



**FOR
WHAT
IT'S
WORTH**
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A CITY acquaintance recently suggested in a supposedly advisory capacity that I ought to move to the metropolis so that I would have a richer field in which to search for my weekly column ideas. On the surface the advice appears sound.

Still my own limited contacts with the ideas spawned in the big city have failed as yet, to impress me very much. Seemingly the confines of the city limits and the suffocating atmosphere which prevails when too many humans get close together are not particularly conducive to clear and original thinking.

Not being the sort, however, who discards without first considering it, I have examined some of the work of the highly paid columnists in the Portland press in order to find just what advantages these writers possessed. My research was enlightening.

In the first place, to have the metropolitan touch, you evidently must spend most of your night hours in the beer parlors and cocktail bars. These seem to be the principal idea sources.

Apparently when not tavern toddling, you must be peering through keyholes getting the dirt on those people whom you can afford to embarrass in your column. Since you can't possibly handle all of the keyholes yourself, you must of necessity maintain a large staff of experienced "peeping Toms" to provide you with the necessary scum.

Finally, since you are not going to have much time for original thinking, you must devote a portion of your writing to making people angry by ridiculing their beliefs and ideals. This will result in their writing you letters in protest which you can then use to fill your column. Your editor will also be impressed with your fan mail.

Since I lack the constitution of a bar-fly, the ethics of a "peeping Tom," or the venom of a neighbor-hater, I will have to be content with the small town as a source for impressions.

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