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RADIO AND RAIN

There have been tremendous
rains in western Europe for weeks,
followed by tremendous floods.
Several countries have been suf-
fering from a veritable Noah's delu-
ge. France, Belgium, Holland,
England and a large part of cen-
tral Europe are nearly drowned out.

And do they blame it on their
aunt, taking their cue from old
Noah? Far from it. They blame it,
as some of them blame their
economic troubles, on America.

But not for the same reason.
It is American radio, they sus-
pect, that is making that rain.
And if the radio devil isn't re-
sponsible for all of it, the rest
probably comes from American
tampering with the Gulf stream,
which turns that warm current
out of its course and mixes up the
European weather.

A pretty clean record can be
shown as regards the Gulf stream.
Nothing has actually been done to
it by American agencies, as far
as anybody can discover, except
possibly the building of the rail-
road to Key West, from island to
island, on piers. It doesn't seem
likely that these piers really offer
any serious interference to the
stream's course.

As regards radio, the accusation
is hard to answer. This country
does most of the world's broad-
casting. It seems ridiculous to
suppose that the delicate vibra-
tions from our sending stations,
which have no appreciable effect
on our own weather, and which
are far weaker by the time they
cross the Atlantic, are able over
there to precipitate heavy and un-
seasonable rains by electrical action
on the moisture particles in the
air. But nobody knows for cer-
tain. And to the foreign sufferers,
the radio devil will do as well as
any other devil.

RUSSIAN TRADE

The record of American trade
with Russia for the past year is
surprising. It shows that in spite
of bad economic and political con-
ditions in Russia, and the preju-
dice in each country against the
other, there is more trade between
them than ever before.

In 1914 the United States sold
Russia \$31,302,000 worth of goods
and bought from Russia \$23,320-
000 worth. In 1925 our exports to
Russia were valued, according to
Moscow figures, at \$102,000,000,
and our imports from Russia at
\$11,000,000. Thus it appears that
we are selling soviet Russia more
than three times as much as we
sold to czarist Russia, and buying
less than half as much from her.

Commerce is hard-headed and
hard-boiled. Commerce reckles lit-
tle of theories, opinions and prej-
udices. Commerce calmly sells
where the market is, and buys
where the production is, satisfying
human needs at both ends. And
it is probably such facts as these,
rather than any kind of patriotic
propaganda on either side, that
will determine the future relations
between Russia and the rest of
the world, including America.

NO MORE PRIMOGENTURE

Under a new law of the British
parliament, elder sons lose their
advantage as heirs. The ancient
right of primogeniture, by which
the entire estate of an intestate
owner passed over to his first-born
son, is abolished. England is the
last of the western civilized na-
tions to adopt this reform.

The same act abolishes the pref-
erence of male children over fe-
males in inheritance. All the chil-

dren are regarded as equal before
the law, in the division of family
property.

Thus democracy spreads and
economic sex equality becomes es-
tablished. There is no going back
on that road.

A motorist who was involved in
a crossing accident the other day
explained that he blew his horn,
but the engineer didn't pay any
attention to it. The carelessness
of these railroad men is something
awful.

Yesterday's dispatches intimate
that as a result of drinking poison
Evelyn Nesbit Thaw may lose her
voice. Now if her press agent will
lose his, we can all draw a long
and quivering sigh of relief.

A London item says that dainty
washable lingerie of gold and silver
thread is on view in the shops.
Here, at last, is a case where silver
threads among the gold are popu-
lar with the ladies.

Jack Pickford and his wife,
Marilyn Miller, deny that they are
thinking of divorce. What they
are thinking of, we take it, is get-
ting on the front page.

Salem, says the Statesman, is the
gooseberry center of the state.
That's progress for you. In the
old days it used to be the "razz-
berry" center.

Early Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register,
January 8, 1907.)

Olin Ford left yesterday for
Portland to take up his position
with Sherman, Clay and company.

Mrs. J. M. Shelley and Miss Irene
Applegate left last night for a trip
to Los Angeles.

