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### Canned Milk

By C. C. Dausser, M. D.  
Marion County Health Officer

Much has been said and written about the evils of canned milk in the feeding of infants. Part of this criticism has been just and sound, but on the other hand there are circumstances under which canned milk is a safe food for children. For instance, a brand of this form of milk which has been used extensively for infant feeding, but in very recent years it has been curtailed to a great extent. To make such a milk a safe feeding so far as the sugar content was concerned it had to be diluted a great deal. This dilution made the percentage of proteins and fat too low for proper growth. Hence we saw fat babies but not healthy ones. The hot summers carried many of these babies to their graves because they had no resistance.

Evaporated milk, the second form, is prepared by evaporating a certain amount, usually one half, of the water content. The milk is then sterilized and put in cans. New processes have been devised so that the vitamin content of evaporated milk is largely retained. This milk makes a perfectly safe baby food if adequate amounts of orange juice and cod liver oil are used. It can be used very easily where mothers make up lactic acid milk in the home. Another advantage of this milk is that it can be easily procured in any part of the world.

It is hoped that readers will not get the impression that the kind of milk is advised in preference to fresh milk. However if a good, sanitary fresh milk is not available evaporated milk would provide the proper kind of food for the infant dietary.

### ONE BLESSING OF THE WORLD DEPRESSION



### "Murder at Eagle's Nest" By WINIFRED VAN DUZER

The next minute Bim had forgotten her doubts of Carl Carey. Besides being a thoroughly accomplished love-maker, he also was a delightful companion and he seemed to understand intuitively that this was no time for tenderness. These words came into his mind as he walked to the car.

"But you're too good for a small town paper," he finished. "You'll make a sensation in New York. And here's the lad who's going to see that you do, my dear."

Ambition stirred in her heart. A golden career—wasn't that what she always had coveted? She would have preferred to make every step of her way herself, but since help was offered she would be a fool to refuse it. She was so excited that her guard was down; she chattered unthinkingly about the people on Pine Hill, never realizing that Carey's cleverness might reach beyond her words and there they stood, what she meant to keep profoundly secret. Afterwards she was to wonder at his intimate knowledge of her friends; she was to question long and vainly how he had come by the fact of Mary's jealousy of Fred York and Millicent's willingness to stop at no desperate deed which conceivably might benefit Bob Trent.

As a matter of duty Bim visited the station house after Carey had left her on some mysterious errand. She found Walter in charge—a new Walter who was friendly but politely impersonal; a young man she could not by any stretch of the imagination regard as a sweetheart. This attitude was not new to her. She had asked of him; yet, now, perversely enough it failed to satisfy her; she found herself resorting to all sorts of little feminine wiles which he persistently ignored to bring again between them the old relationship which had snapped yesterday when he'd raked away and left her before the gate-house at Eagle's Nest with Carl Carey.

Bim sighed, realizing that it was no use, and told of her call on Mary, though naturally she said nothing of the reason for it.

"I don't want help; I want to get out. Well, I haven't seen nothing, but I've heard plenty. There's noises in the dressing room at night. It's a pouncing, kind of, not very loud. Around midnight."

"Every night? What time does it start?"

"I don't know what time it starts. Night before last was the first I heard it. I'd been asleep and it woke me up. I thought they were moving things out down there. Then I thought, 'That's funny, moving in the middle of the night.' I laid and listened a while and then the clock struck twelve and pretty soon the noises stopped."

"I didn't think much about it yesterday, but last night I heard it again. It ain't loud. That's the old part of the house and there's a pipe runs up from the dressing room into my room and the sound comes up around the pipe. It's kind of like someone was pounding careful so's not to make any racket. And when midnight struck again, why the noise stopped."

"I've been through enough," she finished tartly. "I'm not going to mix with any ghosts of Baronesses!"

"Nonsense, Imogene. What-over's making the noise in the dressing-room is no ghost; you can bank on that. This all you know about it?"

"It's all except that I'm quitting. I'm through. I told Mrs. Hardy and she said I'd have to see you. So here I am."

Walter considered while Bim watched, a plan forming in her mind. She would have suggested it at once but for Walter's new stand-offishness, but now she plucked up courage when the pause lengthened and he seemed lost in thought while the maid waited.

A Man's Job

"Why not let me help with this?" Bim's voice was almost timid but it brought Walter's eyes to her in a startled way.

"What I thought," she continued, "was that I could arrange to spend the night at Eagle's Nest. Nobody'd think anything of it; I've been there often, you know. I'll have Em give me a room in the west wing and then Imogene and I can just change over. When the noise begins I can sneak down and see what it's all about."

