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### Play of Oedipus Rex Is Tremendous Tragedy

The play begins. The crowd enters, the people driven by pestilence toward their king and toward the gods, writes Stark Young in the North American Review. The prophet comes; a curse is on the land. Oedipus sets out upon the search that is to be his fate. The woman who is his mother and also his wife throws herself between Oedipus and this knowledge that will destroy them all. And, finally, in shame and frenzy Jocasta hangs herself, and Oedipus with the clasp of her mantle digs out his eyes. He enters then in that most terrible shudder in all drama; he feels the pain, his voice floats far from him, shame in this world and in the next he feels, everything; even his children are taken from him, and he goes out to wander alone over the world. And meanwhile the chorus has sung and moved, and carried into a wider region the events of the play and the thoughts of the characters. The music of the instruments has widened yet further the whole, giving it a yet more general and essential abstraction and seeming to spread upon it an aspect of the eternal. The changing lines of the chorus and the actors have rendered less obscure the poet's desire, and all his thought; the Salamis or inland wind, blowing another rhythm into those bright garments, has carried into universal space that flow of movement under the wide light.

### What Proof Marks on Old Firearms Mean

Those unfamiliar with ancient firearms are frequently puzzled by finding certain characters or letters, or both, stamped on and into the barrel of a gun or pistol. In their ignorance they take them to be the initials or mark of the maker, and from these seek to gain light as to his name.

It is true that Spanish and German arms usually have, instead of the maker's name, a seal, frequently of gold, depicting characters—animals and letters—from which, if possessed of a list of such seals, one might determine the manufacture of the weapon, and hence its approximate date. English and French gunmakers, however, if marking the arm at all, did so by placing their name and that of their town on the lock-plate or barrel, or on both.

The marks known as "proof marks" were stamped on, usually by a government official, after he had tried out and "proven" the arm to be all right. As a rule the method of "proving" was to load the piece with several times its normal amount of powder and shot, and then discharge the same. If it survived the test it was considered "proven" satisfactorily. Thus, as different marks were not adopted until a certain date, we may ordinarily be assured that an arm bearing them was not manufactured before that date.—Lewis Appleton Barker in Adventure Magazine.

### Myth of Ptolemy's Mirror

Ptolemy's mirror was a huge mirror, said to have been placed in the tower of the Pharaohs of Alexandria by Ptolemy Energetes.

Aboufeda, the famous Arabian writer, says that this mirror was made of Chinese iron, and that shortly after the Saracen conquest of Egypt it was destroyed by the Christians to prevent its falling into the hands of their oppressors. In Buffon's opinion, says the Detroit News, Ptolemy's mirror was made of polished steel.

According to a fabulous account, it reflected the greater part of lower Egypt and a portion of the Mediterranean sea and enabled the observer to detect either the approach of a hostile fleet or the existence of a disturbance on land.

### The Lunatic

A man called at our office the other day and said:

"I want ask about my income tax, if you know."

"Ah!" we sighed, sympathetically. "I want know," he said, "about this. Last year I had t' borrow money t' pay th' tax on my income; this year I had t' borrow money t' pay that back and pay this year's taxes, and next year I got to sell my house t' pay 'em all and my taxes. Now, how much does the government owe me for what I ain't got?"

We murmured appreciatively and motioned for the bouncer. These troubled ones really bother us a lot!—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

### Teaches His Child Wife

In Stanford, Ky., there is a curious situation of a school teacher having among his pupils, all children, his own wife, a girl just sixteen. He was discovered recently because he endeavored to make his wife-pupil write on the blackboard: "I have never kissed any other man but my husband." The teacher is Melvin Wright and he gained notoriety also for whipping his wife when she broke a school rule.

### Exactly

Counsel—Now where did he kiss you?

Plaintiff—On the lips, sir.

Counsel—No! No! you don't understand. I mean, where were you?

Plaintiff (blushing)—In his arms, sir.—Georgia Tech. Yellow Jacket.

### The Way It Goes

Mrs. Tellum—That bit of gossip you told me about Mrs. Miggs wasn't true.

