Stone Proves Grenade

New York.—Part of a hand grenade found by Victor Faluch, ten years old, exploded and shattered the tips of the fingers of his left hand. The lad thought he was picking up a rock when he reached for the grenade. The next moment it went off, and boys with whom he was playing fled.

Grapes crushed for juice may be heated to 140 degrees Fahrenheit to flavor and color.

To Print New Stamps

London.—The British government has changed its stamp printers, the fourth change since 1839, and Great Britain's postage stamps will now be turned out in the reel as they are in the United States. The new firm has installed up-to-date machinery for the supply of 8,000,000,000 stamps, which will be required during 1924.

If conversation is an entertainment, silence may have been overpraised.

Ever Count to Trillion?

Heidelberg, Germany.—Since the terms billions and trillions came into daily use in Germany in connection with the paper mark, some one has figured out that if Adam had started counting in the Garden of Eden, and kept on counting ever since to this day, he would reach the total of a trillion some time within next year.

A New York man attempted to steal a cobra from the zoo.

Bulb in Babe's Stomach

West New York, N. J.—Louis Bernetich, sixteen months old, is in a critical condition at the North Hudson hospital, as a result of having swallowed a small electric light bulb. In the course of treatment to remove the bulb from the child's stomach, the glass was shattered.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

BEHIND A MASK

WITH the exception of children, who are just beginning to find their way about through a labyrinth of words of perplexing colorings, meanings and difficulties, the great majority of humans habitually hide the truth behind a carefully adjusted mask.

To our shame, be it said, we take as naturally to exaggeration as a duck takes to water, or an eagle to the naked cliffs.

Behind our mask we are guilty of every conceivable form of degrading deceit, against which the better part of us rises very often in silent protest, though it avails nothing beyond a temporary twinge of conscience.

Emotion, passion, pride and avarice are shrewdly concealed from our intimates, and we frequently chuckle to ourselves at our ability to continue the fraud without being suspected of the despicable purpose that causes it.

We puff out our character and attributes, posing as saintly beings, when we know in our hearts we are the opposite.

We like to magnify ourselves in the eyes of others, just as they seek to enlarge themselves as they strut before us, preen their fine feathers and crow in sheer vanity.

And this conceit, which is very difficult to understand in reasoning beings, is responsible for much of our unhappiness.

It is at the best a perilous weakness, sure at some time or another to strip us of our rags of dishonor in the presence of those of our friends whose good opinions we prize and wish to retain.

But under the masks our faces exhibit no concern when this thought steals suddenly upon us, though we may experience a sickening sense of humiliation when we try to look the world in the eyes.

A man or woman with a restless personal ambition is very apt to wear a mask until he or she fails to reach a cherished goal. In a burst of anger the disguise is brushed aside and we are horrified as we catch a glimpse of a terrible face we never knew.

It is only when our strength wanes, when our hands tremble and we strain our failing eyes toward the darkening west that we find courage to tear the mask from our face and reveal ourselves as we really are. It is then we tell those about us to be unashamed in the simple garb of truth as is the ingenuous child.

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ONLY A HURDY-GURDY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

MUSIC beneath your window—
Suddenly sweet, a tune!—
Maybe a song recalling,
Song of another June.
"Where is it from, the music?
Look and see, if you can."
"It's only a hurdy-gurdy,
And a hurdy-gurdy man."

Maybe your heart was weary,
Worn in the war of trade,
Weary of fault and failure,
Sick of the wealth you've made;
Now it is all forgotten.
"Who is this piping Pan?"
"Only a hurdy-gurdy,
And a hurdy-gurdy man."

Once, in the gone forever,
Once in the long ago,
A boy with a soul of music,
A youth with a heart aglow,
Dreamed of a mighty organ.
Where is the dream, the plan?
Only a hurdy-gurdy
And a hurdy-gurdy man.

Music beneath your window,
Suddenly sweet a tune,
Maybe a song recalling,
Song of another June—
Playing upon the heart-strings
As only a master can.
Only a hurdy-gurdy
And a hurdy-gurdy man.

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Men You May Marry

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a man like this proposed to you?

Symptoms: You fall for him for he believes in woman. He is just short of tall, deep voice, not over-clean hands or overbrushed clothes—a bit baggy altogether. He was one of the types that gave suffrage parades a bad look—but you forget it now. Talks about women's wrongs, women's opportunities, men's tyranny—equality.

IN FACT

He likes you because you're the only woman who thinks he is your equal.

Prescription for His Bride:

℞ Forget his equality notions because he has.

ABSORB THIS:

As a Man Talketh so Often Is He Not.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Marshfield.—The Coos Bay Business and Professional Women's club has arranged for its annual May day festival May 2 in the Marshfield armory.

Salem — Salem business houses probably will close their doors during the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue, "The Circuit Rider," which will be held on the capitol grounds here Saturday morning, starting at 11 o'clock.

Salem.—Bids for the construction of highways aggregating approximately 20 miles will be considered by the state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland April 29.