Walter objected positively and at once. "This is a man's job, Bim. I won't have you taking the risk."

She thrilled to the realization that his stand-offishness was only surface deep after all. But this did not prevent her urging the point.

"A man couldn't get away with it, Walter. He'd be spotted at once and nothing would happen. Besides, there isn't any risk. I want to help you with this. She finished; half pleadingly.

In the end he promised to think it over. "Anyway you can't leave, Imogene," he told the maid. "Don't try; the trains and buses and ferry are all watched. Nothing's going to hurt you."

The maid scowled but said nothing. After a moment he went

### BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Without cost to taxpayers:

This column told, very briefly, yesterday, how Oregon might get the new prison without cost to the taxpayers. The idea needs elucidation.

The proposition is this: Give the state board of control authority to issue low interest bearing bonds, enough to buy 1500 acres of good land which would be sufficient for a start; with enough over to begin development work, and formulate a plan for the final removal of the institution to the new site.

The prison forces could use the land to such advantage, in keeping down maintenance costs, as to save the amount of the interest on the cost of land, or more. Any surplus could be taken by the other state institutions. The present land is about 1500 acres of land, the major portion of it rented.

Every building on the new tract would be erected along the general plan adopted. Prison labor would do most of the work of construction. Gradually the machinery and all the building materials of the present prison plant that could be salvaged—would be taken to and put together on the new site.

More industries would be installed and operated at the new plant; less and less at the old.

"Anything else you want to tell? Something you've remembered?" And when she did not answer at once, "All right, let's have it. Now or later, you know; all the truth this time."

"Well, I don't know. You won't tell I said anything?"

"There's liable to be a lot of telling if you hold out, young lady."

"Yes, well . . . It's about Miss Allan when she went out on the terrace that night."

"What about her?"

"Well, it kind of slipped my mind at first. But I was thinking it over and I remembered she met someone out there. They walked into the garden, out toward the summer house. They weren't gone long and when they came back Miss Allan was crying. I guess you don't care about that, though."

"Who was Miss Allan with out there? No holding out, remember?"

"I'm not holding out. I ain't sure who it was she met, but it was Mr. Frost that came back with her."

Here was a new and astonishing development in the mystery surrounding the murder at Eagle's Nest and the one who had caused Walter Vance to grin.

He dismissed Imogene kindly, telling her that she would be well protected from ghosts and such. But once the door closed upon her, he assured Bim that further methods would be in order.

"I don't say that this crowd—Frost and the Allan girl and the rest of them—know who shot the Baroness. But there has been too much underhandness; nobody's told a straightforward story as yet. From now on they'll loosen up or I'll run them in as material witnesses."

"To begin with, this Allan girl is going to talk and talk plenty. I want to know who she saw in the garden that night, and who hours before the Baroness was plugged there. If she had a date with Frost and wants to pipe down on it, that's just too bad. It looks to me," he finished, "as if I clearly everybody had been having dates that won't stand looking at."

Bim recounted her discoveries in a quiet, depressed way. They seemed of no great importance to her, excepting that everything suddenly had become significant.

"You're a hard worker, Bim. Plans to Em Hardy and was invited to move into Eagle's Nest at once and remain as long as she liked."

"Em, at least, holds nothing back," she observed. "What do you think about the noises, Walter?"

"Maybe some amateur sleuth at work. Or maybe some bold soul looking for plunder. Provided, of course, that Imogene really heard anything. Eagle's Nest is a hot place for niggers right now; it's no place for you."

"I'm not afraid."

"That's because you don't know what it's all about." He took a little pistol from the desk drawer and, after examining it, made her slip it into her hand. "Don't try; it unless you have to," he directed tersely.

She did not wish to take the thing and held her bag gingerly. "I'm more scared of the gun than of anything else. Please, Walter."

But he said that he was busy and began to finger a stack of records and Bim went away feeling . . .

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### Place for Blue Pencils

It is clear they have no copy desk in the legislature like they do in newspaper offices, or a lot of the "editorial" matter would be eliminated from the legislature. It is common for resolutions to have a series of "whereases" which are matters of opinion as well as fact; but it seems unusual to us to see so many bills for laws with preliminary "whereases" used as prelude to the conventional "Be it enacted by the state of . . ."

The intangibles tax bill, No. 379, is a case in point. We presume the reason the bill was drafted with all the "editorial comment" in the introduction was to make it argumentative in order to convince any court of its merit. If a bill is enacted it is supposed that there are plenty of reasons therefor without rehearsing them in a lengthy preamble.