The football team and glee club
were both financially successful
this year, according to reports just
issued.

The driver of the Blue River
stage brings word that the Hen-
dricks ferry is hung up high and
dry on land. As the high water
subsided the boat remained where
it was moored.

Yesterday was the coldest day of
the winter. The minimum tem-
perature was 25 degrees and the
maximum was 34.

Barnard and West have received
word that the road to the Stinas
is again in condition and stages
will begin as usual.

E. N. Blythe, well-known here,
formerly a student at the university
and university reporter for the
Morning Register, has obtained a
reportorial position on the Ore-
gonian.

J. H. McClung yesterday sold his
fine business block at Eighth and
Willamette streets to George Mid-
gley and R. M. Pratt for over
\$50,000.

The city board of fire delegates
elected W. W. Stevens, president;
W. G. Martin, vice president; A. C.
Mathews, secretary, and W. L.
Copernoll, treasurer.

Daily Lesson in English

By W. L. Gordon

Words Often Misused: Don't say
"the management of the details."
were perfect. Say "was," as the
subject "arrangement" is singular.
Often Mispronounced: Again.
Pronounce a-gen, the e as in "hen,"
and not as in "rain."
Often Misspelled: Acquiesce.
Synonyms: Responsible, liable,
answerable, accountable.
Word Study: "Use a word three
times and it is yours." Let us in-
crease our vocabulary by master-
ing one word each day. Today's
word: illusion; deceptive appear-
ance, fallacy. "His persecution was
only an illusion of a disordered
brain."

SNAKE MYTHS BASELESS

Superstitious Fear of Reptiles
Leads to Fabulous Stories

Superstitious fear of snakes has
led to persistent belief in various
baseless myths about the habits of
different species. The "hoop
snake" and "stinging snake" tradi-
tions are among these. The hoop
snake is credited with the power
to form itself into a hoop and roll
in pursuit of its victim with race-
horse speed. If the victim dodges
and a tree is struck by the hoop
snake, the tree is said to be sure
to die. That any snake could place
its tail in its mouth and roll along
is manifestly absurd and anatomi-
cally impossible, say biologists of
the United States department of
agriculture.

The stinging-snake myth ap-
parently originated more than 200
years ago. It was based on the ap-
pearance of the horn snake, which
has the shape of a horn or spike,
but it is quite incapable of pierc-
ing or stinging anything.
The so-called glass or jointed
snake, people think, can break into
pieces when struck and reassemble
itself later if its head has not been
captured or destroyed. This animal
is really a legless lizard, which,
like many other lizards, has the
power of dropping its tail in es-
caping from a pursuer. The pecu-
liarity of its food habits, this reptile
is of considerable value to agricul-
ture.

The myth of snakes sucking cows
is entirely unfounded. Anyone who
has ever milked a cow knows that
the pressure required to obtain a
flow of milk is far greater than any
snake could exert. Furthermore, a
snake has two rows of recurved
teeth in each jaw which would
make sucking impossible.
The spreading viper or puffing
snake, known also by other names,
is one of the greatest bluffers
among snakes. One of its peculiar
habits is that of feigning death by
rolling over on its back. It is en-
tirely harmless, as is also the
coach-whip snake, which is sup-
posed to be able to whip a man to
death.

If the spirit of Locarno had
ruled at Versailles, there wouldn't
have been any need of Locarno.
—Wooster Woodcock

How to Prolong Your Doc- tor's Career

A Patient Should Be More Con-
siderate of His Own Physi-
cian's Health, Thus Adding to
the Latter's Life Span and
Usefulness

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D.
(United States Senator from Health)
Former Commissioner of Health
New York City

One of my readers sent in this
newspaper clipping: "Doctors are
not considered good insurance risks
by the big in-
surance companies—mostly
because many of
them neglect to
observe the ad-
vice they give to
their patients."

Many of the
most eminent
and efficient
physicians die in
their fifth and
sixth decades,
according to Dr.
J. A. Patton, of
the Prudential
Insurance com-
pany. The ir-
regular strain heart
muscles fall prematurely when they
neglect to take the rest and exer-
cise they prescribe for their pa-
tients.