Port Orford.—The local postoffice has made a considerable gain this last year. The first quarter of the present year was better than any preceding year, making a gain of nearly 10 per cent. Money order receipts for the last calendar year totaled over $20,000.

Astoria.—With the announced object of strengthening the city's credit and regulating the making of any future bond issues, several proposed amendments to the municipal charter have been adopted by the city commission and will be submitted to a vote of the people.

Salem.—Eleven women are seeking political honors at the hands of the Oregon voters at the primary elections to be held May 16, according to the declaration of candidacy filed in the offices of the secretary of state. Seven of the women candidates are listed as republicans, while four are democrats.

Eugene.—The McKenzie highway, all the way from Eugene to a point 10 miles west of the summit of the Cascades, with the exception of one short stretch, is now in good condition, said Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest upon his return from a trip over the highway recently.

Eugene.—Six prisoners made their escape from the Lane county jail at 6 o'clock Sunday night, when they cut through the brick wall at the same spot through which ten inmates made their escape on the night of April 2. The hole cut at that time had been bricked up and the new bricks were knocked out.

Bend.—Bend's population stood at 7532 Friday afternoon, with the count still incomplete in the census being taken by the Ministerial association and the local commercial club. Possibly 150 or 200 more names may be turned in. As it is, an increase of virtually 40 per cent over the federal census figures of 1920 is shown.

Clatskanie.—The bank resources of Clatskanie are over the million dollar mark and are the highest in Columbia county, according to the reports made to the superintendent of banks at his call of March 31. The total resources of the two Clatskanie banks are $1,038,976.31. St. Helens comes second with combined resources of $994,963.02.

Mill City.—Sam R. House of the Santiam garage went to Albany Friday to confer with the county judge and commissioners in an effort to have them purchase needed equipment to place the roads in this vicinity in proper condition. Immediate action is necessary to save the roads from going to pieces and sacrificing work formerly expended upon them.

Portland. — Lumber production for the first 13 weeks this year showed a comparatively heavy increase over the output during the same period in 1923, according to figures which have just been completed by the National Lumber Manufacturer's association. During this same period, both shipments and orders have shown a comparative decline, the statistics show.

Pendleton.—Dr. J. O. Kenyon, Milton dentist, was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary in circuit court here Saturday by Judge Phelps on a charge of arson. The defendant recently entered a plea of guilty to the charge and asked for a parole from the bench. The petition was denied at that time, but the defendant received more time to make a further showing why he should be paroled.

Troutdale.—Residents of Troutdale, together with citizens in various parts of the state, have rallied to the protection of the annual smelt run. With the recent organization of the Oregon Lost Liberty Fish and Game association they have launched a campaign not only to bring the estimable little eulachon back to the Sandy river, but to restore as well the former glory of the stream as a favorite thoroughfare for steelhead and salmon trout, and spring Chinook.

Traveling by "Ant-Line."
In Australia there are ants which build their nests along a north and south line so accurately that a traveler may direct his course by their aid.

Precaution.
Store Detective—"I'm suspicious of that woman; she seems furtive." Floorwalker—"Well, keep your eyes on the furs."—Boston Transcript.

Saltbeds in Nova Scotia.
Saltbeds covering an area of 40 square miles exist in Nova Scotia. One bed alone is said to be 900 feet wide and 80 feet deep.

Sometimes.
In any organization, if a member is reluctant about accepting its work, he is more likely to be allowed to do it the way he likes.

Wouldn't That Be Nice?
Nearly every "good conversationalist" thinks conversation ought to be a monologue, with an occasional "yes" by somebody else.

What She Said.
Alice—"Did you say 'This is so sudden' when Jack proposed to you?"
Agnes—"No; I intended to, but I was so flustered that I forgot, and cried 'At last!' instead."

Johnny Was Well Taught.
Teacher (new style) — "If a man took two drives, one mid-iron shot and two putts to make a hole, how many shots would that be?" Johnny—"Dad would call it four."

High Genius.
The power of separating the intellect from the senses, and reason from instinct, is characteristic of the highest genius.

Sleepiness is such an elusive function that it visits you in your evening chair, but flees as soon as bedtime arrives.

Held Up Policeman
Cleveland, O.—Benjamin Kuckenmeister and two companions attempted to hold up William Flaum, a patrolman. They discovered their mistake too late and Kuckenmeister was fatally wounded. The other bandits escaped.

Scolded, Shoots Husband
Paris.—When Jean Grandpean scolded his wife for using snuff, she shot him dead. The woman was arrested.

U. S. Bureau to Guard New Mexico's Forests

Washington.—A system of fire protection for timber lands belonging to New Mexico will result from the agreement recently made between the state authorities and the forest service, United States Department of Agriculture. Under the provisions of the agreement all of the state-owned timber lands located within or adjacent to national forests within New Mexico will be included in the general fire protection organization that has been built up by the federal government. The state of New Mexico will pay its share of the costs. New Mexico owns about 1,200,000 acres of timber lands to which the fire protection will extend. The adoption of the protective system brings New Mexico well to the front among the states from a standpoint of conservation of state-owned timber.