To illustrate, we quote from the bill:

Whereas it appears that intangible personal property, represented by money and credits in various forms, is held by residents of Oregon in total value comparable to the value of all the real property in the state; and

Whereas the ownership and possession of intangible personal property represents a benefit under the protection of government which appears not less valuable and secure than that enjoyed in the ownership and possession of property of any other class or kind; and

Whereas the income consistently derived from intangible personal property represents a distinct taxing ability which, in justice and sound reason, should bear a fair share of the cost of government; and

Whereas the general property tax system, in its pretense of taxing intangible personal property by the same rule and method applying to real estate and tangible personalty, is pitifully ineffectual because of inherent defects in theory and insuperable obstacles in administration; and

Whereas there is a proper and insistent demand for a fair and efficient method of taxing the income from intangible personal property, in lieu of the archaic and impracticable ad valorem tax on the property itself, to afford a measure of relief to the owners of real estate and tangible personalty who now carry an unjust and distressful tax load, depressing alike to property values and to business enterprises.

Here are phrases which are "editorial" or "argumentative"; "injustice and sound reason," "in its pretense of taxing," "pitifully ineffectual," "inherent defects in theory and insuperable obstacles in administration," "proper and insistent demand," "archaic and impracticable ad valorem tax," "unjust and distressful."

Without raising any question as to the truth of the argument, why is all this material necessary? Why not simply start out: "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon?" This phrase invoking the highest authority, the people of the state, calls for no apology and no explanation.

Other bills besides HB 379 contain such superfluous material, and the practice seems to be growing. We think it would be better if the rules of the houses called for the deletion of such preambles as a superfluous cluttering of bills and lawbooks.

### A Reform in the Court Process

SEVERAL weeks ago The Statesman commented upon the system of indictment by grand jury, condemning it as archaic, tedious, cumbersome and an impediment to swift justice. We urged the substitution of the method of charging a person with a crime through the direct filing of information by the prosecuting official, in this state the district attorney. Grand juries could be reserved for the call by the judge of the circuit court whenever the judge felt such call was necessary. This would be where the prosecutor was inefficient or where general corruption or malfeasance in office was feared.

This same view is taken by Wayne L. Morse, a professor of law in the University of Oregon, who has just concluded a country-wide study of the grand jury system, analyzing data from 7414 cases from over the United States. His work was part of a survey on criminal justice being carried forward by Dr. Raymond Moley, professor of law at Columbia university. It is stated that the findings of both these authorities agree on the need of reform of the grand jury system of indictment.

The report as sent out from the university is worth study. The following is a summary of Prof. Morse's conclusions:

The grand jury is already fast giving way to the information method, and in 20 states this more modern method is in constant use. In seven other states indictments are by information for all but a few felonies, while in the others, of which Oregon is one, the grand jury still holds forth. In Oregon, Delaware and Georgia, however, a step forward has been taken by granting the accused the privilege of waiving grand jury trial and taking his case directly to the circuit court without the usual delay caused by the double procedure.

Outstanding facts upon which Mr. Morse bases his conclusions in favor of the information method are these: All but 4 per cent of the 7414 cases were actually initiated by the prosecuting officer, and only the 4 per cent initiated by the grand jury or its members. In only 5 per cent of the total did the grand jury disagree with the prosecutor, thus proving that the grand jury is for the most part merely a rubber stamp for the prosecutor.

"One of the strongest arguments in favor of the information method and against the grand jury system is the high cost of the latter. Mr. Morse points out. If only a small portion of this cost were to be taken and expended for higher salaries to attract a keener, more efficient type of prosecuting officer, better government at less expense would result. Thus the public could have full confidence that it would be as well protected under the more modern method, especially in view of the positive facts found in the survey. "Speeding up of justice also would be of immense advantage to the public, and would rob the criminal of one of his most valuable advantages, that of delay, it is shown. Where the grand jury system is used, witnesses must appear at the preliminary hearings, at the grand jury trial and at the circuit court trial. Often they are hard to keep track of, and time frequently delays their memory. If one of the steps could be eliminated, with a consequent saving of time, much greater efficiency would be sure to result, it is believed."

The chief investigator at the L. A. police bureau says the actress suit against David W. Griffith for \$601,000 has "all the ingredients of one needing a complete investigation." We thought as much. The girl's complaint first said she was lured to Griffith's apartment by promise of an Anna Rudelger part in the new picture Abraham Lincoln. Griffith now shows that the picture was all finished on the date she claims she was attracted by the veteran producer.

