subjects without blocking the county trade to do so.

Yours for Humanity,
C. W. BOND.

South Pole Again Draws Venturesome English Sailor

LEEDS, (AP)—Commander P. A. Worsley, who participated in Antarctic expeditions under the late Sir Ernest Shackleton, is endeavoring to raise funds for another expedition to the South Pole. He recently told newspapermen his plan was to attack the Polar regions from the land, and make his way northward over the pole-top the Mackenzie Delta. By doing this the expedition would not require a special transportation ship, and more money could be spent on equipment. Transport would be provided by caterpillar tractors.

Economic Session to Be Held

HILLSBORO, Ore.—An economic conference to discuss ways and means of helping the farmers has just been arranged for January 23 and 24. George Harrow, prominent grain leader, will be conference chairman and Jerry Hession, secretary of the chamber of commerce, will act in like capacity at this meeting. Committees representing the various agricultural industries and allied occupations have been appointed. Among other things the question of the flax industry will be taken up.

NAVAL AIRMEN ARE EXPERTS

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Up in the air in the navy is a man's most job, it was declared by Captain Thomas T. Craven, U. S. N., commander of the North Island naval air station in San Diego, in a recent address before the Los Angeles sector, Association of the Army of the United States. The difference between the operation of the land and sea services in the air was vividly described in the light of the expert knowledge required of a naval flyer to meet the great number of peculiar problems not faced by shore aviators.

After having passed the physical and expert qualification for a flyer the naval aviator must become a proficient radio operator, 20 words a minute sending and receiving. Then he must be a tactical navigator, an expert in gas explosions, and understand the theory of operations of battleships, destroyers, and submarines, for when he leaves his ship station, his station also moves away, and not only must he know how to find it, but must appreciate its movements so as not to injure it.

Communication by radio is established between naval airplanes and all types of naval craft, even submarines operating under the surface of the sea. Naval airplanes are launched from submarines, from battleships, from dirigibles, and from airplane carriers, on whose decks airplanes also may alight, but with a 60 foot runway instead of a large field to land upon.

An important factor in airplane operations at sea is the smoke screen, and a thorough knowledge of the science relating to this is essential. Furthermore, the navy flyer must understand gas bombs, the navy being bombs of sufficient phosphorous content, when exploded over a battleship, to annihilate the whole crew. The planes also discharge gas, as well.

Another problem in operation, Captain Craven said, is the destructive effect of salt air on airplanes and their material, this not only requiring great care and attention to the condition of the planes, but the development of collapsible craft that may be taken down and stored away below decks and protected from the elements.

BRITISH PLAN HANGAR BETTER THAN LAKEHURST

LONDON, (AP)—Britain is to have an airship shed bigger than the one at Lakehurst, N. J., roof of the shipyard and the Los Angeles. It will shelter one of the two 5,000,000 cubic feet capacity airships which the British government has decided to build. The shed will be located at Cardington, near Bedford, according to Modern Transport. It is to be merely an enlargement of the shed already there. Its increased length—512 feet—will make it 12 feet longer than the Lakehurst hangar and 27 feet longer than the shed at Friedrichshafen where the Zeppelin was built. The height of the Cardington shed is to be increased to 156 feet.

The big British Zeppelins are to be flown regularly. It is hoped, between England and India. Moving hangar, an American invention, now to be installed along the route. The air vice-marshal, Sir W. Sinton Brankley, has gone to India to study the possibilities for airship transport over there.

Student Body Holds Dance

MILL CITY, Ore.—A formal dancing party which proved to be a delightful social gathering was given by the student body of the high school in the school gymnasium. About 45 couples, including students and alumni, attended. Devotions were in keeping with the Christmas season and the feature consisted of snowballs thrown with partners' names attached.

Most of Your Xmas Shopping Done?

Here Are A Few Last Minute Suggestions

Smoking Jackets —In plaids and checks, mostly plaid back materials with bound edges and pockets. Frog fasteners shawl collars. \$5.00 to \$8.50

Wool Shirt Blazers —Heavy quality cotton and wool mixed and all-wool materials. Popular shades and combinations, checks and plaids. Warm and comfortable. \$2.75 to \$6.50

Driving Gloves —Fleece and fur lined leather gloves, with jersey, knit and leather gauntlets. Ideal for cold weather driving. \$2.75 to \$9.00

Traveling Bags —All leather bags, leather lined with pockets inside. In blacks and browns. Several sizes. Another useful gift. \$10.50 and Up

N. W. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

ADVERTISING GIVEN BOOST

CORVALLIS, Ore. (Special).—A good advertisement unquestionably pays for itself, asserts H. T. Vance, professor of advertising and selling at O. A. C. Paul Cherrington of Harvard university, according to Professor Vance, gives the following example to illustrate the value of advertising: The St. Jacobs Oil company spent \$250,000 a year for advertising. Upon the death of the head of the firm, a lawyer who believed money spent for advertising was a waste, was appointed trustee of the estate. His influence on the widow and on the firm resulted in the discontinuance of all advertising. In four years the assets of the formerly prosperous concern were sold for \$10,000, or as Mr. Cherrington expressed it, "were sold for junk."

BUY SOMETHING FOR THE CAR THIS CHRISTMAS

Car

Perkins Motor Co.

City Falls Hole of Capital With Conspicuous Success
HAMBURG, (AP)—Hamburg boasts of having established the first bureau of information on international matters in Germany. The bureau has been in operation for less than a year, but its success is so great that the Prussian Imperial or provincial assembly, will soon consider the advisability of creating similar public bureaus in other cities. Advice is given gratuitously to persons of all classes or society and of both sexes. The staff is 150, the most part unpaid, the members considering it an honor to give their time and thought to helping bring about happier marriages.

Mamma Dolls and Teddy Bears

75c to \$10.00

The very highest grade Dolls at lowest popular prices.

SOFT DOLLS
50c to \$1.50

CHILDREN'S SHOES and SWEATERS
A large stock to select from.

CHILDREN'S COATS
Age 2 to 16, being sold from \$1.00 to \$8.00 off from regular price.

NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP
Button Holes Stamping Buttons Covered
HEMSTITCHING PLEATING

GIFTS

Can you think of a more valuable present for your child's Christmas than a Certificate of Deposit or a Savings Passbook showing a deposit in this bank drawing interest at four per cent compounded every six months?

Would it not be wise to start an educational fund in this way now and thereby insure a college education for your boy or girl?

The investment is sound and can be converted into cash at any time.

THINK IT OVER.

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