I suppose this is in line with the
old saying about shoemaker's chil-
dren. But there is a lot of truth in
it and it is natural to ask why it
is.

How many persons of your ac-
quaintance would you call away from
his meal, out of his bed or
both, out of church or the theatre,
away from a wedding or a funeral?
How many would you ask to pay
you a little visit in the darkest
night, through the sleet and snow,
regardless of driving rain or the
state of the roads? How many men
can you approach on Sundays, hol-
idays and birthdays? How many
men can you coax away from golf,
tennis, bridge, hunting, fishing,
sailing, polo, baseball and college
class reunions?

You couldn't get the lawyer,
the carpenter, the plumber, the
grocer, the real estate man or your
husband to respond to each and
every call I have enumerated. The
only man in the world who fits into
this picture is your friend, the
doctor.

Can't you think of a dozen or a
hundred times when you called him
in a hurry, when a few hours would
have made no difference. Poor
man! He always comes, doesn't he?
And you are not the only person
who calls him and expects imme-
diate response. Every one of our
scores of families in his care ex-
pects the same attention.

No wonder the doctor is a poor
risk for the insurance company. He
never has time for rest and exer-
cise as he prescribes for you. You
won't permit it!

I plead for the doctor. He is
your friend in time of trouble. Be
considerate of him and his health.
Next time he is needed wait
till daylight at least and then
leave word that if he can call dur-
ing the forenoon you will be happy.
The doctor will think that the
world has come to an end!

Prepare a list of your symptoms.
Think over the possible causes of
your illness. Don't give the doctor
a cross-section of your life—do all
you can to help him form a just
verdict in your case.

You can help the doctor to live
long and to be a better insurance
risk. Most doctors I have known
are worth saving!

X. R. Q.—What will increase the
weight quickly?

2.—What would you suggest for
a catarrhal condition?

Answer—Build up the general
health and in this way benefit your
entire system and gain in weight
as well. For further particulars
send a self-addressed, stamped
envelope and repeat your question.

2.—For full particulars on this
subject, send a self-addressed,
stamped envelope and repeat your
question.

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Briefs of Oregon Life

Governor Pierce has signed an
order authorizing a special elec-
tion February 16 for the creation
of what would be known as the
Sixty-two Improvement district in
southern Oregon. The district
would include the western half of
Jackson county and the eastern
part of Josephine county. Both
Medford and Jacksonville would
be included in the proposed dis-
trict.

Brigadier General Frank T.
Hines, chief of the veterans' bu-
reau, has asked Senator McNary
to facilitate early transfer to the
bureau of the 25-acre tract on the
San Jackson river, which was
offered by the University of Ore-
gon medical school as a possible
site for the new veterans' hospital.

J. J. Aldred, eastern representa-
tive of Salem's proposed new
\$640,000 linen mill, has advised
directors of the concern that he is
in New York preparing a contract
for the purchase of the required
spinning machinery. The machin-

MOTHERS

AND THEIR CHILDREN



The Handy Dictionary

One Mother Says:
"Look it up in the dictionary
right now." It is one of our family
mottos. If the question of the
meaning or spelling of a word
comes up at the dinner table, or
while we are working or studying
together, some one must stop what
he is doing and look it up then and
there. If left until later, the chil-
dren are so apt to forget all about
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ery will cost approximately \$100-
000.

Members of the excursion com-
mittee of the Portland chamber of
commerce are being urged by the
Baker county chamber of com-
merce to promote arrangements
for an excursion of Portland busi-
ness men to the Baker country cop-
per belt in the near future.

Fire destroyed the machine shop
of the Stout Lumber company of
North Bend, about 4 a. m.
Wednesday, entailing an estimated
loss by the owners of \$75,000, cov-
ered by insurance.

Portland's first national conven-
tion of 1926, that of the Associated
General Contractors of America,
will be held at the Multnomah ho-
tel January 19 to 23.

