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OUIJA BOARDS

Dealers say that there is a great demand now for ouija boards—those mysterious little mechanical writing devices that bring all sorts of strange messages out of the unknown. A New York dealer says the demand has increased 500 per cent within the last few months. His store alone sells hundreds a day. "They are the most popular playthings on the market." Their sale seems to be accompanied by a widespread quickening of interest in occult things. Books on spiritualism and allied subjects are read more than ever before.

All this sort of thing has its useful and excellent side, no doubt, but also its dangerous side. In the ouija board there lies more peril than most people suspect. There is probably no harm in "playing" with the machine, if the players do it either lightly and incredulously, or else with a full knowledge of the phenomena involved. But the trouble is that many of the experimenters are at the same time too impressionable and too ill-informed, and take its messages too seriously, acting on them to their own hurt, and in extreme cases even unsettling their minds.

Psychologists explain that the "messages" obtained by the use of this-board or any other mechanical writing device probably come out of the "subconscious mind," like dreams, and also like dreams, they may be either true or false. There is nothing supernatural about them. But because they are mysterious, and because they involve the use of powerful, unexplored and slightly understood mental forces, they are dangerous to deal with unless the experimenter is unusually level-headed.

Two things, at any rate, should be well understood by anyone who dabbles in this or any other form of occult experimentation: First, it will not do to take ouija writings or "spirit messages" as trustworthy guides of belief or action; and second, excessive interest in such matters may unbalance the mind.

MAKING SUGAR GO FARTHER

The fairy tale of how ice cream manufacturers were able to turn out just as much ice cream as ever in spite of government rationing of their sugar supply has been told in an Associated Press dispatch.

The agricultural experiment station of the University of Illinois is responsible for the discovery of the process which accomplished this feat. It is said that ice cream makers who have used this process have been able to save 30 per cent of the amount of sugar formerly used. This has not decreased the output nor lowered the quality of the ice cream.

By boiling together 100 pounds of sugar, 44 pounds of water and 50 grams of powdered tartaric acid, from 30 to 35 minutes, 140 pounds of inverted syrup will result. This syrup resembles strained honey in appearance and taste. It contains 41.4 per cent sugar, tastes sweeter than plain sugar and does not crystallize. It is used in making ice cream in exactly the same proportion as the sugar itself would be. This saves, it is estimated, 300,000 pounds out of every million pounds of sugar formerly used.

All this leaves the uninitiated rather dazed. The ice cream tastes just as good as ever, is still wholesome, is as sweet as usual though containing less sugar—and costs considerably more than formerly. But it seems to take away the possibility of blaming much of the sugar shortage on the makers of ice cream.

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Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

Getting Scared—

Congressmen during the holiday recess are learning a few things, announces the Tribune of Scio. They are hobnobbing with their constituents and they have found out that the pigeonholing of the treaty and covenant of the league of nations was a most unwise thing to do. They find that among the people a vast majority want the treaty ratified. Our republican friends find that all other legislation pales into insignificance when compared with the importance of a workable covenant and league among the nations of the world.

Says the Editor of the Criterion to the Editor of the Oregonian—

Brother, come down to earth, and while you maintain the dignity of your city—in its fullest, acknowledge that it was just as cold in Portland as it was in any other part of the Willamette valley. Then, and then only, will we of the valley "forgive thee of thine iniquity."

Jingoism—

Without Hearst the Hearst papers would be truly great, but he himself is the drop of bluing in the tub of water, the Stayton Mail opines. As everybody knows, Mr. Hearst has been trying for years to rib up trouble between the United States and Japan. There is always lots of so-called and alleged "Yellow Peril" in Mr. Hearst's papers, when in point of fact there is no yellow peril, and never has been any, and is not likely to be any, and it would not amount to a row of pins if there was.

A Three-Ring Show—

Olcott's circus opens at Salem Jan. 12, announces Editor Humphrey of Jefferson. The menagerie's in prime condition and many new and surprising stunts will be put on by the star acrobats. 90 performers—count 'em—90, and the largest and most useless army of employes ever known. Don't miss it. Most expensive show in existence. 20 days continuous performance. Positively the last public appearance of many of the present performers.

A Silent Partner (?)—

(Scio Tribune)
Miss Helen V. Crawford of Lebanon came over Christmas morning for a few days' visit with her sister, The Tribune's better half.

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By A.

The End of a Perfect Conflag

"Sire," began the Ossequious Two-Thirds. "Might I suggest—" "Yes, yes, son," we urged. "Modesty demands that I not appear so regularly in your daily spire of wit, humor, and other stuff. Couldn't you, during your week end—" We could see that his goat was slipping. So we whirled to the typewriter with this, in our best form: "Sorry, but I haven't any week end. I'm strong on both ends."

Basso Profundo

Rocked in the cradle of a Ford, He laid him down and loudly snored; He cut the cost of room and board—Rocked in the c

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A Day in The Shop (Resumed)

The foreman cocks his green shade jauntily at about 9 a. m., gets out his deck of cards and shuffles, cuts and deals him a hand in a deep game of solitaire. Into the discard go all the cards representing ads not scheduled for today. Finally he reduces his hand to about 57.7 cards. He then hunts up ads, electros, plates, copy, and what not for all these. He considers the forms for his eight pages, and sizes up the "hole" he will have for ads and news matter.

It is now time of day for Alan Banks and Thomas Ferguson, representing two large emporiums of our city, to meet. Mr. Banks coming in by the front door and Mr. Ferguson by the back way from his stand on First street. Thomas has a change of copy for his steady corner on the back page, announcing something good for quick sale that he and G. A. Flood have lit upon. Mr. Banks brisks around awhile, holding out for pica type and big figures on his ad, and insisting on "H" border all around. He goes to the cut morgue and loads up on plates before leaving. Sometimes before he and Tommy get gone, Deo McClain drags in a half-page for Blains, or Russel Gott from Sternberg's and half a dozen others besiege the foreman with instructions as to their copy. (To be continued, etc.)

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Aditorial--

Funny how much interest has been evidenced in coal the past month. Isn't it? And ordinarily, before then, coal was far from an interesting topic of conversation. Since it's been given so much publicity lately, here goes for more and we'll bet you'll be interested in what we tell you. During the first two hundred years that whites settled this country, wood was burned, while England, populous and short of forests, used coal. In 1660 the British consumption of coal was two-fifths of a ton per capita annually. Not until after 1850 or ninety years later did our annual per capita consumption equal that. In 1820 the Pennsylvania anthracite region was producing a ton of coal a day, or a little over 300 tons a year. Now there is being produced by this same small anthracite region in Eastern Pennsylvania, around 100,000,000 tons of coal a year. Quite a little change in a hundred years, isn't it? Coal made possible the propelling of locomotives and trains by steam. These trains led to the spreading of our population so rapidly that in fifty years the spread equalled that of the previous two hundred years.

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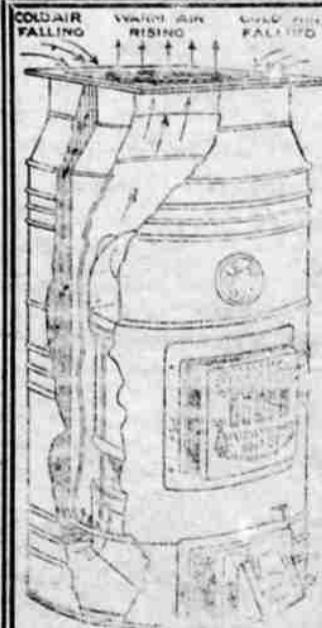
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