

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

A DR. WORK WHO WORKS. BE PATIENT WITH STATIC. "XMAS" A SACRILEGE. CHRISTIANITY A FAILURE?

Dr. Work, Secretary of the Interior, says of the 1927 outlook: "There is not a single distress sign on the whole economic horizon."

Secretary Work doesn't sit at his desk, guessing. He travels over the country constantly, studying opportunities for national improvement. He knows conditions, and his opinion is important and encouraging.

Should millions of women read of the death of Sir Oliver Lodge, Marconi, Millikin and a dozen other great scientists the majority would say, "That's too bad," and be not much interested.

Every one of millions will be interested to hear that Jean Phillippe Worth, the famous dressmaker, has gone to a land where there is no sewing.

His house dressed queens and empresses of state and finance, also young ladies with whom their sons ran around in Paris. His word meant more in real authority to the world's women than all the decisions of a thousand high judges.

Be patient with static, when it interferes with jazz music or prize fight news coming sweetly over your radio. Professor Pupin, of Columbia College, says static and "fading," enemies of radio enthusiasts, really indicate that other planets are trying to talk to us. They send powerful messages that interfere with our feeble radio, and Pupin thinks we shall understand those messages within twenty-five years.

Our ears listen indifferently to that news, but no man can exaggerate its importance.

If planets millions of years older than our earth could tell us what they know, our science might jump ahead as rapidly as a child advances in knowledge after it has learned to talk and read.

We light little bonfires, heat steam, and thus obtain power. Mars might teach us to harness the power of the sun, and transmit energy without wires, which would do away with engines or fuel on flying machines, and give us unlimited power.

It is said that in this country there is more commercial "flying mileage" than in any other.

For that thanks are due to President Coolidge and Postmaster General New, who have encouraged air mail routes. But flying back and forth by mail carriers, most desirable, does not mean building up national aerial defense.

And for our commercial flying we depend on private initiative, citizens building planes that will "get by" and enable them to make money carrying mail. That isn't a Government programme for promoting aviation.

Clergymen are protesting against the abbreviated "Xmas," which reduces the name of Christ to "X."

The abbreviation is disrespectful to the most beautiful word in history, and it is disrespectful to the English language. Anybody who was in too much of a hurry to write out "Christmas" should not use the word.

Wise men in Milwaukee will devote three days to discussing high questions, including this, "Can Christianity be of any practical use in changing existing conditions?"

Christianity has been changing existing conditions for about nineteen hundred years, there is no reason why it should break down now. To "love thy neighbor as thyself," trying to help him, instead of trying to rob him, will always improve conditions if men mean it.

Another suggestion before Congress is to forbid experiment with a scientific study of poison gases.

The peak of absurdity is to suggest that we must not know about poison gases. Can we not trust ourselves. Is it not idiotic to say that our scientists shall not keep this country informed about important warlike weapons?

We are not planning to gas anybody, but we should be ready to answer gas with gas. To tie our hands would be idiotic.

Bold Bad Bandit



New photo of Mrs. Rebecca Rogers of Austin, Texas, 22 year old co-ed bandit, who is charged with holding up and robbing the Farmers' National Bank at Buda, Texas. When released on bail she went off to be married and faces trial after her honeymoon.

About Your Health

A FIRESIDE CHAT.

"Keep the feet warm, the head cool, and the bowels open." I was told by the old college professor, that strict obedience to this command would insure a healthy body at all times.

I can think of at least fifty serious disorders, including fatal disease of the kidneys, and dangerous liver disorders, that have their origin in constipation. From ordinary auto-intoxication we go from bad to worse; the kidneys break down in their futile attempts to carry away the body-poisons; the gall-bladder becomes infected; the stomach rebels; the blood becomes more vitiated; the heart finally weakens dangerously,—and all because of neglected bowels. A stitch in time is worth nine applied too late.

The question of cold feet is increasingly evident in these winter days. The low-pattern shoe is the correct thing in fashion; but I am yet unconvinced that the low shoe is not a shortener of life, and I know it is a menace to health; especially for women. The silk stocking, the "goose pimples" beneath and the congested lung make the thoughtful physician wonder if the added attractiveness is worth the price!

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fitting hats are conducive to bad effects of head-wrapping; both scalp and face are freshened and invigorated by contact with winter air. The idea of enveloping the neck and head in fur and feathers, and the lower third of the person in thin silk, carries little appeal from the healthy race standpoint.



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A New Year Photograph



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His Choice

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Dusty Rhodes—Me loife. I'm savin' me money for me old age.—Princeton Tiger.

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SKATIN' WITH WARREN—DOWN ON THE FOND BY TH' RAILROAD!
YOU'LL BE ABOUT AS HANDY ON THE ICE AS COW ON STILTS!

IS THAT SO? I'LL BET I CAN STILL CUT A FIGURE! AND WRITE MY NAME—WHEN I WAS A KID I WAS THE BEST SKATER IN TOWN!

THERE HE GOES—DOWN TO MAKE A DARN FOOL OF HIMSELF! HE AIN'T BEEN ON A SKATE IN TWENTY YEARS—UNLESS IT WAS THE KIND THAT WAS POPULAR BEFORE PROHIBITION

I SUPPOSE HE THINKS HE'LL GLIDE AWAY LIKE A BIRD—THAT RHEUMATIC LEG WILL FOLD UP LIKE A RUBBER CRUTCH—AND EVERY TIME HE FALLS HE'LL FALL TWICE—ONCE ON TH' ICE AND ONCE IN THE EYES OF HIS SON!

OH WELL—GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL FIRE UP AND HEAT A LITTLE WATER SO HE CAN TAKE A HOT FOOT BATH TO THAW 'EM OUT—AN GIT THE ARNICA AND MUSTER-FLASTERS READY 'CAUSE HE'LL COME DRAGGIN' IN SOON—
GEEBAIN' AND GROANIN' LIKE A RUSTY GATE!