Oregon court reform is handi-
capped because reports from coun-
ty clerks fail to cover intended
ground, according to a report filed
with the Oregon bar association
by the judicial council committee.
The report has just appeared in
the journal of the bar association.

Radio Programs Today

Host Features Throughout the
Country Tonight

Friday, January 8
5:15 p. m. WGY (575.5) Schenec-
tady-Comedy, "Rampy."
5:30 p. m. WTIC (47.9) Hartford
—Yale glee and band clubs.
5:30 p. m. WOI (276) Ames, Ia.—
Drake-Ames basketball.
5:30 p. m. WIO (516) Des Moines
—14th Cavalry band.
6:00 p. m. WBAL (246) Balti-
more—Jewish music.
6:00 p. m. WDAF (355.6) Kansas
City—Kansas City little symphony.
6:00 p. m. WBYN (231.5) New
York—Opera, "Martha."
6:30 p. m. KFAB (340.3) Lincoln
—Old time musicians.
6:30 p. m. WTIC (47.9) Hartford
—Readings, musical settings of Wm.
Cullen Bryant works.
7:00 p. m. KOA (322.4) Denver—
Y. M. C. A. program.
7:00 p. m. KGW (491.5) Portland
—Host Ovis "Hanging" celebration.
Far West Stations Silent Tonight
KGO, KOAC.

CFAC—Calgary—433.8
6:00 p. m.—Special salon broad-
cast.

CNRE—Edmonton—516.9
6:30 p. m.—Children's half hour.

KFI—Los Angeles—167
5:30 p. m.—Matinee program;
vest pocket concert.

6:45 p. m.—Radiatorial; Exam-
iner program.

8:00 p. m.—Organ recital.

9:00 p. m.—All-American spring
quartet.

9:30 p. m.—Mutual Motor pro-
gram.

10:00 p. m.—Alexandria hotel or-
chestra.

KGO—Oakland—361.2
4:00 p. m.—St. Francis concert
orchestra.

6:00 p. m.—Dinner concert;
Knickerbocker trio.

KGW—Portland—491.5
6:30 p. m.—Dinner concert.

7:00 p. m.—Annual Hoot Owl
"Hunt."

KHJ—Los Angeles—405.3
6:30 p. m.—Children's program.

8:00 p. m.—Courtsey program.

10:00 p. m.—Hickman's orches-
tra.

KJR—Seattle—384.4
8:30 p. m.—Intelligencer studio
program.

10:00 p. m.—Dance program (1
hour).

KLX—Oakland—508.2
4:00 p. m.—Women's hour; sun-
set matinee.

8:00 p. m.—Special program.

9:45 p. m.—Sweet's ballroom or-
chestra.

KNX—Hollywood—336.9
7:30 p. m.—Courtsey program;
Tovne Cryer.

8:00 p. m.—West Coast treaties.
orchestra.

9:00 p. m.—Courtsey program.

11:00 p. m.—Ray West's orches-
tra.

KOA—Denver—322.4
5:30 p. m.—Brown Palace string
orchestra.

6:30 p. m.—Sunday school lesson.
7:00 p. m.—Studio program;
First Congregational quartet.

KPO—San Francisco—428.3
5:30 p. m.—Children's entertain-
ment.

6:30 p. m.—States restaurant or-
chestra.

8:00 p. m.—Palace hotel dance
orchestra; tenor; pianist.

KPSY—Portland—215.6
8:00 p. m.—Dance orchestra.

KWSC—Pullman—348.6
7:30 p. m.—Piano; violin and
vocal solos; talk.

ICE AS BOULDER DUMPERS

Huge "Rocking Stones" are Cred-
ited to Glacier Action

How did the Boulder stone in
Borrowdale get to its present po-
sition? How did the many
"perched boulders" and "rocking
stones" hundreds of tons in weight
yet poised so lightly that a human
hand can move them, get into
these peculiar positions?
They were gently deposited by
melting ice, as gently as ever
mother laid her baby to rest in its
cradle. For ice is the king of
dumpers, and the former pres-

The Office Cat

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Everytime he sends his girl a tele-
gram one New York business man puts
it down on his expense book as "click
on wire."