Mrs. Spreadit—Well, I didn't much believe it at the time, but I thought I might as well pass it along.—Woman's Home Companion.

### This Old Love Letter Was "the Real Thing"

The man's mother had given the man's wife a love letter which she found hidden away in a mass of old papers. It had been written to the man when he was a boy and the writer was his sweetheart, fifteen years old.

The man's mother laughed when she handed it to the man's wife, and the man's wife laughed when she handed it to the man.

But the man did not laugh. "Aha," said the wife in her merry way, "see how the past rises up against you."

The man took the letter and slowly unfolded it and softly read it aloud: "Dearest boy," he read, "I'm afraid you are mad at me because I walked with Johnnie Nicholson yesterday to school, but it wasn't my fault at all. You know I love you, dearest boy, a thousand million times more than I could love Johnnie, and when you look cross at me it breaks my heart. Ain't you going to take me to the school picnic Saturday—'cause if you don't I can't go. I cried when I wrote this—that's why it's spotted. Don't make me cry any more, dearest boy."

The man looked at the letter for some time. His gaze softened and he sighed.

"That was the real thing," he murmured, and he carefully folded the letter and turned away.

And then the man's wife was sorry she had given the letter to the man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Method Is Devised to  
Seal Copper and Glass

Most metals will not adhere permanently to glass after they have been sealed to it while in a semi-molten condition, and if they are in the form of rods or blocks. Metal and glass expand when heated and contract when cooled at different rates, so that after sealing and cooling, inevitable separation occurs. The one notable exception has been platinum, which expands at very nearly the same rate as glass and has, therefore, been highly prized in the making of vacuum bulbs where electric current must be led into the bulb and the vacuum kept perfect and free from leaks. But platinum is much more costly than gold and so the electrical engineers have found a way by which copper may be sealed so closely to glass that a vacuum may be maintained. If the metal is flattened out into a very thin sheet with a knife-like edge the thing can be done. This is because the stresses which the joint may have to endure are in proportion to the thickness of either the copper or the glass. A thin sharp sheet of glass may similarly be sealed into a block of copper. So again has necessity become the mother of invention.

### Census Statistics' Little Joke

Miss Mary V. Dempsey, junior statistician of the United States census of 1920, who has recently completed her task, believes that census reports as made by enumerators over the land are more comical in some essentials than the latest joke book. Miss Dempsey had 250 clerks under her classifying the reports and found her diversion in documents that classified "pigs' feet singers" under "musicians"; and listed among other occupations those of "assembler of gravity"; "philosopher at home"; "instructor in a school for brides" (Niagara Falls); "instructor in a vestibule school" and "laborer in a hair mine."

### Raggedy Ann's Funeral

When Raggedy Ann, the pet burro of Battery F of the Twelfth field artillery, recently died at Fort Houston, Tex., the men gave their mascot a burial with full military honors. The pet burro died in a battle against the pack mules of the battery. The body of Raggedy Ann was lowered into a grave on Pershing field as field guns fired a salute and the bugler played taps. At the grave a headpiece was erected whereon were engraved testimonials of the love and affection which the members of Battery F felt for their pet. A wreath of alfalfa was placed beneath it.

### Mozart and Others

A certain music composer of much talent and popularity—we will call him Jiffers—has a happy appreciation of his own work, as his friends all know.

So highly does he estimate Jiffers' compositions that some of his friends were much startled the other day when he said gravely: "Did you ever notice that the names of all great composers begin with M?"

"Yes, M," said the composer. "Mozart, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Moszkowski—and Me!"

### Pearls in U. S. Rivers

Through scientific propagation of fresh water mussels in the rivers of America, experts in the United States bureau of fisheries say it will be possible in time to make the rivers of the country yield fabulous harvests in pearls. Even now pearl fishing is conducted in some rivers of the United States, and during the last year more than \$15,000,000 worth of pearls were found in the mussel shells at the bottom of the Mississippi, Black and White rivers alone.

### Some Difficulty

A very stout and portly gentleman was once asked why he did not play golf, and this was his reason:

"I did try it once, but I found that when I put the ball where I could see it I could not reach it; and when I put it where I could reach it I could not see it."

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