

The Way of Life

by BRUCE BARTON

The Big Parade

All this happened in one day! A twenty-three-year-old boy came into our office to apply for a job. When we asked him about his present occupation he said he was a parachute jumper.

"I like the work all right," he added, "but parachute jumping isn't steady."

I met a mother whose son is about to graduate from college. What do you think he wants to be? A bond salesman? A movie star?

He wants to be an archeologist.

A man named Volk died in New York City. He claimed the distinction of having torn down more big buildings than any other man who ever lived. But he died without realizing his ambition. He wanted to live to tear down the Woolworth building.

Think of it. Six million people walking daily through the streets, each with his separate home and desire. Who would ever imagine that one of them was constantly saying to himself: "Oh, if I could only tear down the Woolworth building. That would crown my career."

A man with a noisy wife and seven grown children disappeared

from his home in Brooklyn and was discovered some months later in Hartford. Questioned as to why he left his family, he replied that he had done his duty as a father and believed himself entitled to a little peace in his old age. He had taken a job as a night watchman in a deaf and dumb asylum.

Why do I take up valuable white space to set down these apparently unimportant and unrelated incidents? Because, my friends, one of the biggest and least expensive of all pleasures is reading the newspaper and marveling at the eternal freshness and variety of the human race.

Let those who are bilious rail at the "standardization of modern life." It is true that many of the things we eat and use are standardized, and living is much simplified in consequence.

But have no fear that color and interest will disappear out of the world. Every baby has in him some little spark that makes him different from every other.

Life will be always amusing to those who have sense enough to enjoy it. Practice the good and inexpensive habit of being eternally entertained by your fellow human beings. Forget about yourself for a little while every day, and enjoy the big parade.

the folks in "the old country." 223 millions; gold shipped abroad, 120 millions; in all, including miscellaneous minor items, nearly 2 billions.

Those are Department of Commerce figures. They show in very plain fashion that Uncle Sam is not robbing the rest of the world.

SHIPS

The three-power naval treaty puts an end to competition in the building of warships, but competition in passenger-carrying craft is giving the great shipyards of the world more work than they can handle easily.

France is the latest nation to enter this race, with an order for a ship 991 feet long, to be built at St. Nazaire. It will have over 60,000 tons displacement and 120,000 horsepower, and will be finished in 1933. The White Star line is building the new Oceanic in Belfast, Ireland, to be 1,000 feet long, costing 25 million dollars, ready for service in 1932. Each of the three Italian lines is building a great Diesel-engine motorship, to make the run between Naples and New York in 6 1/2 days.

All of those are in addition to the new German, Cunard and American sea monsters of which I wrote recently. In five years the cost of ocean travel will be reduced by this competition and the speed increased, so that anybody having a 30-day holiday can make a considerable tour of Europe for three or four hundred dollars.

DEPTH

Inside of a steel ball, lowered at the end of a cable, Dr. William Beebe, famous ocean naturalist, descended 1,426 feet below the surface of the ocean. There were thick quartz windows in the diving apparatus through which he projected an electric light and saw the strange creatures which swim at that great depth.

Probably no man will ever go

much deeper under the sea, for even at a quarter of a mile the water pressure is 600 pounds to the square inch. Under ground men have penetrated a full mile, in the Tamarack mine in Michigan. There are several mines more than 4,000 feet deep. The greatest danger in deep mines is the temperature. Miners in the Comstock mine work at a temperature of 130 degrees. Some day man will tunnel fifteen miles deep or more and utilize the earth's heat to run machinery on the surface.

Hints for the Home

by Nancy Hart

Stuffed Tomato Salad.

Peel six small tomatoes, cut a slice from the stem end of each, remove the soft inside, sprinkle the insides with salt and let stand, inverted, thirty minutes. Mash half a cream cheese, add six chopped pickles, one tablespoon of fine-chopped parsley, one tablespoon of tomato pulp, one-fourth teaspoon of dry mustard and enough French dressing to moisten. Fill the tomato cases with the mixture and serve on lettuce leaves with mayonnaise dressing.

Tomatoes and Eggs

Grease muffin pans; put one thick slice of unpeeled tomato into each tin; season with salt and pepper; break one egg on top of each slice; again season with salt and pepper and put a small piece of butter on top of each egg. Bake in oven until egg is set and cooked through but not hard. Serve on small rounds of toast and garnish with parsley.

Mexican Tomatoes

Melt two tablespoons of butter in frying pan and add three tablespoons of chopped green pepper and cook until soft. Add a pint of canned tomatoes and a pint of canned corn with one teaspoon of sugar, one-half teaspoon lemon juice with salt and pepper to taste. Heat thoroughly before serving.

Scalloped Tomatoes

This calls for a can of tomatoes, a half loaf of stale bread, salt, pepper and butter with a little onion. Rub the baking dish with the onion, then arrange crumbled bread and tomatoes in layers, sprinkling each layer with salt, pepper and dots of butter.

Beans With Tomatoes

Soak one and a half cups of dried white beans over night and in the morning drain and boil in water containing one-quarter teaspoon soda. Try out four slices of salt pork and brown a tablespoon of minced onion in the fat. Now add the beans that have been drained, two cups of canned tomatoes, a half tablespoon of sugar with salt and pepper to taste. Place all in double boiler or fireless cooker and cook again for about three hours, or until tender.

