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CURSING OR BLESSING:—Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Blessed be the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.—Jeremiah 17: 5-7.

Stores will be open evenings the last days before Christmas to accommodate the man who has a wife but hasn't a calendar.

There always will be people who work about two-thirds of the day, who watch the clock incessantly, and who consider the boss' interests last. And they always wonder why their job doesn't pay more or get them further.

The British baronet who has been in the business of shipping liquor cargoes to the American coast during the last year finds it an unprofitable venture and is in bankruptcy court. That others connected with the receipt on this side have not suffered a similar or worse fate is a sad commentary on American law.

SAFER.

In 1904 the American railways carried 49,712,503 passengers one mile for each passenger killed; in 1914 they carried 152,401,815 passengers one mile for each killed; in 1924 they carried 244,642,919 passengers one mile for each one killed. These figures, taken from the Railway Age, show that travel by rail now is only a fifth as hazardous as it was 20 years ago. In fact, about the safest place one can be in on a railway train. It is safer than being in bed, for it was Mark Twain who painted out the perils of the latter, so many persons die there. The high mark in passengers killed was reached in 1907. Since then there has been an almost steady decrease, literally so in proportion to the number of passengers carried.

The favorable showing in railroad operation extends also to the employees. In 1904 one man out of each 357 employed was killed. In 1914 this had been reduced to one in 538, and in 1924 to one in 1,164. The introduction of safety appliances as well as the inculcation of cautiousness has had this gratifying effect. So long as the human equation is subject to err there will be accidents which cannot be foreseen. The most that can be done is to confine them to the minimum and progress to that end certainly is being made.

A NEW PERIL.

Civilization has weathered wars, revolutions, reformers, crime waves, peace, war debt and disarmament conferences, bolshevisms, communism and the fascisti, prosperity and panic, quake and tornado, reckless driving and jay-walking, and the combined detonations and fulminations of jazz, static and the saxophone, but there is a new peril that is more deadly than the yellow.

A man has been asphyxiated by the fumes from doughnuts frying in a pot of lard. Just when the world was resting easier and becoming reconciled and adjusted to the one-thousand-and-one other perils which infest this globe, this most unexpected and lamentable peril arises. Who would have looked for such violence from the mild and tractable doughnut? Never before has it been guilty of homicide nor has it been known to resort to mob law, rioting or disorderly conduct.

The only trouble than can be traced to this most domestic of culinary evolutions, until this present crime, is the provocation of some controversial friction on the question whether a doughnut is a cruller or a fried cake, both or neither. Some contend the doughnut is not a doughnut, but a cruller, and that a cruller is a doughnut without the hole. In another geographical section the cruller is a fried cake and the doughnut is a fried cake full of air.

For the sake of the merest fragment of belief that there are still harmless and innocent things in this world, it is to be hoped that the coroner's jury erred and that the victim asphyxiated himself arguing over when is a doughnut not a doughnut.

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By Junius

I have known women who had heaven in their eyes, but it seemingly got no farther.

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Remember, the girls with the dreamy eyes are usually the most wide awake.

NECKER

The boy stood on the burning deck, With his arms around his sweetie's neck;

His father called, he did not go Because he loved to neck her so.

MEDICAL NOTE

Presidents will find that helmet applied to the head will make them smart.

Brown: "Do you think the dead can communicate with us?"

Black: "I know they can't. Once I managed to borrow a dollar from a Scotchman. A week later he died, and I haven't heard a word since."

"But why?" asked the city friend of the suburban dweller. "Do you allow your little boy to play in the mud?"

"Well you see," answered the suburbanite, "we're getting him used to dirt. We're going to make a city politician of him."

"The world will be overcome by a monstrous flood of sin," said the preacher, "isn't it?"

The church board canned him the next day.

Of all the sad surprises

There's nothing to compare, With trudging in the darkness On a step that isn't there.

All women are alike except some are more alike than others.

Modernizing it: "Joseph had a coat of flowered gouglette."

The fact is you have never been given anything, but have been sold many things alleged to be gifts.

GARDENERS NAME HEADS

MEMPHIS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The 1925 convention of the Oregon Horticultural society will be held at Salem. This was decided at yesterday's convention here, and the following officers for next year were elected: President, T. Reynolds of Salem; vice-president, C. A. Reed of Hood River; secretary, and Clayton J. Long of Corvallis re-elected secretary-treasurer.

WILLSON WINS 2-YEAR FIGHT

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Widespread attention was attracted to the case from the beginning. It was bitterly contested by both sides. Green & Hess, F. S. Ivanhoe and Jesse Crum were attorneys for Dr. Willson throughout. The state has been represented from the first by E. H. Hines, and, since January, 1925, by Carl G. Helm, district attorney. Many witnesses were called from Elgin and La Grande during the trial and retrial.

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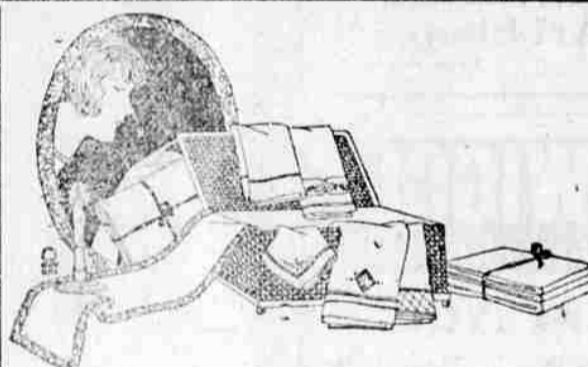
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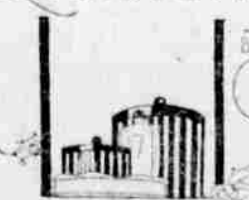
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