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The Infant Terrible

Americans like to boast of their natural progress and achievement, of their accomplishments in civilization, natural resources and natural wealth and pronounce themselves the perfect model for the world. Which leads W. B. Hill to say, in the Baltimore Evening Sun:

Nevertheless, we are the child in the family of nations and, indeed, the infant terrible of Occidental civilization. Naturally, our proclivities are precisely those of the individual child. We waste, break and destroy. In our early childhood, with spectacular prodigality, we broke our toys by killing off our wild game, and we destroyed our "building blocks" by devastating our vast forests, and now we must take heed of pennies from our collective bank to make new building blocks, and it's a slow, expensive process. As we have advanced somewhat in years our destructive propensities have taken a homelike turn—the maiming, crippling and killing of ourselves and each other. No wonder our European seniors in the family of civilized nations view with horror the light esteem in which we hold human life.

In these United States, in time of peace, we maim and kill, proportionate to population, twice as many people as Great Britain does, four times as many as France, eight times as many as Denmark. Our industrial accidents total 2,000,000 a year, our traffic casualties were 678,000 serious accidents in 1923 with 22,000 fatalities, as a result of our childish love of speed.

Travel in any distant and savage land on the globe is less dangerous than crossing one of our city streets. In even the cities of the orient, a woman is safer alone in a rickshaw at night than in a taxicab in any American city. In the matter of homicides, we murder 25 times as many in proportion to population as Great Britain, and in actual numbers 50 times as many.

What other country in the world, excepting Russia, tolerates Herrin massacres, race riots and klan warfare? What other is guilty of half a hundred lynchings a year? What other presents a daily record of banditry accompanied by murder, comparable to our own? As a matter of fact we live in the most dangerous country on earth, with chances of meeting violent death or disabling injury many times greater than in any other nation.

The lack of discipline and training customary to childhood, is shown by our childish efforts to regulate ourselves by sumptuary statute. We pass prohibition laws because we cannot master our appetites, yet in 1924 the deaths from poison liquor alone exceeded by 50 percent the total mortality from alcoholism in 1918 as reported by the United States census bureau.

Statistics presented at the Geneva conference showed that the United States demanded curtailment in drug commerce for self preservation, because, since prohibition, the annual consumption of morphine per individual in this country leads the world, amounting to thirty-six grains, as against one grain in Italy, two in Germany, three in England, four in France and twenty-seven in India. And these figures do not include consumption of crime exciting drugs, such as cocaine and heroin, in which we also distance other nations.

A Religious People

"Burning the holy ghost" into a person may be an effective way of getting religion, but it proved fatal to a Californian who offered himself as a sacrifice in a mysterious cult calling itself the "assembly of God."

Confession of the chief prophetess, known as "the roaring lion of the tribe" reveals that she first passed the white-hot iron over her lips to purify it, then applied it to the souls of the victims feet and his head, making the "sign of the cross" with it, after which a "garden of Eden" party was staged in the nude. In the meantime the sacrificial victim died of his burns.

All of which shows that we are a religious people and just as easy picking for cultists as the jungle negro is for the voodooist—or the noble redman for the medicine fakir. Most any kind of a religion flourishes in our highly intelligent civilization and keeps us busy building extensions upon our asylums to take care of the saved.

Small wonder our legislatures pass laws to prevent the teaching of science in public schools and colleges, to perpetuate biblical myths, and school boards order reading of the bible as part of the curriculum to keep the fires of fundamentalism burning.

COUNTY HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO MEET ON FRIDAY

The program for the Marion county health association, which meets Friday in the Salem chamber of commerce rooms, has been announced as follows:
10:30 a. m. Meeting called at the chamber of commerce auditorium.
10:30 to 12 o'clock: Round table discussion of community work.
12 to 1:15 p. m. Luncheon at the Gray Belle.
At the luncheon, Dr. Walter H. Brown will talk on "The Marion county child health demonstration."
Among other speakers at the luncheon will be Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association and also Rowland Wheaton, field secretary and oral and director, of Portland.
1:30 p. m. Return to the chamber of commerce.
1:45 p. m. Reports from different committees.
2:15 p. m. Report from nominating committee.
2:30 p. m. Meeting of officers.

HIGHWAY BONDS ARE SOLD

The state board of control yesterday sold \$1,000,000 state highway refunding bonds to Halsey Stuart & Co., of Chicago and A. D. Wilkinson of Portland for 107.17 or a premium of \$1,700, making a basis of 4.14 per cent as against

DATE OF SEARCH APPEALS IS SET

A rehearing of the case of the state against McDaniel and a hearing of the case against Albert Quarter have been set by the supreme court for April 14. Both involve the question of the legality of search of an automobile or the person for liquor without warrant. Albert Quarter is the husband of Holly Quarter, well known in Portland police circles. The McDaniel case was won by the state in the lower courts, but the supreme court held in favor of McDaniel, the court standing three to four. It was held that the search was illegal for the reason that the officer making the search was without a warrant and made the search prior to arrest.