Tomato Bread Soup

Peel and chop two tomatoes and two stalks of celery and put in a quart of water with two cups of canned tomatoes. Cook until tender. Rub through a sieve and add

two tablespoons of butter and one and a half cups of dry bread crumbs. Let simmer for ten minutes, stir thoroughly and season to taste.

A lady was entertaining the small son of a married friend.

"Are you quite sure you can cut your meat, Willy?" she asked, watching him a moment.

"Oh, yessum," he replied without looking up. "We often have it as tough as this at home."

Mr. Pewee: "Why did you get me such big shirts? These are four sizes too large for me."

His Wife: "They cost just the same as your size, and I wasn't going to let a strange clerk know I married such a small man!"

Teacher: "Now, Ruth, suppose your mother, and you, and the baby should go out to the park some afternoon, how many would that be?"

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Thus far, the dirigible holds the best promise for safe and speedy trans-oceanic air navigation.

PATENTS

Under a law just enacted by Congress, anybody who invents a new kind of plant, by cross-breeding, can get a patent on the product. This is something new in patents. Of course, a new species of food plant, such as the Logberry, for example, which was produced by crossing two well-known varieties, is an invention, just as much as a new machine; but heretofore the inventors of such things have had no protection.

Under the new law the inventor, or whoever he sells his patent to, will have the exclusive right for 17 years to grow and sell roots, cutting or seeds from the new kind of plant which he has invented.

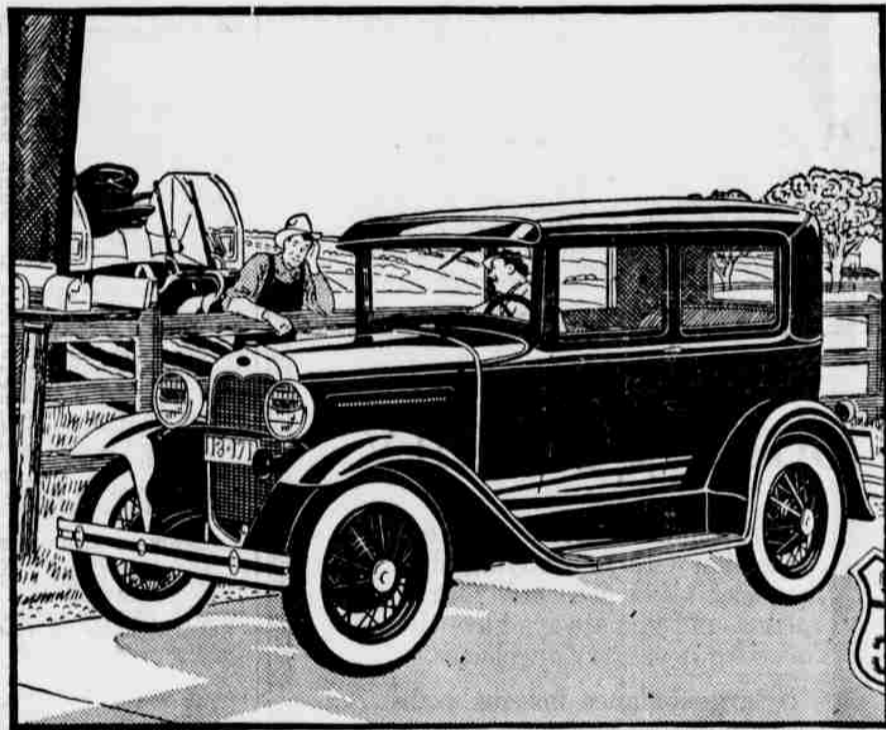
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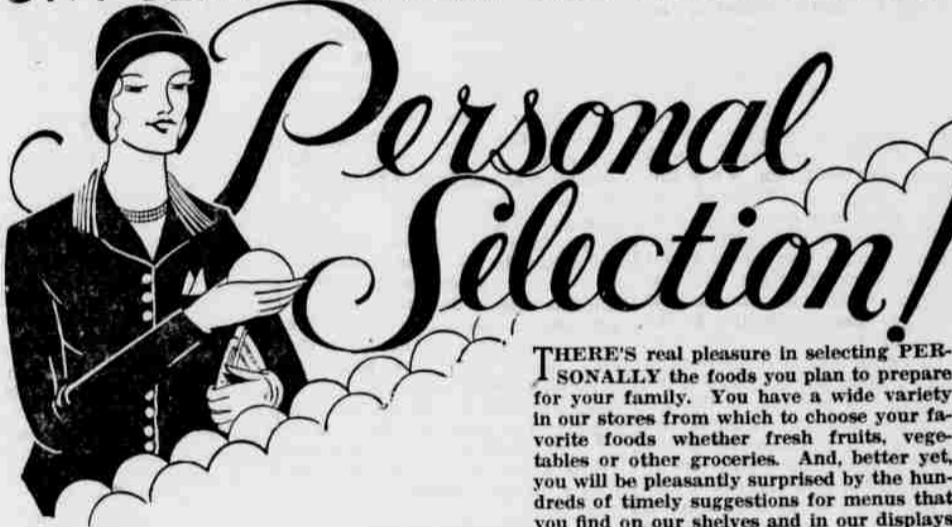


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