"The Statesman says editorially that it doesn't always agree with the New York World, but says just the same such papers as the New York World are a good thing for the country. Most any paper that disagreed with the Statesman we should say was a good thing for the country."—Slips in C.-J.

That's as good an excuse as any for slips to continue to exist.

John Zehntbauer, who makes Jantzon bathing suits, told the tax committee he sold his product to all the "civilized nations" on the globe. It is plain to see why they have no market in the "uncivilized" nations.

### BETHEL SCHOOL IS MAKING RECORD

BETHEL, Feb. 27.—Since the beginning of the school year the following pupils have been netted: Bethel, Betty Rolland, Lorraine Strawn, Inabelle Creech, Mary Hamrick, Ella May Creech, Lois Hamrick, Jean Hain, Helen Schulz. For February the perfect attendance pupils are Alfred Bahnsen, Werna Froehlick, Evelyn Boles, Betty Rolland, Clarence Boles, Inabelle Creech, Ella May Creech, Helen Schulz, Joan Hain, Lois Hamrick, Gertrude Froehlick, Mary Hamrick, Deana Lauderback, Lorraine Strawn.

The following clubs were organized at the beginning of the school year: Pig club—Junior Lauderback; Dean Lauderback; Handcraft club, Clarence Boles; Sewing club, Division I, Lelaia Darr, Wanda Froehlick, Mary Hamrick, Lois Hamrick. Sewing club, Division II, Inabelle Creech, Gertrude Froehlick, Ella May Boles. Sheep club, Helen Schulz, Hilda Bahnsen.

### Jefferson League Sponsors Sale

JEFFERSON, Feb. 27.—Saturday afternoon the Epworth League of the Methodist church here sponsored a cooked food sale beginning at 12 o'clock, at the Smith and Fontaine Annex. The leader for the devotional service next Sunday evening at 6:30 will be Ralph Beach.

The league will also have a business meeting on Thursday night of this month at the home of Miss Joanna Beach. Sunday the Junior league will visit the church services and a program is being worked out especially interesting for them. The topic of the evening service, which will be at 7:30, will be "The Religion That Works in a Modern World." Rev. D. George Cole, the pastor will speak.

Do you remember Lillian Letzel who was with the Ringling-Barnum-Bailey circus here two years ago? She was the pretty little thing who did the "giant ball flange." Hanging by one arm from a ring high in the tent she would throw herself over her own shoulder—one time doing it 249 times in succession. For her everything stopped in all the other rings of the circus. She fell to her death in Copenhagen recently, and her husband, also an acrobat, is bringing her ashes to California. It is remarkable the publicity which her death received. Dailies all over the country reported it, and national magazines as well. Just a woman with a great circus act, but she had won the heart of the world.

The police are looking for a woman reported to be the wife of the man Gregory who was trying to sell Salem incinerator equipment on promises of large returns of profit. She is wanted on a charge of obtaining money on false pretenses. Those profit checks on the incinerator deal would have come back "naï" too.

Os West asks why it is when anyone dares "tell the truth and shame the devil," he gets the credit for it. Perhaps it is because of the fear that Os is "warping the truth to serve the devil."

Hal Patton is expected back next week at his place of business after a two months' vacation. But it was good as long as it lasted, wasn't it, Hal?

Judge Fee has been named federal judge for Oregon. He was known lawyers whose middle name was "fee" but none before whose surnames were that.

The Oregonian seems to have stopped singing to the legislature the old hymn: "Come home, ye who are weary, come ho-o-am."

As we look at the ads these days something tells our pocket-books that spring is tiptoeing through the tulips again.

The new game refuge in Malheur county would be a good place for "political" lame ducks.

The only one we know who can fill that office of public service commissioner is St. Michael.

### American Biographies in Miniature

**1.** BORN IN SOUTH CAROLINA ON MAR. 18, 1782 GRADUATED FROM YALE WITH DISTINCTION AND BECAME A LEADING LAWYER. WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS IN 1811

**2.** WORKING WITH HENRY CLAY HE PRECIPITATED THE WAR OF 1812 AND IN 1816 INTRODUCED THE PROTECTIVE TARIFF WHICH HE OPPOSED IN LATER YEARS

**3.** HE WAS SECRETARY OF WAR, UNDER MONROE AND HE ORGANIZED WEST POINT. HE BECAME A CHAMPION OF STATE RIGHTS AND OF THE SOUTHERN STATES

**4.** HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ACQUIRING TEXAS. HE REFUSED THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND WITH WEBSTER AND CLAY WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN OF HIS TIME

John C. Calhoun (1782-1850)

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