The kind of pressure exerted yielded
to is that brought to bear on a man
to get him run for office.

Little girl (telling of her first ride
in an elevator)—"We went into a little
house and the upstairs came down."

If the telephone had been in use in
the olden days—
Solomon's line would have been busy
continually.

Mark Anthony would have had a heck
of a long distance bill.
Romeo and Juliet would have made
a taxi before hand and not gotten
mixed up on the tomb business.

Panl Hevere wouldn't have had half
so much trouble.
And Dante could have added chapters
to his "Inferno."

In the old days girls never thought
of doing what girls do now. That's the
one reason they didn't do them.

"Exposure makes men tough," says
a health expert. But a good many
tough politicians are never exposed at
all.

"They all net," said the old grand-
mother as she watched her children
playing with the kittens on the floor.

"Rastus whar's dis 'ere naked state
dat dey find all de crazy people wan-
derin' round in?"

Grace—"How about some nice ap-
ple?"
Mrs. Dumber—"Apples? I hate 'em.
My mother died of apple-plexy."

Flowered cretonne waistcoats for
men are now the vogue. The old gray
polka-dot effect, however, will contin-
ue to be worn in most localities.

Don't believe all you hear about your
neighbor. He likely hears the same
things about you.

Advertising takes the bum out and
puts the boom in business.

One way for a girl to get a ring
is to be recognized as the village belle.

Gen. Andrews may keep booze out
of his army, but he will have trouble
keeping it out of some of the politi-
cians.

"Drink to me only with thine eyes,"
is the most unpopular line in all po-
etry, according to some.

A mystery that puzzles me.
The answer—I can't find it.
Is how some stars get on the screen—
When they should be behind it!

ence of glaciers accounts for all
the erratic boulders in the world,
says London Answers.

Some of these curious rocks are
of tremendous size. The biggest
in England is the Bowder stone,
but there is one in Switzerland, far
away from any present-day
glacier, which weighs 3000 tons
and contains 45,000 cubic feet of
rock.

And visitors to the Alps can see
the same processes at work today,
as huge rocks which no traction
engine could haul, are borne along
very slowly but nevertheless very
surely on the surface of the gla-
ciers.

WHISTLER HELD AS PEST

Very Seldom Recorded With Fa-
vor Mostly With Suspicion

Whistling is forbidden in Ice-
land, where it is regarded as a
breach of the divine law. But
whistling is regarded with disfavor
in other places as well. In the
dressing room of a theatre, for
example, it dooms a play if any-
one whistles with "hearing of the
players who are "making up" for
the first performance, according
to a very old theatrical supersti-
tion.

On shipboard you must not
whistle unless you want to bring
a gale of wind. You may whistle
just a little in a calm, if you wish
for a high wind, but sailors gen-
erally believe you are likely to get
much more than you want.

Whistling after dark is regarded
as unlucky in some parts, while
in others it is said that at no time of day
should one whistle in a mine;
doing so is sure to bring on a
cave-in, an explosion, or some
other form of disaster.

Among the races which resent
all whistling are the Arabs. They
say that it is inspired by the "evil
one," and that it takes 40 days
to purify the mouth of a whistler.
Five years ago the governor of
Guam, a Spanish island posses-
sion in the Pacific, issued an edict
against whistling on that island—
presumably in deference to the
prejudice of the natives against the
practice.—Grit.

Tides in Inland Seas

There are tides in both the
Mediterranean sea and the Gulf of
Mexico. In the Mediterranean
they are so slight as to be almost
imperceptible; in the Gulf of
Mexico they run from two and a
half to four feet. A delta is an al-
luvial plain formed by a deposit of
sand and mud and carried down a
river. As the stream enters
quieter waters the deposit falls to
the bottom and increases in area.



McDONALD

anh—
Menjou!