A THIEF IS COMING

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TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Exchange
- Mottled with various colors
- One who inherits property
- Volcanic mountain
- Ancient King of folklore
- Patient
- Single note
- Leave
- Anglo-Norman (ab.)
- Bismuth (ab.)
- Telegraph office (ab.)
- Top lightly
- Doctor (ab.)
- Bishop's cross
- Not closed
- Among
- Have
- Dumb

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

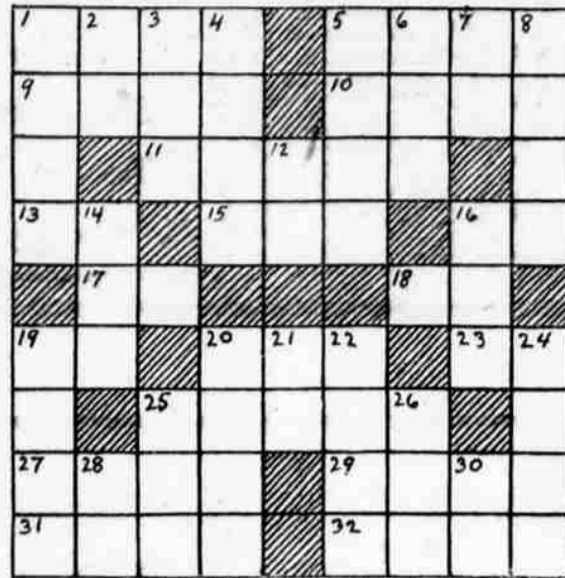
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VERTICAL

- Fake
- Pronoun
- Direction
- Precise
- Carbonated vegetable matter
- Possessive of it
- Into (prefix)
- Mend
- Perform
- Come by
- Succor
- Scandinavian God
- Half a quart
- Year
- Street car
- Travel

HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram.
Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black space to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares continue uninterruptedly.
Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterrupted.



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- Males
- Ostrich like bird
- Parent
- Italy (ab.)

Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life

By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

Love Never Forgives Denial

Miss Norton could not help remarking Mrs. Vail's poise in accepting all these luxuries of which she spoke as a matter of course. She knew that Harold Kennedy had taught her this for Ovid Marchmont, was just behind Mrs. Vail, was still asking questions as to the possible cost of the trip. "What does it matter, Ovid, what it costs?" exclaimed Mrs. Vail impatiently. "Neither you nor I have been able to spend our incomes for the last six months."

beat with us and be married in New York. I think you will find it a rather queer story when you read it. I have the paper here." Nonnie Norton thrust the paper into Mrs. Vail's hands and made her escape, for she was sure that Lillimay's mother suspected that there was something more than she had yet found out. Lillimay who had heard the voices outside her door, pretended to be asleep when her mother tipped in from her sitting room. "Daughter," she said, as she bent over the girl on the bed whose face was turned so far away that she could not see it. "There was no answer and she softly left the room."

Although her mother's voice was low, Lillimay's hearing because acute as she heard her say: "You have no right to repeat any of those things to me, Ovid." "Then, because I have loved you all my life gives me no right to look out for your welfare," observed Ovid Marchmont bitterly and softly. "I deny that you really know what is best for me. I insist that what you call looking out for my welfare is making me do things that I do not want to do at all. I must have some say in the way that my life shall be ordered from now on, good or bad. "You know very well—too well—what I suffered when Tom lived. Many times I came to you in tears and asked you to take me away from him. It was then that you and your puritanical ideas of marriage being until death, persuaded me for the sake of Lillimay to go back—yes—to go back and suffer."

"You say you have loved me all my life. I do not know what you call loving. Love to me means something that cannot be denied. You did not love me well enough to take me away from Tom Vail, although I begged and begged you to do so." "Don't reproach me, Mellay. You cannot realize what I suffered when I knew that I had sent you back to live with a man you hated a man that abused you. But Mellay, I loved you so much that I was afraid, afraid that some time in the future you and Lillimay would both hate me." "Ovid, I think the remembrance of duty done in torture and stoical silence at the cost of all one's happiness is more scarring than the bitter tears of regret over a desperate which brought at least a fleeting joy. I have forgiven you long ago because you did not love me well enough to take me when I offered myself to you, but I cannot forget, and neither does love forget." "You not only denied me, Ovid, but you denied love and love never forgives his denial." "Mellay, it breaks my heart to hear you speak cynically. You know you are trying to persuade yourself that a few months of bliss with this young man who is gilded by the great wealth that is flowing into your lap is worth all that you can give."

"Ah, I so completely without charm that Harold Kennedy would not look at me if I did not have money?" "Forgive me, forgive me, dear, I did not mean that. It was my jealousy that spoke. You are to me the one woman of irresistible charm in all the world. I loved you when you were toil-worn, when you had no beautiful clothes to frame your loveliness and I love you now when you have everything to enhance your beauty." "Then why is it that you think no other man can find me charming?" Tomorrow—What Love Teaches

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

(Substituting for Barney Google, during Billy DeBeck's illness)



KRAZY KAT

A Fickle Minded Cop.

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

Little Ikey Goldberg Shows Off For Jeff's Benefit.

By Bud Fisher

